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President Cleveland's message is brim full of Jackass-onian Democracy.

The Bible says, "all liars shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone." The so-called Democratic press seems determined to gobble up the whole concern.

It is said that President Cleveland's oldest son (Maria Halpin's boy Oscar) is so indignant at his father's treatment of the Cuban patriots that he has decided to join a filibuster expedition and enter the Cuban army.

The Atchinson Champion, one of the oldest Republican papers in Kansas, is moved to say: "As the smoke of battle clears away there are altogether too many Populist officers crawling out from under the ruins."

The cow trains are not all in with election returns, yet, says the Shelby (Neb.) Sun, but so far as received the Populists have gained in Nebraska, 59 county officers and lost 28, leaving a net gain of 28.

If every one of our present subscribers will secure for us one new subscriber it will give THE WATCHMAN such a start that no ordinary power can down it. Many can readily secure more than one subscriber, and are doing it. Let the good work go on.

George Washington declared in his farewell address, that the correct way to preserve the public credit is to use it as sparingly as possible. Grover Cleveland's way of preserving the public credit is to strain it to its utmost limit. But it's a long drop from Washington, "the father of his country," down to Grover, the fisherman of Buzzard's Bay.

We abuse China for her "low civilization," as it is called, and her incorrigible fondness for a diet of rats, says the American Nonconformist. But it should be remembered that there has not been a bank failure in that country for six hundred years and there is only one brass band in the whole empire.

"Business is still sluggish," says Dun's Review. "With all the shrinkage in present business and prices, it is encouraging to find but a small increase in failures. Liabilities for four weeks of November were \$12,000,293 against \$10,581,873 last year. Failures in the United States for the week have been 324." Cheering, isn't it?

Mr. W. L. Hardin, one of the most enthusiastic Democratic drummers on the road is in the city. The Major says his love for Democracy was not shaken in the least by the late landslide. He predicts the death of the Populist party in a short while.—Evening World.

Since election we have seen the statement in at least 947 Democratic papers that the Populist party was dead and buried, and here comes "the most enthusiastic Democratic drummer on the road" with the prediction that the Populist party will die in a short while. Somebody must have made a mistake.

The Populists flock pretty much by themselves, as they are likely to do during the session both as to business proceedings and as to locality.—Daily Herald.

Not nearly so much, Mr. Herald, as the Democrats are likely to do in the near future. They have had entirely too much to do in the business of the session for the good of this country. Too many of them, too, but they are all growing beautifully less. Better have nothing to do than be an excessiveness on the body politic. We can trust our Populist friends. If Congress does nothing for the relief of our country, be sure the Populists are not in it. They will glory in being by their side. If Congress makes a move to relieve the country our Pops will pop in, you bet.

Immediately after the opening of Congress the Statesville Landmark and Charlotte Observer announced with a great blast of trumpets that Representative Linney and in fact every other prominent Republican fusionist in North Carolina had flopped over into the goldbug camp. Later on in the Observer's Washington Letter we find the following paragraph:

Representative Linney said today he would vote to coin all the bullion in the Treasury and to redeem the greenbacks with silver. Representative Skinner remarked: "This is sound Populist doctrine."

We leave our readers to draw their own conclusion as to Congressman Linney's position on the money question.

## TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

THE WATCHMAN was started up again some six months ago by a stock company. It had been suspended for several months, the purchaser having failed to conduct it in a way that would meet the approval of the good people of this county. To start again was almost like beginning the publication of a new paper, and, in addition to that, it was in the early summer of the dullest newspaper year ever known, hence the paper required tender nursing, notwithstanding the fact that it is being run on the most economical basis possible. But it has pulled through and is entirely out of debt, so far as running expenses are concerned. It doesn't owe a dollar for paper, rent nor labor, everything being paid up to date. The patronage both subscription and advertising, is slowly but surely climbing up, and with a company of stockholders who mean business and are financially able to meet their contracts, the permanency of the paper is assured.

