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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.

The Old Man Is After Them.

For The Caucasian.]

KINSTON, N. C., July 14, '96.—The slogan down here with the Pops is: "We endorse "Maryann" and the executive committee plan." The lawyer convention is a thing of the past with the horny-hands and clod-hoppers in this county. They stole our platform completely, and want us to give them another chance to issue two hundred and sixty-two million gold bonds more in time of peace. Great God! Ain't they got the cheek of a government mule? They call us deserters. Now, Mr. Editor, if we are deserters, you know the fate of a deserter, if we GO BACK TO THEM. I saw thirteen deserters hung on one gallows in time of the war in Kinston, N. C., for deserting. The boys down here don't want to be hung, and we are going to "stay in the middle of the road." With Guthrie for Governor we will give a decisive victory next November, for our party in this part of North Carolina, and we won't be called deserters by those straddlebugs, but will be called patriarchs. Every straddlebug that is a professional with the title doctor, lawyer, reverend or elder, says: "Old man, how do you like our ticket?" I tell them how can anything good come out of you, for you have defeated eleven free coinage bills in nine years—FIVE IN ONE DAY. Remember they give us Elias for Governor, also Cleveland for President. Echo says our country is ruined, and I have heard hard times repeated more than I ever did with the poor.

THE CAUCASIAN is an educator; the people say they want it but they have not the money to spare. Several have told me just so soon as they get it they will get me to order it for them.

Again we endorse THE CAUCASIAN, the bold stand it takes against the gold combine, straddlebug Democratic party and exposing the same.

I enlisted as a Confederate soldier in the Confederate army and I fought to the finish; and I have enlisted in the reform party and I am going to fight for that cause to the finish.

A WOUNDED SOLDIER.

This Rends Right.

For The Caucasian.]

PIKE, Cumberland Co., N. C., July 18, '96.—The people are eager for the truth, for the vindication of which THE CAUCASIAN has so manfully fought.

There is not an intelligent goldbug in our township. Regardless of party, the people favor the restoration of the old white metal, the money of the Constitution, the currency of the American people.

If we want silver, why can't we all vote for it, and obtain our desire? If Democrats are true to their pretentions, and nominate an honest silver man such as Tillman, Teller, or Sibley, then, in our opinion, it will be the duty of all silverites to support him, and carry themselves in that grand phalanx that must down Mark Hanna, "advance agent of prosperity," thereby wresting the "Star Spangled Banner" from the clutches of those bigoted devotees of the gold standard. But, if Democrats "eat dirt" and sell their country for British gold, then all true patriots of every party should come together at St. Louis and prepare to drive out the greedy money changers from the temple of Liberty.

In State matters the Populists in this section endorse the action of our executive committee. While opposing fusion with goldbugs, they do not wish to aid, in any way whatever, to give a new lease of life to that heartless old machine, now agonizing in the last struggles of a well merited death. Let us "keep in the middle of the road" and only turn aside to crush the machine.

Under the generalship of Maj. W. A. Guthrie for Governor and Dr. Cy. Thompson for Congress, we would "deserve success" and we have reason to believe that we could even "command it."

JOHN D. MCLEOD,
Chm'n Ex. Committee Quewhipple Township.

The Watchword From Johnston.

For The Caucasian.]

FOUR OAKS, N. C., July 8, '96.—The great demo-pluto-lawyer convention is now a thing of the past. and after reading its platform I fail to see how any true Populist can for a moment think of fusion with that gang. There are as true and tried Populists in Johnston county as God's sunshine ever fell on and all that I have talked with say no fusion along that line notwithstanding their pretense to silver. We still remember 1892. Their cursing, abuse, and roughs and rowdys who run our men out of town and rotten-egged our leaders, are too fresh in the memory of true Populists to vote that ticket now. We must watch the legislature. There is where our liberty rests. If we allow that gang to control the legislature we may look out for a Mississippi or South Carolina election law that will forever stand unless obliterated by Providence or perhaps the bayonet. But we must not let them get a chance. Let our watchword be, "save the legislature." "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." If we do our whole duty all will be well. Let us not fail.

G. W. SALMON.

D. S. Moss For Congress.

For The Caucasian.]

NEWSOM, N. C., July 16, '96.—We have seen in your paper, of recent date, that D. S. Moss is spoken of as an available man for the People's Party to nominate for Congress to represent this, the Second, district in Congress. Voicing the sentiments of a large number of the negro voters of the district who are opposed to G H. White. We are safe in saying that if Moss is the nominee of his party he will poll nearly a third if not one-half the Republican votes of the district.

Young Moss is very popular with us in this section and the men who were favorable to Cheatham say if he is the nominee, they will support him to a man.

Let this young man be put up by the Peoples Party and he will receive a larger vote from us than any man in your party.

