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Last Wednesday the Republican of the 9th Congressional district held an enthusiastic convention at Asheville and nominated Hon. Richmond Pearson for Congress by acclamation.

Alabama has endorsed free silver in a primary election, and thus the people are doping themselves. The Democratic record places the party eternally against silver. If the people are in earnest there is but one way to prove it—by joining the People's party.

An Oklahoma paper publishes an article on "How to Save a Husband." If silver is not remonetized very soon no man will be able to afford to marry, and the dear ladies will have no husbands to save.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association have accepted the invitation extended them by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to meet in that city, and have called the press convention to be held July 15th.

Senator Harris says he will continue the fight for free silver, but only inside the Democratic party. We do not doubt that Harris' position is entirely satisfactory to the gold-bugs. He has been in Congress for many years and in that time has seen silver stabbed to death. How much longer will it take him to get free coinage through the Democratic party? The people need no better proof that Harris and his sort are frauds.—Current Voice.

An exchange says that a man in the western part of Nebraska, having a large bunch of horses, the market being overstocked, wrote a friend in Washington City to ascertain if he could not help sell a car load or two of his stock. The answer was very brief and read as follows: "The people of Washington ride bicycles, the street cars run by electricity, and the government is run by jackasses. No demand for horseflesh."

The talk about free silver through the Democratic party is all bosh and nonsense. The national Democratic convention will be controlled by the gold bugs and silver will not stand a shadow of a chance. But if those wiley politicians should insert a free coinage plank in their platform, nobody will have any confidence in it. Their actions and their records belie their words, and a declaration for free coinage of silver coming from such a source would mean nothing but rank deception and treachery.—Plow Boy.

The latest is that an air ship has at last been invented—one that can rise from a level, carry heavy guns and men to work them. It is a sort of cigar shaped concern with huge wings, worked by machinery. It approximates what some scientific men who have examined it say it can do, it is a destructive engine of war.

A Sutler's Convention is to be held at Pine Bluff, N. C., May 5, under the auspices of the Southern Interstate Immigration Association. The convention will be composed entirely of men who have gone from the North and West and made their home in the South. Its object being to enable leading men now living in the South to express through a public convention their opinion of the South and its attractions to the immigrant and investor. Over 100 newspaper men from the North will be present and what is said and done in the convention will be widely advertised throughout that section. The Governors of the various States will propably appoint delegates, and every commercial body in the South is entitled to and requested to send a full representation.

The bankers having adopted the practice of opening their meetings with prayer, the saloons and houses of prostitution should follow suit. Ex.

Honest politics is the only kind the people have any use for.

## DON'T BLAME THEM.

Don't blame the man who is making a fortune under the present financial system for using his influence to prevent a change.

It is not reasonable to suppose that a man who prospers under the single gold standard would want a double standard.

Don't blame the public official for trying to hold on to a salary that will buy twice as much now as it would twenty years ago.

Just blame yourself for voting for a man who is not in favor of reducing salaries, or of raising the price of labor and labor's products.

Don't blame the preacher for voting the gold bug ticket, for he is able to buy more chickens with his salary now, than if we had a double standard of both gold and silver.

Just blame yourself for supporting such a preacher. The cause of God and humanity seems to be waning.

Charity has taken a back seat and avarice holds the fort in the amen corner.

Don't blame the money lender for supporting the gold standard, for it enables him to take advantage of your troubles and gather in your property at half value.

Just blame yourself for patronizing him.

When you repeatedly raise a rascal to prominence and power, don't blame him for betraying your confidence and swindling you out of your rights.

Just blame yourself for being a hard-headed fool, and go try another man.

Don't blame the Democratic administration for your hard times. They make more money working against you than for you.

Just blame the party prejudice that prevented you from listening to reason.

Don't blame the Republican party for vicious laws and unjust government. It is the well paid tool of the money power, and if you had read and reasoned as you ought have done, you would have known it years ago.

A burnt child dreads the fire, but it is not so with an old party mossback. He has been burnt every year since the war, and the darn fools will go and vote the same ticket again.

A careful perusal of reform papers will educate any reasonable man up on the true condition of our country; the character of the men that give it, and the remedy for restoring it to its former grandeur and prosperity.

JOE SCOTT.

Hartwell, Ga.

## Stray Shots.

BY A POP.

Nothing shows more clearly the absence of principle in the Democratic party than their adhearance to it regardless of what it requires. They are neither gold bugs nor bimetalists, and yet they are both.

