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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

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

LIVING ISSUES FORWARD.

No Fusion Except on Principle Is the Slogan From Everywhere. The Action of the State Committee Commented. Honest People Will Come To Us.

"We Agree With Our Committee."

RALEIGH, N. C., April 23, '96.--I have read with interest the letters in THE CAUCASIAN on fusion. I have heretofore been silent on the question but now that our committee has taken action I beg to give my views and those of my neighbors.

We agree with our committee. They offer to operate on honorable terms. But the Republicans, not having yet realized that the Populists do not constitute a wing of the Republican party, refused to accept the terms and insisted that we should paralyze our enemies. We must not give up our foundation. We are gaining ground. The Democrats, or a majority of them, will gradually come to us if we stay where we are. So will the Republicans. On what I have said is simply on the facts. I believe that there are some patriots left in the old parties, and their position in those parties are fast becoming untenable.

Action has been taken. It now behooves us to march with harmony and principle on our banners straight to victory at the polls. To those who still favor fusion I would say that we cannot afford to vote for a single goldbug just for the sake of temporary gain. If we support a man who will support a goldbug, we are supporting our enemies. And how can we whip the devil while we feed his hosts?

For us to sacrifice principle for office will be a disgrace, and time in our march will repudiate our actions and bury us beneath the dust of our own corruption.

O. H. TREDAIL.

Steam Is Up.

CONFEDERATE CROSS ROADS, Mecklenburg Co., N. C.--I have been in the backwoods for the past two months sawing wood, saying nothing about this "shut your eyes," "because my daddy was," "fusion is the hardest of principle," till my boiler has got on a head of steam that is away above the danger mark, and I have got to say something or burst a boiler.

I will say that not a Pop in this county will vote a goldbug, straddling, or doodlebug ticket, and don't you forget it. If either one of the old parties is in favor of free silver coinage, why have we not got it now? They have been in a chance and we are not fools enough to give them another chance. Defeat in a just cause. We are going to get our money back. "Fusion is a button is gone from Gabe's coat. We don't want any McKinley in ones, and we are not going to help the other fellows to put McKinley in if we know ourselves. It has been said that it is yaller dog politics. Let us get our money back. We believe it is so, and aside from that it is a slander on the yaller dog, and we have some respect left even for the yaller dog. We want to know the witness and the whereabouts of the money. Get the money and we are going to know or stay out. Let them come in on principle or we will not play.

J. P. FOSSAMAN.

Times Are Getting Worse.

TOBACCOVILLE, N. C., April 23, '96.--Times are getting worse and worse. It is taking all the money we can get from one end of the year to the other to pay our taxes. Tobacco is the only crop that the farmer can raise here to get any money, and it is so low now that it won't bring enough to pay the expenses of raising it. The country is getting in a desperate condition. If the forces designated as the gold standard are successful in the coming election, I believe we are face to face with monarchy and the overthrow of our Republic. Get the money back for one time, lay aside all prejudice and come together and vote for principle. Other nations have had republics and they have been overthrown. So let us take warning while we yet have free speech, the right of public assembly and peaceful remedy of the ballot box, and try to avert this enslavement that stares us in the face so boldly.

W. W. ORRENBER.

When You Will Get It.

HOLLYWOOD, N. C., April 18.--I have read a number of letters from the people on free coinage of silver, and some very strong articles, on why free coinage cannot be obtained through the Democratic party, and to relieve the minds of millions who are wasting valuable time over such clap-trap. I will now tell the exact time when to look for free coinage at the hands of the Democratic party. Sever as long as there are seats in churches, wells in gardens, fleas in hog-pens, and sand on the seashore. When this world is turned upside down, men turned to ants, and ants to infants; when the angels of light sweep heaven for hell with the angels of darkness and the latter pay the price of darkness and when impossible times are fashionable, the time is drawing near. For verily I say unto you, when you see these things come to pass, know ye that the time is near, even at the door, when the Democratic party

will come out full-grown friends of silver and give us free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1.

J. B. SAWYER.

Work and Hope Never Turn Back.

BLANCHARD, N. C., April 24.--The majority of both old parties seem to be in favor of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. I do not come with us and let us put our shoulders to the wheel and make this the leading issue in the coming campaign? Let us all work with a will to accomplish this and soon the bright rays of prosperity will gladden the hearts of our toiling millions. Soon will the star spangled banner spread its liberty-loving face over a nation free indeed. Soon will the now starving millions have bread and to spare, and the sweet song of prosperity will be heard throughout the now oppressed land, while anthems of gratitude and praise will ascend to the God of justice and mercy from the hearts and lips of every American man and woman.

