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Special Notice.

If you are not a subscriber to this paper and receive this copy, it is an invitation to subscribe. [Only 50 cents a year.] The management of the paper propose to extend its circulation and increase its usefulness. The campaign is now upon us, and you will want to keep posted. THE RECORDER will print the news. Now is the time to subscribe.

The intimation by the Bell Telephone company that they would soon connect Durham with Greensboro and Danville is very gratefully received by the business men from Raleigh to Danville. Apart from its convenience to the public, the indications are that the line would pay a handsome dividend on the outlay. When they get to Greensboro why not have a line to Winston-Salem?

It appears the attempt to take the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad "out of politics" by leasing it to a syndicate before the republican governor can be installed and appoint state proxies which would control it, has had the effect of bringing the road more "in politics" than ever before. It is very evident that both parties wish to use it as a political lever, but as we are not the jury in the case, we do not yet feel called on to hand in a coroners verdict.

Are times better since the election? We wish they were that we might herald the glad tidings to a long suffering people, but for answer must say go to the producer—the men who by the sweat of their brow have produced the meat, the bread, the clothing and the wonderful machinery which works almost miracles in this God favored land, and ask them. Let them show their account of sales of tobacco, of cotton. Let them tell you what they got for a bushel of wheat, corn, potatoes, and what they are paid for a days hard and honest toil, and you can then answer the question yourself. It will never be otherwise till the classes cease to dominate the masses.

It is quite apparent that McKinley owes his election to the sound money democratic vote of the country. Admitting this, it will be necessary to curb the protection extremists in the next congress, and it will be equally necessary to antagonize the importunities of the protected interests of the country. The discontent which brought the nation so close to the verge of disaster will not be allayed by permitting the selfishness of the protected few to run riot to the detriment of the unprotected millions. The safe road lies between the communism of greed and the communism of despair. In the present state of public sentiment nothing will succeed like success, and nothing would receive a greater rebuke four years hence than failure. Every democrat who voted for McKinley is anxious to see his administration a blessing to the country. The attainment of the public good is far more important than party supremacy, and the administration should be so conducted as to make a repetition of the campaign of 1896 impossible.

OUR NEXT SENATOR.

Possibly at no time in the history of North Carolina has the election of a United States senator been of such vast importance to the state and nation as now. Upon our next legislature this heavy responsibility devolves, and in the hands of their choice will be the weight which must adjust the balance of power between the suffering millions and the few Shylock monopolist, on the political scales, which lately have rarely been rightly adjusted.

So far as North Carolina is concerned—whatever may have been the accident to the balance of the country on November 3, this state has uttered no uncertain voice on the financial question—the great and paramount issue of the day.

Irrespective of party affiliation, no man can go to the United States senate as an exponent of the views of a majority of North Carolinians who is not unquestionable and unequivocally in touch with their recently expressed judgement for the free coinage of silver. Knowing this, and also the immense power the peculiar constitution of the next senate will likely put in the hands of the North Carolina representative, in order to reap the full fruition of his wholesale purchase of American citizens, it is said that Mark Hanna has in North Carolina his attorney agents visiting the members elect of our legislature to ascertain how many Benedict Arnolds can be found among them, and what their price is.

The people have been warned, Marion Butler, the junior senator the once vilified and scorned by the "rule or ruin" machine, like a faithful sentinel on the house top, has blown a bugle blast in his letter of the 14th addressed to Senator Pritchard. He gives Mr. Pritchard some plain and pungent reasons for opposing his reelection, and also shows the aspirant from record that he is entirely subservient to the dictates of the moneyed monopolist.

It is a foregone conclusion that both the unbought democrats and populist in the legislature will vote for a free silver man. The HERALD believes their choice will fall on a Durham man. If justice be done, it will.

CUBA.

The New York Journal of the 16th, has a magnificent leader on the Cuban situation. Incidentally, the administration is severely rasped, as it should be, for the "hide and seek" game it has been playing. The Journal concluded thusly:

"Cuba should be free. And Cuba will be free. It is dishonest to the government of this great republic that Cuba is not free now. The fault is not with the American people. They have cried for intervention earnestly, passionately. President Cleveland has but to speak the word that his countrymen wish him to speak, and Spain's sword will be broken in her hand.

But if Mr. Cleveland shall elect to continue silent and ethargic before the spectacle of Cuba's heroism and Cuba's sufferings, and if the present congress shall choose to pass on the responsibility of action, the American people still will have their way. A president is powerless when congress is resolved. Congress, when the people are resolved, responds. It is the will of this people that Cuba shall be free, and their will is sovereign."

AYER'S INGRATITUDE.

