THE CLOVEN FOOT EXPOSED.

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THE CRIME COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY.

Editor THE CAUCASIAN:—

Since the last Democratic State convention adjourned this writer has been expecting to see some charges cleared up and set right before the people. It has been repeatedly charged that the convention did not represent the masses of Jeffersonian Democrats, but that it was captured and controlled by men who would prefer to see Cleveland President rather than Bryan. It has also been charged that goldbugs and monopolists who did not support Beyan and silver in 1896, and some who supported either McKinley or Palmer and Buckner, were on hand as delegates helping to defeat a co-operation of the silver and anti-monopoly forces, as recommended by Bryan and the National organization.

Is this so? The people have a right to know, and they will know. There have been no positive and specific denials. The denials come by way of charging other parties with certain shortcomings. Does this answer the charge? Surely it does not, but, on the other hand, is it not an admission that a positive direct denial cat not be made? The sickening conviction is coming to the masses of the Silver Democrats that the charge is true.

Is it not shameful that 140,000 silver men, who stand for Bryan and the whole Chicago platform, shall be nominated and betrayed by about 5,000 goldbugs and monopolists who are against Bryan and silver, and many of whom bolted and openly supported McKinley or Palmer and Buckner and that crowd? Yet, strange as it may seem these are the men who took complete charge of the Democratic State convention on May 26, 1898, and who now have complete control of the machinery of the party. They repudiated the policy of Bryan and committed the party to the policy of Cleveland. Bryan wanted the 140,000 Silver Democrats and the 40,000 Populists to join forces—to co-operate, which would make a sweeping victory over gold and monopoly. Cleveland wanted these silver and anti-monopoly forces kept apart so that gold and monopoly might control the State. These 5,000 Clevelandites have captured the party and carried out his goldbug policy. They have not only done this, but these Clevelandites now control the machinery of the party. Will they not use this machinery of Cleveland's till 1900 against Bryan and silver and in support of Cleveland's gold and monopoly policy?

This is shameful treason that has been committed in the name of Democracy, and this is the reason that the question is dodged and not answered. It was not thus in 1896, when by a union of the silver forces the State electoral ticket was carried for Bryan and silver over the heads of the Clevelandites.

If the charge cannot now be positively denied, if the charge is true, what may silver men expect in 1900? Will not the Clevelandites, who now control the machinery of the party, use it to try to defeat the nomination of Bryan or any true silver man? and, if he should be nominated over their heads, would they not use the machinery of the party to try to defeat him and carry the State for the nominees of the Cleveland-McKinley-Palmer and Buckner combine? Certainly they will. Some of them bolted in 1896 to try to carry the State for McKinley, and, failing by that method, they went to work to capture the machinery of the Democratic party for the same purpose in 1900. This is a question for every silver man who is earnestly opposed to the rule of gold and monopoly to think about, and seriously too.

There were some men at the recent Democratic State convention who had been so bound and who seemed so pronounced in their devotion to silver and in their opposition to monopoly, that the people thought they were sincere. But it seems that they all surrendered to the Clevelandites without even a struggle. They made no fight for their convictions, or, rather, their professed principles. Where was the editor of the News and Observer, the member of the National committee, the so-called representative of Mr. Bryan and the self-styled "Tribune of the People?" He, too, surrendered at the convention to the Clevelandites. They put him on the platform committee. They told him that he might write all the silver in the platform he wanted, but that he must not insist on carrying the plan of Bryan and Chairman Jones for winning a victory for silver. They said to him, make all the silver and anti-monopoly professions you want to, but you must surrender the only weapon of success for those professions by the same act that you declare your devotion. And the so-called "Tribune of the People" stepped into the trick. Was he fooled, or did he think he could fool the people?

Mr. Bryan foresaw, months ago, that this trick would be worked by the goldbugs and hypocrites in States where the silver sentiment was strong among the masses of the people. In an open letter in the New York Journal he warned the people that in States like North Carolina the goldbugs and monopolists would pretend to be for silver in order to get control of the conventions and the party machinery, but when in control they would refuse to do that which was necessary to win a victory for the people and good government. Did not this very thing happen at the late Democratic State convention? And did not Mr. Daniels submit to it without a fight? But the people had not been warned of this danger, for a majority of the Democratic papers refused to publish Mr. Bryan's letter containing this warning.

