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The Way We Can All Get Together—All Solid For Silver in Johnston—Falsehoods as Thick as Pig-tracks—More Butlers Wanted—Matters on Which People Comment.

All Solid For Silver.

For The Caucasian].

KENLY, N. C., March 16.—We are all solid for silver down here in the lower part of Johnston—the "banner" Democratic county. Mr. Chairman Pou's legislative catechism is in the background. Some few are singing the old song of "nigger." Well, we can expect no better of them. When we have a good tool, we are sorry if it breaks and will try to make it do something even after it breaks. Therefore the old gangs continue to cry "nigger" and "tariff" to fool the people.

But we have men like Stewart, Butler, Peffer and "Old Ben" to lead us through this clamor this year, and it won't stop us. Our children cry for silver; the wage-earners want silver; if you pay a goldbug silver he will take it, so you see all want silver. Keep "in the middle of the road;" nominate your candidates pledged to the platform. If they jump that platform or violate their pledge, meet them in the backyard. The vote here will be solid for silver. J. W. BALLANCE.

The Way We Can All Go Together.

For The Caucasian.]

FAISON, N. C., March 14.—I have read some discussions in the papers about fusion with the Republicans, Democrats &c. A gentleman from Concord speaks of it and others are writing about it—also something about Senators Butler and Pritchard. My idea—and I think most of the People's Party will agree with me (as I have consulted several in my county) is to invite all to go with us on the following platform and vote for no goldbug:

Free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 without regard to any foreign country.

No more issues of bonds.

Enough government legal tender money to do the business of the country.

Against retiring the present five hundred millions of greenbacks and treasury notes.

Change our system of banking.

Establish a system of postal banks to distribute the legal tender money.

I favor decreasing the salaries of the public officers—from President and foreign ministers to the lower officers—in proportion to the farmers' earnings.

In regard to fusion, I will vote for no goldbug. If members of the Republican party will pledge themselves to vote against goldbugs for office I will invite them to go with us. These are the leading questions. I want all to vote together who are in favor of them.

W. E. HILL.

Falsehoods Thick as Pig Tracks.

For The Caucasian.]

GRANTVILLE, N. C., March 16.—Most of us here are all right and I hope will stay so, though desperate efforts are now being made on all sides to side-track us. I am set on every day. Republicans are abusing Senator Butler, charging he has fused with the Democrats and did actually help them organize the Senate for the sake of patronage, and falsehoods are as thick as pig tracks. In relation to charges of Butler fusing with Democrats, I see what they are up to. They want to break the Senator's force and popularity and hive all the Rebublicans in one gun.

I wish THE CAUCASIAN could come among our people, but I must be candid with you. We haven't got the money and nothing to get it with. I know other papers are circulating PAY OR NO PAY, but I hardly think they will change any of us. S. O. DEAVER.

More Butlers Wanted.

For The Caucasian.]

PFAFFTOWN, N. C., March 14.—We want the truth straight from Washington every week. We have read with care Senator Butler's speech of January 14th, and it does our heart good to read after a man who has the courage, the grit and the brain to tell other members of their disloyalty to their constituents. Tell them like this:

"I stand here today and charge and defy contradiction that RUIN has been brought upon us solely by infamous laws enacted in this Capitol and by a still more infamous execution or defiance of law by the administration at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue."

I repeat I love to read it, and if this government had all such men as Senator Marion Butler from President down, then the laboring people would not need have any fear but that they would get value received for their labor. We have heard Mr. Butler on the stump and have kept up with him as near as possible in the United States Senate, and we have yet to see where he has sacrificed the interest of the people for private gain. Mr. Butler could have had "pie" in the Democratic party all the time if pie had been his object. If Mr. Butler has ever yet, in any of his political moves, stood on anything but PRINCIPLE we have yet to discover it. So just move on Mr. Butler. We have faith in your honesty and ability as a leader.

W. L. PFAFF.

We are telling the people facts. Facts ought to be known. The goldbugs are trying to obscure facts by distributing literature free. We can defeat their aim by a little work. See our offer and send a club—quick.

COLORED VOTERS FOR SILVER.

