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Officers—J. L. Ramsey, President; Marion Butler, Vice-President; W. S. Barnes, Secretary.

PAPERS.

Progressive Farmer, State Organ, Raleigh, N. C.
Caucasian, Clinton, N. C.
Rural Home, Wilson, N. C.
Watchman, Salisbury, N. C.
Farmers Advocate, Tarboro, N. C.
Mountain Home Journal, Asheville, N. C.
Alliance Sentinel, Goldsboro, N. C.
Country Life, Trinity College, N. C.
Mercury, Hickory, N. C.
Rattler, Whiteakers, N. C.
Agricultural Bee, Goldsboro, N. C.
Columbus News, Whiteville, N. C.

Each of the above named papers is requested to keep the list standing on the first page and add others, provided they are duly elected. Any paper failing to advocate the Ocala platform will be dropped from the list promptly. Our people can now see what papers are published in their interest.

STATE NEWS.

Morganton has a military company, with L. A. Bristol captain.

The Horner School, of Oxford, N. C., begins the fall term with flattering prospects.

Died in Morganton, on the 8th inst., Mr. Walter Alexander, aged about 20 years.

Caldwell Association begins this week. It will be held with Yadkin Baptist church.

Died, in Morganton, on the 7th inst., Mrs. Mary Mooney, widow of the late Jacob Mooney.

Messrs. James Scott and Oliver L. Huffman, of Burke, left this week to enter Wake Forest College.

L. W. Scoville, of Danville, Va., has been elected manager of Hotel Zinzenborf, of Winston, to succeed E. S. Boswell, resigned.

The secretary of State has just finished sending out the election laws to each county in the State, to be distributed in each precinct in the State.

Gov. Holt and the board of internal improvement started on the 8th on a tour of inspection over the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

The State board of education has ordered General Lewis, its engineer, to survey 30,000 acres of swamp land in Craven county which are to be sold.

We learn from Our Country that the Superior Court docket of Burke county, tried this week, is a meagre one and composed of unimportant cases. This speaks well for the community.

Fire on the 9th inst. destroyed five dwelling houses owned by Winston colored citizens. One was a handsome hotel, the property of Rev. W. L. Bethel. The building was only partially insured.

A. A. Hinton, republican candidate for the legislature from Guilford, says openly that he is opposed to the State appropriation for the normal and industrial school, agricultural and mechanical college for colored people, and the university.—[State Chronicle.

A striking coincidence in connection with the respective nominees for Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina is the fact that three of them, of republican, prohibition and third party persuasions, respectively, are from the faculty of Guilford College. Prof. Root is the prohibition candidate; Prof. Woody, the third party, and the republican State convention Wednesday nominated Parisho, of the same institution.

[For the MERCURY.]

The Enterprise's Republican Testimony.

The Newton Enterprise of Sept. 2nd contains a letter from Mr. C. D. Long of Texas to Mr. J. W. Blackwelder, explaining the status of affairs between Mr. Cleveland and the drouth-stricken citizens of Texas, it being charged and admitted that Cleveland vetoed the bill passed by Congress making appropriation of government funds for relief of the sufferers. Be this as it may, Mr. Long admits that he was not in the stricken district, but gives quite an elaborate description of his own loyalty to Cleveland and Democracy, boasting that his first vote was cast for Grover and is proud of the fact that he is a son of the grand old banner Democratic county of Catawba and wishes much success to Mr. M. O. Sherrill and the whole Democratic cause.

Now to some of us native Catawbians who have not forgotten the past, this from Mr. Long has a peculiar sound. We believe that justice to the cause sought to be injured by the publication of Mr. Long's letter demands that the truth of said Long's Democracy as manifested in his native county be made public; not that we would in the least injure his prospects in his adopted State, but that the truth may be known. Those who are familiar with the history of parties and people in this section of Catawba county well remember that for Mr. Long to occupy the attitude he now claims he has certainly had to undergo considerable change, for we well remember that before Mr. Long had attained his majority he was so well established in the ranks of Republicanism that he held a position in the revenue department, and scarcely have we ever saw any one work more persistently in any cause than did the said Long on election occasions.

When his brother, J. W. C. Long, was a candidate for clerk in this county on the Republican ticket, or rather as an independent Republican, Charley made himself so obnoxious to some of his brother's friends that they actually refused to vote for him, and said that even were Pomp's chances ever so good, that radical brother of his would work his defeat. Now, as stated in the outset, we would not injure Mr. Long, and we do believe that his brother-in-law, Mr. Blackwelder, has done him a great injustice by having his letter published.

