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THERE ARE some so-called Democrats who insist that they are Democrats after the pattern of Washington and Lincoln. Neither of those men were Democrats. It reminds us of that old "gag" about the "Ocala Demands" being Democratic doctrine. We all remember the time when almost every Democratic weekly in the State had its Alliance column and was courting that organization.

SPEAKER REED's sense of the ridiculous must be acute. He has put our Congressman Shuford on the Committee on Education. He is as well qualified for that place as some of our fusion office holders are for insisting on a reduction of their salaries, now that they are in. Both are cases of constitutional disability. Mr. Shuford got his "education" in the Alliance. We all know what that means.

SENATOR TILLMAN says he learned his Democracy from Jefferson and Lincoln. We never learned any that we have from Abraham Lincoln. If Senator Tillman is really hunting for Democratic doctrine we would suggest that he go to a better source than to Lincoln for it. We have no criticism of Lincoln other than that he was no Democrat. He, of all men, departed from the principles of Thos. Jefferson, and the man who says he gets his Democratic doctrine from Lincoln says in effect that he has no Democracy.

THERE ARE some silver Democrats in this County who say they will never vote for any "sound money" Democrat. We know of many such at various other places in North Carolina. We have never yet heard of but one sound money man saying that he would vote for a silver man under no circumstances. Gentlemen, study about what you are doing. It is not the "sound money" Democrats who are making this trouble. It was made by the Alliance as early as 1890. Those men who are now perpetuating the spirit of the Alliance should not accuse us of making trouble.

WE have no time for that sentiment which some North Carolina papers so often voice, viz., that the "sound money" Democrats are emphasizing differences in the party. That there are differences in the party is a well known fact. Then, why try to disguise those differences? Harmony can not be brought about in that way. The honest, manly thing to do is to discuss honest differences of opinion that those who may want the truth can judge where it is. Harmony and fellowship can come only after men who are capable of learning the truth do learn it and act on their knowledge. If division then comes, let it come. A divided party would be preferable to a conciliating, vacilating party undivided. A union of faith and practice must dominate every organization that would succeed. Men must be taught the doctrines of the party. The doctrines of the Democratic party must be believed and adhered to. Then the Democratic party will be strong.

We violate no confidence in saying that under its new management the LINCOLN DEMOCRAT is somewhat of a hornet. It has settled right down on the necks of the enemies of sound money in North Carolina and is proving itself a very uncomfortable companion for them.—Charlotte Observer.

NONE AT ALL, of course not. We appreciate nobody's attentions more than those of the Observer. The "little Democrat," to use the Hickory Mercury's parlance is not at all "stuck up," but it appreciates compliments almost as much as the ladies do. But for all that, we know that hornets are useful. The "Hornets" under the leadership of Joseph Graham did effective work once at Charlotte, if we remember our history correctly. This paper hopes to be able always to make as firm and decided a stand for good government and sound money as the Charlotte "Hornets" once did for American liberty.

WHEN confronted with the fact that the silver now in a dollar is only worth 53 cents, the free silver man says: "But, if the government would coin it free, it would be worth 100 cents." Then how will money be any easier to get? If this were true, how could it also be true that money would be cheaper? Our silver friends make all these arguments. They can't all be true. This free silver talk is only talk. There is no reason or sense in such arguments as are advanced to uphold this cheap money theory. We have always wondered how men of sound sense can believe in this silver business any way.

COL. Harry Skinner, the Populist Congressman from the first district of North Casolina, voted with the Republicans in favor of their tariff bill the other day. And though Populists do like things every day in the week, there are still some Democrats here in North Carolino who believe that Populism is almost Democracy. When will the Democrats of this State awake to the fact that every concession made to Populists is a concession to Republicans? Populism means nothing less than an almighty government. Republicanism means the same. No Democrat can fellowship either of these parties and retain his standing in the party.

THE Private Stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad should feel under many obligations to the Alliance for instituting a suit in their interest and paying for its maintainence. The State also should thank the Alliance for a like favor. But to be serious, we do think that the stockholders, whose interests are at stake, should pay for carrying on this suit, if they really want the lease broken. If the lease does not please them, they should say so. If the lease does not please the State, it should say so. We rather dislike to see the Alliance attending to everybody's business but its own. Just wait till the campaign begins and you will hear about how much the Alliance loves North Carolina and her welfare. Wait!!

