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The Peoples Party Nominees.

NATIONAL TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,
Of Nebraska.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
THOMAS E. WATSON,
Of Georgia.

STATE TICKET.

For Governor:
W. A. GUTHRIE.
For Lieutenant Governor:
O. H. DOCKERY.
For Secretary of State:
CYRUS THOMPSON.
For Treasurer:
W. H. WORTH.
For Auditor:
HAL W. AYER.
For Supt. of Public Instruction:
CHAS. H. MEBANE.
For Attorney General:
Z. V. WALSER.
For Associate Justices of Supreme Court:
WALTER MONTGOMERY.
R. M. DOUGLASS.
For Electors at Large:
Locke Craig, of Buncombe (Democrat).
R. B. Davis, of New Hanover (Populist).

First District—Theo. F. White, of Perquimans (Populist).
Second District—H. F. Freeman, of Wilson (Populist).
Third District—C. R. Thomas, of Craven (Democrat).
Fourth District—W. S. Bailey, of Nash (Populist).
Fifth District—William Mereitt, of Person (Populist).
Sixth District—B. F. Keith of New Hanover (Silver party).
Seventh District—Thos. F. Klutiz, of Rowan (Democrat).
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Ninth District—R. D. Gilmer, of Haywood (Democrat).

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1st District—HARRY SKINNER, of Pitt county.
2nd District—D. S. MOSS, of Halifax county.
3d District—JOHN E. FOWLER, of Sampson county.
4th District—W. F. STROWD, of Orange county.
5th District—A. J. DALBY, of Granville county.
6th District—CHAS. H. MARTIN, of Anson county.
7th District—A. C. SHUFORD, of Catawba county.
8th District—R. Z. LINNEY, of Alexander county.
9th District—RICHMOND PEARSON, of Buncombe county.

Don't put off Registering--only one more chance, Saturday, October 17th.

DEMOCRATIC STATE FUSION PROPOSITIONS OFFERED AND ACTIONS THEREON.

For some weeks past there has been much talk of "pulling down" various nominees of the different political parties for State offices. There have been rumors of fusion, new fusion—anti-fusion and with it all there has been more confusion than anything else Along with all the talk were intimations or suggestions that arrangements were being made for a complete co-operation between the Populists and Democrats for the purpose of uniting all the silver men, and that the co-opperative arrangement which had been entered into by the Populists and Republicans was to be annulled, etc., etc.

Something of a culmination to all the talk and rumors occurred on October 9th, when a meeting of the State Democrative Executive committee was held in Raleigh. After a protracted session, the State committee conferred plenary powers on the Democratic Central committee. The first known result of the meeting was the following communication addressed to the State Chairman of the Peoples Party:

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 9th, 1896.

To HON. HAL W. AYER, Chairman P. P. Ex Com.

Dear Sir:—I beg to call your attention to so much of my letter of the 13th of August, 1896, addressed to your committee, as refers to the necessity of uniting the silver forces of North Carolina in a patriotic effort to send nine representatives to Congress who can be absolutely relied upon, under any and all circumstances, to vote for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and to support Mr. Bryan, if he should be elected President, in that as well as the other reform movements for which he stands.

I beg to quote from my said letter on that subject as follows:

"There is also a warm and sincere desire on the part of the Democratic party that the prospect of the financial reform legislation, demanded in the Chicago platform and reiterated in the National platform of the Peoples Party in the event of the election of Mr Bryan, shall not fail because of the want of a majority for silver in the National House of Representatives, and to that end, every effort on the part of all parties believing in silver should be directed to the defeat of gold standard candidates in every congressional district in the State. And, if at any time before the election, in any congressional district, there should be running for Congress two silver candidates the representatives of our respective parties, and the division of the silver vote thus brought about, would make probable the election of a gold standard candidate, I believe it would become our duty in some honorable way to meet the situation as to prevent this result."

