

THE CAUCASIAN.

EDITORIAL.

SOME POINTED QUESTIONS AND STAGGERING ANSWERS.

Question: Why is it that silver voters who co-operated two years ago and carried the State for Bryan by twenty thousand majority are not co-operating to-day?

Answer: Because men who are opposed to Bryan and his principles captured the last Democratic State convention.

Q. Who are these men who repudiated Bryan's plan for co-operation against gold and monopoly, and betrayed one hundred thousand sincere silver Democrats in the State?

A. They are the men who nominated Grover Cleveland in 1892 when they knew that he was a gold bug and a tool of every trust in the country. They are the men who fooled the people into voting for Cleveland by telling them that he was a good silver man and an enemy to trusts; they are the Ransomites and the Clevelandites and the hired attorneys who are hired by the railroads to manipulate politics more than they are hired for their legal ability. And last but not least in this aggregation of goldbug agents are Secret Circular Simmons and his brigade of ballot-box stuffers and perjurers. All of these men are opposed to the principles of Thomas Jefferson. All of these men would prefer to see Cleveland rather than Bryan President. All of these men wanted to see Bryan defeated for President in the last campaign.

Q. Do these men and their hired hangers-on make up a majority of the Democratic party?

A. No. They compose numerically but a small part of the party. They do not represent more than ten or twelve thousand voters in the party. There are ten voters in the Democratic party who are opposed to them, their principles and methods, for every one voter who favors them.

Q. Then how did this small number of gold bugs, who are opposed to every principle of honest Jeffersonian Democracy, manage to capture the Democratic State convention and betray Bryan and the cause of silver and corporation reform?

A. They had their plans over one year ago and have been secretly at work ever since to take snap judgment on the silver Democrats who compose such a large majority of the party. Over one year ago the Clevelandites and the Palmer-Bunkerites and the McKinley Democrats put their heads together and made a deal with the railroads of the State—the goldbug railroads that supported McKinley and the gold standard against Bryan and free silver in the last campaign. These goldbug railroads that contributed such a vast sum of money to elect McKinley, were free to pass to elect McKinley, were free to pass to help the Clevelandites and the other gold and monopoly conspirators in the Democratic party to capture the Democratic State convention. Every newspaper that the railroads and the gold syndicate could control was taken into the deal. Their plan was to sidetrack Bryan and silver and monopoly reform questions, and by capturing the machinery of the Democratic party to force the silver Democrats to help them to fight a campaign on side issues in order to sidetrack the real issues. They determined to divide the silver forces and to force the campaign to be fought on some other issue. A similar arrangement was planned in every State in the Union. The Clevelandites and the railroad attorneys in every State began work over a year ago to capture the Democratic State convention. Last spring Mr. Bryan and Senator Jones, the chairman of the Democratic national committee, wrote open letters to the Democratic voters of the country warning them of this deep and widespread conspiracy and calling upon the true silver Democratic voters to rally to the rescue in each State, to go to their conventions and control the machinery of the party, not only in favor of silver and against monopoly, but in favor of getting a co-operation of the silver parties and making a united front against the combined forces of gold and monopoly.

Q. How is it that the silver Democrats of the country failed to heed the bold, ringing and urgent appeals made by Bryan and Jones?

A. The patriotic masses of the Democratic party never knew or heard of these letters and appeals sent out by Bryan and Jones. The Populists and free silver Republican papers published their letters, but not over one-half dozen Democratic papers in North Carolina published them. Every paper that the railroads and Clevelandites could control refused to publish them. A part of the conspiracy was to keep the truth away from the people. They determined to keep the people in ignorance of the conspiracy that was formed, and to call their convention early so as to take snap judgment. If the so-called Demo-

