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

LIVING ISSUES FORWARD.

More Endorsements of the Action of the Committee—Good Feeling Everywhere—People Are Coming to Us—"Stay in The Middle of The Road" is The Slogan.

"Multum In Parvo."

For The Caucasian.]

OKISKO, N. C., June 12, '96.—Pursuant to request of many reformers in this immediate loeality, I take this method of enunciating briefly the views of the people generally, regardless of past political proclivities, as to the action of the State Populist executive committee, and am proud to say said committee acted wisely; and for one of many thousands have to say our people are willing to co-operate with ANYBODY ON PRINCIPLE—with no one if co-operation means a surrender of principle. If our Republican friends entertain the remotest idea that the Populist will support any man, or set of men, for office who is either a goldbug, straddlebug or humbug and who is not in favor of repealing the present system of banking they will be beautifully left.

I have seen and talked with quite a number of iron-jacket, wool-dyed Democrats and quite a lot of Republicans and they are with the committee and Senator Butler. The people know full well if the past record of the two old PLUG parties is any criterion by which to judge, that their promises, whether in their platforms or on the hustings, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BASE BETRAYAL OF CONFIDENCE; for by collusion and uniting of forces they have killed free silver ELEVEN TIMES, AND THAT IN NINE YEARS, and the man or men who are so foolish as to expect better times by either has my sympathy. The free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 will never be given by either one of the old parties, for the reason that the Rothschilds, through their agents and hirelings in this country, have a mortgage on both. "PUT NONE BUT AMERICANS ON GUARD."

It affords me exquisite pleasure to hear so many sensible and good men speak in praise of Butler, Skinner and Shuford. I am proud of them. May they live long and be happy.

M. G. GREGORY.

What They Are All Doing.

For the Caucasian.]

BOONE, N. C., June 12, '96.—The political pot is beginning to boil, or at least simmer a little, in Watauga now.

The Democrats have called a county convention for the 20th of this month, to appoint delegates to the State convention, &c. The Peoples Party will hold a convention at Boone, on Saturday the 27th of July, for the purpose of electing delegates to Congressional and State conventions and transact such other business as may be necessary. The Republicans are very enthusiastic for Pritchard or McKinley with silver as a side issue. The Democrats are strong for silver inside the Democratic party. A majority of the Peoples Party are for the "middle of the road."

L. U. PERKINS.

Principles to the Front.

For the Caucasian.]

APPLEWHITE, N. C., June 13, '96.—I would like to say that the actions of our State committees and of our representatives in Congress are in accord with the wishes of the people here who want principles in front. The Democrats think that Senator Butler will favor them this fall. I heard one say that he was a good Democrat and always had been. Our Representatives are giving the people of both old parties better satisfaction than their own are, and with good management from now on, this fact will tell its own story in November. Populists in this (Columbus) county love their principles and aim to stand by them; and fusion with any body only on principle will number them with the ten lost tribes of Israel.

ALVA BENSON.

Guthrie For Governor.

For The Caucasian.]

JACKSON, Northampton Co., N. C., June 8, '96.—I am satisfied that Maj. W. A. Guthrie is the proper man for Governor, for several reasons, viz.: 1st, he is a statesman of the right and true type. 2d, sound and solid on the financial question, a true friend to silver. 3d, his Populist principles are above question. He left the old party like many of us who did, because principle had ceased to be a virtue in either of the two old parties. For the last two or three years he has given his strength and support to the cause of justice and reform, which demands equal protection to all.

I believe he can poll more votes in the coming election for Governor than any other man in the State. A large majority of both Populists and Republicans in this section are for the "Maj."

T. C. PARKER.

Peoples Party Is Stronger.

For the Caucasian]

PENDLETON, N. C., June 9.—While this place has been a Democratic "stronghold," we feel that concessions are being made in favor of the Peoples Party. The Democrats are less disposed to criticise and abuse us. They are beginning to realize that we do not purpose to follow in the steps of either of the old parties. There is no doubt that the Peoples Party is much stronger in this community than it has been before.

With few exceptions this community, irrespective of party, are for silver. Whether they will vote for silver or cover under party affiliation, will be seen in the coming election. We heartily endorse the action of our State committee at their meeting in Raleigh, on the 16th and 17th of April. We believe, on a straight fight from principle, Maj. Guthrie being our nominee for Governor, we will sweep the State.

J. R. BEALE.

Bladen County Populists.

For The Caucasian.]

