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## MAKE HAY WHILE

—THE—  
SUN SHINES.

An Opportunity That Comes Once in a Great While.

It is an open secret that merchandise of all kinds are lower today than at any time in the history of this country.

Speculative work, caused by extraordinary depression in business, are quiet, and have enabled us to make purchases which may never be duplicated.

In our many years' experience in business, we have at no time been in position to offer our customers so many chances to make a dollar.

The logic of the situation is so clear, "that he who runs may read."

We simply want to say that "this is the accepted time."

If you are in business to make a success of it, we can be of service to you.

Doing an exclusively wholesale business and with a buying capacity in excess of competitors, we are at an advantage which we have not failed to make good use of, and intend that our customers shall have the full benefit of it.

Our stock for the fall season is now ready, and is sure to prove a "big winner."

All departments are loaded down with new and desirable goods and many things are below the cost of production.

We claim to lead the van in low prices, and will save you money on your purchases.

It will be to your interest to investigate our offerings as early as possible.

Yours truly,

WALLACE BROS.

C. S. Tomlin, John S. McMorris, John P. Bowles, L. B. Bristol and Herman Wallace will represent us on the road and visit as many of our customers as possible.

Statesville, N. C., May 21, '94.

## SIGNS OF THANKSGIVING.

Charlotte Free Press.

Air a-getting cool and coolah, Frost a-coming in de night, Hicknats and wa'nuts fallin, Possum keepin out of sight, Tu'key struttin in de ba'nyad—Nary step so proud es his—Keep on struttin, Mistah Tu'key; Yo' do' know what time it is.

Cidah press commence a-squeakin, Eatin apples st'od away; Ohillin awarmin round like hornets, Hurfin aigs emong de hay, Mistah Tu'key, keep on gobblin At de geese a-flyin souf. Umph, dat bird don't know what's coming; Ef he did, he'd shut his mouf.

Punkin gittin good and yellin—Make me open up my eyes; Seems lak it's a-lookin at me Jest a-layin dar sayin "Pies." Tu'key gobbler gwine round blowin, Gwine round gubbin sass and slack.

Keep on talkin, Mistah Tu'key; Yo' ain't seed no almanac.

Fa'mer walkin throo de ba'nyad Seeing how things is comin on, Sees of all de fowls is fat'nin—Good times comin sho's yo' bo'n. Hesh's dat tu'ker gobbler braggin, Den his face break in a smile. Nebbah min, yo' essay rascal, He's gwine nab yo' atter while.

Choppin suet in de kitchen, Stoinn raisins in de hall, Beef a-cookin for de mince meat, Spices growin—I smell em all. Look heah, tu'key, stop dat gobblin.

You ain't larned de sense of feah. You ole fool, yo' nait's in dangahs, Do'y' know Thanksgiving's heah?

## Good Times Coming.

Morganton Herald.

If the apostles of fusion are not arrant frauds and cheats there are good times coming.

They have taught on the stump and through the press and in mid-night meetings that the Democratic party is responsible for all the ills that human flesh is heir to.

Now that Democracy has been defeated they must make times better or acknowledge that they are a lot of bunco steers, unworthy of belief and bent on treason, stratagems and spoils.

They have told the people that the Democrats have made the price of wheat so low. Let them now see to it that wheat doubles in value, and that cotton goes booming back to twenty cents a pound,—or let them make the damning admission that legislation is powerless to effect the price of agricultural products.

They have charged the Democrats with cutting down the price of labor and grinding the face of the poor. Let them now see to it that wages are promptly raised, that there is plenty of work for those that want to work and that those who won't work are provided with an office or pensioned off at the public expense.

They have complained that the Democrats have made money scarce, and they made the money question one of the prominent issues of the campaign. Now let them flood the country with silver and greenbacks let them start up the mints, and put the printing presses in motion, and distribute to every man, woman and child the fifty dollars they have promised; or let them admit that they have been guilty of obtaining goods under false pretense.

Of course, the good times are coming. There will be a demand for an unlimited quantity of cord-wood at two dollars a cord; corn will bring two dollars the year round—money will grow on white oak trees and laborers will only have to trim their price to get it.

Yes, good times are coming. The Fusionists will give the country:

Free silver.  
A gold standard.  
High tariff.  
Low tariff.  
Free trade.  
Free sugar.  
A sugar bounty.  
Lower goods for the people.  
Greater profit to the manufacturer.

Higher wages.  
And if they don't give all of these things right away, their names will be mud.

For to the Fusionists everything must be done today, or the party that don't do it will be an anathema maranatha.

The good times are coming. If they don't arrive on schedule time, Mary Ann will be at the bottom of it.

