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## Facts and Figures

The following letter from the happy holder of a Tontine Policy, gives a few facts and figures, in which there is profitable food for thought:

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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Secretary Carlisle, in common with many prominent Democrats, thinks the passage of a bill introduced by Representative Coombs, of New York, and now being considered by a sub-committee of the House committee on Banking and Currency, would be a very desirable thing. The bill provides for the appointment of a non-partisan currency commission, which shall devote the rest of this year to investigation and study of the subject and then report to Congress a bill for a complete banking, coinage and currency system which shall come nearer to meeting the demands of the country than what we have at present. The authors of this bill are C. N. Jordan, U. S. Sub-treasurer at New York city, and W. L. Trenholm, who was Controller of Currency under the first Cleveland administration, both of whom have appeared before the committee to argue in favor of its being favorably reported to the House. In view of the difference of opinion on this subject among Democrats in Congress, so radical that it has so far defeated all attempts at financial legislation, it would seem that this bill is one upon which men of opinions could unite. It could certainly do no harm, and, if the commission was properly made up, might do much good.

Senator Harris has to grit his teeth and bear the unexpected delay in reaching a final vote on the tariff bill as best he can, being unable to get and keep forty-three Senators on the floor continuously in order to force things along faster. The Republicans took advantage of this to stretch the debate on the wool schedule out of all proportions and at this writing they are threatening to filibuster against taking a vote upon it until wool is taken from the free list, and the charge is made, but I will not vouch for its correctness, that they have been informed by several Democrats of their willingness, if it can be done by agreement, instead of a recorded vote, to help them get a small duty on wool.

The attempt of a local paper to get a little notoriety by insinuating that Representative Richardson, of Tenn., had engaged in real estate transactions that were not entirely right and proper, with Representatives of a street railway syndicate that is seeking Congressional legislation, was a failure even before Mr. Richardson had taken the unnecessary trouble to make an explanation to the House. The man or newspaper which attacks the integrity of men like Mr. Richardson must present absolute proofs, not vague insinuations, before the public's attention can be secured.

If the evidence taken by the House committee on Naval Affairs can be substantiated,

the government should at once cancel the contract with the Carnegie companies for armor plate for our warships, and begin suits for the recovery of every dollar that has been paid to those concerns for plates that are not what they purport to be. This would, of course, result in delaying the completion of those ships yet to be armored, but it would be better that they never be completed than that the crookedness which has been testified to should be allowed to go unpunished. The committee is still taking testimony. It will probably be necessary to remove plates from a number of the ships in order to ascertain whether witnesses have told the truth or not, and that will consume considerable time, and make it impossible for the committee to conclude the investigation in time to report during the present session of Congress.

Every Senator at present in Washington, except Quay, of Pennsylvania, has declared under oath that he neither speculating in the stock of the sugar trust. Quay says he has been speculating in sugar stock whenever he felt like it and that he is going to continue. The evidence did not surprise any sensible person, but all the same it was wise in the investigating committee to examine all the Senators beginning with themselves; it closes the mouths of the buncombe speakers and writers who have been continually asking "why not swear the Senators?" The only features in the examination of the Senators that varied from the stereotyped denial of the eight leading questions asked enough to arouse any special interest were the confusion of Senator Quay and the statement of Senator Ransom, that he had a day or two before learned that his son had speculated in a Washington bucket shop to the extent of \$45, and that \$20, of it had been placed upon the stock of the sugar trust. It was, of course, a foolish thing for young Mr. Ransom to have done, but the amount invested is of itself sufficient to clear the young man of any suspicion of having acted upon any information beyond his own desire into a speculation on inside information he puts up more than \$20. Senator Ransom has never bought a share of speculative stock of any kind since he became a member of the Senate.

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### BRIGHTENING SKIES.

Statesville Landmark.

The reports from all parts of the State touching the condition of political affairs are cheering. Chairman Simmons says the Democratic party is in better shape than it was at this time in 1892. We have lately met gentlemen from every section of the State and the news they give is uniform: the Populist party is not growing, dissatisfied Democrats are becoming better satisfied, and there is an awakening all along the line.

It is a good time now, while the blood is cool, for men to look at facts as they are and to consider the probable advantage of a change of administration in either nation or State. It is quite true that the national Democratic administration has not been able to check the panic, with its attendant loss in values, which began in the winter of 1890 '91, and from the consequence of which, though it has passed the acute stage, the country continues to suffer. It needs, however, to be borne constantly in mind that this panic began under Republican administration, that the Treasury was depleted under a Republican administration and that the last recommendation to Congress of the last Republican Secretary of the Treasury was that authority be given him to issue gold bonds. This was not given and the bonds were not issued for the reason that it was desired to shoulder this load off on the Democratic party, which had at that time been voted into power but had not taken possession, and make it bear the odium of it. It is true, as we have said, that the Democratic party has not been able to raise prices again. It is also true that Congress and the President have brought dis-appointment to the people in more matters than one. But what have they to hope from the Republican party and why should they want it back in power? Surely we have had enough of Republicanism to last a life-time, and the choice, when we come to select a governing power, lies between these two parties—the Democratic and the Republican. Besides all this, Congress is still in session; its work is not yet before the country; we may in reason hope that when it is, affairs will take on a different aspect.

