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We suppose that Judge Schenck is now devoting his time to peaceful pursuits. We see no more from him in the Caucasian of late. We have noticed that it does not take a very great period of time to obscure the frame which some people insist on gaining through the columns of the Caucasian.

GEN. HARRISON asserts in the February Ladies' Home Journal that no president has ever pleased all the people. Judging from the slander and abuse Mr. Cleveland is getting from those who were formerly his friends, we suggest that the president take comfort from the ex-president's contention.

WE LIKE the "style" of the Waynesville Courier. It has been preaching to its county commissioners that its county should have vaults in which to preserve the county records. It now announces that its persistent work has met with success. We are glad to hear this. The Courier is a sound money paper and Democratic, too. The Courier is right.

ABOUT the real test thing we have seen during the new year is the following taken from the Charlotte Observer of last Sunday: "House-keeping women" decides that he prayed on Wednesday for a protective tariff. He ought to be very careful, however. Considering that a large part of the public so understood him, it may be that the Lord did, too."

The Mooresville Record is writing editorials on "Boys" and "Girls." The world has long ago recognized the necessity for both these institutions. What Rev. Starrette should do now is to tell the world how some boys can be persuaded that the country does not need them in Congress and how some girls can be kept from riding bicycles and trying to be men.

THE Charlotte Observer has as hard work to make Col. Harry Skinner show his hand on the sub-treasury bill as the Democrat has of getting Mr. Josephus Daniels to tell it something about those "Century" articles. If Mr. Daniels does not soon re-publish those Century articles, we are actually afraid the flat money people in this State will gain such an overwhelming influence that their power will be very hard to check.

SINCE Webster's Weekly has insisted on Senator Morgan being a man of first rate ability, along with others with silver linings, we suggest that Mr. Webster buy the Senator a book on etiquette, inasmuch as Morgan insists on making an after-dinner speech one and a half hours in length. It is too bad for a man of such ability to be making such a show of himself, even if his ability does consist in his power to raise "the wind" and put a dinner party in a comatose condition.

WE promise an indulgent public never to talk religion to the Mercury Mercury any more. We have no idea that our spiritual welfare need concern the Mercury. But we should like to remark, in passing, upon the fact that there will be many things in the Democrat which will not please the Mercury or any of its crowd. We know we are on about the right line whenever such papers as the Mercury talk about us. It is a badge of honor to have the condemnation of the Mercury on any point.

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than Wood's to interest Democrats. We have thought ever since the early part of last fall that there would be a movement this year looking toward a fusion of Democrats and Populists. The Lindsey letter and some other things, of which we shall not now speak, confirm us in our opinion. Gentlemen, the Democratic party in North Carolina is sadly in need of unity, and need no more division. You can not hope to do anything but cause division by entertaining any more Populist schemes. Quit courting Populists before it is forever too late. There are people who will not be lead into such a deal.

AND now the Winston Republican quotes with great approbation the attack of the Fayetteville Observer on Cleveland and the administration leaders. It has always appeared to us that the Observer might shape its course so that it would not meet so much approbation at the hands of the enemy. This it, no doubt, could do without endorsing Cleveland, if it finds such a course impossible. Aiding and comforting the enemy is very little better than being one of the enemy. The Observer should lay aside personal spite, and be such a Democrat as will not set all the Populist-Republican Press to rejoicing over its course.

CO-OPERATION OF DEMOCRATS AND POPULISTS.

Senator Lindsey of Rockingham county has written a letter to the Raleigh News and Observer, proposing a fusion of Democrats and Populists. Mr. Lindsey's letter begins: "The People's Party stand ready to cooperate this year with either the Republican or Democratic party on a distinctive line of principles." The Observer among other things, says the following in reply:

There is every reason why such men as Mr. Lindsey and the rank and file of the Democracy ought to vote the same ticket, and it is only a question of a little time before the old alignment that existed prior to 1892 will be again witnessed in the State. In a private note Mr. Lindsey says: "The natural position of the Republican party is on the side of monopoly and gold; the Democratic party quite otherwise." Mr. Lindsey also writes that he is ready to do what he can to bring about a fusion between the Democrats and Populists.

