

The only "relief" thus far offered by Mr. Skinner is a vote for the tariff bill which taxes the bagging and ties on the 4000,000 bales of cotton in North Carolina just about \$48,000, say 12 cents per bale. The cost saved the farmer by the Wilson bill on these items was 20 cents per bale, whereas the tariff raises the duty 60 per cent.

To say that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle were pleased to know that the proposed issue of bonds was over-subscribed to the extent of about \$400,000 is a very mild way of stating how those gentlemen felt when the bids had all been opened and tabulated. Of course they as well as everybody else realize that this bond issuing business is thoroughly bad, but so long as republican laws make it necessary to do so, it is naturally gratifying to all members of the administration to know that so many people are ready and willing to invest their money in them. It indicates a faith in national finances that cannot but have a good effect in business circles throughout the country.—Sun.

COL. J. S. CARR'S acceptance of the presidency of the Southern Tobacco Manufacturers Association lead the Danville Tobacco Journal to say:

We know of no gentleman in the trade more eminently fitted for the head of the organization than this worthy son of the Old North State—a gentleman of affable and pleasing address, the highest order of administrative abilities, sterling business qualifications, which together with an indomitable energy, has placed the concern he represents in the capacity of president, the Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Company, the leader in this branch of the tobacco business in this country.

With such a man as Colonel Carr as president of the Southern Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, with the assistance of his able advisors, the other officers of the association, the Journal is assured that the tobacco manufacturing interests of the South has made a progressive move in organizing that will redound to the benefit of the entire trade of the South.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

We heartily endorse the following sensible article from the Biblical Recorder on the much discussed "silver question":

It is plain that the silver question is an endless one—that is, it will not be determined so long as debate is the only means used toward ending it. There are evidently at any rate two sides to it, and there always will be until actual test has proved the one or exposed the error of the other. Free silver coinage at the ratio of sixteen to one can be reasonably demanded only as an experiment based upon theory—the theory that in an open market silver bullion will double its value. Let all who believe in this theory take their stand for it; let those who do not believe in it stand against it. Let none be accused of baseness or low purposes. For our part, knowing that discussion is not only profitless, but positively harmful, in that it takes up time and vexes men against one another, we made up our mind long since not to discuss the subject. And some thousands of others will better their personal interests by following our example.

SOUTHERN FARMERS.

The Southern States Magazine publishes reports from over 500 correspondents in all parts of the South as to the financial condition of farmers. These reports show "that Southern farmers as a class are less burdened with debt than they have been at any time since the war; that they are now more and more every year producing at home their own provisions and becoming less and less dependent upon the West for corn, flour, pork, hay and like supplies; that growing things themselves they are saving the enormous profits on them formerly paid to supply merchants, and that living thus on their own resources they can count largely as profit whatever they may receive for such cotton as they grow." The same may be said of the tobacco growers of the South.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CHAIRMAN HOLTON of the Republican Committee says that two-thirds of the Populists wear the Republican collar. Of course they do, but the poor fellows don't know it. "Where ignorance is bliss, etc."

The old question, whether a Congressman ought to devote his time to legislating for his district or for the whole country, has been revived at Washington. This Congress seems to be devoting more time to preventing legislation of any kind than to anything else.

STAND BY PRINCIPLE.

The readers of this paper have seen from day to day the varying complications into which the fusionists of this State, "both ends of combination," have gotten themselves. They have each perpetrated the grossest inconsistencies, and are going to perpetrate more, and hence are surrounded by embarrassments from which there is no possible escape. We have kept record of their sayings and doings and submitted from time to time such comments as seemed pertinent, with no purpose to undertake to influence results which we clearly foresee. Whatever further inconsistencies are necessary will be committed; whatever amount of dirt is necessary will be eaten, in order to maintain the Republican-Populist fusion; and the only purpose in referring to this matter now is to point the moral to Democrats. The Democratic party may be defeated in the State again this year. It may be defeated in 1898 and 1900. We would rather see it live in the shadow of defeat for an indefinite number of years than that it should compromise its principles as the Republicans and the Populists have theirs and as they both are going to do again this year. The party, like the individual, which maintains its dignity and self-respect under all circumstances has retained those things for which nothing else is worthy to be exchanged; and the injunction we would lay upon the Democracy of North Carolina is that whatever allotments are held out to it, whatever may be expedient for the moment, if it is not right it should be put aside and the faith of the fathers be steadily adhered to. Anything that is won at the sacrifice or by the compromise of this is not worth the having.

The above from the Charlotte Observer so well expresses the sentiments of the Times that we reproduce it in these columns. There are numbers of good men in Franklin county who went into the Populist party, never dreaming that they were being led headlong into the Republican party, while there are many others who went in for "spoils." We believe that the former class have seen the error of their way and will return to their own household where they belong. The "spoils" hunters lay aside principle and are liable to "flop" wherever they see a chance to get a "bite of pie." The latter class are worth very little to any party that lays claim to principle. In his speech in Louisburg during the last campaign, Jim Young, colored, advised the colored people to lay aside their principles, for the time being, and go in for "fusion," and it is a deplorable fact that not only a good many of his race took the advice of this "spoilsmen," but a large number of white men of Franklin followed the advice of this principleless advisor, (politically speaking) and elected men to positions of which they knew nothing, and which were and are being very inefficiently filled. The doings of the last legislature ought to put the honest men to thinking, and when they go to the polls this year they should assist in placing men in office who have a higher regard for principle than those who controlled the last legislative body of this grand old State.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Perfect harmony should exist between town and country. Their interests are mutual. What is to the advantage of one is bound to be more or less helpful to the other.

The people in town recognize their dependence in a large measure upon the surrounding country. And the country people on the other hand appreciate the value and importance of a home market and are justly proud of the country town.

This as it should be. The one is essential to the other. The existence of a strong home market and creation of an active demand

for the products of the farm mean the prosperity of the agricultural interests of the community. Whatever is calculated to advance the growth and prosperity of the town must ensure to the benefit of the country. And when the country prospers the town is quick to feel the vivifying effect. The arteries of trade beat with a quicker pulse and the beneficial results flowing therefrom are perceptible.

The country people are the backbone of the town. The town is the strong arm of the country people. Each is the ready handmaid of the other, with mutual interests, the success of either means the welfare of the other.—Gold Leaf.

The following taken from Biblical Recorder is very well put:

There has been widespread comment upon the prayers of the chaplain of the House of Representatives, which have been of late more than once vitiated with political, partisan altogether abominable sentiments. For instance, he prayed recently for "additional protection to American manufacturers." The man is evidently in his position for the money and ease of it. A good salary for a little hypocritical attentiveness is his bargain. It is blasphemous and revolting beyond words. Better have no chaplain on general principles, but if one is to be had, a devout man ought to be chosen. It is hard for a preacher to dabble in politics and be devout. Such a life smothers growth towards the higher spiritual life. For years these paid prayers have been a mockery.

We Southern people sadly mix business and sentiment. If a railroad system retires an official who is popular, immediately his friends come forth with loud protestations that their patronage shall forever be withdrawn from that railroad. We forget that the railroad looks at the matter from a different point of view. It will not take a step on personal grounds; it is a business institution, and has to run on business principles. For a generation we have been coming to this. Competition is so rife, profit margins are so close, that there is but short shrift for sentiment. Not only is this true of railroads, but of most every other business. When we patronize a man or a corporation or an institution, we do not obligate it to consult us as to whom it may employ; we may insist only that it employ honest, worthy, efficient men, and give us our money's worth.—Biblical Recorder.

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