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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Numerous Communications Conveying Interesting Ideas and Items—The Tide of Reform.

NO LONGER A DEMOCRAT

See an Old Line Party Man—Killing Letters to the People to Awake—One Man Must Keep His Mouth Shut—One Man Fight on Him a Foot Thick.

Deal Out the Thunderbolts. For the Caucasian. CLEVELAND MILLS, N. C., May 25—Long may the CAUCASIAN live to deal its thunderbolts into this rotten Democracy. F. Y. HICKS.

Enlightening the People. For the Caucasian. DEBATA, N. C., May 27—I read the CAUCASIAN regularly and then give it to some one else so that it will reach as many people as possible. I think the reform movement is gaining strength rapidly in this county, and that the Democrats are worse demoralized than ever. N. GIBSON.

Enlightening the People. For the Caucasian. FANCY HILL, N. C., May 28—I have read your book and think it is one of the best things in the way of any one who is willing and wants to know the true state of affairs in our general government. I think it undoubtedly the best thing I have ever seen on the financial question.

Enlightening the People. For the Caucasian. LEWISTON, Bertie Co., N. C., May 25—We find that we cannot possibly do without the CAUCASIAN as it is the only paper that states political facts as they are, and deduces the best argument to sustain its politics. Yours truly, F. B. JOYNER.

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WHERE SILVER IS KING.

Gathering of Western White Metalists at Salt Lake.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 15.—Representatives of eight States and two Territories chosen either by their respective Governors or the commercial bodies of the main cities, met in a silver convention in this city today. The town wore a holiday appearance, and thousands of spectators lined the streets as the parade, made up of brass bands and delegates in carriage, went on its way to the great Mormon Tabernacle, which had been gayly decorated for the occasion. The delegates numbered about one hundred, and representatives were present from California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

Gov. Rickards on the Silver Issue. The main addresses of the day were the speech of Gov. Rickards in opening, and an exhaustive paper on the "Silver question and the evils of monetarism," read by Wharton Baker, the Philadelphia editor, at the evening session, before an audience of 7,000. Gov. Rickards said, in part:

"We do not meet as Republicans, as Democrats, or as Populists, but as American citizens zealous for the right as God gives us to see the right, and earnest in the advocacy of sound financial principles. The masses of the people in the East as well as in the West, have grown distrustful of the financial ability of a class of reasoners whose policy has invited the most far-reaching disasters that ever overtook the business interests of our country or paralyzed the energies of our people. Every prophecy made by the gold men has been discredited by the progress of events and every prediction made by the silver men has been verified in the colossal misfortunes that have visited our land. The logic of the situation demands a reversal of the public judgment and it will come. The argument of the single standard advocate has matured from a gilded theory into a condition that ought to appeal with irresistible force to the candid observer of events. Existing conditions, reflecting the misfortune of the business world upon every phase of our industrial and social life, have stimulated a demand on the part of the masses for a better knowledge of financial propositions that self-interest may be respected at the polls.

SYSTEMATIC COURSE OF EDUCATION. "In no way can the interests of silver be better served, in the receptive condition of the public mind, than through a systematic course of education that will reach the individual intelligence in the sacred circle of home. The eminent gentlemen who represent the several States in this conference have been delegated with the responsibility of devising ways and means for the carrying out of this object, and that your labors will prove an aggressive step in a most successful campaign of the cause I doubt not. Already the European wing of the American Republic is beating the air in an effort to retain its lofty perch. The gold men of both continents read in the signs of the times the possibility of an early defeat, and are bending their energies to the annihilation of the object of their fears."

The Men Who Want "Honest Money." We all remember what an active interest the national bankers manifested in the extra session of congress convened last year by President Cleveland to consider and legislate upon the finances. We Georgians will not forget how the bank officials flooded the mails of our representatives with "honest money" arguments in favor of the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, and then hurry home.

There are about 4,000 national banks in the United States, whose officials want to handle "honest money." There are 340 bankers and bank officials in the prisons of New York for stealing "honest money."