In my opinion, a condition exists in several of the congressional districts which endangers the election of the advocates of silver in those districts. I am sure you will agree with me that the election of Mr. Bryan, without a Congress in sympathy with him, would greatly impair the value of his victory; nor can you be ignorant of the efforts which our common enemy is putting forth to take advantage of just such divisions in the silver forces as that which exists in our State, to bring about that most disappointing result.

I, therefore, now urge upon you that some arrangement be immediately effected to avoid such a possibility.

The tickets, as you are aware, must be printed for distribution within the next few days, so that if anything is to be done, it is desirable that such arrangement be perfected at once.

I beg, therefore, that you will make immediate answer to this communication, and state what, if anything, you are willing and ready to do in the premises.

Yours truly,
CLEMENT MANLY,
Chairman Dem. State Ex. Committee.

THE REPLY.

This communication was replied to by Chairman Ayer. The reply is as follows:

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 9th, 1896.

HON. CLEMENT MANLY, Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee.

Dear Sir.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this day.

I note especially the following paragraph in your letter:

"I beg, therefore, that you will make immediate answer to this communication, and state what, if anything, you are willing and ready to do in the premises."

In reply to this I desire to call your attention to a communication under date of August 12th, 1896, which was officially submitted to you by the Peoples Party State Executive Committee. The communication was as follows:

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 12th, '96.

"HON. CLEMENT MANLY, Chairman State Executive Committee:

Dear Sir.—Your communication of yesterday, addressed to Marion Butler, Chairman of the Peoples Party State Executive Committee, enclosing copy of a preamble and resolution dated August 11th, 1896, passed by your committee, and which you requested to have submitted through our chairman to the Executive Committee of the Peoples Party held this day in the city of Raleigh, your letter, with enclosure, was submitted to our committee, and the undersigned were appointed as a special committee to comply with your request to give you a reply to your communication expressing the sense of our committee. For the information of our committee our chairman stated to our committee that you had, on August 1st, submitted to him, pursuant to the authority of your committee, a written proposition for fusion between the Democratic party and the Peoples Party on the electoral ticket by dividing the eleven electors by giving to the Democratic party six electors and the Peoples Party five electors. Our chairman further stated that he expressed to you at the time of receiving your communication of August 1st, an unwillingness on his part to recommend to our committee the acceptance of the proposition contained in your communication, standing by itself; but that he promptly on August 1st, submitted to you as a counter-proposition a written memorandum embracing your proposition, and also other matters contained in said memorandum, as follows, to-wit:

COUNTER-PROPOSITION.

Electors—Democrats 6, Populists 5.

STATE OFFICERS.

Populists—Governor, Treasurer, Superintendent Public Instruction.

Democrats—Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Attorney-General, U. S. Senator.

Or,

Democrats—Governor, Attorney-General, Superintendent Public Instruction.

Populists: Lt-Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor, U. S. Senator.

Congressmen—Populists: 1st, 4th, 6th and 7th districts.

Democrats: 2d, 5th, 8th and 9th districts; 3d district to be left open for a free fight.

Judges: Each party one Supreme Court Judge.

County officers: The two executive committees to use their good offices to secure a fair and honorable division of county and legislative candidates between the two parties in an equitable ratio similar to the above division of State and congressional offices.

Our committee being thus fully informed by our chairman as to the antecedent facts in relation to your proposition and the above counter proposition, seeing that the matter contained in the above counter proposition are not even referred to in your last communication of August 11th, and not knowing whether the same has been acted upon by your committee, and if so, what action was taken thereon on their part, and as your last communication is only a petition in substance of your first communication of August 1st, it is the sense of your committee, and by their direction you are so advised, that your committee having ignored the counter proposition which was submitted to you through our chairman for the consideration of your committee, we are left in the position of having no reply to make to your last communication other than that already made by our chairman.

(Signed) MARION BUTLER,
A. SHAW,
JAS. A. SHERRILL,
Committee."

It must not be understood that the recital of this communication here is a re-submission of the proposition therein contained. The conditions that existed when it was made and the conditions which exist now differ to such an extent as might make it impracticable for us to carry out its specific details if it should now be accepted by the executive management of the Democratic party. It is recited for the purpose of recalling the fact that our committee has once made a tangible proposition to your committee looking to the ends which are expressed as being desirable in your communication of today.

