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## SOME INSIDE FACTS.

A few men in the People's Party are now taking delight in calling attention to the statement, made by Senator Butler to the last legislature, that he favored co-operation again, and in the event of such co-operation that he favored the election of a Republican for Senator to succeed Senator Pritchard. Those who are quoting this statement say that, therefore, they are in favor of accepting any terms that the Republicans make to us for co-operation this year. These men loudly proclaim that we are under obligations to the Republicans, and that we have no right to have anything to say about the terms of co-operation, but in order to keep "good faith" we must go it blind, let the Republicans name the terms, and then fall in line and support any ticket or condition that the Republicans name. They seem to take the position that we are bound to co-operate with the Republicans even if it means sacrificing every principle of the party, abandoning the organization of the party, and going over, body and soul, into the Republican camp. They say that the reason they are bound to accept such hard terms is because Senator Butler said he favored co-operation.

Such an exhibition of over-sensitive regard and blind loyalty, which these few Populists seem to have for a voluntary expression of wish or desire of Senator Butler is very remarkable. Their blind subserviency to Senator Butler's wish as expressed above is very remarkable if it needs to be analyzed. Let us see if there is not something beyond their desire to advance the People's Party, behind their apparent over-sensitivity about this matter. What position would we expect any man of fair intelligence, who had no axe to grind, to take with reference to this statement made by Senator Butler?

A fair minded man who wanted to act squarely, to keep good faith, and at the same time to stand by his principles and guard the interests of the People's Party, would, we submit, take the following position: He would, in the first place, ask whether or not there was a bargain and sale with reference to the election of Mr. Butler to the Senate. That is, did Senator Butler or any of his friends, or the People's Party as an organization, have to make promises and pledges to the Republicans as a condition to his election to the Senate? He would also inquire whether or not Senator Butler had to make this particular statement that he did make as a condition to his election, or as a part of a trade and bargain agreed on beforehand. If so, he would ask how far the People's Party, as a party, was bound by such a trade.

He would find upon investigation that co-operation had practically been agreed upon in the State before Senator Vance died, when there was but one Senator to elect, and that one of the terms of the co-operation was that the People's Party was to have the Senatehip.

Second, he would find that the members of the legislature, with few exceptions, were pledged by their constituents from one end of the State to the other to support Mr. Butler for the long term, and that they were pledged to do this without any condition, but simply in view of the whole arrangement of the State, Judicial and other tickets, on which the Republicans had by large odds the greatest number of candidates.

Third, he would find that every candidate among the Republicans for the Senate informed Mr. Butler and his friends voluntarily, and not only informed them but assured them, that they were not candidates for the long term, but only for the short term, and further that Senator Butler was nominated for the long term without a single pledge, promise, or condition being made by him or any one else.

Fourth, he would find that when Senator Butler made the statement that he did before the legislature about co-operation for the next year, that not a single Republican or Populist expected him to make such a statement, or knew he would make such a statement before it was made. The statement was not only purely voluntary and gratuitous, but simply expressed the opinion and desire of Senator Butler with reference to the matter. He said that he favored co-operation for the next year, and, in the event of co-operation, the election of a Republican for the long term. Senator Butler was under no obligation to make such a statement, but he did make it simply because it expressed his views and feelings then, and it expresses his views and feelings now.

But where is the man who is not a knave or a fool (or a blind pie-counter-hunter) who will say that this statement by Senator Butler binds him or the People's Party to accept any terms which the Republicans see fit to name. This would be the most absurd proposition ever made by any man outside of a lunatic asylum. In short, Senator Butler was not elected to the Senate by any trade or deal or promise with any politicians or any other candidates for the Senate. He was elected as the people's choice. He did not have to make any pledges to be elected. No politician or combination of politicians or candidate could have defeated him. Every Republican candidate in the race assured him and his friends that they were for him for the long term.

Fifth, he would find on every occasion since the election in 1894

## A SCHEME TO TRY TO SPLICE THE PEOPLES PARTY.

THE CAUCASIAN has received a number of letters from Populists saying that inducements are being offered to the Republicans for co-operation. They do not even try to discuss and defend the proposition tendered by the People's Party in the Republican proposition. No, no. They cannot afford to do this any more than the Democratic machine could afford to tell the truth and face the issue in 1892. They are simply "cussing" mad because the People's Party has refused to sell out to them for a mess of potage, because the People's Party has dared to stand up for principle now as it has always done. He squared up by leaving the prince enough to pay the debt due himself.

It can state positively that Col. Jas H. Holt, one of the most known young men and one of the most manufacturing in the State, will be one of the delegates from this district and is one of McKinley's most earnest supporters.—Charlotte Observer Correspondence.