Some of our subscribers, all good men, we believe, are a little behind. We hope they will come in and pay up at once, as we need the money to pay running expenses and make some improvements in the room occupied by the paper, it not being suitable for printing purposes in the winter. We get cheaper rates by having the work done ourselves, and can afford to have the building improved on that account. The money will be due for the mechanical work in a few days, and we hope every subscriber will pay up at once, and bring in a new one at the same time.

The paper will be improved from time to time if the patronage justifies it, and we hope every good man in Rowan and surrounding counties will do all he can to increase the patronage and usefulness of THE WATCHMAN. We have a great fight before us friends, and you know the power of the press. Put THE WATCHMAN in the hands of every man in your neighborhood and we will win.

## A MATHEMATICAL QUESTION.

If we pay \$200,000,000 in gold as interest to Europe (we do) and our output of gold is \$83,000,000 and our trade with other nations amounts to 4 per cent. of our business allowing 23 per cent. of our entire business to be with Europe and 14 with the other nations, the question is: How long will it take for our entire stock of gold to leave us? How long will it be till America is left entirely without gold money?

The entire output of the world of gold is only \$165,000,000—\$35,000,000 less than we have to pay England annually. We might ask another question here: How long will it take England to gather up all the gold in sight in the world?

The nations borrowing the most money at present are China, Spain, and the United States. It is by a political accident, not likely to happen again, that the country last named finds itself in this questionable company.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

New that the Alliance Executive Committee has located the shoe factory the noble and the proper thing to do would be for every Alliance man in the State to take some stock, be it ever so small. Industrial co-operation is the best way to break the back of the trusts and combines. Let's cowhide them to the wall with our cow-hides.—Concord Vestibule.

The result of the last election is that the Populists have elected more county officers than last year or '93. The total vote of the State was much less than last year, with an increase of the Populist percentage and a decrease of the Republican percentage.—Concordia (Kan.) Kansan.

## The Pops and Parties.

Who are the Pops? What are they, and where do they stand? are some of the questions asked about them. They seem to be so hard to understand, they are somewhat Democratic and not hostile to the Republicans and Prohibitionists. They don't seem to care for party name, or for party affiliation; they can associate with all the parties, and bid any of them a hearty welcome to their ranks; and if you strike them on the issues of the day they will whip you every time. They are so hard to understand. Will some one give us a little explanation as to their political relation and standpoint? May be, a little inquiry as to their ancestry, will give us a little light on the subject.

It is generally believed that the Pops are the descendants principally of the Democrats, therefore the Democratic party is their mother, Jeffersonian Democracy is their grandmother, and the Republicanism of George Washington is their great-grandmother. Now this seems to be a little mixed and helps us to see why they are some kin to both the old parties. But their mother, the Democratic party, left her first love, and too without a reasonable cause, got a bill of divorce to issue bonds in a time of peace and married the wealth of England, such as foreign syndicates, monopolists and goldbugs, and thought she would take all her children with her; but those called the Pops wouldn't go.

Now that old party or mother of the Pops is to be called Mrs. Democrat after she is married to another man; but to all good and reasonable people that is not the proper name. She is married to another principle. She and her husband (foreign power) must agree because they are one. But her children (the Pops) still hold on to the faith and religion of their grandmother, Jeffersonian Democracy. So the Pops hold to the true Democracy and the so-called Democrats hold on to the party and would like to be called by the old name, put by marriage they are properly goldbugs and not Democrats.

But the Pops seem to be somewhat allied with the Republicans! How is that? Well that is quite natural since their great-grandmother the Republicanism of George Washington; can any man object to Washington's politics? But if you vote with the Republicans you must vote with the negro! Well let us see, let us be fair about it; and if there is anything wrong let us get right. If a colored man votes the Democratic ticket do the Democrats vote with the negroes? If that is so they must enjoy it or they would not try so hard to buy the colored man's vote.

But to be honest, I contend that the white people do not vote with the colored unless the colored people get up a party and the white people vote that ticket. But if a colored man wishes to vote my sentiments I will gladly have him do so, and so will every so-called Democrat, or by marriage, goldbug.