ROSINDALE, N. C., June 8, '96.—On June 6th, 1896, the Peoples Party of Bladen county met in convention in Elizabethtown, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Congressional and Senatorial conventions, whenever called, which resulted as follows: To State convention, E. N. Robeson and O. M. Jones; to Congressional convention, G. P. Sutton and D. T. Perry; to Senatorial convention, J. B. Core and Haynes Peterson.

Most of the townships sent delegations. The convention was a quiet but very encouraging one, and was made most conspicuous by the absence of flowery speakers and office seekers.

D. T. PERRY,
Secretary.

Wants It Straight.

For The Caucasian.]

GARYSBURG, N. C., June 10, '96.—I and every Populist in this section are opposed to fusion with any party, especially the Democrats. Northampton Pops don't want any Democratic fusion on any terms. We are Pops down here from the ground up. Give us a straight Populist "middle of the road" State ticket with Bill Guthrie at the head, and Northampton will give a thousand Populist majority. Every Pop and Republican that I have talked to say they are for Guthrie for Governor.

E. L. SUMMERELL.

Endorses Every Word.

For The Caucasian.]

WELDON, N. C., June 11, '96.—I endorse every word of your article under the heading of "Some Fat Facts."

If the people could only see your paper, there would be thousands to join our party. They are coming to us in this county.

Very frequently I am importuned for issues of THE CAUCASIAN by people who declare that they are done with the Democratic party. It has been only fear of criticism that has kept them from joining us.

EDWARD T. CLARK.

SOME OF HIS SUSPICIONS.

A WATCHFUL POP SIGHTS A SCHEME AMONG THE DEMOCRATS FOR CONTROLLING THE LEGISLATURE.

Watch Them With Something Stronger Than a Glass Eye—Guthrie For Governor—Some Plain Words to Mouthy Democrats.

For the Caucasian.]

SUNSBURY, Gates Co., June 13.—There seems to be a great deal of Democratic mouthiness down here in Eastern North Carolina. Democrats say they will vote for Guthrie or any other good man the Pops will nominate for Governor. But when we reflect on the occurrences of '94, when Major Guthrie was down here making speeches in the interest of the Peoples Party, a Democrat could hardly be seen at any of his appointments. Now, I would like to know what has brought about this change. I think there is "something rotten in Denmark." I think their plan would be to let the Populists have all the State offices they want, if by so doing they (the Dems) could get control of the legislature. A Democratic majority in the next legislature will restore their machine ring rule. It will do more than that; it will repeal our honest election law. It will do more yet; it will elect a Democrat to the U. S. Senate, and I believe it will do worse than that. I believe it will pass such legislation as will keep them in power just as long as they want to stay.

Now we, as Populists, don't want any of these things I have made mention of, because we have labored under the gall and bitterness of these things. The Democratic party of North Carolina stands just where it stood in 1892, and these machine ringsters will bear watching with something better than a glass eye.

We must beat the Democrats this year, and the way to do it, is for the people to hold township meetings, county meetings and district meetings and plan for the defeat of these ringsters. For instance, the Populists and Republicans can co-operate and send a Republican from each county pledged to vote for no man for U. S. Senator unless he is an out-and-out free coinage man. By doing this we can control the next legislature, and then we can fix things in better shape than they are now. But if the Democratic party gets in power, we are gone as a party. We are told to watch as well as pray, and now is a time when we must watch.

So far as Guthrie is concerned, if the Democrats don't vote for him he will be the next Governor of North Carolina. Guthrie is the man. One-half of the Republicans in the State will vote for him, and every Populist to a man, and that will elect him.

What I have written is Populist sentiment down here in Eastern North Carolina. We want good government—a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

The Democrats say they want free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 through the Democratic party. Such stuff as that is all nonsense and tomfoolery. Why didn't you give it to us when you had all legislation in your power? It is too late to get it that way now. If you are in earnest about it, come to the Populists, the only party that offers to give the people the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

MOSES BYNUM.

N. B.: All of the colored people down here in my county are good old Pops, save just a few.

Let every friend of good government get up a club for THE CAUCASIAN.

JUST READ THIS RECORD

Democrats Kill Eleven Silver Bills When They Could Have Passed Them.

THE FACTS AND FIGURES.

And Yet Some People Seem to Think This Goldbug Party Will Enact Reforms—Fools Will Be Fooled—But Populists, Never!

