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EDITOR'S CHAIR.

*. The repeal of the Sherman law of 1890, providing for the purchase of 54,000,000 ounces of silver per year, is advocated by Mr. Sherman, and also in the platform of the Democratic party. By all means let them repeal it this winter. Then the money question will come to a crisis, and the free and unlimited coinage of silver will become a necessity, and the Democratic party be compelled to show its position.

*. A monopolistic paper of Kansas, discussing the next legislature of that State says:

"It is not supposed that any Democrat or Republican will enter into legislation that will be detrimental to the interests and credit of the State of Kansas."

Do you see the point? Monopoly is fighting the People's party. It is satisfied with either the Democratic or Republican party. There are in fact but two parties in this country now, the monopoly and the anti-monopoly parties. To which do you belong?

*. The Democrats are now in, but they are already trying to DODGE even the tariff question. The politicians are proposing to raise a commission to consider the question of the tariff. The Washington Post speaking of this proposition says:

"The commission proposition is not to be thought of excepting to reject it. There is grave doubt of its wisdom. There is abundant cause to mistrust the motives behind it. It is not an honest and straightforward deal by the people. It is a scheme for procrastination—a scheme to baffle the public demand for tariff reform—a scheme to put off and indefinitely delay and needlessly complicate, if not to eventually defeat, the legislation which the Democratic party is pledged to enact."

*. The Democratic politicians are swearing that the Republicans are trying to steal several senatorships. But it would not surprise us in the least to know that the Democratic and Republican politicians had formed a plot to let the Republicans capture enough Senators to keep the Democrats from having a majority in the United States Senate. The politician fears nothing more than responsibility, with no top holes. If the Democrats could have the Senate they will probably be woefully sick over for then they will be bound to something. How delighted they would be to come before the people next election and say if they had only had a few more senators we would have abolished all those measures and have given the people more money and less taxes.

Reason That is Worse Than No Reason.

Mrs. Cicero Harris, the Washington correspondent of several newspapers in this State, says that there is objection in Washington to an extra session of Congress as it would come at the wintering places. What do our oppressed and suffering people think of that? If that is true the people ought next time to elect a man who would think more of giving the people relief than of going around summer resorts.

Another Democratic Gildonite.

Isn't it funny to think of the Atlanta Democrats being represented in Congress by a member of Gideon's Band? I wonder if Hoke Smith thought of this when he voted for old man Livingston?—Atlanta People's Party.

"Have Turned Bulls."

The Charlotte Observer says:—"Farmers who still have cotton on hand need not be discouraged by the occasional and temporary set-back in the market. It is very significant that Lehman Bros. have turned bulls. They are pretty generally on the bear side."

Last summer during the campaign, when we charged that gambling fixed the price of cotton that paper swore that the "law of supply and demand" fixed the price of cotton. The Observer is learning something it seems. Is the Observer for or against the anti-option bill now?

Preparing the People to Expect but Little.

The News and Observer said a few days since:

"If nothing is done to promote international bi-metalism at the conference now in progress, there will be a strong effort made to repeal the Sherman Act, under which our government is now purchasing silver. Whether that act be repealed or not, at all events the ten per cent. tax on State bank notes ought to be repealed."

We expected this paper to go one step further and say:

"But if that can not be done, the people ought not to grumble, but go right on and vote the Democratic ticket again."

A Self-constituted Spokesman for the Alliance.

The State Chronicle says: "It is very likely that the farmers of North Carolina will indicate at the next State convention of the Alliance their disapproval of the spirit and motives which seem to influence men like Marion Butler."

Some of the Gideon Band Democratic Alliancemen (?) must have been taking the Chronicle into some of their Yarboro House conferences. Wonder if the editor of that paper will be a candidate for President or will his paper be a candidate to become the "official organ?" Poor thing, we fear it will be a little disappointed if it ever learns that the farmers are not standing breathless each week to catch wisdom and inspiration from its little soul and narrow intellect.

The Post is Flopping.

The Washington Post which claims to be independent, is now changing its tune on certain issues. It is now getting so Democratic (?) and such an admirer of Cleveland that it has begun to oppose the income tax. It says that all the tax to run the government should be raised by the tariff. It says that it is wrong to inquire into the big fortunes of millionaires and to tax their incomes. It says that it is opposed to individual taxes, that the great masses should pay the taxes together, that is, that the poor shall pay as much as the rich. We had thought that the Post had some backbone and real independence, but it is flopping over and getting in line to be the mouth piece of the incoming administration, which is opposed to income tax and which is opposed

to doing anything that will make it necessary to reduce the tariff much. How long before the Post will be opposing free coinage of silver?