For the indications are that Mary Ann—she is the State.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Limbs and Rheumatisms from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stiffes, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, Coughs, Etc. Save \$60 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Bleemish Cure ever known. Sold by W. W. Scott, Druggist, Lenoir, N. C.

## A DEEP-LAID SCHEME.

Charlotte Observer.

In the New York Herald of Sunday is a long and interesting article under the caption, "Wages Depend Upon Politics." It says that on Saturday there fell into its hands a straw, in the form of a circular, which it reproduces, as follows:

SEABURY & JOHNSON, Nos 59, 61 Maiden Lane, New York, Nov. 10, '94.

FIRST GUN FOR THE WAGE EARNER TO OUR EMPLOYEES—A reduction in wages took place in 1893. Soon after the election in 1892 of President Cleveland, the apostle of theories and misery, the nation was plunged into commercial and financial depression. Bankruptcy was the order of the day. Two years experience under the present administration has cured the people of their commercial heresies and delusions.

True to American genius—splendidly illustrated by Abraham Lincoln when he stated that "you can fool all the people some of the time, some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time"—the people soon tired of the luxurians experiment, and on Nov. 6, 1894, arose in their might, and peacefully with their ballots changed the political complexion of the House of Representatives, and, indeed, the entire government of States, giving the party of patriotism, protection and prosperity a clear majority, thereby insuring a return of those beneficent policies that have made our country the greatest nation on earth. Public confidence will be returned as if by magic, and as a natural sequence there will be a general revival of trade and commerce.

"Coming events cast their shadows before." Under the provisions of the Wilson bill, which will be cremated with funeral honors, it will for a time be impossible for every industry to so quickly respond to the situation. To commemorate those glorious victories of the people, and also as a remembrance of our semi-centennial birthday, which takes place in November, we take pleasure in announcing to you that your former salaries will be restored, beginning the week from November 12, until further notice.

Yours very respectfully,  
GEORGE J. SEABURY, President.

SEABURY & JOHNSON.

A Herald reporter interviewed a member of the firm above named, with the following result: I asked Mr. Hopping if his business did not receive some benefit from the Wilson bill, and he replied that neither the McKinley bill nor the Wilson bill made much difference to them. Then Mr. Hopping made the astonishing statement that during the panic they bought more cotton—cotton is used in plaster, it will be remembered—than they have done before or since.

The reporter continues: I met a gentleman connected with another big drug firm—the gentleman, in fact, who sent the letter to the Herald—who said:

"I was talking this morning with a partner in a big printing house, who told me that in consequence of the Republican victory on November 6th his house was going to start up on full time. 'What,' I exclaimed, 'do you mean to say that you have kept the wages of your employees down for political reasons?' 'Certainly,' he replied; 'we wanted them to vote the Republican ticket, and they have done it.'"

"You will find," continued the gentleman, "that that kind of thing has been done extensively in New York city, as well as everywhere else in the country. What the manufacturers want is the restoration of the McKinley bill."

The reporter follows this up with numerous instances showing how workingmen were coerced last summer into agitating against the Wilson bill and coerced last week into voting the Republican ticket; but the conspicuous fact in the Herald's conclusions, arrived at after investigation, that the whole system of wage-cutting on the part of manufacturers has been a deep-laid and concerted plot in order to influence the election of last week against the Democratic party and to secure the re-enactment of the McKinley law. The following is the Herald's editorial comment:

Some persons combine politics with business and manage to make the combination pay. This is a general remark evoked by a peculiar circular which will be found in another column this morning. It is a circular sent out by a business firm to its employees notifying them of the restoration of the standard of wages which prevailed before the election of Mr. Cleveland in 1892. The president of the company boldly states that his action is the result of the recent election.

"Soon after the election in 1892 of President Cleveland, the apostle of theories and misery," says the circular, "the nation was plunged into commercial and financial depression." This firm reduced wages in 1893—now it raises them to original grade on account of the Republican victory November 6th.

"This is not an isolated case, and

such acts appear to be nothing less than political persecution and discrimination, and by no means in accordance with American ideas of justice. The sudden closing of shops and factories and wholesale cut in wages in December, 1893, now seems to have been done for political effect."

It is hard to resist such a combination as this—a combination of money and political and personal influence, all directed to a common end. But the foregoing facts only serve to give emphasis to the truth that this is a fight of the common people against the concentrated power of corporate and individual wealth. The discouraging thing about it is that the people fail to see it.

## SHERMAN'S SOBER WORDS.

The McKinley Tariff Has Not Won—Last of Tariff Agitation for a Time.

Senator Sherman in New York World.

The landslide that has given the Republicans control of the House by an overwhelming majority and, perhaps, the Senate by a small majority, is so widespread, it has seemed to me to be a protest against the acts of the Democrats since they have been in power and a return to the Republicans.

