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EDITOR'S CHAIR.

THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR ON THE ISSUES OF THE DAY.

There are a great many Democrats who claim to be Democrats for principle, yet who will hurrah for anything during a campaign, and who will vote against that same thing when the election is over. This was the condition of the Raleigh Democrats who hurrahed for Cleveland and who served to form during the campaign, yet when a dose of civil reform was served out to them in the case of the Raleigh postoffice, they objected to it and whimpereed and whined about it. They said they did not know that it meant for the best men to hold the offices, for they wanted the little juicy places for their ward political heuchman and bedlers. The same thing is true about the tariff. They all hurrahed with one unanimous wild chorus for tariff reform while they were asking for votes, but now they opposed to tariff reform if it touches their interests. They want tariff reform for the other fellow. Delegations of Democrats from West Virginia, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, and from other states are trying to convince the ways and means committee that they hurrahed for tariff reform for the party's sake, but did not mean it. Such is one of the results of sentimental politics in the South. List the fanatical thing about this matter, is that papers that hurrahed for free silver during the campaign, but turned goldbugs as soon as the election was over, are now twisting their tariff men for not being willing to stand by the platform. Such a heterogeneous party, with such glaring and revolting inconsistencies is bound to go to pieces, as the shackles of partisanship are loosened. The great principles of the People's movement are bound to win.

Mr. Thurston, the Minister from the Hawaiian Islands, at Washington, has published a reply to 'Commissioner Blount's report of the Hawaiian affair. He charges Minister Blount with misrepresenting the facts. He says Mr. Blount evidently went to the Islands not to find the facts but to act as an attorney to get up testimony to support a view of the case which he had decided on before going. He proves that the ministers overthrew the monarchy and that the U. S. troops under Minister Stevens had nothing to do with it. He says that the revolution commenced on Saturday and that Minister Stevens did not order the U. S. troops to land till Monday evening and then gave them orders to simply protect the lives and property of American citizens there.

When we wrote our first article on this question we had read only one side and were inclined to think that President Cleveland's course was right. For we then thought that the Queen had been forced to abdicate by force from our troops. If a wrong against the Queen had been done THE CAUCASIAN thought and said that it was the honorable and manly thing for the United States to undo the wrong. A great government like ours could less afford to take advantage of a weak one, than a strong one even. But it now seems that a great wrong has been done and that a great wrong will be done if President Cleveland perseveres in his declared policy to overthrow the people's government of the island and restore an unworthy Queen.

Mr. Joe Caldwell, the editor of the Charlotte Observer, greatly underestimates the intelligence of the people. Since the election of Mr. Cleveland, which he advocated, and since the demonization of silver, which he also advocated, prices have been going down. He advocated and asked the people to vote for, and endorse the President and his gold policy because it would, he said, increase the price of labor and products. Now that prices have continued to go down, he (Mr. Caldwell) falls back on the overproduction theory. He says that is why cotton is so low. But there was less cotton made last year than the year before. There will be less this year (it is estimated) than last year, yet Mr. Caldwell says it is overproduction. Such a man will swallow this.

In every state and every county in every state, and in every voting precinct in every county, where an election has been held this fall the Populists made big gains. What does this mean? That light is breaking and that the truth is steadily gaining ground. Now let every Populist put his shoulder to the wheel and push on the great fight.

In the late elections the People's cause made gains everywhere.

CHARITY A PART OF THE CONSPIRACY.

The fate of the city of ancient Troy, which was betrayed by accepting the Trojan horse as a gift from the Greeks, has given the world for all future ages a warning. It is wise to fear the Greeks bearing gifts, today as much as it would have been for the Trojans then. The money power is plotting against the liberties of the people to-day as the Greeks did against the people of ancient Troy. The papers and the politicians who are ever ready to advocate any legislation that will rob productive labor, are the first to advocate some special act of charity or benevolence. They do this to try to cover their tracks. They do not out of love for the people, but to fool them and hold their confidence. For instance the New York World, which belongs to the English Jews and goldbugs, and advocates the damnable financial policy that needs the people for the benefit of the speculators, bankers and stock gamblers, is always ready to get up a broad fund to feed the starving, poor, or to raise funds for a stricken section. Had it not been for the bad financial legislation fostered by the World and its masters, it would not have been necessary to raise a broad fund to feed those who are willing to work in New York, but could not get work. Another case in point was in the U. S. Senate the other day. Just after the bill to demonize silver had passed, Senator Hoar, one of the goldbugs, immediately offered a bill to vote money for the relief of a certain number of families in South Carolina who had suffered from a cyclone. While this bill was under discussion Senator Stewart said:

"Mr. President, I have always been in favor of extending relief to the unfortunate to the full extent of the Constitutional power of the United States. This bill provides for relieving the suffering from a cyclone, which was a force of nature, which deprived a few persons of their property and means of support; but when we enter upon this class of legislation we ought to reflect that there has recently been a legislative cyclone, which has been much more far-reaching in its effects, and has not only temporarily deprived a few people of employment and the means of livelihood, but has doomed to starvation and beggary millions of our fellow-citizens, who are to-day begging for bread, and who in the coming Winter must suffer untold misery. If this bill shall become a law, it will furnish a precedent for the appropriation of many millions of dollars if other cases equally worthy are to be provided for."

"I am not sorry that the Senator from Massachusetts by this bill has called to the attention of the Senate the suffering and distress in one quarter in order that some remedying act may be had of the universal suffering which the legislation in these halls has inflicted upon the people of the United States."

"I am glad that this question of suffering and starvation is to be discussed. I hope the bill will be referred to the committee on Finance, and that they will consider to what extent it is possible for congress to extend relief to the sufferers, who must starve during the coming Winter, not on account of cyclones of nature, but on account of cyclones of legislation, dictated and carried through by Executive authority."

"The Senator sizes up this species of hypocrisy, which is part of the conspiracy in a very timely and fitting manner. The millionaires like Rockefeller, Carnegie and Armour, who give large sums of money to churches and schools are a part of the same conspiracy. They give a part of their ill gotten gains to religious, charitable and educational institutions, to lead them and justify their methods. This business is already corrupting the church and sapping the very foundation of our people. The people are aroused to the depth of this deep and dangerous conspiracy the quicker the fatal cancer will be plucked from the heart of the nation. Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN COLORADO.

The proposition to confer upon the women of Colorado the same rights as possessed by other citizens with regard to suffrage was carried at the late election by a handsome majority. The act of the legislature conferring the franchise reads as follows:

"That every female person shall be entitled to vote at all elections in the same manner as shall be entitled to vote by the constitution and laws of this State, and the same qualifications as to age, citizenship, and time of residence in the State, county, city, ward, and precinct, and all other qualifications required by law to entitle male persons to vote shall be required to entitle female persons to vote."

If all the women vote it will nearly double the vote of the State in the next election. North Carolina is not ready yet to follow suit.

YES, LIGHT IS NEEDED.

The mystery about the election is what became of the Populist vote. Perhaps Mr. Butler can throw some light upon the subject.—North Carolinian.

Yes, Mr. Daniels is right when he says there is mystery about the elections in North Carolina and Virginia. There is mystery about what becomes of People's party votes after they are put in the ballot boxes. Why the county commissioners will not appoint a member of the People's party recommended by the chairman of the Ex. Com. to serve on the Board of Judges at the elections is where the mystery commences. It is a mystery why men who "intend" to count the votes honestly will persist in following a course which puts them under suspicion not only with their political opponents but even their political friends. Why men who have expressed such much horror at "negro rule," who in the past have grown red with rage at the idea of a negro holding an office of position, pay or trust, should themselves appoint negroes (not intelligent or honest negroes but as a rule ignorant and disreputable darkies) to assist them in holding an election, is indeed a great mystery. If they wanted a negro, they might take a negro that had the respect and confidence of other negroes. But they could find white men of the highest character who would fill the place, but it is a mystery why they are not wanted. Why honest men want to get in the dark—in dark hole voting places to carry on an election is also a mystery. When God furnishes sunlight for the convenience of mankind, why should honest men build a "bull pen" to shut out the light from their action while they are charged with the great duty of registering the will of the people? It is an astonishing mystery! Why a returning board should always find it their sworn duty to throw out precincts that go anti-Democratic, while the "irregularities" in Democratic precincts where they did their dirty work can not be seen by them or are too small or probably did not occur, is indeed another great mystery. Why the places, where such suspicious conduct occurs, should give large Democratic majorities, where everybody thought before that the party was in a minority, a tantalizing mystery. If Mr. Butler had seen what went on behind the curtain last fall in North Carolina and this fall in Virginia, he could have thrown much light on the situation, —to the discomfiture and chagrin, no doubt, of Mr. Daniels and those of his kind. Shall such things continue? If they do that will then be a mystery that we will ask Mr. Daniels to explain.

U. S. If Mr. Daniels will read an article in last issue headed, "Why Sam-Abo-rejoices," he will find some food for thought on the Virginia situation.