They Declare Over Their Own Signatures That They Are For Reform—And Will Stand By it Regardless of "Stick To Party" Heelers

COVE, N. C., March 9.—I thought it would not be amiss to let you know that we, the colored voters in this section of Craven county, are standing solid for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of any other nation; and we pledge ourselves not to vote for any man who does not stand with both feet on a free silver platform from President down to township constable.

No more straddling on the silver question for us, and we advise our colored brethren everywhere to awake to their interests and give to the party twaddlers who come around with the pitiful plea of "stick to the party" a wide birth. Let them go their own way and let's prove ourselves to be men and vote for principle instead of party; for this catering to party has ruined the laboring people of this country and brought us to that point where we can hardly get bread for ourselves and wives and children. A little more of the "stick to your party" will put us in a worse condition than we were in the days of chatel slavery.

ABNER BARBER,
DANIEL BRYANT,
B. J. JACKSON,
HENRY RICHARDSON,
JOE MCCOY,
ROBERT BROWN.

GREAT FRAUDS IN ALABAMA.

Startling Report of The Senate Committee On Privileges And Elections.

Senator Morgan Should be Ousted—Report Takes Positive Ground as to the Right of the Senate to Investigate This Election—Populist Legislature Undoubtedly Chosen and Mr. Reese, Pop., Was Elected Senator.

Senator Chandler, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, recently submitted to the Senate the majority report recommending the adoption of Senator Allen's (Pop.) resolution providing for at investigation of the Alabama State and legislative elections of 1894. Reference is also made in the report to the previous election of 1892.

The committee asserts that the declaration of the election of Thomas G. Jones, regular Democrat, as governor—Reuben F. Kolb (Pop.) being the opposition candidate—was due to the "wholesale falsification of returns of dishonest election officials in pursuance of a great conspiracy deliberately organized long before the election, for the purpose of changing the political complexion of the State in case it should appear that Kolb and his supporters had carried the State."

Referring to the election of 1894, in which Kolb was again a candidate against W. C. Oates, (Dem.) the report says that Kolb was elected, as well as a majority of the legislative candidates on the same ticket, but that they were not given the offices on account of the fact that a fictitous vote was returned. The report calls attention to the fact that in fifteen counties the returns showed that 50,000 votes were polled, when in reality only 16,000 were cast.

Instead of Oates being elected by 27,582 votes, the report declares that he was defeated by about 7,000 majority. The Kolb legislature, the report says, was counted out in the same way, and in both elections the fraudulent votes came mainly from the "black counties; that Kolb and his ticket carried a majority of the "white" counties, and that the negroes failing to register, false poll lists were made aud false returns were certified to on behalf of Kolb's antagonist.

"The case," the report says, "is not merely of local frauds, which happened here and there over the State, but is that of carefully planned and deliberately manufactured masses of fraudulent returns based upon no votes whatever, but made to apparently defeat a State government that was actually chosen, and to give apparent title to a State government defeated by the governors."

The report concludes with a detailed account of the particulars concerning the organization of the Kolb legislature and the election by it of W. S. Reese (Pop.) as United States Senator to hold the seat now occupied by Senator John T. Morgan. The committee say the investigation should be held and the facts made known whether they are as have been charged, or are unfounded.

If the charges are well founded the report says, it may be the duty of the Senate to oust Senator Morgan from his seat. The report takes positive ground as to the right of the Senate to make the investigation.

Populist Will Carry Texas.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

Tom Peoples and C. T. Shropshire, wealthy stockmen of central Texas, are at the Southern. Mr. Peoples resides at Cameron, and Mr. Shropshire at Columbus. The stockmen brought six car-loads of sheep to the city. They think that Texas will be carried by the Populists this year. "The Pops are very strong down our way," said Peoples last night. "It wouldn't surprise me a bit if they got all the State offices next fall and the electoral ticket besides. They would have carried the State in 1894 if the Republicans and Democrats had not united on the quiet to beat them. While the Democrats and Republicans hate each other, they would do most anything to beat the Popnlists. One thing is certain; they will have to unite next fall or get licked.

A unity of work—a knowing of facts will win the people's fight. Let us all know together and work together. Send us a club under our special offer.

DEMOCRACY VS. FREE SILVER.

Why Free Coinage of Silver Cannot Be Secured Through the Democratic Party.

RECORDS, FACTS, OPINIONS,

Which Show the Falsity and Hypocrisy of Democratic Professions and Platforms—The Views of the People on the Question of the Day—What They Know and What They Think.