If correctly reported, Gen. A. J. Warner, president of the Bi-metallic Union, takes the remarkable position that the way to get free silver is for all silver men to vote for a goldbug party.

In other words, Gen. Warner advises all silver men to vote for the nominees of the Democratic party if they nominate a silver ticket on a silver platform at their national convention this year. And as the Democratic party has never failed to vote against silver in Congress whenever an opportunity presented, it is clear that Gen. Warner thinks the best way to get free and unlimited coinage of silver is to support a goldbug party. Following is the Democratic record on the silver question in Congress, and if Gen. Warner can get any consolation by the perusal of THAT record, he is welcome to it:

1st. In the 49th Congress the Democrats had 42 majority, yet on April 8th, 1886, that Congress killed a bill providing for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

2d. The 52nd Congress with a Democratic majority of 148, on the 24th day of March, 1892, killed a free coinage bill at a ratio of 16 to 1.

3rd. The same Congress on July 13th of the same year, overwhelmingly defeated another free coinage bill, 16 to 1, AFTER IT HAD PASSED A REPUBLICAN SENATE, and when it was well understood that a Republican President, although individually opposed to free silver, had said he would approve it, if passed by the Democratic House.

4th. The 53rd Congress had a Democratic majority over all of 83, but the ten Populists voted for silver, thus giving the Democrats, if really in favor of silver, a majority of 103 over the Republicans. Yet that Congress, on the 23rd of August, 1893, voted down a bill for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 by a two-thirds vote.

5th. On the same day this same Democratic Congress voted down a second proposition to coin silver free at 17 to 1 by a still larger majority.

6th. On the same day this same Democratic Congress voted down another proposition looking to "the parity" of the two metals, at 18 to 1.

7th. On the same day another bill providing for the free coinage of silver at 19 to 1 was rejected.

8th. On the same day, another proposition looking to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 20 to 1 was defeated in a Democratic House.

And thus it was FIVE BILLS providing for the free and unlimited coinage of silver was defeated in a Democratic House as fast as the clerk could call the roll. And be it remembered that in every solitary instance A MAJORITY OF THOSE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN VOTED AGAINST SILVER and in favor of the gold standard.

9th. On November this same Congress voted down Bland's amendment to the pending bill, providing for free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1.

10th. On October 27th, 1893, the United States Senate, having a Democratic majority of three over all and when four Populist Senators were counted for silver, the majority over the Republicans was 11, defeated Senator Stewart's amendment providing for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

11th. In February, 1895, this same Congress was in session. The Finance committee of the Senate with Dan Voorhees, chairman, and a majority of Democrats on the committee, killed in the committee room the last proposition made for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

Thus it will be seen that in nine years the Democratic party in Congress has killed eleven free silver bills, and wholly failed and refused to rebuke "the crime of '73."

Platform pledges count for nothing when compared to records coolly and deliberately made.

In 1890 twenty-nine Democratic State conventions declared for free silver.

In 1892 these same Democrats elected Grover Cleveland and a Democratic House and gained control of the Senate, thus having absolute possession of the government.

In 1893 they voted silver down and stopped the coinage of silver entirely. Since then they have issued $262,000,000 of interest-bearing bonds in time of peace, and under such suspicious circumstances that the Senate has been compelled to investigate their actions.

For a number of years the Democrats have been going before the people in each successive campaign pleading for a chance to undo the wicked legislation of the Republican party. Time and again, on the stump and in their State platforms they declared against national banks, the demonetization of silver and the issue of bonds. They pledged the people their sacred honor that if once given the opportunity they would abolish national banks, enact a free coinage silver law, reduce taxation and increase the volume of the currency. The opportunity was given the party to redeem its pledges. The election of 1892 gave them full control of every branch of the government. Not a single one of the pledges made has been redeemed. Now in the light of these facts, does Gen. Warner, or any other intelligent man suppose that the Populists would so far stultify themselves as to quit their own party to join or co-operate with one whose forces are irreparably divided on every important national issue, a party which has retreated from every position it ever took, a party which has cowardly surrendered every victory it has ever won, and which has basely betrayed every important trust reposed in it?

MEDICUS.

"On Principle, Or Not At All."

For The Caucasian.]

PLYMOUTH, N. C., June 13, '96.—The Populists endorse the action of the executive committee on co-operation or fusion. We think it should be on principle or not at all.

Yours as ever,
J. M. BATEMAN

TO KILL FREE SILVER.