H. W. FAULCON,
MAT. BURGESS.

Somebody Looks Like a Fool.

For the Caucasian.]

BURDETTE, N. C., July 17, '96.—I feel like it is time for someone to write something of a congratulating nature to show to the public in general that Union county can boast of having one man in the Democratic party, and an avowed goldbug who has got the principle of a man. In the name of R. B. Redwine, who had the manhood to declare openly that his party had never had such a plank as the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and that if it is a good thing it belonged to the Pops and that the Peoples Party was entitled to the credit of such a measure; and he thought it dishonest in his party to capture that plank; that he believed in honest politics.

Mr. Editor, don't you think he should have a chromo? I glory in this lawyer's principle.

Would to God there was more principle and less hypocrisy in politics to-day and especially in the old parties. Mr. Redwine suggested that the delegates read the platforms of each political party for the past fifty years and see if it was correct. Yes, he is. Certainly he is a man above party if his politics is antagonistic to ours, and I for one esteem him very much for his backbone in so declaring himself.

Now, Mr. Editor, having been more or less amused at some of my neighbors' talk recently, and especially one who claims to be a protective man. He told me sometime ago that free silver would not be an issue this campaign. It looks like somebody is a fool in my township. Don't it to you?

E. C. STILWELL.

Let's Vote Right.

For The Caucasian.]

CROATAN, N. C., July 16, '96.—We, the voters of Craven county, are going to honor ourselves this year by voting right. We want better times. We have been fooled long enough by them and can't be fooled any longer. We are on the right road for better times and we are going to stay right. We are for principle. We have heretofore been voting for party and not principle, and that is the reason our country is in the condition it is to-day.

Come over, one and all, and let's change it; but there will never be a change on this earth for the poor just as long as they follow the two old parties. They have been leading the people right on down to degradation, but they have lost their leading power now. May God grant that it may stay lost, for the people are not going to follow them any longer

B C. HARDISON

Goldbugs Run the Primaries.

For The Caucasian.]

STANLEY, N. C., July 13, '96.—I think we are gaining rapidly in this county. There were only a few Democrats in the primaries. At this place they polled about 60 votes at the last election and there were six in the primaries I have been informed that the chairman made the motions, put the questions, and run things to suit himself. It has been just that way all over the country. The goldbugs run the primaries and the silver men stayed at home.

E. D. THOMPSON,
Chairman Populist Ex. Com. Gaston county.

Rockingham Populists.

For The Caucasian.]

OREGON, July 13, '96.—The Populists of Rockingham county are called to meet in convention at the court house, in Wentworth, on Thursday the 6th day of August, 1896, for the purpose of electing delegates to the various conventions and to elect a chairman of the county executive committee and transact any other business that may come up. The chairman of each township will please call their township meetings for Saturday, August 1st, to elect delegates to the county convention.

W. D. WALL,
Chm'n Ex. Com. Peoples Party Rockingham county.

Give Us Guthrie For Governor.

For The Caucasian.]

ALLIANCE, N. C., July 16, '96.—We are all right in Pamlico. We Pops will elect our ticket in November. We are gaining all the while. We had Bro. King with us at our county meeting in Bayboro. He made a good talk, but it did not suit the Dems. We are "in the middle of the road" and don't propose to be side-tracked by so-called silverites. The Pops down here are all for Guthie for Governor and Skinner for Congress.

B. F. M.

Staying In the Middle of the Road.

For the Caucasian]

BLOOMINGTON, Stanly Co., July 16, '96.—We held our county convention in Albemarle, on last Saturday, to elect delegates to the district convention. We had a large crowd. Men who had never attended a Peoples Party convention before attended and we found all "in the middle of the road." The Republicans appointed a committee at their convention to meet a committee of the Peoples Party for the purpose of fusing in the county election. Our convention did not appoint any committee and will not fuse with any party except on principle.

AARON FURR.

NINTH DISTRICT POPULISTS.

DELEGATES CHOSEN TO THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION—LONG SET OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Opposed to the Drawing of Sectional Lines and to "Anarchists"—Proud of the Recent Legislature—Delegates to St. Louis Instructed to Keep "in the Middle of the Road."

WAYNESVILLE, July 14.—Pursuant to the call of the chairman of the executive committee of the Populist party of the 9th Congressional district of North Carolina, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to represent this district at St. Louis, on the 22d inst, to select a candidate for President and Vice-President, also for the purpose of calling a convention to select a candidate for Congress in this district, the following action was taken yesterday by the delegates in convention assembled:

The convention at once proceeded to elect delegates to St. Louis, which election showed the selection of the following gentlemen: John M. Queen of Jackson, Thomas B. Long of Buncombe, J. P. Herren of Haywood, Ceburn L. Harris of Rutherford. Alternates: Wm. Bumgarner of Jackson, James N. Morgan of Buncombe, George E. Boggs of Haywood, A. D. K. Wallace of Rutherford.