THE CAUCASIAN asserted some time ago that the people were rapidly learning the lesson of co-operation with the Democratic party. The large and influential Holt family has, up to now, been a bulwark of Democracy in this State, and the loss of its influence is as big a single blow as it could get. We may not be able to command the entire count Col. Holt, but we have a man especially good in him for leading a party of "perfidy and dishonesty"—one that is so split up and so inane in character as to represent nothing on God's earth. Col. Holt has not gone right, but he cannot possibly go to a worse organization than the one he has just left.

We will not at present pay any more attention to this gang than we did to the Democratic machine in 1892. But at the proper time the People's Party will be very apt to knock some sense if not decency into them after it has been told so on all occasions.

The State committee of the Peoples Party officially informed them to this effect in October of last year.

WHAT A STATE MAY DO WITH MONEY.

We could not give space to more interesting and, at this time, more substantive matter than is presented by Maj. W. A. Guthrie in this issue under the head of "Legal Tender by States."

It is something which will be packed, as a matter of course, by little goldbugs, but it is also something against which they can produce no effective argument.

Comment on the article cannot strengthen it, but it may be pointed out that a State need not be subject to the conditions which a national goldbug administration may impose, unless such conditions are desired. And if a State should decide to nullify those conditions, in part at least, it would not be going beyond the rights and franchises granted by the national Constitution.

We are informed that great efforts have been made, in certain quarters, to get Populists to come to Raleigh this week to make some kind of trade with the Republicans for certain offices. We have been informed that Republicans are writing letters to certain Peoples Party office holders, and to others, whom they think they can tempt with certain inducements, to get them to come to Raleigh. We have letters saying that the Republicans have not only been actively distributing the Gill-Amos circular, but in some cases have offered to pay the expenses of any Peoples Party man who would come to Raleigh this week to meet them.

The Peoples Party State committee stayed out of the public prints on this question, thinking and trusting that it would be easier to effect a co-operation if there was less said by the two parties through the newspapers. Instead of this course of the Peoples Party being appreciated by the Republicans, it seems, on the other hand that some of them took advantage of knowing what the true position of the Peoples Party committee was, to go to work quietly through correspondence, and possibly by personal solicitation, to try to influence certain Populists to try to prejudice them against their State committee, and probably by making promises of offices and rewards to try to get them to over-ride the advice of the State committee.

Chairman Holton has boasted frequently that they would succeed in doing this, and that they would split and divide the Peoples Party. This game, thanks to the integrity of the members of the Peoples Party, has fallen flat.

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Briefly, this is the situation. Now what will any honest, fair-minded man say? Will he say that the Peoples Party ought to accept the proposition, the ultimatum which the Republican committee laid down to us on April 17th? No!

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But if the majority of the Peoples Party in State convention shall say that because Senator Butler was elected to the long term, they feel bound to accept any terms that the Republicans may name for co-operation, even if it be such terms as means the disintegration of the Peoples Party, then Senator Butler WILL HAND IN PROMPTLY HIS RESIGNATION as Senator rather than have the Peoples Party make such a sacrifice on his account.

He is too good a Populist and too strong a friend of the people to allow the Peoples Party to be sacrificed to keep him in office.

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On the other hand, let every Republican, elected to office by the last co-operative fight, resign, and we assure our Republican friends that every Peoples Party man will also resign. Then we can not co-operate against goldbugs, we will draw the line square between the people and the gold combine. Do this, and we will fight the whole battle out to a finish this year, and abide by the verdict of the people.

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THE CAUCASIAN still hopes that there can be honorable and successful co-operation, but will never agree to any terms of co-operation which means the crippling, disintegration and death of the Peoples Party. The principles of the Peoples Party must be upheld in law before the people will ever see any more prosperity. No party will fight for these principles but the Peoples Party. Therefore the Peoples Party is the only hope of the laboring and producing classes of America. Let us stand for principle and the people will stand with us.

TWO GOLD ORGANS—KEEP UP THE PARTIES.

The Winston Republican in its issue of March 30th, says:

"The State and every other Southern State had better be lost than carried on a free silver plank."

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The Charlotte Observer will have to get a move on it. The Winston Republican has now outdone that paper in its devotion and subserviency to goldbuggery. They are both organs of the gold party and the silver party.

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The colored man will never be any better off till there is more money. If we have to live under the gold standard, then the colored man will see harder times than he sees now. If we don't have silver money then the colored man will not see much more money. Silver is about all the money that he sees and he doesn't see much of that.

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If we are to live under the gold standard, then the colored man will be paid more than ever in store orders instead of in money.

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Senator Sherman says Mr. McKinley is committed to the gold policy, and Mr. McKinley is not calling Senator Sherman a fool or a liar.

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