

FUSION IN CATAWBA.

"NON-PARTISAN" SCHEMES.

There is nothing into which populists do not carry politics. The courts of justice which they, last summer, wanted to make non-partisan, seem to be the stake for which they are just now playing. The object they have in view will come to the surface before long. Until the days of populism, nobody cared as to what party a man belonged when his name was drawn as a juror. But all this is changed.

This week when the county commissioners began drawing the jury according to the long established custom, having the names of all the citizens eligible for jury service of each township bunched together so that each township could get the usual allotment of jurors, several leading fusionists who had been hanging around waiting for the opportunity, demanding a stop to be made in the proceeding and threatened to prosecute the commissioners if they did not put all the names in one box and disregard ownership lines. They evidently thought by stirring the names from the whole county together the populists' names, for some reason, would come the top and the Democratic names go to the bottom. The law says, (we are told, for we have never examined it ourselves) that there shall be two boxes and the names are to be drawn from one box and put into another. Nothing is said as to separating the names into townships. This custom had been followed in order to insure all parties of the county representation on the jury.

The commissioners after a short consultation, decided that rather than have a political wrangle over a matter into which politics should never enter, that they would let the "non-partisan" judicialists have their way. So the names were all thrown together and stirred up. One of the "non-partisan" fearing that possibly some straggling Democratic name might be near the top, demanding that they be stirred five minutes longer. The commissioners also yielded to this demand, and stirred the names another five minutes. Then the drawing began. This was the result:

Newton got 11 jurors, Hickory 9, Jacob's Fork 9, Clines B, Catawba 2, Bandy 2, Mountain Creek 1, Caldwell 0. Thus three townships got 29 jurors and the other five only 8. The people of the last named five townships can lay their lack of representation on the jury to the pop "reformers." Strange to say, after all their planning, demanding and stirring the names drawn are about equally divided between the Democrats and the fusionists. The "reformers" knocked five townships out of representation and then failed to capture the jury.—Newton Enterprise.

America's Growth.

An enormous volume is soon to be issued by D. O. Haynes & Co., entitled One Hundred Years of American Commerce, prepared under the direction of Dr. Chauncy M. Depew, who sums up the material progress made by the United States during the past century in the following figures: Our population has grown from 3,000,000 to 70,000,000; our accumulated wealth from less than \$100,000,000 to about \$70,000,000,000; the number of our farms from probably about 100,000 to nearly 5,000,000; our agricultural products from just sufficient for the support of 3,000,000 people to an annual commercial value of \$4,000,000,000. The workers upon our farms have increased from about 400,000 to 9,000,000; the operatives in our factories from a handful to 5,000,000, and their earnings from a few thousand dollars to \$2,300,000,000. The increase in wages has been correspondingly great. Even since 1870 it has been 60 per cent. and the purchasing power of money has enhanced about the same. Our public school system was very crude at the beginning of the century, and the contribution of the state for its support very small. Now we spend for education annually \$156,000,000, as against \$124,000,000 for great Britain, France, Germany, Austria and Italy combined.

Venezuela in Paragraphs

Eight States are in the union. Population of Venezuela is 2,121,968.

Fifteen per cent. of the population are pure blooded Indians. The territory in dispute is about the size of the State of Maine.

British Guiana was acquired by England through treaty in 1814.

In 1893 the amount of gold mined in Venezuela was 47,900 ounces. Slavery in the republic was abolished by the decree of March 24 1854.

Venezuela's export trade with New York reaches \$5,000,000 a year.

Difficulties between Venezuela and Great Britain first arose in 1836.

It is estimated that seventy-five revolutions have occurred since the establishment of the republic.

An absolute separation of church and State has been effected; civil marriage is insisted on, and other admirable and progressive institutions have been established.

Previously in 1886 her public school system was very unimportant, only 1,312 pupils being in attendance at the public schools in the year mentioned. Now the attendance exceed 100,000.

The constitution makes presidents ineligible for re-election, and it is the earnest endeavor of Venezuela statesmen to establish the politics of the country on a firm footing of peace and order.

The financial system of Venezuela is the admiration and envy of all South American countries, the single gold standard being in force, and the public debt of quite insignificant proportions.—Charlotte News.