Then let us work on, hope on, never looking back. Let the dead pass bury its dead. And let us confidently look forward to a bright and promising future.

Let us close our ears to soft promises of the mild-eyed, soft-tongued plutoocrats.

D. M. HALL.

Don't Muddy the Water Now Show a Square Front.

GILBERT, Beaufort Co., N. C., April 23, '96.--Much is being said about fusing with the two old parties. I have always been a Republican--never voted a Democratic ticket in my life and I don't want one on my ticket for fear I can't take it. I left the Republicans on account of their legislation and the way the Populists as the last resort and now let's not throw mud in the water and think we can settle it. If this country ever gets any relief, it must come through the Pops and "don't you forget that. I favor a square front and fight for liberty and party. I think in a single-handed fight we can sweep the State. The better element of the Republicans and Democrats will come with us. I heard a prominent Democrat say the other day he had been a Democrat all his life, but he never voted a Democratic ticket again, and there may many like him. The Populist party is gaining with us every day. People's Party victory is my prayer. Amen.

JOHN A. BUCK.

All Wool and a Yard Wide.

HAYESVILLE, N. C., April 22.--As to fusion in this county (Clay) I hardly think there will be anything of the kind. I think the free silver element from both old parties will come and fight for liberty and party. I think in a single-handed fight we can sweep the State. The better element of the Republicans and Democrats will come with us. I heard a prominent Democrat say the other day he had been a Democrat all his life, but he never voted a Democratic ticket again, and there may many like him. The Populist party is gaining with us every day. People's Party victory is my prayer. Amen.

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No Compromise of Principle.

EL PASO, N. C., April 20, '96.--I attended our Superior court week before last, and our county Alliance last week, and I saw representative men from all parts of the county, and have yet to hear of the first Populist who is not true to principle. All our friends and our own people, principle, keep in the middle of the road, &c. W. H. KITCHEN's letter is a stunner. Long live to Butler, Kitchen, and all who like them, stand true to right, my number increase.

W. W. DREW.

Three Cheers For Principle.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 21.--Hurrah for Mary Ann! Hurrah for the only sure and glorious stand you take for fusion on principle and against fusion with any body, for any thing except principle. God speed the good cause.

W. M. VOIGTS.

They Approve.

MERRITT, N. C., April 23.--We approve of the paper taken. I have heard of a man who belongs to the People's Party say that he would fuse with a party on the gold issue. We will bury the goldbugs so deep that they will not come forth till the day of resurrection, and then only to hear of our awful denunciation, depart from me I know you not.

T. J. SAWYER.

Favor Taking It Single-Handed.

STANTONBURG, N. C., April 24.--I do not think fusion is necessary. The emergency of the hour is principle. Most of the people here are in favor of taking it single-handed.

W. J. BATTIS.

It Is What They Want.

DURHAM, N. C., April 23.--Our folks are happy over the termination of the Raleigh meeting. The middle of the road is what our folks want.

J. C. WILKERSON.

No Gold Standard.

WALTER R. HENRY Wins an Important Case. Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Kelly Pennington some weeks ago abandoned his wife and child. Shortly afterwards, by false representations, he obtained possession of the child and fled to Gaffney City, S. C. He was advised that if he crossed the border his wife, Mrs. Anna C. Pennington, could not recover the child. For six weeks the broken-hearted mother has awaited the return of her boy, trusting that the father would relent. At last she applied to Mr. Henry for assistance and, being employed as her attorney, he took the mother and her father, went to South Carolina, secured a writ of habeas corpus, and after a long trial, in which Webster, contested possession of the boy, the child was delivered to its mother by the court.

FROM SENATOR M. CASKEY.

Issues Must Stand Above Party Names. Willing to Meet All Friends of Reform Halfway For The Caucasian.

DARRDEN, N. C., April 17, '96.--Please allow me to say that I heartily endorse the stand taken by your paper and Senator Butler upon the question of co-operation.

