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Good many of our readers who would like to secure one or more of the valuable prizes we are offering would like to have the time extended. To accommodate them we have decided to extend our offer for two months. This is the most liberal offer we have ever made, and we are only giving our friends and others an opportunity to get the full benefit of it. If you intend to work any of these premiums notify me and I will send you sample copies and give you any assistance I can. Enter in the names as fast as you secure them and get your premium when ever you want it. You do not need to wait till the contest is over. This is the best opportunity you have ever had or may ever have to get one of these valuable articles for so little trouble.

PREMIUM OFFER.

For any one who will send us one new subscriber we will give one dozen papers garden seed

For a club of six subscribers we will give a Harris Cotton Planter.

For a club of eight subscribers we will give a pretty 22 calibre rifle.

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For a club of twelve subscribers we will give a handsome eight-day clock.

For a club of fifteen subscribers we will give a fine single barrel breech loading shot gun.

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To the largest club received until October we will give a cash prize of $25. If there are only five subscribers in the lot. The winner of the cash prize can take his choice between the club prize and the cash prize.

This contest will close on the 31st of May. Renewals count the same as new subscribers. In all cases money must accompany clubs. For further information address

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The Curfew in Omaha.

OMAHA, April 1.—The city council by a vote of fourteen to four, passed the curfew ordinance, over the Mayor's veto. The law will go into effect immediately.

SENATOR BUTLER TALKS.

HE WRITES A LETTER FULLY DEFINING HIS VIEWS.

Will Not Agree to Co-Operation on the Terms Proposed by the Republicans—They Have No Right to Lay Down Terms—The Pops Must Have the Governor—This is the Last Year There will be Co-Operation in North Carolina—How to Have Successful and Harmonious Co-Operation.

Mr. W. E. Christian, the Washington correspondent of THE NEWS, furnishes us today with the following important document from Senator Marion Butler. It is addressed to the Populist chairmen in North Carolina:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—

My dear Sir:—A great deal is being said about co-operation for the coming campaign. I am in favor of co-operation, but I am not in favor of agreeing to the terms which our Republican friends have laid down, and are insisting upon. We can never get any terms for co-operation that are equally advantageous to our party if we let the Republicans think that we will submit to the terms which they have proposed. They have no right to lay down their terms for co operation, their ultimatum as it were, without consulting us. This is what they have done, and are now busy charging that everybody is opposed to co-operation who will not agree to their terms. If we should tamely submit to this, neither they nor anybody else would have any respect for us. We must remember that they are simply looking out for the interest of the Republican party. If we do not look out for the interest of the People's party, no one else will. If we believe that the principles of the People's party are necessary to give the people relief and a return of good government, then we are false to the people unless we use every honorable effort to advance these principles, and to build up the People's party. In my opinion, the terms which Senator Pritchard has proposed are not only not fair to the People's party, but dangerous to its existence and future growth. In fact, I believe it would mean demoralization, if not a fatal blow to our party for us to agree to support an Electoral Ticket, one half of which was pledged to vote for a goldbug for President. In fact, I do not believe that one-half of the Populists in the State could be gotten to vote for such a ticket; and I want to say, frankly, that if our party were to be so shortsighted as to agree to such terms with the Republicans, I do not think we could blame any Populist who would refuse to vote the ticket. Again, what a spectacle it would be to have one-half of the state ticket advocating and supporting, on every stump, a goldbug for President, with the other half of the same ticket, on the same stump, opposing gold bugs, and advocating just the opposite kind of a ticket. Such a thing would be the most inconsistent and absurd combination ever seen in American politics. Such inconsistency would be equal to the conduct of the Democratic party in claiming to be for one thing in the State, and then supporting a candidate for President that was just the opposite. The Democratic leaders have done this when they knew that they were sacrificing the interests of the people, and betraying the welfare of the country into the hands of goldbugs and monopolists. They have done it in order that a few might hold Federal offices. We have condemned and repudiated the Democratic party for doing this. Now shall we approve of and actually assist the Republicans in doing the same thing?