MUCH ESTEEMED, NOW.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer (Col. F. A. Olds) in his letter of Nov. 20th, says: "Reverend Collector White, who retires from office next Saturday, may make Raleigh his home. He is very much esteemed here."

Recently we have been struck with the change of attitude of the "organs" and machine "cockroaches" toward the once despised Republicans. The same men who were once abused or at least ignored or spoken lightly of are now referred to in coaxing and complimentary terms. There is a deep significance about this. The Democratic bosses, notwithstanding their lying and swearing to the contrary, know that the Democratic party is in a big minority in North Carolina. They also know that there will be trouble before the people will submit to such frauds as were practiced last fall to pervert the will of the people. The high priests among the bosses have held a conference over the alarming situation. They decided that it was necessary for them to get the negro vote of the State next time to win. They preferred the negro to the white Republicans for two reasons, first they did not think they could get the support of the intelligent white Republicans and second, they thought the negro could be gotten by employing a few negro teachers and preachers, while the white Republicans would dictate terms before he would not with them. But they also decided to try what effect they would have on the Republican leaders. Orders have gone out from headquarters to work this racket. Col. Olds is a mouthpiece for the machine in Raleigh. Hence the above paragraph. When Collector White said that the thin staff dished out to him by Col. Olds, he no doubt reflected a moment on the no distant past, and then smiled at the distress of the machine.

WHO IS WRONG?

EITHER SENATOR RANSOM OR A DEMOCRATIC EDITOR IN HIS COUNTY MISSTATE THE FACTS ABOUT THAT SILVER MEETING.

The Caucasian States the Case and Leaves Them to Fight it Out.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says under date of Nov. 21st:

WHAT SENATOR RANSOM SAYS.

"Senator Ransom is here but expects to go home in a day or two. The Senator tells his friends that he is pretty well satisfied with that Northampton silver meeting. All except four Democrats sided with him. He did not, as reported in Populist and Republican papers, get angry and fly off the helve, but he sent some hot shot into the camp of deserters from the Democratic party, many of whom were at the meeting. They controlled its action."

The Senator says he is satisfied with the result of the meeting. The fact is he was never more chagrined in his life to be censured by a meeting irrespective of party of the citizens of his county. He says that all the Democrats sided with him but four, and that the Populists controlled the meeting. If this is true then it is an admission that the People's party is in a big majority in Northampton. He says he poured hot shot into the ranks of the "deserters" from the Democratic party. This is very funny, the gold bug minority pouring hot shot into the ranks of the great mass of the people who know what Democracy is and refuse to follow one who has gone over to the monopolists but still masquerades under the flag of Democracy. The Senator "poured hot shot" into those who disagreed with him. One of those was Mr. Gay, the chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the county, who was also chairman of this meeting. The Senator says he did not get mad at the "Populist" and "Republican" papers say. The following is an editorial taken from a Democratic paper, (The Patron and Gleaser), published in his own county, bears testimony to the contrary.

WHAT A DEMOCRATIC PAPER SAYS.

"The call for the meeting which was held at Jackson last Monday invited all citizens of Northampton, without regard to party attachments, to assemble at Jackson in mass meeting to express their opinion on the repeal bill which was under discussion in the Senate at the time the call was made; also to thank Senator Vance for his fight for free silver. As we understand it the meeting was not to ensure any citizens of this State who is not for silver, nor was it a meeting of members of any political party, but of all parties who believe in the free and unlimited coinage of silver, as declared in the platform of the political parties presented in this State. Senator Ransom was present, and as he is opposed to the free coinage of silver and voted for the repeal bill that has now become a law, and who is an ardent supporter of President Cleveland, he construed the meeting as an implied censure upon his course, in the Senate, and early in the day announced that he would oppose the resolutions that were offered, not because of any interference between himself and Senator Vance, but because he believed the meeting was to be held for the purpose of expressing disapproval of his vote in the Senate, and thereby show to the State that his own county had repudiated him. Many of the Senator's warmest friends now regret that he took any part in the meeting, for during the heat of the debate on the resolutions the Senator said some unkind things about his neighbors and countrymen and made wounds that will take years to heal. For instance, he charged the chief man of the meeting, Mr. B. S. Gay, who is also chairman of the County Democratic executive committee, when he answered a question put to him by the Senator, were members of that 'horrible Gideon's Band.' We feel sure that the Senator does not believe that any such order exists in this county, nor would he so express himself upon reflection."

The above editorial conscientiously answers the Senator's statement.

THEY LIKE IT.

How do Southern Democrats felicitate the performance of Commissioner Blount of Georgia, in his effort to overturn a white man's government in Hawaii in order to restore a black queen upon a throne?—Washington Post.

