

The Messenger.

BADLY INFORMED NEWSPAPERS AS TO A CURRENCY CAMPAIGN

There is none so blind but him who will not see. With plain facts before the eye there are newspapers by the score who are writing nonsense as to the future of the silver party. They have already been at the funeral and read the burial service over the remains. Why this precipitancy in the way of writing falsehoods? Are there any indications to justify any such statement as the following that appeared in the editorial in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat a very ultra republican gold paper:

"The lost, strayed or stolen" legend of the old advertisements will soon have to be used if any tidings are ever to be obtained of the silver issue again in the United States. Nobody has, in the past six months, mentioned 16 to 1. The '6,500,000' are nearly all living yet, but they have either forgotten their antics in 1896 or they are ashamed of them. Bryan, Altgeld, Stone, Bland, and the rest of the erst-while silver shouters are all alive, and all of them have been talking to the public recently, but not one of them has said a word about free coinage or the crime of 1873."

The democrats in North Carolina in their conventions, state, county and district, are very plain spoken as to currency, and indorse and repeat the national resolutions of 1896 in favor of silver and gold. We notice that the speakers capture crowds and evoke great applause whenever they boldly attack the gold standard programme, and insist upon a return to the money of the fathers and the constitution. The other day one of the foremost public speakers in this state in an elaborate speech to a large crowd, devoted a considerable time to the Chicago platform and the money question, and his words were listened to with great interest and satisfaction. That part of his speech fills more than two columns of the Asheville Citizen. He said that the Chicago platform of 1896 was right and true. We quote: "The logic of events has demonstrated the truth of the Chicago platform. There can be no genuine and lasting prosperity until the principles there enunciated be written into law."

We believe that the democrats in all southern state conventions have reaffirmed the doctrine of 1896 as to currency. So far as we know there has not been a break or failure on this important question. The Washington Post, is an excellent and able newspaper, but it is not a democrat. It is in favor of high protection, we believe, and it is a goldbug paper out and out, which is a very serious objection to its teachings for democrats. But in a recent issue, 4th inst, it rebukes its brother republican at St. Louis, and says this:

"Now, as in 1896, The Post is opposed to the democratic demand for free coinage, and now, as then, The Post warns the advocates of sound money not to underestimate the strength of that issue. It is not dead, nor has it gone to sleep. It is much more wide awake than any other of the issues of past campaigns. And unless some other of overshadowing importance should thrust itself into the arena and compel all others to take back seats, it will be at the front in 1900, challenging a renewal of the war of the standards."

That is correct. It shows candor and sense. It is at the capital of the American union and watches current events with an Argus eye. It tells the color-blind organ of radicalism in Missouri that up to now recent democratic conventions have not failed to reaffirm the democratic faith as enunciated in the Chicago platform of 1896. Even in states where the democrats are trying to run their campaigns on local issues, they still stand up square toed for 16 to 1. The gallant democracy of Vermont, like their brethren in Illinois and the south, are not afraid to raise the standard under which the six and a half millions rallied in 1896. In the state of Virginia, where a senatorship is dependent on the result of the pending campaign, the silver issue is prominent, and the regular democrats will not let bolters get into the legislature if they can prevent it."

It tells the opaque daily at St. Louis farther that a Philadelphia federal office-holder has been making an extended tour in the West, and he "was so impressed with the vitality of the 16 to 1 issue in that section that he deemed it expedient to warn his brethren to prepare for another hard fight for sound money." And still there are newspapers in the big north aspiring to be great and assuming to be wise and pretending to be informed, that are already telling their readers that the money question is settled for all time and that there will be no issue as to silver as a part of the currency in 1900 or at any other time. They may call it fanaticism, or folly or "antics" or what not, but the people will see to it that currency is a very important factor in 1890.