We do not know how many of these disciples of "honest money" are in the other prisons of the country and foreign lands, but if there were fewer in Congress and more in prisons the American people would soon settle the money question.

The steagle last year by this favored class of citizens amounted to over \$25,000,000—"honest money" belonging to depositors, etc.

Warden Hayes, of the King's county New York prison, says there are in the various prisons in that State 340 bank presidents, cashiers and bank officials. The bankers are the "class" who wish to control the financial system of America. They are of the class which invite President Cleveland to banquet and through whom he issues his political manifestos. They are of the class which entertained Speaker Crisp and the secretary of the treasury. They are of the class which has called the Memphis convention and before whom Secretary Carlisle appeared and apocryphical. They are of the class which cry out for "honest money," "honest methods" and "honest government." It is about time now for the bankers to take a back seat in politics and cultivate an acquaintance with the 8th commandment—People's Party Paper.

A Populist can look the world in the face with pride and say, "I'm a Populist." But a Republican or Democrat always has to stop and explain which section of his party he trains with.—Kentucky Populist.

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VERY STRONG AND UNIQUE.

A Letter From Senator Butler to a Gentleman in this State—Jefferson in Favor of the Government Ownership of Railroads.

HE DEFINES A MONOPOLY

For and Shows Why They Should be Owned and Operated by the Government—The Politicians Will Change Front on the Financial Question—The Money Question First—The Railroad Question Next.

A gentleman who wishes his name withheld, has shown us a letter from Senator Butler in which he answers his objections to the government ownership of railroads. It is a very strong, convincing and unique argument. We publish the letter in full: ELLIOTT, N. C., May 16, 1895.

DEAR SIR: Yours of May 7th, addressed to me at Raleigh, has just been forwarded to me here, where I am recuperating in the country. Several very strong books have been published on the government ownership of railroads. I have several of them in my office in Raleigh, and if I were there I would send you a copy which would fully answer all your questions and meet all of your objections to that plank in the People's Party platform. Allow me to call your attention to the historical fact that Thomas Jefferson and the other great patriots, who formed our Constitution, were uncompromisingly opposed to all kinds of monopolies. They considered monopolies the deadliest foe to liberty and the deadliest foe to free institutions. They took the position that any business that affected all or a great portion of the people, under circumstances where there could be no successful competition by men of small capital, was a government function and should be owned and operated by the government, at cost. The existing railroads, which to-day are using and abusing the great functions of government that should be owned by the people and used for the people, are not done, even though we get an honest and upright man, every patriot in America to oversee the money changers who, for thirty years, have been infesting and corrupting the temple of our liberties.

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Let the people read and think these words. They mean just what they say.

Mr. Cornell thinks that the Western bankers have been and are now indifferent and he spurs them on. It is the banker's duty to use the large influence which is at his command, and make his clients fully understand the issue at stake. He wants the bankers to put on the pressure.

Every farmer who has a loan, every business man who is accommodated, the professional man and the manufacturer, all who borrow money must vote for the interests of the banker. This is a fair sample of the gospel patriotism and liberty as preached by the President of the Bankers Association to the Western bankers. When such things are urged, it is any wonder that the line of distinction between the rich and the poor is clearly defined? The people coerced to save and protect the interests of a very small class of the State Alliance, my speeches and editorials against the national banking system and the financial reform, were sneered at and ridiculed by all of the old party politicians and newspapers. They called me a silver crank, and said they were opposed to 50 cent silver dollars, and inflation of the currency.