How They Won and How They Stand.

The people's Party is the only one of the four which comes out of the contest with real ground for hearty congratulations. The Prohibitionists have held their own in the aggregate, but the most ardent champions of that party must admit that it is not doing much more. The Republicans have been overwhelmed. They have been defeated on every proposition. The Democrats have gained power, but for what? The party is weighted down with impossibilities. Its whole study now is how not to fulfill its promises. The Democratic party won its victory on the People's party platform. The demand of the country is relief from plutocracy, and if Democracy does not give it upon our platform, it will be overthrown, and the People's party will come into power.—Nonconformist.

A Little Ignorant Editor Full of Gail

The State Chronicle referring to the editor of THE CAUCASIAN says:

"When the just indignation of a man's fellow-townsmen move them to burn him in effigy as an evidence of their ineffable contempt, he ought to retire from public view or at least to put his mouth into quarantine."

The Chronicle man is probably excusable on the ground of general ignorance and bitterness not knowing that a large majority of the white people of Sampson county (men who could not be bought with money, and men who did not use money to buy the votes of others) voted with and for Marion Butler. Not only this, we would have the world to know that the number of men in Sampson county who approve of such disgraceful and contemptible conduct as referred to in above clipping is extremely small. The great majority of the citizens of Sampson county, of both parties are decent, good citizens and are above such reprehensible conduct. If there is a small minority in Sampson county who think like the little and narrow editor of the Chronicle, then that minority will itself have to move, for we will hold the fort and stay with the majority.

Credit to Whom a Credit is Due.

For twenty years the people have been talking about trying to compel all railroads to pay tax. They never would have succeeded except for the establishment of the Railroad Commission.

The wisdom of the establishment of the Railroad Commission has been abundantly vindicated.—The North Carolinian.

It might be added here that for twenty years politicians have prated about us having the best State Government in the world, and that the Legislature had always been true to the people. But not until the "Alliance went into politics" did we have a Legislature that had the backbone to tackle the railroad question and make

the rich corporations stand on the same footing as the humble citizen. The Alliance has won a great victory for "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." Now let the next Legislature order the back taxes to be collected. This will amount to at least \$250,000. Now the charter of the Petersburg Railroad runs out next February. This railroad is a part of the A. C. L. system. If the Legislature will refuse to recharter it, unless the road gives up its exemption on the main line, the victory will be complete. The Legislature should do it.

Prohibition is a Failure.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 13.—The Rev. A. S. Embree, pastor of the First M. E. Church of this city, recently preached a sensational sermon on temperance.

He declared that prohibition was a failure; that it never had been enforced, and that the prohibition laws should be stricken from the statutes. The continued violation of law with impunity led, he said, to anarchy, and that was what was being taught the young men of the State by the non-enforcement of the prohibition laws. He therefore advised the repeal of the present prohibition laws and the substitution in their place of a sensible local-option law.

[Habits cannot be legislated out of men after they are once formed. The nature and effects of alcohol should be taught the child at school before the habits are formed. The last legislature of North Carolina took a correct step in this direction.—Ed.]

The Relief Fund.

BRETHREN:—So many inquiries are being made of me in regard to the Alliance Relief Fund, inaugurated at Greensboro in August last, that I concluded it best for me to send an open letter to all. The fund is growing, and applications for relief have been made which will be paid just as soon as the proper papers are filed with me. I think the plan a good one, and will be of great help to those who suffer losses, and will relieve those lodges of a heavy responsibility in which the losses occur. I think there is some doubt about the dues being sufficient to meet all losses, but I cannot tell. It will have to be tried, and if found necessary it can be amended at next State meeting. Upon the fraternal love taught by our order, I believe it is the duty of every Sub Alliance to become a part of this association. Per the constitution the fees must come from each Sub Alliance in proportion to the number of males in good standing, otherwise it will not be a part of the association. Application blanks for losses can be had at this office. The committee on the good of the Order, whose business it is to assess losses, will have to make sworn statements before the Clerk of the Court of the county in which the Sub is located, and the seal of the Clerk must be attached thereto. Remember when your Sub has failed to pay the National and State dues it is not in good standing, and this fact might debar the payment of losses even if you have paid dues to the association.

Send in your dues promptly. Join the relief association by all means. Let every member of the Order do his duty fully as required by your obligation—forgive and forget any unkindness of a brother engendered by the late political campaign—be to each other a brother in the true sense of the word, and let us present one solid front to those who would have members of the Order at war with each other.