As to our State matters, there is no room for argument. The solid white men of the State, country and town, the tax-payers, already have them in hand and there is no reason why they should surrender control. We could not have better government in the State and counties than we now have, or if we could the Democratic party is the one to make the improvement. Certainly no other party could improve upon it. The sway of Republicanism in North Carolina is not a fragrant memory; Populism has

brought nothing but trouble to the States which have toyed with it; and there is no ground for the expectation that this combination would bring us anything but misery.

The interest of the people is plain. They have but to meet together this year, as heretofore, in their primary and higher conventions, and nominate for office the men of their choice, and then elect them. The Democratic party has shown its capacity to govern North Carolina and no other party ever has. It has the confidence of the people because it deserves it; to have it, and it has but to pursue its usual policy of nominating good and acceptable men for the offices and the voters will, as heretofore, do the rest. There is nothing wrong with the Democratic party and the people never yet dislodged from power a party which meant to do right and did do right by them. Let no faint heartedness possess any Democrat. The Democratic lion is even now awaking and stretching himself. In due time he will pounce upon his prey.

There is an independence among the Democratic people that is proverbial and is commendable; if you leave out party policy. Democrats all over the country speak out in condemnation against our Democratic Senators and the President, really worse than do the Republicans. We are impressed with this denunciation of Democratic men in high places every day when we read the "Wilmington Messenger" one of the best Democratic papers published in the South in our opinion. Dr. Kingsberry is an able writer and is a strong advocate of Democratic law as set forth in the Chicago platform, he justly holds Mr. Cleveland and the Democratic Senate to a strict account and demands the fulfillment of all the pledges set forth in the Chicago platform, Dr. Kingsberry is severe on the Senators on a departure from the platform on many of the tariff schedules and very much so on the sugar schedule and would rather see the whole tariff bill as now revised by the Senate committee defeated rather than have it become the law. This may be an extreme view under the present combination of circumstances. Concessions had to be on several schedules before the Senate could pass a tariff bill, probably it is the best that could have been done. The exhortations of the "Messenger" against the Democratic Senate and against the President will be used with effect against us in the coming campaign. We endorse the sentiment of the "Messenger" but condemn the mode of attack and believe that it is bad policy under the conditions that the Democratic party is now placed in.

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### What is Buck Kicking About After All?

In his speech at the Halifax mass meeting, Captain Buck Kitchin repudiated all the Third party platform except the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, denouncing the sub-Treasury scheme government ownership of railroads, etc., as bosh and nonsense. And we would like to ask Captain Kitchin where he differs with the Democracy of North Carolina, and what he expects to gain by dividing the white men of the State when every North Carolina Democrat in Congress has done and is doing everything in his power to promote the cause of silver? While it is true General Ransom in the Senate and Mr. Bonn in the House, following the national platform and listening to the appeals of every chamber of commerce and numerous business interest of the South, voted for the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, believing with thousands of the best men in the South that this would bring relief, yet, after its repeal and the relief failed to materialize at the first opportunity they voted for the Bland seigniorage bill, and after its successful passage used all their personal influence and powers of persuasion to induce the President to sign and make it a law, thus placing themselves on record as true friends of silver. Therefore with a delegation in the national Congress, in all things true to their State's best interest, presenting a solid front for free coinage of silver, repeal of the 10 per cent tax, on State bank issues, income tax, and a tariff for revenue only, we fail to see the justice in charging up the present condition of things to our North Carolina Democracy or in any way holding it responsible and jeopardizing its success at the polls by dividing its ranks. And as we are all of one mind upon these important questions, we fail to see any advantage our people expect to gain by fighting under separate banners with one purpose to accomplish, while we have everything vital to our best interest, to lose, if by a division of the white men of the State the Republicans should gain the ascendancy.—Roanoke News.

Meantime Ransom is sawing wood. If he is saying anything it is not for publication and is not given out so as to reach the ears of people down here. It is believed by not a few that he has Jarvis hypnotized already, and in support of this theory of mesmerism of magnetism Jarvis' acquaintance to Simmons' confirmation is offered turning out thereby in the start from the path of his predecessor. The agreement to a truce between them until after the election is regarded in some quarters as a point scored for Ransom. The senior Senator is not going to be made a back number easily, but he has the biggest and hardest fight of his life on his hand now and they do say "the old man is writing more letters home than ever he did before."—Messenger.