

The Wilmington Messenger, one of the strongest free silver advocates in North Carolina, says this editorially:

"The California bimetalists demand that the silver dollar shall be the unit of value. That is right. It was the unit of value from 1792 to 1873, when Sherman got in his awful work."

Dr. Kingsbury is regarded a good authority on facts of history, and this little short statement forces upon one some serious thoughts.

Was silver ever the unit of value and did it hold that distinction so long? If this be true, why did not the evils, hardships, sufferings and commercial troubles arise then during a space of 81 years, such as we are told by anti-silver men will result now if silver gains the pre-eminence in our monetary system its friends demand for it?

If no awful calamities happened when silver was "in the saddle," why should so many men, true men, honest men, fear evil results if silver be placed where its warmest friends desire it? Have conditions and commerce changed so much?

THE STANDARD feels a perfect contempt for those wild enthusiasts who impugn the honest motives of those who have lined up against silver.

The contempt is no less for those who are pleased to call silver advocates ignoramus or cranks. The subject is too vital—it needs light, such as facts and figures furnish in serious and considerate arguments.

But are the two factions getting closer together—seeing a common ground on which they can stand and fight, under one flag when fighting is needed?

That the silver movement is dying, or that the opposition to silver is growing less, can not be sustained—conjectures are just as strong now as two months ago.

Conventions meet. The news is flashed by electricity across the country that silver won or gold won—there is rejoicing in the camp of the victor—

But we must not lose sight of a respectable minority, who have become strong in the justice and right of its position. What will it do? That's the question that must concern those who desire democratic success.

BUILDERS OF BUSINESS. The New York Herald gropes about for the causes of good times. The great moving cause is corn.

For corn, railroads order steel and give work to rolling mills.

Watching the cornfields, retail merchants enlarge their stocks and send an impetus of activity all along the line of jobbers, wholesale houses and factories.

Calculating on corn, country bankers extend their credits and help to circulate money.

Corn is sold off the farm in large quantities, but it is manufactured on the farm in large quantities. In ten months the hog census can be doubled. A big corn crop is followed by a big hog crop. The hogs add to farm profits and pay debts at home and abroad.

The South is raising more corn than ever before and the crop is in good condition almost everywhere.

Corn is the most potent power for wealth we have in the United States. It does more useful things for the masses—the people of small capital or no capital—than any other of our resources.

The farmers of the West and South with their corn crop are the fashioners of the good times.—St. Louis Republic.

Since cotton is opening so rapidly farmers in this section will soon have a pick at something other than the value of the silver dollar.

If James E Campbell becomes the next governor of Ohio he will be the next president of the United States.—Asheville Citizen.

If the Atlanta bull fight had not been called off, St. Louis was ready to offer her baseball players as matadors with a guarantee that they would not run. Their runs are few and far between.

Sunday's Raleigh Observer had a symposium on the bloomers. The best article was the cartoon: "A little boy, seeing his mother and father riding towards him could not tell which was his mama."

STATE PERSONALS.

Mr. B. F. Haynes, a prominent tobacco manufacturer, of Winston, died Saturday night.

Ex-Senator T. J. Jarvis spoke today at Morganton in favor of free coinage of silver.

J. W. Meacham, city editor of the Wilmington Dispatch, whose sureties gave him up to the sheriff, has had his bond reduced to \$50, and is out on bail.

The condition of Col. Oct. Coke was reported Monday morning to be better. In the afternoon came a change for the worse. His life hangs in the balance.

One of the sights of the city these days is Mr. Walter R. Henry, who sits by the hour like a picture, his huge form framed by the window of the Caucasian office. Mr. Henry is waiting—patiently waiting—for the seven columns of proof, which will serve as the means of letting down his complacency from the heights of Democracy into the depths of populism.—Raleigh Observer.

It is not pleasant to know that recently three or four physicians in North Carolina have been guilty of great outrages for which public execration can not be too severe. There is no punishment too severe for rascals who go into houses to play the part of scoundrels and betrayers.—Wilmington Messenger.

Governor O'Ferrall, of Virginia, publishes a letter declaring vigorously for "sound money." He is a candidate for the United States Senate, against Senator Daniels. If the Governor wrote the article he has changed his ear marks.