The Congressional convention was called to meet at Waynesville, Haywood county, on Tuesday, August 25, at 12 m.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered, read, and discussed, and unanimously adopted:

Whereres the present condition of our country demands that patriots meet and consider the best course to pursue to relieve our people of the dire distress under which they are now suffering, therefore be it

Resoleed, That we, a portion of the People's Party of the 9th Congressional District of North Carolina in convention assembled, do fully and unequivocally renew our hearty approval of the platform endorsed and promulgated by the national convention of our party held at Omaha, Nebraska, July 4, 1892.

Resolved, That we deprecate and denounce the attempt made at the late convention held at Chicago to draw sectional lines. The people of our country have had enough of secession, and as a party we declare for "one flag," the Stars and Stripes, with an indissoluble Union, knowing no North, South, East, or West. And pray God to everlastingly deliver us from associating with or listening to the advice of anarchists.

Resolved, That the attempt made at Chicago to make us believe they are honestly for silver by a party whose leaders in Congress defeated five times in one day a bill to adopt the free coinage of silver, show beyond cavil of doubt that they have taken the members of our party to be first a non-reading and illiterate set of beings or of exceedingly short memory.

Resolved, That the question of protection to American industries should be thoroughly considered and thoughtfully studied, for the reason that living as we do in the finest undeveloped manufacturing and agricultural country in the world, must we not well weigh the cause that gives to the State of Massachusetts two hundred and fifty dollars per capita while North Carolina has but seven.

Resolved, That with patriotic pride we endorse in general the action of the late legislature of our State, and declare in truth and candor that it was, by a large majority, composed of a band of patriots.

Resolved, That the delegates selected by this convention to represent us at St. Louis July 22 are instructed to keep exactly in the middle of the road, and support no one for President or vice-President who is not in thorough accord with our party and platform in every particular.

Resolved, That we recommend as the organ of our party in this Congressional district "The Sylvan Vally News," published at Brevard, Transylvania county, N. C.

'FRISCO MINT TO COIN SILVER.

Orders From Washington, and Purpose Believed to Be to Give the West an Object Lesson.

New York World.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—On orders from Washington, the coinage of silver at the mint in this city will be resumed at once. These orders, following so closely the nomination of Bryan at Chicago, are believed to have political significance. In the past year little silver has been coined here. Now, according to the plans of Treasury officials, the Pacific coast is to be deluged with silver.

It is the belief here that the administration has two objects in view—to disprove the bimetallists' claim that there is not enough silver in circulation and to divert so much silver coin into the channels of trade as to make business men heartily disgusted with cumbersome coin.

"We will coin not less than $600,000 in silver this month," said Supt. Daggett to-day. "We will do better than that next month, and will continue coinage of silver until other orders are received. We have on hand 11,000,000 ounces of fine silver in bars, and I am of opinion that the bulk of that will be turned into coin rapidly. I have no idea why there is such sudden activity in the coinage of silver."

THE SEABOARD CUTS DEEPER.

The Rates From Atlanta to New York Put Down to $15, and Freights Go Down 30 Per Cent.

ATLANTA, GA., July 16.—The Seaboard Air Line announces cuts in both freight and passenger rates beginning to-morrow. This is the beginning of what threatens to be a bitter rate war in which Southern and Western rates will be demoralized worse than they were ever before. The passenger rate is cut by the Seaboard from $24 to $15 from Atlanta to New York and it is quietly given out that this is but a starter. Freights are cut fully 30 per cent. into Atlanta from Baltimore. Commissioner Haines, of the Southern States Freight Association would not authorize the Association lines to-day to meet the cut. He was waiting to hear from vice-President St. John, of the Seaboard. The commissioner will make some announcement to-morrow, he stated. Inasmuch as he has called a meeting of the executive board for Tuesday next at Atlanta, it is probable that he will direct the lines to maintain the standard tariff until the board acts.

The Seaboard's management states that the Southern has begun a policy intended to crush it and it is forcing the fighting. If the war becomes general it will be ruinous to some of the roads, but the Seaboard people say they can take care of themselves and claim that they made more money during the war than at any other time.

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MEAN BUSINESS IN CABARRUS.

A Big Meeting Elects Delegates to Conventions—They Promise to Become the Populist Banner County.

For The Caucasian.]

CONCORD, N. C., July 11, '96.—The Peoples Party of Cabarrus met here to-day upon call of Chairman A. H. Hileman. Good crowd present.

Dr. J. S. Grier was made chairman and C. A. Pitts and G. Ed. Kestler, secretaries. Hon. A. H Hileman as principal and G. Ed. Kestler as alternate, were elected as delegates to St. Louis, from Cabarrus.

