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WHISKEY is evidently controlling South Carolina elections this year.

The Charlotte Observer speaks of Hon. W. J. Bryan as "the Democratic David." Would not Moses be appropriate for the man who to lead out of financial bondage?

THE October number of the Penny Magazine is to hand, and a most creditable number it is. Fifty cents a year is what the publishers, the Penny Magazine Co., Philadelphia, ask for it.

If providence should permit Hanna, McKinley & Co., and the other gold conspirators to get control of affairs four years, then may God have mercy upon us, for we will get none from that crowd.

IF THERE has ever been a doubt that North Carolina would cast its vote for Bryan, there is none now. Our people have seen him and heard him, and are satisfied to put their trust in him. He has captured the ladies of the state, and the men will do their bidding.

POLITICAL trading is most as common in North Carolina now as the swapping of spavined nags in the warehouse lots. The political ground has gotten so tough it will take a two-horse plow to break it up this year. Each party is trying to mate its jade.

HILL and the machine men controlled the New York democratic convention on the 17th and nominated Thacker for governor on the first ballot. The convention also endorsed the Chicago platform and its nominees. It is contended the populists are anxious for a fusion in that state, but that the probability of success is very small.

THEY say free coinage will make the silver miner rich. Suppose it does, hasn't he as much right to be rich as the gold miner? Are we going to bite off our nose to spite our face—starve the women and children of the land, because forsooth a few silver miners would be benefited along with the great struggling and oppressed masses? In the words of John Lo'low, we tell you gentlemen, "bring in another horse."

ALL this gold-bug talk about making this country the dumping ground of all the silver in the world is inexcusable rot. We will have no such good luck. If it is brought here to be coined, it will be made into American dollars and be paid out here for labor's products. On the other hand, if it got to be a nuisance, a tariff could be put on imports like we now have on other metals.

"A FEW months ago the most sanguine democrat did not believe that success this fall was more than possible. The most sanguine democrat felt that four years of gold standard administration had destroyed almost the possibility of success. But the voters of the democratic party determined to make one final fight and determined that if die the party must, it should at least maintain the honor of those who believe in the right of the people to govern themselves.—Excerpt from Bryan's Speech.

VIEWING the situation from the cold neutrality of impartial judge, and divesting oneself of all personal inclination or party feeling the HERALD ventures the prophecy that W. J. Bryan will be next president of this country by a large majority of the votes, and that if any monkey business is attempted in the electoral college, trouble will come quick and sharp. The old Rome sold the control of government every year to the highest bidder, is no reason to suppose our manhood will permit same thing to be done here.

## A POLITICAL SATIRE.

And now remains, That we find the cause of this effect; Or, rather say, the cause of this defect; For this effect, defective, comes of cause."

—Polonius.

Scrutinize the political horoscope from whatever point of view you may choose, this fact remains indisputably pregnant with ominous omen: That partisan intriguery, coupled with individual dishonesty and other chicanery so well known to the ranting political fakirs, have biased the mind and judgment of nine-tenths of the voting strength of the United States; till now it is an absolute impossibility to reconcile the abstract teachings of either fact or reason with truth—both fact and reason having abdicated their throne in the temple of sense in favor of meaningless platitudes, are equally without application, it would appear; in the realm of logic or morals. Paradoxes, like some strange, fantastic cometary visitor from outer space, distracts the reasoning faculties not only of Tzar and plebeian, but the astute federal explorer on occasion as well; yet a paradox, however fertile in the elements of diabolism, can ever force two distinct particles of matter—whether the millilith fraction of a grain or a ton in weight—to occupy the same point in space at the same time. This is demonstrable both in philosophy and mathematics; and as mathematics never yet lied, whatever philosophy may be guilty of, we defy the world and the genius of evil to impeach the integrity of the witness.

Now, if the advocates of free silver are right—and we believe they are—the gold standard fanatics are radically and aggressively wrong. A contradiction in terms will not, cannot stand the test of common sense; our ideas of numbers revolt when some nincompoop dictator asserts that, when added together, three and five are equal to four and nine—the absurdity is too apparent to deceive a Kentucky mule, whatever Colonel Breckinridge or Bourk Cochran may say or think to the contrary notwithstanding the stench arising from the combined putridities of darkest anarchy and the repulsive "force bill" would, doubtless, paralyze the afflicting nerves of the average buzard; but that scavenger of decaying offal would immediately and forever beat a hasty retreat from America could it but get a sniff of a breeze which had past gently over a goldbugism caucus! No one knows what dreams may come after they have been stripped of their mortal coil; and is a wise man who is prepared to meet all possible contingencies, whether in this life or in the great shadowy hereafter—we feel solicitous about our monometallic adversaries; better get a bucket of fire-proof paint and give yourselves a good old doping, as November will soon be here and a conflagration is imminent.

