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WHAT WILL CONGRESS DO?
 The President is reported to have his back up against the Wall street crowd, and will stand by Secretary Carlisle to the last. It is a probable story. The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Herald, Walter Wellman, represents this scene to have taken place at one of last week's cabinet meetings.
 The attacks of the New York men upon Carlisle were under discussion. Their attitude was explained by Mr. Carlisle. "This means, then," said the President, "that Wall street says to us we can't run the government without their friendly assistance, doesn't it?"
 "That is what it looks like."
 "Well, in that case," said the President, "they may go to hades."
 We should suppose that under the circumstances he would say something to that effect. But if the Wall street gang are bent upon dictating the financial policy of the government, as is plainly their purpose now, what can the administration do about it as long as they control the gold situation? Is this not a rather humiliating pass for a great government to be brought into?
 If there was ever a time when Congress ought to come to the rescue of the government in its need and the relief of the people in their rights it is now. The crisis demands wise and prompt action. The gold reserve is disappearing at an alarming rate and the notes which are used to draw it out must be issued again. The law especially prohibits their retirement. The first principles of correct business methods would require Congress to get rid of these troublesome demand obligations. Then the government would no longer be required to increase the national debt to get gold. No gold reserve would be necessary.

SELFSH ABUSE OF MR. CARLISLE.
 No man who has ever been Secretary of the Treasury has received more abuse from the residents of Wall street. And he receives quite as much from those who are opposed to Wall street's financial plans. This proves that Mr. Carlisle belongs to neither faction, but is seeking to do the best he can with the hole the McKinley tariff brought to the Treasury. We have often disagreed with him, but have had no patience with the gold bugs who clamor for his head because he does not meekly obey their every bidding. It would have been better for Mr. Carlisle and for the party and the people if he had long ago defied them. To show the spirit of those who denounce Secretary Carlisle we quote the following remarks made by Mr. Fisk, of Harvey, Fisk & Co., who subscribed for about \$6,000,000 of the bonds:
 "The recommendations to Congress of President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle for a new currency system and the destruction of the present national banking system, after the administration had secured purchasers for the recent bond issue as they did, was treacherous. Carlisle took advantage of his friends here to sell the bonds at a high price."
 "He is guilty of a trick for which a big operator in Wall street would have been stabbed."
 "The loss of profit to the syndicate is a matter of slight importance. It is the principle of Carlisle's conduct which we consider. We did everything we could to make the issue a great success. As a reward for our efforts Carlisle immediately turns around and stabs us in the back."
 "It is a pleasing thought that the Government's credit cannot be seriously affected by any one man. I do not think another government bond issue will be made in the near future. If it is, it will be sold at a lower price than the last. Government bonds can always be sold here and abroad and the government's credit maintained, but the returns will not be as favorable as were the last."
 "It is justice on the part of Carlisle to urge a new currency scheme. There is no better in the world than that we now have."
CONVINCING THE SKEPTICAL.
 The Boston Journal of Commerce sees the beginning of great expansion of manufacturing in the South. The favorable conditions of raw product, low wages, and nearness to market will bring the investment of millions to the South where capitalists and investors are persuaded to visit us and learn the truth. Concerning the outlook and the opportunities, the Journal of Commerce says:
 "The unprecedented growth of manufacturing industries in the South during the last ten years is beginning to attract investors to that section at a rate that but few have any idea of. In connection with this flow of capital there appears to be no booming done, nor any special effort made to attract investors to any special location. It is said that one of our mill engineering firms is at present making plans for ten large cotton mills to be built in the South, all at different points, and most of them in the different States. The truth of the matter is that the natural advantages of the Southern States are just beginning to be realized not only as a field for cotton manufacturing purposes, but for other industries. Fifteen years ago, had persons predicted the position the South would have occupied at the present time, they would have been thought fit subjects for an lunatic asylum, and efforts would have been made at once to put them there. Yet she is hardly in the dawn of her prosperity."
FIGURES TELL THE TALE.
 The Newbern Journal, in publishing the statement of the Commissioners of Craven county, notes the fact that when the Democrats took charge of the county finances, there was a debt of \$145,000, which had been saddled upon the county by Republican Commissioners. The Democrats have kept up the interest, reduced the debt to \$50,945.53, and will shortly pay \$25,000 on this amount.
 The Fusionists are invited to ponder these figures well before inaugurating sweeping changes.

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 N. C. AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, RALEIGH, N. C., JANUARY 3, 1895.