But this is not the worst side of such a pernicious system of private monopoly, for when the people would be grieved to complain of the bad, expensive and discriminating management of the mails, that upon their legislators and Congress to regulate the price of postage and correct other abuses, these postal kings would at once give a franking privilege (a free pass for their letters) to every prominent politician who would make free with the franking monopoly now in use. Not only this, but they would in the next campaign use a part of the millions they had wrung from the people to defeat every honest candidate, and if a majority should be elected against them, they would then send a hired host of lobbyists and legislators to defeat the will of the people. The people might by a supreme effort get some law passed for their protection, or they might even get a post commission established with full power to regulate the price of postage, to force the mail monopoly to establish new offices and postal lines where necessary, and to deliver the mail often or in a manner more convenient to the people—but from some cause, whether from a want of courage or because the mail monopoly managed to make free with the franking monopoly, would never rise to the point of correcting the abuses or forcing these corporations to do justice. But if they attempted to do so, a lot of newspapers which would be made free with the franking monopoly would at once commence a tirade of abuse and misrepresentation. They would brand them as anarchists and make many good men believe that the commission were bad and dangerous men. It is not exactly what the railroad corporations, telegraph companies and express companies are doing? If it was necessary for the government to own and operate the railroad system, to give the people a good mail service at cost, to protect their rights and to prevent the creation of rich monopolies who would corrupt the government, is it not a hundred times more important for the transportation of the country to be managed in the same way that the

A BANKER'S WARNING!

If the People Lose This Fight—They May Lose for All Time.

In securing for the good men of this country there has been harvesting for years the fruit of their victory and nothing has disturbed them. But there is trouble ahead and the mutterings have aroused the plutocrats of this nation. The great danger that confronts them. The great popular movement in favor of the re-remonetization of silver has stirred this country as it has never been stirred before. When the people once get to thinking the danger is not so great and there is no hope for reform. The handful of men who have for years controlled the financial interests of this country, shaped its politics, made its laws, now hear their authority questioned, their rights disputed, and see their power slipping away from them. It is not often that the utterances of a stern bold holder finds its way direct to the people, but recently there has been an exception to this rule. At a supper given by the bankers' association at Chicago last Saturday, W. C. Ransom, President of the National Bankers' Association made the principal address. Now the report of this speech was not found in a Populist sheet, but was printed in the St. Paul Call, the extreme of all extreme gold standard papers of the West.

Mr. Cornell looks upon the present movement as the last that the American people will ever make. If they fail, the sun of their liberty is set never to rise again. The gentleman is frank in picturing the last desperate struggle which the American people are making. He says, "The time is coming when we are confronted once more in organized masses by the silver heresy. I cannot but feel that this is the last desperate onslaught, and that these wild delusions are making their last fierce fight before it is too late."

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THE POINT OF VIEW.

Opinions That Occur From Condition Which Exist.

Jefferson said, "a nation may legislate itself into adversity," and yet you often hear it said that legislation is the wisest way to do with the present condition of the American people. It is vicious class legislation that put us where we are, and nothing short of ballots or bullets will get us out. Which of these two methods do you prefer, friends? The former, of course. Then get a move on you in the work of agitation, education and organization.—National Reformer.

It must be noted that the North Carolina method of the goldbugs differs radically from that in other States. Elsewhere the press is free spoken and politicians have been forced to take sides. In this State, though probably three-fourths of the Democracy abhor Gen. Ransom and his methods, but a small per centage of the Democratic press has lifted its voice against him.—Fayetteville Observer.

There are several doors leading into the great hall of Populism. Land, finance transportation and diet legislation are all wide open, and the word "Welcome" is painted over each. Come in and welcome, gentlemen, and no question shall be asked as to which door you entered.—Equity.

John D. Rockefeller says the height of his ambition is to become the possessor of \$500,000,000. It will not take many years to reach that figure, with the enormous power he now possesses; and the unprincipled methods by which he is operating will enable him to land thousands of his fellowmen in poverty and his own soul in Satan's choicest pit. It is not probable that this adroit money shark has earned an honest dollar in thirty years.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

"A few years ago," says the Atlanta Constitution, "Secretary Carlisle made a ringing speech in favor of the unlimited coinage of silver, in which he denounced with eloquent indignation the shysters and the money grabbers, in whose interest silver was demonetized. A few years ago Secretary Smith, over his own name, declared an interest-free coinage of silver. Since that time these distinguished gentlemen have been brought in close contact with Mr. Cleveland and have seen a new light. They could not hold their places in the Cabinet if they were to advocate the interests of the people as against the greed of the shyster class." In like manner, Senator Ransom is understood to have been an eloquent free coinage man before he found it necessary, in order to retain his grip on the machine through patronage, to sell out to Cleveland.—Fayetteville Observer.