What does it mean? It means that the goldbugs and the pretended silver men (hypocrites) have fooled the people and have gotten compl ete control of the party machinery. It means that Bryan and the principles he stands for have been betrayed—that the people have been betrayed. What can the people do? Let them repudiate the traitors!

Don't silver men want success for silver? How can they win? By standing together—by co-operating against gold and monopoly, as advised by Bryan, and Chairman Jones. And if the Democratic State convention had been controlled by men who were sincere for silver and earnestly opposed to gold and monopoly, it would have followed this course.

Don't goldbugs and monopolists want to win a victory for gold and monopoly? Don't they always pursue the course that will bring them victory? Certainly! In this State they could not win by simply combining their strength, because the silver men, if united, are in a large majority; therefore, to win, they must first divide the silver men, and this is the explanation of the action of the Democratic State convention. If this is Democracy, then I do not endorse such Democracy and am out of it.

Thus we see that the goldbugs and monopolists put forth tremendous efforts (suppressing the letters of Mr. Bryan and Chairman Jones) for no other purpose than to divide the silver and anti-monopoly forces. They worked this game wherever they could in the last election; they are working it even more successfully now.

There are, probably, 40,000 Populists who saved this State for Bryan and free silver in the last campaign, and that, too, under conditions that put their patriotism and devotion to principle to the severest test. These are the men whom every sincere supporter of Bryan and his principles should seek as allies. Did the Democratic State convention seek the co-operation of these men? No, but, on the other hand, it spurned the offer which the Populists had already made. What is the explanation? There are a few thousand gold and monopoly Democrats, who, acting under Cleveland's advice, tried to defeat Bryan in the last campaign and carry the State for McKinley; and these are the men who, with the hypocrites, captured the Democratic State convention and now control the machinery, and are using it to try to divide the silver and anti-monopoly forces. This is the explanation.

Does any man need further proof that the convention was not composed of sincere silver delegates? If so, I can be specific. Here, in Duplin county, at the county convention a certain Clevelandite offered a resolution condemning the last Democratic State committee for forming a co-operative electoral ticket in 1896, which was the only possible way to carry the State for Bryan and silver. Now this same Clevelandite was rewarded at the late Democratic State convention by being placed on the Democratic state committee, and the State committee is now composed of such men, because the Clevelandites controlled the convention.

Thus the 5,000 Cleveland and monopoly Democrats with the help of some hypocrites pretending to befor Bryan and silver (who, by the way, are more numerous and more dangerous than the open goldbugs), have led 140,000 silver voters again into the goldbug trap. They have succeeded in dividing the silver forces (the object aimed at) which is a victory for gold and a defeat for silver.

I believe that it is the duty of every true silver man and sincere supporter of Bryan to expose and denounce this trick of the enemy. The quicker the people repudiate these traitors the better. I hope in 1900 to see true true silver and anti-monopoly forces united. But the people must overthrow these Clevelandites and hypocrites before the silver men can be united. These men are against the Chicago platform and every economic reform that means prosperity to the people.

Remember how these monopolists and goldbugs were dumfounded and scattered with amazement when Bryan was nominated, but most of them hung on to the Democratic ship, some by voting for only a Democratic Constable perhaps, hoping to recapture her. This they have now done by deception. Now, they intend to either scuttle the ship or sail her into their goldbug and monopoly harbor. One of the two they will surely do, and the honest masses of the Democratic crew cannot now prevent it, for the monopoly pirates control the machinery of the ship.

