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NOTE.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

Following our usual custom there will be no issue of THE CAUCASIAN next week on account of the Christmas holidays. We feel that the staff, printers, mailing clerks and all connected with the office have earned and are entitled to a much needed rest. Our next issue will be January 7th.

To the many readers who have during 1896 favored us with renewals and subscriptions, as well as kind words and sympathy, we return our grateful thanks, and we shall strive in the future, as we have in the past, to meet their approval and win their esteem and confidence.

May the God of peace guide you in all things, and may the lines be cast in pleasant places for each of you. We extend to each of you our sincerest wish that you may spend a pleasant Christmas, and enter upon a joyous, happy and prosperous New Year!

In bidding you adieu for 1896, we beg to again thank you for all you have done for us during the time named, and hope to receive a continuance of your favor in 1897.

NOTICE NOT INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR ADVERTISING OPERATIONS.

It is noticed that the Western Republican League has elected a member of the express condition and one of the Republican should be elected. This charge is wholly and absolutely incorrect. Neither Mr. Butler nor his party made any pledge, or agreed to any condition, either directly or indirectly, to secure his election for the long term.

The only shadow of ground on which this charge can be made is the off-hand statement, made by Senator Butler, after he was elected, to the effect that he favored a continuance of the co-operation, and such an arrangement of its terms as would secure the re-election of Senator Pritchard, or some one standing as he stood then. When this statement was made by Mr. Butler, he not only had not made any agreement to that effect, but there was not a single Populist or Republican in North Carolina who had the least idea that he would make such a statement. He simply, on his own account, expressed his individual opinion as to what would be a desirable future policy between the two parties. The Peoples Party, however, approved of Senator Butler's suggestion in this respect, and when the time came to make terms for a co-operative campaign this year, they asked for the Governorship for a Populist, and offered in return to support a free silver Republican for the United States Senate. The Republican State committee refused this proposition, and said that if the Populists took the Governor they must agree to support the caucus nominee of the Republican party for the Senate without asking any questions as to his financial status. The Republican committee frankly stated to the Peoples Party committee that Senator Pritchard or any other man that they would put forward would be a "sound money man." The Populist State committee refused to accept these terms; and the two committees, therefore, being unable to reach an agreement including the Governorship and Senatorship, agreed to leave them entirely out of the terms of co-operation, so that each party would be free to follow its own course about them. The chairman of the Republican State committee and the chairman of the Populist State committee will both testify to these facts.

If the Populist State committee had been willing to pledge or commit the members of the party in the legislature to vote for Senator Pritchard, the Peoples Party could have gotten the Governorship. The Republicans today have the Governor because the Peoples Party State committee could not and would not commit the party and its members of the legislature to do a thing that would be so suicidal. If Senator Pritchard had not changed his position, and this had not been generally understood and known, it would have been possible for the two committees to have reached an agreement on this matter. But they did not for the reason stated above. Therefore, the Peoples Party is not under obligations to the Republicans or to any one else to vote for any special man or for a man of any

special party for the U. S. Senate. The Peoples Party has the clear and unquestioned right to nominate a Populist for Senator, and to secure his election, if possible. The Peoples Party is not even under obligations to vote for a silver Republican, because their proposition to that effect was rejected and the Republicans now have the Governor. If, however, the Peoples Party should decide to support a silver Republican, it will be entirely for considerations to arise during the legislature. These are the plain, unquestioned facts in the case, and the quicker they are recognized and this indecent and false twaddle about the Populists acting in bad faith is stopped, the better. A word to the wise is sufficient. M. B.

"A GENTLE RIDDANCE"

Coxy, the "general" has publicly announced his withdrawal from the Peoples Party. This is a healthy sign. THE CAUCASIAN hastens to congratulate the party.

The chairman of the national committee of the Peoples Party, it seems, recently sent out a letter to the State committee of Ohio, and also to the members of the national committee of that State, calling their attention to the suspicious character of the majority counted in that State for McKinley. The national chairman called attention to the fact that Bryan got more votes than had ever before been cast for any man of any party in that State. One year ago Bushnell, the present Republican Governor, was elected by a majority of eighty or ninety thousand. This year Bryan got forty-eight or nine thousand more votes than Bushnell got one year ago. Yet he is defeated on the face of the returns by about fifty thousand majority. The national chairman called their attention to the fact that the total vote in that State this year was 229,000 larger than last year, which, to say the least, is very strange and suspicious looking, and especially so when the total vote polled is much larger than the population of the State will justify. The national chairman asked the members of the State committee and the members of the national committee to investigate the matter by comparing the vote of this year with the vote of last year by precinct.