Now that Mr. Walter R. Henry has joined the Radicals, he will rise rapidly. It didn't take Judge Norwood long to surpass Webster, and you may listen now for Mr. Henry being the Patrick Henry of North Carolina.

If W. R. Henry had received a "fat" office from the administration he would never have topped so long as "de provisions" held out. It makes a mighty heap of difference whether a piece of corn bread hits a man in the back or in the belly.

THE STANDARD appreciates the prompt answer to the question given Mr. Caldwell, of the Observer. We are surprised, as well as his many friends in Concord, that Mr. Joseph Daniels, of the Raleigh News and Observer, has not answered. The silver men here thought he had an easy job, and THE STANDARD is disappointed because it wanted light.

There is one negro (and we are not at all in sympathy with lynch law at any time) that will surely "go to glory" without the services of judge or jury. It is the desperado Charley Lloyd, who shot young Welsh.

The young Egyptian Khedive is said to possess the most costly set of harness in the world. It is made of black leather, with chased gold buckles, and collars ornamented with the same costly metal. The pad cloths are also embroidered with gold, and the set is said to have cost \$11,000. It is for four horses, and is used on all State occasions.

Even in the haughty 400 of England a fat pocketbook is respected. Colonel North, the nitrate king of London, runs with the prince of Wales, and yet he is a rough-looking man, uneducated and boisterous. But English society has to accept him, and even Mr. Gladstone has to endure him at times.

All the indications point to a general uprising against foreigners in China. In that event Europe and the United States will be in a quandary. There are too many Chinese to fight and they won't stay whipped. To invade and hold their country is out of the question.

The Connecticut soldiers are very dangerous in times of peace. One of them was charging around at Natick the other day and Miss Mabel Taylor received a thrust from his bayonet in her thigh. The warrior will be sued for damages.

Patrick Henry, of North Carolina, is a son-in-law of Ex-Gov. Holden.

The girls who wear bloomers evidently consider that they have nothing to be ashamed of.

The Biblical Recorder says there are twenty-five Baptist churches in process of construction in North Carolina now.

The shipment of California wines this year is nine million gallons, valued at \$2,500,000, against seven and a third million gallons last year, up to July 31, valued at \$3,000,000.

THE ADVANCE IN COTTON.

There was a very decided advance in cotton last Saturday. Contracts improved 20 points and the price of spot cotton in New Orleans went to 74 cents for middling. The net advance during the week in futures was 40 points, or \$2 a bale.

The upward tendency in cotton began on the first of March when the price of middling was about 5 cents. Since that time the price has advanced 24 cents, which is about equivalent to \$12 a bale.

All the indications are that this advance will be maintained until the new crop goes to market, and that would mean a good profit to our cotton growers. The present crop has been grown at a smaller expense, perhaps, than any previous one.

There are good reasons to hope that the present price will hold, even if it does not improve. The crop is much smaller than that of last year. The acreage was very largely decreased last spring. The co-operative effort of the farmers in this direction was successful beyond general expectation and its good result is already apparent.

The heavy consumption by the mills of Europe during the present summer is another reason for the present strong position of cotton. Foreign spinners have drawn largely on their surplus stocks and a lively demand will, in all probability, meet the new crop.

The New Orleans Picayune gives sensible advice to the cotton planters when it says:

"The producers have the future of prices largely in their own hands. Should they attempt to market the entire crop in a few months they will compel a decline; but should they market their yields judiciously, so as to prevent overcrowding the market, they will be able to compel a satisfactory level of values."—Atlanta Journal.

When Aristotle was asked what a man could gain by telling a falsehood, he replied: "Never to be credited when he tells the truth."

Out in Missouri Orville D. Shelby, son of General Joe Shelby, is organizing an expedition to help the Cuban insurgents. Shelby is a brave fellow and has quite a large following among the young men.

Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court, said the other day in the court of an interview: "If we want to live to a green old age we should stay in harness. The dry rot of aimlessness eats out existence."

Mr. Jack L. Ramsey, editor of the Progressive Farmer, has gone to Boston. He says his "prime object is to study the financial question, and that he will flout the bimetallic flag at the English bull." It's dangerous for red articles to go among balls, and the next thing may be an obituary, if the editor doesn't mind where he ventures.