You will permit me to remind you that the Peoples Party, through its State committee, has accepted the only tangible proposition which has been made to that party by the Democratic party, viz: The proposition to co-operate on the electoral ticket. I do not mean to be discourteous in stating that a tangible proposition made by the Peoples Party, through its committee, has received no consideration at your hands, but such is the fact.

Under these circumstances, and not being empowered to take any action without consulting our State Committee, I do not feel at liberty to undertake to state what our committee would be "willing and ready to do in the premises." I do feel at liberty, however, to assure you that if it shall be the pleasure of your good self, or your committee, to make a tangible and specific proposition looking to those results suggested in your communication of today, that such propositions will be taken into earnest consideration by our State committee at the EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. I am,

Yours very truly,
HAL W. AYER,
Chairman P. P. State Ex. Com.

A PROPOSITION MADE.

The State Democratic Committee had conferred plenary powers on the Democratic Central Committee. This latter committee met in Raleigh on October 12th. The result of that meeting was another communication from Chairman Manly to Chairman Ayer, dated October 13th, transmitting a proposition in the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Democratic State Central Committee, believing the white people of the State are intensely in earnest in their desire and purpose to secure the benefits of the reforms for which Bryan stands, and to preserve good government in North Carolina, is prepared to invite a close alliance among those who hold to these views. This, in our opinion, is made imperative in view of the fact that the colored voters of the State have been united in a solid, compact body in support of those measures for which McKinley and Russell stand. The colored people and their leaders have made a union of the white people necessary to defeat McKinleyism and Russellism in North Carolina. To provide for such a union of those believing in white supremacy and good government, the chairman of this committee is instructed to propose to the Executive Committee of the Peoples Party a ticket to be voted for in the coming election as follows:

For Governor, C. B. Watson, of Forsyth; for Lieutenant-Governor, W. A. Guthrie, of Durham; for Secretary of State, Cyrus Thompson, of Onlow; for Treasurer, W. H. Worth, of Wake; for Attorney General, F. J. Osborne, of Mecklenburg, for Superintendent of Public Instruction, John C. Scarborough, of Johnston; for Auditor, R. M. Furman, of Buncombe.

SUPREME COURT.

A. C. Avery, W. A. Montgomery.

SUPERIOR COURT.

5th district, J. S. Manning.

FOR CONGRESS.

That the several districts shall be arranged as follows:

To the Peoples Party: 1st district, 3d district, 4th district and 7th district.

To the Democratic Party: 2d district, 5th district, 6th district, 8th district and 9th district.

That the committee pledges its best efforts to the election of W. A. Guthrie as U. S. Senator.

LEGISLATURE.

Both parties pledge their best efforts to defeat all Republican candidates to the legislature and to elect only Democrats and Populists, and only such of these as are known to stand for the reform advocated by Mr. Bryan.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
CLEMENT MANLY,
Chairman Dem. State Ex. Com.

Meeting of Peoples Party State Committee.

As soon as this proposition was received, Chairman Ayer, of the Peoples Party Committee, called a meeting of the members by telegraph to be held on Wednesday evening, October 14th, at 8 o'clock p. m. The following members of the committee and party were in attendance at the hour named: Hal. W. Ayer, A. S. Peace, S. Otho Wilson, John A. Sims, Y. C. Morton, J. T. B. Hoover, H. F. Seawell, representing W. O. Wilcox; W. O. Stratford, L. A. Whitener, J. H. Sherrill, R. A. Cobb, R. B. Kinsey, James Amos, J. B. Lloyd, Maj. W. A. Guthrie, J. F. Westmoreland, M. L. Wood, W. H. Worth, J. W. Denmark, J. E. Fowler, W. F. Strowd, W. D. Merritt, D. S. Moss, J. J. Rogers, Mr. Whitaker, of Franklin; R. W. Dalby, and others.