cratic newspapers had published the letters of Bryan and Jones, and the people could have read what they said, the masses of the silver Democrats would have rallied and controlled the Democratic State convention in North Carolina and in every State in the Union except such States as New York and a few New England States, where the gold Democrats are in the majority. This is why Mr. Bryan's letter was suppressed and the silver Democrats kept in ignorance of it. Mr. Bryan is his letter warned the people that in States where gold was strong (like New York) that there the gold Democrats would openly ignore the Chicago platform and repudiate silver; but that in States where silver was strong (like North Carolina) that the Clevelandites would pretend to be for silver in order to fool the people into letting them go as delegates to conventions, but that such men when they got to conventions, while professing to be for silver, and while agreeing to the passage of strong resolutions, yet they would every time "refuse to do what was necessary to win a victory for silver." If the people of this State could have read that warning issued by Bryan and Jones last spring and been made to realize the danger, it is safe to say that three-fourths of the men who went to the last Democratic State convention as delegates would never have gotten here. In their place would have been true Bryan Democrats in a large majority. In order to make it certain that their plans would succeed, the Clevelandites who controlled the Democratic State Convention in this State called the convention early last spring before the masses of the people had begun to think about politics. They tricked the people and packed the convention with men who did not represent one-tenth of the Democratic party. Of course that convention repudiated Mr. Bryan's policy for winning a victory for silver and the people of course they did everything in their power to prevent the silver voters who joined hands and carried the State for Bryan by twenty thousand majority in the last campaign from joining hands and staving such a victory for the people in this campaign. Having thus betrayed one hundred thousand sincere silver Democrats in the State by deliberately dividing the silver forces of the State in the interest of gold and monopoly, it was necessary for them to do something to try to all attention from their conspiracy and to try to frighten the honest silver Democrats into submitting to their traitorous leadership. For this purpose they decided that the cry of negro domination and an appeal to race prejudice was their most effective weapon.

Q. If these Clevelandites were honestly frightened at the danger of negro domination, which they say threatens the State, and if they honestly thought that such a threatened danger was greater and more to be feared than the threatened danger (as they consider it) of the triumph of silver, could they not at their State Convention have pursued a course that would have made it absolutely certain that the negro would be eliminated as a political factor in the coming campaign?

A. Certainly they could. If they feared the negro more than they feared the triumph of silver they could have agreed for co-operation of the white silver forces and carried the State for Bryan by twenty thousand majority as it was carried in the last election. If they are honest in their pretended fear of negro domination, then, goldbugs as they are, they would have taken the lesser of two evils and have agreed to the triumph of silver in order to secure white supremacy.

Q. Then why did they pursue a different course when this certain means of victory for the white supremacy they pretended to desire was at hand?

A. Because the supreme and overshadowing question with the men who controlled the Democratic State Convention was the triumph of the gold standard and the domination of the State by the railroads and other monopolies. These men are agents and hirelings of these monopolies. They were running the Democratic State Convention in the interest of these monopolies. They were ready to resort to anything to divide and fool the people in order that these monopolists might win the election and proceed to bleed and rob the people. So their refusal to let the white silver voters (who make a majority) get together was in the interest of gold and monopoly, and the cry of negro domination is raised as a cover behind which they are trying to carry out their infamous treachery. This negro campaign is a part of their deliberate scheme and programme. It is a campaign of their own selection and choosing. They hate the Peoples Party and its principles just as they hate Bryan and his principles.

They had rather have negro domination than let the people break up monopoly domination. They know that a co-operation of the silver for-

ces would unite a majority of the white people for silver and against monopoly, and that such a co-operation would crush out monopoly domination and give to the people the best white man's government the State has ever had.

Q. But are not the Clevelandites under the leadership of one F. M. Simmons, succeeding in fooling some good men who have failed to realize the purpose behind all of their vehement and exciting cry about the threatened horrors of negro domination?

A. Yes. They have, by deliberate falsehood and by magnifying mole hills into mountains, by indecent cartoons and incendiary and inflammatory speeches, managed to get the passions and prejudices of good men aroused before the facts could be gotten to them and reason could assert itself. They have succeeded in fooling many credulous and excitable people, and even in addition, some solid and level-headed men; but they are not fooling themselves. They are not in the least afraid of the negro or of the impossible contingency of negro domination. If they were even half as scared of the negro as they pretend they are they would have readily and eagerly accepted Bryan's advice (as much as they hate him) and permitted the silver Democrats to co-operate with the other silver forces as represented by the Peoples Party in North Carolina, all of whom are white men. If we had had negro domination or there had been the least possible danger of negro domination and they had been the least frightened about it, they would have gladly jumped at any means or proposed help to have gotten rid of it. This fact is so self-evident that further elaboration is not necessary.

Q. Would not a co-operation this year of all who supported Bryan in 1896 have given the State a white majority more than twenty thousand, as it did then. Would it not have made white supremacy as well as the supremacy of the people over monopoly and trust domination certain beyond the shadow of a doubt?