Now, one word in conclusion about the recent letter of ex Governor Jarvis, in which he attempted to construe or interpret the action of the convention. Let it be remembered that Mr. Jarvis was one of the leading opponents of co-operation at the convention. He was chairman of the committee which repudiated Bryan's plan for co-operation of all who oppose gold and monopoly. He was chairman of the committee which not only refused the proposition of the Populists for co-operation and further refused to make a counter proposition, but which also declared against considering any further proposition of any kind. Yet Mr. Jarvis says in his letter to Col. John R. Webster (than whom there is no truer silver man) that it was not intended by the State convention to prevent district and county co-operation. If it was not the district and county co-operation to elect silver Congressmen and members of the Legislature &c., that the State convention refused, then pray what was it? There is no State ticket to be elected this year. The hypocrisy of this is too absurd to to fool anybody. The State convention is the only body that is a unit of the national organization. The chief business before the State convention was to consider the question of co-operation as outlined and recommended by Bryan and the national organization of the party. But this convention repudiated the national organization and betrayed the people at home. Why? Because Bryan and Chairman Jones are true silver men, while the State convention was controlled by goldbugs and monopolists. Still the silver people are invited to vote for the candidates of this gold and monopoly machine in the districts and counties.

Do they think the people are fools?

Yours &c.,

H. L. STEVENS.

Warsaw, July 14th,

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Plan of Organization of the Peoples Party.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. Each township shall be under the government of an Executive Committee of five members, who shall elect their own Chairman; said Committee shall be elected by the voters of said Township at the primaries called to elect delegates to the county nominating conventions, under call of the County Chairman: Provided that those Townships which are divided into precincts or wards shall have a separate Committee for each precinct or ward.

SEC. 2. Each County shall be under the government of the County Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman of the several Township, Ward or precinct Committees. This Committee shall meet at the same time and place of the county nominating conventions of the Peoples Party of any year is held, and elect a county chairman, who may or may not be a member of its own body. In case it shall appear at said meeting of the county Executive Committee, that any township, ward or precinct has failed to take action in accordance with Section 1, the said county Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint said committee or committees.

SEC. 3. The executive committee for the various Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial districts shall consist of the chairman of the county executive committee of the counties that compose the said Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Districts. The Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial committees shall meet at the same time and place that the conventions meet to nominate their respective candidates, and shall elect a chairman for said committees who may or may not be a member of their body.

SEC. 4. The State Executive Committee shall consist of the State chairman, the chairman of Congressional executive committees, and one member elected by each Congressional Convention while in session, with six additional members at large.

SEC. 5. In case any above named committee fails to report to its convention while in session as provided above, it shall be sufficient proof that there is no proper organization, and the convention shall thereupon proceed to elect a chairman of the committee.

SEC. 6. The county executive committee, Congressional executive committees, Judicial executive committees shall report their action, as provided for above, to their respective conventions while in session, for their approval or disapproval. If not approved, then the convention, before an adjournment, shall elect the chairman of said committee.

SEC. 7. The State convention shall elect six members of the Executive Committee at large, and may elect a State chairman or leave the State Committee to elect its own chairman, who may or may not be a member of said comittee. But each State chairman shall serve until his successor is elected. The six members at large of the State committe and the State chairman shall constitute the Central Executive Committee.

SEC. 8. All executive committees shall have the power to supply all the vacancies occurring therein.

SEC. 9. A quorum of the various committees shall be as follows: The county and Senatorial committees—a majority; the Congressional, Judicial and State—one-third of the members of said committees.

SEC. 10. The executive committees of the Senatorial, Congressional and Judicial districts, respectfully, shall, at the call of their, respective chairmen, meet at some time and place in their respective districts, designated in said call. And it shall be their duty to appoint the time and place for holding conventions in their respective districts; and the chairman of said respective committees shall immediately notify the chairmen of the different county executive committees of the said appointment, and the said county executive committees shall at once call conventions of their respective counties in conformity to said notice, to send delegates to said respective district conventions.

SEC. 11 That in case of failure of any primary or convention to elect delegates, the executive committee shall have power to appoint, and certify the proper number of delegates. The chairman, or in his absence any member of the county, Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional committees, shall call to order their respective conventions, and hold chairmanship thereof until the convention shall elect its chairman.

CONVENTIONS.

SECTION 1. Each township, primary of the Peoples Party shall send to the County Convention three delegates, and one additional delegate for every 25 votes, or majority fraction thereof, east for the Peoples Party candidate for Governor in 1892. But where a township is divided into precinct, ward, or other sub-division of a township then in lieu of the above each such subdivision shall send to the County Convention, one delegate, and one additional delegate for every 25 votes or majority fraction thereof.