A RECENT REPORT OF SHAFTEY

Is the story told by the New York Herald through its correspondent at Washington true relative to General Shaftey? The Herald is apt to be correct in its war news. It is to the effect that the American commander had lost heart at Santiago and was bent on a swift retreat. English soldiers of distinction have condemned his generalship in landing and advancing and fighting against such heavy odds. They say he should have landed and fortified and then called for reinforcements. But he advanced, got into difficulties and on the night of 2nd July was for beating a hasty retreat. The excuse is that he was "suffering much in mind and body." He called a council of war. At first there were present Generals Wheeler, Kent and Sumner. The two latter counseled an immediate withdrawal, but this was vigorously opposed by General Wheeler, who proposed to stay where he was. Generals Lawton and Bates were subsequently called in, and, though both voted with General Wheeler to stand firm, a retreat was resolved upon by General Shaftey. All honor to the three. General Wheeler knew nothing of retreat. He was for fighting. Shaftey telegraphed to McKinley he would retreat for five miles. He was saved by the destruction of Cervera from this disaster, and disgrace it seems. Shaftey took heart when he heard the guns of Schley's sea fighters. We doubt if all of Shaftey's conduct in Cuba were faithfully given if it would give him laurels or endear him to Americans.

In this connection it will be well to bring out something more as to General Wheeler. In his despatches sent to General Shaftey from 25th June to 2nd July, he says: "The positions our men carried were very strong and the intrenchments were very strong. A number of officers have appealed to me to have the line withdrawn and take up a position further back, and I expect they will appeal to you. I have disapproved this, as it would cost us much prestige." * * * You hardly realize the exhausted condition of the troops."

Full of game and under most trying circumstances as appears in his report, General Kent is a regular United States army officer. His report contains a most impressive tribute to General Wheeler. Writing of this touching and diseased commendation the New York Times says:

"It is the tribute of a regular to a veteran volunteer who has, perhaps seen more fighting than almost any regular officer now in the service, and who has profited by his experience. Not only has the veteran himself profited, but he imparts the benefits of his experience to the men who have had less. This is prettily expressed by General Kent: 'Though ill and suffering, General Wheeler was so perfectly at home under fire that he inspired all of us with assurance.'"

HOME FOLKS

Rev. Dr. Shearer is the able, scholarly, efficient president of Davidson college. He sets an excellent example of what a teacher of "religious education" can be in breadth and catholicity. The last number of the North Carolina Presbyterian says of him and his views as to the university of North Carolina:

"He authorizes us to say for him now, that the state institutions are here to stay and that it is both patriotic and Christian to do all that is possible to keep them free from abuses, while the church-schools in fair and honorable competition, serve the purpose of lifting the state institutions above the plane of politics, with its contaminations."

Davidson college is one of the colleges in this state that under a broad, generous, wise management has made great strides, and has a strong grip upon the confidence and highest intelligence of the people all over North Carolina. May it continue to widen and prosper.

Rev. Dr. William L. Lacy, a most favorably known and gifted Presbyterian minister, is a native of Raleigh. His health has been poor and he has been sojourning for some months in North Carolina. He is pastor of a church at Norfolk, where he is really greatly beloved, for he is a very lovable man. In the Richmond Central Presbyterian he writes a touching and pleasurable letter of Raleigh, Charlotte and other points. Being native there we can enter with zest into what he says of the little capital city:

"Thus it was I spent a week in Raleigh. I am not without an Englishman's love for his native trees, a Scotchman's devotion to the heather, or an Irishman's pride in the greenness of Erin. Raleigh is my native town—not famous in trade or arts, nor crowded and smoky with factories and people, but adorned with the noblest oaks, the loveliest lawns with deepest green sward, the most abundant flowers, having broad streets, ample spaces, generous yards, comfortable and elegant homes, and many of God's own elect; and you cannot wonder that I love the old home of my boyhood. The capitol is a noble building of pure Greek architecture. Other public buildings are also noteworthy."

Last week we saw in part reproduced in the Asheville Citizen a recent political speech of Mr. Locke Craig. We purpose reading all given, but of the part read we may speak in praise. It is very interesting and well seasoned. We would suppose him to be particularly engaging to hear for he is evidently a bright and resourceful speaker bristling with point, apt in comment, sufficiently argumentative, good at illustration and some thing rhetorical. He is possibly the equal as a campaigner of any living North Carolinian. We would like to hear him.