However, I am not inclined to claim that the victory will be permanent. The people may become as displeased with the Republicans before many years and administer to them as crushing a defeat as they have administered to the Democrats this year. I would certainly not attempt to forecast what is to come of this revolution.

The people punished the Republicans in 1890 and 1892, and now they have changed. To say they cannot or are not likely to turn back again is to make a stronger statement than I would care to venture.

I do not regard the present result as an endorsement of the McKinley bill or a demand on the part of the people for a radical tariff legislation. There will undoubtedly be some members who will regard it as such, but I hardly believe the party will enter into any extreme legislation of this kind.

Of course they cannot do it during the next session of Congress, because the President would not allow anything of that kind to become law, and the effort would prove fruitless.

I would not favor any great increase of duties. On the stump in the campaign I was a moderate protectionist, and wanted only such duties as would insure a fair rate of wages for the working men of the country.

Some protectionists would have foreign goods absolutely excluded by a high tariff. I do not believe in this, as it would give a monopoly to our home manufacturers and bring on contests between capital and labor. I believe in so placing the duties as to allow a healthy foreign competition. If I should see that any duty was making a monopoly I would take that duty off.

The Republicans went to an extreme on the question in 1890 because they had absolute control of all the branches of the government. If there had been any check they would not have done so. In the same way the Democrats went to an extreme in this Congress.

There will probably be an effort to pass the smaller tariff bills at the short session, but that would raise great opposition, and I believe would be futile. That will probably be the last of the tariff agitation for a time.

I do not know exactly what to think of the result of this election as it bears on the silver question. I believe the silver sentiment has grown much stronger in the West and South, but in the East generally, and in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois in particular, it is much weaker than it was in 1890 or 1892. What bearing this may have on the campaign for President in 1896 I could not say, as I never attempt to make any prophecy in politics.

## It May Do as Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures without any good result. About a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure of all kidney and liver troubles, and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will convince you that our statement is true. Price only 50c for large bottle at W. W. Scott's Drugstore.

He—What's the difference between you and a duck?  
She (shyly)—Is there any?  
He—Yes; you're dressed to kill and the duck is killed to dress.

Itch on human, mange on horses, dogs and all stock, cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by W. W. Scott, Druggist, Lenoir, N. C. 17r. Dec. 12.

## A DIRGE FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Salisbury Herald.

MR. EDITOR:—It appears to me that no utterance which I have yet seen covers the full extent of the inexpressible calamity that has befallen this old Commonwealth, which in all the dark days of misfortune and suffering has never before been stained with disgrace—disgrace which hardly the blood of all her men, or the tears of all her women, could now wash out! It was not disgrace when she, who had borne herself so nobly in the war for Confederate freedom that the praise of her sons was on the lips of every generation, and written on the page of every historical record, laid down her arms in honorable defeat and, war-worn and weary, sank beneath the heavy yoke of her in-entangling conquerors. Nor was disgrace added to the bitterness of the cup she put to her lips to be drained during those eleven long dark years of plunder and misuse and every conceivable indignity and wrong that could be inflicted upon a people. Then, slowly but surely, she was struggling, like a bound giant, toward the light of freedom, and emancipation from the worst of these galling fetters—those which made it possible for her resources to be the prey of robbers at home and her credit to be dishonored abroad. One by one she tore these fetters from her limbs, and when at last, in the great year of seventy-six, her people rose as one man and swept the State from the mongrel crew that had fattened upon her, what a mighty shout went up to heaven of freedmen once more restored to their rights, and possessing again the power to govern their own beloved State!

What words are strong enough to paint the situation as it stands now? For it is stern truth to say that blacker disgrace has never covered a people than that which now overwhelms North Carolina, and under which every man within her borders worthy to be called a man—who is not either a traitor or his people, a hireling who has sold his manhood for Republican spoil, or a poor, misguided fool, deluded by socialistic insanity—sits bowed down in shame and sorrow! Of their own deliberate will the people of North Carolina have gone down into the depths where Southern Republicanism sat in darkness, like a foul reptile which, having abandoned its prey, lurked, waiting for the moment when it might fasten again upon the victim, and, to their own everlasting shame, made a covenant to deliver the State of their nativity, the State for which brave men died, into the hands of these three-proved thieves and traitors. Of their own deliberate will thousands of white men—poor negroes, who are merely the poor instruments to do Republican bidding—have cast their ballots for those who represent every infamy of past misrule, have gone back to the land of bondage, have with an ingratitude only paralleled by the Israelites in Holy Writ (as the eloquent voice which spoke to them but the other day declared) struck down that great Democratic party to which they owe every civil right they enjoy, the right of freedom to cast their ballots at polls undominated by Federal bayonets, the right to close the doors which lead to miscegenation, the right to claim and obtain justice in their courts. Blacker ingratitude than that of a Southern man who casts his vote against this great party to which he owes it that he is not a helpless serf in his own land, history does not record.

