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WE TRY TO RESPOND.

THE CAUCASIAN believes the cry of "hard times" is well founded. Innumerable letters from all over the State declare that the people wish to receive and read this paper, but money is too scarce to permit them to subscribe for it.

It must not be despised as a weak agency. It is subtle and its fangs can strike deep into the unsuspecting. We cannot strew free literature over the State, but we will try to do our part toward partly nullifying the "hard times."

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THE CAUCASIAN has received a few letters with reference to co-operation, asking us questions. We print the questions below and our answers to the same.

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the Republicans, what is the result? We have discredited our party; we have weakened our principles (as far as we are concerned); and what have we got in return? It is true we might get a few more offices this year, but what would we do next year? Our party would be fatally crippled. We could never gain another vote. The old parties would no longer fear or respect us. Politics is war, and when a party ceases to be feared it ceases to be respected.

It is good that it is so. It is proper that it is so. And it is not at all surprising that the colored people of North Carolina should be the first in all the Southern States to see it. There has been, for all time past, less friction between the races in North Carolina than in any other State; and the colored people have been far more progressive here than in any other State.

QUESTION—Had we not better make any sacrifice of principle than to let the Democratic party get control of the next legislature and repeal our Election Law, etc.?

ANSWER—The only thing that will make it possible for the Democratic machine to hold the great rank and file in line in the next campaign will be for us to sacrifice our principles and rob them of any place to go. The Democratic leaders know that the rank and file of that party will never go to the Republican party because it is tarred with the same Sherman-Cleveland stink that the Democratic party is.

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the white voter has left his old party (Democratic) because of its perfidy and dishonor. He is directing his efforts to secure reform through some other agency. But he is not appealing to the Republican party—not much! This fact is not lost on the colored voter. He sees the white man leaving his old political affiliation because it has brought him to the VERGE OF RUIN. With his ruin, the ruin of the colored man must come. This fact is not lost on the colored voter. He is disposed to back up and unite with his employer in a common cause.

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kind of a red-legged grasshopper job. Will the Democratic "cuckoo" or the Republican "magpies" be able to sell out the people to the goldbugs and monopolists this year? No! The People's Party is on guard and will protect the interests of the people at all hazards.

STILL A'COMING. Perhaps he will get here last while, but Dun & Co.'s last commercial report says that "waiting is still the rule" with General Prosperity. With in thunder is he waiting for when he will get the grand welcome ever accorded anybody or anything when he gets here?

Bradstreet comes to the front and says that spring trade is of a "waiting character," and also says: "Collections, with few exceptions, are no better and in many instances, less satisfactory which tends to retard the movement of merchandise. Failures for the week have been 300 in the United States against 266 last year and 60 in Canada against 57 last year."

EDITORIAL COMMENT. Senator Pritchard is writing letters in which he says: "Senator Butler seems to be opposed to a joint electoral ticket, and wants us to agree to an independent free silver electoral ticket, which will never do for us to adopt as a policy. On the other hand Mr. Holton and Settle are favoring a straight ticket which is also a hazardous thing for us to do at this juncture."

As to a general illustration it may be pointed out that the colored people of North Carolina only, have an annual exposition of their art, handicraft, and agricultural progress. This annual exhibit or fair has been held for many years and grows better. It is a tangible evidence of the peaceably aggressive and progressive spirit of the colored people of North Carolina; and this is the spirit that is showing them the demagogues and falsity of their former party "heelers" and "whippers in."

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MACHINE POLITICS

A Machine With Duplex Action And One Motive Power. HOW THE OLD THING WORKS. Southern Democratic Party and Southern Republican Party Waged as Tails to Their Respective Machine Bogies.

Two bogey men firmly attached to each other by a horizontal pipe joined to their stomachs, are placed on a pivot so they will whirl easily around an upper shaft. The bogey men are labeled on their foreheads in letters of brass "The National Democratic Party." The other bogey man is labeled in a similar manner "The National Republican Party."

