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THE SITUATION AND THE ROAD TO RELIEF.

There is just now a great deal of division of sentiment in the Democratic ranks. The goldbugs, the partybugs, the free silver hypocrites, the office-holders, and the cuckoos, are all in favor of sending delegates to the national Democratic convention, and pledging them to stand by and swallow the nominee of that convention, no matter who he is or what platform he is on. It is no surprise that there should be men of this class in North Carolina. It takes all kinds of people to make a world; and this class of men can always be found in a greater or less number in any and every community, the world over.

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This is the class of men who opposed American independence in 1776. They were the tories who called everybody a traitor who dared to criticise, much less defy, the King of Great Britain. This is the class of men who then cried out for loyalty to the British Crown and the Mother Country, and on this specious and unpatriotic plea tried to get the American colonies to continue to submit to the bleeding and oppression of British tyranny. This is the class of men who actually took sides with Great Britain when the test came, and took up arms against the "Sons of Liberty" who were fighting that America might be free and prosperous. This is the class of tories that our people had to face and whip at the battle of King's Mountain.

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All of those who are opposed to the above policy may be classed as patriots now, as the same kind of men were classed in 1776. But as yet the patriots are divided among themselves as to minor matters of method. It is highly important that these differences should be settled, and that patriots everywhere should unite in a common fight in the coming campaign. We are within a few months of one of the greatest contests ever made for human liberty and prosperity. Some Democrats, who have determined *not* to bolt their convictions and support tories and traitors, think that the Democrats of North Carolina should send delegates to Chicago instructed not to sell out the interests of the State, and instructed further to bolt the convention rather than to bolt their convictions. Others favor the policy of not sending any delegates at all, but to have North Carolina secede, as it were, and to stand alone.

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Now the great question with all of these men who oppose the British tory policy is to do what is best: that is, to pursue the course that will most surely relieve our country from the curse of goldbuggery and the tyranny of monopolists and trusts, and to restore prosperity and good government to our people. How can it be done? It is perfectly clear that a goldbug tory will be nominated for President at the national Democratic convention. It is perfectly clear that there will be an electoral ticket in North Carolina supporting this alien for President. It is also perfectly clear that every patriot in North Carolina must fight this electoral ticket, and strive to elect one that will vote for an American patriot for President. It is also perfectly clear that the only convention that will nominate such a man will be the convention at St. Louis, on July 22. Then why dally? Why hesitate? Why waste precious time when the battle is near at hand? It is time that we were organizing and getting together. Let every man who has made up his mind that he will not support goldbuggery, trusts and monopolists any longer be getting ready to send delegates to St. Louis, on July 22d, and there to nominate another Andrew Jackson for President.

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A certain prominent Democrat said to us a few days ago that he had some hopes that the silver men would be able to control the next national Democratic convention. We told him that we thought his hope must be a very faint one, and this he frankly admitted; but he said he thought he ought to try. We then asked him, for argument's sake, to suppose that the silver men should control the convention, what would be the result. He said that they would nominate a silver man for President on a straight silver platform, and that the goldbugs would bolt. We called his attention to the fact that this was a fight between the people and the money power, and that therefore the whole money question was involved, and that the people would demand a square position on the whole money question. That is, that the candidate and platform should be opposed to the national banks controlling the currency, and in favor of all paper money being issued direct by the government without the intervention of banks, should be opposed to the issue of bonds in times of peace, and in favor of reducing taxes and increasing the real money of the country, not only by the free coinage of silver, but further, if necessary in order to maintain stability of prices.

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We called his attention to the fact that free coinage was only one step toward a correct financial system, and that while the goldbugs might not bolt if simply a declaration for free silver were put in the platform, yet, they would surely bolt if the platform and candidate stood squarely with the people in the whole fight against the money power. He said that he hoped the convention would take that position, and that he expected the gold men to bolt. We then asked him if the Democratic party would not be simply a sectional party, and stand no possible showing of electing their candidate. He frankly admitted that this was true; but said that they could elect their President if the People's Party and the silver Republicans of the West would come in and help them.

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We then asked him if the silver Republicans should control the National Republican convention if he was willing to join the Republican party and help them elect their President. He said no. We then asked him how could he expect the Western silver Republicans to have less prejudice, and to be more patriotic than he and other Southern Democrats were. In short, we pointed out to him the fact that it was impossible to ever get the silver Republicans of the West to go into the Democratic party, or the silver Democrats of the South to ever go into the Republican party, and that the People's Party would never go into either one.

