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MONEY, land and transportation are the leading questions before the American people to-day.

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G. O. P. congressmen tell us that free coinage of silver means a 100-cent dollar for "Old Bullion" and a 70-cent dollar for the poor man. Sounds like a lie, don't it?

Some of the papers are trying to bulldoze Capt. S. B. Alexander, because he bows to the line. We venture to say that he will continue to think as he pleases.

There never has been a platform or a bill that was in shape to please everybody. But the St. Louis platform is suitable for the needs of most of the people. Discuss it and see if it is not.

Wall street don't want any more money in circulation. Its dollars of to-day are worth double that they were 25 years ago, and Wall street wants its dollars 25 years hence to be worth double what they are to-day.

Last week the school census taker for the city of Chicago made his report which shows that 10,000 children in that city cannot go to school because they have not clothing sufficient to cover their bodies. How does that correspond with the "overproduction" lie about cotton?

Did you know that there is a law in North Carolina against dealing in futures? There is one. Did you know that not a single judge has mentioned it in their addresses to the grand juries? It is a fact. We are not willing to believe that the judges have overlooked this intentionally, however.

At last the Standard Oil Trust is to be dissolved. Notice has already been given to the stockholders to meet this week for that purpose. Of course this is all a bluff. The business will be conducted on the same plan as usual. This step is taken on account of the recent decision of the Ohio Supreme Court.

WHO ARE THE COWARDS?

The Charlotte Observer is not willing for the farmers to have any say so in the platform this year. It intimates that they should be no part nor parcel in the making up of the platform.

It then goes on to call the politicians of the State "lenderfoots" and intimates that they have been guilty of cowardice. We think extreme men like the editor of the Observer are the ones who are afraid to take a step forward. They are not willing to put financial reform or anything solid in the platform. "Pull the mote out of thine own eye," my brother.

YOUR DUTY.

Not being the organ of any party this paper will not undertake to advise as to what particular party you affiliate with. All we claim to do is to criticize, approve, ventilate, educate.

We think the duty of Alliancemen is to go with the party that comes nearest giving what the organization demands. You should be reading, thinking and talking. Above all, go to the primaries, county and State conventions. Elect men for delegates, not milk and cider men either. Don't spend much time running after politics, but make what time you do devote valuable. Best of all, don't worship men. Let principles come first, then men, then parties.

Value is an idea, not a gross property of substance. The greater the facility for expressing the idea in tangible shape the better for the happiness of

THE GREAT ISSUES.

After a careful survey of the whole field we are able to give at least a partial review of the political situation for this campaign.

There is a little difference between the two parties—Republican and Democratic—on the silver question, but it is not confined to party limits, both parties being somewhat divided. There is also a slight difference on the tariff, but not limited by party lines, for some Republicans are free traders and tariff reformers while some Democrats are high protectionists.

Judging from the utterances of the leading partisan papers on both sides the leading issues for this campaign that will be discussed are: first, Senator Peffer's whiskers; second, Jerry Simpson's socks. These things will be the leading issues, but, as yet, the WATCHMAN has not been able to figure out which side the Republican party will take. We think, however, that Peffer has a right to wear long whiskers and that the tariff bill should be enlarged so as to levy high duties on foreigners who might want to come over here and wear whiskers. The Democrats will probably admit that he ought to wear whiskers, but they will object to more than 41 per cent of tariff and claim that Peffer ought to train his whiskers occasionally.

As to Congressman Simpson's socks we think that the Republicans will insist on his going without any at all, but demand that he pay duties on his feet. The Democratic party will admit that to go without socks is one of the great fundamental principles of Jeffersonian simplicity, but that is unconstitutional to tax a man's feet to raise revenue, and urge them to put Jerry's feet on the free list.

The above is a true picture of the situation as we see it. Some of us had hoped to see financial reform and some other things brought prominently forward in this campaign, but the outlook is rather gloomy at this time. We want it understood that we get this from party organs on both sides. There may be changes yet if the people bestir themselves, but after reading party organs for a long time we can see nothing but Peffer's whiskers and Simpson's socks mentioned.

PUT THIS IN YOUR PIPE.

Plain Facts and Sharp, Pithy Sayings from Reform Papers.

You farmers feed your horses to get good work from them; try the same application to your newspaper.—Non-conformist.

God is said to be everywhere but this is a mistake. He certainly is not in the United States congress. Mephistopheles runs that show.

We face the crisis of the age: shall we halt and perish, or "move forward" by "united action" and survive against revolution!—New Age.

Four hundred years after Columbus discovered America, Shylock will discover the power of her people in defense of their rights.—Iowa Tribune.

How was the first laborer employed? Who furnished the capital? Will some of the wise-ones who insist upon referring to money as capital, please answer?—New Age.

Don't try to make a commercial affair of the reform movement. A person who is in this movement only for the dollar, had better get out at once.—Cincinnati Herald.

Money, transportation and land constitute the trinity of reform. Press these issues to the front and keep them there. In them is our hope of success.—National Reformer.

