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TO ADVERTISERS. THE WATCHMAN has forty per cent more circulation than any other paper published in Salisbury.

Senator Vance's Promise. The CAROLINA WATCHMAN says: "The Raleigh News and Observer, which sometimes forgets the truth in political matters, Tuesday made the astonishing and uncalled for statement that Senator Vance did not promise to support the sub-treasury scheme."

The News and Observer is right. Witness this from the Citizen's recent interview with the senator which he revised and pronounced correct: "Do you consider yourself pledged to the Alliance sub-treasury bill?"

"I do not consider myself pledged for that particular bill that is up now. I was instructed to vote for the plan of financial reform as contemplated by the Omaha convention and not for any particular bill. I shall do all I can to please the farmers for I have thought them an oppressed class by the legislation of the past twenty-five years, and everything that is consistent with the constitution of the United States I will do for them."

There it is again. Senator Vance himself admits that he was instructed to vote for the plan and the News and Observer and Citizen both seem to wish to convey the idea that he is under no obligations. "That particular bill" has been said a million times. No doubt the present bill can be improved, but Captain Ashe, Captain Robison, nor Senator Vance cannot do it. Anyway they have not done so.

It will be noticed that Senator Vance has been getting off some more dry rot about the "constitution." Oh! the constitution. The farmers of this country can have a new constitution if it is needed. However, the present constitution is good enough and the Sub-Treasury will fit it nicely.

Meeting of the District Alliance. Bro. Ben Terrell addressed a large crowd of farmers and others at Stateville Monday. His speech was highly spoken of by the farmers, but did not suit a good many of the audience. But of course prejudice was the cause of their displeasure.

On Tuesday representatives from several counties met in the Y. M. C. A. Hall for the purpose of organizing a district Alliance. After an explanation of the lecture system by Brother Terrell the following officers were elected: District Lecturer, A. Leazer, Iredell; President, Col. H. A. Forney, of Catawba; Vice-President, E. P. Penick, of Iredell; Secretary and Treasurer, J. L. Ramsey, of Rowan.

The representation at the next meeting will consist of each county lecturer and two delegates from each county. A vote of thanks was tendered the Y. M. C. A. for their kindness in allowing the use of their hall. By unanimous vote the Salisbury WATCHMAN was made the organ for the 7th Congressional district.

The district lecturer will name the time and place for the next meeting of the district Alliance. Senator Vance. The Raleigh News and Observer and Asheville Citizen both are trying to make it appear that Senator Vance did not pledge his support to the Sub-Treasury scheme. This is entirely to the contrary. We also understand that Senator Vance himself says he did not. Senator Vance did promise to support this plan. At any rate he promised to do all in his power to carry out the demands of the Ocala meeting, and the Sub-Treasury plank is the most important one in the entire platform.

Now this new move of the part of Senator Vance and others will not be any advantage to himself or the cause. He did endorse the scheme and agreed to support it in some shape. Alliance people are not wedded to any given plan. If Senator Vance or anybody else will get up a better one, all right. But it is folly for him to try to make people believe at this period that he is not committed. He and the News and Observer are evidently morally sure that all the farmers in this State are fools.

An Amendment. Most of the business and professional men of this country have been convinced that if the sub-treasury will be any advantage to the farmers that it will also be good for them, too. But some of our legal brethren who have not studied the matter carefully insist

that it is entirely wrong. They say it will not be fair to tax them to build and run warehouses for they can store nothing.

Now they seem to have just cause for complaint, though people not half so logical are sure that anything that will benefit the farmer will also benefit the lawyer. But we want equal rights, and as the lawyer cannot stifle his practice we propose to amend the present bill so we can warehouse lawyers, get a certificate of deposit and draw eighty per cent of their value and increase the circulation medium that much. Whenever the people need them they can present the certificate and draw them out.

Now that every class of our citizens have been provided for we hope there will be peace in the land. Uncle Jerry Rusk may not be learned in all the intricacies of European diplomacy, but his blunt American advocacy of retaliation by this government undoubtedly had weight in convincing the German government of the wisdom of withdrawing the embargo it had placed on our meats. The farmer member of the administration seems to be holding his own right along. Still there are people who insist that the farmers are ignorant of the science of government.

The president of the tax commission of New York city hasn't a very high opinion of the honesty of the big business concerns of that town. He says, "As matters are now very few, except honest and ignorant persons pay taxes. By subterfuges wealthy men avoid the payment of these taxes. Ninety-five per cent escape, and we can't catch them."