RHODES, N. C., March 14, '96.—You will find below some of the "Reasons" why the free and unlimited coinage of silver cannot be procured through the Democratic party.

It is altogether useless to go into any detailed statement, or of referring to statistics showing "money or commodity" value of gold and silver, as the average school-boy of to-day is up-to-date on these statistics. And besides I propose sticking to the proposition and in using names of individuals. I will do so from a political standpoint—not a personal one.

1st. We have

BUT VERY FEW LEADERS

in the Democratic party now that are Jefferson and Jackson silver Democrats—a majority of that kind had passed away prior to 1873—because so-called Democrats assisted John Sherman & Co. to fire the first shot at silver, and the army against silver has been receiving fresh recruits from the Democratic party ever since.

2d. The Democratic party came into national power on the 4th of March, 1893, solely on this free silver and reduction of tariff planks in platform of 1892, and in this the

LAST ONE OF THEM PERJURED HIMSELF

when he took the oath of office, for he DID promise to carry out the law as laid down in the Constitution—except a precious FEW who had honesty enough to do what they promised their constitutents—and that which they found in their country's Constitution. How can one of this gang of perjured leaders come before an outraged people and say, "give us another chance, that WE may convince you that it was for the greatest good to the greatest number of people for us, as Democrats, to utterly ignore the platform

THAT WE GOT IN ON

in 1892?" Many of them tried it on same platform in '94, but you see the people blighted that same old platform with DRY ROT and the PLANKS would not bear them up—being too thinly braced with ballots, and further, if they could, with impunity, discard the silver clause in the Constitution—they at any time can and WILL twist that grand old document to suit the speculative

OPPORTUNITY OF THE MONEY POWER.

3d. And they all claim that this legislation to place silver on its constitutional base, MUST come through the Democratic party. This, the Democratic leaders know, will never be accomplished, but still it will do to fool the DEAR people with. If any man capable of being a leader in the grand (?) old unterrified Democratic party can afford to swear falsely to get into the halls of Congress, he or they can

AFFORD TO DO ANYTHING ELSE,

as the same money power exists now that did the rascally, mean, low-down, dirty work in 1893. We had too few Vances then, and we have too few Butlers now.

4th. The average Democrat that HONESTLY believes that they can reinstate silver within party lines—would do well never to attend another election till the scales fall from his benighted eyes. Such a Democrat as this, be he leader or follower, is beyond political redemption.

D. G. MCL.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE PEOPLE'S PARTY CONVENTION.

They Elect Delegates to St. Louis, and Invite All Who Oppose the Gold Standard Standard to Rally to Our Support in the Coming Fight.

Press Dispatch.]

The Massachusetts State convention of the People's Party was attended by fully 300 delegates. The committee on resolutions presented the following, which, after some discussion, was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the People's Party of Massachusetts, declaring for the ultimate destruction of all monopolies that are oppressing the people, and recognizing the fact that there is a rapidly growing sentiment among the followers of all political parties in opposition to money monopoly, affirm our belief that in the irrepressible conflict to improve the financial and industrial conditions and restore the public to its normal prosperity, we should welcome the co-operation of all those opposed to the money power that is attempting to fix upon this country the British gold standard, and to secure its defeat we should endeavor to unite all forces into one aggressive, irresistible phalanx, that will secure free coinage of silver and gold at 16 to 1, and the issue of all money by the United States treasury without the intervention of banks of issue, to be receivable for all debts, public and private. We believe also that there should be a plank on land transportation and monopolies in the platform."

Delegates were elected to the national party convention in St. Louis.

A BIG CONSCIENCE FUND.

Nearly $15,000 Sent from England to the United States Treasury.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—The largest single conscience contribution ever received by the Treasury Department came to hand to-day from a resident of London. It was about $15,000 and was in the form of a bill of exchange drawn on a New York bank in favor of the Secretary of the Treasury. The contribution was forwarded by Rev. Prebenbary Barff, Vicar of the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, through the State Department officials.

Mr. Barff says simply that he was asked to send the money to the Secretary of the Treasury by a gentleman who did not disclose his identity.

[If all the scamps who have from time to time robbed the government should become sufficiently conscience stricken to pay back what they have stolen, the treasury vaults could'nt hold the cash.]