THOSE silver men who declare they will not support any man but a silver man for office should not be too hasty. The public remembers how in 1890 a part of the Democratic party, the Alliance part of it, said they would support no man for office who did not pledge himself to the "Ocala Demands." That was the first step in forming the Populist party here in North Carolina. If silver men insist on this policy of "nobody but silver men on guard, they will have to get out of the party sooner or later. They must not try the Alliance game any more. Let this money question be discussed, and when the party meets in National Convention let us all agree to stand by its platform and vote for its nominees. Those who would make a platform in advance and ask us to get on it and on no other are the men who cause division in the party. Let all good Democrats remember these things.

THE NEW YEAR.

The Democrat wishes to thank all its patrons for the support it has so far received, and also for that which it hopes to receive. The Democrat has had many difficulties to overcome. It still has many. The subscription list is small yet to what it should be. Those especially interested in increasing the usefulness of the Democrat are the people of Lincolnton and the Democratic party of this County. The Democrat can not do more than preach good sound Democratic doctrine and work for Lincoln County and its welfare. This it will continue to do. And it asks that the people of the County treat it with that consideration it deserves. The present management will then be satisfied.

THAT DETECTIVE BUSINESS.

It comes to our ears that certain Populists in this county are claiming that "they" have a detective to watch the doings of our Democratic Board of County Commissioners. No body who knows our present board will imagine for a moment that they are spending any sleepless nights over the fact that their acts are being watched by Populist or Republican detectives. They are all men of honor and character and do not care how much light is thrown on their official conduct. We only mention this here to show how Populism has bred suspicion and hatred here in North Carolina—suspicion and hatred of men who are above reproach in all the walks of life. No man is too good to be the subject of their low down abuse. The chief magistrate of the nation on down to the lowest officer of the law, daily has to hear their uncalled for denunciations. Those Populists who are now circulating this report are only doing it to try to besmirch men who are well thought of in this community. It is characteristic of Populism to do the like.

BUTLER'S TIRADE.

Senator Marion Butler got mad in the Senate of the United States the other day and said that the Democratic Party has no ideas, and that it had gone over to the Republican party, carpet bag and baggage. Senator Harris, the wet hen of the Senate, asked Mr. Butler whether he was not now in the Senate by virtue of a Fusion of Populists and Republicans. Of course, Mr. Butler got mad some more and made the capitol dome ring with his denunciations of Democratic rascality here in North Carolina. We only refer to this episode to let the public know what Mr. Butler is doing, and to show the downright hypocrisy of Butler when he tries to denounce Democrats for going over to the Republicans. If Democrats stand for nothing, have no ideas, and are Republicans, then we submit that Mr. Butler is out of order when he denounces Democrats as Republicans; for manifestly Republicans have some ideas and stand for something. It surely cannot be that Populists have all the sense and stand for everything there is to stand for. We are only interested to the extent of saving the Republicans from the insane Asylum!

Venezuela Commission.

The presiden has appointed the following members of the Venezuela Boundary Commission:—David J. Brewer, of Kansas, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Richard H. Alvey, of Maryland, chief justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D White, of New York; Frederick R. Coudert, of New York; Daniel C. Gilman, of Maryland, president of the Johns Hopkins University.

This Commission will determine where the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela really is. The result of this work is looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

The Chief Justice of the Tennessee Suprem Court has been arrested for assaulting a man named Beasley with a pistol.

The Southern Railway now has a line to Norfolk, Va. It ran its first train into Norfolk, Dec. 30th.

Dr. R. L. Payne of Lexington, N. C., has moved to Norfolk, Va. He is president of the North Carolina Medical Society.

Capt. S. A. Ashe of Raleigh is now a clerk in Collector Simmons' office. We take it that he has retired from the newspaper business.

Snow storms in the Northwest this week.

Anthracite coal has been discovered at Hot Springs, Madison county, N. C. The supply is said to be inexhaustible.

Queen Victoria has appointed Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate. This office has been vacant since Lord Tennyson died in 1892.

K. J Murray, Editor of the Norfolk Landmark, is dead.

The North Carolina State Alliance has resolved to start a fertilizer manufactory. The Alliance used to sell the Durham fertilizer, but since that company has joined the trust, it has declined in Alliance favor.

Congressman Shuford has introduced a resolution to report the act which gives the Congressmen power to appoint clerks.

John Ruskin, John Morley and other English scholars have signed a protest against war between England and the United States.