The two men are alike in their main features and organization except the label, for they both belong to the party. These words "The party," the trade mark of the whole machine, are printed in very large letters on the outside piece at the top of the perpendicular bar. The places where the two bogey men are joined are covered, so that children and simple minded people and party voters (who are never allowed to go behind the scenes) believe they are two separate men. Great simpletons believe them to be actually alive, and would fight you if you told them that they were dead or either dead or connected at the stomach. In fact, once in four years they are whirled so rapidly around the pivot that they are unable to utter abusive platforms, etc., by the accomplished ventriloquist who stands behind them, that even fairly intelligent men, in times of great excitement and when they are not allowed to see the purpose of its invention and operation is yet to be disclosed. Many people called "voters" go to look at the bogey men and see many quarrels and fights going on all the time over two questions:

1st. Whether or not they are joined together (at the stomach). 2d. Whether or not they are dead. What gives rise to these discussions is that whenever a voter comes near, the ventriloquist operator begins to persuade him the one or the other of the bogey men is trying to insult him, and that the other is his friend; and true to this design one of the bogey men strikes the other while the other is threatening him for trying to smile back at his wooer. This goes on until the voter gets angry and hits one of the bogey men as hard as he can, thereby causing the other bogey man to swing round against him with such force as to knock him down. This is done so quickly that observers differ as to which man struck him. In the melee that follows, the operator sends one of his assistants round to help the wounded man to his feet, and during the time he is being helped the other bogey man strikes the man who knocked him down at which point the wounded voter is so great that he does not miss his pocketbook, or if he does, he can't be bothered with it. The man who knocked him down at which point the wounded voter is so great that he does not miss his pocketbook, or if he does, he can't be bothered with it.

The Democrats of Virginia are everlastingly "ensuing out" the Democratic legislature which has just adjourned. It was a disgrace to civilization and decency. It did what it could to boost private corporations, monopolies and trusts, but nothing for the general good. A Democratic paper says that none of the legislators will ever be heard of in public life again. Democratic fraud and rascality appear to be absolutely normal. Just read the report of the Senate committee on the last two elections in Alabama. It is a wonder that the people down there did not lynch the scoundrels who perpetrated the frauds. It is a great credit to the people of Alabama that they have elected a Democratic paper says that none of the legislators will ever be heard of in public life again.

Speaking of the toadying of some preachers to "big member" sentiment and indifference to the material condition of the people, the Jackson Economist sagely remarks: "The way to convert the preacher is to reduce his salary as your product goes down. It always fetches 'em." The St. Louis Republic declares that the free coinage republicans are laying plans and considering the best way of parting company with their party. The silver Democrats are doing the same thing. The day of the people's redemption is dawning.

Matters are opening up. All classes of people are beginning to understand the truth. It is reported that a silver club has been organized in Philadelphia, the members of which represent eight hundred million dollars.

If you want to get an inkling of the despicable and despicable rascality of which Alabama Democrats can be guilty, just read the extract from Mr. Lunney's speech in our Congressional report.

President Cleveland took another "beotted" duck last week. This thing keeps up it won't be long before "duck-hunt" will signify a town painting "tear" among the boys.

The economists in England do not deny that the fall in prices is caused by the demonetization of silver, but they say England is a creditor nation and gains by falling prices.

The State Republican executive committee is holding a meeting at this writing (Wednesday), the day of our going to press.

Please don't wait. We tell you the goldbugs have begun to scatter money for sinister purposes. THE CAUCASIAN will talk about these things. Say, YOU, YOU—friend, can't you send a club of five under our special offer?

about it. They do not, however, like most of the genuine voters, have their labels branded into them through their skins, but on the contrary, wear them on their coats, so that they may, and they do readily change them whenever they may thereby increase the profits of the machine. Their collars are not metallic nor welded round their necks, but are only clasped by a secret spring. Secretly and at heart, these machine men have great contempt for the genuine voter, and when among themselves, they ridicule his pride, bigotry, and simplicity.

