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If Populists can not co-operate on some part of the Omaha platform, they had better let co-operation alone. We believe that successful co-operation can be had on the principle of free coinage of silver, 16 to 1, because more people are decided in favor of that principle than on any other part of the Omaha platform.

Do the Democrats expect to run a candidate for president this year? They are saying but little about it, and it has been hinted that they will try it without a candidate and see how they come out.—Concord Vestibule.

I suppose, after all the Democrats have said about the negro, if the bosses were to put out one for President, they would vote for him. Some say they would vote for the devil, others say they would vote for a bound dog, if the party would nominate him. Will we do not suppose either the devil, bound dog, or negro could have brought the country into a worse condition than Cleveland and his advisors have.

About the close of Cleveland's first administration the surplus in the treasury had reached the vast sum of \$31,921,204 which was deposited among the National banks without interest. The pressure against this outrage became so pronounced that he was finally compelled to apply it to the bonded debt. Instead, however, of calling in bonds and paying them off at par, as he had a perfect right to do under the plain letter of the law, he consented to a strained construction of the Statute and began the purchase of bonds at an outrageous premium in the open market. Between 1887 and 1890 over \$42,000,000 had been paid out as premium, a greater part of which ranged from 25 to 30 per cent. This was President Cleveland's method of reducing the surplus. Under the present administration this entire line of policy has been reversed not however to the advantage of the people. Instead of buying bonds over \$202,000,000 have been sold. While the methods made use of in the purchase of bonds during his first term were questionable and gave rise to grave suspicions, the transactions connected with the bond sales of the past two years are absolutely dishonest. More than \$62,000,000 in bonds were disposed of at private sale in a clandestine and secret manner to a New York Syndicate headed by Banker Morgan, which President Cleveland's law partner is the go-between. In this transaction bonds worth in the open market \$1,10 were sold for \$1.04 entailing a loss to the people of more than \$10,000,000. In the recent sale of \$100,000,000 in bond there is hardly a doubt that Banker Morgan did not know the exact figures of each bid before his was placed which enabled him again to receive nearly one-half of all sold and realize a great profit. Taken as a whole President Cleveland's bond transactions have been extremely costly to the people. His loss on the purchase and sale of bonds during his two terms will amount to over \$60,000,000. While the interest on the bonds he has so far sold will foot up to nearly \$90,000,000 before the bonds mature. Such imbecility or dishonesty demands investigation. The country is under obligation to the tried and true Populist Congress man and the People's party in the State cannot do better than nominate him for Governor.

Another murderer has been acquitted in Madison county, about the four hundredth, more or less. His name was Bolding and the Hendersonville Times says of the acquittal "There was an unusual scene in the court room when the verdict of 'not guilty' was returned. It partook of features of a religious revival. The father of Bolding, an aged minister, wept and prayed, and there was singing, praying and hand-shaking by the friends and relatives of the prisoner now free.

It is said that Bennett strings will be worn very short the coming season, but honest folks will not wear them.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE PEOPLE'S PARTY NEWS BUREAU, BLISS BUILDING, 25 B. N. W.

WASHINGTON, April the 4th.—The fact that the name of no leading Populist in the State has been mentioned as a fusion candidate for governor seems to have made the impression that the Populist party, without candidates or its leader without aspirations. It has both. But a fusion of parties means agreement on candidates as well as principles. No agreement having been reached it was not good taste to make a campaign for the nomination. "But whether fusion on the ticket is effected or not, in view of what is going on among Republican aspirants for the governorship, I suggest," writes a prominent western North Carolina Populist, "the name of Hon. A. C. Shuford as the Populist candidate for the nomination, straight or mixed." When this suggestion was submitted to Mr. Shuford by your correspondent he said that he had received a number of letters from different sections of the State making the same suggestion and offering support. While it was flattering and is deeply appreciated he felt reluctant to appear as a candidate for the nomination until agreement as to fusion was satisfactorily concluded. And that is his position. Mention is made of the matter now to call attention to the splendid record he has made in Congress which, in itself, is a good platform. If he had made no record as a conscientious, laborious, industrious, alert member, his resolution to investigate Cleveland's infamous bond-deal manipulation would entitle him to the confidence and support of the people.

