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LACK OF COURAGE.

It is a little difficult to estimate the future of the newly organized bi-metallic party. It cannot be seen as yet, by the average mind's eye, how it is to amount to much with its members, still professing allegiance to their respective present party organizations and fighting within their parties for free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. It is not meant to say that it is not possible for the Democratic or the Republican party, or both of them, to be brought to the free silver standard; but, if either is or can be, then where is the necessity for a new bi-metallic party? and where is the field to work in? It seems to us a palpable absurdity for these gentlemen, all bi-metalists, to form a new party and then not join themselves. The case is bad as that of the doctor who refuses to take his own medicine.

Great significance would attach to this movement of those who have originated and those who are pushing it, and who have 'joined' it in the purely Pickwickian sense that while they believe in it and wish it well, they, for their own parts, continue in the parties to which they now severally belong—great significance would attach to the movement of these and all others whom they can influence should they cut loose from their old party associations and throw themselves unreservedly into the new movement, having no other shibboleth excepting silver. The point has been made that no one-idea party has ever succeeded. We conceive that this is not because it was a one-idea party, but because that idea did not appeal to enough of the people. Other parties have been hampered and held down by offering too many issues to the people. If they had presented one or two and presented them clean-cut then they might have gotten along better in the world. There is a great deal of free silver sentiment in this country—it may be said to be the burning question. A majority of the people might endorse it were, it accompanied by other entangling questions; but it is not likely to win under a leadership which declares it the vital issue and which yet does not demonstrate the courage of its convictions concerning it.—Charlotte Observer.

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SECURING A GOOD STAND.

It is important in planting any farm crop, that a good stand be secured; for every missing plant reduces the yield by just so much. A wet spot here and a little place there where the soil has not been put in proper condition for plant growth will make a difference which would astonish most farmers, if they could only see it piled up before them.

Every bit of tilled land should be so well drained that the longest probable wet spell will not affect the crops grown on it to any appreciable effect. The land should be put in the best condition when being prepared for planting; and if there are any places where it does not yield readily to ordinary methods, extra pains should be taken fine it thoroughly. The best farmer is the one who so tills his fields that every part of them shall produce a good crop. If there are thin spots, they must be fertilized in order to stimulate a growth equal to that in the best place in the field. There is no more attractive sight to the thorough farmer, than a field in which the crop shows exactly alike all over it. Such a crop always attracts attention from passers, and stamps the owner as one who understands his business and takes delight in it.

Another element in securing a good crop is in planting seed which has retained all its vitality. Very frequently this is where the fault lies; and it is a mistake to plant any kind of seed until it has been tested. I have known more than one occasion where seed corn failed to grow, making it necessary to replant the whole crop, and delaying it disastrously. After such a winter as we are now having, it frequently happens that seed corn is found to have been injured by the cold weather to such an extent that a considerable percentage of it will not grow. If only ten in a hundred fail it is a ten per cent loss on the crop, and no farmer wants to loose that much. I believe that there are a great many crops of corn grown where more than ten per cent of the possible stand is missing. This makes a very small showing in a growing field, but it makes a great one in the aggregate of the crop.

My plan of testing seeds, is to take one hundred grains from the lot to be planted, without selecting, and wrap them in common cotton batting. This kept damp and placed in a warm place, usually among Mrs. Carroll's flowers in the window garden, and allowed to remain two or three days. By that time the seeds will show whether they are going to grow or not; and if ten per cent of them fail, I either get seed of some other place, or plant enough, so as to make sure the stand will be perfect. I have not found it very profitable to replant corn, as the replant

never catches up with the first planting; and the best that it ever makes is fodder at the expense of the first planting.

The only true way is to take every precaution to get a good stand at the first.—Bert Carroll in Farm News.

NOTICE.

On Monday the 25th day of March 1895, I will sell at the Court House door, in Hertford, N. C., the following real estate; situated in Belvidere township, Perquimans county, to-wit: One tract of land at Perry's Bridge, containing thirty-four and one half acres, and one other tract adjoining the lands of Dr. Lamb and others, containing fifty-four acres. Terms, one third cash balance in one and two years, with interest from day of sale.

W. S. BLANCHARD,
Executor of Willis Whitehead.
Feb. 20, 1895.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Perquimans county, in the case of W. H. Morris, surviving partner against J. J. Burgess and J. D. Hofheimer, I will sell at public bidding, at the Court House door in the town of Hertford, on the 25th day of March, 1895, Monday of Court a certain piece of land situated at "Burgess," Perquimans county, N. C., adjoining the lands of G. R. Bateman and others. Containing sixty acres, more or less, and including store and gin house.

T. G. SKINNER,
Commissioner.
Feb. 23, '95.

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OUR CHURCHES.

Holy Trinity; Hertford, N. C., morning prayer and sermon with celebration of holy communion on 1st Sunday's at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Morning prayer and sermon on 3rd Sunday at 11 a. m. Evening prayer at 7:30 p. m. Services on all holy days at 11 a. m. Lectures on church history on Friday's at 7:30 p. m. and services every morning and sermon on Wednesday's at 7:30 a. m., during Lent. St. Mary's Gatesville, N. C. Morning prayer and sermon with celebration of holy communion on 2nd Sunday's at 11 a. m. Evening prayer at St. Peter's at 3:30 p. m., on 2nd Sunday's. Evening prayer with sermon at Winfall on 3rd Sunday's at 3 p. m.

HENRY WINGATE, Rector.

M. E. church, South, Hertford 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday's, morning and night. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Anderson 2nd and 4th Sunday's 3 p. m. Centre Hill 3rd Sunday's 11 a. m. Evan's 3rd Sunday's 3 p. m.

F. A. BISHOP Pastor.

Baptist church of Christ, Hertford, N. C., 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. 3rd Sunday 7 p. m. Every Thursday night 7 p. m. Young men's meeting every Sunday 3 p. m. 1st Sunday, Whiteville Grove 3 p. m., Saturday 10 a. m. 2nd Sunday, Berea 11 a. m., Saturday 10 a. m. 3rd Sunday, Chappel Hill 11 a. m., Saturday 3 p. m. 4th Sunday, Centre Hill 11 a. m., Saturday 3 p. m. 4th Sunday, Great Hope 3 p. m., Saturday 10 a. m. Mission meeting preceding Sunday services in the country churches.

JOSIAH ELLIOTT, Pastor.

St Paul's A. M. E. Zion church, 1st and 3rd. Poplar Run church 2nd. Potter's Chapel 4th Sunday's. Preaching at 11 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7 p. m.

C. B. HOGANS, Pastor.

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