MR. B. F. KEITH TALKS OUT

The Condition of Affairs is Critical And Should Be Studied By All Men.

Money Power Vs. The People—The Two Old Parties to Be Asked to Fuse on the Gold Standard—The People Must Unite Against This Combine—What Is Our Duty?

For The Caucasian.]

WILMINGTON, N.C., March 14, '96.—The condition of affairs at this critical time should be studied by men of all classes, and while many of us readily say we take no stock in the great fight that is now going on between the producers of wealth on one side, and the drones or gamblers in wealth, after it is produced, on the other side, yet, if we are friends of humanity and have the fatherly love for the future welfare of our families and friends,

IT IS AS MUCH OUR DUTY

to assist in maintaining just laws, as it is to look after the welfare of our families. We know it would be folly in any father or brother to produce large crops and then leave his barn doors open and let his stock go in and waste what he has toiled so hard to make for his family and friends to enjoy. Not to take any part in the economic question that governs him is as bad as not to take care of his product after he has made it.

As the money that we have in circulation represents the price of our labor, lands, product, etc., it behooves us to look as closely after the

QUANTITY OF HONEST MONEY

we have in circulation as it does to look after the quantity of produce we raise. One is about as important as the other, and the people would soon see this, if they were not deluded by the false teachings of a subsidized press and bought politicians, who are selected (privately) by the money gamblers and elected by strict partisans. Can we expect anything better until we vote for our own interests? When the money power controls any party it is a curse upon the people if that party is in the majority, and as the people compose these corrupt parties they are to be blamed, and they are those that heap coals upon their own heads.

There is a plain issue now before the people—one that is not

BACKED BY THE POLITICIANS,

for they are the principal fighters of this movement. It is the people who are leading this, their cause, and while we have the professed politician and his master, the money gamblers, arrayed on one side we have seven-eighths of the people on the other side; and if the people will not let the deceptive henchmen of the money power divide them, and we vote together for relief we can have a victory and our wrongs can be righted. When we see the wicked designs of Cleveland and the intentions of the national banks, by mortgaging all our property, future labor, etc., it is time for us to see that we have been voting for

SOME ONE ELSE'S INTEREST LONG ENOUGH,

and now vote for our own interest, and acquit ourselves like men.

It was well known by the Wall street gamblers that this country would never have to borrow money as long as silver was coined and used for final payments by the government, and knowing that the bonds, upon which the national banks were founded, would soon mature, and in order to get a future lease upon the throats of the American people, and to secure more bonds, Cleveland, who is their faithful servant, called an extra session of Congress and recommended the

CLOSING OF MINTS TO SILVER,

(the money of the masses), and the issuing of five hundred million more of bonds. and thus the greatest battle of modern times was fought—the money power of the world arrayed on one side and the people of this country on the other, while the money power succeeded in stopping the coinage of silver, they did not succeed in saddling upon the people the five hundred million interest-bearing bonds. Yet, determined to have these bonds, and in order to get them in defiance of the wishes of the people, they keep depleting the treasury of its gold to give excuse for the government to borrow more gold for which we give our notes. These notes are called government bonds.

In order that these sharks may get another thirty years lease upon the people's currency, and in order to further the high-handed robbery, the chamber of commerce of New York City has appointed a committee to draw up an address, or set of resolutions to present to the different chambers of commerce and produce exchanges throughout the entire country asking them to petition the two

OLD PARTIES TO ADOPT THE GOLD STANDARD,

(which clearly means co-operation or fusion of all gold men). The only hope and chance in restoring silver will be in the uniting of the two parties that are to meet at St. Louis, on July 22d.

Now let us begin to work to that end. We ought to learn something from the movements of our enemies.

When a resolution was offered in the Senate by Senator Butler, of North Carolina, and one by Senator Bacon, of Georgia, prohibiting the President from further mortgaging our property to these merciless money sharks without the consent of Congress, (which was proper and safe), the two old parties seemed to be so completely under the influence of the party leaders, and the money power, notwithstanding they claimed to oppose it, that a majority of them voted for Cleveland, Carlisle & Co. to go on

MORTGAGING US WHEN THEY CHOSE.