Yesterdays Raleigh papers bring the news that the Caucasian office is in the hands of the sheriff for an unsatisfied judgement of \$191.31. The paper belongs to a joint stock company who gave Mr. Hal. W. Ayer the post of auditor.

Now that Mr. Ayer has used the companies paper to further his ends to the accomplishment of his purpose of being elected state auditor, the Caucasian and its good name is of no farther use or consideration to him. Warned in

its bosom to a life he would never have attained, he suffers his foster mother and his god fathers to be dragged into disrepute for a sum which surely the auditor of the great state of North Carolina should be able to command, and which he admitted he could command if he were "disposed to"

Even as secretary and treasurer of the Caucasian Publishing Co., he could have gotten the money, but in utter disregard of the papers future, and the straits his own management has reduced it to, Auditor Ayer scorns the means by which he rose to power. By such conduct to the organ of the populist party, he is guilty of unpardonable conduct, not only to the stockholders but to the entire party as well. But he stands unmasked at last.

PRITCHARD'S AUDACITY.

Though North Carolina has gone for free silver by 20,000 majority, if the Hon: Jeter C. Pritchard's reply to Senator Butler, which we give below, is to be credited, it appears that we are to have a minority senator to represent the state.

This is not so astonishing as the bold and blatant assertion made by Mr. Pritchard that he has "already obtained enough pledges from populist members" to secure his election—which, read between the lines, is wanton insult to the great masses of the populist party. It is equivalent to an announcement that "I have bought you fellows, and paid for you. I have the receipt in my pocket, and you are mine. Marian Butler and the rest of you may kick and be damned to you." But hear him, ye people, and particularly members of the legislature, and ask yourselves if you can permit your name to be dragged in the slime of treachery with which Mr. Pritchard claims he has clothed you. He says:

"Senator Butler—Dear Sir: I have received your letter. I beg to inform you that I have already obtained enough pledges from POPULIST MEMBERS WHO ARE GOLD BUGS, to make my election certain."

We are aware that recent political complications have produced many hybrid wonders, but in this field of exploration, Mr. Pritchard is entitled to the medal as a political discoverer of so wonderful a phenomena as populist "who are gold bugs." God save the discrepancy.

After this expose, the populist member of the legislature who fails to resent this slur upon his honor and integrity, will be considered as tacitly acknowledging his guilt, and henceforth will not receive the respect or recognition of an escaped convict of any race or party.

If self respect does not prevent such pollution, association with such as we describe should. We mean:

Those truckulent knaves, who afraid of the minority, Smell of other dogs, and vote with the majority.

SPEAKING OF THE decoy ducks of the last campaign, now deceased, and without administrators, the Richmond Dispatch sizes them up in a paragraph which must answer for their epitaph. It says: "There might be more respect for the Indianapolis if they had stuck to their own platform. But they didn't do this. The vast majority of them, after deserting the democratic party, deserted their own pretence of an organization, and voted with the republicans. They deserted twice in a very brief period. They acted the part, not only the traitor, but of the double traitor."

THE New York Journal pays it's respects to one of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet as follows: Comptroller Eckels approves of the dismissal of those Government employes who supported the democratic ticket. Coming from a man who draws an official salary and spends the major portion of his time going about the country reviling the voters who make his season of office-holding possible, this is decidedly refreshing.

Gibson to Illustrate Dickens.

C. D. Gibson and Edward W. Bok were chatting together in the former's studio one day, when the editor of The Ladies Home Journal said:

"Why don't you drop the American girl, Gibson, and try something entirely new?"

"What is there new?" asked Gibson.

"Illustrate Dickens," ironically answered the editor.

"Illustrate Dickens!" repeated Gibson. "Why, man alive—"

Just then the artist's mother came into the studio. "Mother," he said, "what have I always told you I would rather do in the way of illustration than anything else?"

"Well, I don't know, Dana, unless it is to illustrate Dickens."

"Exactly, and Bok walks in just now and asks me to do it."

Gibson went to Europe on his wedding trip and remained in London for six months. There he worked away at his Dickens sketches. Upon his return a few weeks ago he delivered the first drawings of the series to The Ladies Home Journal, and the initial one will be printed in the Christmas issue. The finished drawings are said to be remarkable portrayals. The characters chosen are Pickwick; Pecksniff and his two daughters; David Copperfield; Dick Swiveller and The Marchioness; Old Scrooge, from "A Christmas Carol"; Caleb Plummer and his blind daughters, and other characters from Dickens. The Journal will present the entire series during 2897.

For sale by T. J. Gattis & Son.