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It was perfectly clear therefore, that the only way possible to get the people together to defeat the gold combine and the monopolies, and to redeem this government, was for the silver Democrats, the silver Republicans, and all patriots in the two old parties to meet with the People's Party on common ground at St. Louis on July 22nd, so that all patriots might join in a common fight against the common enemy.

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The only thing that would make it certain for a goldbug to be elected next fall would be for the silver Democrats, either as a majority or a minority of the Chicago convention, to nominate a candidate for President without consulting the other reform forces of the country. If the goldbugs, banks, bondholders, and monopolists are beaten in the coming campaign it will be by getting together all of the element that favors good government in one convention, and having them to take part in writing the platform and naming the candidate.

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If this is so, and we challenge any man to show that there is any hope of redeeming the Government in any other way, then why should any good citizen hesitate any longer? Why wait on the old party convention at all? Why not begin organizing this very week; this very hour? The goldbugs are already organizing with force and energy. We have no time to lose. Let every patriot turn his eye toward St. Louis July 22nd, and prepare to send delegates there to nominate a man that all patriots can vote for—a man who will be the next President of the United States.

A GOLDBUG VIEW.

This week we publish a communication from a goldbug Democrat—Mr. Lacroix. It describes, partially at least, the Democratic goldbug attitude. He tacitly acknowledges that the majority of "Democrats" in the State are for free silver; but he wants MINORITY representation. No majority rule for him. In his own language, such "injustice will not be borne!"

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Then he proposes something in lieu of silver—he wants something that will favor MEN WHO CAN ESTABLISH BANKS—not MEN WHO CAN PRODUCE WEALTH. He adheres to the goldbug idea that a few men of a certain class must control all the currency. He will take State banks, because they will still allow a few to dictate the price of money.

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Mr. Lacroix describes himself as a man who will vote for SOUND MONEY with the party if he can, without it if he must; and yet he inveighs against a proposition that silver men shall vote for silver in the party if they can, or without it if they must. It seems utterly impossible for a goldbug to assume or maintain a consistent position.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Seven years ago the men who now compose the People's Party began an earnest fight for a reformation of the financial system. They began by trying to reform the old parties. They quickly saw the impossibility of doing so. They formed a new party. It was cursed and abused with all the vindictiveness and malice that the henchmen of the devil could inspire. But these men met the storm of abuse with truth for a sword and honesty as a shield. To-day this demand constitutes the great issue before the people. All kinds and classes of people are admitting the necessity of this demand. Had it not come to be a necessity, as was plainly foretold, it would never have been recognized. Power does not recognize justice. Necessity is the only agency that can move Power. Just note the account of that meeting of great manufacturers in Washington with silver Senators, and you will see another great admission that the People's Party is right—even in point of necessity for commercial business interests.

"No State is so completely equipped for self-support as North Carolina. It could be independent of the rest of the world. She ought to have to-day 5,000,000 people, with immense manufactures, and her fields producing an ample supply for all the wants of her people."—A. K. McClure.

U-u-u-mph! If we had as much money as McClure has made as a mouthpiece and member of plutocracy and monopoly, and lived in Philadelphia, and thought about North Carolina as he *says* he does, Philadelphia couldn't hold *us*. Why in the name of justice hasn't North Carolina got all these people and things? Will McClure please tell us? He says she ought to have them! Who has prevented her from getting them? Rise, McClure, rise. You haven't talked quite enough.

THE CAUCASIAN is in favor of co-operating for principle. But how can we co-operate with those who are going in an opposite direction? We are striving to bring about permanent relief to the industrial classes and the business of the country. We must fight those who are herding in the camp of the goldbugs and monopolists. We have no patience with those who favor joining together opposite and opposing forces by a division of tickets or official positions. We are opposed to co-operating with those who have no principles but who simply want our votes to help them to the pie counter. If we will stand by principle we will find that there are fifty thousand men in the old parties who are as patriotic as we are.

