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ATTEND TO THIS AT ONCE.

About the first of December we began having our list of subscribers set up in mailing type so we could use a rapid machine in addressing the papers. It has been a big job and we have just finished. Some names were set up, whose subscriptions have expired since we began the work. Look at your label, if it reads "12th Jan., '94," or any past date you are one of the number. Your subscription has expired. We send you a paper this week to call your attention to the fact. Please send in your subscription at once if you want the next issue.

MAJ. GUTHRIE ON TRUSTS.

In this issue of THE CAUCASIAN we publish a very able article by Major Wm. A. Guthrie, of Durham, on Trusts. His main idea is to show that the trusts that now exist in North Carolina can and should be abolished by the State instead of congress. He quotes the law of North Carolina (both organic and statutory) with reference to trusts, which shows that in the eyes of the people and the law makers that trusts are "an abomination and a crime" against the welfare of the State. He then shows that the present laws of the State, if executed, would abolish these trusts. He shows that the Attorney General has power to proceed. He further shows how the Legislature could enact other laws that would speedily put an end to the "abominations."

The whole article shows Maj. Guthrie not to be a partisan or a politician in the ordinary sense, but a broad patriot and statesman. Every voter should read his article carefully.

Maj. Guthrie sent this article to the Charlotte Observer on Jan. 10th for publication. It seems that the day before Prof. Dowd of Trinity college, sent to the Observer an article on trusts taking the view that trusts are to a certain extent helpful and that if they were not that they were here to stay. It is quite a coincidence that these two gentlemen should be writing articles on trusts at the same time, one taking the side of trusts and the other taking the side of the people. Neither one knew of the other's article. The Observer published Prof. Dowd's article on Jan. 14th and announced that Maj. Guthrie would appear next Sunday. It so happened that Maj. Guthrie's article (without so intending it) was a complete answer to Prof. Dowd's, yet after the latter's article appeared Maj. Guthrie adds a postscript to the article which he had already written.

THE DIE IS CAST.

Bonds are issued. They are gold bonds, they are interest bearing bonds and the people will be taxed to pay the interest. Secretary Carlisle would not even wait for congress to express itself on the question. He hunts up an old Republican law and finds authority there.

On every stump and through every organ the Democratic politicians have denounced the Resumption Act of 1875. They have denounced it as a shameless robbery of the people to enrich the bondholders. Two years ago the goldbugs, anxious to invest their surplus wealth and force the people to pay for the whiff, urged President Harrison to issue bonds under the Act of 1875. But he refused and that sealed his fate. From that day on there was no hope for him to be re-elected. The bondholders and the bankers described him and put up their money to elect Grover Cleveland. So now to pay that debt Mr. Cleveland does what even a Republican President refused to do and issues the bonds. Such hypocrisy and bad faith will soon be condemned by an outraged and suffering people at the ballot box.

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LET MARION BUTLER STICK A PIN THERE!

"We observe that the administration proposes to utilize silver still further by coining bullion, and by this means force a part of the seigniorage, as it is called. The treasury will thus come into the possession of silver dollars, which will add to its supply, and to that extent the silver circulation will also be increased. The amount to be coined is stated at about four millions a month. We call the attention of those who are interested in currency questions to this action on the part of the Democratic administration. Silver is to be coined now, while for the past two years its coinage had entirely ceased. Let Marion Butler stick a pin there." — News-Observer-Chronicle.

The above advice was given us on Nov. 17th, 1893. We obeyed, we at once "stuck a pin there" and have been holding it there ever since. We watched and waited each day to see the coinage of silver commence. Each day we saw dispatches from Washington saying that the government funds were getting low and that money must be raised from some source. Days, weeks and even months rolled on, the treasury raised a bigger howl each day for more money. Each day we expected to see the coinage of silver commence, for we thought Capt. Ashe knew what he was talking about.

But last Thursday the startling news came from Washington that the government, instead of coining the silver, (which would have been no expense to the people) that the treasury had issued gold interest bearing bonds, which the people will not only be taxed to pay, but also to pay the interest for ten years on them. Will Capt. Ashe please explain this strange conduct? Will he advise us to stick a pin here also?

