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that the plaintiff there received 135 votes, and the returns in this altered condition was transmitted to the Board of County Canvassers and received by them as the true return from that township.

I find that the true result of the counting of the ballots as prescribed by the Section of the Code above quoted, was 141 for Quinn, and I conclude that there should be 6 votes added to his number in No. 8 on account of this unauthorized and unlawful changing of the return made by the registrar and judges of election at this voting place (No. 8).

Making the deduction from Lattimore's vote in No. 6 because of the improper addition of five votes to his number, as above stated, and adding to Quinn's number six votes because of the improper alteration of the return for No. 8, as above stated, the vote in the whole county, as corrected, according to the facts found and the conclusions of law heretofore in this report set out, stands:

For Lattimore 1810, For Quinn 1819

I therefore conclude that the plaintiff Quinn was at said election duly elected Clerk of the Superior Court of Cleveland county and is entitled to have the office to which he was then and there elected.

A. BIRWELL, Referee.

April 1, 1896, (An appeal to the Supreme court follows, so this case is not yet settled)—Anora.

THEY WON'T DO IT.

We see Senator Pritchard quoted as saying that he believes the rank and file of the populists will forsake their party and vote with the republicans. If an honorable co-operation can be entered into we think the two parties will vote together, but we venture to say unless this is done there will be no "falling away" from their principles. Our columns are open for any populist who will say he will forsake his principles for any party.

NOT TOGETHER YET.

On last Friday, the 17th, a joint committee from the republican and populist parties held a conference in the city of Raleigh to see what could be agreed upon in co-operation on the state ticket.

So far as we are able to judge the matter was a failure each party refused the terms upon which the other was willing to co-operate. As we see it the populist proposition was based on principle, and the republican on a division of spoils only. But we give the propositions of each so that every reader may judge for himself.

The proposition of the populists demanded that co-operation should be solely upon a preamble and resolution signed by Henry M. Teller and 17 other United States senators, including Pritchard, declaring for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 by independent action of the United States, and in favor of a tariff sufficient to equalize the cost of production in the United States and in European and Asiatic countries.

This proposition was declined in these words: RALEIGH, N. C. April 17. To the Conference Committee of the People's Party, Raleigh, N. C. We respectfully decline your proposition to abandon the Republican organization in North Carolina and submit a counter proposition for co-operation on State and local affairs, in writing, which is the limit to which we are willing to go.

A. E. Holton, chairman Rep. State Executive committee; H. L. Grant, member State at large; James H. Young, member State at large; J. C. Pritchard, Thomas Settle.

The following was then read by Holton as the proposed substitute for the proposition of the populist: RALEIGH, N. C., April 17, 1896. To the Conference Committee of the People's Party: We the undersigned conference committee on behalf of the Republican State executive committee submit the following as the basis of co-operation for the approaching campaign.

1. In the appointment of the several offices to be voted for the Republicans shall nominate and the Populist endorse the following candidates: (1) Governor, (2) attorney general, (3) auditor, (4) one justice of the Supreme court. And the Populists shall nominate and the Republicans endorse (1) lieutenant governor, (2) secretary of state, (3) treasurer, (4) superintendent of public instruction, (5) one justice of the Supreme court.

2. That there shall be complete co-operation between the respective parties in Congressional and legislative districts and counties, as of 1894.

3. That the agreement heretofore made between the respective parties, according to the Senatorship to the Republican party, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the Populists are to support the nominee of the Republican party.

4. That under existing conditions each party shall run its own electoral ticket.

A. E. Holton, Chairman Republican State executive committee; H. L. Grant, member from State at large; James H. Young, member from State at large; J. C. Pritchard, Thomas Settle. Hardly had he finished reading when Senator Butler declared it would be impossible to fuse on any such basis but that they would present the proposition to the full Executive committee which was at that moment in session in his room. This was done and Secretary Ayer was ordered to prepare and present to chairman Holton the following formal note of declination of the proposed terms.

To the Conference Committee of the State Republican Executive Committee: GENTLEMEN: I am instructed by the State Executive committee of the People's party to respectfully inform you that your proposition for a basis of co-operation between the Republican party and people's party in this State is declined.

On Friday night the republican conference committee issued the following address to the republicans of North Carolina: To the Republicans of North Carolina:

The undersigned being the committee of five appointed to confer with the Populist State Committee with regard to co-operation in the pending election proposed the following plan of co-operation.

First, That each party should nominate and support its own electoral ticket.

Second, Co-operation on the State ticket by giving to the Republicans the Governor, Auditor, Attorney General and one Justice of the Supreme court and giving to the Populists the Lieut. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction and one Justice of the Supreme court.

Third, Co-operation in the Congressional districts and in the counties on the line of 1894. This proposition was unanimously adopted by the Republican com-

mittee and was rejected on a two majority vote by the populist committee present.

We believe that this fair and liberal proposition will commend itself to the better judgement of the unselfish and fair minded Populists of the State.