Now do you understand the Pops and their relation to other parties? They are not caring for party names, but for the good of the country and for the greatest good of the masses. So it does not matter whether you are a Democrat, a Republican or a Prohibitionist; if you love the doctrine of Washington, the politics of Jefferson and Jackson, you can vote with the Pops.

Come thou with us, brethren, and we will do you good.

A SUBSCRIBER.  
Salisbury, N. C.

Here's a pipeful for the cheerful idiot to smoke who yawns "Populism dying," says a Western exchange. In Nebraska, Holcomb, the Populist nominee for governor, last year had 88,000 votes and had the endorsement of the Democrats. In the late campaign the Populists went it alone, had no Democratic endorsement, and their candidate for supreme judge received over 105,000 votes—7,000 more votes than Holcomb received one year ago, and making a clean estimated Populist gain of 35,000 votes over last year.

In God's name rally to the Reform press, says an exchange. One good paper, judiciously placed in the hands of a liberal minded opponent, will do more toward winning converts in six months than all the brass bands, torchlight processions, fire-snooring barrages, and gizzarding of mean whiskey will do in ten years by the watch.

## Stand by The Watchman.

Stand by THE WATCHMAN, brethren! It is our mouthpiece of freedom, liberty and independence. It is a watchman upon the walls to give us the signal of danger, the signs of the times and the good news of Populist progress.

No doubt you remember how we were two years ago; a flock of sheep without a shepherd, an organization without a leader and a party without a mouthpiece. Whatever ridicule, abuse or slander others might put upon us we had to take; like paupers, servants and slaves we had to keep our mouth shut because we had no one to speak for us. But now we have an ensign, THE WATCHMAN, undaunted in defence of our cause and fearless to express the truth. Stand by this your banner, brethren, give it your hearty support; you have been abused and misrepresented long enough. It is the farmers' paper and farmers should patronize those who advertise in it.

Now what is one dollar a year in comparison with all the foregoing? I would rather pay five dollars than be without it. A Subscriber.  
Salisbury, N. C.

The newspapers never reported a more pitiful story than the following: "A wretched mother dropped dead about four weeks ago at the feet of the son who had been a burden and a sorrow to her. This son, who was thirty years old, instead of helping his mother, spent his wages for whiskey. At last the mother concluded that committing him as an habitual drunkard might lead to his reformation. She was called to the witness stand to swear to the complaint but the strain was too great for her, and she fell dead with the words on her lips: "It's breaking my heart." No order, living or dead, ever delivered a temperance lecture equal to this in pathos, and eloquence," says an exchange.

We are sending to our friends in Rowan county each week a large number of extra copies of THE WATCHMAN free distribution. When received will you please hand them to friends and solicit their subscription. Push the work of reform in your neighborhood, and success will be ours.

THE WATCHMAN from now until January 1, 1897, for only \$1.00. Don't delay. Subscribe now.

## Notice to Reformers.

It is now absolutely necessary that the reform forces begin to organize and put the ball to rolling if we intend to win in '96. It seems to some that they can fold their arms and wait to success on flowery beds of ease without putting a hand to the movement or sacrificing a cent. All who are of this opinion are entirely mistaken, for if we win we must organize and make a small sacrifice. The best and surest plan is to begin on a small scale and as it grows older it will grow stronger.

We would suggest that the Populists of each school district in the county hold a meeting and organize a Populist club and then hold township meetings. For the benefit of such clubs we will send the WATCHMAN in clubs of five or more from now until Jan. 1, 1897 for \$1.00 paid in advance. Now if you want to win the fight in '96 and want the WATCHMAN at greatly reduced prices get a move on your selves and organize clubs and send us your names and your silver and get value received for it. For the benefit of those who say they cannot afford to pay for the paper a year in advance we make this proposition: We will send the WATCHMAN from now until June 1st, '96 in clubs of twelve for 50c. Now if you want the paper there is nothing to hinder you from having it. The WATCHMAN is ready to publish notices concerning club meetings at any time and place.