ATTENTION!

Look at the label on your paper. The date there opposite your name tells you when your subscription expires. If the figures opposite your name are "31st Jan., '94," it means that your subscription expires next Wednesday. Try to send in your renewal at least a week before your subscription expires so you will not miss a single copy. It is often the case that we are unable to supply missing copies.

CHEER UP!

We have no confidence in a long face christen (?). Neither have we any patience with a long face, whining, disponding voter, even though he has an honest heart and calls himself a patriot. We hear some men lament over the hard times and evil laws under which we are suffering, and say that they see no hope for it to ever be any better. A man who believes in the right and has faith in a God of justice and then backs up that faith with a determined effort to do the Lord on his side by going his duty, will never dispond. Cheer up! Resolve from this very hour that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth, and by the eternals (in the language of old Hickory Jackson) it shall be so. Let every reformer make this his motto and victory will perch on the banner of the People's party next fall.

THEN, NOW AND THE HEREAFTER.

It was the Republican party that enacted the Resumption Act of 1875 giving the secretary authority to issue bonds. It was the Democratic party that denounced this legislation as wrong and unjust to the people from one end of the country to the other. Then merely the Resumption Act would be one of the bad Republican laws that the Democratic party would speedily repeal when it got its "chances." PHENIX CHANGE! Instead of repealing the ostensible bad law, Secretary Carlisle now actually uses the law and issues more bonds. Such hypocrisy and bad faith will soon be condemned by an outraged and suffering people at the ballot box.

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STEVENS AND DOLPH MADE SPEECHES.

At the Annual Meeting of the N. Y. Bar Association—some significant statements. The two orators at the Annual meeting of the New York Bar Association last Thursday were Vice-President Stevenson and Senator Dolph of Oregon. We make the following extract from the Vice-President's address:

PURE DANGER OF THE COUNTRY.

"The future danger is not from a foreign foe, as during the first two decades, nor along the sectional lines, as at a later period of our history. But, with the multiplication and increase of individual fortunes—this emphasizing the distance that separates their possessors from the toiling millions; with the rapidly augmenting power of aggregated wealth, and the murmurings and the day with the influx and the growth of the element whose principle inclination is the destruction of the safeguards of laws and constitutions; with the rapid increase in every field of endeavor of appliances which mercilessly dispense with the labor of human hands, and with population pressing upon the means of subsistence—who can doubt that from all these may spring dangers to society, to the state, unknown to the first century of the republic?"

Mr. Stevenson very truly and rightly says that the causes that are piling up immense fortunes in the hands of a few is one of the greatest dangers threatening the country. But he should have been more definite and told through what channels the largest fortunes and the greatest number of millionaires are being produced. He should have classified these millionaires and shown that the largest number of them is produced by the present unjust financial system. If he had done this he would have shown that these are greater evils than the tariff. He would have shown that for every one who has made a million dollars through the robber tariff there are 20 millionaires produced by other causes, other bad legislation that neither the Democratic nor Republican parties dare to change.

SENATOR DOLPH'S SPEECH.

We make the following extract: "All reforms, through whatever agencies wrought, must begin with and be inspired by the people. The fountain cannot rise higher than its source. The jurisprudence of a country will keep pace with the general progress of society, and largely represent the moral and intellectual condition of the community. Like waters do take their courses and tastes from the soils through which they run, so do laws vary according to the regions and governments where they are planted." So said the philosophical Bacon. Horace Mann once said: "Let but the public mind become once thoroughly corrupt, and all attempts to secure property, liberty, or life by mere force of laws written on parchment will be as vain as to put up printed notices in an orchard to keep off the canker worms."

IF LEGISLATORS LACK THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR THEIR POSITIONS, THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED THEM HAVE NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT. IF IT BE DESIRABLE THAT EVERY MAN IN THE COMMUNITY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY HIS FELLOW-CITIZENS, WHICH IS THE CASE UNDER OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM, IF THE PEOPLE WILL NOT GIVE THE NECESSARY ATTENTION TO POLITICAL AFFAIRS TO SECURE INTELLIGENT AND VIRTUOUS REPRESENTATION IN THEIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO REMEDY FOR THE EVIL."

