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SECTIONAL SCHOOL BOOKS.

The editor of the Rutherford Democrat has been paying his respects to Capt. Bell and Ginn & Co. Editor Tipton has caused the Morgenton Herald to refer to the matter of school histories. It says:

"We know nothing of the controversy except as we get it from the Democrat. With the lights before us Tipton is on top, flashing defiance in the face of his wily foe.

One thing we do know, and that is that teachers who use Ginn & Co. books are doing a gross injustice to their pupils. These books are viciously sectional and Northern in their teachings and prejudices. Take for instance 'The Beginner's American History,' by D. H. Montgomery. There is no mention in it of either Guilford Court House, the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence or of Kings Mountain; yet a full page is given to illustrate the Emancipation Proclamation of Mr. Lincoln.

The Herald, no doubt, means to refer to D. H. Montgomery's 'Leading Facts of American History,' and not the smaller work. But there is too much being made of this school history matter. Montgomery's histories are no more sectional than those published by the American Book Company. Barnes' History was lately condemned by the Confederate Veterans at Richmond. Talheimer's History is another book more sectional than even Barnes'. Formerly these northern histories were used in this State quite extensively. It is only of late that Hansell's History has been introduced. This history treats the subject from a Southern stand point. Now, we just wish to say that all these histories are good books for some topics, if history is taught that way. There is no harm in reading both sides. It is the teacher's business to correct the manifest wrongs done the South in these sectional books, and to have the pupils understand the true position of the South on secession and slavery.

It is poor policy to condemn one school book company for publishing sectional books, when others are in every way just as guilty. We allow no man to question our devotion to the South and her history, and we say now without any compunctions of conscience that we have recommended to students to read all the histories to which they could have access. At the same time, we are careful to call attention to the sectional parts and correct them. Ginn & Co. have many meritorious text books. Merit alone should decide what books should be used in the schools. However, if one book and only one book on United States History can be studied, we should prefer some other than Montgomery's.

With the school book row, we have nothing to do, nor with the methods used by the rival companies to gain favor. We simply wished to show that one point made against Ginn & Co. could be made with as much propriety against the American Book Company. And we might add that Ginn & Co. have a Southern history that would, no doubt, satisfy the most ardent lover of the South. It is written by Oscar H. Cooper, of Texas, and is in some respects a better book than Hansell's. We are not an agent of Ginn & Company!

The world is beginning to know the South better. It is beginning to know its people better. The day is coming when Lee and Davis and Jackson will be as great men as Grant, Lincoln and Jefferson. Last Sunday, the 13th, was Lee's birthday. Lee's birthday is a legal holiday in this State.

GEMS OF POPULISM.

The Mercury is responsible for the following chain of error:

If you belong to the party, that party to the office holders, the office holders to Cleveland, Cleveland to Wall Street, Wall Street to Rothschilds and Rothschilds to the devil, and the thing works nicely, its only a question of a little while when you will be in that region where the rich man went who had no mercy on poor, suffering humanity of his day.

Oh, yes, all you need to do is to leave the Democratic party, join the Pope, combine with the Republicans and you will get a free ticket to glory! By all means have mercy on the poor! Yes indeed! The Mercury remembers how it used to charge and cavort around and roam at the mouth talking about Democratic extravagance here in North Carolina. But it has quit all that since its crowd made taxes higher than those extravagant Democrats had them. We only print such things as the above to show Democrats the meanness and heinousness of Populism. We have said that Populism was narrow, mean, and contemptible. We cite the above quotation as proof of what we say.

The Vestibule of Concord lately says: "For downright treachery and villainy, Cleveland beats anything on record."

We have often wondered at the moral turpitude of that man who can write something like the above, with the knowledge in his heart that he is uttering a base slander. If a man differs from you on political questions, it does not become you to refer to him in such language. This paper never refers such language to any man who is outside the penitentiary. Verily this is an age of free speech and cheap men. We have not yet seen or heard of any body referring to your man Butler in the above fashion, though it is perhaps truer of him than it is of Mr. Cleveland. Let us have facts.

We read each week in the Caucasian why you cannot get free silver in the Democratic party. The Caucasian offers a prize for that man who can give the most and best reasons why Democrats will never give the country the 16 to 1 relief. Here is what Mr. L. H. McClammy says, among other things, the Democrats have done:

Repeated the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, which alone gave silver life, which alone made future coinage possible. Was this all? Not but a thousand fold worse; they not only cut off its future hope, they took away, by treason, its legal tender quality by declaring that:

SILVER WAS TAKEN MONEY to be redeemed in gold! Cleveland and Carlisle, the highest officials of government, the great leaders of Democracy declared that the only way to maintain the parity of the metals was to utterly discredit silver by branding it as a dishonest coin, as a substitute for money as a mere representative of value to be redeemable in gold!