THE STANDARD has received the first issue of the Raleigh Press-Visitor, the consolidated Raleigh evening papers. Mr. Greek O. Andrews, long connected with Raleigh newspaperdom, is the editor and manager. This guarantees brightness and success. THE STANDARD wishes it abundant prosperity, "or words to that effect."

RANSOM RE-APPOINTED. His Commission Received at the White House Yesterday—It Was Expected Monday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—The uncertainty concerning the case of Hon. Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina, was ended today by the announcement of the ex-Senator's re-appointment to the position of minister to Mexico, which was declared vacant by the decision of Acting Attorney General Conrad that Mr. Ransom's nomination to the mission during his senatorial term was unconstitutional. It was known pretty generally in official circles yesterday that the commission of Mr. Ransom would be received at the White House today and some surprise was expressed by those cognizant of the fact that it had not been received, because their information was that the commission had been signed on Saturday. That this understanding is correct is borne out by the date of the document which came in to-day's White House mail and is dated August 24.

His Shirt Stolen. Mr. Ed. Castor is minus a shirt. He is working near the depot and owing to the excessive heat, had discarded his top shirt, placing same on a box with his coat. His business called him to the Buffalo mills, and when he returned his coat pockets had been rifled and his "biled" shirt taken. It is thought a tramp lifted it.

QUAY CHARGES BRIBERY.

He Says His Opponents are Offering \$700 to \$3,000 for Votes. HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 24.—Quay gave out the following statement this evening:

"I have been hearing instances of attempted bribery of delegates friendly to me all day. As the facts come to light they fully justify my warnings to my friends, telling them that everything is over except explanations. The combine is making a last desperate charge all along the line. They are offering sums ranging from \$700 to \$3,000 for delegate votes. This is not true of any particular locality, but applies to all parts of Pennsylvania. A careful watch is being maintained in every county by my friends and I am promptly advised of whatever occurs of this nature. No bribery can be successfully consummated without my full knowledge immediately, and I shall make a full investigation into each case and lay the facts before the public. Delegates have been met with offers of money in some instances and positions in others. These are not idle rumors, but are fully substantiated facts and I desire to call the attention of my friends to these proceedings, feeling that I can rely upon their co-operation in preventing them."

AN EDITOR UNDER ARREST. Mr. Meacham, of the Dispatch, Surrendered by His Sureties.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 24.—The sureties on the bond of J. W. Meacham, city editor of the Evening Dispatch, notified the Sheriff of this county yesterday of their withdrawal from the bond given for his appearance at the next term of the Superior court, whereupon he was arrested by the Sheriff and held in custody. It will be remembered that Mayor Fishplate instituted proceedings against Meacham a short time since for criminal libel and he was placed under a bond of \$1,000 for his appearance at the September term of the Superior court. The securities on this bond were Mr. R. A. Price and Mrs. L. P. McClammy, who each justified in the sum of \$500.

Mr. C. W. McClammy, of this city, father of Mr. R. P. McClammy, one of the members of the "Dispatch Publishing Co.," says that the company knew nothing of the surrender of Mr. Meacham by his sureties until after he had been placed in jail. Application will be made to Judge O. P. Meares, immediately on his return from Robeson Court, for a writ of habeas corpus, and this will be followed with an application for release on a reduced bond.

Mr. Meacham's Statement. WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 24.—No reason has been assigned up to date for the withdrawal of my bondsman, I will be out of the sheriff's hands to-night. Have not been locked up but kept in the jailor's private office.

Women Scarce in Greensboro. Too many men or not enough women in Greensboro makes things unpleasant if all this from the Record be true:

This story comes straight. In fact all stories are straight, more or less, but this one comes in a bee line and may be relied on, that is to say, as much as any story of this kind.

Not many moons ago a certain young gentleman—we'll call him Tom—called to see a certain young lady at her home in Greensboro.

He was met by a servant at the door and shown into the parlor, where he found another young gentleman—we'll call him Jim—waiting for the young lady—we'll call her Phoebe Jane.

Now these young men were good friends, so when Tom came in and found Jim, he remarked:

"Say, Jim, I want to see Miss Phoebe Jane alone this evening. Won't you just skip out, old fellow, and give me a chance to have a confidential chat?"