The Cumnock coal mine in Chatham county has recently been the scene of a fearful explosion. The death loss was over 50 persons. Safety lamps were not used. To this negligence the disaster is attributable.

The Senate of the United States passed a resolution last week allowing ex-confederate army or navy officers to join the regular army. Senator Hill, of New York, intorduced the reslotion. No votes were recorded against the measure.

The magazine of the Smithdeal Hardware and Furniture Company exploded at Salisbury last week and killed two boys. The magazine contained 50 kegs of powder and 1500 lbs of dynamite. Much damage was done to property near by.

The Supreme Court, of North Carolina, has granted Hon. F. I. Osborne, as Attorney General authority to bring suit to test the legality of the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern Railway. Mr. Osborne considers the lease valid, and will bring the suit to test the matter in the courts. The matter will, no doubt, find its way into the Supreme Court of the United States before it is finally settled. The Alliance is paying for the maintenance of this suit.

State Treasurer Worth and assistants were "taken in" by some tramps the other day. It seems that some cancelled coupons were thrown into an open fire place and set on fire. The heavy draught drew the cancelled coupons out of the top of the chimney. The coupons fell down somewhere on the Capitol grounds and were picked up by tramps and doctored so well that they looked like uncancelled coupons, and were repaid when presented. It is thought that from $300 to $400 worth of these coupons have been thus repaid.

Woodrow Wilson is writing a series of papers on George Washington. The first paper appears in the January Harpers.

M. Zola is said to have a first class chance of being elected a member of the French Academy. M. Zola has been a candidate for membership in the Academy ever since we can remember. Evidently the "Immortals" are degenerating. Daudet will now have to revise his "The Immortal".

W. E. Gladstone is preparing a series of articles for the North American Review on the "Future State and the Condition of Man in it."

Stepniak, the Russian Nihilist and author, is dead. He was killed in a railway accident in England. Stepniak was only an assumed name. The author's real name is unknown.

Putnams has lately issued a book of "Reminiscences of Richard Cobden". Cobden was, of all men, the most influential Tariff Reformer of his day. To his speeches England owes much of the Free Trade sentiment which has dominated her policy for the last 50 years.

"A House Boat on the Styx" is the title of a new book by John Kendrick Bangs. The book is illustrated. It represents Nero in Hades playing billiards with Shakespeare, and the like. It appears to us that the book is an attempt to ridicule the doctrine of hell and future punishment.

"Jude the Obscure" is the name finally given to Thos. Hardy's serial story which has been running in Harper's Magazine for some time past. The story is the most abominable rot. Like a great many other novels nowadays, it deals with the family relation. There are no principles of virtue inculcated. The story deserves to perish.

Canon Farrar once wanted to deliver a lecture on his impressions of America. But Philip Brooks is said to have remarked: "Don't do any such thing. In the first place, you have no impressions; and in the second place, they are all wrong."

Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a deed of trust, executed to me by Seth Cline on the 23th day of March, 1890, conveying the following described real estate in trust to secure a debt due by said Seth Cline to A. Nixon, and by the said A. Nixon assined to Marion Cline, and the payment of said debt becoming due, and power of sale absolute. At the request of Marion Cline, assignee of said debt, and to whom same is due, I will, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said said deed of trust, sell at public auction for cash, at the court house door in the town of Lincolnton, N. C., on

Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1896, at 12 m., the following piece, tract or parcel of land, situated in the town of Lincolnton, Lincoln county, N. C., and more particularly described and defined as follows: Being part of lot No. 35, S. W. square of Lincolnton, commencing at a stake on High street 568½ poles from the N. E. corner of said lot No. 35, runs thence along High street S. 25 deg. E 5.68½ poles to a stake on the street; then S. 65 W. 14 1-10 poles to the line of a new street, laid out, then along said new street N. 24 W 5.68 poles to a stake on said street; then N. 65 E. 14½ poles to the beginning, containing ½ acre more or less, and adjoins lands of Emma Cobb, Butler Herndon and others, and for further description reference is hereby made to deed from Venis Cline to Seth Cline, registered in book 61, page 207, and to deed from C. and W. H. Motz to Venis Cline, registered in book 49, page 598, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Lincoln county, N. C. Reference is also had to book 63 of Deeds, page 210, Register of Deeds office, Lincoln county, N. C. This 31st day of December, 1895.

W. L. CROUSE, Trustee.