It seems to me that with two parties, differing as widely as the People's party and the Republican party do, as National Organizations, on National issues, that it is absolutely necessary to find some way to prevent these differences, (which will be the leading issues in the coming campaign) from bobbing up on every stump to put us on the defensive, and to cause friction and demoralization. If the Republicans in the State would stand by their convictions, there is not a great deal of difference between us on certain questions. Therefore, it seems to me that the only way to have successful and harmonious co-operation, that will be alike fair and honorable to both sides, is for the two parties in the State to see on what principles they can agree, and then to put up an Independent Electoral Ticket, not pledged to any candidate for President, but pledged to these principles. We certainly can agree on free silver; on the income tax; and on opposition to bonds; and may be able to agree on other questions. Of course, I would like to make the whole Omaha platform the basis of co operation; but if we cannot get that, then certainly we must insist upon some principles as a basis for co operation. We cannot give up every principle and vote for goldbug electors. Let us at least insist upon an Electoral Ticket pledged not to vote for any goldbug for President. With an Independent Electoral Ticket like this, then every one of the co-operative candidates for any office in the State can say that he will vote for that Electoral Ticket. This will not only prevent any friction between us, but will produce entire harmony, and make a winning fight from beginning to end. Besides it would enable us to put the Democrats on the defensive by showing that we were consistent and that they were not; for they will certainly have to support a goldbug for President, or join us. To take a course like this would not only be consistent for us, but it would be the consistent thing for the Republicans in the state to do; and I believe that they will do it if we stand up for the right. We must remember that they need our votes as bad as we need theirs, and whenever they find that we are not ready to surrender all of our principles, and accept any terms that they name, they will be ready to confer in order that we may find out and agree on the best and most harmonious course to pursue.

It is perfectly clear that this is the last year that there will be co-operation in North Carolina. Therefore, we must consider well what the future of the People's party will be after this campaign is over. If we do not consider this matter now; if do not stand by our principles, and mantain a consistent position so that we can gain recruits in the present campaign, and be in a position to gain more in the future, then we had just as well now to make up our minds to quit and go into one of the old parties. The People's party has nothing but its principles It is like a woman who has nothing but her chastity; when that is gone, all is gone, and no one has any respect for her. If we can afford to sacrifice our principles, and not only approve of the Republicans supporting a goldbug for President, but actually assist them in doing it, then we could have afforded to stay in the old parties, and had no good reason for leaving them and starting the People's party. We have now before us a golden opportunity for building up the People's party. The principles that we have contended for can no longer be side tracked. They are now the overshadowing questions, and burning issues in American politics. We must stand in a position to receive the recruits. What folly it would be for us to compromise these issues now, when circumstances and the record of the two old parties have justified our predictions and our course! If we do how can we ever hope for another man to leave the old parties and come to us? When good men, who are in the old parties are daily declaring that they will not vote for a goldbug if their parties nominate one, how strange and absurd it will be for us, who have left and repudiated the two old parties, to take the position that we are ready to vote for a goldbug Republican. How then could we ever expect any decent man to leave the two old parties and come to us? Such a course would demoralize our present forces, and prevent us from ever gaining another vote.

As I have said above, I believe that the Republicans will agree to the fair, logical, and consistent course if we will stand up for it, and insist upon it; but they certainly will not do so if we show a readiness to desert our principles, and agree to any terms that they may name. We must remember that politics is war, and that neither one of the old parties have any love for the People's party, any further than they can use us to serve their own ends. We must remember that the leaders of the Republican party fear the People's party as much as the leaders of the Democratic party do. They are in constant dread that the rank and file of their parties will leave them and join us, because they know that we are right and that they are wrong. They know that they are trying to lead the people to vote against their own prosperity; they know they are trying to get them to support a goldbug and monopolist administration in order that the leaders may be in close touch with such administration, and control the Federal patronage; they know that this will give relief to one man out of five hundred, while the five hundred will grow poorer. They know on the other hand, that we are trying to lead the people to the only sure road for relief and prosperity. They know that they cannot fool the people all of the time, and that, sooner or later, the masses will leave the old parties and flock under our banner. In fact, the existence and continuous growth of the People's party is the only thing that menacs and endangers the existence and continuous rule of the two old parties The advocacy of the principles of the People's party is a constant source of irritation and alarm to the leaders of the Republican party; as well as to the leaders of the Democratic party. The Republicans would like to see us sacrifice our principles, and take a position where we would lose prestige and influence with the masses as much as the leaders of the Democratic party do. In fact, it is the Republican party that we will have to fight in the future. The Democratic party is already practically dead. I do not believe that the Democratic party will ever elect another President. It is bound to split to pieces. In fact, the Democratic party cannot get over sixty thousand votes in the coming election in North Carolina for a goldbug for President. Even if we were to have three tickets in the field, the Democratic party would be the third in the race in North Carolina as well as in the Nation In fact, there is but one thing that can enable the Democratic machine to keep the rank and file in the party, and that is for us to take such a position that no self respecting man would leave his party to come to us; and for us to sacrifice our principles, and especially the great question of financial reform is the only thing that would cause the people to remain in the discredited party We have before us now an opportunity that will never come again. Therefore, in the coming campaign, we must insist on terms of co-operation of such a nature that we can not only continue to draw strength from the Democratic party, but such as will put us in a position where we can gain largely from the Republicans in the next campaign. If we keep ourselves consistent on the financial question, we will be able to do this. That is, if we have co operation against goldbugs in the coming campaign, we will not only draw from the Democratic party on that question, but we will so educate the rank and file of the Republican party during the campaign in favor of financial reform, that in the future, when the People's party makes a fight alone, it can appeal successfully to these men to come to us on this question. In short, we must remember that we can never gain a single vote from the Republican party as long as we co-operate with them. Therefore, we will not gain anything, but actually lose ground unless we co-operate for financial reform; and besides, it is impossible to gain votes from the Democrats in the present campaign unless we co-operate on this line. The whole future, as well as the existence of the People's party is now at stake. Therefore, we must be wise and cautious; we must look ahead.