CHARGES AGAINST CLEVELAND

It took some courage to introduce the resolution, following which shows in its recital the history of the infamous transaction; whereas, declares the resolution, "during the past year serious charges have been made against the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Treasury concerning certain issues of interest-bearing bonds, and whereas said charges have not only been freely made through the press in both Houses of Congress; and whereas it is alleged that unfair and unprecedented advantages have been accorded by President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle to a certain financial syndicate located in New York City; and whereas it is asserted freely and openly, and the reports of the Treasury Department seem to justify the same, that immense profits were received by said syndicate through said unjust and unfair collusion; and whereas said profits were derived by said syndicate through the purchase of sixty-two million dollars of Government bonds, by private contract at a rate far below their value in the open market; and whereas charges of a similar character have been made against the President and Secretary of the Treasury regarding the recent bond issue, wherein this same syndicate secured nearly one-half of said bond issue in a mysterious and suspicious manner; and whereas the people of the United States are entitled to know the truth or falsity of such charges against their sworn representatives: Therefore, Resolved, That a committee of five, not more than two of whom shall belong to any one political party, be appointed by the Speaker, whose duty it shall be to make a thorough and impartial investigation into all the circumstances, methods, and negotiations relating to the last three issues of interest-bearing bonds, and report to this House on or before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-six. "I intend to push the resolution," said Mr. Shuford, "and compel the investigation. There is something rotten in this business and if it is possible to get at the facts I will prove all the disgraceful charges made in the public press and in both Houses of Congress." If the investigation is not vigorously prosecuted it will be the fault of the committee on Ways and Means. In this connection a little bond-issuing history of the Cleveland dynasty is interesting.

A prisoner in the Ohio penitentiary the other day had removed from his body a needle which had been in it for forty-two years. He swallowed it when eleven years old since then that needle has revealed all over his body. He felt the point protruding from his breast the other day and the prison physician removed it. It had during its wanderings in his body caused him much pain.

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A LETTER FROM ELLI.

Seven months yet, and then the greatest of political fights will have ended. Great because the future welfare and prosperity of our great country, and also its people, is at stake.

May the All-wise and Omniscient Father lead and direct those in whose hands the peace, safety and future prosperity of our great and glorious Christian country is now resting, and may our, and our country's future be brighter than that of the past.

Voters, have you begun to think? Do you know that the tricky and traitorous politicians are already scheming for your votes? and he will get them for a few drinks or a few paltry dollars if you don't get to thinking and studying—and that at once—about the future welfare of your family and your country. Do your own thinking in this matter, and don't let some slick-tongued political rascal lead you first because he can. They don't come around in "off years" and help you think about how you are to provide for your daily bread. Be ready, be a man. You are created a free man, don't be a slave, especially a rich man's political slave.

Voters are you preparing your ballots? If not, why not? It is high time you were beginning to read up on the important issues, most especially the financial question of the coming campaign. Read, study, think and above all, act when the proper time comes. Act like a patriotic American. Let your motto be: "America for Americans," and don't trouble your poor self about some other country, they will take care of themselves. Concern yourself about your country, and when after the great National conventions—Democratic, Republican and Populist are held, begin to cast around and see who are asking your suffrage. Read all you can about the candidates, and if an opportunity permits go and hear them speak, and after all you can gather, select and prepare your ballots for the ones, that in your judgement, honestly profess to stand by you and your country and fight for their good. Let no politician dictate for whom you shall vote. Scorn the man that attempts to buy your vote. Remember your privilege to vote is one of the most sacred you have as a free born citizen, and use it as such. Of course, if you wish advice ask it of some one who is capable of advising you and your country.