New York Bankers Ready To Use $20,000,000---They Will Rule or Ruin.

Desperate at the Rising Tide of Silver Sentiment—Threats Against the South—Money Interests of New York Say They Will Foreclose all Mortgages and Call in All Loans in the Silver States.

Julius Chambers, the New York Journal's most reliable and trustworthy correspondent, writing to that paper concerning the rapidly rising tide of the white metal sentiment, gives the following remarkable and infamous plan of the gold standard men, in their desperation, to rule or ruin the country:

"The real political problem of the hour is the attitude the Democratic leaders of the four great States of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware are going to assume after the Chicago convention has declared for free silver.

"Senator Gorman, of Maryland, must also be added to the coterie that will include Patterson and Harrity and Senators Hill, Gray and Smith.

"A conversation with one of these leaders to-night elicited the important information that a gold standard Democratic ticket is not beyond the range of possibility.

"It may be decided on before the 7th of July that none of these leaders will enter the Chicago convention. They are disinclined to be known as bolters, but are irrevocably committed to the gold standard and feel the utmost disinclination to be bound by a free silver platform. They regard the rising tide of silver sentiment with quite as much consternation as do the McKinley Republicans.

ONLY ONE COURSE OPEN.

"At this moment no one of these men has decided in his own mind what he will do in the face of the inevitable result at Chicago. Senator Gorman, with the great commercial metropolis of Maryland behind him, can take only one course. Senators Hill and Smith are equally committed. New York has not spoken in convention yet, but not the slightest doubt exists as to what her voice will be. A great revulsion of Democratic feeling is expected between now and the 3rd of November, when many Eastern Democrats expect to see some of the noisiest agitators for the white metal on the stool of repentance.

"A New York Democrat said at the Arlington hotel to-night:

"'The Western and Southern men of our party are certainly out of their minds. They never have felt the weight of the commercial interests of the East arrayed solidly against them. The Greenbackers and Populists, silverites and Grangers never have withstood a cavalry charge by the combined money interests of the country.

SOUTH AND WEST WILL SUFFER.

"'They will feel in it November. The South will suffer most, I fear. Its loans will be called to the last dollar. Its cotton will be left to rot in the compresses, because the railroads that are owned and operated by Northern capitalists, in a majority of cases at a loss, will refuse to carry it. In the West, every mortgage that is held against every farm in the silver States will be foreclosed. All lines of credit for dry goods and groceries in these independent regions will be closed, because the Eastern bankers and merchants regard the silver movement as absolutely dangerous to the financial future of the country.'

"'Wouldn't this mean revolution?' was asked.

"'Perpaps; but this crusade against the East already under way is revolutionary and quite disastrous to the people of the East as any civil war could possibly be.

"'I wonder if they understand that the prominent bankers of New York have already in their possession carefully prepared lists of delegates to St. Louis and Chicago, indicating the financial opinion of each delegate and his alternate? Such is the case, and if $20,000,000 is required to prevent the insertion of a silver plank in the St. Louis platform it will be forthcoming. I wonder if the Southern men have reckoned regarding the negro vote? They certainly have not in such States as Virginia and the Carolinas, and in the black belt of Alabama, where the negro vote is as purchasable as any commodity of the country.'

"'What you say about the threatened use of money at St. Louis is very startling; are your statements based upon any positive information?' was asked.

THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

"'I have seen such a list in the possession of a member of the New York Clearing House. On it every weak brother was specially indicated and no secret was made of the determination to reach and influence potently enough delegates to prevent any miscarriage of the plans of the gold standard leaders. They mean business; because they feel that they might as well lose their money in a lump as to suffer the depreciation of railroad and bank stocks that they sincerely believe would inevitably follow the election of a free coinage President.

"'Now, as a Democrat, I understand the situation and see the determination of the Republican leaders in the East to keep their party firmly affiliated with the sound money interest of the country. I talk plainly because I see my own political party going to its death; and I candidly hesitate about committing suicide with it. I have been a Democrat from my earliest youth. I have never scratched a ticket. I couldn't be a Mugwump, and yet at this hour I find the prospective Chicago platform utterly repulsive and abhorrent to my good sense and common honesty.'"

POLITICAL POT-POURRI.

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.

