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Very frequently it is remarked by our Populist friends that the Democratic party has not done anything for the relief of the people. We don't know why they make such statements, whether because the truth has not yet dawned upon them or because they don't want to believe the good things that have been accomplished. We wish here to mention just two or three things that have been done by the Democrats.

First they have levied an income tax which will cause the millionaires of the North, who have heretofore escaped a fair share of taxation, to pay into the United States treasury about fifty millions of dollars, thus relieving the laboring classes of that much taxation. Then it has taken off the tax on jute bagging by which the farmers of the South will save thousands of dollars that heretofore went to enrich the bagging trust.

Further it has taken off the tax on salt by which large sums will be saved to all users of that indispensable article. It has reduced the tariff on woolen goods about fifty per cent. so that a suit of clothes can soon be bought for less money than was ever known before. Dress goods will be cheaper, hats will be cheaper, and in fact every thing that a housekeeper needs.

Then to say that the Democratic party has done nothing is folly, and cannot be preached successfully to an intelligent people. It has done well in the short space of eighteen months. No party ever has done better and we think none ever can do better in such a short time.

Mrs. Frederick Duppen, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has just learned that seventeen years ago Frederick Miller made a remark derogatory to her character, and has entered a suit for slander.

Isaac N. Stevens, formerly chairman of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, has gone over to the Populist party, saying in a speech Tuesday night before a tremendous audience in Denver: "Now, firmly convinced that the Republican party is unalterably opposed to the free coinage of silver, and firmly convinced that the party in this State is dominated by a secret oath-bound protective organization, which threatens the rights of personal liberty and the perpetuity of our institutions, I can act no longer with that party."

U. S. Court Dots.

In the United States Court at Greensboro last week the following cases from Orange county were disposed of:

J. F. Shumaker, of University Station; retailing without a license; verdict of not guilty.

Wm. Ray, of Chapel Hill; retailing without a license; verdict of not guilty.

Thomas Hundley plead guilty of retailing without a license and was fined \$25.

Pearl Cotton a young colored girl from Hillsboro; robbing a letter; case not sent to the Grand Jury and the girl discharged.

John T. Porterfield; illicit distilling; verdict of guilty; 2 months in Orange county jail, \$100 fine and costs.

John D. Jones and Jesse Wilson; illicit distilling; verdict of guilty: each 6 months in Orange county jail, \$100 fine and costs.

We see nothing in the record of the Democratic party to be ashamed of, but we see much to be proud of. It has been true its pledges in every case where possible, and no man can consistently ask more.

Then, is it not time for those honest men who have patriotically gone into the People's party under a misapprehension to come back? We feel sure that they must desire to renounce a mistake before it becomes a fatal error. There is yet time. There are nearly five weeks to the election, plenty of time for the collapse of parties and the vindication of principles. There is plenty of time for the true honest Democrats to assert their strength and again enlist under a banner that carries victory in its folds.

How can a Populist and a Republican fuse on the tariff question? The Republican is in favor of protection to the manufacturer and the Populist is in favor of as near free trade as possible. Where is the congeniality? Pritchard and Butler in the United States Senate would mean neutrality for North Carolina on all great questions. This being so they would do the State no good, do no one any good except Pritchard and Butler. How then can honest men vote to neutralize the State's vote?—Wilson Advance.

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