There was a member of the national committee, and therefore got out a number of letters. He seems to have lost his temper when asked to investigate the methods by which the Republicans bought or stole the State. Coxy has been very loud in denouncing Democratic frauds in the South, and justly so: for Alabama and certain other States are almost as bad as Ohio. But why should Mr. Coxy lose his temper when asked to investigate Republican frauds in his State.

But now he has gone, and with his going, we submit a few remarks that are done. Men like Coxy are the bane of every new party or reform movement. They float around loose, and are no doubt harmless; and, certainly, no one ever hears of them until the people, from long suffering rebel with righteous indignation against great and cumulative evils. Then it is that men like Coxy find their opportunity. They hasten to jump into any movement started to right these wrongs, and to push them to the front. They are noisy and loud. They always have on tap a long string of isms and theories which a majority of the people could never be gotten to support, and which if they did, would not right the wrongs the people so justly complain of. They are thirsting for notoriety. They talk much, and are delighted when they get their names in print. To do this, they out-herd Herod in making wild statements.

The goldbug organs and monopoly subsidized newspapers gladly give their utterances the widest possible circulation. They are active everywhere. They have been the reformers, and by the people. If the reform movement is to have any strong growth, they succeed in discrediting it and killing it. But if the new party succeeds, in spite of such leeches and incumbrances, then it soon grows too large for the Coxyites to control it. Then the Coxyites must drop to the rear or withdraw and start a new party of their own. Whenever a new party can live through this trying period, and slough off such men who discredit the reforms, then its future growth and power is assured.

We congratulate the Peoples Party upon reaching this stage. When it is rid of a few more Coxyites it can push the fight for currency, transportation, and other corporation reforms in a manner that will draw to its ranks a majority of the voters of the country. For every Coxy that goes, a hundred patriotic voters who have in the past acted with the old parties, will come to our ranks. The outlook is bright; the period of real substantial growth is here.

THURSTON'S LAME AND DODGING APOLOGY FOR PRITCHARD.

In another column will be found an article headed: "Pritchard's aid and tariff" which we copy in full, including headlines, from the Washington Post. This article as will be seen, is in the form of an interview with Senator Thurston, in which he undertakes to speak for Senator Pritchard. The interview was evidently prepared for North Carolina consumption, and intended as a reply to the article in the last issue of THE CAUCASIAN, clipped from the Washington Post setting forth Mark Hanna's alleged plan to capture the legislature of North Carolina and other States. This interview is more remarkable for what is not in it, than for what is in it. It does not explain why Senator Pritchard changed last summer from a straight, unqualified, free coinage of silver (at a ratio of 16 to 1) man, to another position to conform to the sound money plank of the Republican platform, nor does it explain why he is now ready to change back again.

Senator Thurston, in his interview adroitly attempts to belittle and obscure the financial question behind the tariff. Read again the last sentence in his interview. That straddling statement fits the position of the gold Democrats as well as it does the position of the gold Republicans. By just such pretexts both of the old parties have for the last thirty years fought in sham battles over the tariff, keeping in the background the all important financial question, while the bankers combine and the gold ring were robbing and impoverishing the toiling millions of America. Had it not been for the Alliance and the Peoples Party they would today be continuing successfully the same sham and fraud to fool and rob the American people.

If either a Democratic or a Republican tariff could have relieved the hard times and brought prosperity, we would have had it long ago, for we have had many and full doses of both. The Populists are the last people in this country who will ever be fooled by this tariff humbuggery. Senator Thurston says that the Republicans will have no financial legislation to offer, and that they wanted Senator Pritchard returned simply to help them on tariff legislation. That is, they want to help make a majority in the United States Senate, so that they can keep the tariff to the front as the leading issue, and, if possible, make it the football for the two old parties to fight another sham battle over in 1900. No true Populist will help them to do this. The two old parties were terribly alarmed when the Peoples party forced the financial question to the front, and now they will be wonderfully happy if they can fool us into helping them put it in the background and revive the tariff.