Read the last paragraph of the above again. It contains a whole volume of truth and wisdom. If the men in congress are not doing their duty, the people are themselves to blame, for there are men who would vote for honest laws and the people should have sent such men to congress. We believe they will next fall. But good men should not be put in bad company. "Evil associations corrupt good manners." Then don't send a congressman to Washington with an old party label on him. Send him with the People's party banner in his hands, then every man he associates with will be a friend of the people and good government. If every voter who wants good government does not use his vote and influence to accomplish this, then he has no one to blame but himself. A man's first duty to his wife and children is to use his best efforts to see that good and just laws are passed for them to live and work under. When this is done then those who work can prosper and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

KEEP UP THE STEAM.

"Renewals" and "new names" are like fuel under the boiler. The more fuel, the more steam; the more "renewals" and "new names" the more power and influence you put behind THE CAUCASIAN.

Read in another column the extracts from the speeches of Vice-President Stevenson and Senator Dolph before the New York Bar Association. They contain food for reflection. One of the great duties of every citizen is very strongly presented. There is no hope for this country unless every one or at least a majority of the good citizens will perform this duty. Read, reflect and act on it.

WHAT DOES CAPT. ASHE NOW THINK OF THE PIN-STICKING BUSINESS?

When THE CAUCASIAN gets 20,000 subscribers some of our present subscribers will say "I was one of its early friends. I helped double its circulation by sending in a club of new subscribers." (ff.)

THE ROBBER TARIFF.

On November 1st, the Democratic party had been in power thirty-four weeks. During that time (according to ante-election statements) the "culminating atrocity" was robbed us of just \$456,769,226. This must be charged up to them as they are in complete control and could, ere this, have wiped out every vestige of the "McKinley mousterosity." We propose to keep tab on this weekly, adding \$13,461,536. Just watch how it grows and show the result to your democratic neighbor.—Dakota Ruralist. (ff.)

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A WEEK'S NEWS

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Tax on Whiskey and Tobacco.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The ways and means committee agreed to-day to put the cigarette tax at \$1 per 1,000 instead of \$1.50. It was done at the request of the North Carolina and Virginia delegations. The committee finally added 10 cent a gallon to the whiskey tax.

A Murder in Roxboro.

On Sunday morning two prisoners, Logan Meadows and Jasper Roberson, killed Mr. W. H. Royster, the jailer and made their escape. The murderers have been captured and returned to jail.

Ballooner O'Dell Was Killed in Washington, N. C., Friday Afternoon.

He had reached a height of 300 feet above the ground when the balloon bursted. He cut the parachute loose instantly, but the height was not sufficient to prevent its spreading. His body was dashed to the ground and dreadfully mangled.

The latest from Hawaii is that it will set up a Republican form of government like that of the United States if Cleveland will stop trying to put the savage Queen back on the throne.

Gen. Master Workman, J. R. Sovereign of the Knights of Labor, has employed counsel and will test the legality of the bond issue to meet the current expenses of the government.

The Elm City Athletic Club Now Owns a C. C., has telegraphed a \$20,000 offer to Corbett and Mitchell to fight at Newberie on the 22nd of February, that being Thursday of Fair week.

An Earthquake in China on last Thursday did considerable damage. A cablegram from Lamos says that over 200 people were killed in that town.

The dead body of a negro, Silvester Lamb, was found by some school children in the woods near Burgaw, N. C. last week. Lamb had been in Georgia for two years past.

Mr. J. T. Collins, a merchant at Burgaw, N. C., made an assignment last Saturday.

Dr. E. Burke Haywood of Raleigh died on last Thursday.

Gov. Carr has been to South Carolina on a hunting trip.

John Sherman is in reality the secretary of the treasury. Carlisle is merely the puppet of the Cleveland-Sherman combine.