The following were elected delegates to the district convention in Edenton, on the 16th inst.: H. B. Parks, E. P. Deal, M. H. Caldwell, J. M. W. Alexander, J. C. Johnston, J. R. Bradford, J. V. Pethell, G. Crawford Goodman, M. L. Klutz, Jno. H. Moore, W. H. Moore, D. F. Barrier, L. B. Linker, Jos. B. White, J. F. Strum, D. H. Caldwell, W. M. Weddington, W. L. Parish, Dr. S. A. Grier, C. A. Pitts and G. Ed. Kestler. A list of alternates were also appointed.

It was the sense of the convention that August 1st was the best time for the county primaries and August 8th for the county convention to elect delegates to the Congressional and State conventions. The executive committee will so order it.

The Pops of Cabarrus mean business and will be the banner Peoples Party county in the State in November.

G. E. K.

THE KILLING OF MISS TILLMAN.

How the Sad Accident Occurred—Miss Tillman But Twenty Years Old.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 16.—Miss Addie Tillman, the eldest child of Senator Tillman, and her escort, the Rev. Robert A. Lee, pastor of the Episcopal church at Yorkville, this State, were killed by the same bolt of lightning at Brevard, N. C., Wednesday afternoon, July 16. They were in a horseback party which had started off to ascend Rich mountain, six miles from Brevard. When nearly at the summit a thunder storm overtook the party. All except Miss Tillman, Mr. Lee and Mr. McNeely rode on to a house some distance ahead. These three stopped for Mr. McNeely to exchange horses with Miss Tillman on account of her horse being afraid of thunder. The rain came up and they sought shelter under some bushes near which was a large oak tree. The tree was struck by lightning which instantly killed Miss Tillman, Mr. Lee and their horses. Mr. McNeely, though a short distance away, was unhurt.

Miss Tillman was twenty years old and would have made her debut in Washington society next winter.

Miss Tillman was expected to reach Raleigh in a few days to visit the family of Dr. Kirby, superintendent of the North Carolina Insane asylum.

The Charlotte Observer commenting on the sad occurrence, says:

"What adds the greater sadness to this pathetic story is that Miss Tillman had plighted her troth to the young Governor of South Carolina, Hon. John Gary Evans, and that they were soon to be married. It is well known that in his charming home circle Senator Tillman seeks and finds a delightful refuge of rest from the cares of political life and the bitterness of the campaign, and this ruthless invasion by death of his happy fireside causes a sorrow which is beyond human sympathy to sooth, and a heart-wound which can only be healed by the tender hand of Him who stroked the silken tresses of the little children of Judea, and who taught us that those who go down to the darkness of the grave shall yet rise again."

BOTH CORPORATION MEN.

Sewall and Hobart Both Suit The "Business Men."

Washington Post.]

The two candidates for vice-President are pretty equally matched, except as to age, Mr. Sewall being a good deal older than Mr. Hobart. Both wear mustaches and each looks as though he was trying to pattern his hair after President Cleveland. They are both corporation men, and rich. Mr. Sewall was President of the Maine Central Railroad for years, and is President of a national bank now. He is at the head of a shipbuilding company, and is interested in many other business enterprises. Mr. Hobart is President of the Passaic Water Company, of the Acquackanonk Water Company, of the Morris County Railroad, and of the Patterson Electric Railway. He is, besides, a director in two other railroad companies, and in two banks, one of them a national bank. He is a director in a lot of other companies, too numerous to mention. There does not seem from a business point of view to be much choice as between the two vice-Pressidential candidates.

WILL CLAIM THE BANNER.

The County Which Formerly Gave The Largest Democratic Majority Will Now Turn To The Peoples Party—Senator J Y. Hamrick For Auditor.

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., July 16.—The county that once proudly bore the banner for the largest Democratic majority in the State expects this year to bear the same honors for the Populists. The honest yeomanry of this county will no longer endorse the action of that party that used such unholy methods to perpetuate its reign here in '94, such as throwing out a township without even a shadow of reason, and adding to and taking from the votes of certain candidates between day of election and meeting of canvassing board. You'll hear from her in November.

The contest in this county over the clerk's office which has been in the courts nearly two years now goes to the Supreme court.

The county Alliance has postponed its meeting in order to meet Rev. J. P. Sossaman on the 15th inst.

The county executive committee of the Peoples Party has ordered township conventions on Saturday, July 25th, for the purpose of electing township committees and delegates to the county convention which meets on Monday, July 27th, to nominate a county ticket and appoint delegates to various conventions. We expect to have Hon. W. R. Henry with us on that day. A treat is in store for all who hear him.