SEC. 2. Each county convention shall be entitled to send to each of the other conventions two delegates at large, and one additional delegate for every fifty votes and majority fraction thereof cast for the People's party candidate for Governor in 1892: Provided that every convention shall be entitled to send as many delegates as it may see fit; and provided further, that the number of duly accredited delegates in any convention shall cast the vote of the county.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the various county conventions to certify to the list of delegates that may be chosen for the different districts, and State conventions and forward list of State delegates to the State Chairman.

SEC. 4. All who are opposed to the present financial system of our government, who are in favor of the free coinage of both silver and gold at the legal ratio of 16 to 1; who favor a further increase of our legal tender currency, without the intervention of banking corporations; who favor a graduated income tax and further necessary legislation to reduce and equalize taxation and who are in favor of a free ballot and a fair count, and of guaranteeing to each political party the right to representation on all election boards, which shall be of their own selection, to prevent disfranchising voters by partisan election boards; who are in favor of a more economic administration of our government, county, State and National; who are opposed to having Executive and Legislative branches of our government dominated and controlled by trusts, combines and monopolies, and who are willing to co-operate with the People's party to secure these reforms, are invited to participate in all People's party primaries and conventions.

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The Peoples Party National Platform.

Following is the Populist platform as adopted:

"The Peoples Party assembled in National convention, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles declared by the founders of the Republic and also to the fundamental principles of just government as enunciated in the platform of the party in 1892. We recognize that financial and industrial independence is yet to be attained by restoring to our country the constitutional control and exercise of the functions necessary to a people's government, which functions have been basely surrendered by our public servants to corporate monopolies. The influence of European money changers has been more potent in shaping legislation than the voice of the merican people. Executive power and patronage have been used to corrupt our legislatures to defeat the will of the people and plutocracy has been enthroned upon the ruins of Democracy. To restore the government intended by the fathers and for the welfare and prosperity of this and future generations, we demand the establishment of an economic and financial system which shall make us masters of our own affairs, and independent of European control by the adoption of the following:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We demand a National money, safe and sound issued by the general government only without the intervention of banks of issue, to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, so that a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution may be made direct to the people and through the lawful disbursement of the government.

2. We demand the free and unrestricted coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the consent of foreign nations.

3. We demand the volume of circulating medium be speedily increased to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the business people of this country and to restore the just level of prices of labor and property.

4. We denounce the sale of bonds and the increase of the public interest-bearing bond debt made by the present administration as unnecessary and without authority of law and that no more bonds be issued except by specific act of Congress.

5. We demand such legal legislation as will prevent the demonetization of the lawful money of the United States by private

6. We demand that the government in payment of its obligations shall use its options as to the kind of lawful money in which they are to be paid and we denounce the present and preceding administration for surrendering this option to the holders of government obligations.

7. We demand a graduated income tax to the end that aggregated wealth shall bear its just proportion of taxation and we denounce the Supreme court, relative to the income tax law, as a misinterpretation of the constitution and an invasion of the rightful powers of Congress over the subject of taxation.

8. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the savings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

RAILROADS.

1. Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people on a non-partisan basis; to the end that all may be accorded the same treatment in transportation, and that the tyranny and political power now exercised by the great railroad corporations, which results in the impairment if not the destruction of the political rights and personal liberties of the citizens, may be destroyed. Such ownership is to be accomplished gradually in a manner consistent with sound policy.

2. The interest of the United States in the public highways built with public moneys, and the proceeds of extensive grants of land to the Pacific railroad should never be alienated, mortgaged or sold, but guarded and protected for the general welfare, as provided by the laws of organizing such railroads. The foreclosure of existing lines of the United States on these roads should at once follow default in the payment thereof of the debt of companies, and at the foreclosure sales of said roads the government shall purchase the same if it becomes necessary to protect its interest therein or if they can be purchased at a reasonable price, and the government shall operate said railroads as public highways for the benefit of the whole people and not in the interest of the few, under suitable provisions for protection of life and property; giving to all transportation interests and privileges and equal rates for fares and freight.

3. We denounce the present infamous schemes for refunding these debts and demand that the laws now applicable thereto be executed and administered according to their true intent and spirit.