The communication of the State Democratic Committee was immediately laid before the State Executive Committee. It was discussed earnestly and exhaustively until nearly 5 o'clock in the morning, the discussion being calm, serious and impressive all the way through.

At five o'clock a. m. the committee adjourned until nine o'clock a. m., at which hour the discussion was renewed.

At eleven o'clock the State chairman was instructed to send the communication below to the chairman of the Democratic State Committee. The communication was drafted by a subcommittee of five members: Hal. W. Ayer, A. S. Peace, J. B. Lloyd, J. F. Westmoreland and S. Otho Wilson, and is as follows:

RALEIGH, Oct, 14th, 1896.

HON. CLEMENT MANLY, Chairman Democratic State Executive Committee:

Dear Sir:—Immediately upon receipt of your communication, dated October 13th, enclosing a resolution embodying a proposition for co-operation by and between the Democratic Party and the Peoples Party, I summoned by telegraph the members of the State Executive Committee of the Peoples Party to meet in Raleigh on October 14th, 1896, at 8 o'clock p. m. A large majority of the committee responded by their presence, and the proposition of your Central Committee was laid before them. I desire to assure you that earnest and protracted consideration was given to the proposition of your Central Committee, and I am instructed by our State Committee to transmit to you the following reply:

First—When the proposition for electoral co-operation was submitted to our chairman by your committee on August 1st, 1896, our committee submitted a counter-proposition, looking to a complete and compact union of the silver forces all along the line, but said proposition was ignored by your committee.

Second—Should such a co-operation as is suggested and contemplated in your proposition of October 13th, be favorably considered by our committee at this time, we are of the opinion that, owing to the short time before the election, satisfactory arrangement and alignments could not be effected on either side, and, therefore, would not receive such hearty and loyal support as would make success an assured fact.

Third—We entertain no hope of being able to make you a proposition which would be acceptable to you and at the same time be sustained by the full force of both the Democratic and Peoples Parties, but we venture a suggestion here, which if adopted by you, would eliminate at least one of the dangers which you declare is menacing the State, viz: The election of the Republican nominee for Governor. This suggestion is the voluntary withdrawal of your nominee for Governor, and the concentration of the Democratic forces on the nominee of the Peoples Party for Governor. We are encouraged to make this suggestion by the following declaration in the State Democratic platform of 1896, to wit:

"We declare our belief that the peace, prosperity and happiness of the people of North Carolina depend on the defeat of the Republican State ticket in the coming election."

Yours very truly,
HAL W. AYER,
Chairman P. P. State Ex. Com.

Mr. W. O. Stratford and Hon. J. T. B. Hoover dissented from the action of the committee in instructing the chairman to transmit the above communication.

JUMP GENTLEMEN, JUMP.

We wish to disclaim here and now any intention to do injustice to any man, but we wish to ventilate a matter of some interest. Last week we warned members of the Peoples Party that some spouters were or would be on the stump proclaiming that they were Populists, but who would be doing what they could to disorganize our party by opposing its policy. It seems that they are out and at it.

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Before going further into the matter, we desire to repeat what we have heretofore said, viz: that the Democratic party has been fighting the Peoples Party in this State, from Governor down, ever since the meeting of the various conventions. That party has been OUR ENEMY, and we declare it to be of our opinion here and now that any man who claims to belong to the Peoples Party, and who knows this fact, and in the face of that fact will get on the stump and persistently oppose the policy of the Peoples Party by advising Populists to vote for Democrats, is either a political gump or a party traitor.

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This is our opinion. We can and will BELIVE it. But at this time we will not prefer charges against any one. Our BELIEF is our own and we can express it. We shall not disclaim responsibility for what may be said in this article if it shall be the pleasure of any man to call us to account. We shall use some personal illustrations, but in expressing opinions, we make no personal charges.

