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Now let the "readers" howl. Jerry Simpson has a new gold tooth that is said to shine out like a search light from a high tower—and he pretended to be a silver man and a reformer!

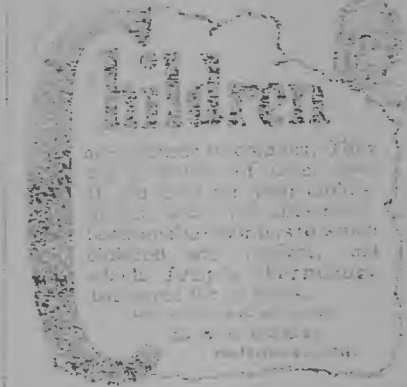
Some are pleased with Grover. Mrs. C. and the three Misses C's are reported as smiling with delight when he appeared in his university gown and cap on the occasion of receiving his degree from Princeton. Grover has had many other caps given him that fitted well during the last few years.

DEBS TO ROCKEFELLER.

The days of inspired writing are not past, and when Eugene V. Debs penned the letter he recently sent to John D. Rockefeller he wrote with a fire and pathos that can come only from love of man which is the highest inspiration. He pointed out to the Standard Oil magnate, the starving 40,000, and homeless 8,000 families of Chicago and begged that he consider how much toward alleviating their sufferings could be accomplished by a man of his means.

GREAT CRY AND LITTLE WOOL.

The Nashville conference is over and what has it done? Let us see! We use the report given in Tom Watson's paper to avoid the lies of subsidized press. It was preceded by a meeting of the alleged "Reform Press" July 2. We are told they met—how many dependent says not—but fifty were from Texas. Bob Schilling was there. His fondness for a fight needs no comment. He inquired what Chairman Marion Butler had done and a dozen men were on the floor at once, debate "sizzled." Milton Park, of Dallas county fusion fame, Buzz Saw Morgan and others took part. The reporter, in a somewhat contradictory manner, assures us in one breath that Butler's name could no longer inspire attention or even passing courtesy and in the next says that it "excited all the antagonism in the nature of the standard bearers." How is that? Vincent of the "Non-Con." was partly a defender of Butler but he never gave it up. Humph! Then the N. R. P. A. adjourned to meet with the conference. Glorious work indeed. Reformers? O Tempo, O Mores, O Hades. Then they had a banquet. The table was a half circle. These demanders of the im-



possible certainly ought to have asked for a square circle. Park was toast master, with Harry Tracy on one side and Abe Steinberger on the other. Glorious trio! Coxe was put at a table with the ladies behind Park. How is that? Must the doughty "general" wait or be regulated to petticoate rub? Is not the father of legal tender and non-interest-bearing bond good enough to eat with the Hammacrats? We are told that all had the same square determined jaw and that "there was in the air the very spirit of revolution." No wonder. Well might men leave their employment and take long journeys for such glorious deeds.

Then on July 5 with the heat sizzling, the conference met. The Watson reporter says: "Peace and harmonious action distinguished the day, until just at dusk, when two local Tennessee delegates entertained the visitors by a hand to hand fight on the rostrum." "Entertained." Think of it! Are men who have gathered from Dan to Bersheba to save the country to be put on record by their chief mouthpiece as entertained by a fist fight where "reformers" call one another "red-headed sap sucker" and "political buzzard." Yes and it is reiterated, "the delegates enjoyed the fight." The worthy chronicler goes on to explain that one reason of this enjoyment was that each of the combatants had fused in the last campaign, one with the G. O. P. and one with the democrats and adds: "when it became necessary for both to get into the middle of the road boat each wanted the other fellow left on the shore. The emphasis is ours to direct attention to this surprising bit of mixed metaphor, and maybe here is the solution of the "readers" getting nowhere—they are boating on land or stuck fast in the mud. After this a recess was taken until 1 p. m. when ex-Governor Jno. P. Buchanan made an "impassioned appeal for harmony and conservatism." No applause is recorded.

Kansas was represented by Abe Steinberger, who is not considered a Populist in that state but "it was agreed that Kansas should have her full vote." Thus did they out-reef Thomas Reed in counting a quorum that was not present. "Then followed all sorts of resolutions and motions, some against silver, some against fusion, all to the one point—that of getting rid of the present party executive machinery." And yet these fellows will presume to call themselves Populists after this. We maintain that every man who cast a vote at Nashville is out of the party.

Ignatius Donnelly spoke at night and was followed by Gen. Coxe. Poor Coxe! They seem not to have treated him fairly at all, eating at side tables and following Donnelly—and you all know that the time left when Donnelly's apple core when she said: "Ye can have it but it taint goin' ter be none."

Then they issued an address. They quoted Lincoln on the absence of malice, they referred to the Cincinnati meeting in '91 then flopped back to 1776, they referred to the eight millions of starving

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will do so that I can carry our town ship. Hon. Francis D. Winston, of Bertie: "The character of the men who will administer the school affairs of this county does not invite a very hearty cooperation of the citizens in the matter of increasing taxes for school purposes. However, the duty imposed on me by the committee is so much in harmony with my personal opinions and feelings, I shall permit the use of my name. I beg to assure you of my sympathy."

Among others who have written letters signifying their sympathy with the cause are Col. Julian S. Carr, of Durham; Will X. Coxley, editor of the Davie Times; W. A. Blair, Vice-President People's National Bank of Winston; Claudius Dockery, of Rockingham; Hon. Thos. W. Mason, of Northampton; John Brady, of Gates; Dr. Richard H. Lewis, of Raleigh; Prof. J. H. Hill, of Statesville; C. C. Wright, of Wilkes county; E. G. Butler, of Vance; State Auditor Hal. W. Ayer, of Wake; J. B. Sparger, of Mt. Airy; A. C. McIntosh, of Taylorsville; Chas. M. Stanley, of Stanley; Rev. T. N. Ivey, editor Christian Advocate; Prof. J. J. Britt, of Mitchell; Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., of Durham; Col. Thos. B. Long, of Buncombe; Representative Jas. H. Cathey, of Swain; Andrew D. Cowles, of Statesville; J. R. Rodwell, Warrenton; W. C. Hammer, Asheboro; V. S. Lusk, Asheville; H. L. Grant, Goldsboro; C. C. Wright, Straw; B. S. Robertson, Haw River; R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro; W. E. Harris, Northampton county; J. H. Kerr, Warren.

Public School Election, Aug. 10. By act of the General Assembly an election will be held in every township in North Carolina in which there is no local taxation for school purposes, Tuesday, August 10, for the purpose of improving the Public schools by local taxation.

The State of North Carolina has appropriated \$50,000 out of the General Fund to be apportioned among the townships voting in favor of local taxation. If a township votes a tax of 10 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 20 cents on the poll and thus raises \$500 in addition to the usual school fund, the State will add \$500 more, making the extra amount added to the School Fund in the township \$1,000. If the township raises \$300, the State will give \$300. If it raises over \$500, the State will add \$500.

Any township that votes for local taxation will, therefore be sure to have first-class public schools. Col. J. S. Carr of Durham has promised to give \$500 to the school fund of the county that votes the largest per cent of its voters for local taxation. Let all strive to get this bounty. Remember the day, August the 10. Be at the voting place and bring your neighbors. To stay away will be equal to voting against this plan to get good schools for only a small expense. The tax of ten cents on the \$1,000 is only one dollar on a thousand or five dollars on five thousand. Surely every citizen will see that thus the best school can be obtained cheaper than any other way.

J. W. BAILEY, HUGH MORSON, L. D. HOWELL, C. H. MEBANE, D. H. HILL, Committee.

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