"I feel certain," said ex-Gov. James E. Campbell, of Ohio, at the Arlington, "that when the Democrats meet in National Convention at Chicago they will exercise good enough wisdom and moderation to frame a platform liberal enough and broad enough for all members of the party to stand upon. I believe that conservatism and good sense will prevail, and that differences of opinion will be subordinated to party welfare. The silver men appear to be in the majority and will doubtless exercise the rights always accorded a majority, but that is no reason for imagining that the party will split into fragments, as has been so cheerfully predicted by a good many people who don't in the least know what they are talking about.

Here is a straw which shows how the wind blows and why it blows that way.

"In making up his Cabinet, conceding that he will be President, Maj. McKinley will no doubt give the South a place or two," said Mr. Z. T. Whiteside, of South Carolina, at the National. "Without knowing anything of the eminent Ohio gentleman's plans, not being in his confidence, and disclaiming all ability as a prophet, I nevertheless hazard the guess that he will select Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, for one of his official advisers. Pritchard would make a fair Attorney General, being a lawyer by profession, and a hard-working, conscientious man.

"He was also one of the early McKinley boomers, and made the fight for him in the old North State. Besides, the Senator is a rider of a high tariff hobby, almost as lofty as the one McKinley himself bestrides. Watch and see if my prediction doesn't pan out."

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says.

"A prominent gentleman assures me that in the course of a conversation last week with N. C. English, the Republican nominee for Congress in the Fourth district, English assured him he was a Populist, and that he would not accept the nomination. He says English also said that as between Cleveland and McKinley he would vote for McKinley."

A report having been circulated that Major W. A. Guthrie's candidacy for Governor was for the purpose of turning over the Populist vote to Col. J. S. Carr, who is his brother-in-law, and likely to be the Democratic nominee, the Durham Herald is authorized by Maj. Guthrie to say that if he gets the Populist nomination he will run, no matter who else does, and that he will make the best fight possible.

The through vestibuled train which brought Vice-President Adlai Stevenson and party from Washington last week to Greensboro on their way to the University Commencement at Chapel Hill, where they were met by an escort of distinguished North Carolinians, had upon it another passenger of National reputation in the person of Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina. When the train arrived at Greensboro, Senator Tillman, although not of the Vice-President's party, stepped out with him upon the platform and was, of course, recognized by one of the aforesaid distinguished North Carolinians, who sung out "Hullo! Senator, coming down to hear Stevenson make a free-silver speech." The recognition was mutual, and Tillman replied, characteristically, "No! gorry, I'm hearing no d——death-bed repentances these days."—Winston Republican.

Mr. Mark Hanna, who is the chief manager for McKinley, is reported by the newspapers as follows: "Mr. Hanna said to his friend that while McKinley's nomination was as good as made, it was by no means certain that he would be elected."

It seems that the Republicans have sense enough to know that Cleveland is a "jonah." In a scrabble over what the Republican platform should be, they said:

A gold plank followed with a free silver 16 to 1 plank by the Democrats at Chicago, will send Cleveland into the Republican party. This would be a stunning, killing blow, they declare. He would defeat the last Republican chance by espousing it, they say. There is admittedly much force in these fears, but while goldbugs do not deny this, they still stand for gold. The awful risk of joining them must be faced like other dangers.

IN MEXICO

Where the People Use Those "Fifty Cent Silver Dollars!"

Washington Post.]

"Mexico is peaceful and prosperous," said Hon. Matt Ransom, at the Metropolitan. "A very large amount of American capital is coming into the country, much of which is being invested in coffee lands. Mexico is well adapted to the production of the fragrant berry, which is one of the most profitable crops raised in any part of the world. There is nothing exciting in the sister republic. The general elections will occur this fall, and the re-election of President Diaz is a certainty. This makes his fifth consecutive term of office, and a wiser and better chief magistrate never guided the destinies of a nation."

The goldbugs are getting hard up for arguments. They have fallen back on that wheezy whine of a "scheme to benefit rich silver mine owners." But you can't get them to say a word about their scheme to benefit the gold mine owners. Do you see?

IT WILL BE HIS FIRST VOTE.

But He Will Try to Cast it Right—Clear Facts Revealed by Investigation.

FACTS FOR YOUNG VOTERS.

Some Points and Records Shown By One—They are Such as May Be Noted With Profit by Others—That is if They Want to Act as Men, and Not as Claquers.

For The Caucasian.]

WILKESBORO, N. C., June 10.—I am 21 years old and will cast my first ballot next November.

I have diligently and impartially studied politics and political questions during the last year, that I might arrive at the right conclusion and cast my vote independently and uninfluenced by prejudices and incidental environments.