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Two illustrations in point are Capt. W. H. Kitchin and ex-Judge Spier Whitaker. We understand that these gentlemen are claiming to be Populists. At the same time we note that they are receiving much approval and commendation from Democratic papers. This fact alone ought to condemn them in the estimation of every true Populist in North Carolina. A Democratic paper is not in the habit of flattering and praising men who work for the advancement of the Peoples Party. When we see such praise, we know that the subjects of that praise are playing or trying to play in the Democratic back yard. We wish to call especial notice to the fact that these "Populist" speakers are running their own campaigns. They have no sort of official connection with the Peoples Party headquarters nor with the Peoples Party organization.

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These gentlemen have a perfect right to express their opinions to whoever will listen to them, but they have no right whatever to arrogate to themselves the name of Populist as long as they run a side show for the especial interests of Democrats. When they find it more agreeable to do that than to stand by the efforts of the Peoples Party organization to protect itself from those who fight it and seek to destroy it, it is time for them to join the Democratic party in name as well as in deed.

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Of course the motives for Capt. Kitchin's course is clear. He has one son nominated by the Democrats of Halifax county for the State Senate. He has another son nominated by the Democrats of the Fifth district for Congress. His paternal instincts and natural family pride inspire him to appeal to all people to stand by the Democrats. But when he does this he ought to go the "whole hog." He ought to call himself a Democrat. When a Populist gets on the stump in the interest of the Democratic party, he is doing just about all a Democrat can do. Capt Kitchin's family seems to be something of a favorite with Democrats, and we really think it ungrateful in him to be anything else than a Democrat, especially while he makes Democratic speeches.

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We are somewhat flustrated at Judge Whitaker's course. He is posing as a Populist. He is a "new recruit" to the Peoples Party—so new that he has never yet had an opportunity of voting a Populist ticket; and we all know that elections are held every two years. It therefore mystifies us somewhat to hear and see that he is declaring himself as being "confounded by the recent action of the Populists in going into a deal with Republicans &c., &c.," and still claiming to be a Populist. If this deal bothers him to that extent, why does he claim further affiliation with the Peoples Party? Why does he not join a party that will not make or TRY TO MAKE such deals—IF HE CAN FIND ONE IN THIS STATE?!!! Ah!

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In his speech at Hillsboro Judge Whitaker publicly read extracts from circulars issued to members of the Peoples Party by State Chairman Ayer, which circulars were *never intended for the* general public. These circulars were either sent or handed to Judge Whitaker *confidentially*. Had these circulars fallen into the hands of the opposition and been made public in that way no damage would have been done. There is nothing in them to take back, but it was certainly no business of a "Populist" to whom they were sent to make them public. These circulars were a part of the work of the party organization, and as such were intended for nobody except members of the party. They contain no protest against co-operation with the Republican party, but were sent out to suggest that no pledges be given on a certain matter by Populists wherever co-operation should be effected. As we see it, however, they are being used by Judge Whitaker as a protest against co-operation with the Republicans, and the reverse of this proposition under the circumstances, is to vote for and with Democrats.

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It might be said that the Populist State convention did not outline the policy of co-operation with the Republicans. Well, we are willing to assert that it gave no indication of such a policy as will justify a "Populist" speaker in taking issue with the action of the State committee, especially when certain powers were delegated to the committee *without restriction*. And therefore, when Judge Whitaker bolts the action of the committee he bolts the Peoples Party, and he belongs somewhere else.

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Gentlemen you are in the wrong pew. Your course declares that there is some party somewhere with which you can affiliate with more satisfaction than with the Peoples Party. We beg you to go on a hunt for that party and fall into its ranks. Yes, go at once and take every blessed thing you can with you. The Peoples Party organization does not care to have in it such members as cannot be relied upon to come to its support when it calls for help to carry out its policy. You had better go where you can find *less party* and "more principle" than you seem to think exists in the Peoples Party.

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But where will you go? Back to the Democrats? The Democrats have been saying all sorts of hard things about the Populists—calling them traders, dishonest tricksters, goldbugs &c. because Populists entered into an agreement with Republicans. But haven't you heard that the Democrats have made a proposition for fusion with the Populists?—these dishonest tricksters and goldbugs?—and if Populists are dishonest tricksters and goldbugs and the Democrats seek to make a deal with them, are the Democrats any less dishonest and goldbuggy than the Populists?