The Raleigh News-Observor last week had an editorial that should not be overlooked. It concerned the efforts of the rag-tags to get away with the \$50,000 surplus in the hands of the agricultural board, John R. Smith's concern. This sum is clearly in the way. So long as it stands it is a perpetual menace to the peace, happiness and virtue of said board and all others interested in its disbursement. If our respected contemporary has the right view of the tail—not elegant but suggestive—there are 222 soppers and waiters who are to be pie-fed, and all at the discretion of that fellow John R. of whom the fat governor so bitterly complained when he had the penitentiary sop. This is a marvellous statement, and if the News-Observor is not misled it is a very shameful affair. It says:

"This surplus is to be used to employ fertilizer inspectors, and inspectors for anything else that may need that duty performed for it, except John R. Smith's penitentiary accounts. These inspectors are to receive \$75 per month and will be employed for this fall when the inspection business will be flush. Now \$50,000 will employ 222 inspectors at \$75 per month for a period of three months—until after the fall elections if the appointments are delayed for a few days. * * * Why was this surplus of \$50,000, which was too good to be shared by the farmers, left to the tender mercies of a man whom the governor of the state accused of gross mismanagement, if not peculation, and who still refuses to submit his accounts, in another department, to the inspection of the public as the law directs?"

NORTH CAROLINA

Salisbury Sun: It is only a question of a very short time when Salisbury will be connected by telephone with Lexington, Greensboro, Winston and Statesville.

Laurinburg Exchange: The DeVaughn Lumber Company, owners of a mill located on the other side of R. E. Lee's place, are now at work filling an order for 1,000,000 feet of lumber for the Baltimore Car Company.

Patron and Gleaser: As will be seen by our Jackson correspondence, Judge Newwood, who is presiding over the Northampton superior court this week, has made quite a favorable impression in our county. We are glad to record this.

Tuckaseige Democrat: Hon. C. J. Harris, of the United States Industrial Commission, has been down here this week, we learn, industriously engaged in trying to patch the holes he broke in Pearson's fence before that gentleman showed him the \$3,600 pie. A pie in the mouth is worth two not baked.

The Landmark says that Boyd Poyless, white, about 19 years old, attempted to mount a freight train on the Western North Carolina railroad, near Statesville depot, late Saturday afternoon and was thrown against car wheels. Both his legs were so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. The operation was performed immediately after the accident, but the young man died at 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

Raleigh News and Observer: There is a warm contest over the democratic nomination for the state senate. Ex-Attorney General Frank L. Osborne is a candidate, and his friends are doing all in their power to secure for him that county. The county fathers allowed him \$100 for his investigation, which did not consume two hours' time. The Times claims that the solicitor did not make his investigation soon enough and according to law, therefore he should not have been paid one cent for it.

Morehead City Pilot: On Thursday last at Smyrna, while standing by some men engaged in erecting poles for the tent to be used by Rev. Mr. Kendall for religious evangelistic services, Mr. Clem Davis, son of Captain O. B. Davis, of the Cape Lookout light-house, was felled to the ground by a falling piece of timber, sustaining a compound fracture of one of his thighs. A stiff wind was prevailing at the time and before the tent was made secure it was collapsed by the wind, and Mr. Davis was caught beneath it.

Murphy Scout: The immense amount of machinery passing through Murphy to the cotton works at Shooting Creek looks like business.—John Deaver was carried to Asheville last Thursday by United States Deputy Marshals J. C. Jenkins and R. L. Patterson. He was arraigned before Judge Purnell of the federal court for violating the revenue laws. His plea was that the deputy marshals and collectors had encouraged him to continue the business. He gave the names of various deputies, who, in years past, had cut two or three small holes in his still and then shook hands with him on an agreement that they would not return for six months.

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STATE PRESS

If John R. Smith had any respect for the feelings of himself or friends he would immediately retire to private life.—Durham sun. Is there any salary or junketing trip at the expense of the tax-payers attached to private life? If not, John R. Smith couldn't be induced to try it unless blown into it by dynamite.—Raleigh News and Observer.

"Don't always be cursing Governor Russell," says an exchange. "A crowd that would cheer the negro White during his speech at the Raleigh convention, is no better than Russell." The news has never concealed that the republican party in this state is better than Governor Russell. It has always held that Russell is a pretty fair representative of the best part of the crowd.—Charlotte News.

There never was a greater contrast in opposing candidates than in the case of the Ninth congressional district. The Hon. W. T. Crawford is the very embodiment of honest, manly statesmanship; Mr. Pearson, the polite adept in the art of political trickery. The former standing squarely by the principles of his party platform; the latter relying on the influences of office holders, political "pull," promises and "pie."—McDowell Democrat.