4. The telegraph, like the postoffice system, being a necessity for the transmission of news should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of people.

LAND.

1. The true policy demands that the national and State legislation shall be such as will ultimately enable every prudent and industrious citizen to secure a home, and therefore the land should not be monopolized for speculative purposes.

"All lands now held by railroads "and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, should by lawful means be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only, and private land monopoly as well as alien ownership should be prohibited.

2. We condemn the frauds by which the land grants to the Pacific Railroad companies have, through connivance of the Interior department, robbed multitudes of actual bonafide settlers of their homes and miners of their claims, that we demand legislation by Congress which will enforce the exemption of mineral land from such grants after, as well as before patent.

3. We demand that bonafide settlers on all public lands be provided free homes and be provided for in the national Homestead law, and that no exception be made in the case of Indian reservations when opened for settlement, and that all lands not now patented come under this demand.

4. We favor a system of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum under proper constitutional safeguards.

GENERAL PROPOSITIONS.

1. We demand the election of President and Vice-President and United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

2. We tender to the patriotic people of Cuba our deepest sympathy in their heroic struggle for political freedom and independence, and we believe the time has come when the United States, the great Republic of the world, should recognize that Cuba is and of right ought to be a free and independent State.

3. We favor home rule in the Territories and the District of Columbia, and the early admission of Territories as States.

4. All public salaries should be made in correspond to the price of labor and its products.

5. In times of great industrial depression, idle labor should be employed on public works as far as practicable.

6. The arbitrary course of the courts in assuming to imprison citizens for indirect contempt and ruling by injunction, should be prevented by proper legislation.

7. We favor just pensions for our disabled Union soldiers.

8. Believing that the election franchise and untrammeled ballot are essential to a government of, for, and by the people, the Peoples Party condemns the wholesale system of disfranchisement adopted in some States as un-Republican and un-Democratic, and we declare it to be the duty of the several State legislatures to take such action as will secure a full, free and fair ballot and an honest count.

9. While the foregoing propositions constitute the platform upon which our party stands and for the vindication of which its organization will maintain, we recognize that the great and pressing issue of the pending campaign upon which the present Presidential election will turn is the financial question, and upon this great and specific issue between the parties, we cordially invite the aid and co operation of all organizations and citizens agreeing with us upon this vital question

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PEOPLES PARTY STATE PLATFORM.

The Peoples Party of North Carolina, in convention assembled at Raleigh, on the 17th day of May, 1898, hereby affirms its unqualified allegiance to the principles of the party, and hereby approves the platform of the Peoples Party adopted at its National convention held in the city of St. Louis, July 22, 1896.

THE ELECTION LAW

We hereby reaffirm our fixed determination to support and maintain a free ballot and a fair count in all elections held in North Carolina. To this end we contend that it is of vital importance for each political party to have on all election boards, representatives of their own selection. We condemn the Republican party and those who joined with it in the last legislature to strike this just, essential and vital provision from the election law of 1895; and we pledge ourselves to use our best efforts in the next legislature to re-enact, this provision into law.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT.

We are in favor of guaranteeing in the respective counties the right of local self-government by the election of their county commissioners and justices of the peace by the vote of the people, under proper safeguards, to guarantee the best possible government to each county; and we pledge the People's party to the continued support and maintenance of that principle, and warn the voters of the danger of electing members of the General Assembly hostile thereto.

GOLD NOTES AND MORTGAGES.

We believe that all money demands should be payable in the lawful money of the United States without preference or discrimination, and therefore favor the passage by the General Assembly of a law to prohibit the taking or giving of gold notes, bonds and mortgages in this State, and to make all the money demands solvable in any kind of lawful money of the United States.

DENOUNCE SPAIN'S POLICY.

To avenge the Maine, to advance republican institutions, and in the interests of humanity, the brutal and treacherous Spaniards should be driven from the western hemisphere and a Republican form of government established in the islands which she has misgoverned, robbed, persecuted and pillaged.

AGAINST ISSUING INTEREST-BEARING BONDS.

We condemn the present national administration for its efforts to fasten upon the people and future generations the burden of interest bearing bonds and for

and carrying out the infamous bond and monopoly policy of the preceding administration of Grover Cleveland.