A. Yes; absolutely certain. Q. Then why did the Clevelandites, who controlled the Democratic State Convention, refuse to accept such co-operation which was offered by the Peoples Party but on the other hand did everything in their power to divide and separate the white men and silver forces?

A. Because they are Clevelandites. Because they love gold and monopoly, and love attorney fees more than the interests of the people. Because they fear the rule of the people more than they fear negro domination.

NEGRO ROAD OVERSEERS.

Scene on the Road Where White Men are Working the Public roads Under Negro Overseers.



There are a Number of Counties in North Carolina Under Democratic Government, Where Negro Road Overseers Have Been Appointed Over White Men.

Negro Road Overseers Have Great Influence Under Democratic Rule. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 17, 1898. The Democratic papers in North Carolina have been raising considerable dust about a negro in Craven county being appointed road overseer, and white men having to work under him. We have had a case of the same kind in Cumberland under Democratic management. Here in Cross Creek township the Board of Road Supervisors are all Democrats. At a meeting of said Democratic Board, one C. B. McMillan, a Democrat and a white man, moved to appoint a negro, by the name of Williams, overseer on a certain section of road, situated in Cross Creek. C. P. Overby, a white man and a Democrat, seconded the nomination and the Democratic chairman put the question to the Democratic Board and it was carried; the negro was appointed. He has worked the road several times and white men have worked under him. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23d day of September, 1898. B. F. NEWBY, J. P.

Brooks also had white men under him, but there was then no wild cry of "negro domination," because his particular negro domination was established by the Democratic machine. Randolph County in Line. NORTH CAROLINA, Randolph Co., I, James M. Hill, colored, being duly sworn, depose and say: I was appointed road overseer over the hands that worked the road leading from Ashboro to Franklinville by John Hill, a Democratic chairman of the road supervisors for Ashboro township. My force consisted of the following white men: John Chrico, Cooner Chrico and Zimri Jarrell. Also the following colored men: Atlas Baldwin and George H. McCain. I was overseer of this road for two years. George H. McCain, colored, was afterwards appointed overseer of this road, and I worked under him with the above named white men. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23d day of September, 1898. B. F. NEWBY, J. P.

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Negro Road Overseers in Robeson County Democratic regime appointed negroes as road overseers in Robeson county, among them being Needham McEachern, in Blue Springs township, and white men had to work under them or hire substitutes. State of North Carolina, Duplin county. I am a citizen of Duplin county, Fairson township, and I wish every person to know how white men have been treated in our county while there is so much being said in favor of the white man's party by the Democrats. And to their shame they do just the reverse of what they profess to be. There is a negro, whose name is Simon Loftin, who has been appointed an overseer on the public roads in our township, and received his appointment from A. D. Hicks, one of the men who is now saying as much about negro overseers in Eastern North Carolina. Personally appeared before me this day J. D. Bell, who, being duly sworn, says that the above certificate is true. September 12th, 1898. J. F. SHINE, J. P.

Whitakers, N. C., Sept. 12, '98. Notice in Mr. Secret Circular.

Simmons' campaign paper a cartoon, representing a negro road overseer working white men on the public roads in Craven county. I think it said: "Something never before seen in North Carolina." In North Whitakers township, (this immediate section) Nash county, has had as many as four negro overseers within the past few years, and in the days of "good government," when Nash county was Democratic from township constable up. Who appointed them? The Dems say the Pops are breaking ranks and going back to them, but they can't spot their men. A very few are being fooled into the "white government" notion. Some speak of this kind of a white-captain, why they jined.