Insomuch as this part of the State has never been honored with a State officer, the friends of Senator J. Y. Hamrick, of this county, will urge his name for State Auditor. He has been loyal to the reform movement from its incipiency, and has spent a great deal of time and money without any returns. He is eminently qualified for the office, and would do honor to the State. No man could win more votes to the ticket in this part of the State than he. Give us Hamrick for Auditor.

J. H. QUINN.

SECRET SESSION DEMOCRATS.

They Must Love Darkness Rather Than Light—For They Meet With Closed Doors.

On the 17th of June there was a convention of the Democratic party of Columbus county for the purpose of appointing delegates to the various Democratic conventions of the State.

And we, the undersigned citizens, members of different political parties having always been taught that political conventions were public, and remembering, too, the captious disposition of the Democratic party to punish those belonging to any other political party for even holding a committee meeting privately, quietly seated ourselves in the most remote part of the court house for the purpose merely of witnessing the proceedings, when we were informed by the chairman that the meeting was strictly Democratic (in language not clearly understood) and that it would no doubt become necessary during the session to discuss matters pertaining to the good of the party that they desired only Democrats to hear. Whereupon a gentlemen of a party other than the Democratic asked an explanation: when we were told by the chairman in a spirit of passion and without further explanation that he was astounded that those present were so low as not to depart instantly. The chairman was no doubt convinced from the scattered audience which consisted of two or three men here and there seated over the house, that he could explain nothing without conceding a lost cause.

We need not require any stronger evidence of their weakness than this desire on their part to hold conventions with closed doors

Be it remembered by all the treatment which Mr. S. Otho Wilson received at the hands of the d—n old party in '92. He having been accused openly of some secret work.

D. M. MCRACKAN,
D. M. BAIN,
W. H. DYSON,
H. B. REGISTER.
J. D. MAULTSBY.

THE POPS IN ONSLOW.

They Select Delegates and Appoint a Conference Committee.

The Populist convention of Onslow county assembled at Jacksonville, July 6th, 1896, and was called to order by the temporary chairman, H. E. King. Dr. J. L. Nicholson and T. Lafayette King were appointend secretarys pro tem. The temporary organization was made permanent.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson was elected a delegate to the St. Louis convention. F. D. Koonce Jr., alternate.

The following were elected as delegates to the State convention: W. M. Barbee, F. D. Koonce, Sr, H. E. King, A. F. Farnell, Jr., Ralph Pender, George T. Walton, J R. Bryant, George W. Lewis, Lewis Marine and E. W. Farnell.

The gentlemen named below were elected delegates to the Congressional convention: Dr. J. L. Nicholson, T. Lafayette King, R. C. Davis, F. D. Shaw, J. E. Rhodes, W. W. Russell, John Marshburn, R. L. Franck, H. E. King, H. W. Humphrey, Brantley King, C. S. Hewitt, A. T. Brown, and R. H. Jarmon.

The following were elected as delegates to the Senatorial convention: J. G. Barbee, J. N. Lanier, John Dawson, H. H. Shepard, D. W. Smith, E. W. Farnell, J. M. Bishop, E. J. Newbolds, J. B. Olive, L. K. Hurst; Alonzo Redd; Wm. King, Asa King, and J. W. Franck.

WHEREAS, the Republican party of Onslow county has appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Peoples Party of Onslow county in regard to the election of State, county, and Congressional officers in the year 1896, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That F. D. Koonce, Sr., J. R. Franck, A. F. Farnell Jr., J. B. Olive, T. J. Jarmon, G. T. Walton, R. C. Davis, J. M. Bishop, Ralph Bender and C. S. Hewitt with H. E. King, chairman, and J. L. Nicholson and T. Lafayette King secretaries of this convention, be and they are hereby appointed, a committee of conference to receive the proposition offered by said Republican committee, and consider the same and report to the county convention of the Peoples Party to be hereafter assembled to select candidates for county officers.

H. E. KING.
Chairman.

J. L. NICHOLSON,
T. LAFAYETTE KING,
Secretaries

ALL "TRUE BLUE."

A Straight Middle of The Road Ticket From President Down.

For The Caucasian.]

SYLVIA, Jackson County, N. C., July 18.—As the national convention approaches, we hear a great deal said about fusion &c. &c. If we want to get into confusion why just fuse and we will be there. The Pops in Jackson county are for a "middle of the road" ticket from township baliff to President. Our county executive committee met Monday, the 16th. and decided not to do anything until after the 22nd.

We are "true blue" those of us who have the "grit and grace" enough to renounce the old parties. I think them to be too corrupt for anyone to affiliate with but office seekers, boodlers and cranks. We know them to be disloyal to the laboring classes of the United States. Give us a good tried and true Populist for President.

The Republicans and Democrats of this county are very eager to get the co-operation of the "Pops," but unless one or both endorse our candidate there will be no fusion. STICK A PIN HERE.