## Scott's Emulsion

is Cod-liver Oil without the fish-fat taste. You get all the virtue of the oil. You skip nothing but the taste.

## OUR WRITERS.

[Read before the Rowan County Farmers' Alliance, Nov. 30, 1895.]

We live in a mechanical age. We glory more in a new invention than we do in a new book. A multitude of people who remain totally unmoved, uninterested and unimpressed by the most superb achievement of some master in literature will stop and stare in the street at the commonest mechanical feat. The organization, however, in whose interest I am speaking this evening, stands for the cultivation of the higher "abilities" of human life, and the very spirit of the age to which I have already alluded only serves to add to the urgency of its claims.

We are informed that in ancient times the people heard the Lord gladly. It is the object of the Farmers' Alliance, in an age when the book is the sermon for many people, the magazine the oration, and the newspaper the most eloquent speech to have them read the Lord's will gladly. I but state a well known fact when I say that the sources of human intelligence have been greatly enlarged by such agencies as that which we represent. Literature has attained to such dimensions that it may be said to surround us like an atmosphere. It is not as it once was in history, when wandering minstrels and storytellers were the only books in Europe. Neither is it as it was long after the invention of printing, when books were unobtainable by the mass of the people. The printing press is now one of the most powerful agencies and goes very far according to its nature and tendency to make us or mar us, as individuals, as families and as nations; a power it is that implies a tremendous responsibility somewhere, or rather, everywhere. And this responsibility is augmented when we remember that there never was a time when new theories were so hospitably entertained or adopted on a broader examination and more slender evidence, than now; never a time when a brilliant imagination, copious illustrations and a captivatory diction could give such extensive currency to theories in respect to religion, morals, society, manners and customs. There is now going on a well defined movement to accord a hearing to everything which is new, or which appears to be new, and so many times by fascinating illustrations drawn by a facile brain, it has come in fact to be regarded as a prerogative of good writers to give not only energy and attractiveness to truth, but also plausibility to falsehood. It is considerations like these which lead us to emphasize in the Alliance by which it bears plentiful witness to the truth, by means of the printing press.

The Almighty does not usually project a new idea into this world by means of a committee or conference. There is usually one prophet or saint or reformer, who muses until the fire turns, and then he speaks with his tongue, or what is more permanent, writes a book or in a paper, and thus infuses into other souls the divine flame that has permeated his own. In the conflict with unbelief, prejudice and greed for worldly gain, much of the battle must be fought with weapons forged in devout studios and then made effective by the printer's ink. It is thus that the intellect as well as spiritual uniform of our faith is put on. The words of great writers symbolize the faiths or unfaiths of all reading and thinking men. They are shouted in their battle cries, quoted in their arguments, sung at their feasts, and even give comfort in sorrow and sometimes peace in death. Accordingly into the sad and humbling aspects of our nineteenth century life with its hideous vices and crimes, its luxuries and selfishness and greed set over against paperists, debasement and discontent, the light and evidence of the gospel command, "Love thy neighbor as thyself" must come from the reformer's lips and pen, as well as utter its admonitory voices from the pulpit.

The Farmers' Alliance was not introduced into this world with any show of learning; but not without the support of masterful speakers, writers and arguments; and its good cause be maintained in our day, and of such equipments she can proudly boast.

Not many years ago there was not a paper to advocate the cause of the farmer. It is true there were many so-called agricultural papers, but they only advised the farmer that the only way out of his troubles was to make two stalks of grain or grass to grow where only one

grew before, but so soon as this was done, to his utter astonishment he heard the cry of over production; then he was advised to cease producing so much else he would starve himself to death. The seat of his trouble was not clearly defined. His oppression did not abate; certain classes grew richer day by day and he grew poorer. Must he dig and delve and eke out his mortal existence, while other men devoured his substance and spent it in riotous living, faring sumptuously every day, when his maker had assured him that in the sweat of his face he could have bread to eat? Such conditions as these gave birth to the Farmers' Alliance.