We commend the action of the Populists, silver Republicans and silver Democrats in Congress for their wise, brave and patriotic course in solidly co-operating to strike out the bond provision of the pending war revenue bill and to substitute therefor an issue of greenbacks and the coinage of the silver seinorage to carry on the war.

INTEREST.

We pledge ourselves to maintain the six per cent. interest law enacted by the General Assembly of 1895.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The action of the Peoples Party members of the last 2 General Assemblies has demonstrated, beyond question, that the Peoples Party has been true to its antecedent platform declarations in favor of public education. We demand still further improving and broadenfng the public school system of the State as rapidly as a proper regard for the interests of the tax payers and the resources of the State will permit. We also favor such revision of our present school system as may increase the efficiency of our public schools and insure the most competent and effective supervision.

NON-PARTIZAN JUDICIARY.

Our Judiciary should be kept above the plane of partisan politics. To this end we appeal to all good citizens to join us in our efforts to make a non-partisan judiciary an established and permanent feature of our State government.

REFORMATORY FOR YOUNG CRIMINALS

We favor the establishment of a State institution for the reformation of young criminals

FREE PASSES.

We call attention to the interference of railroad corporations in our politics as one of the greatest sources of corruption in our State and national governments. Free passes and other favoritisms and discriminations are among the most poisonous and effective weapons to corrupt politics and defeat the will of the people in legislative halls. Therefore we favor a law not only forbidding the giving of free passes and other favoritisms and discriminations, but also forbidding anyone except the actual employees of said corporations from receiving the same.

ELECTION OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS BY THE PEOPLE.

No State has a better railroad commission law than North Carolina; but the public has not received the benefit the law was designed to produce on account of the failure of our railroad commissioners to do their duty under the law. As one remedy for this evil we are in favor of the election of railroad commissioners by a direct vote of the people.

REDUCTION OF FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES.

We favor a reduction of freight, express and passenger rates, telegraph and telephone tariffs to the same level to which the general range of prices of products has fallen under the gold standard. If the Railway Commission continues to refuse to do its duty in this respect, we are in favor of such reduction being made directly by the next Legislature.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD LEASE.

We condemn the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern Railway Company for ninety-nine years, not only as a bad business transaction in which the interest of the State amounting to the large sum of $3,000,000 invested in good paying property yielding an income were sacrificed, but we also, in most emphatic terms condemn the hasty and secret manner in which it was done several years before the former thirty years' lease, by its terms, would have expired. We call the attention of the people of the State to the fact that the mysterious power of a strong railroad lobby prevented the last legislature from enacting the necessary legislation to enable the State to make an investigation through the proper legal channels, of the transaction, which was so universally condemned by the press of the state and all classes of citizens, when it first became known. We therefore demand that the next General Assembly fully investigate this transaction, and to the end that the interest of the State may be fully protected as far as it can be done, such legislative action shall be taken as to counteract, as far as possible, this unwise and secret transaction.

REMOVAL OF CASES.

The removal of cases from the State courts to the Federal courts for trial and especially wherein the plaintiffs are poor persons and the defendants are rich foreign corporations, on application of defendants, is a growing evil in North Carolina, and in its practical operation, frequently amounts to a denial of justice to poor suitors, and therefore should be condemned. We demand, therefore, that the next General Assembly shall pass such a general statute on this subject including an alien law similar to the Wisconsin statute, so as to take from such corporations doing business in this State the privileges of carrying on business in North Carolina and withdrawing the protection of the State extended to their business, if they persist in escaping the jurisdiction of our courts when actions are brought against them. We also recommend a constitutional prohibition of the purchase, lease or rental of parallel or competing railway lines.

A JUST DISTRIBUTION OF THE BURDENS OF TAXATION.

We advocate such legislation as will insure a just listing and taxation of all evidences of debt, and make an equitable adjustment of the burden of taxation between the debtor and a creditor.

REDUCTION OF SALARIES.

In order to keep our public servants in thorough touch and sympathy with the oppressed masses, and to check to some extent the scramble for office, we demand a reduction of salaries until such time as through an increase of the currency the price of property and products will justify the present rates.

THE RULE OF THE PEOPLE.