Ex-Governor John P. St. John, of Kansas, who was a few years ago the candidate of the national Prohibition party for President, has joined the People's Party. He says that the financial question now overshadows all other questions, and that it is the duty of every patriot who is opposed to the banking system, to interest-bearing bonds, and to the gold standard to get under the banner of the People's Party and fight to restore the money of the Constitution. He will probably be the candidate of the People's Party for Congress in the second Kansas district. The people of Raleigh will remember Governor St. John's speech, in Metropolitan Hall, when he was the candidate of the Prohibition party for President.

Now, Senator Pritchard's estimates are about as follows: Republicans, 135,000; Democrats, 110,000; Populists, 47,000. Yet he is very anxious for fusion. Well, the Pops are not pawing the ground up in their anxiety for fusion, even if they haven't but 47,000 votes; and we would like to observe that if they have to go it alone for the sake of principle, which they will certainly do if they must, there are some possible consequences. One is that there may be some Senatorial changes, and the other is that if the Pops don't beat somebody, they will scare somebody half to death. And these are possibilities despite the fact that the Republicans have 135,000, and the Pops only 47,000—in Senator Pritchard's mind.

A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, was here recently. For an accursed, contemptible boot-licking, title fawning, bond-issuing, Jew syndicate, British lickspittle and anglomaniac, he takes the first prize. He said something about the money of other countries. Well, what in the name of faith and independence have we got to do with *other* countries. OUR country is our concern. We wish to God that everything and everbody like McClure who are eternally whining and whimpering about *some other country* would go to some other country; and we are not specially concerned as to what the temperature of that country might be, either.

Some Demy papers are trying to make much of the fact that the Alliance has dropped the sub-treasury scheme as a wild plan. Well, howl on; but remember, ye contemptible little peckersniffs, that you everlastingly "rooted" and whooped for candidates for Congress who approved that demand by *signing it* and having their signatures witnessed. They were Democratic candidates. Now say something about this, you yawping hypocrites and frauds.

Hooray for Burke! Just read the resolutions adopted by the convention at Morganton. What a grand noble tone they have. Daybreak is coming. The people are getting together. They will unite. All the infernal force and power of money monopoly can't prevent it. The hosts of the people of North Carolina will demand full justice and defend their rights. Stand aside partybug. Off! Begone with you!! Your multi-colored coat and straddlebug legs are not thought attractive here. Onslow is next. She will speak on the 30th. Fall in line everybody—every county. Who will be the next.

Three cheers for Burke! Onslow is coming. Let others fall in. Sound the tocsin. Arouse the people. Let them once unite and there will be formed an invincible phalanx that will not only successfully resist the encroachments of plutocracy and monopoly, but will drive them from the face of this country. This is not the home of robbers and oppressors, and if the people say it, by the Eternal they must find some other country to prey upon, if that country will let them. But as for us, we want them not and will not have them.

In another column we publish a remarkable dispatch. It says that the Republican State convention at Ohio did not say one word in behalf of the patriots in Cuba who are struggling for liberty. The explanation for this is McKinley got a telegram from the goldbugs of New York opposing any recognition of Cuba's struggle for freedom. The Cubans are now making the same struggle for liberty that we made in 1776. The goldbugs and tories are of course now against liberty on the side of cruelty and oppression as they have always been.

Won't this be a spectacle to make the calf laugh? Ex-Speaker Crisp and Hoax-Myth are going to make a joint canvass in Georgia. Crisp is going to sing for silver. Hoax-Myth is going to grabble for gold. *Both* are going to say they are Democrats, and some Democrats will believe both of them.

Yes, the calf will laugh,
At their guff and chaff;
And the ducks will quack
While the fools will clack.

"Let Senator Butler try to prevent fusion if he wants to," said a prominent Republican yesterday, "and we will show him that the Republicans control the Populist party, and that he has lost his influence with his own party unless he does our bidding!"—News and Observer.

Senator Butler will most certainly acquiesce in fusion on principle—not otherwise. As to the other part of this remark, for downright stupidity and noise and nothing, it beats the braying of a pluperfect jackass.

Some Republicans are guilty of talking too much with their mouths. We want to say to them that if the people who left the Democratic party had thought the Republican party any better than the Democratic, the People's Party would never have been organized; and if the people who left the Republicans had thought the Democrats any better, they would not have gone to the People's Party. Now, you talkers and mouthers and traders, in both the old parties, pull off your hats a minute and see if the strong intelligence of these remarks can penetrate your cerebella.