As citizens, with the above facts before us, is it not our duty to investigate the wrongs and all vote together and save ourselves and families from further slavery?

B. F. KEITH.

SOME MORE PLAIN TALK.

Not a Single Man Who Would Support a Goldbug Must be Elected By The People.

A Party That Sacrifices Principle Will Not Grow—It Would be no Better Than Either of The Old Parties—Co-operation For Principle and a Populist For Governor.

For The Caucasian].

GARYSBURG, N. C., March 7, '96.—When THE CAUCASIAN says that it is opposed to having an electoral ticket with even one man on it who would support a goldbug for President, the People's Party of this section endorses its position. We also endorse THE CAUCASIAN in its position against co-operating with the "machine Democracy." The People's Party came into existence because a large number of our citizens in both of the old parties condemned these things, and the number still continues to grow.

We do not put the slightest belief in the Democratic "cock and bull" story sent out from Washington about fusion with the Democratic machine, neither do we countenance the claim made by the other side that there are Populists who will vote for a goldbug Republican for President There is not a Populist in this section who would surrender his principles and make such a base trade to get any kind of an office, little or big, from the Republican machine. No true Populist will sell his American birthright and barter his convictions for a mess of pie-counter pottage.

We are in favor of fair and honorable co-operation, if we can have it on these terms; but we would rather suffer defeat than to have it on any other terms. A party that has principle may be defeated, but it will continue to grow until it triumphs if it will stand by these principles; but if a party sacrifices its principles it will not grow. It will begin to GROW LESS as both of the old parties are now doing, from this very cause.

If we sacrifice our principles, then how much better are we than the old parties, and how can we ever hope for the best element in both of them to come to us? The question now before every man who works for a living is MORE MONEY OR STARVATION. Will the People's Party stand up for the people and draw the issue square, so that every man shall have a chance to vote on one side or the other? If the People's Party will not do this, then it has no excuse for living. That is what it is organized to do.

Our State committee says let us co-operate against goldbugs, and we endorse its position. Every Populists endorses this, and where is the man who claims to have any principle who will have the cheek to object to it? We have the fullest confidence in Senator Butler and our State committee. Senator Butler has not only shown his political wisdom, but he has also proven his devotion to the interests of the great plain people, when it took both moral and physical courage to do it. The old party papers are making desperate efforts to make the people believe that he is a boss; but every Populist knows that the charge is not only untrue, but that it is ridiculous. He has not only consulted the State committee, but he has always taken great pains to ascertain the prevailing sentiment of the party in each section of the State before taking any important action. It is true that he is a man of firmness, of strong will and determination, but if he did not have and exercise these qualities he would not be the kind of a man we would want for Chairman.

We are willing to do anything honorable to defeat the Democratic machine. But if we sacrifice our principles and the cause of the people we do the very thing that would help the machine, and give the ballot-box stuffers and the "party-bugs" the advantage of us again. In trying to defeat one gold-bug machine, we must be careful not to cripple ourselves and to build up another goldbug machine. We are by goldbugs like the Irishman was by snakes. He said that he struck them wherever he saw them, no matter what their names were. On the other hand, the old parties have already sacrificed the principles of Jefferson and Lincoln, and are now like the fox who got his tail cut off and then tried to get every other fox to cut his tail off, so that they could not point to his want of a tail.

The surest way for us to defeat goldbugs and "machines" is for us to stand by the people and our principles. In short, we want co-operation for principles, and we want a Populist for Governor.

E. L. SUMMERELL.

Little Wooden Cuckoos.

Wilmington Evening Dispatch.]

Last night while passing down Front street we suddenly came upon a man in an alley leading off to one side who had placed upon the ground a thick piece of card-board upon which were two limberjacks dancing all kinds of antics while the proprietor pulled the string. They were really amusing. The proprietor announced that he would sell them to any one who wished to purchase for the modest sum of ten cents. As we gazed upon these little wooden men we thought they were correct types of some persons who are now dancing while the administration at Washington city pulls the string and like the little wooden men were about as valuable to the country.

THEY DEFY THE PARTY LASH

Five Patriotic Republican Senators Put Country Above Party—Senator Teller Makes a Ringing Speech

SHOWS UP SHERMAN'S FRAUD

He Puts the Finance Question Above the Tariff and Turns the Light on the Gold Conspiracy—The People's Party Draws the Issue Square—The Corrupt Republican Party Has Enough Good In it to Make a Split.