Jingo. Origin of the word

The origin of the word jingo is interesting at this time, when one is confronted with it so often. At the time of the close of the Russo-Turkish war, which, as all readers of history know, terminated so disastrously for the Turks, and caused a feeling of apprehension in England that the Russians were bent on taking Constantinople, and the ultimate dismemberment of the Turkish empire, a change which could not be tolerated, the public feeling found expression in England upon the stage in pantomimes and in the music halls by numerous patriotic songs. One of these was as follows:

The dogs of war are loose and the rugged Russin Bear, Full bent on blood and robbery has crawled out of his lair. It seems a thrashing now and then will never help to tame That brute, and so he's out upon the same old game. The Lion did his best to give him some excuse To crawl back to his den again—all efforts were of no use. He hungered for his victim, he's pleased when blood is shed; But let us hope his sins may all recoil on his own head.

CHORUS:

We don't want to fight, but by jingo, if we do, We've got the men, we've got the ships, We've got the money, too. We fought the Bear before, and while we're Britons true The Russians shall not have Constantinople.

The song became most popular, and was heard on every street corner, from every organ grinder, and was whistled by every bootblack. Shortly after this the election campaign began, in which Gladstone, the head of the Liberals, attacked the Tory party, then led by the Earl of Beaconsfield, who was in power. The Tory foreign policy was ridiculed, and they were stigmatized by the Liberals as the party of bloodshed, glory and jingo. The word is now as much of a political term as the word boycott, and is used to denote a bellicose, perhaps reckless national enthusiasm.

Electric Lights.

London oculists are up in arms against the very serious danger to the community caused by the electric light. Several eminent eye doctors are agreed on the point that unless a stop is put to the exposure of uncovered electric lights in the streets and in shops and offices, nearly all the population will become blind. Experts are so greatly exercised in the matter that they even suggest that Parliament should take it up and prohibit the use of plain glass globes for electric light unless they are properly shaded.

A Mode: Sheriff.

In a recent issue of the Newton Enterprise, we find the following, which explains itself:

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF CATAWBA COUNTY.

The money season of the year has passed and gone on, and the taxes for the year 1895 are not yet half paid. This tax matter means one of two things with me. I, as tax collector for your county, will have to make each and every one of you perform your lawful duty which is but small comparatively speaking, or I will have to sacrifice the home and property for which I have toiled hard all through life to accumulate, and beside all this, have the finger of scorn pointed at me for bursting.

Brother tax payers, place yourself in my position for a moment and ask yourself what you would do. As for my part I expect to collect every man's tax on time where there is property to make it out of. You will find out later that I mean exactly what I say. I don't mean to be inhuman, overbearing, or unkind in the matter but I am going to perform my lawful duty. I will carry over till next year people that have suffered serious loss by fire, sickness or death and these are the only excuses that need be laid before me. I write this so there can be no misunderstanding in regard to the matter. The people that read this will please notify their neighbors who are not taking the county papers.

T. L. BANDY, Sheriff.

The above is unique. It undoubtedly stamps the Republican Sheriff of Catawba as a most humane man. We know the people of that county must appreciate Mr. Brady's consideration. This effusion must be due to the legislature of 1895. It increased taxation!

Great Britain's Army.

Great Britain's regular army consists of 220,000 men, of which India takes about 75,000 Ireland 27,000, and about 75,000 are kept at home. The balance are scattered over the world. Besides this force are 85,000 reserves and back of all 140,000 infantry and over 11,000 cavalry. Then there are the volunteers, which number 265,000 men, so that the entire organization may be put down at 718,000 men, of whom 665,000 are usually reckoned effective. The militia are, in effect, additional battalions of the regular army. The militiamen are regularly enlisted for three years' term of service. In the first year they serve three months at the depot and at the annual encampment, and each subsequent year of their enlistment 81 days under canvas.

Late Literary News.

No one ever thought of introducing so expensive a feature as lithographic color work in the days when the leading magazines sold for \$4.00 a year and 85 cents a copy. But times change, and the magazines change with them. It has remained for the Cosmopolitan, sold at one dollar a year, to put in an extensive lithographic plant capable of printing 320,000 pages per day (one color). The January issue presents as a frontispiece a water-colored drawing by Eric Pape, illustrating the last story by Robert Louis Stevenson which has probably never been excelled even in the pages of the finest French periodicals. The cover of the Cosmopolitan is also changed, a drawing of page length by the famous Paris artist Rossi, in lithographic colors on white paper takes the place of the manilla back with its red stripe. Hereafter the cover is to be a fresh surprise each month.