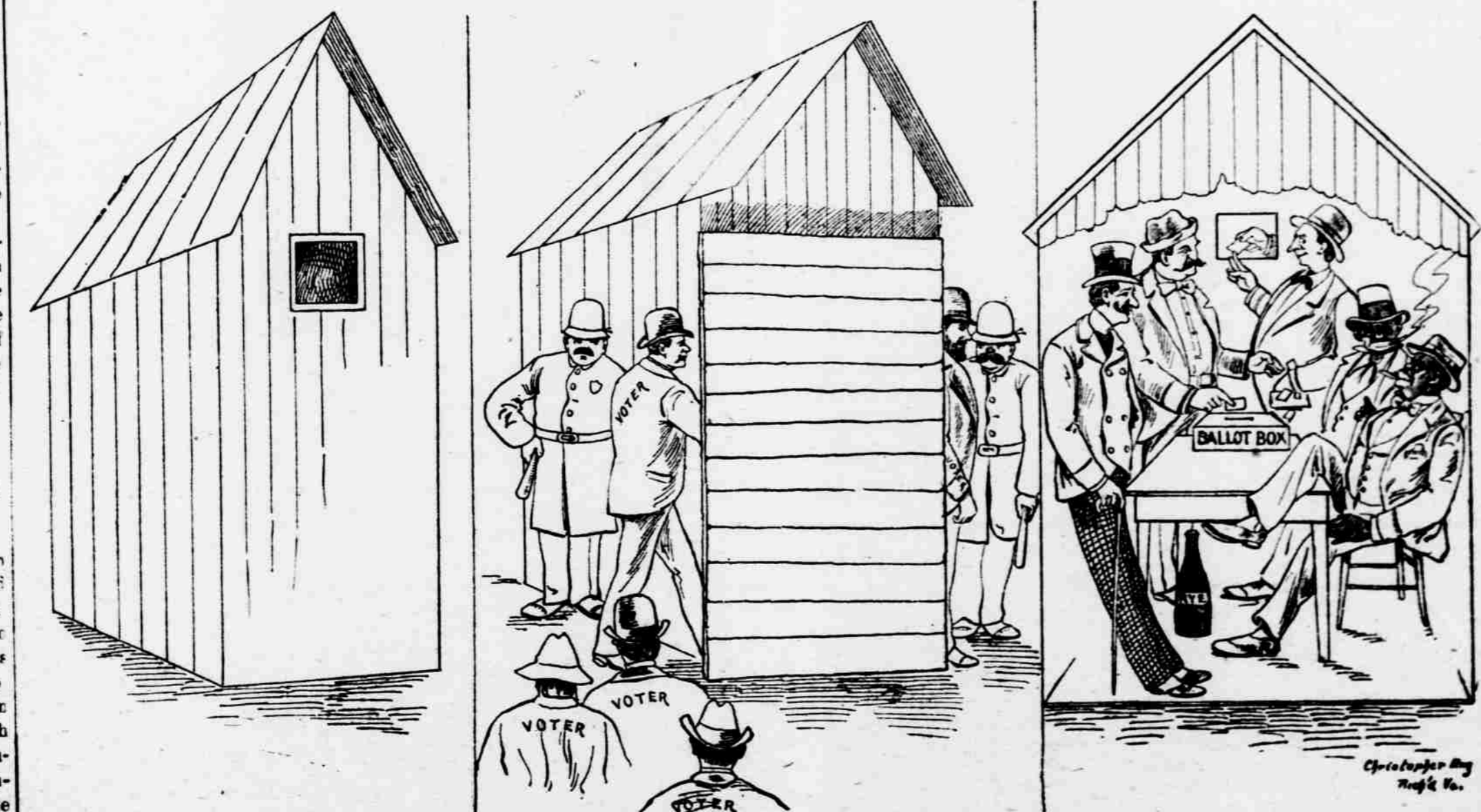
Office of Board of Supervisors of Public Roads, Randolph county, Back Creek Township, Aug. 6, 1898: To Sam Rush (colored):—You are hereby appointed overseer of the public road leading from Ford of Back Creek to County Home, and known as the Stage Road. The following hands living on the same are ordered to work under you: Haywood Hoskins, H. H. Dougan and Milton Hunt. By order of the board. G. L. ROANAN, Clerk.

Office of Board of Supervisors of Public Roads, Randolph county, Back Creek Township, Aug. 6, 1898: To Ben Winslow (colored):—You are hereby appointed overseer of the public road leading from Ford of Back Creek, near William Lowe's to township line, near Ezra Paul's. The following hands are ordered to work under you: Frank Phillips, John Winslow, Moses Hill and Julius Helper. By order of the board. HUGH MCCAIN, Chairman.

Office of Board of Supervisors of Public Roads of Randolph county, Back Creek Township. To John Fuller (colored):—You are hereby appointed overseer of the public road leading from the forks of the road, near A. B. Miller, to the township line, near Henry Miller's, and known as the Moore's Road. The hands living upon the said road are under you: M. B. Miller, Milton Bell (col.). By order of the board, Mar. 29, 1894. (Signed) JAMES MILLER.

