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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Cripple Creek Country out in Colorado is found to be rich in gold. Next thing we listen to hear is that Senator Teller and "Bloody Briddles" Waite have both gone over to the gold bugs.

John Sherman criticizes Carlisle's financial policy. The Populists say Cleveland and Carlisle are Republicans. Now we rise to ask the Mercury and the Caucasian whether they really think Sherman agrees with them in classing Carlisle among the Republicans.

Senator Tillman and Gov. Evans, both of South Carolina, did some talking at Atlanta the other day. The occasion was South Carolina day at the Fair. They got off that racket about "the South and West" against the North East. Oh, well, we were under the impression that the Alliance had done got this one. May be not, so we suggest that they hurry up about it.

Mr. C. O. Ball, a well known and popular grocer and Capt. J. R. Burwell, who conducted a nice dairy farm near Raleigh, each made assignments a few days ago. We hardly think that either gentleman was a sound money man, but they are victims of the system that is ruining all alike.—Progressive Farmer.

Oh, well, you just wait until we get free silver at 16 to 1, and there will be no more failures! When that happy time comes, nobody will have to work, nobody will be poor, and every Populist editor will just have to quit the business because there will then be nothing on earth for them to talk about. Just think how dull and uninteresting the Progressive Farmer would be each week without its columns of "Sound Money Failures."

The New York World is not far wide of the mark when it says that "the career of Calvin S. Brice is a romance in corruption, a paradox in politics, a travesty on statesmanship, a blot on the record of the Democratic party." The same is true of Platt and Quay in the Republican party, but they are honored by their party while Brice is rejected. This shows the difference between the parties.—News and Observer.

But haven't we got clean and nice since the recent elections—since Brice and Gorman are "done for"? It was just ever so dirty and mean for the Republicans to put their "boys" in again, wasn't it? Let us wait till after the funeral to talk about the sins of the deceased. Whatever else it is, it will be better manners to wait! But the New York World is the dirtiest sheet in the country and we can't keep from saying so before we quit.

"The free silver cranks should come down here and exchange their American Currency or Coin for Mexican of equal or superior weight and fineness, receiving nearly \$2.00 for \$1.00."—From Maj. G. W. F. Harper's Letter from Mexico in Lenoir Topic.

And though this is as true as anything in the world, the Silverite, when confronted with such evidence, says Mexico is a small country and can not maintain the parity of gold and silver, being too weak and insignificant. Yes, and that is the point. The Silverite believes away deep down in his heart that the government of the United States is all powerful, and that all it needs to do is to go into the silver business and 50 cents dollars will immediately become 100 cent dollars. Good Republican doctrine that!

—Miss Kate Michal is quite sick this week.

We note that the Charlotte Observer says that the "Reform Club" of New York is a non-partisan organization. It is spending many thousands of dollars in trying to persuade the people to support a gold standard policy. Hadn't the silver people better quit their fool partisanship and get together so that a united and non-partisan front may be presented to the united and non-partisan goldbugs? Wonder if Shakespeare felt a spirit of inspiration when he said, "What fools these mortals be!"—Caucasian.

Oh, yes, he was undoubtedly inspired! Allow us to be Puck for once and congratulate the Caucasian, in view of the above, on being about the biggest of all mortal fools, especially when it thinks it can win any more Democrats by non-partisan schemes. The Alliance, alias the Populist party to which the Caucasian belongs, ought to be attractive enough to win on the silver issue alone, if that can be done at all. Would it not be a spectacle for gods and men to see Marion Butler and Col. Bellamy and ex-Judge Schenck presenting a non-partisan front to the non-partisan gold bugs!

Is it the intrinsic value in a two cent postage stamp which makes it worth two cents? We believe in "honest" postage stamps. It is a shame for the people to be forced to take and use these "flat" two-cent stamps which the government is now putting off on an indignant and outraged public.—Caucasian.

Now, but is not the above a sensible thing for the Caucasian to say! We begin to doubt the honesty of any man who will talk like this. Of course, there is no intrinsic value in the little "red daubs," but it takes two cents to get one because the government promises when it sells you one to do two cents worth of work for you. Suppose you think of it this way a little. It takes two cents of that "honest money" you ridicule so much to get a stamp. That "honest money" has intrinsic value because it measures other things which have intrinsic value. The government works two cents worth for you. Work creates value. You can't do this particular work yourself. You get the government to do it for you. The stamp is only the pledge the government makes you to fulfill its part of the contract which causes your letter to be carried.