Farmers and laboring men; is it possible that we have become a nation of outlaws, thieves and robbers? If so, let us unite with the farmers and laboring men of the North and West, and vote to overthrow this corrupt government for which we have been partly responsible. It is now time that all intelligent men put on their thinking caps, listen to reason and buckle on their armor to help pass laws that will give us all the right to live and breathe and enjoy that freedom to which nature's laws entitle us? Is not these United States of America a grand and free country? Yes, and God forbid that they ever shall be otherwise.

But workingmen stop and think a little for yourselves, realize your power and you will let no man dictate for you. Is it not time to stop selling votes for a crisp note or a drink of whiskey? Yes, and don't, no don't, for the good of your country and for the sake of your wife and children sell your vote any more. The man who sells his vote for whiskey or money is an enemy to his country and should be treated the same as a deserter was during the civil war. Not only should he suffer, but the man who sends money in to a district for such dishonest purposes should also be punished.

Voters, arouse yourselves and look at the situation intelligently, think of the great and eminent dangers your country is in. Just think of our government formed by such great men as Washington, Jefferson and others, being in the hands of a band of corrupt politicians and money devils. And do you not know that so long as you vote for this money power as we have been in the past, we are powerless, and will never have laws made in the interest of the toiling masses?

Do you not understand that so long as you are skilled workmen, capable of running a business for yourselves, but allowing corporations and syndicates to run the business for you, so long you will be kept in bondage? Have we not groped along in the dark for two many years? Then let us see the coming

opportunity and such victory from those who are oppressing us by selecting and voting for competent, clear-headed and brainy leaders to make the laws and govern this country as a Democratic Republic should be.

Exert your abilities to draw the common class of people together and teach and advocate them to vote for competent leaders who are successfully in leading thousands in one direction, and they will be able to lead us out of this wilderness of serfdom into the promised land of freedom by teaching us to use our ballots to elect the right sort of men.

If every voter in the South and North would vote together in the coming campaign for a presidential candidate who is in favor of any American system of government, we could sweep the country over the New England plutocracy and win a victory that would mean something. But if the majority of the voters follow after the old reliable leaders as heretofore, and elect a gold-bug man, it will be no better for the people and our conditions and country will continue to go from bad to worse. Both old parties have been tried. We cannot reform them by giving them another chance and any voter with ordinary intelligence knows it. Let the patriots of the South, North and West come together, and vote together. Don't in Heaven's name vote for the man just because he may belong to the Democrat, Republican or Populist party, but vote for the man with the right principle makes no difference to which party he may belong.

LEMLEY.

A STRANGE STORY.

The Morganton Herald tells us that a few years ago a Mrs. B. moved to McDowell county from Tennessee, and brought with her a ten year-old son. A few days after her arrival the child disappeared and for four years had not been heard of. It is reported that sometime last month a party of McDowell people were hunting their hogs on the Huntsville Mountain. When they found the hogs in one of the mountain caves, they were surprised to see mingling with them a something like a human being, which fled as they advanced. They pursued this something and finally tracked it to a cavern in the rocks. The cave was filled with leaves, acorns, walnuts and hickory nuts. Lying in the leaves, overcome from exhaustion, was a human being, with hair all over his body, his toes nails grown under his feet, and his hands grown in the shape of claws. The power of speech had gone. His only sound being the grunt of a hog. He was seized, carried to a neighbor's house, where he is in confinement, and it is said to be the lost son of the widow B.

This story is given without gilding or garniture.

BURIED TWENTY-SIX.

Recently while Undertaker J. H. McConnell was preparing for burial the body of a colored child in the eastern part of the city, an old colored woman was offering consolation to the weeping mother. "Don't be crying about it," she said, "that baby's in heaven, and you'd better be trying to get there. I done buried 26." Mr. McConnell was struck by the number and asked if it was correct, and the old woman's statement was re-affirmed.—Asheville Citizen.