The Democratic bosses down here will be pleased with this. It is a "Post" probably does not know that they are getting very affectionate towards the "colored" brother and are getting ready to form a partnership with him in the next campaign. The course of President Cleveland and Commissioner Blount is very natural viewed from the standpoint of the Southern Democratic boss at this time.

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GOOD DEMOCRATS FOR REVENUE ONLY.

The Richmond Dispatch is responsible for the following:

"It is said that the President realizes that it is necessary to make his administration thoroughly Democratic if he expects the Democratic Senators and Representatives to stand by him to a man in carrying out his policies. There has been a great slow method adopted in dealing out the patronage. The powers that be have been annual reports are out of the way there will be no further excuse, and heads ought then to drop in the basket, so that the Democrats can have a show at the public trough."

The above is one of thousands articles that might be clipped to show how low and mercenary is the idea of the old parties as to government.

If the President will only deal out enough "government pie" to Democratic campaign workers, then the bosses will be satisfied. This will make the administration "thoroughly Democratic" and the Senators and Representatives should be no longer lukewarm but enthusiastically support any "policy" that the great giver of patronage may propose. Yes, give the party workers a "show at the public trough" and they will then wag their partisan tails with great satisfaction and say "amen," not in a lukewarm but in an enthusiastic manner to a single gold standard and contraction of the currency, to the issuing of more bonds and the increasing of the debt and taxes of the people or any "policy" that the great "pie counter" caterer may name. These men are Democrats for revenue only. The people, however, are concerned more about the policy of finance and taxation and the dangerous growth of monopolies than they are about who gets "government pie" and who does not.

The Kaiser's Message.

The German Reichstag was opened by Emperor William yesterday with an address in which he first thanked the assembled legislators for their support of his military policy, and then asked them to vote the necessary appropriations for carrying it out. It is severely asked why the Reichstag is to be raised to cover the cost of maintaining peace by an increase in the army, the Emperor did not state, but suggested that plans for strengthening the financial system of the government would be laid before the Reichstag for its consideration and concurrence.

The grace of Europe comes high, but a way is generally found to pay for the luxury, and it will doubtless be so in the case of Germany. What the Emperor wants he generally succeeds in getting, but it is gradually dawdling upon the people that vast military establishments are more of a burden than blessing and that peace is hardly worth the having which can only be had by a constant sapping of their energies and strain upon their slender resources.

When they finally reach this conclusion, emperors will cease to be coaxed, ejected, or intimidated to do the imperial bidding.—Washington Post.

We clip the above for two reasons, first it contains a news item, and second we wish to call attention to the last paragraph. A paper that is always on the side of the corporations here is always taking the side of the people in foreign countries. This is probably done to blind and fool the people here. The people should remember that the Post stood by imperial Cleveland and the goldbugs when they were coaxing, cajoling and intimidating congress to desert the people. The Post can do nothing for justice in Germany, but if it would advocate justice and take the side of the people here it could accomplish great good.

A first-class workman to repair an old political issue which has passed through twenty years of storm and strife. Said issue has greatly shrunk in size since its last active service, and if it can not be inflated it will be worthless. It also needs a fresh coat of paint, a new cover, and will probably have to be entirely remodeled. Must be ready for use by Sept. 1st, 1894. Address, Wm. C. Whitney, Manager Goldberg Combine, P. S. Democrats and Republicans (if you are the right kind) stand on the same footing with us. (If you are not, you are not.)

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PROCLAMATION.

A True Version of the President's Thanks Giving Proclamation as Read Before the Lines.

On March 4, 1893, I, Grover Cleveland, was inaugurated President of these United States. In this year I will see the special interposition of the divine hand. In 1892, you foolish people were run mad. You sent delegates to the city of Chicago, and these delegates in convention assembled, promulgated a platform of foolish ideas.

But God was wiser than the people and saved them from themselves by having me nominated as candidate for the Presidency on said platform. The people, wise in their own conceit, but foolish in the light of the Lord, voted more wisely than they knew and I was elected—the chosen instrument of God to save the people from themselves. It is true that I accepted the nomination and stood on the platform; but this was necessary. If I had not, I could not have voted all their time and energy to labor and production, instead of to accumulation as "John and me" and my friend Benefet has done. They are mistaken in their ideas of economy, as well as political economy. Remember in your prayers and thank the good Lord that he opened the generous hearts of our noble millionaires, to the end that within the last year a number of your poor servants in congress have been made comparatively comfortable for some time to come, and numbers of poor newspaper men all over the country have been helped to keep the wolf from the door. An independent press is the salvation of the nation, and "John and me" propose to make it independent of the people.

