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WE would remind those who wish to mould public opinion that it is very poor moulding that will come of trying to see where the people are and then falling over the fence to get to the people.

WILL some one who knows please inform us where the Greensboro Record stands on the money question? Why do those papers which used to make the welkin ring for 16 to 1 suddenly stop their music?

SOME of the State papers complain bitterly of the fact that Christmas brings with it the usual number of fights and murders. The reason is obvious. People, as a rule, are not good! The world is hardly getting any better for all our boasted civilization.

DO you "contract" the currency when you borrow money and pay your honest debts with that borrowed money? Nowadays we are told that, if the government borrows money by means of bonds and pays its debts, then it contracts the currency to the extent of the borrowed money.

THIS government has \$346,000,000 worth of legal tender Treasury notes now outstanding. Every dollar of this amount is to be redeemed in value currency—gold. The honor and credit of this government is pledged to do this. Then, why not take the best, safest, easiest, and cheapest way to pay this debt?

THE \$346,000,000 of Greenbacks now outstanding is an honest debt, which we owe once and no more. The present policy is to pay this debt over and over again. Is that right? Is it just, is it fair? To repay a debt is not fair to the debtor. To reissue the Greenbacks when once redeemed is simply lessening our obligations to pay.

POPULISM is not Democracy, and we do admire a paper which has the manliness to say so at all times. The world knows that Populism means hatred and suspicion of the established order—hatred of those who are in authority and hatred of everything but itself. Any concession to Populists is a clear departure from Democratic principles.

THERE are some so-called Democratic papers in this State who are claiming that Secretary Olney wrote that Venezuelan message Mr. Cleveland sent to Congress not long since. But those same people said Cleveland was the greatest man in America as late as 1892. Now, he has not sense enough to write his messages to hear them tell it! So far as we are concerned, we should not care much if we had some of the "old man's" sense, even now that he has degenerated so!

CONGRESSMAN Shuford is now a member of the Committee on Education. But is it not all wrong to have farmers legislating for school teachers? Surely Mr. Shuford's consistency and past utterances will prompt him to refuse to help control legislation of an educational character. "Farmers must make laws for farmers," used to be the motto! But the world changes and circumstances alter cases, and Populists forget their campaign speeches just like the wicked Democrats are said to forget them.

WHILE the country has lost its billions under Mr. Cleveland, it is said he has made himself \$6,000,000. But how? Will some one tell us?—Hickory Mercury.

Nobody who has a thimble full of sense believes the above about Cleveland being worth six millions. The insinuation that he "froze" the money out of the people is a sample of Populist argument. It is just such talk as the

above that renders the average Populist incapable of believing anything good of anybody. They read such stuff in the Mercury and believe it because they have had an Alliance "Education." Your persistent inculcation of hatred and suspicion is not going to avail always. It cannot.

THE Progressive Farmer of this week thanks those of its subscribers who send it subscriptions. It names a list of such who have sent it from one to five subscriptions a week during the past year. Maj. W. A. Graham of this County is on this "honor roll" of the Farmer. But we thought Maj. Graham was a Democrat. However, we shall not say he is not. But we wish to express our doubts about the propriety of any good Democrat sending one to five subscriptions to the Farmer every week in 1895. It looks bad for any man's Democracy to be an agent of the Farmer.

IT is truly wonderful to note how the News and Observer has quit talking about the money question. We had expected that the News and Observer would have tried to convince the "gold bug" Democrats of the error of their ways instead of remaining silent. Let the discussion go on that all may learn the truth. Take courage. Butler, Stroud, Skinner, Shuford and Pritchard are still keeping up the circus! They will have a free coinage law passed before long and then you cannot say you helped to do it, if you continue to remain in hiding as you now do! Take courage.

WE sincerely beg the pardon of the Mercury for trying to answer its wise questions in our last issue before the holidays. We might have known we could not do it. After this, we shall confine our remarks to things we know something about, instead of trying to convince a Populist editor that such a thing as Democracy now exists outside of the Populist Party. We are now engaged in gloomy reflections on the brevity of life and are mortifying the flesh in the hope that we may arrive at that stage of mental obliquity which will, we hope, meet the approbation of the Mercury.

CHRISTMAS RODYISM.

The Wilmington Messenger complains very bitterly about the crimes, rodyism, and the drunkenness so prevalent about Christmas time. It says:

If the celebration of the birthday of the Son of Man is to be desecrated and degraded by wholesale drunkenness, fights, rows and general devilry it is high time that the better behaved united earnestly to prevent such a horrible perversion and wide-spread sin. But if the State puts the bottle to the people's lips and they get drunk and insult and shoot and kill, how can the State punish results with any degree of consistency? If the State provides a way by which "liquid damnation" shall make beasts of men, how can the State well complain if great disturbances and violations of law and many cruel casualties occur therefrom?

