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SOVEREIGN'S NEW PARABLE

A Strong Contrast and a Deadly Parallel—X Rays on the Situation.

LET EVERY VOTER READ!

The Scoundrels of the Old Parties Seek to Trade on the Honesty of the Fathers—Degenerate Sons of Noble Sires—Waiting Justice Does Not Sleep.

Below is an extract from a powerful speech delivered by General Master Workman Sovereign, before the National Assembly of the Knights of Labor. It shows that the members of that organization will vote right this year:

"The leaders and candidates of the two old parties are continually prating about the glorious record of their ancestors. The early history and accomplishments of the Democratic and Republican parties are held up before the voters as the shining trophies of political victory. Now, my friends, if I should commit willful murder in this community to-night and escape the minions of the law, and after twenty years a fugitive from justice I should return, every one of you would demand my arrest, conviction and punishment. You would not give me my liberty on the ground that a quarter of a century ago I was an honest man or on the claim that I had reformed. You would not accept a new platform or code of resolves or pledges for good character in the future in the extenuation of the crime I had committed. I might prove by sworn evidence in court that I had a father by the name of Jefferson who was the most perfect embodiment of honor this country ever had, and that I had an uncle by the name of Jackson who was revered by every honorable citizen in the nation for his good character and integrity, and that I had a brother by the name of Lincoln, whose life was a star of the first magnitude in the galaxy of national honor and love of mankind, and that Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Seward, Sumner, Chase and a long line of the nation's most honored sons were all my relatives. But the court would rule that such evidence was incompetent, immaterial and irrelevant, and all the people would declare that the honor and virtues of one man or of a thousand men could not condone the crime of another. The good name of a dead philanthropist cannot become the ransom of a live criminal.

The two old parties committed willful murder more than twenty years ago and have been repeating the crime every day from that time to the present. I will not equivocate or excuse. The political parties that have given the homes of the people to the few, bankrupted industries, driven thousands to suicide and turned three million laborers and mechanics in the streets to starve for want of employment are guilty of cold-blooded, premeditated murder, and you know it.

But those same red-handed criminals come before the great bar of the public each year with adroitly written platforms, claiming they have reformed and demand a new lease of life and power because of the honor and patriotism of statesmen who died many years ago, and the great public jury goes to the ballot-box and votes for liberty and acquittal. I speak to the shame of this great public jury, they have been influenced by the virtues of an almost forgotten past to mitigate and excuse the crimes of the present. But, thank heaven, waiting justice does not sleep; the day of retribution is at hand, the old parties have been called before the bar of judgment and the great public jury is hearing the merits of the case with less prejudice than ever before. The honor and justice of a Jefferson, a Jackson or a Lincoln will not be accepted in palliation for recent old party crimes. The evidence of guilt leaves no room for doubt and the better element of both old parties are turning state's evidence to regain their standing and escape the wrath to come.

Not long ago I heard a leading Republican declare he would support the Republican party if it had only a last year's almanac for a platform and a yellow dog for a candidate. A Democratic candidate for the governorship of Arkansas said in a speech a few days ago that he would support the Democratic party if Rosthchild wrote the platform and the devil headed the ticket. My friends, I leave it to your candid judgment if that Republican and that Democrat did not express the only reason that can be given for supporting either of the two old parties. And my friends, if that kind of reason had prompted the acts of Washington, Jefferson and the other revolutionary patriots they would have died shouting for King George, and there never would have been an American republic.

If every human being who ever lived had been guided by the same kind of reason, every act of the human family would have been bad, and there could have been no good in the world between the murder by Cain and the sale of bonds by Carlisle. That is the same kind of reason that beheaded the reformers, handed the cup of poison to the philosophers, and kindled the fagots at the feet of the martyrs.

Do you know, my brother, there is not a politician who would dare use such argument or boast of his willingness to sacrifice the interests of the people and the life of the government on the altar of his political party, if it were not that millions of working men have been applauding such sentiments and voting for the men who utter them?