In vain have I looked for anything for the good of the people, it is all for the good of the party. The question is never asked, will it hurt the people, no, no. It is always will it hurt the party. The people be damned.

If there are two greater jackasses in this country than ex-Governor Crisp, and Secretary Hoke Smith we have not heard of them nor do we wish to. One on one side of the financial question, and one on the other. Both declare that they will abide by the action of the convention no matter what it does. I suppose if it were to nominate a negro who was for the destruction of all money and go for the enslavement of ninety-one hundredts of the citizens they would vote for him.

The leaders of the so-called Democratic party reminds one of Rizpah guarding the corpses of her dead sons by keeping off the fowls of heaven by day and beasts of the field by night. Set over the carcass gentleman, however your care is not required for it is so rotten that it is in no danger of being disturbed by birds or beasts.

If Jesus Christ was at the head of the Populist or Republicans and the devil was the nominee of the Democratic party plenty of the so-called Christians would vote for the devil for fear the Democrats would be beaten.

Albert Franklin and his wife charged with poisoning Foy Green, Mrs. Franklin's first husband, were found guilty in the second degree at Lenoir.

## CONGRESSMAN SHUFORD'S BILL TO REDUCE FEDERAL SALARIES.

Whereas the tendency of present legislation is toward an increased number of offices as well as increased salaries; and

Whereas the ability to meet these increased demands by the people is becoming lessened with each succeeding year; and

Whereas present Federal salaries are in most cases much too large when compared with the remuneration received by those who labor in production; and

Whereas justice among our citizens and equal rights to all our people demand that such inequality should be remedied; and

Whereas it is pointed out that the salary of a President of fifty thousand dollars at the present time will purchase in the Western markets one hundred bushels of wheat, while the salary of President Lincoln would purchase but twelve thousand five hundred bushels; and

Whereas the per capita of national expenses has increased from three dollar in 1860 to over seven dollars in 1896, showing most clearly an increased extravagance in national expenditures; and

Whereas the producing portion of our people is becoming poorer each year, and less able to bear taxation; and

Whereas it is unwise and unjust for those who depend upon the taxing power of the nation for their salaries to have an advantage over those who depend upon their exertions through production; and

Whereas it is both necessary and expedient to equalize these burdens as far as possible: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the passage of this Act all Federal salaries shall be reduced as follows:

All salaries ranging from nine hundred dollars to one thousand four hundred dollars shall be reduced to nine hundred dollars; all salaries ranging from one thousand five hundred dollars to twenty thousand dollars shall be reduced at the rate of forty per centum, and all salaries above twenty thousand dollars shall be reduced fifty per centum.

Sec. 2. That all Federal fees shall be reduced in like manner.

Mr. Shuford has certainly made a center shot by introducing this resolution, and shown his knowlege of the principles of the People's party. Federal salaries, with the present price of labor and its products, are an outrage upon justice and equal rights. To-day a steady salary at $900.00 per year is far better than the net income from three-fourths of the farms in this country. Why, then, should they not be lowered in proportion to the remuneration received by the great producing classes, whose hours of toil are longer and far more laborious. It is this fact no doubt, that prompted Mr. Shufford in presenting this resolution. Take for example, a salary of two thousand and let us make some comparison with it. Twenty years ago it might have been considered fair, perhaps, but to continue it at the same amount for the same kind of work at the present time is little less than robbery. Then it would buy less than two thousand bushels of wheat; now it will purchase over four thousand bushels. Then it would buy sixteen thousand pounds of cotton; now this same two thousand dollars will buy nearly forty thousand pounds. Then it would buy less than four thousand pounds of wool; now it will buy over sixteen thousand pounds. In every legitimate want, this ration of difference between the purchassing power of a salary twenty years ago and at the present time, holds good. Under such conditions the people have a right to complain of these high salaries, and demand of their representatives in Congress that they should make them conform to the present hard times. It is safe to say that this bill if passed would save the people one hundred and twenty-five millions each year of the three hundred millions that is now paid out for Federal salaries. This is a matter that the people of the country, especially those who labor in production, are vitally interested in. It takes just as much labor to make these crops now as it did twenty years ago, and when the people sell twice the amount of products to pay salaries that they did twenty years ago, it really means that they are giving twice the amount of their own labor for the same amount of some other man's labor. This is not fair and ought not to be tolerated, and this resolution would semedy the difficulty.

