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FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1892.

ONE point pleaded in favor of Grover Cleveland's being nominated for President, is that by birth-right, "Baby Ruth" is entitled to a sojourn of four years in the White House.

The business relations existing between this country and Great Britain are too strong for us to keep quarrelling over the seal fishing. It was agreed that the matter should be settled by arbitration. And so let it be.

Gov. Holt seems to be the only non-Alliance man mentioned for gubernatorial honor, the others being Alliance men. The able and impartial manner in which his administration has been conducted is a strong argument for his re-election.

News has been fished out from Melbourne, that "Jack the Ripper," of White Chapel fame, has been arrested. One Downing has been arrested, and it is stated that from his confessions, he must be more than Jack the Ripper, who has so often added horror to White Chapel.

The United States war ship Raleigh was launched from the Navy Yard at Norfolk yesterday. This magnificent Cruiser is named in honor of the Capitol of our State, and was christened by Mrs. A. W. Haywood daughter of Governor Holt. Our State was largely represented at the ceremonial, which shows that our people appreciate the honor bestowed upon the State.

The discussion of the Free Coinage Silver Bill began last week and was kept up lively for a time, but when the test vote was taken it gave 148 to 148. A motion to reconsider was made by Mr. Johnson, of Ohio, but the motion failed by a vote of 149 to 145.

The matter was taken up again on Monday of this week, and referred to the committee on rules. It was hoped that under cloture rule, the Bill would again receive action in the House, but the Speaker, who is a member of this committee, refused to vote for a cloture resolution unless he should be supported by a majority of his party. A petition was circulated to be signed by the silver men, but it fell far short of what was wished, as many of the silver men refused to sign the petition. This shuts the Silver Bill dead and may mean its death, though Mr. Black and his followers will make strong efforts for a rehearing before the 52d Congress adjourns.

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WHAT PRODUCERS NEED.

By Thos. J. Morris, in National Economist. What producers need! Why, fair play. They need just treatment at the hands of the government. In individual competition they can take care of themselves, at least as well as others, but the hand of the government is too strong for them. When the government levies tribute upon the product of the laboring man for the benefit of the rich, the laboring man must pay it, though by so doing, his wife and children are deprived of the necessities of life. He may feel the injustice, but the strong hand of the government is upon him; he must yield though degradation follow. The farmers of this country produce more than enough to supply their own families, and in addition more than enough to support the families of those who live in towns and cities and are not engaged in productive labor. They are doing all this and yet there is a surplus, for every year

large amounts of material for food and clothing are sent abroad to supply the people of other countries. And yet the farmers are deprived of the comforts and many of the necessities of life.

Think of this, all you who call yourselves men. Think of it all ye Christian planters, those who have not yet touched with the little finger to relieve the heavy burdens you have helped to bind, not only upon the shoulders of the laboring men, but upon women and children of tender age.

O, says the prosperous non-producer who knows how as yet to avoid the results of hard times, "that is all fancy; the government is not down on the laboring man, neither is anybody else, but for our farmers we would all starve and the government become bankrupt." But the same man had said that gold was the only true basis for money, and admits the government would become bankrupt but for the products of the farms. How can a government become bankrupt when it has plenty of the best basis in the world for money? But the farmers produce no gold, and yet, without the products of the farms the government would speedily become bankrupt. Suppose that all our farmers were out of debt and should adopt absolutely the live-at-home policy—selling nothing buying nothing. It would carry civilization backward, but they could do it. But what would become of the large cities? Aye, even the towns and villages, the railroads, ships and steamboats. Would they not all soon decay and those who operate them become bankrupt? And what would become of the government? With its customs duties and its revenues obliterated, to whom would it go pleading? To the bankers with their gold basis or to the farmers with barns filled by their honest labor with true wealth—the necessities of life. Could the government then form a conspiracy with the holders of gold to rob and oppress the farmers by their gold basis scheme? They did so once by artful devious, but the farmers have seen how it works. A barn child will not soon forget the danger of fire.