Do you know, my brother, that the politicians who have uttered those despicable sentiments are the very fellows who are always admonishing the working people to stay out of politics? You cannot find an old party politician from Maine to California, who under the guise of philanthropy, will not spend time and money trying to persuade the labor organizations that they ought to stay out of politics. They are willing that you shall devote all your efforts to shop rules, labels and insignificant trade questions, but when you resolve to vote to overthrow robbing combinations that are enslaving labor, they rush to your rescue with the apparent love of a mother rescuing her drowning child, and beg of you for the sake of your great and good organization to stay out of politics. You have taken their advice and you have lost. With all the labor organizations that have operated in the country during the past 25 years, the wealth of the country has gone to the idle rich and there are more half paid, more homeless, more idle, and more hungry working people in this nation to-night than ever before. Fealty to party right or wrong is treason to humanity. The love of justice has been so weak and party prejudice so strong that labor organizations have peaceably submitted to the enslavement of their members for fear of division and disruption if they made a stand against the arch enemies of the common people. But the lines between the classes and the masses are now so closely drawn that there is not remaining a single grain of neutral ground on which to stand. The labor organizations must choose this year between the claims of humanity and the demands of gold bugs and plutocrats. The money power and the monopolies support only such parties and candidates, as will protect their interests and the labor organizations must do likewise or surrender to the despotism of arrogant capital.

TWO WHALES AFTER A JONAH.

The Whimsical Whiffling of a Democratic Newspaper---Watch The Professors.

How The Democrats Are Running The Affairs of The Plutocrats—Their Great Self-Sacrificing Advice—Their Stupendous Self-Abnegation Anent Their Own Business.

For the Caucasian.]

CARY, N. C., April 6.—Let us all give thanks? Hallelujah! Amen! or anything to express our great appreciation of the UNSELFISH interest unanimously displayed by the Democratic party in aiding us to run our own politics. Even at the sacrifice of neglecting the interests of their "dear old party" of whose grand and wonderful past achievements we now see and hear nothing, we find them so busily engaged in planning for OUR interests and our success that not even a high private of the Democratic party in the rear rank, on the tail end of that grand organization can be found, who is not well versed in the various plans to be submitted and are being submitted for our consideration. Some of them we find wanting us Populists to fuse with Democrats to save the State, in order to insure white supremacy, but in fact as this writer thinks to reinaugurate their old diabolical plans and systems by reinstating themselves and gaining control of our law-making powers. Better watch this Professor No. 1.

Some are trying to convince us that the Republican party with which Populists fused in 1894 is just about ready to swallow the Populist party and destroy it forever, just as the whale swallowed Jonah; but to such we say, it is not a case of Jonah and the whale, but it is TWO WHALES after one Jonah, and that Jonah is the Democratic party, and would advise Jonah that he had better watch the whale while we watch this Professor No. 2.

All of them are equally as good "silver men" as we are and even better, but we have failed to find any fruit on that tree—they ought to remember the fate of the "barren fig tree." And if so be that they are sincere in their declarations only let them lay aside the fetters that have so long bound them and ally themselves with the avowed silver party of the land. Let this be the proof of their sincerity—otherwise we will be compelled to watch this Professor No. 3.

Again we find those who say, well ours (the Democratic party) is the party of culture, of intelligence, of brains &c., respectability &c. &c., and can't afford to leave it. But brother, with becoming reverence to all your "brains and respetability" have we not managed our own affairs so far very successfully with what little brain we have? When we need OUTSIDE help to manage our party affairs we will ask for it. And don't it seem to be poor judgment to let your own party suffer for want of attention while you are offering so much kindly service towards engineering ours? And is it not in bad taste too? And does it not show to us conclusively that you, as a party, only hope to accomplish your own purposes by confusion of the opposing forces. Populists cannot be so blinded as not to observe the "writing on the wall"—and hence we will watch this Professor No 4.

Our watchword is WATCH! our pass word is WATCH!. We do not expect to be deceived. The tracks in the Democratic paths tell us the way to destruction—they all seem to be going in one direction. There are no foot-prints telling us of any escapes. The toes of these foot-prints all point the same way. We quote from the News and Observer, Wednesday, March 18th. "Will the Populists submit? Will they continue to walk with those who sneer at their declarations and despise their principles? We shall see."

Yes, we shall see. None have despised and sneered at the Populists half so much as Democrats, and yet in the great fertility of their brain and soul we are being begged and counciled "to walk" with them. But Professor No. 5. we can't do it, and so we will watch you. We can't take any chances to lose our cause.

J. Q. WILLIAMS.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Various Matters on Which The Popular Opinion is Expressed—All Sections Interested.

LIVING ISSUES FORWARD.

The Rank and File With the Caucasian—The People Vote for Principle—Why Partybugs Abuse Senator Butler—Hope Honest Voters May Get Together.

The Rank and File Stand With the Caucasian.

For The Caucasian.]

