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"ONE OF THE PEO PLE"HEARD FROM.

Here is what ex-member of the Legislature Stroup, of Gaston, has to say of Judge Schenck's recent article on the lease of the North Carolina Railroad. We clip from the Cancasian:

I am proud to see the article of "Lex" in your valuable columns defending the rights of the people and the State. We are tired of being trampled under foot by foreign corporations. We want no such deals as that perpetrated by the Southern and the Directors of the North Carolina Railroad. Let him come again and turn on the light. Stand by the people and the people will stand by you. Keep that matter before the people, and if possible have that deal

"Prototo see it," indeed! It is wonderful how quick a Populist takes to a man who will write for the Caucasian. By the way, Mr. Stroup was elected in 1890 as an Alliance Immocrat and sat in the famous legislature of 1891. We learned later that he got tired of the "corruption of both old parties" and joined the Populists and the "combination." We never heard of him trying to do but one thing while a member of the legislature. Some Gaston county man says Mr. Stroup introduced a bill appropriating \$500 to see whether a cross between a lightning bug and a bee could not be made in order that the bee might be furnished with enough light to enable it to work all night. Mr. Stroup has retired, we learn, and is now simply "one of the people," having no greater ambition than to see their rights over against corporate greed vindicated.

FOR THE HICKORY MERCURY.

That "Tefforsonian Democratic" censor of the Press, the Mercury ask us several questions last week. We shall try to answer them. Here is one:

We "rise" to ask the Democrat its appearance and whether it is for gold and silver as money or for a gold basis only? Now don't dodge, please. Give the date, and say yes or no. It wont take much of your time.

If the Mercury means to ask when the Democrat made its appearance, we would answer that it appeared on September 27th, 1895. However, we suppose we should be more nearly correct by saying that pure Democracy made its appearwith the first issue of the Mercury! As to whether we are for gold and silver as money, we answer that we are for gold and silver. Now say its all not so!

Here is another:

We "rise" to ask the Lincoln Democrat, if a man who believes in the free coinage of silver can't be a good democrat, and if the a man for office?

That depends on several things. A Democrat who believes in free silver and nothing else is not a good Democrat. The Mercury is | Cancasian and its editor. not a good Democrat, in fact, no Democrat at all. But if there are any Democrats; who honestly adhere to diver at 16 to 1, and still

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Republicans for office. Now, you you were in 1892, old sport? have it.

And still another:

But we will bet our steam boat against the Democrat's theological seminary that John Sherman agrees with us when we say ('leveland. Carlisle and even the little Democrat, have gone over soul and body to his (Sherman's) long cherished views on the financial question, and we dare the Democrat to "rise" and take the let. We pause for an answer.

We do not believe anything you and John Sherm n believe in, so far as party principles are concerned, and you know it. We do not care to go into an argument to show that we are a Democrat, and not a Populist or a Republican, all for your benefit. So far as this paper is concerned, it has long ago found out that there is very little use in trying the force of an argument on any paper like the Mercury. We have said time and again that if you believe such stuff as the above, you are the veriest hypocrite for fellowshipping and "combining" with men who follow Sherman's lead. Suppose you think about it that way a little, before you go to accusing those who really oppose Sherman of being in league with him. If the above is your position, you are either dishonest and mean, when you vote for Republicans, or you do not know any better and deserve to be pitied, one of the two.

A WOMAN AND SOME GEOGRAPHY.

A woman writing in last week's Caucasian about why free silver cannot be had in the Democratic party, says of those who advocate "sound money." an "honest dollar," "good money in Europe"

Many of them do not know whether Europe is at the North Pole or the South Pole, or in the bottom of the sea. All they know is to cry aboud as their bosses tell them to cry.

Talking about people being ignorant of Geography and the like reminds us that not long since a Democrat in this County was relating to a Populist and his wife how the last legislature had adjourned out of respect to the memory of Fred Douglas and had failed to adjourn in memory of George Washington. After the lady had listened to the conversation up to this point, she remarked with a show of apology for the lawmakers of 1895 that she did not know George Washington was dead. She seemed to be much interested in hearing more of him. Now, give us another Geography lesson and we'll tell you some more like this. If you need the names, we can give them. This is no "Democratic

As to the propriety of a woman being heard in the political diswhen pure Democracy first made | cussions carried on in the Caucasian, we shall not now express our opinion.

LATER REPORTS confirm the account of the Rutherford Democrat in regard to Judge Robinson's conduct at Graham court. He left the court room to smoke while a lawyer was addressing the jury. He also sent for cotton to put in cline of this labor organization. his ears to keep from hearing Hon. Kope Elias make a speech to the ance in this part of the country | jury in an important case. There seems to be little dignity about such a court.