Frank Leslie for December.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly is the first of the Christmas magazines to appear, and it is in every respect a beautiful number. Under the title "A Magic Island," Beatriz B. de Luna writes entertainingly of the picturesque Catalinas of California; Cornell University is described by Herbert Crombie Howe in the second paper of the profusely illustrated series on "American Universities and Colleges;" Major-General O. O. Howard tells something of the "Character and Campaigns of General Robert E. Lee," and among the illustrations to this article is the last portrait of the great Confederate; there is an interesting paper on pottery by Lawrence Mendenhall; an excellent Christmas story is contributed by Margaret E. Sangster; in "Canoeing Down the Rhine," Rochefort Calhoun takes the readers pleasantly from Basel to Heidelberg; Francis Wilson's new play, "Half a Bing," is described and pictured with portraits and views of the principal scenes; Varina Anne Jefferson Davis, the "Daughter of the Confederacy," has something to say of the proposed Battle Abbey of the South; and there are numerous short stories and poems and an attractive young folks' department. More than the usual one hundred illustrations are given in this number.

—Frank Leslie's Publishing House, New York.

SENATOR MATTHEW STANLEY

QUAY is ostensibly tarpon fishing in Florida, but the politicians are not permitting him to forget that there are quite a number of Federal offices to be distributed among the faithful republicans in that state. It is also the opinion of those gentlemen that in a good many instances, at least, it is the early bird that gets the worm. During his short stop in his private car at Jacksonville the Senator was visited by E. R. Gunby, the republican candidate for governor; J. R. Stillman, chairman of the republican state central committee, and by a number of other leading republican politicians of Florida. Gunby and Stillman joined the Senator, and went on south with him. When the Senator visited Florida last summer, his mission was to preach up the wide difference in the party ranks; now he has the even more arduous task of satisfactorily arranging a disposition of the spoils.

Senator Ransoms Son.

Mr. Thos. R. Ransom, son of Hon. Matt. W. Ransom, minister to Mexico, died at his father's home in Northampton county last Saturday morning of pneumonia, after a sickness of eight days. Mr. Ransom was perhaps 25 years old. In appearance and manners he was strikingly like his father, and was one of the most winning of gentlemen. He was a lawyer by profession and had lived for several years at Asheville. Some two years ago he moved to Jackson, the county seat of Northampton, where he was prosecuting his profession with success. He was a graduate of the University, a man of capacity and culture, and, having spent much time with his father in Washington in former years, was well known to many North Carolinians and highly esteemed by all of them.

Mr. Ransom's serious sickness was announced last week and his father started from the City of Mexico to see him. On the way he received Saturday a telegram announcing his son's death. He took the Seaboard Air Line at Atlanta and passed through Monroe Sunday night, en route to Weldon. He was in great distress as his heart was much set on this son. The sympathies of many loyal and admiring friends will go out to him in his bereavement.

Struck it Rich.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Nov. 16.—J. W. Harnes, a Texas cattleman, who came in from Kiowa and Comanche reservations, reports that prospectors in the Wichita Mountains have struck several rich finds within the last ten days.

He says that a party of three have easily worked claims in a ravine where they are taking out \$100 to \$150 per day in free gold.

Another party has discovered traces of the mines formerly worked by the Indians, and they are being shadowed by the Indian police, who will undoubtedly attempt to drive all the prospectors out.

Macheo to Palma.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Senator Thomas Estrada Palma, the Cuban delegate, has received a letter from Gen. Antonio Maceo, dated twelve days ago, which brings assuring news to the friends of "Cuba Libre."

Gen. Maceo says that he has not the least fear of the results of Weyler's advance, and that the friends of Cuba abroad should be confident of good fortune, notwithstanding the tremendous effort the Spanish are making.

"While Weyler was preparing his trocha," says Maceo. "I was making mine also." He described immediately after these words what he means by his trocha. "It is a narrow passage through the mountains, and the only way, in fact, to reach the strong position where the Cubans have their supplies of ammunition and two factories for making powder and cartridges."

Cash for Composers.

O. K. Houck & Co., music dealers of Memphis, Tenn., acting under the endorsement and in the interest of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, which is to be held during 1897, at Nashville, Tenn., offer a prize of \$100.00 in cash for the best original composition for the piano, in the form of a march, the winning composition to be published as the Tennessee Centennial Prize March, and during the exposition 10,000 souvenir copies will be given away at their piano and organ exhibit in the Commerce building. The lithograph title page will contain a bird's-eye view of the exposition grounds, and at the top of each of music will be an original design of one of the buildings. Manuscripts will be received up to January 1, and award of judges announced on January 15, 1897. For full information address Publishing Department, O. K. Houck & Co., Memphis, Tenn.

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