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HARRY HINTON'S HURTLING HITS

The Fantastic Ipeps of "Immortal" Democracy Sarcastically Sifted, And Given to the Winds.

WHAT'S AN ISSUE ANYWAY

When the Democratic Party Makes Its How the Old Party Papers "Educate" the People—Some Splendid Specimens of "Democratic Truth"—"Nigger" the Big Issue.

Every once in a while Harry Hinton dips his pen in true blue ink in behalf of oppressed humanity. He has been noting for some time the struggles of the good Democrats under the burdens and loads unceremoniously heaped upon them by the co-operation of the anarchists and the radicals, and as he looked into their dove-like, innocent eyes he almost saw the haze of dismay or despair, as they lay prone on the lake of despair—dark, gloomy and sulphurous and smelling of Wall Street to arise, shake off their guilty and not lost—eternal, burning, blistering venom, are not lost, all we will tell the CAUCASIAN and all other journals belonging to our oppressors that they cannot dictate to us what our issues shall be.

OUR BIG ISSUE IS THE "NIGGER." Our second issue is, freedom—freedom from such a disgraceful set as the rulers in this State. Our third issue is national questions—what our reliable and reliable to fill the offices of this State than this "mongrel crew." Upon these issues we draw the line of combat. Now, Mr. CAUCASIAN, tell your comrades to step up and toe the mark. Here is the field of combat. On these lines the battle must be fought and won.

You have been trying to side-track us for some little time. You have been trying to draw us off from these issues. You want to know how we stand on national issues in the election of President and Congressmen—what our "leading dailies" are leading to. Now I'll tell you. We're leading to victory. Don't you know we're not going to meddle with anything hurtful or uncertain? We are not prepared for national questions as yet. Now you want us to commit ourselves on national questions—what we are for and what against. Too sharp for that! We have been CAUGHT IN THAT SNAP several times, and we had to crawl and insult Truth till she blushed and took wings and flew away. Now we're the goddess back, for since she left our door great discord and calamities have befallen our party—the great and true.

You wish to know why the goldbug, Smith, is named by a silver paper for President—why "Adeline," against the administration, is named by a goldbug paper for President—why this man is named by a plain enough, Mr. CAUCASIAN, for we do not know into whose hands we may fall yet. While we pray to the Lord with all our might we must not forget to pass a few winks.

TOWARD THE DEVIL. Judge Crisp talks all around silver and has not said, "Adeline" says not. Silver is not to be committed to for both will not commit us. Too sharp for you, Mr. CAUCASIAN. Too sharp!

We wish you to understand when we take an issue, we take it for the sole purpose of winning the victory. We would be as foolish as you have been to take an issue for any other reason. We do not set ourselves up to teach and lead men, but to follow. Whichever way the vote lay, thither we go. We are for the votes. If free coinage gets the votes, we are for free coinage. If the gold standard gets the votes.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE, DECEPTION. When one comes up thinking one way, tell him he is right. Another comes up thinking another way, tell him he is right. Another comes up with no "think" at all, tell him he is the smartest man that walks the woods. But where one comes up and tells he is going to vote Populist, call him bad names, very bad names, and if Republican, call him a "nigger."

If you will say we ought to use argument. We do by the ton. There would be no deception without argument. Argument is the bottom and top of deception. This is what it is for. Argument! Then we let loose our standing army of 200,000 OFFICIAL SOLDIERS and 300,000 of hopeful, you will hear arguments. To this add 30,000 party papers and 10,000,000 of campaign documents and to give all this a send off with patriotic zeal add 8,000,000 in gold and a promise of an office. Don't you know we will sweep the field with argument? We know our strength and we know your weakness.