It is useless to say more along this line. Let every citizen of the banner county do his duty and the very essence of true Democratic principles will be indorsed through an indorsement of the principles set forth in the People's St. Louis-Ocala platform, which has been pronounced by some of the brightest lights in the Democratic firmament as purely Democratic, and Mr. Z. B. Vance said it would be but justice to the people to grant what they ask for: "Let us have peace."

FAIR PLAY.

Boiled Down.

Mr. Powderly says the old party platforms boiled down would read about like this:

At Minneapolis: Whereas, we are in office—

Resolved; That we want to stay in.

At Chicago: Whereas, we are not in office—

Resolved; That we want to get in.—[St. Louis Monitor.

Speaking at Lincolnton.

Last Saturday a large crowd met in the court-house, in Lincolnton, to hear Dr. Exum and Marion Butler speak. The Bourbons, as usual, had three men there to speak, viz: John S. Henderson; Justice, of Rutherfordton, and J. S. Bell, of Clay county. Their friends asked for a division of time for at least two of their speakers. Mr. Butler told them to select one of their number and he would divide time with him. The lot fell on Mr. Bell. Dr. Exum led off in a 20 minutes' speech, merely announcing his candidacy. Mr. Bell followed in an hour and a half's speech. He was very scattering and jumped from State to National politics several times. Mr. Bell had been in the Alliance and knew too much about the reforms needed to make a first-class Bourbon speech. His speech was a good People's party speech with a Democratic label.

Mr. Butler followed and utterly demolished the arguments of his opponent, and showed conclusively why the people should vote for Mr. Weaver instead of Mr. Cleveland. His reasoning was overwhelming and convincing. Even his political enemies could not help but see that he had the truth and was on the side of justice.

The crowd was about equally divided between the Democrats and People's party. The reformers paid good attention to what Mr. Bell had to say. They were willing for a fair and respectful hearing of the issues discussed. But the Democrats evidently were afraid of an impartial hearing.—From the first to the last they treated Messrs. Exum and Butler with very great disrespect. They would hiss and make all sorts of noise. To sensible men, this showed their case to be a desperate one. Why the good men in these one-horse towns can't see that such is not only disgusting but damaging to their cause is a mystery. Such behavior does not indicate neither brains nor good breeding. It is hoped that time will come yet when great political issues even can be discussed in a humane spirit.

Little Fred Merritt, of Wake, Democratic candidate for the Legislature, was on hand as a reporter for the North Carolinian. He seemed anxious for the speaking to begin so he could report it all and leave on the first train. He took a good report of Mr. Bell's speech, but when Mr. Butler began he was so overwhelmed that he doubtless thought it would be better for his side to trust his own guessing apparatus than to take it down as spoken; hence he did not pencil much of it down. So when it comes out in that paper one must make all due allowances for it.

Too Brave.

The Democratic national platform says:

We denounce the republican legislation known as the Sherman act of 1890 as a cowardly makeshift, fraught with possibilities of danger in the future, which should make all of its supporters, like its author, anxious for its speedy repeal.

This is a pretty time for the democrats to call republican legislation "cowardly." Whatever else they are the republicans are not cowards. They go ahead with their cutthroat deviltry with the courage of the corsair. If the democrats are honest let them go back to the house of representatives and pass a bill repealing the act of 1890.—[Nonconformist.

CORBETT IS THE CHAMPION.

Sullivan Knocked Out in the Twenty-first Round.

Excitement ran high even in Hickory over the Corbett-Sullivan prize fight at New Orleans. Some of them were so interested as to bet. Most of them were glad that Sullivan got licked.

There were 9,000 people present at 9 o'clock, when the tug of war began. Sullivan weighed 212, Corbett 189. Corbett won the choice of corners.

Twenty-one rounds were fought. The last, which marks the downfall of the greatest prize fighter of the age, is as follows:

"Sullivan led with left, but every blow was weak, sparring for wind. Both exchanged lefts; Corbett landed left on Sullivan's stomach; Corbett rushes Sullivan to the ropes, knocking him around the ring.—Corbett knocked Sullivan down with a terrible right handed blow; Sullivan tried to respond, but could not get up. Sullivan was then counted out and Corbett given the fight. Corbett came out of the fight without a scratch. The crowd has gone wild. Sullivan is badly punished and is bleeding like a beef. The ovation that Corbett received was something tremendous. James E. Corbett was declared winner in the twenty-first round and declared champion of the world."