We are proud of our "Mary Ann," and the record he made in the United States Senate.

Give us scores of such men and before the year 1900 trusts, combines, goldbugs, Judas' and Arnolds' would be scarcer than hen's teeth.

Let us rally to the cause we advocate and the principles we set forth to the world, and next November victory will crown our efforts.

If this does not find its way to the waste basket I will try to come again. I am,

A. REFORMER.

"WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN"

The Promises of Two and Four Years Ago—What Means This Sudden Turn of The Democratic Party.

LEXINGTON, N. C., July 11.—WHAT A STRANGE STATE OF THINGS! The people of the United States have virtually been living under what is called the GOLD STANDARD ever since the repeal of the Sherman law in 1893, and have learned by sad experience the ruinous effect upon every honest industry in the land. This law, known as the Sherman law, that gave us about FIFTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR of good money, was repealed at the behest of Grover Cleveland. The repeal of that law, has not only caused untold suffering from one end of our land to the other, buried us beneath a debt of millions of dollars, depreciated our property fifty per cent. in the dollar, but it has well nigh killed the Democratic party, and Grover Cleveland is covered in infamy.

What a spectacle to behold!

Yet with all this before the eyes of the outraged people what do we see? Answer. We see the great Republican party, as it assembles into national convention, to make a national platform and nominate its candidate for the Presidency. When assembled what do they do? Answer. They adopt the GOLD STANDARD, a things a party, it never dared to do before, and they virtually endorse the administration of Grover Cleveland on the great monetary question.

I wonder if they think the people are a set of fools? If so they may learn better next November.

But strange things have also occurred in the Democratic camp hard to understand. We free silver men have not forgotten four and two years ago. We well remember that they lauded Grover Cleveland to the skies four years ago and declared that he had more brains than his party, and when we denounced him then, as being an enemy to the free coinage of silver, we were charged as being a "slanderer" of Grover Cleveland, and the people were assured by their stump speakers all over the country that Grover Cleveland was in favor of the free coinage of silver and pledged in the most solemn manner, that if the people would only give them "one more chance," that they would give them free silver. They were given that chance, but what did they do? Answer. Repealed the only law favorable to silver.

Now they declare that they are in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, hiss at the name of Grover Cleveland. Great Scott! What next? But they claim that they have not changed. Well if that be true, we would like for them to explain why they used rotten eggs so freely on free silver advocates two and four years ago.

I am for free silver, viz, the coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and would gladly welcome all TRUE CONVERTS into our free silver ranks. But I must confess, that I feel like saying to my Democratic friends that are now declaring they are now in favor of the free coinage of silver, when and where were you converted?

"Bring therefore fruits, meet for repentance" &c.

The question with the people is, has the Democratic party declared for the free coinage of gold and silver in order to save, or resusitate their almost dead party, or are they really in earnest? Yes, we must know by what you are actuated.

GEO. E. HUNT.

Ransom Is Out.

Atlanta Constitution, 5th.]

It is given out in the press dispatches that ex-Senator Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina, at present minister to Mexico, will not attend the Chicago convention, and that he is out of politics forever."

Mr. Ransom will not be the only figure conspicuous by his absence from Chicago. After having landed North Carolina into the arms of Populism because of his abandonment of Democracy for the emoluments of Clevelandism, it is no wonder that Mr. Ransom is "out of politics forever." Like his fellow diplomat, Bayard, whose state was reliably Democratic until stricken by the patronage blight, he may sport a while abroad and return to oblivion when he takes up his abode once more among the honest Tarheels, who will have been demoralized, but who did not allow themselves to be delivered over to the money power.

Clifton R. Breckenridge, with his knee breaches and embroidered jacket, finds more welcome in Russia than he does among Arkansas, whose suffrages he betrayed. There are many more of the same stripe who sold out their party during the discussion of the Sherman repeal bill under assurances that, if defeated for re-election in 1894, they would be taken care of. They are now chewing the end of remorse, forgotten but not forgiven.

Only One Country.

Boston Budget.]

General Longstreet in telling of some of his experiences in the war, said that during the campaign of the peninsula he never had any opportunity of sleeping except as his corps was passing him. One night, as he had dismounted, leaving his horse in the charge of his orderly, and going down into the angles of one of those Virginia fences, he overheard two soldiers talking which interested him considerably, and, instead of sleeping he listened to them. One soldier said to the other: "I suppose it's all right that we should march all night and fight by day. Of course it is right that we should do that for the love of country, if nothing else. I suppose that we should be poorly clothed, as we are, for the love of country, We should endure it. I suppose that to be poorly fed, as we are, we should suffer for the love of the country. Of course we should do that. And I suppose, when you come to that, that we should die, if necessary, for the love of country. I am willing to. But there is just one thing that I want to say, that if ever I live to get out of this I'll be d——d if I will ever have another country."