"Infamy will pursue your name even after you are in the grave," shouted Senator Teller, (Rep.) of Colorado, on the Senate floor, shaking his finger at Senator Sherman while he spoke.

This was the termination of a controversy between Republicans in the Senate chamber on February 26, over a discussion of the tariff bill.

The goldbug Republicans who had stood with Cleveland and the goldbug Democrats in refusing to vote for free silver or to do anything for the relief of the people, moved to take up the tariff bill and tried to whip the silver Republicans into line. Five of the Western Republican Senators had refused to bow to the goldbug party lash. This astonished and enraged the gold men.

John Sherman had just denounced the free coinage of silver as a dishonest proposition and insinuated that its advocates were inspired by dishonest motives, their object being to cheat their creditors. Sherman boldly declared in favor of a gold standard, casting off all his meek and mock phrases about bimetallism. He insinuated that with a large production of gold in Colorado, Teller would be left in the lurch in the near future, with no constituency to back him in his demand for the remonetization of silver.

This gave Teller his opportunity. He said:

"The Senator from Ohio cannot divert me by his old silver speech, the same one he has been delivering for twenty years, the same one I have heard so often before." Mr. Teller declared that the definitions of bimetallism by Mr. Sherman were erroneous, were contrary to those accepted at State and national conventions, contrary to the accepted understanding of France and other foreign countries. "The Republican party should not be stultified," said Mr. Teller, "by the deception and fraud of the 'bunko' game of the Senator from Ohio and gold advocates.

"Unless the American people plant themselves upon the double standard, that will maintain not only the equity of contracts but the stability of prices, we cannot have prosperity, for it is the only thing that will bring to this country prosperity and progress, that will put an end to the discontent that is rising up in every part of the country, that gives you a Democratic majority one year and a Republican majority the next, and probably a Populist majority the year after. Our safety lies in honest, sound money, made up of the two metals that have been in use from time immemorial. He who says I am dishonest because I advocate this is either dishonest himself or ignorant of the history and the condition of the world; he is ignorant of the fact that silver money has always been the money of mankind, the money that has touched more hands of toil than the gold dollars, the money that has done infinitely more to move the wheels of progress than all the gold that has ever entered into the circulation of the world.

"Mr. President, we will not discard silver. It may be that for a time the advocates of the so-called sound money may deceive the people. They cannot do it always. They cannot do it long. If the Republican party puts itself under the lead of the Senator from Ohio and adopts the gold standard it will be a party of the past, and the glory and splendor of its achievements will be obliterated and destroyed in the infamy of that transaction, and—" here Mr. Teller paused and shaking his finger directly in the face of Mr. Sherman, which was ghastly white while his own was livid with rage, he hissed these words—"infamy will follow your name even after you are laid in your grave."

The excitement in the Senate was intense, and, to add to the dramatic interest in the incident, the galleries applauded the fierce assault of the Colorado Senator.

Senator Carter followed the fight against the tariff bill. His being chairman of the national Republican committee made the matter more interesting. He referred to financial and tariff legislation favored by the administration. He paid his respects to the Republican Senators and Representatives who operated with the Democratic administration to bring about the repeal of the Sherman silver law, and in speaking of the suggestion of the President that the greenbacks should be retired, said: "Again we hear the Republican magpie chatter. A horde of Presidential aspirants rushed to political suicide yelling 'sound money.' The press of New York City leads the procession. Sound money is its cry, and under the cover of this cry the President protected himself and his administration from just criticism for the most shady and iniquitous transaction in public finances the world has ever known," referring to the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act and to the secret bond deal."

Senator Carter then proceeded to show that the Republican party made the people believe that it favored free coinage as well as protection, and said that those out West who all these years had supported protection for the benefit of the Eastern manufacturers, did not propose to continue to support it and the gold standard at the same time. He said that the West and all the great agricultural and wealth-producing portions of this country were more interested in more money and an honest financial system than in the tariff.

