

# THE COUNTY UNION.

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Subscribers will be cut off at the expiration of their subscription unless we are notified and no paper will be discontinued until the subscription is paid up.

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## PRODIGALS RETURNING.

The prodigals of Mississippi, who wandered off in 1894, and have, in many cases spent all their substance, and in every case squandered their time, have become tired feeding the swine, such as Butler and other big shots, and now they arise and shake off party prejudice and turn their faces back to the democracy of principle. They are tired and disgusted and say by their actions, we will not support any man, unless he be a true disciple of democracy. The hypocrites who stoled our votes before shall be trodden under our feet.

The Populist who wants the financial condition of the country changed are coming out and with the best hold up the doctrine of the Democratic party.

The Populists of North Carolina will soon follow the action of those in Mississippi. Men of intelligence will not be led on blindly against their own interest. Though they made a broad mistake in going into this party, and giving it their support, they are not so corrupt as to follow it further. They have tried it and have found in it, no relief—yes worse than the void of principle, and now they are, as wise men willing to withdraw from it.

It is natural for us to suppose that those who have gained an office under the Populist vote, that they will remain Populist, not because they have the good of the country at heart, but are only serving for the gold. But the man who went in it for relief and have failed to find it, are acting the part of wise men when they forsake the corrupt gang and come back to principle.

Our state is like Mississippi, the door hangs wide open and a warm welcome awaits those who may return.

The Populists are corrupt. As you can plainly see—Still they would like to continue to suck.

But such can never be. They folded you into their fold, And told you that there was relief, But now the story is told, And you cannot believe.

## WHAT CAUSED THE HARD TIMES.

Judge Hubbard, of Iowa, says it is the existence of co-operations. George Gould says it is the hostility to co-operations.

The farmer says it is the low price in wheat.

The silver men say it is the action of Wall street.

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The manufacturer says it is the fear of free trade.

The consumer says it is the fear of free trade.

The debtor says it is the creditor.

The Democrats say it is the Republicans say it is the Democrats.

The Populists say it is both. The Prohibitionists say it is whiskey. The preacher says it is the devil. Now, what is your ideal?—C. A. Driver.

## WHAT IS AN HONEST DOLLAR?

The gold standard men tell us that all they ask for is good money—honest money. If that is so, then there must be some monstrous juggling with words, for the very pith and marrow of our contention in demand the restoration of the privilege of full coinage to silver is for good money, honest money, a money more honest than gold, a money that shall be honest not merely today, but in perpetuity. The acute among the gold men very well know that gold money under existing conditions is not an honest money, but an unjust and essentially dishonest money.

What, then is an honest dollar? Is it not a dollar which demands at all times the same degree of sacrifice to obtain it?

Is a dollar "honest" only when it is increasing in purchasing power, when it is enlarging its grasp over the products of labor? Is it an "honest" dollar only when it is exactly more from the debtor than he contracted to pay and giving more to the creditor than he agreed to receive?

Is a dollar dishonest when, on the date of repayment, it commands precisely the same degree of sacrifice that it commanded when it was borrowed?

In order that a dollar may be entitled to the designation "honest" is it necessary that at the date of repayment it should have a greater control over human effort than it had when it was borrowed.

One would naturally suppose that an honest dollar would be a dollar that would correctly register the sacrifice of men, so that at the close of the term of a loan the creditor, in addition to lawful interest, would receive as principal not merely the same number of dollars, but dollars commanding on the average the same degree of human effort as those he had lent.

Are we to understand that after the making of a contract requiring the payment of money a dollar becomes more and more "honest" in the proportion in which its purchasing power increases, to the advantage of the creditor and the disadvantage of the debtor?

WAS THE GOLD DOLLAR AN HONEST DOLLAR IN 1873?

The gold dollar having today a purchasing power 50 per cent greater than the same gold dollar of twenty years ago a dishonest dollar, and is it today 50 per cent more honest than it was then, it being at both periods of precisely the same weight and fineness? And if it continues to increase in purchasing power, will it continue to increase in honesty?

We have heard no gold standard champion attribute dishonesty to any gold coin of any country at any date. Gold, they say, is always gold, which in one sense we grant, and, therefore, one would suppose that a contract to gold would be the same contract at one time as at another. Yet at two different periods of time it means two totally different things.

THE DEMAND THAT ONE DOLLAR MUST BE KEPT AS GOOD AS ANOTHER.