In conclusion let me say that in my opinion we should say to the Republicans that we are in favor of co-operation, but that the basis of co-operation must be a common fight against the gold bugs.

Please pardon such a lengthy letter, but I feel so earnestly about this matter that I thought I ought to state my opinion to you at some length. I will be glad to hear from you With best wishes, I am

Yours Truly
MARION BUTLER.

P. S.—I will send you in a few days some copies of my speech on the Bond Bill, for distribution.

Yours, etc,
MARION BUTLER.

Manuel Pulled Their Leg for $24,000.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The partners of the firm of August Belmont & Co., declined today to discuss the swindle perpetrated upon them on March 12th, when they were induced to cash a forged check for twenty-four thousand dollars, on Messrs Jose, Hidalgo & Co. They would only say that the forger is known under the name of Manuel Gonzales Mendoza.

MR. WOODARD'S CONTEST.

CHARGE THAT HE WAS COUNTED IN BY FRAUD

A Record of Evidence That Clearly Shows the Charge Unfounded—Confidence Felt That Woodard Will Win—Congressman Shaw Interviewed.

Special to the NEWS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The election contest of Cheathem vs Woodard was heard yesterday by election committee No. 2. Judge H. G. Connor and Hon. C. B. Aycock represented Mr. Woodard and Major J. W. Graham and Blocks-of-Five Dudley represented the contestant The contestant who was defeated by over 5,600 majority, alleges that Mr. Woodard was counted in by fraud on the part of the judges of election.

Messes Connor and Aycock both addressed the committee, and from the record of evidence clearly showed that the election was conducted fairly; that there was no intention on fraud practiced, and that the judges of election were men of good character Major Graham and Blocks-of-Five Dudley made the best showing they could with the evidence before them.

The friends of Mr. Woodard are confident that he will win.

Representative Nelson, of Caldwell, was in the city last night on his way home from New York. Judge D. L. Russell is here, also Mr. D. W. Whitaker, of Durham, ex-United States Commissioner.

In an interview today with Congressman Shaw, he said, as to the county reciprocity plan, that if the Democrats would agree to support a Populist for a local office he would not object, provided the Populists would agree to join the Democrats in an endeavor to establish and maintain a white man's government in North Carolina, and also to aid the Democrats in an effort to elect a free silver Democrat for President.

"The people of the country," said he, "want free coinage. A majority of the voters of the whole country earnestly desire it. If the Populist party had never been organized, without doubt the next President would be a Democrat. Nearly every Populist was formerly a Democrat, and if they had not left us we would now have absolute control of the party organization. The nominee of the Chicago Convention will be a decided free silver man nominated on a silver platform. It is highly probable that the nominee will be a Southern man. Morgan is the ablest and most available man. If the issue is to be made on the silver question the section from which the candidate comes will amount to nothing. The people will want a man of ability. Morgan is the ablest lawyer in the country, and if elected President, would inaugurate a foreign policy superior to any we have had" W. E. C.

Iowa Democrats Endorse Boies as the "Gladstone of America."

DES MOINES, Ia., March 30.—The first Democratic convention in Iowa to select delegates to the state convention at Ottumwa, which will choose national convention delegates met in Webster City, Hamilton county, and adopted resolutions denouncing the present congress, deploring the possibility of a re-enactment of the McKinley bill and endorsing Horace Boies, of Iowa, for President, characterizing him as "the Great Commoner, the Gladstone of America."