BRYSON CITY, March 24.—I want to endorse the position which you have taken. The People's party in this section will stand by you, and we are growing each day. A few men who care more for some little office than they do for principle and the relief from financial distress are raising all this cry about fusing with the Republicans on any terms. Don't be uneasy. The great mass of the People's party who went into this fight for principle and for better times are with you. We want to fight the goldbugs straight, and we want a Populist for governor, and we will not trade this off for a few little offices and revenue jobs. Stand firm.

Yours to the right,

W.

Why the "Party-Bugs" Abuse Senator Butler.

For The Caucasian.]

DALLAS N. C., March 28.—I notice that nearly every Republican paper in the State is now abusing Senator Butler. I am glad to see that he is not paying any more attention to them than he used to pay the Democratic papers. The Democratic papers abused him because he exposed their schemes, and warned the people not to be led by their politicians in supporting goldbugs and monopolists. The Republican politicians have been boasting for a year that they would soon swallow up, or at least divide, the People's party. Some of them have been laying their plans to do this, and now they find that Senator Butler is on guard and in the way of their schemes, just as the Democrats found him in their way. Therefore, they abuse him also, but none of this abuse will have any effect on the people. They know that Senator Butler can be relied on to uphold the cause of the people, and see that the politicians do not betray them again.

A SIXTEEN-TO ONER.

Proud of the Position Taken by the Western Republican Senators.

For The Caucasian].

FAISON, N. C., March 27.—I read with great interest in the last issue of the CAUCASIAN the position which Senator Teller and the five Western free silver Republican Senators had taken. When they voted not to let a tariff bill pass unless a free silver bill could be passed at the same time, they showed more independence and patriotism than has before been shown in Congress since the war. It is the highest statesmanship to take the position that the people shall not be further taxed until something is done to increase the ability of the people to pay taxes, as well as to live by putting more money in circulation. Of course the six People's party Senators stood with them in this position; or rather these Republicans stood with the People's party. But I am surprised to see that no Southern Senator outside of the People's party took the same position. Everybody admits that the South and West must get together before we can ever defeat the gold conspiracy and restore good times. Why do not the Southern Senators seize this opportunity to join hands with the noble Senators from the West? Where was Senator Pritchard? He is the only Southern Republican Senator; and I am greatly surprised to see that he did not stand up with Teller and the other Western Senators on this vital question in which the State and the whole South is so deeply interested and concerned. We are glad, also, to see that Senator Teller says that he will not vote for any gold man for the Presidency, even if his party nominates one, as it surely will. Our people down here would be glad to vote for Teller for President. He is the kind of a free silver man that the people can follow.

A STRAIGHT POPULIST.

Hopes Honest Voters May Get Together.

For The Caucasian.]

DILLARD, N. C., April 1.—I send one subscriber which is the best I can do on account of the work of the "goldbugs." I have tried several who would like to take your paper. but they have not the money—many of our farmers can not make both ends meet. The goldbugs know this and have made it so in order that a little campaign money will go a long ways. Give them Hail Columbia every time and "cry aloud and spare not." Hoping that all honest voters will get together for financial reform.

J. G. H. MITCHELL.

Getting There.

For The Caucasian.]

GASTONIA, N. C., April 3.—We are "getting there." All we need is for somebody like Butler or Allen to come through here and make a speech for us. Your paper converts every body that we can get to read it.

A. A. WAGSTAFF.

No Fusion Except on Principle.

For The Caucasian.]

PIREWAY, N. C., April 4.—Down here in the south-west corner of the State the people seem to be a unit on the free silver question—not one for the gold standard. We have but one white Republican in Columbus county. That one, I hear, is for gold. The fire-eating Democrats are as dumb as sheep before the shearer; "they open not their mouths," particularly in my township, which is Bug Hill. We, the Populists, fully endorse our chairman in his action in calling the convention, but we denounce fusion with any party, except

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NOAH RABY, 124 YEARS OLD.

Born in North Carolina, Was a Sailor and Now Lives in a New Jersey Poor House.

NEW BRUNSWICK, March 29.—According to his own statements—and the people of Piscataway and Shelton have full confidence in his veracity—Noah Raby, an inmate of the Piscataway Poor Farm, will pass his one hundred and twenty-fourth year mark should he live to see next Wednesday. He is therefore the oldest man in the State. Henry G. Hummer, overseer of the farm, has known the man for more than fifty years, and he himself is firm in his belief that Raby is far past the century point. As he sits in an old-fashioned armchair before the fire in Mr. Hummer's house the old man looks every bit a centenarian.