The country seems to be awaking up to the absurdity of "expert" testimony in legal trials. The oldest inhabitant doesn't remember a trial in which the "expert" testified against the side that employed him. If the "expert" testimony be for sale to the side that can pay the most for it, of what value can it be to the judge or jury?

AGREEING to statement that the agricultural interests of the United States have been shamefully overlooked by Congress in the past seems to be getting epidemic among politicians; but then, you know, it will be a long time before Congress meets again. Sympathetic talk costs nothing.

BROTHER TERRELL had quite a good crowd at Lexington yesterday. He is one of the plainest, most practical and ablest lecturers in the country. His last appointment will be at Salisbury on Friday the 8th of May. Everybody in this and adjoining counties should hear him.

SENATOR EDMUNDS says the Farmers' Alliance movement is only a temporary fever. Has the Senator forgotten the story of the man who declined Noah's invitation to enter the ark, because he thought the flood would be only a temporary shower?

SENATOR RUSK thinks ignorance is to be blamed for the failure of the agricultural interests of the country to receive fair treatment from Congress. Then it is high time that the campaign of education was begun by the secretary.

STRIKES have been more or less frequent this spring for shorter days, but the men who "paint the town red" are still wielding the brush twenty-four hours out of every day, and they show no signs of dissatisfaction.

THE Daily State Chronicle will be enlarged and come out in a new dress in a few days. It claims the largest circulation of any daily paper in the State.

KEELEY, the inventor of the motor that does not mope, will now try a flyer of litigation by writing a magazine article on "Latent force."

As an instance of the way justice is dispensed it may be mentioned that General Rosecrans, who is on the retired army list, draws \$8,000 per annum while holding also a government office which pays him \$5,000 a year. Did General Rosecrans render so much more important service than the soldiers who tramped with knapsack and gun that the pay should be so disproportionate?

Charles A. Dana receives \$50,000 salary a year for editing the New York Sun. Charles Lord, managing editor, receives the same sum, and Mr. Laffera the business manager, receives \$25,000. Editors of the South work for something less than those figures.—Wilmington Messenger.

In the vicinity of Jesi, in the Province of Ancona, Italy, a dreadful brood pest is raging, which the remedies of Obeshire and Carl Schroeder, for feebled brood, have failed to check. Importers of Italian queens should be very careful.

Asheboro Courier: The Farmer's Alliance store at Liberty shipped during the month of March to northern markets 5,699 dozen eggs.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

The Sub-Treasury.

The following questions were put to the Topoka Advocate by a correspondent recently and the answer is so intelligent and so true that we publish it in full, believing that no one can read it carefully without getting a better insight of this great measure:

First—One object of the plan is to enable the farmers to hold their crops for remunerative prices. If they take advantage of this the effect would be to increase the volume of currency before the time when the increase is needed to move the crop. Is not this correct?

Second—When this enormous comparative inflation is contracted by the movement of the crops, will it not produce a great depression in prices?

No. The writer is wrong in both his propositions. The increase of currency is needed whenever there is products ready to be thrown upon the market. The warehouse system eliminates the speculator, and avoids the absolute marketing of crops faster than such demands of the consumer. By the demands of these products under the warehouse system 80 per cent of their value goes into circulation among the people.

The increase of the currency has its invariable effect of raising prices of labor and all commodities and the grain stored in the warehouses would be increased in price with all other commodities by virtue of the large volume of money in circulation. The retirement of this circulation would take place no faster than the products stored were withdrawn and the amount of this flexible currency in circulation would always bear an exact ratio to the quality of commodities still in store. The system is perfectly self-balancing, will always secure fair prices, prevent speculators from robbing consumers, and, best of all, will supply an ample currency directly to the people without the intervention of corporations or the payment of usury.

The Right Kind of a Prowler. Murat Hulstead seems to be specially irritated by Jerry Simpson. His ill nature was vented recently in the following dignified utterance: "There is no telling how many centuries the body and naked legs and ankles of the sockless Jerry will be flouted in history as typical of the overflow of foolishness in the far west in the summer of '90."

Mr. Hulstead will doubtless discover ere long that the same sort of overflow is destined to flood Ohio and indeed the whole nation. Hulstead further says: "Jerry has been prowling around Washington inspecting the conditions under which he is to serve his country. We should not be surprised if Washington would be the ruin of Jerry. He may develop a dress coat and a taste for the champagne and terrapin."