A Republican Congressional convention in Kansas unanimously endorsed McKinley for President and then—passed a free silver resolution. And this recalls the fact that in 1894 the Democratic convention of this State passed a free silver resolution and then—endorsed Cleveland. Look out Kansas. Your cousin Demys here are nearly two years ahead of you in "straddling" and lying platforms.

Some weeks ago Messrs. Reed and Craig fired a load of shot into party "cuckoos" and "magpies" that caused fearful consternation among them and created a terrific chattering and fluttering. Did Messrs. Reed and Craig stop because of the din? Not much. They have fired another shot that has nearly annihilated the chatterers. Read it in this issue.

Lincoln's salary at $25,000 a year and wheat at $2 a bushel, cost us 12,500 bushels of wheat. Cleveland's salary at $50,000 a year and wheat at an average of 50 cents a bushel, costs us 100,000 bushels of wheat; eight times as much wheat to support a traitor as to support a patriot. We have fallen on evil days.—People's Party Post.

The sun shone brightly here all last week, while snow storms and blizzards raged in New York and Northern States. No wonder the people of North Carolina have more intelligence on the financial question than the Puritans and Yankees. We have more light to see by.

The Goulds have escaped taxation in New York on millions of property on the plea that they do not live there. Well, they live somewhere. Now let's see if they can "buy up" the assessors of the place in which they *do* live.

The Morning American, published by W. H. Robb, at Creston, Iowa, is a bright and sparkling Populist daily, giving a splendid telegraph and market report, and there is no stronger editorial writer in the State.

Hon. Walter R. Henry is permanently located in Charlotte as a practicing lawyer, and is rapidly acquiring a splendid clientage in his new home. His professional card will appear in this paper next week.

The News and Observer is beginning to show some signs of being in favor of free silver. This is pretty good evidence that the News and Observer thinks the silver cause is gaining ground.

We are of the opinion that Populists are not making a grand rush to effect a junction with men who talk one way and vote another, or who vote one way and talk another. Not much.

Cleveland was fifty-nine years old last week. A great many people are of opinion that he has lived too much.

"Business is still looking up—trying to see the top of the hole it has fallen into."—Arkansas Kicker.

The North Carolina Teacher's Assembly will meet in Asheville this year on June 16th.

A gold standard means the right of the few to fix the prices on the products of the many.

It is the people against the corporations and the gold standard of value.

Competitive Examination.

A competitive examination will be held in the town of Salisbury, N. C., on June 25th 1896, where any applicant from the Seventh Congressional District of North Carolina, desiring to enter the contest for appointment as a Cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point, may appear and be examined as to his qualification. Parties interested should correspond with Hon. A. C. Shuford.

Yes; Prosperity is Here, Sure.

Kansas Agitator.]

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CHATTY WASHINGTON LETTER.

Breezy Notes of What People Are Saying—All Talk Silver.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES.

Records They Are Making—Senator Butler Will Try to Take The Veto Power From The President—The News as Heard at The Capitol From People Who Come and Go.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—It seems impossible to get away from the silver question. It makes Southern Democrats, who have deluded themselves and the people with the promise of some practical party action in that behalf, sick to think about the peril that confronts the Democratic party in the disposition of the silver issue. That it will be the one great issue in the coming campaign they do not deny, and to meet it otherwise than openly and boldly they now see means defeat at the polls in November. They must accept it and support the party that champions the issue, or they must repudiate it and act with the party organization that maintains the gold standard system. The issue will be too plain for evasion, and Southern Democrats who are seeking re-election to Congress are woefully perplexed what position to take. Hardly one can be found who does not hesitatingly admit that the people will support the silver cause this year whatever direction the issue may take. There is ample and increasing evidence that the rank and file of both parties in the South are prepared to make a final stand for silver on the line of independent action. Democratic politicians are not inadvertent to this condition of public sentiment, yet they insist that party obligations will compel their allegiance to the Chicago nomination. There is no longer any dispute over the question as an economic issue. It is simply now a question of standing by the action of the two old party conventions. It is this aspect of the situation in North Carolina that is attracting national attention at this time. The situation demands an early Democratic State convention and the election of delegates pledged to withdraw from the Chicago convention in the event of a gold standard nomination. That is the test of sincerity. It is known of course that certain Democratic leaders in the State favor a bolting delegation to the national convention, and that an organized effort is being made to secure it. Opinions differ about the earnestness of the movement, but there is a vague belief that North Carolina will lead the revolt at Chicago.