Gold is an idol which having survived the iconoclasts of all ages has been enthroned by the government in free America; unto which by an edict all laboring people are required to bring tythes and offerings, having a priesthood appointed by the government with authority to regulate all value the incomes and hours of labor of all working people, the opportunities of education, modes of life, the morals of the people; largely the virtue of the women, and to exact the lives of thousands of children and many men and women each year. Would the loss of all the gold bankrupt the nation? Oh, no. The enterprise and thrift of the people in a land abounding in all forms of wealth ready to respond to the hand of labor would soon fill the land with plenty for every one, general contentment and happiness, could the gold basis be cast down, ground into fine powder and strewn upon the father of waters in the sight of all the people. But the priesthood of gold would be without an occupation. And the number of children no longer curbed to satisfy his exactions would so multiply that there would be great danger in a few years of a people's government being established.

How would the people's government improve upon the present system? Well, it would take a large committee of the most intemperate of the race a thousand years to devise a scheme as evil in all its phases as the present one and any conclusion therefore, reached in a shorter time than that would necessarily be an improvement. The present financial system of this country is the best for the plutocrat, provided there is no God, who shall sometime require an account of all his oppressions and of the life blood of all those whom he has ground in the mills of his avarice.

Well, are the farmers opposed to cities, railroads and all other facilities to commerce? By no means. Understand, it is the farmers who fight against being driven into a hole and drawing the hole in after them. In other words the farmers insist upon conditions of progress, while the plutocrats insist upon conditions which history demonstrates must result in anarchy and ruin.

The people lodged the power to make and control money with the government, but the government betrayed the people by handing over this power to a corporation, and by enacting laws for its protection and to enforce its arbitrary and insatiable demands.

The producers need a convenient, safe and equitable instrument or medium of exchange. They produce enough with such a medium to improve their conditions, methods and resources until an ever-increasing prosperity would prevail. The present system by lessening values through contraction and usury; extracts productive enterprise and effort. To be equitable, the medium of exchange must be free from all unnatural and obstructive trammels. Its volume must be measured by the volume of wealth required for consumption and demanding its agency in effecting its exchange. And it should come directly from the government to the producer by some safe and feasible method—the best known up to this time being the Alliance land loan and sub-treasury plan. So that land, the source of all wealth, and the product of labor from the land might be the basis of the circulating medium furnished by the government at cost. By this method the circulating medium would be called forth to the land the source of wealth for preparation for increased production of wealth, and after the harvest to the product to insure its equitable distribution. Thus the circulating medium would start on its round of beneficence from the same point or source whence starts all those streams of wealth which endorse the globe, bearing happiness to man in every place. And its mission would be one of beneficence only through its necessity of proportion to the object for which it would exist.

Farmers would then be in a position to employ more labor and pay better wages, build new houses and repair old ones, purchase new and improved implements and keep them in repair to improve their surroundings generally, to clothe their families better, live better, and educate their children. So he who produces the wealth and commerce of the world would turn it over to the world's use and enjoyment by an exact and equitable arrangement and then to meet his own varied requirements turn loose its representative, the circulating medium, into the same channels of trade and commerce, thus equalizing to all legitimate callings, conditions of general prosperity.

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MACKEY'S FERRY, N. C. March 28, '92. Editor ROANOKE BEACON.

As my health is very feeble to day owing to the many changes in the weather for the past few days, I shall not be able to say much this time.

First comes farming, as that is the root and branch of every industry. Our farmers are doing all they can to be in time for the seasons, but we fear it will be a late spring. Our truckers are yet in dread that the cold snaps have damaged their peas and other crops.

We constantly hear the rattle of chains and exhaust of steam from the dredge that is making a strait out from the mouth of McKensy creek to deep water, which will be of great advantage to the shippers of this section, when complete which will be about the first of June.

Business is tolerable fair with our merchants, or we would judge so by the large ware house that Mr. L. C. Mariner is now having built.

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