Very few of the office-holding Populists have so far taken any stand or position upon the question of co-operation with the Republican party. Perhaps it may not be necessary for me to do so now, but I don't want my constituents who honored me in the last campaign to think for one moment that, by my silence, I am willing to acquiesce in helping to elect a single goldbug to office for the sake of holding on to the Republican contingent who helped to elect me two years ago. I am a Populist and cannot and will not favor any deal that would force me to smother my convictions or appear, in the least, inconsistent. On the contrary, I am willing to work in harmony with any party or group or clan that will help to elect a silver President and defeat one who is or may be a goldbug or straddler. I don't mean to say by this that I would help make the fight inside of either of the old parties, if they should happen to nominate one who would generally be supposed to be favorable to silver and other reforms, because I know that should such an one be nominated he would be a straddler. But I am willing to meet all the friends of reform half way and agree upon some man regardless of party name who is a patriot, and who, if elected, would help to emancipate the toiling millions from the grip of the plutocracy. The influence of plutocracy is manifest in the composition of the old parties in their organizations, conventions and campaigns and there is no salvation for the people only to pool their forces and make a square fight upon principle, if in so doing, they fail to get a crumb from the pie counter.

Yours truly,
T. E. MCCASKEY.

HOOVER FOR CONGRESS.

The Active Worker Mentioned as a Representative From The Second District. For The Caucasian.

TOISNOT, N. C., April 18, '96.--As the time is near at hand to begin holding conventions and looking for the most available men for the different nominations, we should look for men of character and whose principles and record are such as to leave no doubt as to their future sections.

Now, I want to suggest a man for Congress in this the second district who has worked in season and out of season and all times for the upbuilding of the cause that we all love so well, and whose record in the last legislature is above suspicion.

That man is John T. B. Hoover. Let us elect him and rally to his support and elect him, and the second district and the State will have a representative that we will have cause to be proud of. Let Populists stand by their principles and enter no entangling alliances at the sacrifice of principle for the sake of office, and we will grow and soon control this government and make it in deed as well as in name a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

JOHN D. MEARES.

A WOMAN'S APPEAL.

She Calls on the Voters to Take a Stand For Home and Country. For The Caucasian.

ELF, N. C., April 18, '96.--I am a woman and I have never said much about political matters, but times are getting so hard that I am impelled to say a few words.

It seems that people have a very hard struggle to keep the wolf from the door. I am impressed that if the people do not get relief soon there will be trouble in our land. I want every man to think what effect his vote is going to have in remedying the evils that now threaten the American people. I want you to continue to call upon the Alliance men and every true silver Republican to demand to let the cause of all our financial troubles be sufficient to induce them to put principle above party, and vote for home and family once, and note the effect upon the times. I hope that every Christian in all this country will pray for our better officers to manage this government, and then vote as they pray.

How long, oh how long! will the people be fooled by designing and corrupt politicians? THE CAUCASIAN is doing much good in opening the eyes of the people. There are many in this section who would take the paper but cannot get the money--even to pay their taxes. Something must be done to drive the unworthy out of power, and put men in charge with a will and a heart that are in sympathy with the oppressed people. It seems that all have sufficient understanding, to know that relief will never come as long as they keep electing the worst enemies they have--the single standard advocates of the gold issue. The emergency of the times demands your manhood. What will you do?

HULDAH E. BUCHANAN.

The Struggle For Office. Washington Post.

"How many applications do you think you will file in my office for appointments in the House, under jurisdiction of the House, under jurisdiction of the House, under jurisdiction of the House, put to a Post reporter yesterday."

"About 600," ventured the Post man.

"We counted up the other day," said Glenn, "and there were just 14,000. Altogether there were 160 places to be filled. All these applications were filed since the first day that Congress convened in December."

A GREETING FROM BERTIE.

A Message From The Great Country of The East To Populists Elsewhere.

Tell Them, She Says, "To Keep Square in The Middle of The Road"--Colored Men Join In The Plea--And Declare They Will Vote For Principle. For The Caucasian.

The People's Party of Coleraine township, Bertie county, held their primary convention on the 26th of April. They were thoroughly determined in carrying out the principles of the party, and opposed any fusion with any old party except on principle. All recognized equality in everything.

Now, Mr. Editor, I would like to know how we can fuse with any old party that does not stand squarely on our platform of principles, when several good, honest colored men, came into our convention and pledged to vote with us from township constable to the President of the United States purely on the ground of our principles. Shall we go back on ourselves and our party, and worse still, those honest colored men, who wish to us to help us redeem our once free and happy country from the grasp of plutocracy? I, for one, cannot do it. Coleraine township Populists cannot do it. The Populists of North Carolina will never do it, so long as we have Senator Butler captain of our ship of State, who cannot be bribed for the love of filthy lucre to run our ship on the reefs and sand-bars of the goldbugs and straddlers.