"Uncle Noah" is short and much bent. Sometimes his eyes sparkle, but they are sightless, as he became blind about ten years ago. Although his shoulders are somewhat contracted, the muscles of his legs and arms are as firm as they were thirty years ago. He is toothless, and in talking he gives vent to a weird whistling noise. But his voice is strong and clear, and his laugh is hearty. His accent is of the South.

General good health has blessed the old man since a serious illness at the age of eighteen. His mind is wonderfully alert, and he has an emphatic way of saying "Certain, sir." Fearing a rush of blood to his head he sleeps sitting up in a chair. On pleasant days he goes to the well in the yard, guided by a wire stretched from the back door.

Boiled fish or rice, or some bread and milk, constitute the old man's simple diet. He weighs only about one hundred pounds, although at his best he seldom averaged more than 130. Noah has developed a fondness for an occasional glass of rye whiskey and downs it like a connosieur. He says he was born in Eatontown, Gates county, N. C., on April 1, 1772. He also says he heard Washington speak in Norfolk, Va. At that time Raby was a sailor in the United States Navy.

WEYLER AS A BUTCHER.

Horrible Execution of Five Cubans by the Garrote—An Awful Scene.

The Affair Was Miserably Bungled by the Famous Headsman, Valentine Ruiz, and an Assistant, and the Condemned Men Were Slowly Tortured to Death in Great Agony—Prison Officials Turned Deadly Pale at the Horrifying Spectacle.

HAVANA, March 31.—A startling exhibition of bungling in the execution by the garrote of five Cuban prisoners took place to-day. The men were recently sentenced to be garroted, and at 7 o'clock this morning a strong force of infantry was drawn up in the form of a square around the spot where the garrote had been erected.

The instrument of execution, a chair with a post behind it, and an iron collar and screw, which, when turned, strangles or breaks the neck of the victim, was set up by the famous executioner, Valentine Ruiz, who, for some reason not fully explained, acted upon this occasion as the assistant to his own assistant, instead of as the principal executioner.

At the hour the troops were drawn up the five prisoners were still in their dungeons receiving the ministrations of the priests. One man confessed himself to be guilty of the crimes charged against him, and asserted that his companions were innocent. The latter stoutly maintained their innocence to the last, prayed that their deaths might be avenged upon those who had falsely sent them to the scaffold, and then the whole party was escorted inside the square formed by the soldiers.

The man selected to be the first victim of the strangling machine quietly and coolly mounted the steps leading to the death chair, took his seat in an unconcerned manner, and actually seemed to smile as the cap was placed over his head, after the iron collar had been adjusted. The man acting as executioner then twisted the lever or screw-handle controlling the garrote, but he was evidently terribly nervous, and this rendered him so weak that his hands slipped repeatedly from the lever. There were horrible, smothering, choking cries from the scaffold, and it was only after a long period of agony for the condemned man and almost torture for the spectators that the Cuban was pronounced dead.

The executioners, priests, soldiers, and prison officials present turned their heads away in horror, and became deadly pale as the stifled sounds came from the sufferer.

But this was only a beginning of the terrible performance.

The second victim was brought to the front and led up the steps to the scaffold by the priests and assistant executioner. Upon reaching the platform the unfortunate man made an effort to say something to the people surrounding him, but the executioner's hand was placed over his mouth, he was hastily bundled into the deadly chair, and in another moment the iron collar was around his neck, the cap was over his face, and the first turns of the lever had been given.

If the actual executioner was nervous upon the occasion of the first killing he was ten times more so upon this occasion. He fumbled and fumed, alternately turning to a death-like whiteness and flushing crimson with excitement. The result was more slow, fearful strangulation, and another horrible experience for the spectators.

By this time the prison officials, the priests, and the officers in command of the troops had endured so much that they openly denounced the acting executioner and called upon him to get down from the scaffold and let another man take his place. Thereupon the acting executioner feverishly called upon the executioner in chief, Valentine Ruiz, who, from long experience, is looked upon as being an expert in his line, to come and help him out of the difficulty.

Ruiz, however, was almost as nervous and excited as his assistant, and fumbled badly as he handled the third Cuban. But Ruiz succeeded-

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STILL MORE STRADDLING.

Nothing of Reform In Old Party Candidates and Platforms.

New Hampshire Republicans have broken the record. They held a State convention last week and not only adopted the usual "straddle" for a platform, but effected a sort of a "straddle" as to the endorsement of candidates. Reed and McKinley were both mentioned in connection with the Presidential nomination and both of them were endorsed.

SEED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION.