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But should that happen, then what? What will the revolt effect if the revolting element maintains its identification with the party organization. It can avail nothing in the way of securing the restoration of silver. At this day and time nobody, certainly, is fool enough to believe in the remonetization of silver by the Democratic party. If the Chicago convention makes a free coinage declaration nobody, in the face of the Democratic record on silver, will believe in the integrity of its purpose. There is but one place for the honest silver man and that is in the People's Party. The silver Democrats who advocates silver inside the party, is a thinly disguised "machine" partisan who will throw up his hat in the next campaign for Cleveland or Carlisle. The hope of the silver movement is in the determination of the plain people to compel a change in the monetary system of this country. Blatant silver declarations by local conventions may be the politicians idea of smart party policy, but it will not alter the purpose of the voters, whose minds are already made up to put principle above party in the next election. The silver cause has attained amazing strength in the past month and concentration is only necessary now to assure its success as a great national movement. Democrats see this and they hope to profit by it, control the Chicago convention, and swim in with the tide. Administration Democrats affect some apprehension that the silver element may control the convention and compel them to bolt and set up a shooting match of their own. But seriously there is complete agreement among them. They are preparing to make a sham fight, hoping to recapture Congress and maintain party supremacy in the Southern States. This is the Southern ultimatum and the party must submit to it or go to pieces at Chicago.

NOTES AND INCIDENTS.

—Col. A. B. Andrews is a familiar figure about the capitol these days. He is here to look after the "Southern's" interest in the big fast mail subsidy. There is always active opposition to it, but corporation influence is invincible in National as well as State legislation.

—After a two week's illness Representative Shuford is in his seat again. He is a good listener, an active and industrious member of the House.

—Harry Skinner, one of the popular members of the House, has returned after ten day's absence attending court in Pitt. In the Second District the Populist party, he says, is well organized and in excellent fighting trim. There will be fusion of some sort in the State, and it will be strong enough and honorable, he says, to win the fight from "bottom to top" in November.

—Visiting Democrats all bring the same doleful story of Democratic demoralization in the State. "Don't quote us," said a prominent leader, "but if the Democrats nominate a gold man at Chicago the jig is up in North Carolina. Outside of the towns, where public sentiment is shaped by the stock market, there will be no election. The nomination of Cleveland or the nomination of Carlisle, or, in fact, any gold man would enrage the country people beyond control. A straddle, which means opposition to gold-monometallism alone, won't help matters much. I expect to stand square by the Chicago nomination, but I am not authorized to speak for anybody else."

—Senator Butler will introduce a resolution to amend the Constitution looking to the emasculation of the veto power vested in the President and the abridgement of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States.

—Senator Pritchard's argument in the Dupont election case is highly complimented by the best lawyers in the Senate as a brilliant and able effort. The case turns upon the construction of the Constitution of the State of Delaware. The admission of Dupont will tie the Senate, and this may account for a partizan division on a dry legal question that the case now presents. The verdict will be determined by the votes of the Populist Senators, and their leaning is towards the Democratic side of the dispute.

—Representative Linney's speech in the Alabama contested election case has put him to the front as one of the strongest debators in the House. The speech created a sensation, and Linney is now in general demand in all the contested election cases. The Alabama case afforded a splendid opportunity for the exhibition of his brilliant versatility as a lawyer. The whole case reeked with fraud, and the wonder is that fifty-nine Democrats were so lost to all sense of self-respect as to vote against the admission of the Republican contestant. Linney is one of the brightest men in the House and will be heard from again.

—Representative Skinner has secured the payment of a postoffice warrant issued in 1847, signed by Nathan Hall, Postmaster-General, and payable to King Hackett, late of Tyrell county. It was transferred to J. F. Davenport and was found at the latter's death by his administrator. A new warrant will be issued for the same amount, $67.

—Chairman Mott, of the National silver party, met the Western silver leaders in Chicago last week. He comes back from the conference enthusiastic over the outlook for the national movement. "It will culminate," he says, "at St. Louis in July, into the biggest, the most determined and the most harmonious popular convention of the people ever held in this country. It is more apparent every day that the silver people will get together and fight the people's battle for self-preservation under one flag and under the same invincible leadership." "The great West," he says, is on fire. One hears little or nothing out there of party obligations in connection with the silver movement, and the whole West, he predicts, will repudiate the nominations made by the two old party conventions."