Then, there was no reason why Mr. Lindsey left the Democratic party in 1892. But, if there was a reason, that reason must still be valid. Or if Mr. Lindsey has found that he was mistaken, he should come out boldly and say so and announce his intention to vote the Democratic ticket in the future. But we wished to divert attention to the opening lines of the Lindsey letter. It proposes to co-operate with either Democrats or Republicans. Democracy is not Republicanism, nor is Populism either Democracy, or Republicanism. There can be no co-operation without somebody surrenders his principles. These opening lines announce that Populists are willing to surrender. We do not believe a single definite principle in the Populist Platform. Populists have no definite principles that Democrats can afford to co-operate on, except it is free silver, and even there we dissent. Lindsey knows that co-operation between Populists and Republicans must sooner or later cease, and he is feeling around to see what terms Populists can make with Democrats. The News and Observer should remember that it opposes fiat money and the like. How can it even consider such a proposition seriously? The Populists left the Democratic party. Let them come back or stay gone. This paper serves notice now that, when co-operation between Democrats and Populists or co-operation of any kind is endorsed by the majority of the party, it wishes to act as it pleases about how it votes. And you can rest assured it will please to vote against any such scheme and do it with all its might. It is the basest hypocrisy for Democrats to condemn the present co-operation of our opponents and then turn around and "out-Herod Herod." And while we are at it, we might as well say that we have lately heard Democrats of prominence, among the number an ex-Senator, say that it would be suicidal not to fuse with the Populists this year. We do not consider that we are bound to support any such combination, and we do not intend to do it.

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SAMPLES OF ENGLISH.

The Morganton Herald was at a reception the other night, and it was constrained to write about it as follows:

The menu was full, tempting, delicious, and greatly enjoyed. The ladies, all tastefully and richly dressed, were beautiful beyond the power of poet's pen to portray. The editor of this paper has to content himself with the use of common, every day words. We have often felt what Pope said about ten small words creeping in dull line. We have also had that fanciful spring feeling which would attempt to portray the emotions inspired by the charm of beauty. However, we would remark that our language never assumed very much volubility on such occasions. The phrases, "You are a honey" and "You are so sweet", are suggested for the Herald's respectful consideration. They beat all the dreams of poets and are more nearly in keeping with the facts. But let us consider the following choice bit:

Another very valuable acquisition to the faculty is in the personage of Miss Jenny Stanley, of Northampton. She is a woman of high tone of character, a thorough scholar, and an accomplished lady. She stands a fair chance to soon reach the very top, with a few comrades of her sex. As a teacher she is of strong mind sterling integrity and noble womanhood. These, including one other young man, constitute the regular teaching force of Rutherford College.

We found the above in the Charlotte Observer of a few days ago. It comes from that classic seat of learning, Rutherford College. There are several passages in the above over which we have uttered their prayer of Ajax, whom they say prayed for light. "A woman of high tone of character." is one of those passages over which we have wondered. "To soon reach the top, with a few comrades of her sex," is another. "These" might refer to "strong mind, sterling integrity, and noble womanhood" which immediately precede. As to "strong mind" "sterling integrity" "noble womanhood" conducting a college and acting as its teachers, there is some reasonable ground for doubt, but we desist.

PARTISAN JURIES.

The Progressive Farmer is the author of the following bit of "non-partisan": One of the most rotten bits of dry rot on the face of this beautiful earth to-day is the several Board of County Commissioners in North Carolina. Not satisfied with favoritism, with aiding in partisan election deviltry, they are controlling the courts of the State to a large extent. In more than eight cases out of ten you will find from nine to eleven Democrats on every court jury.

This reminds us that there are some Fusionists here in this county who wish to get rid of the present Democratic board of County Commissioners in order, as they have expressed it, to get a colored man on the jury once in awhile. The whole matter may be accurately stated when it is said that the Fusionists distrust everybody but themselves and believe everybody who is not one of them incapable of any honest action. The charge of the Farmer is not true. The courts of this State under Democratic rule have been as clean and honest as they well could be, remembering the fact that men are human beings. The days of Logan and Cloud in former times ought to remind us what we may expect of that element in this State which stands opposed to Democracy. Wait until a Democratic "Judiciary is exhausted," wait till Democrats elevate men like Judge Robinson to the bench, wait till they put ignorant negroes and mean white men on the juries before you make your charges. The Democratic boards of Commissioners have been the salvation of many counties in this state and the Farmer knows it. But any man who is so narrow and bigoted as to think that men of good character, no matter what their politics, are now capable of jury service except such men have an equal number of the opposite political faith to serve with them asserts a state of affairs in North Carolina for which Populism is alone responsible. The Farmer would have two thirds of the jury-men Fusionists, otherwise there is favoritism. It is the old story of reaping what you sow. Populism has sown the seeds of hate. We shall reap distrust and lawlessness

SENATOR FRYE TALKS.