Secretary Morton Lets Contracts for Over Ten Million Packets.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Secretary Morton has let a contract for the 10,125,000 packets of vegetable seeds, to be distributed to the public under the recent act of Congress, to D. Landreth & Sons, of Philadelphia. The price fixed is $70,000, the seeds to be delivered subject to germinative tests, under a very carefully drawn contract, free of cost at the Department in Washington, ready for mailing.

The contract for a million packets of flower seeds was let to L. L. May & Co., of St. Paul, Minnesota, at one-half cent a packet.

The Numbers on Spool Cotton.

Washington Times.]

"The question is often asked, 'Why is spool cotton numbered as it is, and why are figures not used in regular order?'" recently remarked a Seventh street merchant. "The explanation is very simple. The number on the spool expresses the number of hanks which are required to wind a pound. The very finest spinning rarely exceeds 300 hanks to the pound, while in the very coarsest there is about a half-pound in each hank. The more common qualities, however, those from which sewing thread is usually made, run from ten to fifty hanks to the pound, and spools on which it is wound numbered from ten to fifty, in accordance."

POLITICAL POT-POURI.

Condensed Mention Of What People Are Saying And What Parties Are Doing.

Bird's Eye View of Events as Pictured by the Press—Expressions of Opinion by Some People Who Know—And Some Who Think They Know.

The CAUCASIAN last week gave a letter written by Chairman Holton to Congressman Skinner, which we thought exceedingly cheeky. Concerning this letter the Richmond Dispatch had the following:

"I saw Mr. Skinner this morning. He said he had received the letter.

"What will be your reply?"

"There will be no reply," said he.

"I will have the people to do the replying."

This was very gratifying to the CAUCASIAN, and approximated what we thought Holten's impudence deserved. But—there *was* a reply; and it was an unqualified disappointment to the CAUCASIAN to read it. We have seen the original. It is as follows:

"I thank you very kindly for your letter of the 21st (relative to alleged fusion of Populists and Democrats in Tyrrell county.) This county gave us trouble two years ago and then ran three tickets. My information is contrary to what you represent. I will investigate thoroughly and let you know the status. I am satisfied you are in error."

And now everybody is laughing at Col. Skinner. We regret it, but what else could he expect from such a course as this?

Congressman Downing, of Illinois, thinks the Democratic National Convention at Chicago will declare unequivocally for free coinage.

"After making a careful survey of the situation I am convinced that there will be at least 600 delegates in the Democratic convention favorable to free coinage," Mr. Downing said, as he glanced through a note book he held in his hand. The total number of delegates is 930.

The Republican executive committee of the Fifth Congressional District last week called the convention to meet at Durham on Tuesday, May 12th, and passed the following resolution and adjourned:

"The Republican executive committee, in session at Durham, this 30th day of March, 1896, hereby endorse the course in Congress of our Representative, Hon. Thomas Settle, and recommend his re-nomination and re-election to the voters of the district."

Resolutions were offered by Mr. White, of Alamance, endorsing Pritchard, McKinley and Boyd, and were voted down.

We get the following from the Washington Post:

"McKinley," said Senator Pritchard, yesterday, upon his return from North Carolina, "will have sixteen out of the twenty-two delegates from my State. I have nothing to say against Mr. Reed. On the contrary, I admit that he has some strength in the State, but the truth, nevertheless, remains that neither Mr. Reed nor any other Presidential aspirant can carry the State against Mr. McKinley."

"What has caused the McKinley boom?"

"It is simply that the people of North Carolina want a protective tariff, and they look upon McKinley as the embodiment of that principle. I could name hundreds of men in the Congressional district in which I reside who have been Democrats all their lives, but who now intend to vote the Republican ticket because they see that the Democratic policy hurts their business interests. The great development of manufactures in the South has developed this sentiment, and then the Southern people want protection for their raw materials."

Senator Pritchard denied most emphatically that he aspired for a position in McKinley's cabinet. "I shall be content to be returned to the Senate," said he, "and I am in the Senatorial race to stay."

The Press-Visitor says this:

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THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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

SHUFORD AFTER BONDBUGS.

He Wants The Deals in Connection With Those Bond Issues Investigated—Some Mention of The Steamship Subsidy Steal In The Senate—Senator Butler Seeks To Stop Gold Contracts.

MONDAY, MARCH 30—SENATE.

Eleven pension bills were introduced.

A bill was passed appropriating $15,845,23 for the relief of some persons who were injured by the explosion of an ammunition chest on July 16, 1894.

Senator Peffer moved to discuss the resolution providing for an investigation of the bond issues, but Senator Hill, who is now become the senatorial watch dog for rascality, was on the alert for his employers, and the matter "went over."

House.