Another very interesting operation of the machine is the practice of sham fighting between the bogey men. They fight lively too, and make every body feel like fighting. After long lull-moments of platforms and challenging and denouncing each other in the most menacing manner (in all of which the ventriloquist operator shows his genius to advantage by his change of manner and voice), they finally come to blows, tearing each other's hair and lashing each other most unmercifully. During this operation, to prevent detection, they are kept rapidly whirling round and round the upper bar to which they are attached, and a great number of the machine operators are kept busy among the voters throwing dust in the air and making the eyes of all who are trying to see, or who seem too impertinently curious about the working of the machine. Great clamor and quarrels arise, abuse fills the air on every hand, fighting and violence, and even bloodshed follow.

The attention of the people is kept so much distracted by these artificial bogey cats that they cannot see even when the bogies strip each other naked and show their real nature. After the sham fight is over, and ere the people have had time to get the sand out of their eyes, the bogies are taken behind the scenes, revamped and repainted, and put back in their places before the campaign dust settles. Now begins an operation which is the real purpose of the machine. It is called feeding the bogies or rather the successful bogey, for one of them is always made to whip the other, and is officially declared victorious. A long high counter is moved up in front of the bogies and between them and the voters, so that the latter can not see their heads down to their mouths which are very capacious. The chief operator then declares in a loud voice to the victor belongs "the spoils." Upon which immediately all the assistant machine operators begin to withdraw from among the voters and go behind the scenes. The successful bogey eats nothing but pie which has been taken from the voters and placed at his disposal on the pie counter by the machine operators; and by a chief operator elected for that purpose, this pie is put into the bogey's mouth. In his back there is a large opening from which the pie is taken by the said operator and distributed among his faithful assistants behind the scenes. Some of the pie is passed through the secret connecting pipes and out through the other bogey. The most curious feature of the bogey men is their tails. Each tail has eleven joints. One tail is white and the other is very dark. One is labeled with the letters "S. D. P." and the other with the letters "R. P." The last joint on each tail is also labeled "N. C." and is now partly broken off. The other joints on both tails are labeled "S. C.," "F. L.," etc. Both tails are adjustable, are put on during the fight and taken off during the feeding. This adjustable feature has given rise to many bitter controversies and fights, some voters contending that the tails grew naturally out of the bogies, while others maintain they are only screwed on for show and to deceive those voters who are only or mainly tail-worshippers.

Another fierce controversy arises as to whether the tails receive any part of the pie given to the bogies. The black tail, attached to the bogey labeled "Republican Party," is notoriously thin and poor. In fact both the black and the white tails receive so little sustenance during the feeding time that they have to be "greased" just before the great quadrennial sham fight in order to be limber enough for it. During this fight they are each carried higher than any real part of the bogey to which they respectively belong; on account of which some of the tail partisans are very much excited, because there is one whole section of voters who would not belong to any bogey at all but for its tail attachment, which indeed they deny to be a tail at all, and even affirm that it wags the bogey. Desperate efforts are now being made to wrench off the white tail in order to show that it is adjustable, and in fact no part of the bogey. But the tail is kept so well "greased" on the outside, and the operators of the machine throw up so much dust and keep up such confusion and strife among the voters that they cannot be got to pull together. The last joint, with N. C. marked on it, has indeed been more nearly broken off than any other, but it is generally believed that most of it will hang on and continue to be carried highest during the fight and lie lowest during the feeding.

The last "pie distributor" has caused great scandal by his contempt for the bogey with the white tail (whose partisans elected him), and for the tail also. He has outraged the feelings of its worshippers by attempting to saw this popular idol, tail and all, into two parts, for the purpose of making a new bogey, by joining one-half of it to a similar lateral half of the other bogey, which he intimates will be seen asunder for the same purpose. During this operation he has also mingled free and counterfeitly with certain machine operators, supposed servants of the bogey with black tail, whom he has been elected and hired to hate. Such conduct has tended to expose the whole game. A sincere bogey worshipper told me the other day, pathetically, that he had almost broken up bogey worship. A practical pie-eater whispered to him that the election of another such a pie-distributor would destroy the profits of the machine.

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