The Republican Senator from Maine, Mr. Frye, speaking on the Monroe Doctrine the other day, said this in reference to England:

I say that she has availed herself of every single opportunity that came in her power to hurt the United States and to harm the country when it was a colony of Great Britain. I say that while Great Britain has been for half a century, taunting us upon our 'flag of freedom' and our Declaration of Independence, with holding slaves and putting manacles upon their feet and hands—taunting us year after year and asking us what our Declaration of Independence meant, the moment the South revolted and undertook to set up a Confederacy, the corner-stone of which was slavery forever and forever, Great Britain forgot at once all her sentiments against slavery and immediately did everything in her power to help France in Mexico and to help the Confederacy destroy the government of the United States for no earthly reason, except that if the Confederacy met with success, England would have in her a commercial customer.

Whatever object England had in sympathizing with the South, there can be no excuse for this Senator to misrepresent the truth of history. The corner stone on which the Confederacy sought to establish was the constitution and not slavery. Slavery was not the cause of war. The nullifying of laws of the United States and the disregarding of the plain meaning of the constitution were the causes, and history will so record it we think.

REVIVAL OF THE ALLIANCE.

Just now it seems that the Alliance leaders are making special efforts to revive that organization in every part of the State. The Progressive Farmer, the State organ, says: We learn from the Secretary's report that the membership of the Alliance in Rowan has increased very much since the October meeting. It shows an increase of 16 per cent in male membership and 25 per cent in female members.

The State Executive Committee is arranging a lecture system and will help the County Alliances in every way possible. Brethren let all be up and doing. The bulk of the Alliance work for this year must be done right away, before the campaign opens, for then politics will be the absorbing topic. Every dormant Sub-Alliance ought to be reorganized, and nearly every one can be. We also believe that many of the old members can be induced to become active members again.

Yes, pass the word down the line! Let the organization be revived at once before the campaign starts up, for the Alliance can not work then for fear it will interfere with somebody's politics or somebody's religion! There used to be a time when the Alliance never ceased to work. During political campaigns seemed to be the most prosperous times for it, yet it never was a political organization, to bear Alliance men talk! But to be serious. This increased activity in Alliance circles is for a purpose, and that purpose is to organize the Populist forces for the coming campaign. Anybody who is not crazy and who has seen the operations of this dark lantern political society in former campaigns knows that we utter the words of truth and soberness when we charge that this increased activity on the part of the Farmer and its crowd to rehabilitate the Alliance is a Populist game to make converts to Populism.

The proof is plain. The Alliance endorses the Farmer, the Farmer is a Populist paper. If the Alliance is not a Populist organization, why not repudiate the Farmer? The Farmer is the weekly confession of the faith of the Alliance. Let no Democrat be caught by the plea that the Alliance is not in politics. It you once belonged to that organization, and are now out, stay out by all means unless you are prepared to follow Butler. If you are a Democrat and still have your name on the Alliance, roll you owe it to your party to leave that Populist annex as soon as possible. No man can be a good Democrat and remain in the Alliance.

"Five years ago," says Auga A. Lewis, Ricard, N. Y., "I had a constant cough, night sweats, was greatly reduced in flesh, and had been given up by my physicians. I began to take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and after using two bottles was completely cured."

THE BUTLER and WOOD SPAT

What Butler Wanted and what Wood said to Him.

KALIEGH, Jan. 24.—About three weeks ago, Senator Marion Butler, who is chairman of the Populist State executive committee, sent out a circular letter in which he said that at a recent meeting of the committee it was ordered that certain quotations be asked. In the course of this he said that there is not so much principle involved in who shall be the nominee for Governor as there is with reference to the electoral ticket. In a nutshell the point was that the Populist committee had decided on a line of action, to get the 11 electoral votes and let the matter of the Governor go by the board, permitting the Republican whig of the fusion party to have that. These circulars were sent to township chairman all over the State. Senator Butler asked whether a non-partisan electoral ticket would suit, pledged to vote only for silver. One of these circulars was sent to M. L. Wood, of Bertie, and he did not return it, as requested, with his views as to the policy, but has printed it and also a letter of his own, in which he scores Senator Butler.—Charlotte Observer, correspondent.