Fraternally,

W. S. BARNES,

Sec'y Treas. N. C. F. S. A.

[See constitution, Art. xii. Every lodge should adopt this relief plan. It is the cheapest and safest insurance in the world.—Ed.]

FARMERS FEARING STARVATION.

Vast Extent of the Depression of Agriculture in England.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Both in England and in Germany the signs of agricultural distress are increasing rapidly. The standing armies of the two countries combined, moreover, are not so numerous as the great crowds of unemployed who walk the streets in the great cities. In this city Mr. Asquith and Mr. Shaw Lefevre are kept at their wits' end to find for the cabinet satisfactory answers to the appeals of delegations of laborers for work.

During the last week the small British farmers gave utterance to their troubles at the agricultural conference in St. James's Hall. The speeches for protection and bi-metalism and such other panaceas give an inadequate idea of the feeling of the majority of the men present. Among the groups at the entrance were heard bitter complaints that the men were ashamed to make before the whole assembly. "Are we to be starved for a theory?" Shouted one man from the door when Francis Smith made his plea for the platform for free trade. "Give us the old corn laws, or we will go to Canada."

Gen. Booth thinks that this widespread depression is responsible for the exceptional suffering among city workingmen. John Burns said in a meeting on Wednesday that agricultural laborers had been driven by the hard times from their homes: had sought work in the city, and thereby had swelled the number of unemployed in London, Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham to 500,000.

[How is this? England has free trade, and America has protection. The Democratic party says tariff is the great trouble. If tariff is the only trouble with the farmers, why is it that English farmers are starving? The money devils who are running America live in England and are oppressing the farmers there the same way.—Ed. THE CAUCASIAN.]

Longer Time Than Ever.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

It is announced that South Carolina will probably pass a prohibition law. Just think what the Governor of South Carolina will say to the Governor of Carolina after that bill has passed.

Senator Kyle on the Tariff.

SIOUX CITY, Ia.—In a published interview Senator Kyle, Populist, of South Dakota, is quoted as saying that he will vote with the Democrats on the tariff question, and will vote for any "judicious measure that will be a step in the direction of tariff reform."

"The Boys in Blue."

TOPEKA, Kas.,—"The Boys in Blue" is the name by which an ex-union soldiers' organization will be known, which will be a rival of the Grand Army of the Republic. The old soldiers in the People's party are the originators of the plan. The charter was filed Nov. 29th. It will be a national order. A. J. R. Smith, of this city, said that organizations would be effected at once in ten states. The board of trustees consists of the following ex-union soldiers of this city: E. D. Moore, printer; W. C. Ely, schoolmaster; A. J. R. Smith, editor, and H. W. Parker, farmer. This morning A. J. R. Smith said: "The whole tendency of the G. A. R. is to strengthen the Republican party. It is the intention to make our organization non-political, and we will keep it from the control of political shysters and demagogues."

The Great Strike Ended.

The great strike at Homestead is ended, and another object-lesson is given humanity to reflect upon. Another test has been made between dollars and stomachs, with the inevitable result. The dollars could wait and did not eat, while the stomachs could not wait because they had to be filled. If the value of the time wasted in this vain effort together with the money expended, had been given to the People's party campaign committee for educational purposes, enough Senators and Representatives could have been elected to hold the balance of power and force Congress to enact some wholesome labor legislation. As it is, both the opportunity and the money are lost and the people are made to suffer in consequence. Out of the four thousand locked-out men at Homestead, doubtless three-fourths, if not more, voted old party tickets at the late election, thereby giving their consent and support to those economic systems the results of which were the cause of all their troubles. The folly of such a course is only equalled by the persistent regularity with which it is put in operation. This great strike and its dangerous termination should teach organized labor that the time and place to strike is on election days at the ballot box. So long as monopoly makes the laws, owns the courts and holds the money, just so long will labor be oppressed. There are but two methods of redress, a revolution that kills and destroys, that is strong and bloody enough to seize and overturn the government, or a revolution at the ballot box of equal strength and power. There is no temporizing with the conditions, since the result is always against labor. A strike is a revolution in miniature, and is of no use as a remedial measure. It should be abandoned at once and forever. Instead of contending against Carnegie and his sort, begin at once to legislate such powerful corporations out of existence. Instead of trying to kill Frick make such laws as will cease to develop men of this kind. If the ballot means anything it is industrial freedom to the people. And a free people who have the power to redress their wrongs through the ballot and fail to do so ought to be slaves, they deserve no better fate.—National Watchman.