Andrew Jackson, the great Democrat, gave utterance to the following sentiments: "No power on earth, so help me God, shall control the key to nation's funds but the United States government itself." And yet this government put itself in the hand of a syndicate and pay that syndicate some eight or ten millions of dollars for doing what the government has shown it could have done and saved all the money which it paid for the service of the syndicate

PURE POLITICAL GOSPEL.

Time For Honest Men to Walk Out of the Old Parties—Some Figures Showing That They Are Walking Out.

NEWPORT, N. C., July 6, '96.—The Peoples Party is gaining ground in Carteret. Almost every voter in my neighborhood is a Populist. In 1892 there was only one Peoples Party man here, thirteen Democrats and nine Republicans. Now we stand twenty-two Peoples Party, five Democrats, and one Republican. Perhaps they will come over by November.

The Peoples Party is gaining ground all over the country. The people seem to realize what they have been doing and what they have been getting for it. We have been getting hard times every year, and it all comes by bad legislation of the old gold standard parties. The people down here want free silver, and we see from the past that we will never get it by voting the old party tickets. Heretofore I have been a Republican, but seeing the old party is ruled by the money kings, I can not follow it any longer. I see there is more true Republicanism in the Peoples Party; standing hand in hand with true Democracy, holding out "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." What more can we ask for? Knowing what these old parties have promised us and seeing they have broken every promise, I feel it is high time for every laboring man who loves principle and liberty to come out of the old corrupt parties that have been fooling us so long.

We know we have been fooled time after time, but should we be fooled again it will be our fault. The case is made too plain for us to be blinded as we have been. I see it is the duty of every free silver man that wants good government to take off his old, faded party cloak, and put on the new robe of reform; enlist under the Peoples Party banner and thus save the nation from the clutches of the gold gamblers.

D. J. HALL.

NOTED KANSAS BOLTER.

McKinley Running on a Cleveland Platform is Too Much.

Missouri World.

Ed. C. Little, of Abilene, who was Consul at Cairo, Egypt, under President Cleveland, has bolted the Republican party on account of the financial plank of the St. Louis platform. In an interview he says:

"The nomination of Major McKinley on a Grover Cleveland platform marks the end of an era, and the beginning of another in politics. It is the hand of Esau, but the voice of Jacob. Party lines are destroyed and there will be another alignment of political organizations. They can call it the Republican party, but that does not make it such. You might call a catamount a kangaroo, but she would not carry her young in a pouch. If the Republicans changed from protection to free trade, would this still be the Republican party? The Republican national conventions of 1888 and 1892 declared for bimetallism and a double standard. There could not be a more positive abandonment of their former position. The gold standard platform is a direct challenge to every self-respecting bimetallist and especially to those in Kansas who have felt that the free coinage of silver is the only bimetallism possible. Over and over Kansas Republicans have resolved for free coinage. What will they do? I have an abiding conviction that free coinage is by "interest and tradition," the proper policy for Kansas and I propose to vote that way if I am the only man in the State who does so.

"We have had years of the present gold standard and wheat is selling for 30 cents to-day in Abilene. While they are legislating for the factories I'd like to see them put in a law or two for the farmers. I live in a farming community, and I believe with Prof. Laughlin, the gold standard authority, that free coinage would give us better prices for farm products, and that is what I wish to see. I think with Senator Teller that a maintenance of the present financial system will continue the depreciation of agricultural products which we have felt for years. It is a question of self-preservation for Kansas."

A REGULAR CORPORATION MAN.

The Democratic Ticket Like a Wasp—It Has Its Sting In Its Tail.

The Rutherfordton correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:

"In yesterday's Observer you say, We have no idea in the world who Mr. Sewall is who was nominated yesterday at Chicago for Vice-President. Mr. Gallert, of this town, a former resident of Maine, tells me that he is acquainted with Arthur Sewall (as the name is spelled) and that he is a successful business man. He is very rich and a large owner of stock in railroads. For several years he was president of the Maine Central Railroad, the largest corporation in Maine, and is to-day a very heavy stockholder in the Boston, Maine & New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads, the leading Railroads in New England, and in addition has very large investments in the West. He is also a heavy stockholder in the Maine Water Company, controlling most of the water works in the State of Maine. But Mr. Sewall's principal occupation is ship-building, and in that business he is continuing the occupation of his ancestors. The Sewalls own probably the largest shipbuilding plant at Bath, Maine, and that means the largest in New England. He is also president of a national bank at his home, Bath. In politics he has been prominent as a candidate on several occasions for the nomination of Governor on the Democratic ticket, but has never received the party nomination. One of your telegrams from Chicago says that he was for several years chairman of the State committee, but this Mr. Gallert tells me, is not true."