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We do not wish to be harsh, but we may be permitted to remind you that when it was understood that you had left the Democratic party, the Democrats snickered and openly said they had not lost much. And by the Great Horn Spoon we—well! the Democrats need help now and if you will go back, maybe they won't talk that way any more. Jump, gentlemen jump. Now is your time.

OBJECT LESSON IN DEMOCRATIC RETURNS.

Those who have any accurate knowledge of the political events in the Southern States KNOW that Alabama is not a Democratic State. An Alabama Democrat of the worst and most contemptible variety, when a truth-telling spell happens to strike him, will admit that the Democrats have been outvoted in that State for the past two elections, but the Democratic machinery there never fails to "count" the Democrats in. And this is regarded by Democrats generally as a very cute and smart trick.

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In Georgia, the "counting" trick always shows up the same results. The machinery is in the control of the Democrats, and the LARGER and STRONGER the opposition to Democratic rule in that State grows, the GREATER are the majorities which the machine "counts" up for the Democratic party. The same thing might be said of Arkansas and Florida. These States have all held elections recently, and OF COURSE all have gone overwhelmingly Democratic. The machine can elect the the president of a National Bank as Governor of Alabama on a platform which declares AGAINST National Banks. It can manage to get up a majority of 40,000 in Georgia for the Democrats, when the Democratic party is opposed by three parties whose combined vote is over 50,000 more than the Democrats ever polled in that State. Great is the machine!

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The Democrats in these States say they are for silver. But in 1892 they rolled up big majorities for Cleveland. THEY WOULD DO THE SAME THING TODAY if Cleveland were the Democratic nominee. They would return majorities for either a silverite or a goldbug provided he was the Democratic nominee. They would count up a majority for the devil if that personage were a candidate with the Democratic brand on him.

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Protest against these machine methods is dangerous. There has not been an election in Alabama or Georgia in the past four years during which there has not been violence and bloodshed. Not very long ago a protest was made against the rascality of the Democrats in the Tenth Congressional district of Georgia. This is Tom Watson's district. That protest led to violence on the part of Democrats who opened up a row that resulted in the killing a number of men. A number of murders occurred at the recent election in Alabama because some men had the courage to charge Democratic manipulators with the rascality of which they (the Democrats) knew they were guilty. Down in Mississippi the Populist nominee for Governor was shot and seriously crippled by Democratic thugs because he had the courage to oppose their rascally and fraudulent methods. And this will be the regular course of proceedure until the people of those States shall find some way to crush the Democratic "counting machine"!

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The accomplishment of that end is a terrible undertaking, but it CAN BE DONE. The State of North Carolina has shown that it can be done. But it requires almost unmeasurable fortitude and inexpressible determination. The most malignant abuse and the most infernal machinations that can be devised by Democratic ingenuity must be faced and endured. If there is an unwillingness to do this, the only sensible thing is to submit to the machine. It is useless to fight it until you can arrive at that point where you are willing to put courage against arrogance, determined oversight against attempted secret rascality, patience against rotten eggs, defience against ostracism.

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We speak with no bitterness here, but we do speak from observation and experience, and we declare the above methods will win agsinst the most damnable Democratic methods that ever cursed this country. And the winning is worth the price. A Southern Democrat in power is the most arrogant, domineering oppressive tyro on earth. Out of power, and facing a local contest in which the odds appear to be against him, he is a pitiable, repenant, political deal-hunter and bargain-seeker. The stuff of which he is made can be clearly discovered, and there is a refreshing, invigorating relief at the thought that there is at least a chance to keep him and his kind from management and control of public interests and affairs.

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Try it, men of Georgia and Alabama. We would never suggest that you resort to violence. You must rather submit to some violence if you would win, but work, patience and determination will bring you through if you care to make the trial.

LINE UP, BOYS!

All the agony is over. The business is finally settled. The ticket which appears at the head of this page contains the names of the men for whom we think every Populist in the State should vote, and we shall plead with the Populists of North Carolina to support them, and the ticket is now submitted to the judgment of the people.