People's Party Speaking.

DR. W. P. EXUM, and HON. MARION BUTLER, Electors-at-large, will speak at the following times and places:

Reidsville, Monday, September 19.
Yanceyville, Tuesday, Sept. 20.
Lexington, Wednesday, Sept. 21.
Statesville, Thursday, Sept. 22.
Mocksville, Friday, Sept. 23.
Morganton, Saturday, Sept. 24.
Marion, Monday, Sept. 26.
Marshall, Tuesday, Sept. 27.
Waynesville, Wednesday, Sept. 28.
Asheville, Thursday, Sept. 29.
Salisbury, Friday, Sept. 30.
Durham, Saturday, October 1.

NOTICE—GEN. JAMES B. WEAVER will speak in North Carolina as follows:

Raleigh, Thursday, Sept. 29.
Rocky Mount, Friday, Sept. 30.
GEN. JAS. G. FIELD will speak at Asheville, September 29, and at Salisbury, September 30.

We ask that the citizens turn out and give the speakers a respectful hearing. Other appointments will follow these and other speakers. S. OTHO WILSON.

Ch'n People's P. S. Ex. Com.

A Happy Meeting.

"What a gathering that will be" when the People's party reinforcements stand up to be counted in the Fifty-third Congress. Coming from the West and the South to sit down in the seats of national power, they will take Abraham, Isaac and Jacob of the effete east, and the golden calf of Wall street and thrust them into outer darkness where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.—[Ex.

How Nominated.

Taking the vote by which Mr. Cleveland was nominated, he had more delegates from republican states than from reliably democratic states.—[Inter Ocean.

The twins have so many points in common that the devil won't be able to distinguish them. Both Harrison and Cleveland secured the nomination by the votes of states that, it is well known, will not give them an electoral vote.—[Nonconformist.

GENERAL NEWS.

An Oregon murderer while marching to the gallows was showered with bouquets thrown by women.

London has the largest telegraph office in the world, where more than 3,000 operators are constantly employed.

London, Sept. 10.—Louis Kosuth will be 90 years old next Saturday, and all Hungary prepares to do him honor.

Within the last thirty years there have been on the British coasts 66,377 wrecks, with the fearful loss of 22,312 lives.

According to the census bulletin just issued there are only 67,000 female persons to every 100,000 males in the United States.

There are 138 American students attending Berlin university and only 24 English. Of the 3,788 students 3,181 are Prussians.

Miss Dora Miller, a teacher in New Orleans, has patented a blackboard eraser for the right of which she had an offer of \$5,000.

Allen Milton Browning, of Huntingdon, West Virginia, is sixty years old, has been married six times and has sixty-seven children.

Labor Day was never so generally celebrated in this country as on Monday last. In a number of southern towns and cities it was observed for the first time.

The Reading railroad, of which Anarchist McLeod is president, has been quietly sorting out and discharging men whose only crime is that they ably manage the affairs of local labor organizations.

The Republicans of Maine elect all four Congressmen, carry 14 of the 16 counties, have two-thirds of the members of the legislature, and elect their Governor by 11,000 majority over the Democratic candidate.

Portsmouth, O., Sept. 8.—Between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 feet of lumber at the yards of the Little Kanawha lumber company at New Boston, three miles above this city, was consumed by fire yesterday afternoon.

Washington, Sept. 8.—James C. Kellogg, of La., U. S. consul at Stettin, Germany, was to-day suspended from duty by secretary Foster of the State department for negligence in performing his duties during the cholera inspection.

The People's party nominee for attorney general in Montana, Miss Ella L. Knowles, is a political hustler. She addressed public meetings at different points in the state nearly every week-day in August and will keep it up until election.

One of the most potent forces made use of by capital to crush organized labor is the state militia. It has ever been a menace to organized labor in the assertion of its rightful demands. It is the defender of scab labor, and has been made the tool of capitalism.

That strange freak of nature known as "the Siamese twins" has, it appears, been repeated in Orissa. The "Orissa twins" are described as two little Uriya girls of about five years old. When last heard of, says the London News, they were leaving by steamer for this country on their way to the World's Fair at Chicago.