If Populists help them to do this, then we will lose our standing and influence to show up the tariff humbuggery and push the fight against the monopolies and stocks. The Republicans have no financial legislation to offer, because they are satisfied with Cleveland's financial policy for the present. But the Populists, and every true patriot, wants to see a man sent to the Senate who will have some financial legislation to offer: a man who will expose, denounce, and attack the present infamous financial policy; a man who will offer financial measures for relief and continue to put the gold Democrats and gold Republicans on record for refusing to pass such legislation. The railroad combine must also be fought. This fight must be pushed vigorously and constantly, or victory and relief will never come.

Every Populist in the Senate is willing to let the Republicans try all of the tariff experiments they desire, but every Populist in the Senate and in the whole country is opposed to sending to the United States Senate a man who puts the tariff to the front as a question of more importance than transportation and finance. Let the Republicans get a majority of the Senate of the Thurston and John Sherman variety, and the Peoples Party has not only lost its balance of power, but it has lost its power and opportunity to put the two old parties on record, and expose to the country on the floor of Congress their inconsistency and treachery. M. B.

MR. HANNA'S GOLDEN CHANCE.

Reports are circulated and assertions made, chiefly by Democrats and Democratic papers, that North Carolina will be a great battle ground in the matter of the election of a U. S. Senator during the session of the legislature. The basis of these reports is that the Republicans lack two members of having control of the Senate. They are pretty sure to get one of these members from Kentucky, and on the result in North Carolina, therefore, hangs their chance of securing the Senatorial majority.

Then comes additional assertions that the desire and anxiety of the Republicans to gain this majority are so intense, they are willing to spend any amount of money and go to any depth in corruption if such a procedure will gain what they want. It is a significant fact that Democrats (in defeat) are always the first to suspicion, suppose or assert that "boodles" can be or is the main-spring of a campaign. The inevitable conclusion is that they feel free to suppose that all parties are as corrupt and as villainous as their own, and inasmuch as they resort to the power of "boodles" when they can, they of course think all parties will do the same thing. They are now declaring that one hundred thousand or two hundred thousand dollars will be spent in North Caro-

lina during the legislature to elect a Republican Senator. We have no knowledge of any such scheme; but we wish to say to Mr. Mark Hanna, if the statement is of any interest to him, that in the event he desires to spend that much money here, the Democratic contingent in the legislature offers him about as easy a field as he will find for the exploitation of such a scheme.

The situation in this State is such that a combination of any two parties can elect a Senator. Hanna is supposed to desire the election of a gold standard man. Now, suppose the Republican members of the legislature should unite on such a man. We do not mean to say they will do so, but simply suppose it for our present purpose. Then, to be elected, he must have the support of some other party. The Populists will not support a man who declares he is for the gold standard, therefore he must get the Democratic votes if he is elected.

And right here is Mr. Hanna's "golden" chance—the one he cannot afford to ignore if he has two hundred thousand dollars to spend. The Democrats have been defeated in the nation. There is no federal pie for them. They have been defeated in this State. There is nothing here for them. And they are hungry, oh so hungry, for "pie" or "boodles." They have had "pie" here for a generation, and the loss of it will break their hearts, and does break up their business.

And they are desperate. They only hope now is "boodles." "Boodles" is what they talk about, what they write about, what they dream about. They are athirst for it, and by all the gods, they will go for it if it gets within their reach, no matter from where it comes or what it is for.

And so we say that Mr. Hanna, if the conditions above mentioned should prevail, and he needs only twelve votes to elect his man, he can get those twelve votes out of the Democratic contingent with his two hundred thousand dollars. In fact, that amount of money would buy up the whole Democratic party in this State now.

CHARLOTTE ADOPTS AN IMPORTANT PEOPLES PARTY PRINCIPLE.

We are glad to see that Charlotte, one of the largest and most progressive cities in the State, has bought the water-works of that city. The amount invested in the plant, we learn, was thirty thousand dollars, and the clear profit which the company taxed out of the citizens each year was about five thousand dollars. This was 16 2-3 per cent clear profit, even if there were no water in the capital stock. The city will now operate the water-works and furnish water at cost to the citizens. The city will probably be able to operate it cheaper and give better water and facilities than the company did. But, even if they do not, then the people of Charlotte will save each year 16 2-3 per cent, on their investment; and, besides, be rid of a private monopoly, which, as it grew rich by taxing the people, would be sure to use its wealth to influence the town elections and elect a board of aldermen that would serve the company's interests.