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 Notice of Sale.
 By virtue of authority contained in a deed of trust from M. A. Parker and wife recorded in the Register's office of Wake county, in book No 127 at pages 4, 5, etc., I will sell on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1895 at the hour of 12 o'clock p. m., at the court house door of Wake county, in the city of Raleigh at public auction for cash the following described real and personal property, to-wit:
 1st. A tract of land situated in St. Mary's Township, Wake county, and being the lands of N. A. Spence and others, containing 108 8/10 acres more or less (excepting therefrom 3.25-10 acres sold by said Parker to Alex. Terry.) For a particular description of said tract of land reference is hereby made to a deed from H. B. Haywood and wife to M. A. Parker, recorded in the Register's office of Wake county in book No 42 at page 81.
 2nd. A lot of four tenement houses thereon situated in the eastern portion or suburbs of the city of Raleigh, bounded on the north by the lands of Brinkley Barker, on the East by an open lane, on the south by an extension of Martin street and on its west by the lands of Henry Hodge.
 3rd. Also another with four tenement houses thereon, situated in the Eastern portion or suburbs of said city of Raleigh and bounded on the north by an extension of said Martin street, on the east by an open lane, on the south by W. C. Stronach's lands and on the west by the lands formerly owned by John Gattling; the said lots being those conveyed to said M. A. Parker by a deed from the North Carolina Agricultural Society recorded in said Register's office in book 35, page 584, and hereby referred to.
 4th. A tract of land situated in St. Mary's Township, said county of Wake adjoining the lands of W. T. Howle, Jno. Dowd, the late Jeff. Fisher, W. H. Holleman, Archie Spence and others containing 90 acres more or less, and being the lands conveyed to said M. A. Parker by deed from David I. Fort and wife, recorded in said Register's office in book 70, page 221, and hereby referred to.
 5th. One cotton gin and fixtures, cotton press and fixtures, one ten horse power steam engine boiler and fixtures, located on the lands near the city of Raleigh known as the Mordecai lands, one cotton gin and fixtures, cotton press and fixtures, one eight horse power steam engine, boiler and fixtures located on a tract of land in Wake county, known as the Weather's tract. Also six mules. Reference is made to said deed in trust for a more definite description of all of said property.
 W. N. HOLDING, Trustee.
 December 12, 1894.

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DEMOCRATIC BAD TEMPER.
 Official election returns from thirty-four of the forty-four States have been obtained by the Providence Journal, which lumps them together with the following interesting results:
 1894. 1892. Inc. or Dec.
 Rep. 4,886,334 4,622,115 Inc. 264,219
 Dem. 3,848,878 4,794,217 Dec. 945,339
 Pop. 1,079,517 828,310 Inc. 251,207
 Pro. 196,393 232,669 Dec. 36,276
 Total 10,011,132 10,477,211 Dec. 466,089
 A noteworthy fact about this is that though it was an off year the total vote is only a little (446,089) less than the presidential vote of 1892. But more remarkable still is the great defection in the ranks of the Democrats. Republicans and Populists made about equal gains, but we do not begin to absorb the Democratic losses. Just about as many Democrats were too mad to vote at all as were mad enough to vote the Populist or Republican ticket. Which class was the madder it is hard to decide. But there can be no question about the fact that the above figures represent a vast amount of Democratic bad temper and should be an unmistakable lesson to the Congress which has just reassembled.
LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.
Good Times in Columbus—Prosperous Condition of the Farmers.
 VINELAND, N. C., Jan. 2.
 To the Editor of the News and Observer.
 DEAR SIR:—I see a good deal is being said in the papers about large hogs being killed in different places. Well, we have some large hogs down here in Columbus. Messrs. Shaw-Wooten, Albert Thompson, and Dave Suggs have recently killed several hogs weighing from 300 to 350 pounds each. Mr. W. A. Sales has three hogs which will make 1,300 or more pounds of bacon. Sheriff McPhail has one that will make 350 or 400. These are only a few among many.
 I think the people here are in better condition, so far as something to eat is concerned, than usual. It is true the cotton crop was short and prices very low, but the people did not go in debt so heavily last year.
 And if the merchants do take all the cotton, starvation does not stare the people in the face, because they, for the most part have made their own supplies. Our people are beginning to diversify their crops more. Several made some tobacco last year and found it profitable. More of them will try it this year. More will trucking will probably be done this year than usual. Those who have tried trucking here have found it profitable, as a rule.