Replied Jim—"I'd like to know why I should skip out for you. I'm in the same box; I'd like to have a private chat with her. Why not you skip out?"

"Well, to be frank," said Tom, "I'm engaged to her and want to talk over some few details tonight."

"Engaged—thunder? 'So am I,' and then the two glared at each other for a few seconds. But it was no use quarreling so they compared notes and ascertained beyond a doubt that both were engaged to Miss Phoebe Jane. They then skipped out together, fearful, as one of them said, that another fellow might come along and swear he too was engaged to her."

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THE ASSOCIATION.

Of the Cabarrus Sunday School—The Report of the Recent Meeting—A Resolution.

The seventeenth annual session of the Cabarrus Sunday School Association convened in Bethpage church Aug. 22, 1896, at 10 o'clock, a. m., with Dr. J. S. Lafferty, president, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. M. Shaw, after which followed a very cordial address of welcome by W. E. Furr. The president made a short response in which he expressed the pleasure of the members of the association in meeting with the good people of Bethpage.

Reading the minutes and enrollment of delegates followed. The attendance of delegates was not as full as could be desired owing to the rainy weather. Eight townships were represented by delegates appointed by the township associations.

Fifteen Sunday schools were represented by a full delegation. Secretary's report showed that eleven townships in the county held conventions.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted, and shows a balance on hand of \$42 for State Sunday school work.

The treasurer was instructed to ask those schools who did not contribute the two cents per capita for Sunday school work to do so at once, so as to make the \$50 asked of Cabarrus by the State association.

Rev. Lancaster delivered a splendid address on the subject: "Those who never attend Sunday school and how to reach them."

Mr. D. B. Coltrane was present by invitation of the W. C. T. U., and delivered an excellent address on "Temperance work and teaching in the Sunday school."

AFTERNOON SESSION. Rev. Lancaster made the report for the committee on chain gang work, and what has been done by the various ministers in charge of the work.

On motion, D. B. Coltrane was appointed a committee to secure preaching for the chain gang and report same to next meeting of the association.

Election of officers for the coming year: Dr. J. S. Lafferty, president; J. A. Cline, secretary; A. E. Lentz, treasurer.

Executive Committee—D. B. Coltrane, chairman, Wilson Winecock, J. B. White.

Vice Presidents: No. 1. A. N. Harris, No. 2. I. N. Pharr, No. 3. M. J. Irvin, No. 4. Dr. J. S. Lafferty, No. 5. M. L. Cline, No. 6. Geo. W. Dray, No. 7. J. L. Peck, No. 8. C. D. Barringer, No. 9. J. Homer Barnhardt, No. 10. John H. Long, No. 11. J. B. White, No. 12. B. E. Harris.

Delegates to State association—W. R. Odell and Dr. J. S. Lafferty, principals; Rev. B. F. Davis, Jno. A. Fink, alternates.

Rev. B. F. Davis delivered an address on "The teachers work. Can it be improved, if so—how?"

W. R. Odell and others made short talks on Sunday school work.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, There is among leading Sabbath school workers of our own country and in England a movement praying the establishment of an annual temperance Sabbath, that is, one Sabbath in the year, on which there shall be concert of action in the churches of our land, making temperance the theme of the day, both in the pulpit and Sabbath school; and, whereas, November 24th, is the day recommended to be observed this year.

Resolved, That the Cabarrus county Sunday school association in convention assembled, heartily endorses the movement and recommendation, and urges each school to take such action as is deemed advisable towards securing the above object.

Signed, D. B. COLTRANE, W. R. ODELL.

Resolution of thanks to the good people of Bethpage for their kind hospitality to the members of the association.

Secretary was instructed to furnish the county papers with minutes of association for publication. Rocky River was selected as the place of next meeting.

Several visiting choirs rendered choice music during the sessions of the association which added much to the pleasure of the meetings.

Will say in conclusion that the large crowd present was more than usually quiet and orderly, and we could not help but feel that much good was accomplished in this, the seventeenth annual session of the Cabarrus Sunday school association.

JNO. A. CLINE, Secretary.

—Miss Annie Best, of Bost's Mill, spent the day with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Cannon.

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