THE DEMOCRAT wishes to publish a list of the names of those people who get the Caucasian and do not pay for it. Democrats who know of such persons will please send in lists. We notice that the Caucasian, here of late, has lessened its Democrat would not support such | howling about "Sound Money" literature. We only wish by our course to show up one of the greatest and most detestable hypocrites in the State. We refer to the

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER SAYS the News and Observer is getting "weak on" the silver question. show that they are sound on the We have observed lately that this other destrines of the party, we Raleigh paper has had no editorishould promounce such Democrats als on the money question, worth in error and try to convert them. the while. We would remind the We could vote for such men if we News and Observer once more that had it to do. We rather think we it is wasting a great deal of preshall do like the Mercury; vote for cious time in keeping silent about the nominees of the party we be- the dangers of "fiat money." The buying the railroads as they used long to. And we think our cons- "fiat money" men are as agressive to? Have they "hushed" that cience will be about as clear as ever, but the Observer is silent talk on account of those free passwhen we do this as will be the as to their heresies. Even the es their editors carry?

Mercury's when it votes for so- Populists papers begin to remark called Republican free silver men, on the exit of Mr. Daniels from who in turn vote for "gold bug" their ranks. Getting back where

> THE EDITOR of this paper has no opinion to express at present as to the merits or demerits of the school book question, as representéd by the opposing companies operating in this state. The communication in another column of this paper is not the opinion of this paper, and we are in no way responsible for the opinions therein expressed. We know nothing personally of the circumstances. We trust that the charges are not well founded. However the interests of the children of the county are paramount to the interests of any school book company. trust our public servants will remember this fact. As long as this school book matter has a public interest, we shall allow it discussed in these columns.

It appears that the larger part of the small number who approve the President's message are Republicans. Republicans only are reported to have applauded the message when it was read in Congress.-Caucasian

There is a Republican majority in the present Congress. Let us wait to see how many of the President's suggestions it will enact into law. We think this will tell the tale as to whether the Caucasian tells the truth or not, and also as to the charge whether Cleveland is a Republican or not If he is a Republican, we do not understand why a Republican Congress would not be eager to act on his suggestions. Let the record prove how this matter stands.

WE CLIP the following from the Wilmington Messenger:

"Coin," the distinguished silver advocate and debator, has formed a political association called "Patriots of America." Its sole object is the restoration of bi-

We learn, too, that this society is a semi-secret one. We suppose it is a kind of "Gideon's Band," of fragrant memory. The Populist Party, "The Bi-Metallic League," and the "Patriots" are all working for 16 to 1. We wonder why they do not join forces. There is danger in so much division. We should like to have some suggestion as to which of these three will get the support of the 16 to 1-ers here in North Carolina, who call themselves the Democratic party.

The Hickory Mercury lately got

off the following: Senator Marion Butler made a speech before the Nights of Labor a few nights ago. He received an ovasion by the nights for his kind and sympathetic words. Mr. Butler is at home before any labor organization and at all times the laborers friend, and they can well afford to trust him.

"Nights of Labor" is good! As to the "ovasion" and the "sympathetic words," we have no opinion to offer. In view of the recent decline of the above mentioned organization, we are inclined to agree with the Mercury as to its new title. Wonder if the "sound money" men are responsible for the de-We enter a disclaimer against "nights" and "ovasions."

When the '99 year railroad lease" was made there was a howl ef disapproval from all over the State, the Democratic press taking an especial part in the proceedings of condemnation But when steps were taken which indicate a genuine fight against this deal, nothing is heard from this press. What's the matter? Passes or what f-Caucasian.

The insinuation that the Democratic Press can be bought with a few railroad passes, is too mean and little to be noticed, except to say that Demccratic papers have learned enough in the last lew years not to help Populist papers raise a smoke to hide behind. So far so we have observed, we see that almost all the so-called "Reform Papers" published railroad schedules, and their editors carry passes as a result. Of course, no Populist editor world allow his own railroad passes to "gag" bim. Only wicked Democrats do the like! Why don't Populists talk about

"If the fusion is kept up, as I beli v it will be, North Carolina is about as certain to give its electrrai vote to the Republicans next

y. ar a. Pennsylvania. T'es are the words of Congressm n Linney, who was elected last car as a fusionist and who now affiliates and cancases with the Republicans. If fusion is kept up North Carolina is sure to go Republican. It is worth while for some of those men who have gone away from the Democratic party to consider this statement well It is a candid statement of what appours to be the truth. We do not | convicted on three Counts. believe that many of the Populists are Republicans at heart, vet they are aiding and abetting that party. -Charlotte News.

The News ought to be lawyer enough to know that those who "aid and abet" are as guilty as the principals. And whatever else a Populist may be, it is plain from the evidence and the facts that no Populist has any very pronounced symptoms of a"Democratic heart." But even doctors differ, you know.

Both Democrats and Republicans are introducing bills for the free and unumited coinage of gold and silver in Congress. This is a little scheme by which they have been fooling the people many years They can put in the bills all right; but when it comes to voting ah! Both parties have been in full power since 1873. Both have voted many times on this question and there is no free coinage yet. See?—Caucasian.