The Messenger forgets that scripture which says that man's heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Christmas sins are no worse than other sins. Men are not good as a rule. We get very tired of hearing about "liquid damnation," and the like. Whiskey is not the cause of evil any more than the shot guns, which an honest merchant sells is the cause of murder, when its use is perverted by some villain. There are some things which the state can not do. One of them is to make people religious. Crime and drunkenness will be here when Gabriel announces the end of the world. Nobody upholds crime who wishes for the welfare of society. But you must make society better before you can make the State better.

So long as people will believe that the Farmers' Alliance is better than the Church, so long as preachers preach politics and no religion, so long as children are not taught to reverence those in authority, so long will there be crime. Now begin to use your arithmetic and you'll find out when people will begin to keep Christmas after your way of thinking.

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RESCUE IT, INDEED!

Under the above heading, the Progressive Farmer tries to ridicule the Brevard Hustler when it says that the issue before the people of this state is to rescue it from fusion hands. Here is the way the Farmer puts it:

Rescue it! Well, well! What would you do with it? Do you really believe that any considerable number of the good people of this State want it rescued and placed back in the hands of the soul destroying, grave robbing, ballot stealing, spittle-licking, Groverized political mossbacks who were in full charge for nearly twenty years prior to the last election? We have had trouble enough along that line. Let us strive for better things ahead, but do not take a backward step.

The "soul destroying" Democracy once stopped lawlessness, and the out raging of white women by negroes. It stopped arson, murder and plundering with impunity by negroes, instigated by mean white men. The "grave robbing" Democracy made John Kerr a free man. It impeached Holden and silenced Kirk and his cut throats. The "ballot stealing" Democracy of North Carolina restored the state government and put it in the hands of the intelligent people of the State. It made North Carolina respected abroad for honest and integrity. The "spittle-licking" Democracy of North Carolina has put the State on a firm financial basis, built asylums for the unfortunate insane, erected schools, befriended the negro race in many ways, sent out brave men and statesmen to battle for right and good government, and last of all it has no respect for such men as the editor of the Farmer. The "Groverized" Democracy of North Carolina needs no defense. It stands today for honest money, a revenue tariff, economy, individual liberty and the perpetuation of the State's good name and honor. We are proud of the epithets you apply to us. The Democracy of North Carolina has no blush of shame for anything it has done for these twenty years of its rule. It is only the beast that would turn and rend its protector, as the Farmer does. We owe to the Democracy of this state a lasting debt of gratitude. It has been our help and our protection in the days of our weakness, and if we mistake not, it will still be the hope and salvation of North Carolina for the future. The state of affairs which now prevails in this State and has prevailed since the election of 1894 is enough to excite the concern of all good citizens for the State and her welfare. These are the days of small men, days when reason and sense seem to have deserted some of our people. Still we trust the good will come of it and that the future will be all the brighter for the clouds of the present.

NO NEIGHBORS NEEDED.

We are for America first, last and all the time. We are opposed to the alien ownership of our lands. We are opposed to foreigners owning our railroads, or buying up our bonds or dictating what kind of money we should have. We believe this country should make and have its own money. There will be no war. If it will cancel the debt they say we owe England, maybe some good would come of a war.—Hickory Mercury.

Yes, and you ought to have said you were in favor of prohibiting any one from reading a foreign book or newspaper. There would be about as much sense and reason in the one as the other. With the majority of men who have eggs to sell, for instance, it makes very little difference who buys them. We know of but one country which does what the Mercury suggests and that is China. If the Mercury's ancestors, if it had any, had been treated by the natives here as it now wants to treat Europeans, it no doubt, would be issuing its interesting paper somewhere in Russia or Spain instead of here in the United States. The prospect of an opportunity at repudiation of debts due Englishmen seems to tickle the Mercury. The free silver idea enacted into law would be a mild form of repudiation itself.

Half of the business portion of the town of Wake Forest, Wake county, was burned Tuesday. The College escaped.

A FEW WORDS AS TO THE PATRIOT.

Life is too short to quarrel with people, but still the DEMOCRAT cannot refrain from calling attention to some things a so called Republican paper here has been doing. We refer to the Lincoln Patriot. The Patriot has no editor, at least, it places no name at the hand of its editorial columns. Why it does not tell who writes its editorials, we are unable to say. The Patriot claims to be a Republican paper to the core, yet it has Populists who go about the country saying "it is our paper." It talks about the personal "flings" of the DEMOCRAT. Yes, the DEMOCRAT intends to "fling" at Republicans and Populists when it gets an opportunity, but so far we have tried to be fair and honest. We always expect to have the courage of our convictions. We never expect to hit below the belt.