We favor the principle of direct legislation known as the Initiative and Referendum, in order to restore and preserve the rule of the people. "It will not be opposed by any Democrat who endorses the declaration of Jefferson that the people are capable of self-government, nor will it be opposed by any Republican who holds to Lincoln's idea that this should be a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

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Ar Raleigh	*2 16am	*3 40pm
Sanford	3 33am	5 05pm
So. Pines	4 23am	5 58pm
Hamlet	5 07am	6 56pm
Wadesboro	5 53am	8 10pm
Monroe	6 43am	9 12pm
Wilmington	.....	*12 05pm
Charlotte	*7 50am	*10 25pm
Ar Chester	*8 03am	*10 56pm
Lv Columbia, C N & L R R	.....	*6 00pm
Ar Clinton, S.A.L.	*9 45am	*12 14am
Greenwood	10 35am	1 07am
Abbeville	11 03am	1 35am
Elberton	12 07pm	2 41am
Ar Athens	1 13pm	3 43am
Ar Winder	1 56pm	4 23am
Ar Atlanta (Central time)	2 50pm	5 20am

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	No.402.	No. 38.
Lv Atlanta (Central time)	*12 00n'n	*7 50pm
Lv Winder	2 40pm	10 40pm
Lv Athens	3 13pm	11 19pm
Elberton	4 15pm	12 31pm
Abbeville	5 15pm	1 35am
Greenwood	5 41pm	2 03am
Clinton	*6 30pm	*2 55am
Ar Columbia C. N & L. R. R	*7 45am	.....
Lv Chester, S. A. L.	*8 13pm	*4 25am
Ar. Charlotte	*10 25pm	*7 50am
Lv Monroe	*9 40pm	*6 05am
Hamlet	*11 15pm	8 00am
Ar Wilmington	.....	*12 05pm
Lv So. Pines	*12 00am	9 00am
Raleigh	*2 16am	11 35am
Ar Henderson	3 28am	*12 57pm
Ar Durham	†7 32am	†4 16pm
Lv Durham	†7 00pm	†11 19am
Ar Weldon	*4 55am	*2 45pm
Richmond A.C.L.	8 20am	7 35pm
Washington, Penn R.R.	12 31pm	11 30pm
Baltimore	1 46pm	1 08am
Philadelphia	3 50pm	3 50am
New York	*6 23pm	*6 58am
Ar Portsmouth	7 25am	5 20pm
Norfolk	*7 35am	*5 35pm

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STATIONS.	5 Passenger daily. P. M.	3 Passenger Daily except Sunday P. M.
W Lv Goldsboro*	5 20	3 40
Bests	s 5 40	s 4 00
W LaGrange*	s 5 49	s 4 09
Falling Creek	s 6 00	s 4 20
W Kinston*	s 6 12	s 4 32
Caswell	f 6 21	f 4 41
Ar Dover†	s 6 30	s 4 50
W Core Creek	s 6 42	s 5 02
Tuscarora	f 6 54	f 5 14
Clark's	f 7 00	f 5 20
W Newbern* Ar	s 7 15	s 5 35
Lv	s 7 25	s 5 45
Riverdale	s 7 50	f 6 10
Croatan	s 7 53	f 6 13
Havelock	s 8 05	s 6 25
W Newport*	s 8 18	s 6 38
Wildwood	8 24	f 6 44
Atlantic	f 8 29	f 9 29
Ar Morehead City* Lv	s 8 37	s 6 57
	s 8 42	s 7 02
Atlantic Hotel		
W Ar M. City Depot*	8 50	7 10
	P. M.	P. M.

WESTBOUND TRAINS.

STATIONS.	4 Passenger Daily except Sunday. A. M.	6 Passenger daily. A. M.
Ar Goldsboro*	11 05	7 00
Bests	s 11 43	s 6 38
W LaGrange*	s 10 32	s 6 27
Falling Creek	s 10 22	s 6 17
W Kinston*	s 10 12	s 6 07
Caswell	f 10 00	f 5 55
Lv Dover†	s 9 52	s 5 47
Ar		
W Core Creek	s 9 40	s 5 35
Tuscarora	f 9 30	s 5 25