The gold advocates say that one dollar must be as good as another. But they do not define what goodness means. Is not a just dollar a good dollar? Is not a dollar of unchanging value a good dollar?

If the dollar they take for their model is a swindling dollar, why should they ask that an "honest" dollar should be as "good" or as bad as that?

If a dollar should get to be more valuable than the dollar of the contract—if gold means dearth—then we want a dollar that shall not be so good. We want a dollar that shall demand no more sacrifice to get it than the dollar of the contract—than the dollar that was agreed to be paid.

PREMIUM ON GOLD.

When gold alone, or a money based on gold, is the circulating medium of a country, a contract calling for the payment of \$1,000 on the spot would on its face seem to be the same as a contract calling for the payment of \$1,000 at a future time, because the sum being in each case the same and payable in the same form of money, there would seem to be no premium involved. If, however, men are obliged to give more of their products for it in the one case than in the other, are they not to all intents and purposes paying a premium on gold?

We learn that Mr. W. D. Patterson, who lives near Broadway, this county, lost his large dwelling, kitchen and washhouse by fire last Saturday. His dwelling is said to be one of the largest and perhaps the largest in the county. He sustains a great loss.

premium on gold, is it any less a premium because the true value of the transaction is not, in either case, being always stated in terms of money, never in terms of commodities, it is not easy for the uninitiated to detect variations in the value of the circulating medium?

Anything that is measured by itself alone can never present an appearance of change. No matter, therefore, how great a departure may be made by gold from its value at any former period, such departure is never denominated a change in the value of gold, but always a change in the prices of commodities. It is thus that even the everyday phases of industry and commerce are calculated to conceal the evil which the gold standard inflicts upon society and affords to interested capitalists and sophists, as well as to superficial thinkers upon money, to so-called statisticians and would-be philosophers and economists an opportunity much improved by them of disputing as to the true nature of the change that has taken place.

JOHN P. JONES in the Atlanta Constitution.

## TAX ON KNOWLEDGE.

You will notice on our local page a short local in regard to the taxes on doctors and lawyers. We have not yet seen any act of the last legislature that seems to us so unjust as this one, and it is one that will be felt not only by the doctors and lawyers but by those whose misfortune it is to employ them, for we cannot expect them to pay this tax and not increase their bills. It is nothing but right that they should, so we can plainly see that the legislature cut the throat of the public instead of the doctors and lawyers.

You say why is this an unjust tax? Why should they not pay a tax on their profession?

There is not any class of men to be found on the face of the earth that does as much disagreeable work as the doctor, and the hardships of their profession is unknown to those without experience. Perhaps you have never for a moment considered their profession. To become a skilled physician it is necessary for you to spend a great deal of time and money to obtain the knowledge of medicine. You enter some medical college and spend several months, sometimes years, and often the case you spend a small fortune to equip yourself of the knowledge and medical books. You graduate and locate in some section for practice, and in that section you find poor people, as they are to be found in every community. It makes no difference how cold or disagreeable the weather may be, or how great the distance, when you are called you must go and render your assistance without the assurance of one dollar.

The doctor is compelled to keep horses and vehicles for his practice, which amount to an item of expense with many other things connected with his profession.

You say the doctor is not bound to go those who cannot pay him. No truth in that. If he fails to do his duty as a physician and the poor fellow dies for want of attention, then the community is turned against the physician, so you can plainly see the position the physician occupies.

With all these many unjust things of the legislature we think this one of the most unjust acts of the corrupt body.

THE "BREATHING CAVE."

In the State of North Carolina, in the western part, in the range of mountains known as the Fork range, is located the most remarkable cavern now known to exist. It is called the "Breathing Cave" and is certainly a most wonderful natural curiosity. During the summer months a current of air comes from it which is so strong that a full grown man can not walk against it, and in winter the "virus" of air is equally strong. At times a most unpleasant odor is omitted from the cave, which is supposed to be from the carcasses of dead animals, which have been sucked in and killed by coming in contact with the inner wall of the inanimate breathing monster. During the spring months when the change from inhalation to exhalation takes place, the air is filled with pellets of hair, dry toes, small claws, etc., which are supposed to come from creatures sucked into this dry-laid mad stream in times passed. Many scientists have visited and revisited the place for the purpose of studying its peculiarities, but still the mystery remains unexplained. St. Louis Republic.

The nicest hats in town will be found at H. W. Jernigan & Co.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

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