Pray what more sensible thing could a Congressman-elect do than to inspect conditions and study the situation? And what an undignified, snarling thing for Mr. Hulstead to say of a man whom the voters of the Seventh Congressional district of Kansas chose as their representative, that he is "prowling around Washington." Now I happen to know that Mr. Simpson has been a very earnest seeker after such information as will equip him to serve his constituents wisely. Furthermore, Congressman Simpson is not one bit spoiled by the attention he receives, and he will not return to dress coats or champagne. He may prowl about Washington and ruin some of the schemes of the conscienceless demagogues and lobbyists who will infest Washington next winter. Corruptionists may beware of Jerry the Prowler.

Some Sharp Points from the National Economist. In New England the discussion of Alliance principles is new, and promises to be warm. The great dailies are in arms, and active warfare may be expected. The policy of ignoring has become ineffectual.

Mississippi, Missouri and Wall street appear to be the three centers of opposition to the Alliance. Similar objections are given, similar reasons for dissatisfaction advanced, and a general similarity in methods maintained. Cannot the Alliance discover the result anticipated? Let no one be deceived.

The politicians are now at home busy at work spreading discontent and discord among the brethren. Alliance members who think more of political preferment or partisan money than of the good of the Order are lending their aid in such nefarious proceedings—their total destruction is swift and sure.

The cry of negro domination in Mississippi, and a demand for the force bill in Massachusetts, are actuated by similar desires and continued for similar ends. The object of the Alliance is to eliminate both, and bring those who would perpetuate such a condition into disfavor.

The criticism of Senator Carlisle that the government can have no money to loan to the farmers that it does not first collect in taxes, now quite often repeated, is a most stale chestnut. The truth is the taxpayers can have no money not first issued by the government. The farmers simply propose a just and equitable method of issuing money, no more, and will accept no adjustment that does less.

THE INDEX FINDS IT OUT BY ACCIDENT. R. B. Burke, Esq., started last Saturday for Raleigh to attend the Supreme Court, where he will argue several cases from this county.

Mr. Charles E. Flowers returned from Greenville, S. C., last Saturday night and will attend school again—the boys can't stay away from Taylorsville long at a time.

The young ladies of the place who are getting up an entertainment have decided to have it in the Taylorsville High School building on Friday night, April 24. A pleasant evening is promised all who attend.

Rev. J. M. Lumley is giving lessons in German to a class in the Methodist church twice each week. If there should be others that would like to understand this language he would be glad for them to enter the class at once so that all can enter together.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

Senator Peffer's Speech—Sherman's Candidacy—Special Possibilities.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1891.—Senator Peffer is certainly as active a missionary as the Kansas Farmers Alliance could possibly have sent to Washington to spread the doctrines of that organization. He was the principal speaker at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Knights of Labor a night or two ago. He said: "Under the old dispensation it was criminal to teach a slave to read. This appears rather harsh, but from the standpoint of arbitrary and despotic power it was logical. It is not a very difficult task to enslave an ignorant people, and it is easy to keep an illiterate people in bondage, but an intelligent and educated people or nation will never permit themselves to be deprived of the boon of liberty. Thus it is that there is so much agitation, so much discontent in the industrial world."

Men are being educated to know what their rights are, and knowing them they are going to have them. It is not so many hundred years since the laborer on an estate descended from father to son, like other chattels, but that time is gone forever. The farmers, the mechanics, the wage-workers of this country planted civilization on this soil, constructed railroads, built bridges and created a mighty industrial empire in what was wilderness. Have not they and their children a right to the product of their toil?

"The people have become tired of sending petitions to Congress to have them regarded. Hereafter living petitions, like myself will be sent, and they will get what they are sent after. The great trouble with many people is that they look up to and respect authority too much, and pay too much heed to worn out traditions. Even men high in governmental authority, who should be the exponents of great industrial principles, handle them as if they were afraid of being scorched by the contact. All of that will be changed in the near future, as well as the practice of the United States treasury in furnishing the Wall Street sharks with money, interest prepaid, for the asking, while American citizens are forced to pay the banks exorbitant interest for government money."