A NEW CONGRESSMAN.

The recent interview which R. Z. Linney gives out is interesting. We have read it several times. We have also read all the comments on it we have come across. Two things attracted our attention. Mr. Linney acts prophet and predicts that all the Southern States are soon to be Republican. He favors fusion in order to keep Democrats out of power in North Carolina; for, said he, if they return to power they will pass an election law like that of South Carolina. From this interview we take it that Mr. Linney is a bit frightened that the Democrats will return to power in North Carolina. We are indeed sorry that this spectre arises to haunt the official life of this new Congressman. We once read a fable about what a crane said under similar circumstances. For Mr. Linney's special benefit we shall give our North Carolina Statesman the advice philosophic. Here is what the crane said: "No one can be as happy from his beak to the end of his tail."

"TRUMPING UP AN ISSUE" AGAIN.

Last week we called attention to the fact that ex-Judge Schenck had written a letter to the Caucasian on the lease of the N. C. R. R. to the Southern Railway. We said then that we had a very poor opinion of any man's Democracy who would write letters to that paper. But the editor of this paper did not mean, as some would have it, to abuse ex-Judge Schenck. Personally, we have only the highest regard for him. What we said we said in the interest of pure Democracy, and we have nothing to take back. It has been suggested that we publish the article in question. We will perhaps do this in the future. The editor of this paper, as yet, has no opinion to offer as to the merits or demerits of that lease. He is studying that question. However, it strikes us as a queerer to publish the article and give the Caucasian credit for it, and not be able to point out its errors. The editor of this paper does not know everything. He has a great deal of work to do. He will assure the public, or that part

FAKE SILVER LITERATURE.

The Charlotte Observer copied an editorial from this paper last week relative to the circulation of silver literature. The Caucasian now replies as follows: We respectfully request the Charlotte Observer to ask any individual reader of the Caucasian why he gets the paper if the esteemed Observer really wants to know. All we can say is that we are not sending out any papers unless they are paid for at the rate asked. It will be remembered that we charged that the Caucasian was

of it which is interested, that he will, before long, give the readers of this paper, the article in question, and his opinions thereon. In conclusion, we wish to repeat what we said in last week's Democrat as to the propriety of Democrats being heard through the Caucasian. We know full well that if the editor of this paper should write articles for Butler's paper, it would not be long before we should have people doubting our Democracy. Our impression is that the Caucasian is not given to publishing articles favorable to the interests of the Democratic party. These are the reasons why we said what we did. We are glad to hear that Judge Schenck has not turned Populist. We do wish, however, to suggest that we do not think it to his credit to be praised by the Caucasian and the Alliance. We will not accuse him of being a Populist for all that, when he says he is not.

OVERLOOKING DIFFERENCES.

The gold-bug Democrats of Missouri have set a good example for others to follow. They have conceded the control of the State executive committee to the silver men, and are working harmoniously with them for the success of their party. How much better it would be for Democracy if they would follow this good example elsewhere. Even here in North Carolina there are Democrats who might learn a lesson from our Missouri brethren, and spend their time fighting the enemy instead of widening and emphasizing the differences which exist. If Democrats will overlook their difference and get together they can redeem North Carolina. Will they do it?—Charlotte News.

Oh, how lovely! We wonder that you had not thought, in order that perfect peace might reign, to come over and dwell in the tents of the sound money news before now. If gold-bug Democrats out in Missouri are so foregoing, why do not silver Democrats in North Carolina take a hint and lay aside their silver ideas when they see that gold-bug men down here are slow about changing their clothes? But all the giving must come from the sound money men, or no harmony reigns. That is what we gather from the News. It is all very well to suggest such a course of action as the above, but honest men are not convinced by such talk. Men who honestly believe in the integrity of our currency and desire to see Populism obliterated from Democratic platforms are not the men to surrender so easily. For example, it was only the other day that the News undertook to tell the public that ex-Judge Schenck was a good Democrat, though the News knew full well that the gentlemen in question had written a letter to the Caucasian and had done several other things, which might be mentioned, indicating to some people that the ex-Judge was not a good Democrat. To be plain, it is exceedingly bad manners, according to our way of thinking, for any man who writes letters in the Caucasian, or for any man who preaches what the Caucasian does, to advise a "sound money" Democrat to lay aside differences and come over to him. It is just such men, men who have continually conceded to Populists, who are now asking the sound money men who oppose Populism in all forms to stand and deliver. To the News, to Col. Bellamy and to all like them, we answer that we shall not heed your suggestions until you convince us by your actions that you sympathize with Populism in no shape or form. We intend to fight before we surrender to those men who would disgrace the Democracy of North Carolina as was done in 1890. Whenever we all begin to see that Democracy and Populism are unalterably at variance with each other, whenever we all begin to see that temporary success at the sacrifice of principle is suicidal and hypocritical, then we shall all begin to get together, and not till then.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