## ITEMS FROM ELI.

Most of the people are done planting corn and are preparing their land for cotton.

Wheat and oats are looking fine. Messrs J. W. Peeler and A. A. Trexler have the finest pieces of wheat that we have seen.

We are glad to learn that Miss Frances Trexler, who was badly shot by her father on the 3rd inst. is improving fast and will likely be well in a short while.

Mr J. W. Peeler has got a long smile on his face. It's another girl.

M. J. B. McCombs, of Rockwell, went to Salisbury last Monday to lay in a supply of goods.

Messrs L. W. Sifford, T. C. Fisher and W. N. B. Miller visited at Rockwell last Saturday night.

Mr. G. H. Peeler and family, of Rockwell have the mumps.

Rev. Paul Barringer, pastor of Grace Reformed church, preached a special sermon last Sunday. His text is found in Isiah 58 chapter and the first verse, from which he delivered a very practical and logical sermam, and it was appreciated by all who heard it.

The committee and patrons of No. 5 district in Gold Hill township held a meeting last Thursday night for the purpose of selecting a teacher to teach the summer school at Bethany No. 3 academy and to make other necessary arrangements.

Mr. Ivey Richie, near Gold Hill, died last week of pneumonia.

Mrs. Foust, who has the dropsy, has been worse for the last few days we learn.

We are glad to see Miss Icie Earnhardt out again who has been very sick for the last few days with the roseola.

We notice that corn that has been planted sometime is comeing up, but we are needing rain, the ground is getting hard and dry.

Mr. H. A. Holshouser laid out his sweet potatoes about three weeks ago and last Saturday he set out about 1,500 sprouts and says he has more on the bed. Mr. Holshouser is one of our best truck farmers and poultry raisers.

The patrons of Oak Grove school house are contemplating running a graded school at Oak Grove.

The farmers that have recently treated themselves to the new plows from H. F. Barett, a traveling agent, give them a good recommendation. Mr. A. A. Trexler says that he wouldn not take one hundred dollars for his if he couldn't get another one like it. W. R. Misenheimer says that he would not give his for any piece of machinery that is on his place. Mr. Misenheimer is one of our best farmers.

BLOCKHEAD.

It is told of Frank Stockton, the novelist, that being at one time unable to use his eyes for months he was kept informed of the news of the day by his family; but that immediately on gaining his sight he called for the advertisements, as to which he had undergone the pangs of intellectual famine. The incident struck his family as funny; but it is easily understood. The novelist deals with life as it is; and no literature reflects life so clearly in its essential needs as the advertisement—a fact which the novelist, reading between the lines, well knows.

Rheumacide is a powerful laxative and blood purifier. It neutrolizes the acid in the blood and cures rheumatism and other blood diseases permanently. Try a bottle and you will soon notice a decided improvement and will be encouraged to continue the use of it until a cure is effected. Vegetable—contains no narcotics.—Sold in Salisbury by Theo. F Kluttz & Co, and Edwin Cuthrel. Price $1 per bottle.

At the depot platform at Millican, Texas, Thursday morning, a man named John Brooks shot and killed his daughter Mollie Brooks, and also shot her lover, A. B. Worrells, just as they were about to board the north-bound passenger train for Bryan, where they were going to be married. After the shooting Brooks went to the rock quarry near Millican and sat down on a box of dynamite, which he exploded and blew himself to atoms. Nothing but his legs and feet were found.—Portland Express.

A Fayetteville special to the Wilmington Star says that Rev. E. C. Melton, of Willis Creek, Cumberland county, a Baptist preacher well known on the Cape Fear, was thrown from his buggy and killed Wednesday. He was going down a steep hill when the harness broke and the horse ran away ond Mr. Maltin was thrown against a tree crushing his skull.

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## AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

The more rapidly animals are fattened the better the profits.

Better results can be received by feeding the young stock separate from the old.

With all stock, two extremes, over-feeding and underfeeding are to avoided.

All animimals that die of a contagious disease should be buried as soon as possible.

Don't kick the calf because its hair turns the wrong way; it's all your fault. Feed it better.

Sometimes it will pay to keep stock for awhile after it is ready for market, but not often.

The ewes that are expected to lamb soon should be given plenty of opportunity to take outdoor exercise.

Fed under like condiditions young animals make the largest gain in proportion to the amount of food eaten.

Feed the calves from pails kept scrupulously clean by scalding. The milk should be fed at a temperature of 88 degrees.