Secretary Foster and Senator Sherman have had two lengthy conferences within the last forty-eight hours, and unless my informant is badly mistaken, and he seldom is, these conferences bode no good to the gentlemen who have been figuring upon the retirement of Senator Sherman. It is believed that he will shortly announce his candidacy for re-election to the Senate, and that Secretary Foster has promised his active co-operation.

The favorable conclusion of the negotiations with Spain for a treaty providing for the trade reciprocity between Cuba and the United States, is a matter for congratulation, as Cuba is already a very large purchaser from us and under the treaty it is expected that her markets will be practically monopolized by this country.

For the second time interest in the Italian rumpus has died completely out. The opinion is general that it will be a hard matter for the Italians to answer or get around Mr. Blaine's last dispatch, which is regarded as that gentleman's ablest state paper.

According to Representative Springer, of Illinois, New York, under certain contingencies, has another candidate for the democratic presidential nomination besides Messrs. Cleveland and Hill, in the person of Representative Flower. Mr. Springer says, but he doesn't tell how he found out, that Mr. Flower is going to be nominated for governor of New York this year, and that if he is elected by a large majority that nothing can prevent his receiving the democratic presidential nomination next year. Mr. Flower has lots of money that he is always willing to spend to accomplish his own ends, but on the late Samuel J. Randall did to command the support of his party in a national convention.

Speaking of Hill and Cleveland, I heard a very interesting argument between two democratic Senators as to their individual merits, which would up with the statement by one of them that "Mr. Cleveland is more popular among those who have never seen him." "Yes," retorted the other, "and Hill is most popular among those who know him best, which tells the story of the two men's lives."

Owing to the illness of Attorney General Miller, the Sayward (Behring Sea) case, which was to have come up today in the Supreme Court, was postponed for a week.

Alexander News.

THE DURHAM ARGUMENT: We are told by those in a position to know, that there will be a good crop of apples and peaches.—Mrs. Gincey N. Deans died at her home near Springhope, on the 9th inst., at the age of 86 years.

Tarboro Southerner: Estimates of the decrease in cotton for this year are from fifteen to forty per cent. Several farmers will plant no cotton at all. Tobacco and peanuts are now rival competitors to the agricultural throne of Edgecombe.

Durham Sun: This morning a man was found dead in the middle of the R. R. track, two miles above Durham, near Hickstock. His name was Freeman Jeffries and it is supposed that the freight from the east, leaving here about 3 o'clock this morning, killed him.

Charlotte Chronicle: Dr. F. Scarr died at his residence on West Fifth street yesterday afternoon at half past four, after an illness of five days, at the age of 72 years. He was taken with grip last Thursday, and from the first his condition was regarded as critical.

Fayetteville Observer: Mr. William Hair, residing near Spout Springs, committed suicide a few days ago by hanging himself with a rope. He was about 75 years old, and when found, his foot was occupying a position which indicates in his last moments a hard and laborious struggle for relief from his awful fate.

Weldon News: Mrs. Eveline Branch died very suddenly of the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Joseph S. Grigg, Jarrettsville, Va., on Sunday night last aged about sixty-six years.—Weldon will have a free mail delivery very soon. The Postoffice Department has decided to put one free delivery office in the Second and Third Congressional Districts. The Postoffice Department has recommended that Weldon be the place.

New Bern Journal: A stock company is being formed at Vanceboro for the purpose of building a steamer to make the daily trips between this city and Vanceboro.—Throughout this section there is one of the most favorable outlooks for truck that has ever been at this season begun and three months ago the shipping season began and large amounts of cabbage, spinach, and radishes have been and are now being shipped and excellent prices obtained.

Oxford Day: A surveying party under the charge of Maj. J. A. Bullock, employed by the Oxford and Coast Line Railway company, started out yesterday to take a look at the country through which the new line will pass.

State News.

Ben Terrell, will address the people of North Carolina as follows:

Lincolnton, Saturday, April 25  
Columbus, Monday, " 27  
Henderson, Tuesday, " 28  
Asheville, Wednesday, " 29  
Marshall, Friday, " 1  
Waysville, Saturday, " 2  
Charlotte, Monday, " 4  
Marion, Wednesday, " 6  
Hickory, Thursday, " 7  
Salisbury, Friday, " 8

Speaking will begin promptly at 11 o'clock. All the people are cordially invited to attend the lectures of this distinguished gentleman.—All these meetings will be public except the second day of each District Alliance, which will be devoted to drilling the officers of the county Alliances throughout the district, all of whom are expected to be present.

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