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SEEKING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

We have heretofore observed that it is a remarkable fact that while it is pretty generally conceded that currency reform is needed, it is very difficult to find any considerable number of reformers who are agreed on just the kind of reform we ought to have.

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The "National Sound Money League," which met shortly after the recent elections to compare notes and hear reports from the respective States, issued an address in which they pronounced bimetalism a failure and a renunciation, and declared that the only thing for this country to do was to abandon the thought of it and get on the gold standard, pure and simple.

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most the last vestige of conservative sentiment would be swept out of the Capitol. In letting the Republican party reform the currency in accordance with the Indianapolis platform, now dead with the organization of National Democrats, the would be reformers are punishing a stalled horse whose only possible move under their guidance would be to fall down a precipice.

The count's count rest happy in the fact that the currency of the United States is unassailable so long as the Government's revenue meets its expenses, and that all danger can be removed from this side by a law to keep greenbacks from being paid for gold as a fund by themselves, to be paid out for gold only.

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passes as a grave offence when he admits that he has a "pocketful" of them himself and makes no apology for accepting and using them. Judge Robinson has, if falsely accused, a right to feel aggrieved and indignant, but no State officer who carries a "pocketful" of passes has a right to do the indignation act for him. The pocket business knocks the indignation feature out and makes it somewhat farcical. Judge Robinson says he has accepted no passes since he has been on the bench, and that is more to the point than the Governor's indignation.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE. Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Wilmington & Weldon R.R. Co. held at the Hotel Raleigh, Wilmington, N.C., on Wednesday, November 18, 1897.

The sixty second annual meeting of stockholders of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company was held in this city at noon yesterday at the office of the company, James Davis, Esq., was elected chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Jas. F. Post, Jr., secretary.

Mr. William Calder was appointed to act with the secretary in examining credentials and verifying proxies. The committee reported 30,801 shares represented in person, which report was received.

Chairman Davis then stated that the meeting was open for the transaction of business. The secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting, 1896, which were approved.

Mr. Warren G. Elliott was re-elected President of the company. On motion, the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad was consolidated with the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, the stockholders of the latter road consenting and agreeing to the same.

An election for a Board of Directors was then entered into, and resulted in the election of the old Board, as follows: B. F. Newcomer, Michael Jenkins, H. Walters and J. P. McKay, Baltimore, Md.; Henry B. Plant, New York; W. H. Miller, Raleigh; E. B. Burden, Goldsboro; A. G. Howard, Tarboro; Dr. A. J. D. Ross and J. W. Norwood, Wilmington.

President Warren G. Elliott stated to the meeting that Dr. A. J. DeRosier, of this city, had been a member of the Board of Directors for fifty five consecutive years, and was probably the oldest living director of any railroad corporation in the United States, and perhaps in the world.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta railroad was held in this city at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. J. T. Barrow was called to the chair and Mr. Jas. F. Post, Jr., elected secretary. Messrs. B. F. Newcomer and H. Walters were appointed as a committee on credentials and reported 5,144 shares represented out of a total of 9,900.

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TRUCK AND FRUIT GROWERS. The Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association met in semi-annual Convention at the county court house yesterday afternoon at 8 p. m.

The minutes of the last meeting, held June 23rd, of this year, were read and approved.

Mr. C. M. Snelman, of Ross Hill, secretary of the executive committee, made a verbal report showing the financial condition of the Association and naming the local Associations indebted to the general body.

Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, chairman of the Executive Committee, made his report. He stated that the efforts of the committee had been mainly directed to the devising of means for liquidating the indebtedness of the Association, believing that before the Association could be of the highest service to the members it was necessary for it to pay every dollar that it owed.

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