What is the matter with our "little" Guthrie? Absolutely nothing. Gubernatorial honors are hunting for him from the ocean to the mountains; and the sheet lightning of public confidence will soon o'erstrike him, and wreath a halo of glory around his head!

Our "Son Oliver" will get there too; and that's what is the matter with Mark Hanna—don't forget that fact.

Whatever may be the faults of Grover, his friends will give him decent burial next November—he is now driving the last nail in his political coffin.

L. D. VANN.

THE Orange county democratic convention met at Hillsboro Saturday and nominated a full ticket, as follows: Legislature, S. M. Gattis; sheriff, J. K. Hughes, register, John Laws.

## SHALL WE BE UNITED?

If the free silver element in this country, particularly in North Carolina, where the only obstacle is a distinction without a difference in names, fail to unite, they will perpetrate a political crime for which they themselves will suffer greatly, while they will put upon their posterity such wrong and oppression as will consign them to infamy on the unfading pages of truthful history.

It is as senseless and idiotic for people of the same political faith—seeing the same end through the same medium of relief, to separate and so weaken their forces that the common enemy can and will gobble them up as the beast of prey devours his victims, as it would be in christians of the different sects to refuse to go to Heaven, unless they could get there on a special excursion train, chartered by themselves, and for which they were to collect and appropriate all the fares.

It is time for American manhood to assert itself. It would have done so long ago had it not been misled by designing rings, who made such howls, and shed so many crocodile tears over "my party" as would make angels weep over an unworthy object. But now, with the minds of the masses enthralled, once more as American freemen they propose to exercise their constitutional right of political liberty, and vote for the emancipation of the country and themselves from the domination of any and all parties. They have come to a reasonable and necessary conclusion.

Partyism no longer dominates conscience and patriotism. The potent element of self preservation stares the people in the face, and they recognize the fact. The responsibility of present and future weal or woe rest—not with the politicians, but their masters—the great yeomanry masses.

## Godey's for October.

Godey's Magazine for October contains the first chapter of a short life of Benjamin Franklin, written by George C. Lay. "Poor Richard" had perhaps the most engaging personality among the founders of the Republic, and his labors were of the highest importance, so that the story of his life could hardly fail to hold the reader's interest. Mr. Lay in his first chapter treats of "Franklin the Apprentice, the Printer, and the Philosopher" in a very readable manner, and in the other chapters will take up his achievements as politician and diplomat. Lida Rose McCabe's account of "The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue; an Anti-slavery Crisis which almost precipitated the Civil War in 1859 through the secession of the North," comes out at a time when the political parties are again discussing the means to be employed in dealing with measures believed to be unjust; for the Fugitive Slave Law offered something of a parallel for the questions raised by the Income Tax, Supreme Court, and Government by Injunction declarations in the Democratic platform.

Another election-time article is called "The Present Campaign in Cartoon," reflecting in newspaper pictures the political sentiment throughout the country. Mary C. Francis writes something further about Anna Ella Carroll, whose services for the Union were set forth in the last number of Godey's; Miss Francis suggests concerted action on the part of the women's organizations to secure fitting recognition for the claims of this remarkable woman. Many other illustrated articles, musical and dramatic papers, a bright array of fiction and verse, and the fashion department complete the number. For sale by T. J. Gattis & Son.

As a pointer to the sort of fusion we may or may not have, news comes from Winston that the McKinley club of that place paid S. Oth Wilson's Hotel bill on his recent visit there.

## BRYAN IN WASHINGTON.

Hon. W. J. Bryan spoke in Washington, D. C., last Saturday. From the Washington Post the following is clipped that will be interesting to North Carolinians: "Soon afterwards a contingent of North Carolina Democracy came along about 150 in all, but without band or display. It proceeded to a place just back of the Lakeland Club, and there unfurled a large banner, eight feet deep by fourteen feet long, supported by a staff at either end. On the banner was a large portrait of Mr. Bryan, and under the portrait were the words: 'North Carolina the first to endorse Mr. Bryan for the presidency.' Cheers, tin horns, and the beating of drums welcomed the banner, and the Lakeland Democrats waved their flags. This started a demonstration. Everybody who had a flag got it out and flaunted it with all his might. Women swung their parasols and men who had no flags brought their hats into play. The demonstration continued at least five minutes, enlivened throughout by the strains of Weber's Band.

## Gomez Again Active.

HAVANA, Sept. 17, via KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 18.—Puerto Principe advices report that Gomez was encamped on September 7, at Guasimas de Agramento with fifteen cavalry squadrons, and was marching westward. It appears that he initiated the march to reinstate the western provinces.

