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THERE is no possibility of having "Free Silver" in the United States during this century, nor while Mr. McKinley is President. So, without discussing the question as to whether free silver would give the relief desired and predicted by its advocates, we must all reconcile ourselves to the inevitable, remembering that it is a condition and not a theory that confronts us. Some financiers assert that there is money enough for all business purposes and that confidence is all that is needed for a return of prosperity. Others assert most positively that more money is needed, and that no amount of confidence can supply its place. Without deciding which is correct we will be very willing to have a little more of both. Hardly anybody would object to having *more money and more confidence.*

But as we cannot have more of both—as we cannot have more money—let us try to have more confidence. Let us cease repining and complaining, and take a more hopeful view of the financial situation. "Calamity howling" will do no possible good, but may do much harm. Let us not destroy what little confidence that now exists, but rather strive to increase it. Even if times are hard they can be made much worse by idly sitting down and complaining, instead of everybody striving to improve them. There is an old saying that, "Providence helps those who help themselves" and those of our people will most improve their condition who try the hardest. And those who idle away their time and do nothing but grumble and complain will be sure of ways to have hard times!

THE 65th annual session of the North Carolina Baptist convention was held at Morganton last week. Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh (an honored son of Chatham county) was unanimously re elected president, which was an honor as deserved by him as it is pleasing to his many friends.

The reports from the various committees were very satisfactory and encouraging. The following are some of the statistics compiled from these reports:

Number of missionaries, 98; sermons preached, 9,663; churches supplied, 196; out stations supplied, 185; religious visits, 14,820; baptisms, 1,036; added by letter, 589; protracted meetings, 199; conversions, 1,550; churches building, 119; churches finished, 19; churches organized, 27; value of church property on finished, $100,178; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 958; tracts distributed, 5,494; paid on salaries of ministers, $6,144 11; paid on churches building, $1,007 91; collected for state missions, $1,237 84; collected for foreign missions, $393 35; collected for home missions, $266 98; collected for education, $232 43; collected for orphanage, $144 42; collected for other objects, $1,220 53.

It was decided to change the time for holding the convention to the Thursday night after the first Sunday in December, instead of in November as heretofore. Ozora was selected as the place for the next session of the convention.

SENATOR Pritchard's re election is now being openly opposed by Senator Butler, who has this week published a letter strongly opposing his re-election. In this letter Senator Butler accuses Senator Pritchard of having deserted "the people in this great struggle against the money power and gone over to the side of the money-changers, who bleed and oppress the people". He also tells him, "You certainly cannot expect the vote of any Populist". And as the votes of fifteen Populists will be necessary to secure Pritchard's election it would seem that his defeat is certain. But some folks are mighty uncertain, and Pritchard in spite of Butler's opposition may yet be elected. It may be that some Populist members of the Legislature may be as favorable to Pritchard as Congressman Strowd is, and may vote for him. And by-the-way it looks rather strange in Mr. Strowd being so strong for Pritchard when Guthrie and Butler and other prominent Populists so strongly oppose him.

THE vote for President in this State was counted on last Monday by the Secretary of State at Raleigh, as the law requires, and the result announced as follows: Bryan 174,488, and McKinley 155,222, the majority for Bryan being 19,266. This is the largest vote ever cast in this state, being nearly 50,000 more than was cast in 1892.

The vote for Governor and other state officers will be counted on next Thursday. From the returns already received it is estimated that Russell's vote is about 142,000, Watson's about 134,000, and Guthrie's about 32,000.

Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13, 1896.

While President Cleveland may have failed in many things he has undertaken, his administration has just won the greatest democratic victory in the history of the country. The negotiations now completed, of the treaty providing for the submission to arbitration of the Venezuela boundary dispute involves a full recognition of the Monroe doctrine by Great Britain, and consequently by the rest of the world, and complies with every demand made by this government. The extent of the diplomatic victory may be comprehended from the fact remembering that Venezuela has been trying to get Great Britain to settle the matter for more than fifty years, and now the matter goes to the arbitrators for only Venezuela and the United States. Besides the diplomatic victory the credit for the victory is more largely due to Secretary Olney than to President Cleveland. No matter to whom credit is due, it is a matter for every patriotic American to rejoice over. Beginning with Monroe every President of the United States has asserted that it would be the duty of this government to prevent the colonization by a foreign power of any territory on this continent that could become a dangerous neighbor.

The [illegible] Bill.

Trying to Restore Eyesight.

From the New York World.

It is doubtful whether any man has ever had an experience so painful, so wearying as John F. Martin. He is a penniless blind man, and the World has told how he has agreed to submit his eyes to experiments with the hope of regaining his sight and also of [illegible] moved by which a million dollars may be made.

Martin's business [illegible] in the manufacturing and selling of [illegible] to a [illegible] in the [illegible] to [illegible]. He [illegible] of Mr. Martin's experiments. Mr. Rowe [illegible] a [illegible] the evening when the world's [illegible] John F. Martin. [illegible] Rowe's [illegible] stand has nothing to the world to [illegible]. He would like to, but [illegible] to [illegible] Somehow [illegible] Mr. Rowe's [illegible] office and [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] by Mr. Rowe [illegible] [illegible] Martin [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]