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OUR MONEY.

You meet one of our young friends to-day and he tells you that there is plenty of money—more than ever before in circulation. Then to-morrow you meet another friend that you think ought to know and he tells you that there is not enough money in circulation, and that the amount is less than the previous year.

Now these men have both made only an assertion and for such can be believed or disbelieved according to the proof. The day has passed when simple assertion is taken for much. The man who makes political assertions should prove them, and the assertion that can't be proved is the less likely to be believed, according as it is something that can be proved.

How is either of the above to be proved or disproved? We think very easily. Certainly there is no better plan to prove the amount in circulation or on hand than by the sworn statement of the people during the first days of June. During this period every taxpayer must swear how much cash he has on hand and also how much solvent credits, bank deposits, etc.

This sworn statement from year to year is positive proof of whether our cash and credits is as much less each year. Now all anyone man must do to see if there is less money in our midst than 18 months ago is to pick up the State auditors report and turn to where the cash and credits of North Carolina fall off near two millions of dollars.

We see at once which assertion is backed up by undeniable proof, the oath of our people. Remember this the only way to know how much money the people have.

CLEVELAND AS A REFORMER.

When Mr. Cleveland was inaugurated March 3, 1893, he founded a trust bearing debt of the United States was \$585,034,200. On the first day of this month the statement of the treasurer shows that it had grown to \$887,404,140 showing an actual increase of \$302,369,940. This increase amounts to over \$3.60 for each man, woman and child in this whole country. Cleveland and his gang were going to repeal, or greatly reform, the internal Revenue Laws. Collections from this source for 1895 amounted to \$143,246,077.75. The same sum harranged the multitudes on the subject of the tariff, that was "the issue" they issued. In 1894 the total volume of all imports into this country from abroad amounted to \$256,645,703. Study these figures, brethren. The average rate of tariff on dutiable imports under the present administration was 50 per cent. In this it is officially. It shows for itself. These figures are from Mr. Carlisle. The tariff was the issue until the election was over, then the financial problem must be solved first, the purchasing clause of the Sherman act repealed, and the country saddled with an increased burden on the people to the enormous amount of \$252,369,940, in order to aid the bankers and bondholders. Then they took up the tariff question and the figures speak for themselves as to the reform in that line.—Progressive Farmer.

WOODARD SEATED.

Washington, April 7.—House committee on elections No. 2 today decided the contested case of Cheatham against Woodard, from the second North Carolina district in favor of Mr. Woodard, the sitting member. Democrat. The vote was unanimous.

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OUR NEIGHBORS.

Short Items from Adjoining Counties Which Make Spicy News and Are Suggested by the Exchanges Named.

GASTONIA GAZETTE.

Attention is called to the fact that the election comes off in Gastonia on May 4th, and that no public meeting of the citizens has yet been called.

Mr. A. M. Curry will keep on hand at his repair shop wheels to rent, which those who do not want to keep wheels all the time can rent by the hour, day or trip.

The Presbyterians of Mount Holly are to lose Rev. James Barclay as their pastor. The loss of this excellent man his good wife falls heavily upon the community. Williams Memorial church was extended to him a unanimous call for his entire time and he has accepted the same. Mount Holly is his Williams' gain.

The base ball lovers of Gastonia on Tuesday night's last week held a large and enthusiastic meeting at which the team was roughly organized and put in shape for the diamond. It was decided to have three officers and all these were elected: W. C. Hoffman, captain; Edgar Love, manager, and H. B. Moore, secretary and treasurer. It was decided to appoint J. E. Curry as umpire; Matthew Harper, scorer, and A. G. Mangum, reporter. Players and positions are as follows: Moore, Pitcher and Center Field; Spencer, Catcher; Wilson, 1st Base; Reid, 2nd Base; Glenn, 3rd Base; Linsberger, Short Stop; Hoffman, 2nd Base and Pitcher; McClellan, Right Field; Long, Left Field; Sals, Craig, Poole and Howell, The boys are to have new suits as previously described in these columns. The team crossed bats with the St. Mary's team on yesterday, but how the game stood came in too late for this issue.

The town authorities of Cherryville had some little work to do on Sunday evening of last week because of some of her citizens getting on too much "tough foot". Professor Harding, Ph. D., of Davidson College is to deliver the literary address before the school at Lowell, at the closing exercises on the 8th of May.

Mount Holly claims she will have the strongest ball team in the field this season she has ever had. Already they are beginning to talk about how they will play against their neighbors in this national game.

YORKVILLE YEOMAN.

The Carpenters are now busy at work making the raft for the court house, and for the City clock, and the putting up of the great time-keeper will be pushed to completion.

Mr. John Smith, of Clover, made the trip over the rough road from that place to Yorkville the other day on his wheel in 35 minutes. The distance is ten miles and what the sufferings are considered this must go on record as a fast rural traveling.