WOOD'S REPLY:

If you believe that the Republicans in full power will conduct and manage our State affairs in accordance with the views or wishes of the Populists or People's party, I beg to call your attention of the last General Assembly, and the constant and vigilant work of yourself and the able and patriotic coadjutors, to whom every lover of his State should be deeply grateful.

The really important officers who have the most power for good or evil, are the Governor of the State and the United States Senator. Can it be called "co-operation" to give both to the Republicans, or should it not more properly be called "entering into the bowers of the Republican party."

And so, Mr. Republican candidate for Governor, if you must have all the turkey, we will hunt no more together, for with you we get nothing, and without you we can fare no worse.

I cannot understand how turning over the State government to "horse, foot and dragons," to the

ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health, constitution undermined by extravagance in eating, by disregarding the laws of nature, or physical capital all gone, if so, NEVER DESPAIR. Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you. For sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, torpid liver, constipation, biliousness and all kindred diseases. Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.

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Consumption AND ITS CURE. TO THE EDITOR:—I have an absolute remedy for Consumption. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. So proof-positive am I of its power that I consider it my duty to send two bottles free to those of your readers who have Consumption, Throat, Bronchial or Lung Trouble, if they will write me their express and postoffice address. Sincerely, T. A. BACON, N. C., 123 Pearl St., New York. The Editorial and Business Management of this Paper Undertakes this generous Proposition.

Republican party, while we get only the privilege of voting for a presidential candidate who will have not the remotest chance of election, is "co-operating for a great and fundamental principle," while I must admit that this would "avoid our being successfully charged with co-operating for spoils," for there would certainly be no equals for the rank and file of the People's party.

While you sit in the marble halls and decorated wall of "Fame's proud temple," do not forget that in the humble homes of your friends and promoters, the tolling, struggling, poverty-oppressed people, there reigns supreme and all-pervading in their patriotic bosoms the love of liberty and equality, and that they will not submit to the autocratic rule of any man or "committee" however exalted.

Your committee seems disposed to turn over our home government entirely to the Republicans, and lead the People's Party into the Republican camp, in fact, amusing our people, meanwhile, by harping for what you know they have at heart, but at the same time

in the next campaign at least, unattainable.

We North Carolina Populists must not be dependant on the Republicans.

Mrs. Edward Walsh Humphries, a great, great, great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin recently applied for membership in the Society of Colonial Dames, and Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer, Secretary decided she was ineligible because Benjamin Franklin was "not a gentleman." The Washington Post has a very humorous article upon this evidence of snobbishness, indicating that "while Franklin was being honored, courted and feted in half the courts of Europe and receiving decorations and degrees from the leading societies and institutions of the old world, the Van Rensselaers of that period were carrying packs through the American wilderness and trading for coonskins and other furs with the Indians and trappers of the far north."—News and Observer.

The Cone Export and Commission Company is to be removed from Baltimore to Greensboro, N. C.

ONE PRICE CASH STORE.

Our Line of Ladies Under Wear and Childrens White Dresses is very much broken, and in order to close them out at once, we have reduced the prices greatly. Below will be found a list of what we still have on hands.

Table listing clothing items and prices: Ladies Drawers (20 cts per pair), Corset Covers (25, 35, 40, and 45 cents), Childrens White Dresses (25, 35, 38, 40, and 55 cents).

Jenkins Brothers.

Racket Store.

We have just received a full line of Men's and Children's Shoes. We defy all competition on Shoes. Come to see what we have, we can save you money on what you want.

CLOTHING, CLOTHING,

This is the place and time to get your Clothing if you want extra value for your money. We have a big lot of Cheap and Fine Pants in Winter Weights that we intend to close out at some price or other, before the Spring trade opens up. Also a few Men's and Boy's heavy Suits, one an two of a kind, that we have to use for and if you want them at almost your own price, come along and get what you want while they last. This is no Cost Sale, but a Sale to Close Out the remnants of our Stock of Winter Clothing at some price before it is too late. So if you miss getting Two Dollars worth of Goods for One Dollar it is not our fault.

Respectfully, J. L. KISTLER.

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No good charged—Everything spot cash or its equivalent. Merchants will find it to their interest to replenish their stock from this sale.

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Respectfully, JNO. L. COBB.