Remember that the present unparalleled prosperity of the country is owing to the wisdom and effort of "John and me," and fail not to recommend me in your prayer, and ask the good Lord to uphold our hands and enable us to enforce such legislation as will enable the few enterprises to accumulate into their hands the wealth of the people, which things have not the intelligence nor manhood to keep.

For some years demagogues have stirred up the foolish people, and told them they were slaves to the banks. The people last year decided to follow Jefferson and Jackson. But the Lord in his wisdom had raised up his apostle and humble follower, John Sherman and me, to confound these people. John and I did it with our little money and patronage. Let the people be unceasingly thankful. Selah!

These good congressmen, lulled by gratitude to this generous institution, and for the good of the foolish people, voted a re-charter of the bank. But there happened to be at that time in the chair which I now honor, a low and bad man named Jackson, who vetoed this measure in defiance of his cabinet and the press of the country, which the bank in its wisdom had bought up for the good of the people. The bank power at that acted nobly. It tried to give the people an object lesson. It forced a great panic on the country in 1837. But the foolish people did not heed the lesson, but amid much suffering, endorsed what the calamity howler Jackson had done.

There was among the supporters of this Jackson, a smart fellow named Benton, or some similar name. I don't know much about those fellows that compose "our set" of Sherman, Benedict & Co. This fellow Benton (?) said that Jackson had not killed the British policy—that the wounded tiger had been driven to the jungle, but would return with her whelps. It is strange how a fellow who did not belong to "our set" could have so much smartness. Things went on in a bad way under Jackson ideas until 1861. Then came a struggle between the people and "our set." "Our set" was smart enough to make slavery the issue in the contest, and the foolish people, though they could not see that, other Hamilton had arisen, were easily led to our support by the cry of down with slavery, and we triumphed. I did not take any chances of getting hurt myself in that conflict. The Lord was saving me for future great things. However, I had a vicarious sacrifice in the form of a "substitute." In 1862, "our set" saw that our time had come. The "wounded tiger" came from the jungle with a numerous breed. The national banks were established, worse.

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AND SOMEONE CALLED THE SENATOR'S COMMENCEMENT.

TO TELL WHAT MAY HAPPEN POLITICALLY ONE YEAR HENCE.

DEALING WITH A PRINCIPLE AFTER YEARS OF PALING AND DEFECTION.

Makes Tariff Revision a Bill Work For the Democratic Free Trade.

From Our Special Correspondent in Washington.

W. A. HANCOCK, Nov. 26th.—In the minority when a Democratic tariff bill was a legislative impossibility, when the most ardent foe in the party woods understood the hunting gear and demagoguery of Democratic Free Traders, it was an easy thing to formulate a tariff bill. By some impalpable, inscrutable, unfathomable, unguessable, stupefying, bewildering mistake the Democrats are in full power. The Democratic party is now in a position to redeem its promises and pledges to the people. It promised the people, or they so understood it, the free coinage of silver. It swept the country on the faith of this pledge. How it was kept everybody knows. The dastardly repudiation of that pledge, the wanton betrayal of the people, has aroused the indignation, the wrath, and the profound contempt of the country. Space is wasted in commenting upon the monstrous crime, yet it would be a serious mistake to spare the traitors or pass to hold them up to the execration of the people, whose confidence has been abused, and whose interests have been brutally destroyed.

Enough is known of the provisions to assert that it will be a wild, reckless, radical, ultra free trade Democratic measure. It will pass the House substantially as the committee reports it, and it will be reported as soon as the President fully apprised by the President and the tinkers who have been employed in putting it together have only performed perfunctory clerical work. It is essentially an entirely administration measure and is clearly in the line of Cleveland's well established wrecking policy. Speaking of this policy to-day a prominent Southern Democratic congressman pointed to the condition of things in Louisiana as a striking illustration of the wreck Cleveland is making of the Democratic party in that State. His tariff policy which puts sugar and rice on the free list utterly destroys these two great staple industries and throws thousands of poor people out of employment. It absolutely destroys the wealth producing crops in the river section of the State. In the hill section the people are wild over the repeal of the Sherman law, and between the two God only knows what is to become of us, and sometimes I don't think the power of omniscience to tell what may happen politically one year hence in the congressional elections. When you ask me what will be the effect of Cleveland's tariff policy in Louisiana, caudally and privately not intending to be blasphemous, I can tell what it looks very much like rice and starvation and you know what that means to the Democratic party from what took place two weeks ago.

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