The Young Men Take the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Fifty-fourth Congress began its session at noon today with crowded galleries and many other manifestations of acute interest in its proceedings, including, of course, the inevitable floral decorations. For the third time in the last 25 years the popular will found expression in a reversal of political dominance, and the new Congress was called to order with Democratic ascendancy in the Senate on the point of disappearing and the House overwhelmingly Republican. There were fifteen new faces among the Senators, not counting Chilton, of Texas, who re-occupies a seat he once held before by appointment, and there were in addition 13 re-elected Senators to be sworn in by Vice President Stevenson as their own successors. Of the hold-over Senators whose terms will expire two years from now, some of the most prominent, including Blackburn, Brice, Hill, Voorhees, Vest and Peffer, took their seats today with the shadow hanging over them of strong probability that their places may be filled by others when this Congress expires.

In the House of Representatives the changes were still more marked. One of the features which provoked comment from the galleries was the youthful appearance of many of the new members. Several states have sent as Representatives men who are still in their twenties. Probably two score of others are under forty. In point of age, the present House is the youngest known to the history of American legislation. These boyish appearing members, bright faced, intelligent looking, well groomed, well mannered and well dressed, college men most of them, presented a striking contrast in their youthful appearance to their veteran associates such as Grosvenor of Ohio, whose flowing white beard gives him a venerable appearance disproportionate to his age; to ex-Speaker Galusha Grow, of Pennsylvania, hale, hearty and vigorous despite his seventy and odd years; to Culberson, of Texas, now entering upon his eleventh term and other of the House veterans, whose political prospects were not temporarily submerged in the November elections of '94.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The machinery for the organization of the House of Representatives worked today in a very satisfactory manner without the slightest jar. Mr. Reed, of Maine, in pursuance of the unanimous decision of the Republican caucus, was elected to the speakership by a vote of 234 as against 95 for Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, the Democratic candidate; 6 for Mr. Bell of Colorado, the Populist candidate, and 1 for Mr. Culberson, of Texas, Democrat. The six votes for the Populist candidate were given Messrs Baker, of Kansas; Howard, of Alabama; Kern of Nebraska, and Shaford, Skinner and Stroud, of North Carolina. The one vote of Mr. Culberson was given by his colleague, Mr. Crain this being the only deviation from the party programme. Mr Reed's speech in taking the chair was brief and incisive. He would not speak for the past; the past would speak for itself. Nor would he speak for the future, as they were not now putting off the harness, but putting it on. But he suggested that those who acted with wisdom in the past might be fairly expected to act with wisdom in the future. After the oath of office had administered to the Speaker and all the members, the next step in the Republican programme, the election of House officers, was taken and Messrs McDowell, of Pennsylvania; Russell, of Missouri; Glenn, of New York; McElroy, of Ohio, and Conden, of Michigan, were chosen as clerk, sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, postmaster and chaplain, respectively. The rules of the Fifty-first Congress—popularly known as the Reed rules—were adopted for the government in the House for the present, after an assurance from Mr. Cannon, Republican, of Illinois, who had offered the resolution, that they would hereafter be referred to the committee on rules, and that the House would have an opportunity to discuss the report of the committee. The assurance seemed to satisfy Mr. Crisp, who has raised the question, and the matter went through without further contention.

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Governor Carr, at the earnest solicitation of the representatives of the Mexican government, has appointed the following well known and experienced business men of the State of North Carolina, to act as a State Committee for the Mexican International Exposition, which is to open in the City of Mexico on or about the 15th of September, 1896: Col. Frank Cox, Asheville; F. Brevard McDowell, Charlotte; Geo. H. Bellamy, El Paso; Col. Fred. A. Olds, Raleigh; W. J. Andrews, Raleigh.

The duty imposed upon these gentlemen will be making propaganda for the Exposition among the manufacturers, as it will be the means of opening up an extensive market, which has been overlooked by the export trade of the United States.—Charlotte Democrat.

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