 Several families from Pennsylvania have moved near Cronly, about seven miles from Wilmington. I understand they intend trucking and stock raising. I think they intend to grow celery to some extent.
 This is a fine country for growing grasses, and our people are beginning to pay more attention to improving stock. Only a few years ago you could find nothing here but "scrub" cattle and "razor back" hogs now you find a great many fine Jersey and other thoroughbred cows, and Poland-China, Red-Jersey, Berkshire and Chester hogs. I am satisfied that a good living can be made here as easily as in any county in North Carolina. There is plenty of land in Columbus county that yields from 80 to 100 bushels of corn to the acre and it has been known to beat this, while 40 and 50 bushels is a common thing. I have been in these corn fields when you could not see a man ten steps away.
 The people in the upper part of the State have an idea that this section is unhealthy. This is a very mistaken idea and especially so since the people here have been paying attention to having pure drinking water. Here at Vineland we have an artesian well, and since it has been in operation, what is called malarial fever has been unknown. The doctors find business dull, and the patient medicine vendor had to seek new fields, for that "tired feeling" has been removed without the use of any "kidney cures," "pellets," or "sarsaparilla." Our people are in a position to agree with Mr. James R. Randall. That impure water instead of impure air is the cause of so many diseases, and especially of so-called malarial, the disease that has been such a bugaboo in preventing people from coming to this section. I could cite several instances where visitors from the upper section of the State have come here in a wretched health and gone away feeling like new creatures.
 I would like to see the News and Observer have a large circulation in this county. I consider the Sunday edition alone well worth the price of the daily, and I hope the articles now being written by Mr. Daniel R. Goodloe will be published in book form. I would be glad if every voter, and especially young voters, in North Carolina could read his article on "The Dark Days of '60," "The Election of Governor Holden by Carpet-baggers and Negroes," and

THE TENNESSEE GOVERNORSHIP.
 The Nashville Banner, a strong Democratic paper, deplores the determination of Governor Turney to contest the election of Hon. H. Clay Evans, as Governor of Tennessee. Says the Banner: "Governor Turney has done him an injury in encouraging him in a course which has disappointed so many thousands of his most considerable friends. Governor Turney was defeated by Democrats who refused to vote, and he should have taken his defeat like a man."
Two Achievements in 1894.
 The Indianapolis News of December 31 says: "The year which closes today has been a notable one in American political history. It has witnessed the beginning of the end of the great struggle in behalf of the principle of civil service reform, and it has seen the adoption of a tariff which, with all its defects, is a recognition in several important particulars of the tariff reform idea. A year which marks the death of the spoils system, which so long debauched our national life, is a great year."
Congress Must Act.
 The New York Herald of January 2, says: "Congress met on December 3, and after spending three weeks in doing nothing worthy of mention it adjourned on the 24th ultimo to take a long holiday. When it reassembles to-morrow the country demands that it shall take action upon the supplemental tariff bills, the free-ships bill and other important measures. The inaction of which the country complains is wholly to be laid at the door of the Senate, and all friends of good government demand that citizens shall be immediately adopted in that body."
The Currency Problem.
 The New York Tribune says: "Solutions and attempted solutions of the currency problem are thick as autumn leaves. Some narrow, selfish interest shines out through most of them and pet theories dictate the rest. But men who wish their positions to have any practical value whatever need to start with a candid recognition of public opinion—the actual wishes of the millions, and not the suppositions of opinion which theorists think the people ought to have. Next, there must be loyalty to the tradition of American history, whether they please or displease. Everybody may as well start with the fact that the American people believe in the legal tender currency, and they fully remember what it achieved for them, and have no mind to abandon it. Theorists do not like it, bankers do not, but the millions prefer it to every other form of money."

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 By virtue of authority contained in a deed of trust from M. A. Parker and wife recorded in the Register's office of Wake county, in book No 127 at pages 4, 5, etc., I will sell on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1895 at the hour of 12 o'clock p. m., at the court house door of Wake county, in the city of Raleigh at public auction for cash the following described real and personal property, to-wit:
 1st. A tract of land situated in St. Mary's Township, Wake county, and being the lands of N. A. Spence and others, containing 108 8/10 acres more or less (excepting therefrom 3.25-10 acres sold by said Parker to Alex. Terry.) For a particular description of said tract of land reference is hereby made to a deed from H. B. Haywood and wife to M. A. Parker, recorded in the Register's office of Wake county in book No 42 at page 81.