We are going to tell the people face to face what we think and why we think it. Now, we want to tell the Patriot that we think it very poor taste and bad manners to publish, as it did last week, a telegram not sent to it. We refer to the purported "special" which the Patriot published last week in reference to the fire at Rutherfordton. The Patriot got no "special" at all, yet it publishes. The Patriot has been talking about one of the County Commissioners, too. We are not standing godfather for any man on that board, but we do not think the Patriot is able to show that they are not fair honest men and men who know whether or not they did anything they are charged with. And when asked about it have the COURAGE to say plainly they did it, and not "I reckon so" as the supposed editor of the Patriot did, when the County Commissioner asked him if he was responsible for what the Patriot has said about him. Then we hear that certain persons, upon information of a person known to have some connection with the Patriot, have been circulating the report about the County that the County printing was given to the DEMOCRAT at a higher rate than the law allows. This report is false, as the records will show.

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WE therefore ask the editor of the Patriot, whoever he or she may be, to put at the head of its editorial page who is responsible for what it prints; also to correct its "special" about the Rutherfordton fire; and also to inform the public that the County printing is being done at the legal rate. These things we ask in the interest of truth.

A Reunion.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT—The undersigned left Lincolnton Friday morning in company with Mr. A. G. Harrill who resides about four miles south of Lincolnton. After about an hours drive we reached Mr. Harrill's residence where nine children, thirty-three grandchildren and a few friends had met to celebrate a reunion. The day was bright and fair, and the children were collected here and there and seemed to be enjoying the occasion very much. About 1 o'clock dinner was announced. The crowd repaired to the spacious dining room where we found the table loaded down with everything that could be desired in the way of something to eat. After dinner wine and cigars were served, the decanter containing the wine is said to be nearly one hundred years old. Mr. Harrill is 75 years old and is the father of twelve children, nine living, three dead, one died in service, one killed by a runaway team in 1881. The only daughter died an infant in 1802. Mr. Ed Harrill is a resident of South Carolina, Mr. A. M. Harrill is a resident of Newton and is known as a railroad man, Mr. R. E. Harrill has been a resident of Chicago for five or six years. Mr. Harrill, better known as Squire Abe, was born in Rutherford county and has resided at his present home 52 years and he says the place was about 50 years old when he went there making the house and barn over 100 years old. About half past two arrangements were commenced for the arrangement of a group of father and mother and nine sons. This being completed, the entire crowd formed in front of the house and a view of the house and

the entire crowd was made. After this the young people started for a horse back ride to the poison spring and other places of interest. The crowd then began to scatter. The whole affair was a success from beginning to end, long to be remembered by all and especially by the writer. Respectfully, W. E. MILLER.

Judge Robinson is trying to get testimonials as to his good conduct at various places, so the Rutherford Democrat says. The Asheville Citizen remarks upon Judge Robinson's ignorance of the law. Robinson does not seem to be a model judge, whatever else he may be.

England and Germany are having trouble over some land down in Southern Africa called Transvaal. It does not pay to have colonies in every part of the world. If it is true that the sun never sets on English soil, it is also true that she is never free from quarrels.

Senator Jones of Nevada, who used to be a Republican, but who recently turned Populist, threatens to vote against reporting the Tariff Bill now in the Senate Committee on Finance in case the committee do not agree to put on additional tax on sugar. In this event, the bill many never get out of the committee room.

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Mr. Alva Vanderhill, former wife of Wm. K. Vanderhill, is to be married to Oliver H. Belmont.

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Land Sale.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed by D. A. Chapman to G. M. Michal on the 30th day of August 1894 to secure the payment of a bond of even date therewith to said G. M. Michal for the sum of \$100.00 with interest from date at 8% until paid said bond due and payable on the 1st day of December 1895 and said mortgage deed and bond were cured thereby both duly assigned to A. M. Finley on the 2nd day of December 1894, before maturity to which deed and assignment thereof reference is hereby made to Book 70 of Mortgages page 82 (at which place the same are duly recorded) in the office of Register Deeds for Lincoln County, N. C. Default of said payments having been made and the condition of said mortgage not having been complied with, and said bond having become due on the 1st day of December 1895 and unpaid, I will offer for sale at auction at the Court House door in Lincolnton N. C. at noon on Monday, 10th day of February 1896, to the highest bidder for cash the below described tract of land lying in Lincoln County, N. C. and adjoining the lands of Milton Goodson and others bounded as follows: To wit: Beginning at a Post Oak, Milton Goodson corner and runs with Roaners line north 18 1/2 west 108 poles to stone and pointers his line. Thence south 64 west 70 poles to a stone and pointers near end of lane. Thence south 23 west 40 poles to a stone in old field Thence south 60, east 96 poles to 2 stone and pointers. Thence North 62, east 50 poles to the beginning, containing 55 acres more or less known and designated as the "Chas. Serence tract" reserving one ninth part of all mineral interest in said land, see mortgage Deed Book 70 page 82 for full particulars. Title as per mortgage deed in fee made upon payment of purchase money on date of sale. This 7th day of January 1896. A. M. FINLEY, Assignee of G. M. Michal, Mortgagee.

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