The government is rushing troops to the central part of the Trocha, near Jucaro and Moron to prevent the insurgents crossing.

It is reported that Mayia Rodriguez, with 1,500 men, forming Gomez's vanguard, crossed the line recently and is now on the borders of Sancti Spiritus and Santa Clara provinces.

Quentin Banderas has arrived in Remedios district, and is waiting Gomez's arrival to take command of the infantry in the new invasion.

Maceo has left his stronghold in the mountains and is encamped with large forces on the Danes estate, south of Pinar del Rio city. An attack on the city is expected. It is rumored that Weyler will soon take command of the Spanish forces in Pinar del Rio, with the intention of expelling Maceo from the province. If true great fighting is expected, on account of the strong positions held by the insurgent and their desire to crush Weyler. The Cuban chiefs have determined to make any sacrifice to effect Weyler's capture.

The excitement in commercial and financial circles is increasing. Bank bills have fallen to 15 discount. Sixteen houses have cancelled foreign orders, and there have been no transactions on the stock and produce exchanges for the last two days.

## Cuban Help.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 18.—The steamer Ardanhu, which was reported last week to have made her escape from Cardenas where she was watched by a Spanish warship, has arrived here. It was reported that the Ardanhu had a quantity of munitions of war on board, and rumor has it that she succeeded in landing her contraband cargo, together with the men in charge of it, upon the shores of Cuba. This, however, the captain denies.

DES MOINES, Sept. 18.—The two factions of the democratic party in this state, are engaged in a spirited contest as to which shall be recognized as the democratic party on the official ballot. The Attorney General holds that the first come must be the first served. Where there are no contests the county auditor, clerk and attorney general must determine. It looks as if it will lead to considerable confusion.

## IS IT POSSIBLE.

The following telegram taken from a gold bug paper, gives the falsehood of the statements made to the effect that Europe did not want silver, or that it is good in any country. Listen:

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Handy & Harman will ship 150,000 ounces of silver; M. Guggenheimer's Sons, 120,000 ounces; L. and W. Seligman & Co., 120,000 ounces; Muller, Schall & Co., 25,000 ounces; Fuller & Wilson, 25,000 ounces; and Lewis Bros., 18,000 ounces to Europe on the steamship New York, sailing tomorrow.

## Tom Watson to the Front.

ATMANER, Sept. 17.—Hon. Thos. E. Watson, of Georgia, arrived here last night, having made speeches along the line from Lincoln to this place. A big crowd greeted him at Hastings and everywhere, to whom he made short talks. He addressed an immense crowd here this afternoon, this being a Populist community and many farmers came from other counties.

Mr. Watson urged the members of the party to stand firm for the ticket and eulogized Mr. Bryan and the Nebraska State nominees. "We do not look for any help from the East and North," said he, "because the people there are dominated by the money power. That was shown on Monday in the Maine election. Then where must we look, to the South and West? Your interests are the same as our own. You have bankers, you have railroads, but they are in the minority in the South and West."

## Down the Turk.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard telegraphs that the situation there does not give any evidence of improvement. He adds: "We are on the verge of a crisis. The opinion in diplomatic circles is that unless a British fleet appears shortly in the Bosphorus either Turkey will totter to her ruin, falling into the hands of the Czar, or a fleet will take advantage of some special outrage and of the apathy of the Powers to occupy the Bosphorus and from that vantage ground, which we ought now to be holding, dictate terms to Europe. All the British residents are astonished because a fleet does not come."

## Durhamite Complimented.

The Charlotte Observer, in its account of the Bryan itinerary, says:

At Black Mountain three pickpockets were discovered and put off the train. They had their pockets full of money but nobody could identify it. They were not placed in charge of officers. The capture was made by the alert Durham officer on the train, Capt. Jake Woodall, the Durham chief of police. The newspaper men along complimented the officer for his detective work. The thieves stole \$17.50, a silk handkerchief and other articles from Hal Ayer, and took all the money Rev. Laudrum, of Marion, had with him.

## Bribery is Charged.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 18. Charges are flying thick and fast today in connection with the failure of the populist committee of thirteen and the democratic leaders to accomplish fusion at the conference of yesterday afternoon. Charges of bribery are openly made.

The Sentinel, the Democratic organ, under the headline, "Rank Bribery Attempted," gives a two column story of the affair, which contains interviews with L. W. Hubbell, of Pulaski county, and Capt. S. M. Shepard, of Indianapolis, both members of the populist committee, in which they were approached and offered large sums of money to prevent fusion.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

## Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

### Reynolds the Man.

WINSTON, N. C., Sept. 18.—The republicans held their county convention here today. The ticket was fixed up in a caucus before the convention. There were contesting delegations from two wards in Winston, but the Reynolds faction had the ticket nominated while committee was out trying to decide who were entitled to seats in the convention. This raised a "rumpus," and many negroes declare they will not support the ticket put up. However, the Reynolds faction expect to whip the opposition back in line.