He then called attention to how the Eastern manufacturers were now abusing and villifying him and others who were standing up for the interests of his own people as bad as the British goldbugs. In concluding he said:

"If it shall occur that this senseless crusade against Republicans who believed in good faith in the Minneapolis platform when it declared for bimetallism as well as protection, shall be carried to such an extent as may result in the adoption of President Cleveland's scheme by the St. Louis convention, I submit that Republican success will be rendered utterly impossible. If the platform of 1896 announces to the country that the plank on bimetallism adopted at Minneapolis was a delusion, a fraud and a snare, it would be just as well for the Republican party not to

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STRADDLING AND DODGING THE GREAT ISSUE.

Various Old Party Conventions Meet—Big Howl For Tariff and Goldbug Nominees—Money Planks Which Mean Nothing.

Some Republican conventions were held last week, but they promise no reform—no change—nothing. They will play the same old game.

The Republicans of Iowa held a large convention. They boomed Allison, (goldbug) for President, and adopted the usual straddle on the financial question. The "tariff" was declared to be a big thing.

The Republicans of Ohio also had a convention. Same old thing. "Tariff" was howled for and McKinley was boomed for President. The financial plank means nothing. It is the same old "straddlebug" dressed up in pretty colors.

In Rhode Island both Republicans and Democrats held State conventions. The Republicans whooped up Reed for President and "straddled" the financial question. The Democrats didn't mention the Presidency and completely dodged the financial issue—not a word about it.

There was also a Republican State convention in Kansas. They boomed McKinley and the tariff, but dodged the financial issue.

In Indiana the Republican convention of the ninth district was held. A "straddle" money plank was adopted.

The Republican convention of Tioga county, New York, endorsed Morton for President.

NORTH CAROLINA IN DANGER TOO

Gov. Evans Warns The People of South Carolina of The Schemes and Aggressions of The Southern Railroad.

Gov. Evans of South Carolina, in his annual message, mentions a monopoly that is destined to rob the South and hold it in its iron grasp. Speaking of the monopolies he says:

"The greatest and most powerful among them is the Southern railway. This is a foreign corporation, and exactly what its status is as to this State or the United States I have never been yet able to ascertain. This much is certain, however, that it is fast becoming a most dangerous monopoly for the Southern States. It owns and controls over 5000 miles of road, and is still grasping for competing lines."

The people of North Carolina have a very striking object lesson of the most dangerous power and policy of this great corporation. It got the Directors of the North Carolina railroad to make a shameful bargain in the 99 year lease, which amounts to a sell out and surrender of the State's property forever. So far the people of the State have not been able to get before the courts to test the validity of this monstrous deal. The Attorney-General refuses to use his official authority or allow his official name to be used to protect the rights and interests of the State against the sell out and unholy trade.

The Cobb stock on which the Alliance was about to bring suit was tampered with and withdrawn by some influence used by this corporation. There is now no hope for the people except through the next legislature. Let the people be on their guard, for this dangerous corporation will try to control the next General Assembly.

FORCED OPEN HIS COFFIN.

A Citizen of Pitt County Buried Alive—Conclusive Evidence.

Mr. H. L. Wooten, of Newbern, informs the Journal of a distressing revelation which came about through the removal of the body of his uncle, the late Mr. Charles Wooten, of Centreville, Pitt county. Mr. Wooten died about five years ago, and the other day his brother-in law, Mr. Jos. May, disinterred the remains to place them elsewhere.

Both the box and coffin were found in a good state of preservation, but one side of the coffin was found to have been forced off—to have been forced with such violence as to break the screws, and Mr. Wooten's body, instead of being on its back, in which position it is absolutely known to have been buried, was on the side with the face toward the part of the coffin which had been burst open.

There seems to be but one solution of this condition of affairs and that is that life was not extinct when Mr. Wooten was interred, and that he recovered before death came and struggled sufficiently to rend the coffin in the manner described.

How It Is Working.

The Lampasas, (Tex.) Journal.]

The Republican party on the side of plutocracy, the People's Party on the side of the people. What of the Democratic party, you ask? Why the goldbug section is kicking the silverites into the People's Party and the silverites are kicking the goldbugs into the Republican party, hence when they are done kicking, you may well ask, "what of the Democratic party?" It won't be in it.

Hard Times in Wilmington.

Wilmington Messenger.]

We learn that there are several hundreds of people in Wilmington, most of them perhaps with families, who are out of employment and but little prospect of getting any soon. Their condition is distressing and their necessities most pressing. Shall they be allowed to suffer, perhaps some of them to starve? Here is a chance for benevolence to do its blessed work.