Secret Circular Simmons' Bull-Pens.

The Democratic Method of Stuffing Ballot-Boxes and Stealing Elections in the East.



This represents "Bull pen" before, railing or wall is put up. See the little square hole that the ballots are to be stuck in at election. This shows the outside of "Bull pen" on the day of election. The wall has been put up close to the "Bull pen," so that only one voter can squeeze through at a time. He does not know what becomes of his ballot after he hands it in.

This shows the inside of "Bull Pen" from the back end. These two colored men have been appointed poll-holders by the Commissioners, either because they could not read or because they were "Democratic niggers." See the voter taking a Peoples Party vote in at the window with one hand, while he takes a Democratic vote from his side pocket. The Democratic vote goes into the box.

Senator Tiltman who were present shaking up the representations of the Democratic press and telling what Tiltman did say. One of these letters from John McDuffie was published in the last issue of The Caucasian.

Tiltman boldly told his audience that the silver men of all parties in North Carolina ought to have gotten together. He knew that the silver voters who joined hands in the last campaign to carry the State for Bryan by twenty thousand majority could and should have joined hands this year and carried the State by the same or an increased majority; that that was a white majority and a majority for silver and against monopoly.

He said that he had been told that the Populists were to blame this far in that they demanded that the Democrats should agree to a form of county government which would put a few eastern counties under the control of the negroes. We do not know who gave Senator Tiltman this piece of information, but whoever he is he is basely and maliciously misstated and misrepresented the facts. The Peoples Party State convention did not ask, and did not want anything that would put any county or township in the State under negro rule. The language of the Peoples Party State convention with reference to county government was as follows:

"We desire the election of a legislature in favor of a system of local self-government which will enact UNDER PROPER SAFEGUARDS sufficient legislation to guarantee to the counties the right to elect local officers." This declaration gives the broadest latitude as to what kind of proper safeguards are necessary, and certainly if there had been co-operation between the Populists and silver Democrats, every Democrat could have trusted himself to have stood out in favor of a bill that would have contained what he considers proper and necessary safeguards. Besides, the Democratic State Convention, knew or at least a number of the leading spirits in it who claim to favor co-operation knew, that the Peoples Party was in favor of acting on the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Harris vs. Wright, reported in 121 N. C. Report, 172, in which the court, for the first time, took the position that it would be constitutional for the legislature to provide one system of county government for one county or number of counties, and a different system for another county or number of counties. The Democratic Convention knowing this, not only refused the Peoples Party proposition for a co-operation of all the silver forces, but refused to even appoint a committee of conference to confer in detail as to this matter and other matters of supposed difference or controversy. The Clevelandites who captured the Democratic State Convention, repudiated Bryan and silver and betrayed one hundred thousand silver Democrats, could not justify their course to Senator Tiltman, and therefore they stooped to downright lying to find some pretext behind which to hide their treachery.

Senator Tiltman, continuing his speech, said that even if the Peoples Party was to blame in this particular that still if the old Ransom machine and the Clevelandites were in charge of the machinery of the Democratic party that he could not and did not advise Populists and silver men to vote for them and turn over the control of North Carolina to them. This statement of Senator Tiltman was greeted with such applause by the Populists and true silver men, and met with such silence by the Democratic machine, that had invited him to come to speak, that he expressed astonishment that the utterance he had made was cheered more by Populists than it was by Democrats. Senator Tiltman did not know how many silver Democrats joined the Populists in cheering him. He simply knew the faces of a lot of machine Democrats who had invited him there, and who had met him at the depot and at the hotel, and he knew he had his class of fellows hard for they did not cheer.

Senator Tiltman said in his speech at Richmond, Va., five days before the Fayetteville speech that the best way to help Bryan and save the cause of silver in the state of New York was to defeat the goldbug Democratic ticket. He said it was better for the cause of silver for the goldbug Republicans to carry New York than for men calling themselves Democrats who had repudiated Bryan and silver to carry it. If Senator Tiltman had known the true situation in North Carolina he would have unhesitatingly have said in his Fayetteville speech that the way to help Bryan and the cause of silver in North Carolina was to defeat the Ransom machine which has captured the Democratic party, and to crush forever the political conspiracy headed by A. B. Andrews and ballot-box stuffers Simmons.

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