Thirty pension bills were introduced.

In the course of the consideration of the sundry civil bill, attempts were made to amend it, to increase the appropriation for the salary of the superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey from $5,000 to $6,000; to strike out the appropriation of $5,000 for detecting and punishing violations of the internal revenue laws and to strike out the appropriation of $19,500 for food, fuel and clothing for the Indians on the Pribylov Islands, Alaska—all of which failed.

An amendment to strike out of the bill $50,000 for detecting and bringing to trial and punishment persons guilty of violation of internal revenue laws was made by Mr. Linney, of North Carolina.

This amendment led to considerable discussion—some of which was acrid.

Mr. Sayers, of Texas, wanted the appropriation and said:

"The Commissioner of internal Revenue, reported that in the last six months of 1895, 68 illicit distilleries were seized in the fifth district of North Carolina. "What were these men doing?" inquired Mr. Sayers. "Making a hell of the fairest portion of the country; turning into illicit whiskey corn that they should use to feed their families—violating the law." Besides the distilleries there were seized within the district in the same period 558 fermenters, and 32,000 gallons of beer were seized and destroyed. In the 8th district of North Carolina there were 100 distileries, 755 fermenters, 78,000 gallons of beer and 11,000 gallons of spirits seized and destroyed."

Mr. Sayers then paid his attention to the ninth district of Georgia. In the past six months there were seized and destroyed in that district 299 illicit distilleries, 3,645 gallons of spirits and 292,000 gallons of beer. "And how does Virginia stand on this matter?" asked Mr. Sayers. "The Mother of Presidents, the State of Jefferson and Madison, and represented on this floor by gentlemen of character and ability?" The reports showed that in the fifth district of that State 83 distilleries, 8,000 gallons of spirits. 600 fermenters and 75,000 gallons of beer had been seized and destroyed in the past six months. "Gentlemen," he continued, "must not imagine that the only violations of the law are in the States named." A particularly flagrant case in New York city was named by Mr. Sayers, wherein the violaters paid to the government $12,000 in fines and penalties.

Mr. Sayers said that hardly a week passed without the publication of the murder of some man shot through the window while sitting at his fireside. When inquiry was made as to the identity of the assasin it was found that some one suspected on "moonshining" had disappeared from the country.

Mr. Linney advocated striking out the $50,000. He said that no similar amount of money was ever the cause of so much corruption as this appropriation of $50,000. Opinion denounced the spy system which the appropriation fostered; it was against publi policy, and ought not to be continued.

Mr. Swanson, Democrat, of Virginia, favored striking out the $50,000, as did also Mr. Skinner, of North Carolina, and Mr. McCall, Republican, of Tennessee.

Mr. Layton, Democrat, of Ohio, said that official reports showed that 1,200 distilleries had been seized and destroyed in the past six months under the operation of the provision in the present law and he believed it had better be continued. The House declined to strike the amount out of the bill.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31—SENATE.

Twelve pension bills introduced.

Mr. Tillman, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution donatiug a condemned cannon and some shells to the Guilford Battle Ground Company, near Greensboro, N. C., reported it without amendment.

Another grab or steal game is on foot in the Senate. In 1891 a "subsidy" bill for steamships was rushed through Congress on the last day of the session. This bill provided that certain amounts should be paid to steamships carrying the American mails. For instance a first-class steamship gets four dollars a mile for each mile travelled; a second-class steamship two dollars a mile and so on. Thus the government pays a first-class steamship which carries the mails $12,000 for one single trip across the Atlantic ocean. At the same time the steamer carries its regular cargo and its passengers at the usual rates. This bill was rushed through under the pretence of encouraging American ship building and making faster mail time. But it has not accomplished this. In discussing this matter Senator Vilas said:

"I think there has been gained not a single line, not an hour's expedition, not a particle of advantage to the transportation of the mails by the subsidies which were provided for some years ago, while the increase of charges upon the postal service has been about $1,300,000, as I remember the figures."

That is to say that the government is paying a lot of steamship companies $1,300,000 for *nothing*. And now another steamship company, running from San Francisco to New Zealand is trying to get the government to pay them $80,000 a year simply because they carry the mails. They will make no more trips, nor will they go any faster, but this is a Republican Congress and that steamship corporation will probably get that money. The people will have it to pay.

House.

Seventeen pension bills were introduced.

Mr. Shuford, of North Carolina, introduced a resolution to investigate the recent sale of bonds. The resolution recites that charges have been made that unfair and unprecedented advantages have been accorded by President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle to a certain financial syndicate located in New York city, and that charges have been made against the President and Secretary Carlisle in regard to the recent bond sales wherein the same syndicate secured nearly one-half of the bond issue in a mysterious manner.