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For some time matters have been mixed, and there has been more or less confusion. Confusion has been worse confounded this week on account of what may be termed an effort to break up Populist-Republican co-operation and effect Populist-Democratic fusion. The story of this effort is fully told by the correspondence of the State chairmen of the Populist and Democratic parties and the reports of committee meetings elsewhere.

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This issue of the CAUCASIAN has been delayed this week for the purpose of publishing the results of these meetings, and the delay prevents a full discussion of the proceedings this week. But look for some observations of decided tendencies in the next issue.

ALL THEY'VE GOT.

It looks suspiciously like the Democratic party is about to fall back on the cry of "nigger." Hints and suggestions in the correspondence of Chairman Manly elsewhere in this issue, and the graphite rumblings of a "leading" Democratic paper for two or three days past indicate that the Democrats are desperately clutching at something, and the "nigger" is about all that is in sight for them.

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And there is something strange in this too. If a Republican gets up and makes a speech calling on the "nigger" to stand together, straightway a cry is raised by Democrats that the speaker is all the mean things that newspaper language can describe, and that he is trying to array the "nigger" against the white man. But these same Democrats seem utterly unable to comprehend the fact that they are doing the *very same thing* when they are arraying the white man against the "nigger." Seriously, gentlemen; what is the difference?

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If it is mean, low and vile for a Republican to call out the "nigger" against the white man, what is it for a Democrat to call out the white man against the "nigger." What are the results, if there are any results in either case, and what can be the difference in either case? This sort of business is too old gentlemen. Stick to the issues of the campaign, praise ALL the Populists—not just a few so-called Populists—vote the Pop ticket and all will be well.

WINSTON REGISTRARS.

Before Judge Montgomery—Magistrates Names Go On County Tickets.

Messrs. Reed and Curtis, the Winston registrars, whom Chairman Holton charged with irregularities in conducting registrations appeared before Judge Montgomery, Tuesday, in response to his summons.

The order under which these men were brought here was issued by Judge Montgomery on ex parte evidence last Friday, and was as follows:

"It is therefore ordered that E. L. Reed and E. O. Curtis, registrars at Fifth ward precinct in Winston, appear before me at Chambers in Raleigh, on Tuesday, October 13th, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., and show cause why they should not register the persons applying to them for registration and refrain from any unnecessary consumption of time or delay in the registration of voters and perform duties as defined in this order and contemplated in said act, and in the discharge of their duties as registrars allow all persons who are residents of said Fifth ward precinct of Winston and duly qualified voters therein to have their names put on the registration book of said precinct."

The hearing of the case came up before Judge Montgomery at Chambers at 12 o'clock. The reading of the affidavits and argument of counsel consumed nearly three hours.

Maj. J. W. Graham, of Hillsboro, appeared for the plaintiff, Holton, and Messrs. E. B. Jones, of Winston, and F. H. Busbee and ex-Judge Shepherd, of Raleigh, for the defendants.

In opening the case, Mr. Jones said the question before the court was as to whether the registrars of the Fifth ward of Winston had delayed the registration, and the legal question arising thereform as to the power and jurisdiction of the Judge to punish. He then read the affidavits of the defendants Reed and Curtis, setting forth the circumstances on which the complaint against them had been founded.

At the conclusion of Mr. Jones' argument Judge Montgomery had the following order drawn, which he signed:

"In this matter, after hearing the affidavits filed and arguments of counsel, it is considered and adjudged that the said E. L. Reed and E. O. Curtis, registrars of the Fifth Ward precinct of Winston, N. C., have not combined to prevent legal registration, but it appearing from their own affidavits that they have erroneous views as to the duties required of registrars, it is therefore ordered that they proceed on Saturday, October 17, 1896, to discharge their duties as defined in the order made on October 9, 1896, and allow all persons who have not registered, who are residents of said Fifth ward precinct of Winston and duly qualified voters therein, to have their names put on the registration book of said precinct.

The defendants then gave notice of an appeal and the matter will come up in the Supreme court this morning for final determination.