THE CAUCASIAN is glad to see this sensible and progressive step taken by the wide-awake citizens of Charlotte. It is notable that this patriotic and progressive step, so in keeping with the genius of Republican institutions, was taken in a city where the leading gold and monopoly of the State is published. Now let Charlotte also take charge of the gas plant and the street car lines of that city and operate them at cost for the benefit of the people. They are all natural monopolies, and should not, therefore, be operated by private corporations. Every natural monopoly, like water-works, where there can be no healthy competition, should be owned by municipalities and operated in the interest of the public.

Just so the transportation lines of the country are natural monopolies, and should be owned by the people and operated as public functions, at cost, in the interest of all the people. This great fundamental principle of the Peoples Party is rapidly gaining ground. The increased business and advanced civilization of our country demand that it be speedily put into practice and general operation. It must be done, or else these private corporations that own and operate natural monopolies will soon not only concentrate the wealth of the country in their hands, but by means of this wealth and the power acquired, they will soon own and operate the government in the interest of the said monopolies. The time is near at hand when the principles of the Peoples Party must be put into operation in this government, or else the existence of the republic will be endangered.

THEY ARE FOR MORE MONEY—SURE ENOUGH! It seems that the Congress recently elected will come in for a good thing. It is a fact, however ill advised and unfortunate it may be, that a majority of people seem to have voted for the gold standard and for money grabbers and general financial devilry of all kinds. And the Congress is showing signs of

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The sad part of the business is that more than six million people who wanted to vote against such schemes—and probably thought they did—will be subjected to the same pillage and oppression to make up this "more money" as those who voted for it. But it seems that we are at a stage where the innocent must suffer with the guilty.

WE SAY AMEN FOR ONCE.

The Concord Vestibule says: "If there is one man in North Carolina who deserves recognition at the hands of the fusionists it is Mr. J. P. Sossaman, of Charlotte—Richard Razor. He is so modest he will not let them run him for anything, yet his years of hard work and no pay ought to recommend him to the legislature—that is, if he would accept a place. Why not make him clerk of the Mecklenburg criminal court? Who among the reformers of the State would not love to see this mark of respect paid to this veteran writer and speaker? We hereby suggest him as one in every way qualified and as one who has borne the cross and who deserves the crown. Boys, let's make Richard Razor clerk of this court. We have the assurance that he would accept this trust."

THE CAUCASIAN does not think it good policy for a paper to attempt to further the interest of any one individual where so many are worthy, but there is so much of truth in the above—so much of what is simply just and fair, that we say amen for once.

We print elsewhere a letter from Mr. George E. Boggs, of Waynesville, in which he comments on Judge Russell's views as to the "99 year lease." It contains a suggestion that may be interesting.

We print elsewhere a letter from Mr. Thomas Meads. If all the laborers and farmers had as clear an idea of the financial system we now have as he has, there would be no trouble in setting things right.

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Political News.

Special attention will be devoted to political news. All important events in the progress or decline of parties in the United States will be chronicled. Special attention will be taken to keep the readers of THE CAUCASIAN fully informed on political events that transpire in our own State. We will give when possible the news that the partisan papers suppress.

State Legislative Reports.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA will be in session in January and the people will desire to be informed of the work of that body. THE CAUCASIAN will present its readers with a full and non-partisan report of its proceedings and will not suppress the truth.

United States Congress.

THE CAUCASIAN has secured the services of one of the best writers, and he will send weekly letters containing all the latest news of the Nation's capital. In addition Senator Butler will contribute weekly articles besides editorials, thus making our Congressional report full and interesting.

Letters From the People.

Subscribers will have an opportunity to exchange information and opinions on all topics of interest through short letters published under this head.

World's News in Brief.

Under this head every week we will give you the cream of the news. We give you each week a brief compact and clear statement of what has occurred in the world since our last issue.

The Alliance Department.

This department has been to a great extent lost sight of rather through our Alliance brethren than our own, and we trust, that all our Alliance will send such news and suggestions regarding Alliance work and progress for Alliance work as will prove of interest to all Alliance men. Send us reports from your county and sub-judges for this column.

Discussions of the Issues.

Money, transportation, taxation, land and other important live issues will be discussed both editorially and by contributors. The paper will be made a forum for the advocacy of reform ideas, and the demands of the Alliance.

Farmer's Column.

We invite every practical farmer to write for this column. Tell your experience, your successes and failures so the remainder of our readers can benefit by it. This is a grand opportunity for farmers to exchange ideas with each other.

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