Oil Fields in Austria-Hungary.

Austria-Hungary can no longer be counted on as a market for American petroleum, according to United States Consul Murphy, at Luxembourg, who furnished to the State Department a report upon the recently developed oil fields of that country. One well supplied 1,000 tons of oil in the first 24 hours, and another is ejecting 1,000 barrels a day. Meanwhile the use of petroleum is increasing in Germany, where it is sold for one cent per quart less than American oil.

Sugar.

Who invented or discovered sugar? is a question that was recently asked in Germany, and the answer given was that sugar has been known since the dawn of history, but not in all countries. The Chinese appear to have delighted their palates with sugar for more than 8,000 years, and it was known in India earlier than in Europe. One of Alexander the Great's generals carried sugar to Greece in the year 325 B. C., as Sir Walter Raleigh, some 2,000 years later, carried tobacco from Virginia to England. But even so late as 150 A. D. sugar was still a rarity in Greece. The famous physician, Galen, used it as a remedy for certain maladies. Recent experiments show that sugar has remarkable sustaining power when eaten by those under fatigue. The invention of the first process for refining sugar is ascribed to the Arabs, and a Venetian merchant is said to have purchased the secret from them, and introduced the process in Sicily. The refining of sugar was first practised in England about 1659.

General News.

A Resolution looking to the admission of Hawaii has lately been introduced into the House by Congressman Spaulding of Michigan.

Hon. Lloyd Lawndes was inaugurated Governor of Maryland last week to succeed Governor Frank Brown. The greatest demonstration in years was had over the inauguration of this Republican governor, the first Marylander to have since the war.

An Englishman has been imprisoned at Jacksonville, Fla., because he refused to do road duty after residing there 18 months. He threatens to appeal to England for redress. The affair is likely to cause some correspondence between the two governments.

Andrew Jackson's birthday was recently celebrated in New York City. Secretary Herbert spoke. He claimed that Jackson was a sound money man. He also spoke against having any more two faced platforms. Ex-Congressman Raynor of Maryland also spoke. A letter from President Cleveland was read.

Reports show that 1,782 miles of new railroad were laid in the United States in the year just closed. This is better than 1894 but is called small compared with the greatest year of railroad building the country has ever known—18,000 miles in 1887. The amount of railroad construction is quite a fair test of the general prosperity of a people, and it cannot be claimed that American prosperity reached high water mark last year. Texas got more new miles than any other State—224—and South Carolina got only 6, while the new mileage in this State was 89. All the railroad miles of the United States foot up 181,000.—Landmark.

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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, 8% until paid said bond due and payable on the 1st day of December 1895 and said mortgage deed and bond secured thereby both duly assigned to A. M. Finley on the 3rd 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 of Deeds for Lincoln County, N. C. Default of said payment 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 other bounded as follows: To wit Beginning at a Post Oak, Milton Goodson corner and runs with Bisaner's line north 18 1/2° west 108 poles to stone and pointers his line. Thence south 61° west 70 poles to a stone and pointers near end of lane. Thence south 53° west 40 poles to a stone in old field Thence south 60° east 90 poles to a stone and pointers. Thence North 62° east 50 poles to the beginning, containing 58 acres more or less, known and designated as the "Chas. Scronce 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

Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a deed of trust, executed to me by Seth Cline on the 26th 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 assigned 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 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 High street, commencing at a stake on High street 68 1/2 poles from the N. E. corner of said lot No. 35, runs thence along High street S. 25 deg. E. 5 5/8 poles to a stake on the street; then S. 68 W. 14 1/2 poles to the line of a new street, laid out along said new street N. 24 W. 5 1/2 poles to a stake on said street; then N. 45 E. 14 poles to the beginning, containing 1/4 acre more or less, and adjoining lands of Emma Cobb, Butler Herndon and others, and for further description reference is hereby made to deed from Venus Cline to Seth Cline, registered in Book 61, page 207, and to deed from C. and W. H. Motz to Venus Cline, registered in Book 49, page 568, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Lincoln county, N. C. Reference is also had to book 68 of Deeds, page 210, Register of Deeds office, Lincoln county, N. C. This 31st day of December, 1895.

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Leave Chester	9:11 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
Leave Lenoirville	9:30 am	9:50 am	9:50 am	9:50 am	9:50 am
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