The time is past when open opposition can be found to Alliance principles. Ridicule and misrepresentation is the ammunition that the people must face.—Iowa Tribune.

The steel trust, known as the Illinois Steel company, has just added \$25,000,000 of water to its stock, of which the people will have to pay an interest.—Colorado Workman.

The old parties, with their gemelistic platforms that mean everything in general and nothing in particular, will soon be on the political stage, "whooping-up" the confiding voter.—Jackson (Miss.) Leader.

Only a week or two ago thirty-six glass factories closed down as per agreement of the millionaire owners. Thousands of men are consequently out of a job. But then, nothing like having them protected against the paupers of Europe.—Kansas Commoner.

Hon. Robert Porter dares not publish the mortgages and debt statements as they come to him from the different census takers. If the truth on this one point were published, it would elect a third party president this fall by 1,000,000 plurality.—Public Opinion.

The papers are filled with reports of the suffering of people out of employment and out of work. Why? The country is only about half developed. The answer is not hard. Every farmer whose buildings are out of repair, every merchant whose accounts are uncollected, every business man, will tell you at once and in one word—money.—Kansas Courier.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Harrison as a Candidate—Hill's Silver Sentiment—Looking After Alliance Interests—Tariff Talk—Other Matters.

Correspondence of the Watchman.

WASHINGTON, March 14, 1892.—President Harrison has not written that letter stating that he would not allow his name to go before the next National convention of his party, although a few days ago prominent United States senators were quoted as saying that such a letter would shortly be written. The general opinion here seems to be that this story originated in the wishes of those senators antagonistic to Mr. Harrison, the same gentleman who are trying to concentrate the anti-Harrison strength upon the same man—about as difficult a political job as was ever undertaken.

Senator Hill is said to be very much embarrassed by the efforts of the Cleveland Democrats to force him to state his position on the free coinage of silver, and it is stated that he would very gladly have postponed his trip down South had it been possible, because of fear that he will somehow be roped into a declaration of opinion on the same subject. Some of those who claim to enjoy his confidence say that he favors free coinage but, in deference to the sentiment of his State, vote against it when it reaches the senate, after being passed by the House, as it certainly will be next week. They add, however, that Mr. Hill is willing to promise that he will not vote a free coinage bill should he be elected president, and it is passed by the fifty-third congress. It should be remembered, in considering this, that Mr. Hill himself has said nothing on the subject further than his now famous "I'll not cross that bridge until I get to it."

Mr. Blaine's continued illness has again started rumors of his early retirement from office, but at his house it is said that he contemplates going South for a short while as soon as he gets well enough to travel, but expects to resume his duties a little later on.

The Alliance congressmen have held several conferences concerning the necessary steps to be taken to see that Alliance interests are properly looked after in the campaign which will precede the congressional election. It is probable that they will follow the example of the old parties to the extent of appointing a congressional campaign committee to look after the distribution of documents, etc., in all the districts where there is any probability of electing Alliance men. These gentlemen all deny the rumor of a probable split between the Western and Southern Alliancemen, which has been current here since the St. Louis conference.

The inventors of this country have not only paid the expenses of the United States patent office, but \$1,000,000 of their money is now lying idle in the treasury, where it has year by year accumulated as the surplus earnings of that office. And yet, if one of those inventors, or anybody else, has need of a printed copy of a patent granted, he cannot get it. Why? Because lack of room to store and arrange these copies has compelled the Commissioners of patents to stop furnishing them. Congress is really the culprit in this case, for it has neglected to authorize the patent office to spend a portion of the money to its credit in getting room enough to transact its enormous and constantly increasing business.

More than one hundred congressmen, representing Northern, Western and Central States, have signed a letter addressed to the House committee on rivers and harbors, requesting that the proposed 21 foot ship channel through the great lakes be incorporated in the river and harbor bill, and that a proper initial appropriation be made therefor.

A noticeable feature of the tariff debate now going on in the House is the absence of undisputed facts in the speeches on both sides. The Democratic speaker will tell his hearers that the McKinley law is carrying the country to destruction at a terrific rate of speed, and that nothing but the election of a Democratic president and congress can save it, but the facts he presents as proof are very meagre. The Republican speaker replies by stating that it is the McKinley law that gives the country its present prosperity, which can only be maintained by the election of a Republican president and congress, but the facts he presents are about on a par with those of his opponent. A distinguished United States senator, now dead, once said privately that there were not ten men in the United States who thoroughly understood the tariff in all its branches, and your correspondent is inclined to think that he was right, and that the number has not been greatly increased since he said so.

No answer has been received from Lord Salisbury to the dispatch sent him last week, protesting against his refusal to renew the modus vivendi, and no other move is expected until he is heard from. The talk in official circles is of a peaceable settlement, but it is known that arrangements are being made to concentrate a sufficient naval force in Behring Sea to prevent poaching, whatever Lord Salisbury may decide to do.