The new onion culture consists simply in sowing the seeds in greenhouse, hotbed or elsewhere and then transplanting to the open ground.

The Dorset or the Shropshire are excellent for early lambs. Lambs that can be marketed by the middle of February are the stock that brings in big money.

The older a hog gets the more it costs to increse the weight. It is estimated that it costs twice as much to add a pound of weight at nine months old as it costs at four months.

The exportation of cattle from Canada to England has fallen off almost one-third in the last few years, while the sheep trade has increased more than five times in the same period.

One of the best fertilizers for asparagus is soapsuds. If a drain can be arranged along a row of asparagus, so as to receive all the soapsuds that may be made, the effect will be very beneficial.

## IT WAS A FINE STREAM.

There is a "professional gentleman" in Portland who would make a successful horse-swapper. Having a farm to sell recently, this descendant of the Pilgrams advertised it, and soon afterwards a gentleman called on him to speak about it.

"Well, judge," said he, "I have been over that farm you advertised and find it all right except the fine stream of water you mentioned."

"It runs through the piece of woods in the lowest part of the meadow," said the judge

"What, that little brook? why, it doesn't hold much more than a spoonful. I am sure if you would empty a bowl of water into it would overflow. You don't call that a fine stream, do you?"

"Well, if it were much finer you couldn't see it at all," said the judge blandly.



The London Daily News published a dispatch from Constantinople saying that an ancient and beautiful manuscript copy of the Gospel, dating back to the sixth century, was recently found in Asia Minor. It is written on the finest and thinnest of vellum, which is dyed purple. The letters are silver, except for the abbreviations and sacred names, which are in gold. Representatives of English and American universities have unsuccessfully sought to obtain possession of the precious manuscrip it having been secured by Russia.

## ANTICS OF EYEGLASSES.

**They Are Not to Be Compared With Old Reliable Spectacles.**

Most people have a prejudice against spectacles, writes one who has suffered with lame eyes. They make one look so old. They spoil the expression of the eyes and leave a mark across the nose and are uncomfortable over the ears. So it generally happens that when one's eyesight gives out and everything grows woefully indistinct eyeglasses are resorted to. "So much more convenient than spectacles," said a friend to us the other day. Eyeglasses are a sort of compromise between youth and age, and as long as a person wears eyeglasses he may be regarded as not so very old. for when old age unmistakably sets in then we cease to think much of appearances and cry out for comfort, and there is more real comfort in one pair of spectacles that will stay on your face right where you put them than there is in a dozen pairs of eyeglasses, which are always flying off on business of their own just when you want them.

Eyeglasses are made on purpose to break. They are always catching into something. The springs are frail as a spider's web. The bows are as brittle as molasses candy in January. The glasses are always falling out, and if you happen to be nearsighted you might hunt till the next Fourth of July without finding them again. When nothing else happens to them, the spring breaks, and they get underfoot, and somebody steps on them, and you are a couple of dollars out and as good as blind, with no dog to lead you in the paths of safety. In hot weather you can't keep the slippery things on your nose to save you.

If you perspire, your nose has no attraction for india rubber or celluloid. Just as you are looking at something and flattering yourself that you have got exactly the right focus down go the glasses, and you have to rub your nose up and stick them on again and look quick, for the same thing is going to be repeated again and again. Another characteristic of eyeglasses is the fact that when they are wanted most they turn up missing. You may look and hunt, and hunt and look, and when you don't need them you will find them hanging serenely to your buttonhole or resting composedly on the table at your side. As an item of expense they are formidable. Your boots do not cost you any more per year. The cigars you smoke are not more expensive by the month. They are always in a crippled condition. They need the doctor continually, and you no sooner get the spring mended than the bow breaks, and when that trouble is remedied you lose one glass, and by the time that is fixed the catch gives out, and so on. A man is never safe with less than three pairs of eyeglasses at a time unless he wishes to be without sight. They are the most perplexing, unreliable of all friends, and the person who is dependent upon them is to be pitied. Those who wear them for style—and we are sorry to say that there are some such consummate fools in the world—must have a relish for self torment and owe themselves an awful grudge for something. And people who have good eyes, who can laugh at glasses and the wearers of them, ought to be devoutly thankful and pray that the time may yet be afar off when they shall fall under the curse of eyeglasses.—New Orleans Picayune.



## 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 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 fourth 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. Transpotation 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.



Business locals will be inserted in these columns at very low rates.