"Still harping on my daughter!" But let us repeat the truth about this matter. The Act referred to above was the repeal of the Sherman Law. That Repeal Bill expressly pledges the faith and credit of the government to maintain the parity of gold and silver. Silver is now and always has been legal tender for any amount. Silver is not to be taken money at all. Neither Cleveland, Carlisle, nor the Democratic party has ever so declared. Such a gross misstatement of facts as is contained in the above quotation ought, with all thinking people, to be discredited on its face. However, there are people who insist on believing such stuff against better knowledge. Get the law and read it. You need not believe what the DEMOCRAT says about it. See the truth for yourself.

We quote the above from Populist papers to keep Democrats informed as to the nature of Populism. If any Democrat will go in the face of better knowledge and leave his party to join the crowd these papers stand for, he will do it, knowing full well what he is doing. He knows now in advance what he will be called on to believe. These papers circulate in this country; and we do not think we would be doing our whole duty did we not warn you against such doctrines as those quoted above.

TEACH CURRENT HISTORY.

We are reminded by the following, which recently appeared in the Statesville Landmark, that one of the aims of our schools should be to teach current history. There can be no good citizenship without a knowledge of the great questions of the day. The schools at least those supported by the State, should never forget that they have the future citizen to educate. Why study the administration of George Washington, if you remain ignorant of the events of Cleveland's administration? There must be something radically wrong with that history teaching in the schools which does not see to it that the pupils know what Congress is and can do, what the tariff is, what sound money and free silver mean, and the like. We have met frequently with just such ignorance as the following clipping sets forth. We do not think we are wide of our province when we advise every teacher in the County to see to it that the pupils entrusted to his care are taught the fundamental facts of government. It is all very well to teach what the effects of alcohol are, but it is equally important that such ignorance, as is manifested by the citizens of whom the Herald tells, is banished from the land. If the teacher really wishes to know how much the average school boy knows about his country, let him ask who the county officers are and what their duties are. There will then be some reality in the following:

The following from the New York Herald of recent date proves conclusively that all the ignorance in this country does not find lodgment in the rural districts. Louis Gordon, a shirt manufacturer, was a witness in a suit for arson, and one of the attorneys, Mr. Davis asked him if his business had suffered from the passage of the last tariff law.

Gordon replied that he had never heard of the tariff law and didn't know what the word meant.

"Do you read the newspapers?" asked Mr. Davis.

"No, sir."

"Do you know what city is the capital of this country?"

"No, sir."

"Do you know what is the capital city of this State?"

"No, sir."

"Do you know what Congress is?"

"No, sir."

"Do you know who was the last mayor of this city?"

"No, sir."

"Are you a citizen?" finally asked Mr. Davis.

"Yes," answered the witness, and Judge Fitzgerald, the jurors and spectators looked at him in amazement.

Gordon previously testified that he had been in business in this country for 25 years, owns a house in Madison street, and in 1893 did a business of \$125,000 at his place in Walker street.

Let us have more history teaching of the right kind in the schools. The teacher must be able to supplement the work of the text book. The present Venezuelan question is one of interest and ought to be discussed in every school in the land. The newspaper is indispensable for such work in history.

THIS PAPER does not approve of everything individual Democrats do. It would, perhaps have done some things Mr. Cleveland has not done. But it is poor policy to leave the party, if you believe its doctrines, because Mr. Cleveland does not do all you think he should do.

THE FREE advertising the newspapers are giving Senators Butler and Pritchard is altogether out of proportion to their merits. It would perhaps serve the purpose of Democrats as well, if they should content themselves with pointing out the weakness of the cause for which these two men stand.

NOW THAT the Republicans have gone and elected a black negro to an office in Kentucky, we respectfully suggest to the Populist Press that they give it the same publicity they did when the Albany, New York, Democrats elected the negro Matthews to office last fall. It is time to begin howling!

THE Charlotte Observer suggests that, as the Atlanta Constitution says Cleveland does not desire a third term, the other enemies of the president quit beating the air. We have hinted several times to the Fayetteville Observer that it ought to hush up about the "third term" matter. It heeds not, however.

The Patriot, of this place, says it will tell anybody who writes its editorials, if that "anybody" has any business knowing. But it says not a word about that "special." Well, may be that is nobody's business either! Whoever you are, you are a daisy!

