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**PAPER VERSUS GOLD.**  
Adam Smith in his "Wealth of Nations" says: "The substitution of paper in the room of gold and silver money replaces a very expensive instrument of commerce with one much less costly, and sometimes equally convenient. Circulation comes to be carried on by a new wheel, which costs less both to erect and to maintain than the old one."  
The issue of paper money should be restricted to a certain limit. If this is done, it becomes a far less expensive and a more convenient currency than gold or silver. If we look around among the nations of the earth, we will find that, already, the most flourishing people use less gold, and the poorest use more paper money. It has been observed that the shrewd New England and economical Scotchman never saw a disposition to receive gold instead of greenbacks. The wear and tear of specie is another important consideration. In speaking of this, Mr. McCulloch, who is considered high authority with political economists, remarks: "Supposing the expense of coinage were defrayed by a seigniorage, the deficiency in the weight of old worn coins, when they are called in to be re-coined, has to be made up by the public. There is, besides, a constant loss from shipwrecks, fire and other accidents; and when due allowance is made for these different causes of want, perhaps it would not be too much to suppose that a country which had fifty millions of gold coins in circulation would have annually to import the one hundredth part of that, or half a million, to maintain its currency at a proper level."  
It is estimated that it costs France about \$28,200,000 a year to maintain her metallic circulation. If the United States requires a currency of about the amount, it now has, say, \$800,000,000, the difference between having it at \$800,000,000 and having it at \$1,000,000,000 is simply at 5 per cent. \$40,000,000 a year. The amount of gold and silver in the United States, in the shape of coin is about \$130,000,000. In Great Britain and Ireland \$700,000,000. In France \$800,000,000, making a total of \$1,630,000,000. To keep this sum up to its full value, restoring yearly the loss from attrition, fire, wreck, &c., &c., according to the cal-

ulation of the able American Economist, one-hundredth of its value, or gold bullion to the extent of \$16,400,000. Figures speak for themselves, and they speak much more eloquently and forcibly than any words can, in this instance.

Is it possible for the United States to go into the markets of the world and buy up the \$180,000,000 of gold which some of the journals favorable to a speedy resumption of specie payment admit will have to be added to our present sum of \$140,000,000? The South at least, cannot bear the strain upon its already crippled resources and the West will not bear it. Suppose, however, the Republic were to take this step, then, following the reasoning and calculations above, could the combined resources, energies and statesmanship of this mighty nation pay conveniently the cost of such a currency? We prophesy, "no." And we venture to assert, that besides making tens of thousands utterly bankrupt, it would prostrate the retiving industries of our country for years—it may be for centuries!

A well regulated paper currency is as safe as specie currency if the government that issues it is safe and rightly managed. It can be kept equal to gold by statesmen, who are honest and have the welfare of the nation at heart. The machinery by which this eminently desirable plan may be accomplished is simple enough and cheaper than any other provided, always that competent and master machinists direct it, and keep it working.  
According to the Ballionists, the English made a perfect, financial self regulating system in 1644. In three years it would have gone to destruction, if her wise and practical ministers had not interfered and acted in direct opposition to their own financial principles. The same thing has occurred twice since. We want, first, a sound, economical financial system; and second, the right kind of men to run it.

**BRING OUT THE VOTE.**  
Don't stop now to discuss the particular amendments to the Constitution that are necessary or desirable. It is too late in the campaign for prolix arguments or elaborate discussions. The correct thing now is to urge on our people the importance of going to the polls. Don't tell them how bad the present Constitution is, but how much worse it will be, if by our own supineness, we permit the Radicals to elect a majority of the delegates.  
Of course, no man in whose behalf a commission de *huncius inquirendo* has not already been appointed imagines for a single moment that the Radicals, in case they should control the Convention, would meet and immediately adjourn without interfering with the Constitution. They would do so to such things. They would add to the enormities of the present Constitution, and then rely on the prestige of their victory in the August election to secure an endorsement of their work at the hands of the people.

In his queer and striking style George Alfred Townsend has expressed in the *St. Louis Times* the moral we deduced from the Beecher alimony: "On the whole this trial has enormously revived the respect of men for the old, grim, leather-covered bit. We want it, aliphatic, excruciating, with all its diabolical wisdom and fateful lore. There is no other destiny and submit to it, and just as we love most those whom we see die, so in that great mysterious blur of pain, discipline and the grave there is a stoic consolation, an inhalation of the hereafter, a self respect nobler than all the varnish put on human deeds by men the world has pampered too much."

"Col. Charles Lamb, of Norfolk, who commanded the Confederate forces at Fort Fisher, has issued a call for a union of the survivors of that gallant battle, on the 19th of November next at Wilmington."  
So says the Petersburg *Index-Apprentice*, fresh from the enjoyment of "our gentle Bill. No, no, it is William, the whilom man of swords and not the shade of England's martyr, titled but king-like monarch, who proposes to celebrate with his surviving command the great artillery conflict of the war."  
"A. J. Quinn, who was captured by the Confederates, and who has been heretofore voted with the Radicals but at the late election voted to elect the honorable ex-Gov. Wm. W. Holden, and those who advocated to one beatate how he will cast his suffrages at the approaching election."  
"Don't notice the garbled and perverted extracts of Radical newspapers."

