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COLD COMFORT.

Mr. Shuford spoke to more empty seats last night in the court house than any speaker we have heard in this campaign since it has gotten well under way.

THE STANDARD did not get the usual courteous request to note his speaking but inquired to be sure it was right in announcing his coming.

Mr. Shuford never lacks self-confidence and is never in want of something to bemean Democrats about, though as if to give weight to his malignity he says he used to be a Democrat. He stands up and defends fusion with Republicans on the ground that it is better to vote for an avowed gold standard Republican for United States Senator than to vote with Democrats to elect a free coinage advocate for United States Senator, for they deceive a body. He frankly confessed that fusion with Republicans was somewhat inconsistent, but the "Democrats deceive" justifies all inconsistency, of course.

Mr. Cleveland is the scapegoat for his leaving the Democratic party, and the present administration of course piled up the \$262,000,000 bond debt. Purblind as many more of his ilk he does not seem to re-

member that the President was discharging his duty as he saw it, and tried to be relieved of the necessity of it. When the President acted so badly it is a wonder that some of his gally haters did not impeach him.

But THE STANDARD does not want to be severe on Mr. Shuford about the administration; it is fashionable and dons magnificence to deny a speech that would seem tame without this ringing touch.

Mr. Shuford did not do so bad on the money question; it was about like most ordinary efforts and seemed to have some pretty good stuff in it.

His record seemed quite enviable and we don't understand how our Populist friends in Cabarrus dropped into the error of not wanting to re-nominate him. There seemed quite a current against him in convention, but we could not find out just what was the matter. They simply whispered to us "we have our reasons."

After the Congressional convention had nominated him THE STANDARD asked a Populist friend, "a long, keen good one," why Mr. Shuford got the nomination. "Well," said he, "the Rowan delegation was the strongest in the district, and they feared that L. C. Caldwell might be nominated, and they threw all their strength for Mr. Shuford as the better of the two and he was nominated on the first ballot.

Mr. Shuford seemed quite disappointed at not getting a joint canvass with Mr. Pemberton and with the aid of Mr. M. H. Caldwell to tell of his experience at Albemarle made it look like Mr. Pemberton was afraid of a joint canvass with him.

We must do the speaker the justice to say that he did not speak a word against the Republicans. That's right; look for a shining mark to throw mud on. There is room to misrepresent Democrats. Towers are measured by their shadows, great men by their calumniators.

The crowd, not large at first, grew smaller and smaller till it was rather a formality to thank an attentive audience. He wisely put in his false and unscrupulous charges of deceit and hypocrisy against the Democracy in the first of his speech or they would have fallen on still fewer ears.

It was rather cold comfort for Mr. Shuford, just as it should have been.

If Mr. Hileman is to represent the people in the legislature he should tell them how he is going to vote on the silver question, if not, they can vote for a man who will.

We asked for the news from the county campaign. Well, said one, there is not much, but Hileman won't come squarely out and say whether he will or will not vote for a free silver Senator.

It is a singular fact that every Democratic candidate is willing to place himself on record as to voting for a free coinage Senator, but now our Populists say you are too particular about this matter. Yet they say they are the best friends to silver and that Democrats are not to be trusted.

Mr. Shuford told the people that there was not so much in free coinage as some thought. We believe he is right in this but the Populists profess to be the daddy of the free

movement and have seemed to think all the evil was in the gold standard and that all the relief is in the free coinage of silver. It looks like hitting upon a great demand about the time you might get it if you would stick.

Dispatches say that Dr. Tanner, the man who fasted forty days some years ago, was consumed in a burning building quite recently.



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