—"I see from the newspapers," said Representative Stroud, "that I am working for Freeman's confirmation as postmaster at Burlington. There is no truth in the statement. I shall take no hand in the fight and I so informed Senator Butler some days ago." Vigorous opposition to Freeman's confirmation has developed and both sides will be given a fair and impartial hearing. When the nomination was referred to Senator Butler as a sub-committee, he pursued the usual course in such cases. In reply to inquiries as to Freeman's fitness for the place charges were preferred by responsible citizens of Burlington. They are now under investigation. There has been no unusual delay, and the case was continued last week at Freeman's request. If the charges are sustained his confirmation will be defeated. There has been no attempt to take any partizan advantage of Freeman and there is no disposition to interpose partizan opposition to his confirmation.

—"Recently," said Mr. Babb, editor of the Perquimans Record, "I have been in sixteen Eastern counties, and they are solid for fusion if it can be effected on terms honorable and just to the Peoples party. Unquestionably we shall insist upon naming the head of the fusion State ticket. Every fair-minded Republican must eventually see the absolute justice of our claim. Every day adds accessions to our ranks and it will not be long hence when the People's party will be the majority party in North Carolina."

—"The Democratic State central committee will meet in Raleigh early in April," said a bolting silver Democrat to-day, "and the row begins. It will be a short, sharp struggle between the independent silver Democrats and the "machine." It is my prediction that the "machine" will win and that the independent crowd will eat crow. There will be two State conventions. If the Chicago convention nominates a gold candidate the national ticket will be repudiated by the State, and congressional candidates throughout the State. It is more politic to pursue this course than bolt the Chicago nomination."

AHA! HOW IS THIS FOR "FUSION?"

Neither Republicans Nor Democrats Could Organize the Senate—So They Will Get Together—Will "Fuse" for Pie—They Are Getting "Non-Partisan"—Er Ha! Ha!! Ha!!!

The Democratic members of the Senate held a caucus last week, for the purpose of discussing the question of patronage.

The proposition upon which Senator Gorman, representing the Democrats, and Senator Elkins, representing the Republicans, have been working for several weeks was submitted to the caucus and appeared to meet with favorable consideration. This proposition provides for a non-partisan distribution of the patronage equally among the ninety Senators who compose the body.

There are about eighteen employes who from long years of experience have become invaluable to the Senate, and these men will be placed on a list and charged up to the Senate as a body. The other places will then be distributed equally.

Of course, a revision of this sort means that some of the employes will have to go, and they will probably be those whose Senators have lost their seats and who are therefore no longer with Senatorial backing.

The whole subject, after discussion, was left to the steering committee. The committee will confer with the similar committee for the Republicans, and after a Republican caucus it is believed the whole matter will be settled on the basis here indicated.

WHY IT WAS SILENT.

Cuba Not Mentioned in Ohio Platform to Please Exporters.

CHICAGO, March 13.—A dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, says that the reason the platform was silent on the subject of Cuba was that ex-Governor McKinley had received a petition from New York business men deprecating any declaration on that subject as calculated to further inflame the public and disturb our export trade.

Word was thereupon sent to the committee on resolutions, and Cuba was not mentioned.

SIXTH DISTRICT POPS.

The Congressional Committee Meets—What It Did and What It Thinks.

Our Home.]

In accordance with the call of Chairman Morton, there was a meeting of the members of the People's Party executive committee of the 6th Congressional district, held at Rockingham, last Thursday, the 19th, for consultation. The reports from the counties represented were very encouraging, and indicated that the Populists have made immense gains from both old parties since last election and is in a still growing condition. No action was taken with regard to co-operation as indicated by the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the committee:

"RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this committee not to take any action with regard to co-operation, but to await further developments."

It was decided to hold the next Congressional convention at Lumberton, time to be named later by the committee. The convention will probably not be held until after the national convention which meets at St. Louis, July 22.

Wilcox Acquitted.

Wilcox; the Republican politician who got into an altercation with Brothers, the Democratic Registrar at the latter's house during the campaign of '94, and finally shot and killed him, was acquitted in the Superior Court at Elizabeth City last night. Judge Robinson charged the jury. Wilcox was first found guilty and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary. He appealed to the Supreme Court and a new trial was granted with the before mentioned result.

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