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**WAS THE RADICAL PARTY COULD BE PROPELLED.**  
A contributor to the Raleigh *News*, to whom that paper gives the prominence of leads, presents a table of comparative expenses which exhibits the great difference in cost between the two parties in the administration of the government. The table may be summarized thus: Including ordinary expenses of General Assembly, Special Session of 1868, public printing, Holden's War on the People, contingencies and other ordinary expenditures, the total cost of the government for two years of Radical rule was \$981,163.80; while the Conservatives administered the affairs of the State during the four years since they got control until September, 1874, at a total cost of \$915,381.95.

Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest these figures, for they are sword points of truth in argument. In 2002 years the Conservatives administered the government for \$35,775.81 less than the Radicals administered it in only two years!  
Nor is this all that Conservative rule has done for the people of North Carolina. It was a Conservative Legislature which changed the sessions of the legislative body from annual to biennial; so that the saving will be greater in the future. The expense of the last Legislature, \$109,168.80, should be divided by two to show a proper annual expense.  
The Holden War waged upon the liberties of the people by a Radical Governor and Legislature backed by a Supreme Judiciary too soon "exhausted," if it ever tried to do anything for popular rights, cost \$70,607.61, while the Conservative Legislature which impeached the traitor and usurper spent only \$13,998.08 in bringing him to justice and preventing thereby the commission of other crimes against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

The contributor mentioned makes this estimate of the cost of a Convention, which we suppose is about the right figures:  
120 delegates at \$5.00 per diem..... \$600.00  
2 door-keepers at \$5.00 per diem..... 10.00  
2 clerks at \$5.00 per diem..... 10.00  
2 pages at \$5.00 per diem..... 10.00  
Contingent..... 5.00  
Total..... \$645.00  
Estimate the duration of the Convention at thirty days, and we have..... \$18,000.00  
Mileage..... 6,000.00  
Printing, &c..... 5,000.00  
Total cost of Convention..... \$30,000.00  
The voting population is about 200,000, so that the cost of Convention will be fifteen cents to the voter. The property, however, pays the tax, and estimating the taxable value of the property of the State at \$150,000,000 we find the cost of Convention but twenty cents on the thousand dollars.

Surely this will be considered a slight expense—a small sacrifice—when we consider what it enables the people to save. The Constitution requires under its provisions an expensive outlay for township and county governments which are at present too complex and cumbersome for the genius of this people. A Convention controlled by Conservatives will change all this—making the burden of government more tolerable. There are other useless offices, and many costly appropriations which could likewise be got rid of. And without revolution, without any confusion, simply by the exercise of the sovereign rights of the citizens of the State.

We hope the figures given above will be sent all over North Carolina that every man who is old enough to vote can see the difference between the two parties, and thus recognize his duty to himself and the State.

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**Log Cabin and Hard Cider Boys.**  
We were duly gratified by the offer of the Clerk of the Superior Court, a copy of the past in the shape of a campaign scrap book of 1845, which was originally the property of the grandfather of Mr. Henton, the clerk. The book includes much matter of interest, especially to those now (by the way) who fought in the exciting campaign which resulted in the triumph of "Appomacoe and Tyler too," including campaign songs, &c. Among other things we find the following paragraph under the head of "The Origin of the term Hard Cider and Log Cabin," which were so much in vogue at that time: "It is from a story told by the Washington correspondent of the *Baltimore Republican*, a prominent Van Buren paper, alluding sneeringly to Harrison, says: 'Give him a barrel of Hard Cider and settle a pension of \$8,000 a year, and for word for it, he will sit the remainder of his days contented in a Log Cabin.'"

**Rev. Dr. Cross.**  
The following extract concerning this gentleman we take from the Raleigh *Christian Advocate*. Dr. Cross was for many years Presiding Elder of this district of the M. E. Church, and consequently is well known to a great portion of our citizens: "We regret to learn that the health of Dr. Cross is very precarious—so much so that eminent physicians have told him that if he ceased his present round of 'appointments he will not live with his office. At the District Conference at Plymouth he suddenly lost all consciousness, which continued for several hours, and for a day and night there was a total loss of memory. Five years ago he had a similar attack at Magnolia. Since the attack at Plymouth he has suffered from chills and bilious fever, but, notwithstanding, has attended all our quarterly meetings but one. Now, at the advice of his physicians and the urgent request of his people, he will quit his work for a while and go into the hill country for recreation. We trust his health may be speedily and entirely restored."

**Rocky Point.**  
The Star falls in an appearance here of late more than once or twice a week until it is too old to be of interest. The editors had better give somebody an overhauling for perfect in this matter. It is very often full of errors in the positions here until it is several days late, Rocky Point has also been treated badly of late by an unceremonious taking away of the telegraph office from this place by the Western Union Telegraph Company. Neither the authorities of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company nor the Ticket and Freight agency here had any notice of this change. Our people here are disappointed and angry, at such a treatment, and the Railroad Company protests against it. A telegraph office is indispensable here. The Railroad Company also feels in removing it the telegraph office should come back.

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After that the usual order of business will be proceeded with.  
At 4 P. M. the members of the Congress will visit the Insane Asylum at the invitation of Dr. Grissom. Members of the city and visiting press are invited to accompany the excursion to the Asylum.

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