GO to your doctor for advice; he is the best man to tell you what medicine you need. Go to your druggist for your medicines; he knows more about drugs than a dry-goods man. Stick to your doctor and to your druggist if you're a sick man, but don't go to your druggist for advice, especially if your doctor has told you what to get. If your doctor tells you to get

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SELECTING SEED CORN.

A great many farmers who regard themselves as quite careful in the selection of seed contend themselves with making the selection at husking time or from the crib, being guided by the appearance of the ear. This is not sufficient, however, to secure the best results. Prof. H. J. Waters, dean of the Missouri Agricultural College, narrated a direct experiment on this point. The field was gone through and five ears were selected from the large, thrifty stalks having an abundant leaf growth. Another lot of ears equal in size was gathered from stalks smaller and less thrifty. After the seed had been gathered, the one lot could not be distinguished from the other so far as the appearance of the ears went. The only difference was in the kind of stalk that produced the ears. A field was planted with these two lots of seeds. All through the season that portion which had been grown from seed taken from the thrifty stalks could be distinguished from the seed taken from the less thrifty stalks. At harvest time the difference in favor of the seed from the large, thrifty stalks with plenty of leaf growth was seven bushels per acre, and Prof. Waters thinks that if this process of selection was carried on for a series of years a variety of corn could be considerably improved on the one hand or almost entirely run out on the other. It follows, therefore, that the selection of seed ears from the same crib, being guided by size and general appearance of the ear simply, is not sufficient, and that it is quite as important to know the kind of stalk that produces the seed ear as it is to know that the ear itself has the size, form, etc., which suit the purposes of the farmer.—Western Farm Journal.

ITEMS FROM ELLI.

Mr. Alfred Beaver has received his new organ. Tessie will now play Home Sweet Home when her beau comes.

We are glad to note that Elm Grove Alliance has re-organized its choir, preparatory to furnishing some excellent and inspiring music for the July meeting of the Rowan county Alliance. What we need most in the way of attendance is more of the ladies.

Rev. G. H. Cox will administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the new congregation at Elm Grove the second Sunday evening in April.

A large crowd attended the Easter convention at Lower Stone on the last Sunday. Rev. Barringer preached a most excellent Easter sermon.

Elm Grove Alliance will send a full delegation to the quarterly county meeting which convenes at Rowan Academy Friday and Saturday. This representation goes with instructions to invite the Rowan County Alliance to hold its next quarterly session with the Rowan sub-Alliance.

Several of our farmers have purchased a patent plow whereby they can plow up small sized stumps, roots, rocks etc., and also plow corn up till there is shoots on it. They can ride and cultivate a sixty acre corn crop in one season. Old plows etc., for sale cheap. Come early or they will be given away.

Mr. Gerdia Fisher and Miss Lillie Misenheimer were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. "Bill" Misenheimer, on last Thursday evening at 3 o'clock. The ceremony was performed in the presence of quite a crowd of relatives and friends. Both of these young people are of the Lower Stone church vicinity and their host of friends join in extending congratulations. Key. Paul Barringer officiated. About sixty persons composed the crowd that gave them an old-fashioned serenade that night, and it was a belting, too.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 4th.—The State Executive Committee of the People's party is hereby called to meet in Raleigh on Thursday, April 10th, at 4 o'clock p. m., at the Park Hotel. A full meeting of the committee is especially desired. MARION BUTLER. Chairman P. P. State Ex. Com. One night last week a certain young man in town fell in a ditch and thought he was in a well, and they say he was awfully scared.

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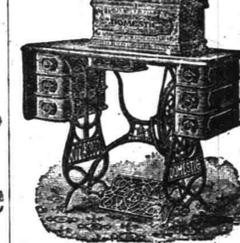
- The following was adopted in National Convention at Omaha July 4, 1892: 1. We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts public and private, and that without the use of banking corporations, a just, equitable, and efficient 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 Farmer's Alliance, or some better system also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements. 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 earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange. 7. Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the 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 alien ownership of lands should be prohibited. All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

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