WALSER—ADDETON.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Hon. Zeb. Vance Walser to Miss Estelle Adderton, of Lexington, on Jan. 31st. The editor of THE CAUCASIAN wishes to extend his congratulations to his college mate and friend Mr. Walser. We also had the pleasure and honor to serve with Mr. Walser in the Legislature of 1891. He is a talented and rising young lawyer.

Capt. Ashe evidently did not think that "that pin" would stick into his own epidermis. He put his faith in Cleveland and got left.

VANCE CAN STAND IT IF THE MACHINE CAN.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer said on yesterday: "Feeling against Senator Vance, for the course he is pursuing in regard to the matter of Simmons' confirmation, is deepening daily. There is some plain talking done. It is heard here on all sides. The Senator will be quite sure to hear some thing to drop, and that very hard, if he tries to keep up his present methods."

WHEN WILL CAPT. ASHE MAKE ANOTHER PROPHESY ABOUT SILVER? OR WILL HE NOW TRY TO SHOW THAT "BONDS" ARE BETTER THAN "SILVER."

MAKING WAR IMPOSSIBLE.

Dr. R. G. Gatling, the inventor of the Gatling gun, is at the Ebbitt, attending the inventors' convention. He is still hale and hearty despite his years. He thinks that the recent development in the rapid fire guns are to be met in the future with still greater advances, and that all tend in the direction of peace. The next European war will probably be the last, as the enormous destructive forces which will be let loose will sicken the world of war and armies will refuse to fight. Dr. Gatling is a native of North Carolina.

OTHER REMEDIES.

But if you say it requires a strained construction of the above provisions of law to reach the conclusions contended for, there is a way to remedy this defect, which is plain. Amend sections 584 and 585 so as to make them expressly applicable to actions in which a corporation is a party. Put corporations exactly on the same footing with natural citizens in actions between them. This is, I think, already the spirit and intent of the law. But show it in legislative power to make it plain beyond question.

There is still another way to reach by law (State law) not only our own State corporations, whether chartered before 1889 or since, and all other corporations wherever incorporated, which do business in our State. Apply to all alike a license tax and not only make them pay the tax, but require as a condition precedent to granting the license that each should give a "good moral character" like a retail liquor dealer. Require each corporation in order to get such license to prove to the satisfaction of the State Treasurer, or Secretary of State, or Attorney General, or some designated State authority that it has not since a certain day to be fixed without the provision of the criminal law of 1889 above cited, and to do business in this State without such license shall be a misdemeanor and cause of forfeiture of its charter too, if it is a North Carolina corporation.

Make this license tax nominal in amount if you please, so as not to be oppressive on any corporation.

But you say it would be harsh and hard on those who have all the business of the State. Very large majority of which do not pay such tax, even one dollar, and comply with such a rigid requirement. Now is it?

Let me illustrate. Was it hard on those who have all the business of the State a few months ago you would have seen every dog in the city wearing a muzzle. Why? Because three or four mad dogs had appeared on our streets and besides biting other dogs, they had also attacked and bitten human citizens. The lives and well-being of the whole community were at stake and jeopardized. In such a crisis the city authorities passed and enforced an ordinance requiring every owner of a dog in the city to put a muzzle on his dog. In default of such a muzzle the dog's death was pronounced against the dog. And this muzzle ordinance was enforced, too, without partiality, favor or affection, against all dogs—little dogs, and dogs of every kind, size and degree, or pedigree. Was it hard on those who owned dogs? Did the public safety require it? Did it have the desired effect? Ask any citizen of Durham and you will get but one reply. Does not every good citizen want to yield some of his natural rights for the good of society? Is not the natural citizen who never committed a crime liable to burdens of taxation and other inconveniences on account of bad citizens who do commit crimes? Are corporations entitled to more privileges than are men, women and children, on whose lives the well-being and existence of the State itself depends and reduces them to penury, want, and even starvation and death? Is it not the duty of the State to protect the lives of all her citizens? Is the life of a corporation, the mere creature of the State, so sacred that it may without compensation be taken from the bread and meat of the men, women and children, on whose lives the well-being and existence of the State itself depends and reduces them to penury, want, and even starvation and death? Is it not the duty of the State to protect the lives of all her citizens? 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