Now, Mr. Editor, you just say from us to the Populists of North Carolina: "gentlemen, keep square on the line of principle; turn neither to the right hand or left, neither to the Cleveland, Carlisle, Ransom so-called Democrats, or the Sherman, McKinley, Reed, Platt so-called Republican party, for there is not a much Democracy in the whole Cleveland, Carlisle, Ransom pack as there was in General Jackson's thumb and forefinger with which he held the pen to veto the United States bank bill. Neither is there as much true Republicanism in the whole Sherman, McKinley, Reed, Platt pack as there was in President Lincoln's thumb and finger in which he held the pen to veto the emancipation proclamation (that he intended) to set free the last citizen of this proud, once free and happy nation.

M. J. RAYNER, Chairman.

W. R. JONES, Secretary.

CURRICUT COUNTY ALLIANCE.

It Condemns the 99 Year Lease--And Endorses Butler and Skinner. Curricut County Alliance met at Curricut Court House April 9th.

By request the chair appointed a committee of three to draw resolutions which reported as follows: Whereas, the 99 year lease of the North Carolina railroad, did lease said road for ninety-nine (99) years.

RESOLVED SECOND, That we endorse the manly and patriotic course of our representatives in Congress, the Hon. M. J. RAYNER, and Henry SKINNER, for their faithful course in advocating the interests of the people, and we bid them God speed in their course just so long as they continue in the interest of the people.

A. HAMPTON, Secretary.

W. H. SNOWDEN, Chairman.

The County Alliance adjourned to meet with Knott's Island sub-Alliance on the 4th Thursday in July 1896.

H. J. DOXEY, Secretary.

For An Early Adjournment.

WASHINGTON, April 23.--The Republican Senators have a brief caucus to-day for an exchange of views on the subjects of final adjournment and order of business before adjournment. Senator Chandler suggested that adjournment ought to be possible by May 15th, and was supported in this opinion by an almost unanimous vote of the caucus.

H. W. AGAIN.

Elberton (Ga.) News Item.

If the office seeker shows himself at your convention, fire him and nominate your best man who don't seek office. The notoriety seeker and the salary seeker make poor officers. They are the kind that sell you out after you have given them the position they seek.

Development of Our Water Powers.

Our State Geologist is urging the Non-Interference policy of the Congress to secure if possible an increase in the appropriation for the gauging of streams and determining the water supply of the United States in order that more work may be done during the next few years and accurately measuring the amount of water in each of our largest rivers of this State. This is a work of very great importance to our people and we earnestly hope that this and their effort will be successful.

What manufacturers want to know before purchasing machinery is the exact amount of water that can be depended on for running machinery during the driest seasons of the year. It is easy enough to obtain large supplies of water during the rainy seasons, but no one can afford to put in machinery during the dry seasons, and indeed during the entire year. The importance of having this done is very great, and now is the time. Every year that this work is postponed simply means more or less of manufacturing losses to the inventor in water powers, put up steam plants or go elsewhere.

POLITICAL POT-POURRI.

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

Mr. W. A. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, member of the Democratic State Executive Committee, writes Ed. Chambers Smith as follows: "If there is any stand by our party on the silver question, it would be the supremest folly to make a campaign in this State. Our people have been taught that free coinage is right, and they believe it. It is needless for the goldbugs to say now that it is Populistic to veto the gold bug. The Democratic party in North Carolina, by its press, and by those placed in high positions, is responsible for the faith of our people on this subject. There can be no fair-splitting or dodging."

"Will you as a Republican, vote for a Democratic free coinage candidate next fall?" asked the silver questioner in Washington.

"No," was the reply, "for the simple reason that I will not have the opportunity to remove this subject from the Democratic platform."

"Then you do not think that the Democrats will declare for free coinage?"

"I do not. They may think that they will, but they will weaken just as soon as the Eastern money influences get to work among them."

Mr. W. B. Fleming (who represented Warren in the last legislature as a Fusionist) comes out in a lengthy communication in the People's Paper, severely upbraiding the "joint ticket" party and the Republicans. He says it would be a sacrifice of principle to fuse with the Republicans, when they are for a high tariff and the gold standard. He says the Populists are for a low tariff and a double standard--and every other sensible man thinks as Mr. Fleming does about this--Warrenton Gazette.