MAGISTRATES NAMES GO ON COUNTY TICKET.

Justice Montgomery also rendered an important decision that settled a question in the new election law.

It has been a doubtful question among all three of the State chairman whether the names of the candidates for magistrates should be voted for on the county or State ticket. A test case, agreed upon by the chairmen came before Justice Montgomery today on application from Durham county. Judge Montgomey decided that a magistrate was a judicial officer in the county in which he resided and therefore a county officer. He held that names of magistrates should be printed on the county tickets and that the law provided for only two ballot boxes.

It is amusing to read the Populist editorials in some of the so-called Democratic papers. We are glad to have the help of any man, though he helps us unawares.

POLITICAL POT-POURRI.

Condensed Mention of What People Are Saying and What Parties Are Doing.

A cold wave struck the Republican headquarters yesterday, the area of low temperature having extended rapidly from the headquarters of the National Committee in New York. where confidential reports from Ohio and Indiana made Maj. McKinley's managers shiver. The amiable gentlemen in charge of Republican headquarters here are not able to understand why they should be so chilly. They insist that the news from Ohio and from all other parts of the country is very encouraging, and justifies absolute confidence in Maj. McKinley's election. They insist that the reports of discouraging advices from Ohio are the inventions of the enemy, but it is nevertheless plainly apparent that Chairman Babcock and his associates have heard something that has awakened the greatest anxiety.

It seems to be generally admitted here and in New York that the recent canvass of Ohio, made by Mr. Kurtz, chairman of the Republican committee in that State, showed grave defections among the farmers in the interior of the State, and a great uncertainty as to the vote of the labor This information was brought to Mr. Hanna by a special messenger from Columbus, who arrived in New York Saturday morning, and a special meeting of the Eastern branch of the National Committee was immediately called in consequence. Mr. Hanna is expected to apply the proper remedy from the Chicago headquarters.—Washington Times (Goldbug) Oct. 8.

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The Situation in North Carolina as Viewed at Washington.

Things political in North Carolina seem to be setting the way of Populists, and Chairman Butler appears to be in command of the situation. Democratic State Chairman Josephus Daniels' consultation with Chairman Butler Wednesday may be taken as proof that North Carolina Democrats regret seriously now that they put away the Populist overtures some weeks ago for fusion on the State ticket. The Populists proposition was that nine silver Congressmen should be named, four to be Democrats, four Populists, and one a Silver man from Chairman Butler's old district. As for the State ticket, the Populists would have given up their candidate for Governor if they could have the United States Senator, or vice versa. The Populists have a general agreement with the Republicans to fuse on the State ticket, which will probably be carried out, but to become effective it is certain that the Republicans must withdraw their candidate for Governor, Judge Russell. They have not done this, and the North Carolina Populists have become uneasy as election day approaches. There is little doubt that Chairman Daniels is trying to profit from the situation. Chairman Butler declared some weeks ago that all advances for fusion in the State must come froms others than the Populists, and he is adhering to his determination. He says the reports that Democrats in the State are alarmed because the election machinery is in the hands of Populists and Republicans, and because under the new registry system thousands upon thousands of negroes are being allowed to register who were never before given an opportunity to vote, is quite without foundation.—Washington Post.

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Fusion Complete in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Oct. 12.—The Democratic and Populist State committees met here this afternoon and affected a fusion on the electoral ticket.

The Democrats retired Jeff Davis, elector-at large; J. Robinson and H. S. Smead, district electors. The Populist State committee elected to fill these vacancies, J. R. Sovereign, elector-at-large; A. D. Tanner and E. R. Arnold.

The fusion proposition came from Mr. Bryan himself, who wrote Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National committee, to use his influence in bringing about a consolidation of the silver forces in Arkansas.

Public Speaking.

Hon. Walter R. Henry, one of the most eloquent reform speakers in the State, will address the citizens of Cleveland and adjoining counties in Shelby on Monday, October 26th, at 11 o'clock a. m. Subject: "More Money, or the People against the Plutocrats."

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