My paternal and maternal relatives are all Republicans and have been since the organization of the party. This naturally prepossessed me with that party, but still I was unwilling to align myself with it without investigating its policy, principles and past record.

I have come to the conclusion that the financial question is, and will be the overshadowing issue until it is settled to the satisfaction of the people. The great industrial army is justly aroused and they demand a change with ominous mutterings that had better be heeded. In a popular government where the people become restless and discontented, as we find them to-day, there is undoubtedly something wrong; either they have been grossly and ingeniously misrepresented, or have unfortunately sought a remedy at the wrong place.

The alternate control of the U. S. Congress for the last fifteen or twenty years fully demonstrates this idea. The two great parties have alternately gone into power with enormous majorities. These, for immediate selfish advantage, have catered and fawned like a hound dog, to the popular will and betrayed their trust in some instances, and have appealed to sectional prejudices and pointed out recent local happenings as the cause of the distress in another. Such have been the manouvres of the two great parties for the last 20 years, and in the meantime surreptitious debauchery, corruption and financial contraction were going on at the general government.

The present leaders have records of glaring inconsistencies that are altogether repulsive to honest convictions. There are none of national prominence that have not formed unnatural alliances, stifled their convictions and stultified their records. If such there be they are rapidly shaking off party shackles and taking an independent stand for the principles and policies the founders of their respective parties originally advocated. They realize that party ties and affiliations are insignificant compared with principle. The one can be disregarded; the other must be preserved inviolate. It is not "what is his politics, a Republican or Democrat," but "what are his principles" which is the question of to-day; not whether he is a high tariff or low tariff man, but "is he a goldbug or silverite" is the anxious query of the masses of this country.

There is another little question that naturally drops in about here that is very significant and adds much to the final classification: "Is he for principle, for instance, free silver regardless of party actions or declarations?" The answer to this question is the difference between a patriot and political demagogue, a man and a servile tool, a free man and a slave.

Cannot any one with an impartial and unprejudiced mind see that the money question is the issue and virtually the only one now in national politics? Since the meeting of the last Democratic Congress that passed the measure of "perfidy and dishonor," spotted with sectional, personal and class favoritism, I am almost inclined to believe Hancock when he said the tariff is merely a local question. It is certainly local and sectional as demonstrated in the schedules of the past twenty years. It cannot be made a great national issue save in a general tariff equally favorable to all sections and to every class of producers. It is a self-evident fact that the consumers of any particular article or class of articles are numerically greater than the producers, and a tariff touching one line of production to the exclusion of all others, is an injustice to the great body of consumers. Every man, generally speaking, is a producer. And why should any class be fostered and protected while others are left exposed to the competition of foreigners. The great "bugaboo" of tariff agitators—indirect taxation—is more agreeable to the people than direct, and the best tariff is the one that equally distributes taxes and raises sufficient revenue to carry on the necessary expenses of the government. The South and West have certainly been discriminated against in all tariff schedules since the war. In natural resources they are far superior to the North, where the great bulk of wealth and multi-millionaires are. This can be largely attributed to their relative strength in the party in power and not to superior brains, for it has been the mean and selfish policy of political parties to discriminately favor the States from whence came their strength, and the doubtful and floating ones. New York, for instance, has played the role of "alternation" so as to receive the favors of both old parties.

There is not much consistency in the principle of alternately casting such enormous majorities for the two old parties and sending leaders to the U. S. Congress advocating the same principles and making the same demands—whether a Republican or Democrat. It shows that Democracy and Republicanism are virtually the same thing to the New Yorker, and it is the men that can get the most out of the general government for New York that gets to Congress, regardless of political affiliations. New York is not the only State in the category of non-principle and self-interest. The spirit is manifested more or less in nearly all sections.

The South has not looked so well after her personal interests in the national government, mainly on account of her conditions beyond her control. It took her greatest energies and the attention and application of her greatest intellects to reconstruct or readjust her social system. This was the first duty of every true son and patriot. She has certainly made a great mistake in national politics in not sticking to the principles of the "old school" Democracy, and in being inconsistent in many instances. We have a very notable case in '72, when Grant and Greely were candidates. Greely was the apostle of high tariff, and had said more hard things against the South than any man living. He had even criticised Grant for his liberal Southern ideas and his leniency to the leaders of the Confederacy. Party demanded them to vote for Greely and they did it.