MICHIGAN has 351 councils of the A. P. A. Society, the largest number in any state. This society is against any Catholic holding office and the like. The society claims to advocate American principles. But such Americanism is as false as that Americanism would be which would advocate not allowing any body but a church member to hold an office. We need no religious test or qualification for office-holding yet a while.

THE Populists and Republicans are raising some smoke over the conviction of their men Brown and Satterfield at Raleigh last week for negligence in the assignment act fraud. But the jury was composed of men of all parties. The sight of an enrolling clerk of their legislature working out a sentence on the public roads of Wake county is not pleasant, of course it is not. But it will teach some people a lesson. If any Democrats were guilty, as was insinuated, they ought to be indicted and sentenced to the "rock pile," too. North Carolina has had enough of that legislature.

THE Progressive Farmer is a farm paper on its two outside pages only. The inside pages are mostly devoted to Populism. This reminds us that the Alliance hypocritically sets up the claim that it is a farmers' organization, while inside it is intensely political, and Populist at that. No good Democrat can belong to the Alliance. Who ever hears that once it used phrase, "Alliance Democrat," these times? Those Alliance Democrats who dropped "Alliance" are just Democrats now, while those who retained the prefix are now Populists! This is the exact truth as to the phrase: it has been buried in the same grave with the sub-treasury scheme.

EVIDENTLY the people of Bandy's, Catawba county, do not appreciate the value of education. They have just burned their third public school house at that place. We suggest water works, or a fire-proof building. But if, as is probable, the burning was the work of incendiaries, we suggest that the Mission board of the churches might find this a fruitful field of labor. The Hickory Mercury's "moral" editorials do not seem to have had much effect on the spiritual life of that corner of the world. We are reliably informed that the Mercury visits that locality in considerable numbers, however. All of which goes to show that the "godly" Mercury's teachings are not always heeded.

THE Greenbacks represent the money borrowed from the people to carry on the Civil War. This debt ought to be paid off. England paid off a like debt by issuing interest bearing bonds, called "consols." The last authority on finance in this country says that it costs more to retain this credit element in our currency under present conditions, than if it were converted into interest bearing bonds. The cheap "clap trap" about contracting the currency is going to catch no one who thinks soberly. The business of the United States Treasury is to collect revenue and pay the expenses of the government. It ought not to be made a bank of issue as some Democrats insisted on making it when they advocate retaining the Greenbacks.

Will Wynne, a Raleigh man, has invented a telegraph alarm by which he can call any office he wishes and not disturb any intervening office. He can transmit messages, not disturbing offices not wanted.

During the past year, the Odell Company, Concord, has made 19,888,758 yards of goods; 149,228 bags and 722 dozen towels; used 4,019,144 lbs of cotton or 8,088 bales; and paid out in wages \$185,572 and \$25,887 for coal and wood. The company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4%.

Subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

A new national bank has started up at Greensboro. It has a capital of \$100,000.

John Henry Boner, a North Carolina poet, is now associate editor of the "Literary Digest," one of the ablest literary papers in this country.

Lambeth & Co., dealers in what key at Raleigh, have shipped the State. They did a fraudulent business and are said to have made considerable money.

The North Carolina Steel and Iron Company, Greensboro, is dissolved. The new organization is known as the Guilford Furnace Company. The property is said to be worth \$200,000, and is free from debt.

Mt. Airy is hereafter to be written as one name, Mountairy. This is Postmaster General Wilson's doing. We hardly think this is Democratic. There is too little self government about this order from Washington.

The lawyers who defended enrolling clerk Brown, at Raleigh, during his recent trial for negligence in the Assignment Act matter, say he is not guilty, but that he is "the victim of circumstances." What does that mean? "Democratic rascality," perhaps?

NEW GOODS.

I have the largest stock of New Musical Instruments that has ever been in NORTH CAROLINA, such as AUTOHARPS, ACCORDIONS, MANDOLINS, GUITARS, BANJOS, VIOLINS, and ROLLER ORGANS, and any thing else that is kept in a first class Music Store. Prices lower than ever. Orders by mail have prompt attention. Address W. L. Lowe, Newton, N. C. 11-29-95.

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GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.

We find we have too many goods and not enough money, and in order to even up a little, have decided to inaugurate a Clearance Sale, and will from this date until January 1st, sell any thing in our store at Greatly Reduced Prices. The following prices will convince you that we mean to sell: Saitteen one yard wide at 10 cents per yard; Outing at 4 cents per yard; best yard wide sheeting at 5 cents per yard; the famous School Boy Jeans at 12 1/2 cents per yard; a good pair of Blankets for 75 cents per pair; a good pair of Dongola Button Shoes for 90 cents; Mens Suits from \$5.00 up, good ones; 6 pounds of Coffee for \$1.00; a sack of Salt for 55 cents.