It would be an ungracious and unnecessary task for me to place the Alliance in comparison with the church, but it is a great pleasure to study its contributors and contributions to the treasury of knowledge in the form of a literature unsurpassed in dignity and honor. The Alliance has always been an educational organization, and accordingly has always believed in information. Look at her noble work! Look at her grand achievements! Look at her band of writers and speakers! Has the Alliance been a failure? Although her members may wear hay-seeds in their hair.

Less than ten years ago the North Carolina State Alliance was organized and with the pioneer reformer, L. L. Polk, of sweet spirit and blessed memory, who went to his reward all too soon, with mind clear as the radiance from above, wrote for the Farmers' Alliance. He had light to shed on the pilgrim's way, food for the ever busy and weary worker. He could like the shepherd boy of old take a smooth stone from the crystal waters of Alliance truth, put it in his mighty sling and at a single blow crush the head of the giant of oppression.

And in conclusion, permit me to say that this leader of a few years ago did not take his mantle along with him when he left the scene of his earthly labors. Were it the proper thing to do, names might be given of those with us today who are worthy successors to this well beloved brother, although it must be said that their number is not so large as we wish it were. The majority may not be on our side, yet following majorities blindly is a dangerous thing. We may be a band weak and small, but if our principles are right God is with us and if God is for us who can be against us? Gideon of old started out with an army of twenty-two thousand men to lick the Midianites, but the first thing he knew he had but ten thousand; but this did not discourage him. Yet a more trying time was to come. When the final test came he had but 300 men left of the twenty-two thousand, and such another licking as they gave the hosts of Midianites was astonishing. Why? Because Gideon's cause was right and the Lord was on his side. The Lord is always found on the side of right. Ever since the creation God has honored the laboring man and his occupation. God's own Son worked at the carpenter's trade. Then it is the Lord has honored the laborer all the past ages do you think he is going to forsake him in the Nineteenth century? Let us notice some of the great writers and prophets of reform and benevolence who came from the fields. When Elijah went to set Elisha apart for the prophetic office where do you think he found him? He found him in the field plowing. Washington came from the fields. Jefferson from the fields, and the presidential martyrs, Garfield and Lincoln, from the fields. Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and Martin Luther from the fields, and why should not our writers with pen and brain honor the men of the field. Behold in that first Christmas night how God honored the fields. There were wisecracks that night and sardered government officials in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, snoring in deep sleep. But the first announcement of a Saviour's birth was made to those shepherd boys out there in the field at their past of duty. They heard that angelic band singing, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will to men." Brethren, we cannot all be great writers of the truth, but let us be readers, and not only readers but actors of the truth. Then let us thank God and take courage.

M. L. HERRING,  
Secretary Rowan County Alliance.

WATCHMAN readers patronize WATCHMAN advertisers. If you want to reach the country trade advertise in this paper.

## PEOPLE'S PARTY PLATFORM.

The following was adopted in National Convention at Omaha July 4, 1892.

1. We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts public and private, and that without the use of private corporations, a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people, at a tax not exceeding 2 per cent per annum be provided, as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvement.

2. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1.

3. We demand that the amount of the circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

4. We demand a graduated income tax.

5. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all state and national revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.

6. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the savings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

7. Transportation by a means of exchange and a public security, being a government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

8. The telegraph and telephone, like the post office system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

9. The land, including all the natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of all the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and when ownership of lands should be prohibited. All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual need, and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

HAVING qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of J. H. Gheen, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me for payment on or before the 21st day of November, 1895, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment.

W. T. GHEEN,  
Executor of J. H. Gheen, deceased.  
Thos. P. Klutz, Atty. Nov. 21, 1895.

## NOTICE.

I will offer at public sale on Wednesday the 18th day of December, 1895, at my old home place, near Elmker, Rowan county, N. C., a fine lot of rich cows and a fine lot of high grade Jersey heifers coming in by spring; three head of horses and mules; about 25 head of hogs; a lot of farming utensils; my dairy farm; 200 acres are also for sale or lease. J. F. STANFILL,  
Mill Bridge, N. C.

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