And with that blackness of ingratitude, that madness of folly, North Carolina stands stained today before heaven and earth! It is no excuse that the National Democracy has been stabbed elsewhere in the house of its friends, betrayed by him who holds the highest office in its gift, dishonored by the subservience to his dicta on of the Congress that represented it. None of this mitigates the shame attaching to the people of North Carolina, who—let it be said in irony—written of as a people who loved liberty, have turned and placed their liberty at the feet of the vilest crew of venal Republicans and self-seeking Socialist Populists that ever disgraced a Commonwealth.

And so let there be no excuses made. Let the full measure of infamy be acknowledged, that the children of these men, these betrayers of their State's honor, may in after days know where the responsibility of her downfall lies. Let a dirge be said over her, for this day, for the first time in all her history, this North Carolina of ours, this brave old mother of dead heroes, lies prostrate in the depths of dishonor, cast there by the act of her own unworthy sons.

## A NORTH CAROLINIAN.

The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25c. per box. For sale by W. W. Scott.

## Silver Under a Cloud.

We do not see how anybody can see in the election of a Republican Congress anything but a deadly blow at silver. As the Philadelphia Inquirer, Republican, says, "it is a victory against free silver, as well as against free trade." Again: "the silverites are dismissed by the same paper in the words following: 'The Republican party cannot afford to listen to the mouthings of silver orators. The Joneses and the Camerons can go. Let them flock by themselves. They are powerless. Let the Republican party stand firmly by protection to home industries and honest money, and it will maintain its triumphant grip won on Tuesday last. But let it listen to the cajoling and the threats of the silver orators and it will go down as surely as there is a sun in the heavens.'"

## Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Richmond Dispatch.

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Remember that the principles espoused by the Democrats are living principles and will exist "though the north star shall leave its orbit and no longer guide the pilot on the tempestuous sea and like the constellation of the cross, sink from view behind the everlasting ices of the pole." Its great beneficent principles will live and flourish despite the opposition of men and devils "when the Bedouin of the desert shall halt his camels upon the disintegrated dust of the tallest pyramid."

## "Democracy is immortal."

Monroe Enquirer.

Although the Democrats of North Carolina have suffered partial defeat they are not the men to cover in the face of defeat and are not made of the stuff that cringes before an enemy. The most unprincipled means have been used to defeat the Democratic party, for an alliance with every faction regardless of the principles of those factions was made that by all and any means the Democrats might be defeated. We submit to our defeat, but we submit knowing that the best people of our good old State are still in the ranks of Democracy and there they will remain. We have been defeated simply by numbers, not by the intelligence and the virtue of North Carolina. Go throughout the State and you will find the most intelligent, the most prosperous, in fact the great majority of the stalwart minded men of the country in the Democratic party. A sad state of affairs indeed but it is true that the inferior element of North Carolina has outvoted us. They have simply been under more cunning leadership and by combining forces have triumphed. We have been defeated before. North Carolina has in time past been in the hands of the worst and most vicious element. We have seen corruption, without a blush, hold high carnival in our courts of justice and halls of legislation. We have seen lewd men and negro wenchos hold a ball in our elegant legislative halls when the best ladies of the State were denied the privilege of holding a sociable in those halls. We have seen the noble white men of North Carolina, they who had given their time and their labor their prayers and their tears, and even had shed their life blood for their State, disfranchised, cast into loathsome prisons for no crime and denied that priceless boon of freedom—a trial by jury. We have seen our great institutions closed and even our splendid University closed to the young men of the State and the chapel of that noble institution, where for nearly three quarters of a century the young men had on each morning assembled for praise and prayer to that God who had guided and guarded us as a people, converted into a common cattle stall. The men of North Carolina—remember these things. They remember, too, that after the insults, the singing, burning effrontery of shame, the proud contumely of hellish power had become goading to a point far beyond endurance that they arose and making an appeal to Him who giveth not the race to the swift nor the battle to the strong, put away such infamous iniquity and raised our good old State to a plane of honor and respect among the great federations of States. And mark you, you who have by damnable deeds of darkness under cover of night incensed and inflamed the passions of the illiterate, you who have declared that you would carry the election by bullets if not by ballots, you who have been making incendiary speeches and declaring that if your demands were not granted that whole towns would go up in smoke, mark you, Democracy will triumph yet again.

"Democracy is immortal!" said the great Vanoe. "It stands for human liberty and human freedom and cannot die." Then, do your worst, enemies of Democracy, but remember, that it is yet to be the Moses of the South and shall yet break the house of our political bondage. Do you think to forever defeat Democracy? In the language of the poet—

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