Yes, Who is He?

Hickory Mercury.]

Concerning Mr. "Junius" who is writing voluminously and NONluminously for the Charlotte Observer, we wonder if he is also Mr. Moses Cone, of the plaid trust.—[The CAUCASIAN.

Some think here it might be the editor. But whoever it is, he calls every silver man and party that declares for free silver, a traitor, a crank and no Democrat. Then has the audacity to say if the Democratic party declares for silver, he will support it. So of all the fools and traitors, he is the biggest.

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Some Record of What the People's Representatives Are Trying to Do.

THE CUBAN RESOLUTIONS

Senator Allen Wants the Method of Warfare in Cuba to be Investigated—Congressman Linney Makes a Ringing Speech—Various Public Matters.

Monday, March 9th—Senate.

Twenty six pension bills were introduced.

When the Senate passed the resolutions recognizing the belligerency of Cuba they were sent to the House. The House passed resolutions differing slightly from the Senate resolutions. A conference of the two Houses was then held, and this conference agreed to the House resolutions which are as follows.

"RESOLVED by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That in the opinion of Congress a state of public war exists in Cuba, the parties to which are entitled to belligerent rights, and the United States should observe strict neutrality between the belligerents.

RESOLVED, That Congress deplores the destruction of life and property caused by the war now waging in that island, and believing that the only permanent solution of the contest, equally in the interest of Spain, the people of Cuba and other nations, would be in the establishment of a government by the choice of the people of Cuba, it is the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should use its good offices and friendly influence to that end.

RESOLVED, That the United States has not intervened in struggles between any European Governments and their colonies on this continent, but from the very close relations between the people of the United States and those of Cuba, in consequence of its proximity and the extent of the commerce between the two peoples, the present war is entailing such losses upon the people of the United States that Congress is of opinion that the Government of the United States should be prepared to protect the legitimate interests of Americans by intervention, if necessary."

The conference committee consisting of three members of the Senate and three members of the House, reported they had agreed upon the resolutions as passed by the House and asked the Senate to agree to them After some discussion the matter went over.

House.

Twenty one pension bills introduced.

Appropriation bills discussed during the day.

Tuesday, March 10th—Senate.

Nine bills introduced.

The Cuban resolutions came up. Mr. Lodge stated that the Spanish Minister, De Lome, to this country had given out an interview in which he had criticised the statements of Senators concerning Cuba. He said:

"The proper channel for a diplomatic representative who wishes to make representations on any subject is through the State Department, not through the newspapers. If an American diplomatist were to criticise in a European country the debates in the representative body of that country he would be sent home, and we all know it."

Mr Teller said:

"Twice in the history of this country have we sent home the minister of a great country—one of France and one of Great Britain—for a very much less offense than the one the Spanish minister has been guilty of. For fear that some one will say that I am criticising the Administration for not sending him home, I want to say that under the circumstances, considering the friction that has arisen in Spain, if I had been the President of the United States I should not have sent him home, but I should have suggested very kindly to him through the Secretary of State that a repetition of that conduct would necessitate his leaving this country."

For some mysterious reason some members of the Senate have grown cold or "very careful" about those Cuban resolutions, and are precipitating discussions rather than trying to secure action. Among those who have become either active opponents to the resolutions passed by the House, or who favor postponement, are Messrs. Gray, Hawley, Hoar and others. They went over again.

House.

Nineteen pension bills introduced.

The postoffice appropriation bill was under discussion.

Wednesday, March 11th—Senate.

Mr. Allen introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and is hereby, authorized and requested to cause a thorough and rigid investigation to be made into the manner in which the war between Spain and belligerents in Cuba is being conducted; whether the same is in accordance with the established rules of civilized warfare, and whether or not unusual and exceptional cruelties, barbarities, and atrocities are and have been practiced by either party toward the other, and particularly toward non-combatants.

SEC. 2, That for the purpose of carrying into execution the provisions hereof there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $2,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Mr. Hoar offered a resolution for the Senate to postpone further consideration of the Cuban resolutions to April 6th. The resolution was discussed at some length and was finally placed on the calender.

This is one day when a pension bill was not introduced in the Senate.

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