

A Populist school committee in Johnson county employed an auctioneer to let the public school to the lowest bidder. It was knocked off at about \$12 a month, says a correspondent of the Smithfield Herald.

The first bale of new came from Texas, and was shipped to New York, and sold for 14½ cents per pound. Cotton is on the upward move, and it is hoped that it will be a good price when our farmers get ready to sell.

The following is said to be an assertion, made by John Sherman. It may be that he said so, but we will wager the assertion that it won't be safe to offer it to him:

"If all the people of the United States should join together and offer it (the presidency) to me, I would not accept the position.

At the International Convention, of the Christian Endeavor Society, held in Boston, the number reached 5,000. The object of this society is to unite the Christians of all denomination, and their motto is, "The World for Christ." We have seen some of the workings of this society in this town, and there is nothing in it to prevent harmonious union, or militate against any denomination.

It will be seen from the following, taken from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat that Texas is in the boat, in the way of something to eat:

No matter whether school keeps or not, Texas for the next 12 months is going to have chunks of bacon in the pot and plenty of hoe cake on the skillet. It is already assured that the corn crop will be the biggest ever raised in the State, while various localities are bragging on the large output of oats and hay.

The University Faculty consists of eighteen full Professors and ten Instructors and Assistants. They are all skilled specialists in their departments, many of them having received their training at the best American and European universities. Contact with such men not only produces culture of a high order but gives inspiration also to noble endeavor by setting before students proper standards of excellence.

Congressman G. W. Cooper is quoted as saying: "In Indiana I know hundreds of men who have been free silver men, but who have declared themselves for sound money. On the other hand, I cannot recall one instance in which a man has favored sound money and has then gone over to the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 without any restrictions as to an

international agreement."

The South is for sound money and for low tariff, and it is a noticeable fact that those men who are and have been raising such a muss about silver are dropping off fast. We think that before '96 comes in, and, with all that comes with it, silver men will be scarce. They will be like a certain Populist who wanted to be one of the Senators from the First District, they will be left out when the two old parties make their nomination.

The St. Louis Republic says: "With an annual expenditure by the government of \$143,000,000 a year for pensions and a Treasury deficit of \$43,000,000, the Republicans of Iowa are still crying for more pensions. They demand a pension for every man who fought the Confederacy, even though it should bankrupt every other man in the country. Is this the platform on which the Republican party expects to carry several Southern States next year?"

From a circular sent out by the Weather Bureau we learn that this division of the Agricultural Department of our government costs annually \$849,522.55. The Bureau does useful service sometimes, particularly in saving small truckers from frosts. But more frequently it barely manages to tell the people in the cities that cold or hot weather is at hand or how much rain fell yesterday and where the "low area" ought to be. It is a question with us whether practical benefits of such information are realized to a considerable extent by any one anywhere. So far as helping the agricultural classes is concerned, we know the farmers of North Carolina place more confidence in the moon and their own common sense; and they get along about as well as their would be instructors who spend their time "experimenting" and writing pamphlets.—Biblical Recorder.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., July 22, '95. Verily, the summer madness is on those who are jumping all over Secretary Olney, Carlisle and Herbert and Attorney General Harmon, who attended a special cabinet meeting last Friday afternoon, because they declined to tell what was considered at that meeting. Since when, pray, has it been the custom for members of the Cabinet to take newspapers into their confidence to that extent? There are reasons—good ones—for keeping secret for the present the business of that meeting and abuse will not change them.

A bit of the same sort of business is the abuse heaped upon Comptroller Bowler, because he has notified a beet sugar company of Nebraska that he has doubts of the constitutionality of the Act making an appropriation to pay sugar bounties, and requesting them, through their lawyers, to present arguments on the subject. Mr. Bowler is only per-

forming his duty. In a decision in a suit brought to compel payment of sugar bounty the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia has declared the bounty law to have been, in its opinion; unconstitutional. What then is wrong about Comptroller Bowler demanding to have his doubts removed before approving the payment of public money? That is exactly what the office of Comptroller exists for.

A business man from New York thus sizes up the political outlook: "The prospects of the Democrats are brightening all the time. Anybody who doubts that statement knows but little of what is going on. Wages are being advanced, mills are running night and day, and American manufacturers, thanks to free raw materials, are beating their European competitors in the most distant markets of the earth. This is proof positive that with equal chances as to material the manufacturer of the United States could not only hold his own against the foreigner, but could drive him off the field. Ex-Secretary Whitney is, I think, the strongest man the Democrats could nominate for President."

Secretary Olney was asked when he came to Washington the other day if the President had given any consideration to another issue of bonds in the near future. His reply was short and decisive. He said: "Such a thing has not been considered by any member of the administration. In fact, there is no necessity for such consideration, as the finances are in good shape, there is plenty of money in the treasury and the gold reserve is all right." Surely that ought to be plain enough to stop the silly bond story, started for the purpose of doing harm, but of course, it won't. Some people would rather lie any day than tell the truth.

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