One of the little political events on the street to-day was a conversation of Deeds J. J. Rogers, of Wake. Now this was Greek meeting Greek--Populist and Republican meeting. Harris said he was perfectly willing to let the Populists take the Governor and go on with him. "What is that place in time of peace?" he asked. "It is a time of peace, not so big as yours, Rogers. Certainly we ought to give the Populists the Governor in a crisis like this when the main interest is in the welfare of the people. Harris said that he would have done good at the meeting if we had let the Populists know they were welcome to name the Governor. Several of their State constituents told me so."

Rogers put in a word here, saying, "Well, that would have done no good. What would have become of our principles?"

Harris repeated, "Well, the committee told me it would have done the work."

Rogers gave a bold reply: "I say give the Republicans all the offices and let us take the principle."

Congressman Hall, ex-President of the Curricut County Alliance, and a man who has sold out is a sound money man in earnest. The other day he received a telegram from the chairmen of the national committee in effect as follows:

"Will you accept renomination to Congress with instructions to vote for free silver at the coming election?"

"Will you not accept renomination to Congress with instructions to vote for free silver at the coming election?"

The Fayetteville Observer says: "We are glad to learn that there is good prospect of the nomination of Mr. Carlisle to the Supreme Court by Congress in the ninth district at the Democratic convention which meets in Asheville on the 14th of May."

From a Standpoint of Fact. Commenting on Secretary Carlisle's speech in Chicago last Wednesday, in behalf of the single gold standard policy of the Cleveland and McKinley administration, the Washington Times truly says:

Under this "sound money" policy the national debt during the last year has increased \$23,187,017, and the business depression still continues. President Cleveland's "sound money" policy has not only forced the business down the country, but it has also turned our markets and transportation lines over to powerful combines, and instead of being better the situation is actually very much worse, as far as prosperity is concerned, than it was when he stepped into the White House. In view of these facts the sound money arguments of Secretary Carlisle should not have much weight with working people.

COL SKINNER'S BILL.

Looking to Financial Reform--Income Tax and Silver Question.

Col. Harry Skinner has introduced the following bill, which was referred to the committee on election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress. The bill makes "straddling" but talk a little more boldly for the gold standard. The record of the actions of the various conventions is here briefly given:

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Missouri Democratic convention declared in favor of free silver and against issuing bonds in time of peace.

Colorado Dems declared for silver, and delegates to the national convention said they would withdraw if a gold platform was adopted.

Illinois Republicans declared against free silver and endorsed Reed for President.

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New Jersey Republicans declared against silver. Delegates were not instructed as to supporting a man for President.

The State Prohibition convention of Michigan declared for silver.

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Tennessee Republicans adopted a "straddle" financial plank and endorsed McKinley for President.

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"My bill," said Mr. Skinner, "is simple and plain, and will be valuable in collecting the exact will of the people upon these important questions and remove them from the realm of speculation. As this is a government of and by the people, everybody should be interested in ascertaining what people desire. Under my bill this information can be gathered in a simple and direct way, and with absolute certainty. Nothing but good can come out of it. The people, Representatives, and the President should know and be governed by what the people desire."

THE VETO POWER.

Let The Whole People Sustain This Sixteenth Amendment. Philadelphia Item.

WHAT CONVENTIONS ARE DOING.

The Monthly Meeting--Among the Old Party Groups--No Reform Proposed.

The State conventions of the old parties that have been held during the past week form a curious study. Democrats in some States declare for silver--in other States for gold. Republicans are not doing quite so much "straddling," but talk a little more boldly for the gold standard. The record of the actions of the various conventions is here briefly given:

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SICK OF OLD PARTYISM.

The People Crave Something New--Will Take It If They Can Get It.

PHILOSOPHY OF FUSION.

In 1890. The Same Conditions Not Rebutted--How at the Time of the Republican Election. What They Said--What We Do--Some Liberty and Striking Situations.

You have published the views of many of your numerous correspondents on co-operating again with the Republican party, but they seem to me entirely out of harmony with the true principles of reform, and by no means suited to existing conditions.

No true reformer really favored "fusion" in the last campaign, because we had no confidence in either of the old parties; but we had on our statute books bad election laws, and a corrupt political party had control of the entire election machinery and the courts, and we knew that no other party could, under such conditions, carry an election unless some plan could be devised by which we could make the Democrats ignorant of our strength, and so large as to put it beyond their ability to "count us out."

The Republicans desired the same changes in the election laws and the county government, and this made fusion possible. We knew that they over-rated their strength and underestimated ours, and were willing to lose, not for any love for us or our cause, but because they saw in it a possible chance to get control of our State government against us