When the farmer learns that the poorly paid city laborer makes but a poor demand for farm products, and the city laborer learns that the farmer is selling his products for less than the price of production, makes but a poor demand for the products of the shop and factory, then they will come together for mutual benefit.—Texas Herald.

Closing Exercises of the School at Saw.

Last Friday was a real letter day in the history of Saw. It will long be remembered by the teacher, pupils and the people of the vicinity. The writer did not have the pleasure of spending the day with his many friends there, but from what he could gather a sumptuous dinner had been prepared by the school and the ladies of the community. At noon a large table was furnished with luxuries of all kinds, and the school were invited to partake of the good things that had been prepared for the occasion. After they had all eaten there were gathered up of the fragments that remained almost twelve baskets full.

Games of all kinds held the crowd in sway until 7 o'clock, when it was announced that the closing exercises would begin. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large audience had gathered, the number being estimated at about three hundred.

The exercises furnished was far above the average. The recitations, dialogues, etc., were delivered in a manner which proved that the scholars had not been spending their time in idleness, as is often the case in many of our schools.

The teacher, Mr. E. L. Fleming, was not forgetful of the happiness of the scholars he so much loved, and they received a nice treat from his hands.

Thus pleasantly closed the session of 1892 at Saw, N. C.

Mr. Editor:—In reading your paper I find that you get items from all parts of the country except from Mill Bridge, so if you will allow me space in your valuable paper I will give you a few items from the place above mentioned.

There has been a good deal of sickness at this place, mumps and la grip. Mr. Luther Davis, who has been down with typhoid fever is improving slowly. Mrs. Harriet Gillispie has been quite sick with erysipelas in the face, but is on the mend. Maj. Stansill is very sick with la grip. Hope he will soon recover. Some of the farmers are sowing oats, some plowing, fixing to plant corn. I don't think there will be much cotton planted in this community this year, except by Maj. Stansill. I understand that he is going into it deeper than ever. Wheat in this community is not looking so well. Seems that a great deal of it perished last fall during dry spell. The farmers that sowed clover seed last fall will have to sow over this spring; it all froze out. Mr. George Hall, one of our successful young farmers lost about five acres of wheat on account of the freezes. It was sown very late. He also lost a fine horse. Cause unknown.

Gambling is the most destructive of vices. That it is a widespread evil can not be doubted. We fear that it is on the increase. The spirit of speculation that has seized on all classes in this country bears gambling as its legitimate fruit, creates the gambling mania and relieves its odium. It is almost impossible to tell where speculation and gambling begins, they are so nearly allied and feed so inseparably into each other. It will be impossible to cure the evil of gambling the spirit of speculation is destroyed. While the Merchants' Exchange, Real Estate Exchange, and the marts of trade are filled and excited all day by speculation, the den and hives and pools will be stocked all night with gambling.

True. Let the Hatch bill be passed and stop gambling in farm products.

The great difference between this great political reform movement and all others which have preceded it lies in the fact that the people themselves are to become the leaders, while the office holders must become their true servants—not in name alone but in all that the term signifies.—Illinois Acorn.

The subsidized press throughout the nation takes a great deal of pleasure in misrepresenting the St. Louis meeting, and the people who are interested in reform work. If there is any consolation in lying, gentlemen you are certainly entitled to the benefit.—West Virginia Farmer.

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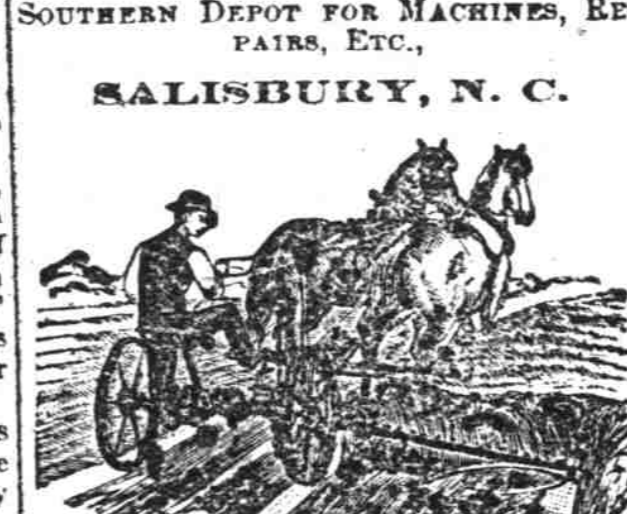
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The shoe stock of \$3,000 in this Levy stock will go at half price in cents on the dollar. The Clothing will go at less than half the price we will pay the public, and pay big, to take it and we are not going to carry over. We can make out of this purchase as much as we want to make out of stock, which is simply a fair profit, and sacrifice the clothing at wholesale. A large stock of staple Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Notions, Groceries, and all kinds of Goods all through the house. You will find this the best sale ever made in the Carolinas at 25 per cent. less than the wholesale price. Sale began Tuesday, February 24th. Don't overlook this sale of stock from Durham; one of the best staple stocks in the State, and one of the best buyers. We shall undoubtedly slaughter it and let you in. W. J. DAVIS & CO., CHARLOTTE.