You have confidence in truth and in the intelligence of the people to vote their own interests—to know their rights and to vote for them. We have the people educated in a different way. We educate the people

SO WE CAN USE THEM. If we can use them, we can rule them. They know not how the bridle is

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They love to yield to the hand which guides them as a docile horse to the reins of the driver. You start your cat won't jump. You have started your dog won't bark. The world is not far enough advanced for it. It is premature. You "have been too soon." We must take things as they are; not as they should be. This is the key note of victory. If you had our soldiers, 200,000 strong; if you had our hopefuls, 300,000 strong; if you had our papers and millions of

THE BIKERS OF WAR

Your way to victory would be bright. Aha! You are weak and we are strong. We will dogmatize you; we will stigmatize you; we will scoldize you until no decent business man will read or hear a thing you say. We are on top and don't you forget it. We have the men and we have the money; we have the papers and we have the orators; besides we have a thoroughly drilled infantry. Come on with your truth—the rights and wrongs of the people, with your constitutional money with anything, we care not what, and we will down you.

You made one mistake in advising your correspondents to say "democratic truth" in writing about our little slips. We will quote that on you next campaign—the you become penitent and advised your correspondents not to say Democratic lies anymore. You frankly admitted they told the truth. Those thirty-nine papers who said that fiasco would not fuse today.

DEMOCRATIC TRUTH. Those 4,000 henchmen who said the same told a "Democratic truth." Those 3,000,000 who said Grover was a friend to silver told a "Democratic truth." "Democratic truth" is so thick and promiscuous all through the camp of the royal band, that it hides the real issue. This is the passage by the idle wind. We have our issues.

Firstly—"The nigger." Secondly—"Tax Legislation." Thirdly—"Stand up all, and stand together." Fourthly—"Freedom from trash." Fifthly—"We will do you good." Sixthly—"The party is immortal." On these issues we throw down the gauntlet. Later on when we hear the trumpet blow and

EVERY MAN SHOWS HIS HAND and it is accepted by the national party convention, we will perhaps have another issue—perhaps "King Grover and gold." "Adeline" with the black veil, or a western man and a "jeneral" of the war, or "A friend to silver" and a Southern annex.

What's an issue, anyway? Let every man who blows his horn trumpet his own issues. It is not the best judge of that which will suit his audience? Shall we cram him and tie him down? No, sir, no! Let every campaigner have full room to deliver himself. It matters not about the issues we will victory.

HARRY HINTON. P. S. One thing I forgot to mention. Our party is composed of the wealthiest and the most respectable material. We've got no "niggers" in our party—no white trash. H. H.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER STARVING. The Elder Woman the Widow of C. H. Thompson. New York World.]

In a bare room, stripped of furniture, without bread, and with nothing but death or pauperism before her, sits Mrs. Charles Thompson, the widow of the man who worked with the Rockefeller when they were laying the foundation of their fortunes. To Mr. Thompson belongs the credit of laying the first oil well in the country. With Mrs. Thompson is her daughter, Mrs. William H. Cummings. These two women are starving on the third floor of No. 165 Ferry street, Newark.

When Mr. Thompson died a ruined and broken man his wife and daughter lived in the best they could with fancy sewing. Five years ago the daughter met William H. Cummings, a mechanic, who, somehow, was never able to get continuous employment.

"The last blow in all their series of reverses came on Monday, when a man from whom they had hired furniture, swept it away because the payments had fallen off. Then the landlord of the house threatened to dispossess them for non payment of rent. Cummings rushed wildly out of the house that day and has probably ended his troubles by suicide.

Unless some of those whose fortunes Mr. Thompson helped to build will come to the rescue, there is no possibility of relief for these two stricken women.

DIED TO WIN A BET. Horrible Agony After Drinking a Quart of Shamokin, Pa., Dispatch.]