When asked what was the news in his section an observation gentleman remarked that the people were in good health and the crops were splendid. Then after a pause, he added that politically the outlook was getting better for democracy every day. Those heretofore our opponents were now our friends and accessions were being constantly made. There had been a remarkable change of sentiment recently. After this encouraging report the gentleman said further, when leaving, that he confidently believed Robeson county would be redeemed by the democrats this year.—Lumberton Robesonian.

If we were asked to sum up the political situation in Beaufort county from the standpoint of one who has earnestly sought the truth, and from the point of view of an unbiased observer we would say the democrats have reason to be hopeful, the republicans despondent and the populists disgusted. We have in the last two or three weeks taken the pains to interview the representatives of the three parties from different parts of the county. Every democrat we have interviewed has said the prospects of the democrats in carrying the county in November are good.—Washington Messenger.

A DASTARDLY ASSASSINATION

A Woman and Two Negroes Arrested. The Former Charged With Hiring the Latter to Murder Her Husband.

Memphis, Tenn., August 8.—The people of Clarendon, Monroe county, Arkansas, are fearfully wrought up over an assassination that took place there on July 30th, and the developments of which took place on Saturday and yesterday. On the night of July 30th, J. T. Orr, a prominent hardware merchant of Clarendon, was murdered in his house and now his wife and two negroes are in jail, the negroes being charged with the murder direct, and Mrs. Orr is charged with having procured their services to make way with her husband. There was a demonstration there last night and a lynching may yet be the climax.

Orr was foully murdered, having been shot by some one through the window of his home. The search for the guilty parties was fruitless until Saturday, when the sheriff learned of a statement made a young woman that Mrs. Orr knew something of the assassination. It was charged that she hired a negro named Dennis Record to kill Mr. Orr. A negro named Manse Castle, however, volunteered to do the work for the same amount, so it was stated. Record, Castle and Mrs. Orr were immediately placed under arrest. Yesterday Castle said that he killed Orr and charged that Mrs. Orr had hired him to do the work.

Last night a great crowd gathered in the public square, and it looked for a time as if there would be a lynching. Judge Thomas, who has just returned from Des Arc, made a speech and made an urgent appeal to the crowd not to mob the prisoners. He announced he would at once adjourn court at Loneoke and try the prisoners. The crowd dispersed and those who had been kept in the court house since her arrest, was conveyed to jail.

Orr's life was insured for \$5,000 in the Knights of Pythias and Maccabees. His wife is the beneficiary. While Castle alleges that Mrs. Orr hired him to do the job, some conservative citizens believe that Mrs. Orr is guiltless and that a trial will clear her. There will be an examining trial Tuesday.

Household Gods

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure or money refunded. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Mount Olive Jottings

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)
Mt. Olive, N. C., August 8.

It is with regret that I have to announce the death of Mr. John H. Underhill, which sad event occurred at his home at this place yesterday morning at 1 o'clock after an illness of just two weeks from typhoid fever. The interment was made at the family burying ground at Salem church yesterday at 4 o'clock in the presence of a circle of sorrowing relatives and friends. The deceased was 23 years of age and was liked by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and one child and a host of relatives to mourn his untimely demise.

Captain J. G. Kornegay, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mr. Geo. C. Kornegay, of Goldsboro, spent yesterday with their father, Mr. C. F. R. Kornegay, near here, and I am sorry to say Mr. Kornegay is quite sick and I hope for him a speedy recovery.

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New Sash Ribbon just received, from 10c to 75c. Our 25c line is very strong and nice, pretty colors and patterns.

We are selling a nice line of new Carpet, good hemp goods, at 12 1/2c and 15c. Cotton at 20c and 25c. Half Wool pretty new patterns, at 33 1/2c. Beautiful new Brussels Carpet at 50c. Matting at 12 1/2c to 25c.

We are selling lots of Dress Goods. We have just received a fine line of new Lawns that we sell from 34c to 10c. We have on hand about 1,000 yds. of fine Lawn, 33 inches small breadth of fine Lawn, 33 inches to small pieces, that run from 5 to 15 yards. These goods are worth from 10c to 15c. I will sell any of them at 6c per yard. A big lot of double fold Suiting, worth 12 1/2c, now to move at 8c per yard. A good Cotton Flannel at 4c. Flannel-ette at 4 1/2c. Fine one yard Sheeting at 3 1/2c. Good Bleaching at 4c. Our Domestic Goods are all very low. A splendid Cotton Scrim at 3c. A small lot of White Pique at 6c. One piece White Welt, 72 inches wide, at 25c.

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