Hitting 'em Hard.

Hickory Mercury.]

Last Thursday, the Charlotte Observer said Illinois Democrats had disgraced themselves in renominating Altgeld for Governor. Said it would not be so bad, if there was a chance to beat him; but as it is, the Observer said there were enough criminals outside the jails and penitentiary with the other voters he will get to elect him. This is hard on his party.

BURKE COUNTY AND SILVER.

A Rousing Resolution Adopted By American Citizens Who Defy Foreign Financial Rule.

DELEGATES ARE ELECTED

To The State and National Silver Conventions—Expression of Sentiment Showing How The Spirit of Party Independence Is Spreading.

Pursuant to the call of Mr. John H. Pearson, the Chairman of the silver party of Burke county, the party assembled in mass meeting, at the court house, in Morganton July 4th.

Mr. John H. Pearson called the house to order and on motion was made permanent chairman. Frank S. Drury was made secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated to be to elect delegates to St. Louis and to Raleigh to see if all free silver men could find some common ground upon which they could unite and fight their common enemy—the "goldbug".

Messrs. A. G. Corpening and Jno. H. Pearson were elected delegates to St. Louis. Mr. Pearson moved that the chair appoint the delegates to Raleigh. Motion prevailed. The following named gentlemen were announced as delegates to Raleigh on a day to be hereafter named: Messers W. T. Henderson, P. J Hallyburton, Dr. E. S. Warlick, F. C. Ferguson A. H. Giles, J. F. Battle and Samuel Puett.

Mr. Wm. Pearson said that all people have an interest in silver regardless of party name. He said among other things that the Democratic nominee for the Presidency had been from New York for twenty five years past and that he wanted no more New York goods; that they were too familiar with the wishes of Wall street. He said that the best way to know a candidate was to see whether New England goldbugs were voting for him or not; that if they supported him, that was prima facie evidence that he would'nt do. He said that the Democratic party might settle on fooling the people again but would not fool him. He said he left his party a few years ago for the Democratic party, but since its treatment of silver he was ready to leave it if there was the slightest probability of this policy being continued; that if assurance was not made doubly sure that it would not be, he would leave the party. He introduced the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:

"RESOLVED, That we earnestly urge a sincere and patriotic union of all the silver forces of the country against the election of the McKinley ticket and the adoption of the Cleveland-Carlisle financial platform put forth at St. Louis, believing as we do that all the gold men are at least friends and that we cannot hope to overcome them by anything short of a complete fusion between the silver men of all parties in the West and the silver men of all parties in the South. We instruct our delegates to the St. Louis convention to be governed by the spirit of this resolution in all their votes."

Mr. Pearson said also (I quote from memory) since Mr. Cleveland's financial policy had been adopted, the life-long Democratic States of Kentucky, Maryland and others had left the party and that the "Old North State" had even been lost.

Prof. Patton was then called for who responded in a short, concise and pointed speech. He said that it was a fallacy to say that America would be made the dumping ground for more silver than we need under free coinage; that if England wanted to send her silverware over she would be charged for mintage and in that we would be benefited, and that after she had her silver coined that she would have to trade it for our surplus products and in that we would be benefited as it certainly takes two to make a trade; that if she did'nt want to trade she could keep her silver or just dump it and no harm done.

The convention, which was composed of a large number of representative men from different parts of the county, then adjourned.

The writer would like to add that if all the people were as intelligent as those who composed this meeting, the scheme of the money lords concocted to rob the people of one-half of their medium of exchange would come to naught.

If those anxious to profit by the loss of nearly every individual of a whole nation and those who blindly follow them are dependent on such men as composed the convention of July 4th for success, they will be sadly and disastrously left. This convention seemed to believe that money good from the foundation of the world to 1873 would still be good under the same circumstances, and that the hollow, groundless twaddle of those theorizing about its becoming worth less than par would not be believed in preference to their own actual experience; that it is not a theory that confronts us but a condition. Their demeanor showed that they would not help the enemy rob the country though he wear the cloak of their chosen party. They showed that they realized that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and that every proposition to rob the people would be treated with the contempt that it deserved. They showed that they were worthy sons of the patriots of '76; that they would not surrender like imbeciles their blood bought liberties.

JNO. H. PEARSON,
Chairman.

FRANK S. DRURY, Sec'y.

Wanted, Badly.

Ohio Populist.]

About five hundred rattled Republicans, Democrats, Populists, Nationalists, Prohibitionists, Socialists and Agnostics, to send us five hundred political "plans" for making Republican rascality, Democratic devilry and Populist principles "mix." Anything will be considered except the Omaha platform—that is full of "isms" you know, and is barred.