Again in '92 it was free silver and Grover Cleveland, and all the time they knew Cleveland was unalterably opposed to silver. Every conceivable deception was resorted to to carry the "Solid South" and they did it. This is to the leaders and not to the masses.

If the Democratic party had stuck to their old principles and selected their candidates from pure and uncompromising sources they might not to-day be able to number a President since the war, but they could have gone forth, under the present conditions, as the champion of the people, and ultimately triumph with the greatest victory of modern times. But instead, for temporary advantages, they have catered to the most unprincipled elements of Northern and Eastern politics. They have not only dealt all the pie but have sacrificed nearly every true Democratic principle to them. Consequently Democracy to-day is a stench in the nostrils of the people. Under their banner we will have a hard road to travel for financial reform. Of course we cannot any more expect reform from the Republican party, wedded as it is to the Northern constituency. Every true reformer fully realizes these facts, and they are going to come together at St. Louis and put out a ticket, headed by men of unimpeachable records, that will sweep the country.

That's the ticket for me; that's the ticket of every true patriot. That's the ticket that will obliterate sectionalism and unite the interest of the laboring masses.

BENBOW HENDERSON.

HERE YOU ARE, OLD PARTYITES.

IF YOU THINK WE ARE GOING TO JOIN YOU, YOU ARE VERY BADLY FOOLED.

If You Are Going to Make a Jump, You May as Well Jump Now—Your Records Will Not Bear Inspection—Your Future Is Not Promising.

For The Caucasian.]

SYLVA, N. C., June 6, '96.—The cry from most every mouth in this country is free silver, and if my party does not nominate a free silver ticket, I will vote with the party that does. The Republicans who are waiting the action of their convention, had just as well make their leap now, for William McKinley will be your nominee. John Sherman has vouched for him to the money kings, the men who secured the nomination for Grover (the duck hunter) and also his election.

Democrats who are waiting, had just as well make their change now; for there is no one spoken of as a candidate for a certainty, because the power which has elected heretofore has gone to McKinley and without this power no one is anxious to make the race. Adlai Stevenson may be nominated, and he has been as dumb as an oyster on the financial question until he could determine which was the most popular side, and he has at last found it to be the free coinage side.

(A wise decision, but not inside of the Democratic ranks.)

I have but little or no respect for any man who has not the manhood about him to tell his principles, or a man who has no principles of his own. Such a man is a coward and a traitor to his country. The doors of the Peoples Party stand wide open to the good, honest patriots of the two old parties. Come in; we can seat you on the principles of Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln. We only invite you home where you belong. If you think the Peoples Party will disintegrate and go into one of the old parties of corruption and dishonor, you are badly fooled. If this is what your hopes are built upon, you had just as well put out the fire and call off the dogs. The garments of the Peoples Party are as white as snow. They are spotless. But how are your garments and records, Mr. Democrat, Mr. Republican? Are they white? No, they are stained with every corruptible law that is now on our statute books. They are stained with the blood of the American citizens. Men have taken their own lives on the account of financial ruin. Women and helpless children have starved to death. Innocent men were shot at Chicago by Grover and Pullman men, in the name of United States soldiers. All caused by the rotten, ruinous, damnable Democratic administration aided and abetted by the Republicans, which now overshadows us.

How can a true Southern patriot ever sustain such an administration as this again? If he loves his wife, child, neighbor, and country, he won't do it. A few Democrats in this country are again going to try to fool the people, and they will be yanked out, by majorities that were never known before. Jackson county Pops can elect a county ticket with three candidates in the field. Hurrah for Butler and his bond bill.

JAS. R. LOVE.

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POPULISTS CONTROL.

Aided by Men Who Call Themselves by Other Names They Pass the Butler Anti-Bond Bill.

SEVEN MAJORITY FOR IT.

Senator Hill Points out Their Folly, But Says Business Men Need not Worry—Will the House Dare to Kill It—Leaders Expect to Defeat the Measure There Before the End of To-day's Session.

[We present the following as an illustration of how the goldbug papers of New York report certain Congressional proceedings, and how the goldbug hirelings talk about measures in the interest of the people. It is from the New York Herald.]

[By Telegraph to the Herald.]

HERALD BUREAU,
CORNER 15TH AND G. STS., N. W.,
WASHINGTON, June 2 1896.

There is no longer any doubt what party controls the United States Senate. The Populists have a majority of seven.