The resolution then provides that a committee of five be appointed by the Speaker to make an investigation into all the circumstances relating to the last three issues of bonds and report to the House.

Appropriation bills were discussed during the day.

What Chandler Objects To.

Indianapolis News.]

Senator Chandler sticks to it. He thinks it does not look well for the protected manufacturers to "chip in" to help nominate one man, while all the candiates are equally sound in the faith. After the nomination is made it is quite a different matter. Then their contributions are thankfully received for "legitimate" expenses in defeating the wicked Democrats. But it is altogether indefensible, scandalous, immoral, wicked, what you will, for protectionists to use money to help nominate one protectionist in preference to other protectionists.

TOOK HIS WIFE'S MONEY.

North Carolina Woman Summons Her Husband to Justice.

WINSTON, N. C., March 31.—Frank P. Webster, a leaf tobacco broker and prominent citizen of Madison, who mysteriously disappeared from that town several weeks ago, has been arrested in Richmond, Ky., on a warrant charging him with abandoning his wife.

Webster will be brought back to Rockingham county for trial. His wife says he got her to sign a paper to sell their property claiming he wanted the money to use in his business. He got the money and disappeared.

THE FIAT OF THE PEOPLE

Is That No Goldbug Must Be Elected President in 1896---Battle of The Ballots.

The Deliberate Character of The Old North State—No Retreat From The Stand She Has Taken—Read The Prophecy of Victory on Her Determined Brow.

For the Caucasian.]

The whole atmosphere of the present age, is surcharged with the discovery of the fact of human slavery, and the bondage of the masses to the classes.

It might be well for all true patriots to read the lessons of history and recur to the beginning and completion of the enfranchisement of six million slaves. It began

LIKE A SMALL SPECK

in the horizon under the agitation and leadership of William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Harriet Beecher Stowe and others.

This was the beginning of an agitation that resulted in the freedom of six million blacks, who were held as property.

It will not be forgotten that for years this agitation was held in high contempt even in New England, and not a few of the pioneers in the movement were subjected to the scorn and derision of their fellowmen in puritan Boston.

South of Mason and Dixon's line the revolution to strike off the shackels of slavery was

NOTHING LESS THAN HIGH TREASON.

After much opposition, discussion and bloodshed it won the laurels of success, and met the enlightened benediction of all mankind.

To-day there are between sixty and seventy millions of people in the toils of oppression, and in the bonds of a much worse slavery.

Let it be remembered that this later slavery is a far worse iniquity, and a more galling yoke than the former, from the fact that its fetters are about the necks of the blood, the brains and the brawn of time's off spring of the ages, the descendants of those

WHO WON THE FREEDOM

of this country from British despotism.

The incredulous, the indifferent and the armed enemies of the foes of African slavery sneered at the prophecy of freedom for six millions of people. Its modern equivalent is the ridicule poured forth in the press of the country upon the

FRIENDS OF THE NEW REDEMPTION

of the toiling masses as theorists, cranks and fanatics. And just so sure as the resistless progress of the movement to free the negro from the injustice of his bondage won a triumphant victory, may the weary millions of the new slavery of wealth and aggrandizement and gold despotism, look to the near future for the overwhelming revolution which the

BATTLE OF THE BALLOTS

will wage and win in their behalf.

Led by such men as the lamented L. L. Polk, Senator Allen of Nebraska, Peffer of Kansas, and the brilliant young Senator Butler of our own State, leading the great cohorts of the voters, why should anyone doubt the certain overthrow of the oppression and tyranny of Wall street and Washington, in much shorter time than the war from Garrison to Lincoln.

Or who can

FALTER IN THE RANKS;

with the indomitable courage displayed by the Cheralier Bayard of the United States, *sans peur et sans reproche*, the noblest Roman of them all, Ben Tillman of South Carolina?

The wrong done to the people by the demonetization of silver in 1873 will be righted in 1896. The fiat of the American people has gone forth, and

NO GOLDBUG CAN BE ELECTED

President.

Any other issue is a delusion and a snare. It remains for the voters of this State and nation to rally to this unchanging and unchangeable verdict of the people! The free coinage of silver is the last refuge of a people, whose government has made an assignment to the Morgan

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THE PEOPLE ARE AGREED

On the Question of Free Coinage of Silver--The Essential Conditions of Success.