A reporter to the Yeoman says he passed the stocks the other Sunday and the prisoners were patching their trousers. We agree with that gentleman they should not have this to do. They should have the work done for them or given time to do it during the week.

Eb Runkner, near lover, has been quite sick with pneumonia for the past few days, but we are glad to state that he is doing very well, and with no relapse will soon be out again.

In the meeting of the democratic county executive committee at Yorkville on Monday of last week a considerable hitch occurred over the matter of the official printing of that body. It was finally agreed to appoint a committee to investigate which of the two papers had the largest circulation. The committee reported in favor of the Equifer, and the Yeoman claims that it added the list of the semi-weekly and the weekly together to get the number. It seems to us that with the consent of Messrs. Crist and Drakeford this could be easily settled correctly.

The ten-year-old colored girl preacher which recently visited Rock Hill is said to be a marvelous wonder. She reads her hymns and lessons from the scriptures as one trained in oratory; and as a preacher she creates a sensation wherever she goes. She is now in Atlanta, Ga., to which place she went from Rock Hill.

GAFFNEY LEDGER.

Reuben Snyder, of the firm of Schwartz & Snyder, of Gaffney, was married on the 24th of March in Baltimore to Miss Annie Rosenbaum and has now returned to his home in Gaffney where his wife is soon to join him. He is a pleasant and agreeable business man.

Mr. Putnam, of Shelby, has several jobs of painting in the city and is now painting the house of W. T. Thompson on Victoria avenue.

We never met so many lazy people in one week in our lives as during the past week. They all had a weary look that gave us a tired feeling and made us wonder if we too were lazy.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

track and many new ones are being bought. A number of our ladies are fine riders and many others have bought cycles and are now learning.

Sidney Sarratt, who has been in Baltimore for some time studying medicine and surgery has returned to the city to spend the summer vacation. Sid is a gentlemanly fellow and when he gets his diploma he will not be long in building for himself a lucrative practice.

U. A. A. Porter celebrated his 83rd birthday on Monday of last week. A sumptuous dinner was given at which were a number of his relatives and friends.

President Hunt, of Cincinnati, president of the O. R. & C., and Dr. Black, of Blacksburg, were in the city on Monday conferring with Messrs. Wood, Carroll and others about the proposed branch of that line from Blacksburg to Spartanburg. The prospects are very encouraging.

LINCOLN PATRIOT.

Miss Eva Sumner, our popular postmistress, has returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Charlotte.

Sheriff Rhodes, Register Killian, Treasurer Young and Clerk Barclay attended Cleveland county court at Shelby one or two days this week.

On last Monday evening two strange white men came into town from the direction of Woodley's distillery considerably under the influence of whiskey. They kept quiet till they got out to "Random" where they got on such a lark as to be taken in charge of by officers Oline and Beal. They were carried before the mayor and one of them was fined \$5 for disorderly conduct and the other released.

There will be a public meeting on the 1st night of May at the court house to nominate a wet ticket to be run at the coming election in the town of Lincoln.

MAIDEN NEWS.

Maiden Alliance has been re-organized and will take on new life. The material is of the very best and can be said to stand firm to the needs and purposes of that order.

John Short, having accepted a position in a store at Hickory, N. C., has gone to that town where his many friends wish him much success.

Logan Whitton, of Jacob's Fork was on our streets last week. Mr. Whitton lives only ten miles from Meiden, yet this was his first visit to the town. He says he was here 16 years ago, when there was only one house. He was delighted with the little town and its future outlook.

"The Rural Reformer" is before us. It is an excellent newspaper, published at Kingston, N. C., by H. P. Allison, Esq. We gladly welcome The Reformer to our exchange list.

Mixed Brother. We publish The Progressive Reformer at King's Mountain, N. C.—Ed. Reformer!

NOTICE PUBLIC!

We wish to state to the public through the columns of this good paper that we have just received another full car load of Indiana water gate and Patent Flour, made from selected winter wheat which is very fine in every respect. Remember; we bought this car last November on the lowest market, thus, we can give you November prices. At the time we bought this car of flour the mills had contracted for a large lot of wheat but did not succeed in getting it until a few weeks ago. Consequently our order was not filled until a few days ago. We positively guarantee all grades of this flour to give entire satisfaction; or your money will be refunded. We are able to sell you at least 20 per cent under present market. We have flour all the way from \$1.85 up. We can sell you a good patent at \$2.00. So the question for you to decide is not whether you have money enough to buy a sack of flour; but whether you need it not we will make prices to suit your pocket book. Our store is now brim full of nice seasonable groceries, at prices to suit the times.

We are headquarters in the grocery line. All kinds of groceries our business combine. No stop over allowed; nor even a rest. But come right along and get the best.

Give us your orders and pay the bill; We will make the right in every case. Look out for the engine and clear the track. If goods are right bring them back. We will make the right in every case. Or we your money will replace.

Years to save, W. L. & P. R. LONG.

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