Dispatching Troops to the Cape of Good Hope.

LONDON, April 1.—Owing to the gravity of the situation in South Africa, the government is taking steps to despatch five thousand troops to the Cape of Good Hope as soon as possible, in order to be ready for any emergency. The directors of the British Chartered South African Company have formally requested the government to order immediate dispatch of five hundred regular troops from Capetown to Buluwey.

The American Tobacco Co's Snap.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The action of the directors of the American Tobacco Co., yesterday afternoon, after the close of the Stock Exchange, in declaring a cash dividend of two per cent. on common and preferred stock, together with a scrip dividend of twenty per cent. on common stock, caused considerable excitement on the Stock Exchange. There was a great rush for tobacco this morning. Seventy-five thousand shares were traded in by noon, the average price being about 91.

REVOLT AGAINST REED.

THE SPEAKER BEAT AT HIS OWN GAME.

The Bolter Republicans Beginning to Stand Strong Against the Czar—George Bason Present to Mr. Cleveland—Personals.

Correspondence of THE NEWS.

WASHINGTON, D. C, March 29.—There was a distinct and decided revolt yesterday against the Bossism of Reed, who against the best interests of the country has been galloping rough-shod over necessary private legislation in order, after having put through the appropriation bills, he might close up and go home. Dispatch of business is well enough, but there is much meritorious and needed legislation that he will not bother to get even recognition. Thursday evening Cameron, of Illinois, gave notice that on yesterday the Sundry Civil Bill would be taken up, and the general public did not, of course, dream of any other programme: But another programme had been arranged all right enough. An incident will illustrate: Yesterday morning, in the Committee on Commerce, Warren Miller, of New York, was speaking, and Josiah Patterson, Democrat, of Tennessee, proposed that the committee remain until two o'clock to hear Mr. Miller out Tim Sherman, Republican, of New York, a member of the committee replied that he would have to go into the House at 12 o'clock. Mr. Patterson said it would be of no use as the Sundry Civil Bill would be taken up. Sherman smiled significantly, and said "well we'll see," and went into the House. The vote was put and in spite of Dingley, Cannon, Hill and other Reed lieutenants the Speaker was beat at his own game 2 to 1 and private bills were taken up evidently by prearrangement among the Republicans. Up to this time they have been afraid to assert their independence, because they feared the threatened Reed boom, but this has been coming in so slowly that the bolter Republicans have begun to stand with some defiance against the once strong Czar who it seems is degenerating into a harmless lump of fat. So it seems that Reed will not be permitted to be in such a hurry as he has planned.

Capt. George F. Bason was here yesterday to intercede with Commissioner Miller in behalf of some moonshiner offenders. Last night he sent to President Cleveland a little book with his compliments entitled "Fishin' Jimmy" The Captain read some from the little book to his friends at the Metropolitan Lobby and said he thought the President would enjoy it. On the fly leaf was written: "To his Excellency, Grover Cleveland from one who thinks none the less of him because he goes fishin'."

Dr. Robert Sherwood McGeachy, of the staff of physicians at the Raleigh Asylum for the Insane, passed through yesterday enroute to Raleigh. He has been for six weeks attending the clinics in New York on nervous diseases and insanity. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. A. McGeachy. W. E C.

Ominous Preparations.

LONDON, March 31.—There are signs on the dock yards and arsenals of preparations for grave events. Special and additional orders have been received to prepare a number of warships for active service. The stores of ammunation are being overhauled and sent on board the vessels to be prepared for commission, and all naval officers on furlough have been telegraphed to rejoin the ships immediately. These measures, however, are believed to be more of a precautionary nature than as indications of probability of hostility. The French Mediterranean squadron, however, is to be strengthened and the second class cruiser, Cecil, has sailed on a special mission to the African coast.

Bismarck's 81st Birthday.

BERLIN, April 1.—Today is the 81st anniversary of the birth of Prince Otto von Birmarck. Active preparations have been going on for some time to make the day one of unalloyed joy for the aged warrior statesman, as few expect he will live to see another birthday. While his specific ailments are not more active than usual, his general strength is failing and his physician has forbidden any undue excitement. The only public demonstration inside the Friedrichsruhe grounds will be a torchlight march of the Hamburg Society tonight. Throughout the German empire though the day is being celebrated in a manner befitting the occasion.