

It is a fact already demonstrated that the next campaign to be made in North Carolina will again be on the fusion plan so far as state politics are concerned. The republicans and populists are already moving in perfect harmony for a joint campaign against the democrats, and will make another effort to retain control of the state. When it comes to the national campaign, it is very uncertain what will be done. If a republican gold standard man is nominated it may divide the populists, but most of the republicans will vote for a gold man. But if the populists nominate a silver man for their candidate for President a great many will vote for him against a gold bug republican. Should the democratic party nominate a silver man for President and one acceptable to the populists many of them will vote for him. In the event that both the democratic and republican parties nominate gold men, then in that case, the populists will have a man of their own and support him solidly for President. We look upon the political status of the country as being very uncertain, and if a few men dictate the nominations it will cause great discord. If the democrats nominate a true, popular man on the free coinage platform, we see no reason why he cannot be elected, otherwise we see trouble ahead.

Some of the citizens of the town of Beaufort, N. C., have erected a big sensation and are now on trial before a magistrate for defrauding life insurance companies. The agent of the insurance companies combined with a lawyer and two doctors and life policies were issued to a number of old people and those who were slowly dying with disease, and in this way thousands of dollars have been obtained from the companies. The fraud has been unearthed, arrests have been made and matters look dark and gloomy for the parties engaged.

Miss Flager, daughter of General Flager, of Washington, D. C., shot and killed a negro boy who was stealing pears and other fruit from their garden. Miss Flager was acquitted by the jury of inquest and set free.

The wages of one hundred thousand miners are to be increased after Oct. 1st, at Pittsburg. What is the matter with the Wilson tariff, any way? If it increases wages and provides greater revenues, is it not a good thing?

The heirs of Mrs. Mary Smith Morehead, of Raleigh, lay claim to 8,000 acres of land in Madison county valued at a quarter of a million of dollars.

Minister Hanson is at Washington, D. C., but will return to North Carolina before going back to Mexico. Mr. Hanson's health is very much improved.

Nervous debility is a common complaint, especially among women. The best medical treatment for this disorder is a persistent course of Ayer's Sarsaparilla to cleanse and invigorate the blood. This being accomplished, nature will do the rest.

From Blowing Rock N. C. Editor Democrat: In your issue of Aug. 1st, "Alexander Bill" devotes six columns to attacking me for my views on the silver question. He reminds me of the French lady, who if she had more time she would have written a shorter letter. I cannot follow "Alexander Bill" into his discoveries in Roman history. The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, by Dr. Gibbon, is the standard work on that subject, and I doubt if either "Alexander Bill" or I can throw much fresh light on it. If we could, it has nothing to do with the present question, which is, is it advisable for this country to establish the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1? I contend that it is not, "Alexander Bill" that it is.

In support of my contention, I stated that in 1834 Andrew Jackson being the President of the U. S., the ratio of our coinage was changed from the rate established in 1792 of 15 to 1, and made 16 to 1. This new ratio undervalued silver and as a natural consequence it was worth more as bullion than as U. S. dollars, with the further result that the silver dollars would not stay in this country but were exported and melted up. Gen. Jackson's administration therefore placed the country on a gold basis and the old hero was the first and original "gold bug." This statement is perfectly true and correct, and in support of it I will quote from the June number of the Forum, page 412, from an article written by the Hon. J. D. Witt Warner, ex member of Congress from New York City. Mr. Warner says: "In Jackson's term, with the express purpose of basing our currency upon gold and relieving us from the disadvantages of silver monometallism, the ratio was so changed as to make gold coins cheaper than silver ones, and thus to make gold the actual standard of our circulation. This drove silver from circulation and, as to the American silver dollars, with the apparent approval of everybody who remembered ever having seen one."

Professor J. L. Loughlin, of the University of Chicago, writes in the July number of the Forum, page 580: "A fact known to every historian is that silver dollar pieces disappeared from circulation soon after the act of 1834, and that for more than thirty years no silver dollar pieces were in circulation." My accuracy on this point being established, we will now see if I am less correct in stating that "we have grown and prospered as no other people have ever grown and prospered in all the history of the human race."

Wages are notoriously higher in this country than anywhere else in the world. The standard of living is higher. The proof of the correctness of these statements lies in the fact that our population is augmented every year by hundreds of thousands of immigrants who come here to better their fortunes. My statement as to the condition of the daily wage earner is therefore correct. Now as to the condition of the farmer. He enjoys comforts and luxuries unknown to his father and grandfather. Go to every country church and see

the buggies. See the beautiful and well-fitting dresses of his wife and daughter. Go to his home, how often do you find there a sewing machine and a cooking stove, and not unfrequently a parlor organ. See the convenient furniture replacing the old time stool and bench. Although wheat and cotton are cheap, they will today buy more tools or clothes than they would exchange for in 1873, while corn and oats will buy twice as much as they would in 1873.

Secretary Carlisle changed his opinion as to the silver question when experience had proved the error of his theories. But this is a side issue. I did not say that "silver was under value." It brings to-day its full value in the markets of the world. It has decreased in value as iron and copper have done from cheaper and increased production.

It is useless to discuss whether the action of Congress in 1873 was wise or not; for twenty-two years the business of the country has adapted itself to it, and no good reason has been shown by "Alexander Bill" why we should change it. The law was not framed stealthily nor in the dark, but after it had been discussed in both the Forty-first and Forty-second Congress and had been for nearly three years before these bodies and the public.

Money is not scarce as "Alexander Bill" erroneously states. English Consuls earning only two and three-quarters per cent interest even on the 12th of last July worth 107% or seven and five-eighths per cent premium. In the last week of July money on call in Paris was worth only one per cent per annum. These facts show how plentiful money is. All that is needed is confidence, that the people of the United States will not tamper with our currency, for us to get all the money we need and can offer security for.

The United States Government had to sell bonds to get gold to maintain its credit injured by this silver agitation.

We have silver dollars in over supply and there are some four hundred and odd millions of them now in this country against the few dollars in existence in 1873. "Alexander Bill" can pay his debts in them legally. Where is his grievance?

Vituperation is not argument, and a cloud of words darkens counsel. Yours truly, CIVIS.

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