Some of their men call themselves Republicans, and some call themselves Democrats, but their support to-day of Senator Butler's bill to remove the last prop which sustains the credit of the United States shows them to be Populists of the most extreme type. Well might Senator Hill exclaim, as the Senate adjourned after the passage of the Anti-Bond bill:—"God save the country."

Senator Butler's bill to prohibit the issue of interest bearing bonds, and thus make it impossible for the Secretary of the Treasury to obtain gold to redeem the obligations of the government, was passed by a vote of 32 to 25. Of the men who voted for this populistic measure only five avow themselves Populists. Ten of the others call themselves Republicans, and seventeen call themselves Democrats. The opponents of populism number nine Democrats and sixteen Republicans. This is the vote in detail:—

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Bate, Berry, Brown, Butler, Cannon, Chilton, Daniel, Dubois, George, Hansbrough, Harris, Jones, of Arkansas; Jones, of Nevada; Mills, Mitchell, of Oregon; Morgan, Pasco, Peffer, Pettigrew, Pritchard, Pugh, Stewart, Teller, Tillman, Turpie, Vest, Walthall, Warren, White, Wolcott—32.

NAYS—Messrs. Aldrich, Allison, Brice, Burrows, Caffery, Chandler, Cullom, Davis, Faulkner, Gallinger, Hale, Hawley, Hill, Lindsay, Lodge, McBride, Mitchell, of Wisconsin; Nelson, Palmer, Platt, Quay, Smith, Vilas, Wetmore, Wilson—25.

TO BE QUICKLY KILLED.

Although there is no possibility of the passage of the bill in the House and its approval by the President, there is considerable anxiety lest its passage in the Senate will cause alarm in business circles and bring about a disastrous run upon the gold reserve.

Representative Dingley, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, told me to-night that as soon as the bill reaches the House to-morrow it will be referred to his committee, which will report it back adversely at once, and it is hoped to have the House kill the measure before the end of to-morrow's session.

Senator Hill, who led the fight in the Senate against the Butler bill, said to me this evening:—

"Business men need not be disturbed as to the consequences of the measure, because, practically, it will have no effect whatever. Its passage is of no special consequence beyond the dangerous spirit of populism and communism which it discloses, which is generally to be regretted.

"If its enactment into law was imminent it would be the culminating atrocity of the session. The authority to issue bonds to procure coin with which to redeem our paper currency, whenever presented, is a necessary and essential power. To refuse it means repudiation. It means national dishonor. It means the commitment of a national crime. It means bad faith. Under no circumstances could the virtual repeal of the Resumption act os 1875 be justified, because its continuance upon the statute book was essential to the redemption of our paper money, to which the country was pledged by the act of 1869.

WHAT THE ISSUE IS.

"The issue which the ill-advised friends of the prohibitory bond bill invite is not merely the question of gold or silver money, but the issue of hard money versus paper money; between a redeemable and an irredeemable paper currency and a clamor for more money and cheap money.

"I am not without hope and confidence in the future. While it is difficult to predict the outcome of the Chicago Convention, I am inclined to believe that conservative counsels will prevail. If, in addition to other extreme demands, the South and West shall compel the Convention to declare in opposition to all bonds for the preservation of the public credit, and in favor of the maintenance of a paper currency without any adequate means of redemption being provided, they might as well go further and recommend a populistic income tax, the absorption of official ownership of railroads by the government and every other measure of paternalism and socialism which the Populists favor, and prepare to encounter a great national defeat, equal to that of 1860.

RULE OR RUIN.

"The spirit of rule or ruin is being manifested. It is 1861 over again. The first mistake which the administration made was in 1894, when it virtually yielded to the populistic demand for an income tax to be incorporated in a Democratic tariff bill. That was a serious, if not a fatal, blunder. The Democratic party has not recovered from that blow. These dangerous demands should have been resisted and defeated then, and there would be less difficulty now.

"There is no law against a political party committing suicide, but I trust before July 7 wiser counsels than are now apparent will prevail. To-day's business was bad business indeed. It was impolitic, unwise and almost criminal. It was the result of a populistic-free-silver-Republican-and-Democratic combine, and it has temporarily triumphed, but the great business world, knowing the impotency of its action, will move on just the same."

A Good Motto.

For The Caucasian.]

RIDGEWAY, N. C., June 3.—My motto is straight forward for our principles without abuse of others, or impugning the motives of reformers, or the honest voters in any party. We are leading on the principles that move the pulse of the masses and will succeed sooner or later.

W. B. FLEMING.