 2nd. A lot of four tenement houses thereon situated in the eastern portion or suburbs of the city of Raleigh, bounded on the north by the lands of Brinkley Barker, on the East by an open lane, on the south by an extension of Martin street and on its west by the lands of Henry Hodge.
 3rd. Also another with four tenement houses thereon, situated in the Eastern portion or suburbs of said city of Raleigh and bounded on the north by an extension of said Martin street, on the east by an open lane, on the south by W. C. Stronach's lands and on the west by the lands formerly owned by John Gattling; the said lots being those conveyed to said M. A. Parker by a deed from the North Carolina Agricultural Society recorded in said Register's office in book 35, page 584, and hereby referred to.
 4th. A tract of land situated in St. Mary's Township, said county of Wake adjoining the lands of W. T. Howle, Jno. Dowd, the late Jeff. Fisher, W. H. Holleman, Archie Spence and others containing 90 acres more or less, and being the lands conveyed to said M. A. Parker by deed from David I. Fort and wife, recorded in said Register's office in book 70, page 221, and hereby referred to.
 5th. One cotton gin and fixtures, cotton press and fixtures, one ten horse power steam engine boiler and fixtures, located on the lands near the city of Raleigh known as the Mordecai lands, one cotton gin and fixtures, cotton press and fixtures, one eight horse power steam engine, boiler and fixtures located on a tract of land in Wake county, known as the Weather's tract. Also six mules. Reference is made to said deed in trust for a more definite description of all of said property.
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DEMOCRATIC BAD TEMPER.
 Official election returns from thirty-four of the forty-four States have been obtained by the Providence Journal, which lumps them together with the following interesting results:
 1894. 1892. Inc. or Dec.
 Rep. 4,886,334 4,622,115 Inc. 264,219
 Dem. 3,848,878 4,794,217 Dec. 945,339
 Pop. 1,079,517 828,310 Inc. 251,207
 Pro. 196,393 232,669 Dec. 36,276
 Total 10,011,132 10,477,211 Dec. 466,089
 A noteworthy fact about this is that though it was an off year the total vote is only a little (446,089) less than the presidential vote of 1892. But more remarkable still is the great defection in the ranks of the Democrats. Republicans and Populists made about equal gains, but we do not begin to absorb the Democratic losses. Just about as many Democrats were too mad to vote at all as were mad enough to vote the Populist or Republican ticket. Which class was the madder it is hard to decide. But there can be no question about the fact that the above figures represent a vast amount of Democratic bad temper and should be an unmistakable lesson to the Congress which has just reassembled.
LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.
Good Times in Columbus—Prosperous Condition of the Farmers.
 VINELAND, N. C., Jan. 2.
 To the Editor of the News and Observer.
 DEAR SIR:—I see a good deal is being said in the papers about large hogs being killed in different places. Well, we have some large hogs down here in Columbus. Messrs. Shaw-Wooten, Albert Thompson, and Dave Suggs have recently killed several hogs weighing from 300 to 350 pounds each. Mr. W. A. Sales has three hogs which will make 1,300 or more pounds of bacon. Sheriff McPhail has one that will make 350 or 400. These are only a few among many.
 I think the people here are in better condition, so far as something to eat is concerned, than usual. It is true the cotton crop was short and prices very low, but the people did not go in debt so heavily last year.
 And if the merchants do take all the cotton, starvation does not stare the people in the face, because they, for the most part have made their own supplies. Our people are beginning to diversify their crops more. Several made some tobacco last year and found it profitable. More of them will try it this year. More will trucking will probably be done this year than usual. Those who have tried trucking here have found it profitable, as a rule.
 Several families from Pennsylvania have moved near Cronly, about seven miles from Wilmington. I understand they intend trucking and stock raising. I think they intend to grow celery to some extent.
 This is a fine country for growing grasses, and our people are beginning to pay more attention to improving stock. Only a few years ago you could find nothing here but "scrub" cattle and "razor back" hogs now you find a great many fine Jersey and other thoroughbred cows, and Poland-China, Red-Jersey, Berkshire and Chester hogs. I am satisfied that a good living can be made here as easily as in any county in North Carolina. There is plenty of land in Columbus county that yields from 80 to 100 bushels of corn to the acre and it has been known to beat this, while 40 and 50 bushels is a common thing. I have been in these corn fields when you could not see a man ten steps away.
 The people in the upper part of the State have an idea that this section is unhealthy. This is a very mistaken idea and especially so since the people here have been paying attention to having pure drinking