### Looks Right.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 16.—Complete fusion between the Democrats and Populists on the State and electoral tickets was effected today at the meeting held at the Sherman House. Under the agreement reached, the resignations of three Democratic electors, Thomas L. Casey and George P. Foster, of Chicago, and George L. Lecrone, of Ellingham, were tendered and accepted and the vacancies filled by Populists. Andrew L. Maxwell, Populist, was substituted for State Auditor in place of Gore withdrawn.

### Oliver H. Dockery.

"I am a silver Republican, and I would be a fool to canvass the State for silver and then vote for McKinley. When you have got what you want, go back to your old party if you wish. I may do it; I can't say. A man that votes for McKinley is crazy. Look at Pritchard; just wild for silver; it was the thing the whole country wanted; silver now, gold after March 4th. Why there is pie in it. So it is with Russell, Pearson and all the Republicans that are now cursing me."—Oliver H. Dockery.

"I HAVE a reason for coming to North Carolina which is personal, aside from my interest in the electoral vote of this State. It was the State of North Carolina which, at the Chicago convention, before I became a candidate, before my own State had taken any formal part in presenting my name—it was the State of North Carolina which, by resolution, decided to give me the unanimous vote of their delegation in that National convention. (Applause.) It appreciates the honor which they were willing to do me and therefore, it gives me pleasure to come among the people whom they represented an give what assistance I can, if any assistance be needed, to secure the electoral vote of this State for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. (Applause.)

"I am glad the canvass of this State opens in this country which is the home of one of the grandest public men given to this nation, not alone by North Carolina but the entire country Senator Vance."—Bryan at Asheville.

### Train Wrecked.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Sept. 18.—The through freight was derailed two miles west of Rockingham, this morning, resulting in the almost entire demolishing of fourteen freight cars and the tearing up of part of the track.

No one was injured except a brakeman, who had his shoulder dislocated and his leg badly cut. No others were injured.

There were several tramps aboard. The engine remained on the track.

### Cut Deep.

ATLANTA, GA., Sept. 17.—Cotton rates are to be cut 14 cents a hundred pounds to all South Atlantic and Gulf states. This has been ordered by the Southern States Freight Association to meet the Seaboard's cut from Atlanta to Norfolk. The rate from here to Charleston and Savannah will be 29 cents per hundred at the ship's side, the arbitrary of 3 cents for delivery being dispensed with. This cut means 70 cents a bale, or \$700,000 loss on every one million bales handled by the roads in this territory.

### The Three Friends.

FERNANDINA, Fla., Sept. 17.—The steamer Three Friends was seized last night by Collector Baltzell and Marshal McKay. The vessel returned a few days ago from Cuba.

The authorities learned that she was preparing to slip away and take another trip to Cuba before returning to Jacksonville, her home port. The Washington authorities were informed and her seizure was ordered.

### Not So Good.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 16.—The Democratic State executive committee was in session here today, considering the question of fusing with the Populists. The Populists are making big demands that the Democrats won't grant. Another thing that stands in the way of fusion is the threat of the sound money leaders to put a State ticket in the field. There now seems little prospect of fusion.

THE New York Advertiser, Goldbug Republican organ of most pronounced type, which never fails to use billingsgate and purely imaginative charges against its political opponents now charges Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee with treachery to Mr. Bryan in counting the electoral votes of the States supposed to be Democratic. It is a miserable piece of pretended irony, unworthy of any self-respecting journal and is on a par with the statement, which could be made by any liar, that the Advertiser had stolen Mary's little lamb. Charges are cheap, but proof is sometimes scarce.

ONE of the drawbacks of prominence, and possibly one of its misfortunes, is that in these days of notoriety, their smallest action, or most insignificant utterance is made to pay homage to their greatness by publication in live newspapers. It cannot be helped. Those who dance, whether to the stirring strains of a jig, or smoothly glide with the melody of solemn church music—each and all must pay the fiddler.

THE pick pockets who followed the Bryan itinerary were of too low an order to have been tolerated by the famous bandit, Rob Roy, who believed there should be some discretion and honor even among thieves. These fellows actually stole from two North Carolina editors, Hal W. Ayer, of the Caucasian, Henry W. London, of the Chat-ham Record, and also from two ministers. Their brother thieves should refuse to associate with them in the future.

BREAD, meat, and clothing are selling at half price, yet people are hungry and ragged all over the land. There has been great error somewhere—somebody has blundered badly, and the jury of American freemen is making an investigation.