All Other Goods at Same Rates.

If you want bargains now is your time to get them. Remember this sale will not continue after January 1st 1896. We are always up with the cotton market, and will pay the highest market price at all times for cotton in any shape. Will buy any thing a Farmer has to sell. Try us to see if we mean what we say. Reinhardt & Co. Iron Station N. C.

TO CLOSE OUT MY BUSINESS I WILL SELL FOR CASH ONLY, MY ENTIRE STOCK OF DRY GOODS, DRESS GOODS, JEANS, BLANKETS, NOTIONS, HARDWARE & C. AT COST. No good charged—Everything spot cash or its equivalent. Merchants will find it to their interest to replenish their stock from this sale. This is an opportunity seldom offered to the people of Lincoln and adjoining counties, to buy goods for less than their value. Those who owe me by note or account must make early settlement. Respectfully, J. N. L. COBB.

WHITE ROSE.

Is a guaranteed flour and therefore takes up more moisture than ordinary ROLLER FLOUR. We guarantee every bag of White Rose flour to be up to the standard. J-24-4. A. COSTNER.

Sale of Real Estate.

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in two deeds of trust, the one executed on the 10th day of July, 1893, by Caleb Mott and wife, to the undersigned, John C. Mott, Trustee, to secure the payment of five several promissory notes, therein described, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$1525.95 and interest, said deed of trust appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Lincoln County, North Carolina, in book 98 on pages 296 etc, to which reference is hereby made, the other executed by the said Caleb Mott and wife, on the 8th day of February, 1894, to the undersigned Aubrey Mott, Trustee, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note for the sum of \$100.00 and interest, said deed of trust appears of record in the said office of the Register of Deeds of said county in book 88 on pages 608 etc, the conditions in both of the said deeds of trusts not having been complied with and the powers of sale contained therein becoming absolute, at the request of the holders of said notes, the undersigned Trustees, to satisfy said notes, will, on

Saturday, 22 day of February 1896 at 12 o'clock M., expose to public sale at the Court House door in the town of Lincoln, North Carolina, that valuable tract of land, situated just South of the said town of Lincoln, bounded and fully described as follows, to wit: First tract. Adjoining the lands of Mrs. Wallace Alexander, W. W. Mott, Thos. L. Houser and others, known as the old "Candler Mill Place," and being the tract of land on which the late Caleb Mott lived: Beginning at a stake on the bank of the South Fork of the Catawba river, near the railroad bridge, thence with the C. C. Railroad about North 18 East 92 poles to three large rocks on the side of the road; then along said road North 10 East 25 poles to a pile of rocks; then with the line North 48 East 75 poles to a stake; then South 55 East 85 poles to a Black Oak stump, near large Pine and Black Oak; then South 51 West 91 poles to a post Oak on the side of the road; then North 76 West 67 poles to the river; then up the river as it meanders to the beginning; containing about 170 acres, more or less, excepting from the above boundary about one-fourth of an acre around the grave yard, also about two acres deeded to W. W. Mott in the year 1892, according to the description contained in a deed to him; for more specific description of the said tract of land reference is hereby made to book 50, page 423 etc., in the said office of the said Register of Deeds. Second tract. Adjoining the lands of Tilda Hoke and Martin tan yard place, beginning at a stone on the Simpson line, about two poles on the South side of the ran road branch and runs North 74 West 87 poles to a rock, Hoke and Martins line in the road; then South 40 West 19 poles to a Spanish Oak on the road side; then South 4 West 17 poles to a stake and pointers; then South 30 West 35 poles to a pine on North side of road; then South 54 East 100 poles to a large Post Oak on road side; then North 19 East 61 poles to a stake Tilda Hoke's corner; then North 54 West 21 poles to rock, Tilda Hoke's corner; then North 35 East 23 poles to a stake and pointers on the old road side; then South 45 East 14 poles to a stake on Simpson's line; then North 19 East 12 poles to the beginning; containing 43 acres, more or less; for more specific description see deed recorded in book 81 on page 104 in the said Register's office. On the first tract of land above described is situated a large and commodious dwelling house with all necessary out buildings and also a fine water power with a large machine shop the second tract is heavily timbered. Terms of sale—Cash on day of sale. This the 18th day of January 1896. JOHN C. MOTT, Trustee. AUBREY MOTT, Trustee. S. G. FINLEY, Atty.

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A Happy New YEAR.

We extend these greetings to our many friends and customers and thank them for their liberal patronage during the year of 1895 and sincerely hope and trust that it will be continued in the future.

RESPECTFULLY, JENKINS BROS.

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