And when do you suppose you will get free coinage adhering to the policy of "combining" to put in office the Republicans who do as you say? You might resurrect your "Rule of Three" and go to work. We only notice such things as the above to show those Democrats, who believe it is good policy to conciliate Populists and make them believe they are very nearly right, the utter hypocrisy which prompts the policy of that whole

talks about those two lonesome Pops who happened to get elected to the legislature of Kentucky:

The Kentucky Populists nominated some mighty good men for the recent election, but it is evident that there were some third rate fellows up and two of them got elected. Now it is said that one will vote with the Republicans and one with the Democrats. These two old parties are exactly equal on joint ballot and a division of the two Pops does not change the statns. We have no respectable feet ing for this stripe of Pops, and regard them as a dishonor to the

We shudder to think of the dishonor which must attach to those Populists of this State who sent a Republican to the United States Senate by voting for Jeter C. Pritchard! If both these Pops will only hold a caucus and both agree to vote with the Republicane, then we suppose they will be after the "stripe" of the Caucasian. Let them do this at once that they may relieve themselves of the odium which now attaches to them.

Here is what the Southern Index, published at Rockingham, has to say about a recent visit of Judge Robinson to that town:

The Judge's charge to the Grand jury was a very strong one, and not so tedious as they generally are; but admirably interspersed with the richest humor. The Judge has a rich vein of humor running through him, and can tell an Irish joke to the rarest perfec-In his charge to the Grand Jury, the Judge was very severe (and has manifested it in nearly every case before him) on those of our citizens who are addicted to profane language. One opprobrious epithet in particular, he treats as the gravest of all cardinal sins, and as justifying almost any kind of an assault. It was amusing to see how nearly every defendant managed to accuse the other fellow of using it.

We have heard that Judge Robinson is not very careful about his language on all occasions. We lately learn that he is profane on the slightest provocation. The above sounds rather queer in view of these facts.

Literary Notes.

Senator John Sherman's "mem oirs" has already reached toe sale ot 127,000 copies.

Dr. Horace H. Furness, of Phil adelphia, has a private library of 16,000 volumes. He is an eminent Shakespearean schoiar.

George Augustus Sala is dead. He was a friend of Charles Dick-Bar, a London periodical.

State News.

Editor J. C. Linney has sold the Marion Record to Mr. A. H. Me

The court house of Cherokee county, at Murphy, was burged la Friday night,

W. E. Prather, a well known baker of Charlotte, committed sucide the other day.

Hasa-il, the grave yard insurance man, of Beaufort, has been

Ex-Sheriff Beam, of Rutnerford county, lest his house by fire last week. No insurance. Col. R. L. Steele, of Richmond

county is dead. He was a promient Cotton Mill man. Ex-Gov. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, is visiting ex-State Treasur-

er Tate, at Morganton. Senator Pritchard is chairman

of the Senate Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment. Hon, A. C. Shuford has not yet appointed a private Secretary. He

ought to give some Populist "re-National Committeeman for North Carolina, H. C. Cowles, of Statesville, is said to favor Reed

for President. A "faith cure" woman doctor from Chicago 18 working "miracles" in Yadkin county. The devil can do miracles. He, no doubt,

has an agent in Yadkin. Rev. Jno. T. Abernethy has been re-admitted to the North Carolina Conference. He had been "located" for improper conduct.

Senator Pritchard has introduced a bill to restore Capt. E. W Ward, of this place, to active service in the army.

President Cleveland has been at Elizabeth City during the past week, hunting ducks. Part of the Methodist Conference in session Here is the way the Caucasian | there got to shake hands with him.

> of Senator Pritchard have him slated for a Cabinet position, if McKipley is elected President in Miss Ray Whitlock, of Ashe-

Some over enthusiastic friends

ville, was one of the twenty singera at the Rockefeller-McA'p'n wedding in New York this week. He is a teacher in the Nex York Conservatory.

Thos. Settle, the young Repulli can Congressman, of the 5th Di... trict, seems to have a mutgage on North Carolina patronage. 11has, so far, successfed in standing off Linney and l'earson.

Latest General News.

100,000 Armenians have alleady been massacreed by the Turks.

Joseph, Quincey, D mocrat, and elected mayor of Bost in not i ng since.

National Republican Convention meets at St. Louis Mo., June 16.

Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, is spoken of a possible presidential candidate. Fleming G. Dubiguon is a cau-

didate to succeed U. S. Senator Jno, B. Gordon, of Georgia. He 18 a sound money man. Mississippi has seven candidates

for the United States Senatorship. They are Money, McLaurin, Hooker, Stone, Spencer, Lowry, and John Allen.

James B. Pace, banker and broker, Richmond, Va., has failed for \$900,000. Continued ill health is given as the cause. His property will more than pay his debts. The Mercury will note!

Samuel Gompers has been elected president of the Federation of Labor, defeating John McBride. McBride defeated Gompers last year at Denver, Col.

Judge Allen G. Thurman of Ohio, is dead. He was 82 years old. He was a candidate, for the vice-presidency in 1888. He had been a Congressman, a supreme court Judge, of Ohio, United States Senator, and a presidential candidate at various times. He was one of the ablest men in public life in his day. His parents were North Carolinians.

The Centenary of Thos. Carlyle's birth was recently celebrated.

Judge Walter Clarke's book on Napoleon is out. It is a transla. ens and the founder of Tempte; tion of a French work and is said to possess much merit.

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