THE PEOPLE KEEP ASUNDER

And Thus Suffer Defeat in a Common Cause—Party Squabbles Widen the Breach—Stop Wrangling or Accept Hard Times Forever.

For The Caucasian.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 3.—Perhaps at no time in the past history of the country were the people of North Carolina, and of the South, so united in sentiment upon any question as they are at present with reference to the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 of gold. The masses of the people of the three parties are agreed upon the question, and regard it as paramount to all others; and yet they allow old party attachments to keep them asunder, and thus to defeat them in the great common purpose they have in view.

Unlike the opposing policies regarding the tariff rates—whether they should be imposed with reference to protection, or merely for revenue, which are as old as the government, and will last as long as the practice of raising taxes in that way continues, the silver question is new. It runs back but twenty years, and when settled, it will be settled finally. There will be no renewal of the controversy, and as it is a question of first rate importance, it should be settled now—the present year, at the approaching Presidential and Congressional elections. It seems the obvious dictate of common sense that these different parties, who are thoroughly agreed upon the silver question, should come together now in a spirit of frankness. It will be in vain that they stand aloof, each one hoping that the people will come to it, while they make war upon each other and widen the breach between them. This is just what the gold party delights to see. It is incredible that a gold party can win in the South under any circumstances; but dissensions and divisions in the ranks of the silver men, although one faction should carry the elections, must inevitably weaken the cause in the other States—in the West, particularly, where it is essential that Democrats and Republicans who favor free coinage come together and vote together. A united silver party in North Carolina and the South would inspire confidence in the West and bring together every element of parties favorable to the cause.

Democrats flatter themselves that they may have a majority of delegates in the national nominating convention, that they may dictate the platform and nominate the candidates. But to do all this—to make the nominations, at any rate, they must have two-thirds of the delegates, which is impossible. The two-thirds rule may enable them to prevent the nomination of gold men—if the class of delegates who go there from every Southern States can be relied upon to resist the allurements that the millionaires of the North and East will place before them. But in no event can the cause of silver profit by the results of the Democratic National Convention. Eastern and Northern Democrats will under no circumstances, support silver candidates on a silver platform. They will sooner see the triumph of the Republicans, with McKinley, Reed, Allison, or any other high protectionist, on a gold-monometallic platform, than a Democrat on a free silver platform. Northern Democrats—the controlling class among them—are quite as much in earnest in support of gold-monometallism as the Southern Democrats are in favor of the free coinage of silver.

The strength of the Populists came out of the Democratic party, and they can do nothing without the co-operation of all the Southern free silver element. They are essential to each other in this struggle for free coinage; and if they stubbornly persist in their local squabbles, they may as well give up the controversy and allow gold monometallism to be settled as the permanent policy of the country, with low prices, low wages, and dull, hard times in perpetuity.

The Republican bimetallists of the Western States are ready and anxious to co-operate with the Southern Democracy and Populists in support of free silver. The ablest men among them have abandoned the Republican party—such men as Jones and Stewart of Nevada, and Teller of Colorado. They are ready to subordinate other questions to this essential one of free silver.

The existing tariff originated with the Democracy; but was so much changed in character in the Senate, that President Cleveland declined to approve it, and allowed it to become a law without his signature. It may be regarded as a hybrid, half Democratic, and half Republican—half Protectionist and half otherwise. So let it stand for the present, until the more essential question of bimetallism is settled. It fails to produce sufficient revenue and pleases nobobody, but can be amended in that respect by the mutual agreement of parties. Bimetallism is to be the singleissue of the campaign.

DANIEL R. GOODLOE.

REPUBLICAN POLICY.

To Be The Old Cry Of Tariff, Tariff, Tariff, With A Goldbug Straddle.

McKinley, at Chicago, outlined the Republican campaign .That party will make its own issue, and that will be tariff! tariff! and nothing but tariff! Every Republican mouther will whoop up the tariff everywhere. If any one talks for money, or silver, he will talk just as McKinley did, after the following fashion: "Honest money and a chance to earn it by honest toil, for a currency of gold, silver and paper with which to measure our exchanges, that shall be as sound as the government and as untarnished as its honor * * the best money ever known—gold, silver and paper—good the world over."

That's the stuff the g. o. p. will give you, and you've got to take it; you will not be allowed to have anything else. You must take all the old nostrums, "the cure-alls" compounded by the medicine men of the g. o. p. under which you have grown poor for twenty years, or you will be punished worse—turned over to the Populists.

Well, come along; there is room enough for all in the Populist party. There is no room in the g. o. p. except for plutocrats, goldbugs and fools of every degree.