

Chas. L. Coon, Editor, S. G. Finley, Manager.

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY AT LINCOLTON, N. C., BY THE LINCOLN DEMOCRAT PUBLISHING CO.

SUBSCRIPTION: \$1.00 PER YEAR, STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE.

ADVERTISING RATES: ONE COLUMN, 1 YEAR, \$60.00; 1-2 COLUMN, \$85.00; 1-4 COLUMN, \$20.00; LESS THAN 1-4 COLUMN, \$5.00 PER INCH.

Enter at the Postoffice at Lincolnton, N. C., as Second-class Mail Matter.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1896.

WE OFTEN wonder how long the "dear people" will submit to this reign of Tillman and Butler.

THE Press and Carolinian, of Hickory, has discarded the Editorial "we" and adopted the big "I." Something must be wrong in that office.

How do you Republicans like your man Butler these days? He says now that you must vote for eleven silver electors this year or he will turn and leave you! Is that not gratitude?

READ Butler's "Patriotic" Address on the first page. We should have printed it last week, but we did not have space. It is a bid for silver Democrats. We hope no Democrat will be caught by such bait.

THE Fayetteville Observer of last week tries to account for Tillmanism and Butlerism on the ground that the negro had been given the ballot and their political leadership lowered. But Tillman has taken ballot from the negro, and he still reigns. How is it?

SETTLE and Company profess to think that fusion on State issues is all very well, but when it comes to national issues fusion is all wrong! How do you Populists like that? If you help to elect men like Settle and Pritchard, you ought to see to it that you get some of the "fodder" they are feeding on.

SENATOR Butler says in his address to the People's Party of this State that only silver men must be nominated this year. If, according to Butler, there is to be fusion, all must agree to make silver the paramount issue. Now what will you sound money Republicans do about it? If you do not mind, Mott and Butler will make a division in your Republican party.

THE Willetton sub-Alliance of Gates county is in trouble. Lately this noble organization, which never interferes with anybody's religion or politics, was forbidden the use of the neighborhood public school house. The matter was reported to the County Alliance, and the County Alliance forthwith read the school committeemen a lecture for their narrow meanness. Well, we are on the side of the committee. School houses are State property, and should be used for what they are intended. We remember that up in Catawba Marion Butler once held a political meeting in a church regularly used for worship.

THE LINCOLN PATRIOT is very much concerned about the ignorance of the editor of the DEMOCRAT. It asks us whether we do not know that the New York World is a Democratic sheet, referring to our recent remarks on the World. Oh, yes, we knew that the World called itself a Democratic paper. We also know that the editor of the Patriot quotes the World against Democracy. We suppose you never thought about that. As long as the Patriot quotes the World with approval, the DEMOCRAT will be very careful not to endorse the World. Do you know that the LINCOLN DEMOCRAT is a Democratic paper? If you don't know it, we save you notice!

FOR THE benefit of Mr. J. W. Kennedy, of Rutherford College, we would say that we shall gladly hold "ourselves" in readiness for the office of prose laureate, which he proposes to confer on the editor of this paper. In the Charlotte Observer of last Sunday, Mr. Kennedy talks about us for saying something about his (Mr. Kennedy's) English. He asks us to parse some

of our own English. Well, really, we cannot do so, for we did not write "whom" but "who". The proof reader is responsible for that break. We shall give the DEMOCRAT proof reader a few lessons in grammar, too. Please do not think "hard" of us, Mr. Kennedy, for we still love you, grammar and all! You are young yet and will improve with age.

THE LESSON. The Gastonia Gazette of last week contained the following: We entirely agree with the Wilmington Messenger in the declaration that it is a mere waste of space and time for Democratic newspapers to be worrying over the Populists and their allies and to be constantly advertising them. It is enough to expect that there will be fusion this year in North Carolina as there was two years ago, and that all present indications to the contrary will "end in a long and big bug." What the fusion parties do on their electoral tickets should be a matter of little more than passing concern to Democrats.

We agree with you in part. But we should like to call attention to the fact that the Democrats in 1894 labored hard to show people what a surrender of principles the two parties to "co-operation" had made. We "worried over" this fact some little. We all thought, then, that the time would come when the eyes of the blind would be opened. And now that Butler, Wood, Lindsay, Pritchard, Holton, Pearson, Settle, and others have written and spoken on the subject, we ask all candid men who have read the correspondence and the speeches whether the Fusionists have not convicted themselves of hypocrisy and double dealing. The Democratic papers who "worry" enough to publish the speeches and letters referred to above are putting before the world the most damning evidence against Fusion that could be written. The utter lack of principle, which actuates the Fusionists, appears in the recent utterances of these Fusionist leaders in a way that Democrats could not set forth. We think, too, that there will be fusion again, but we are saving up the records of the Populist and Republican leaders are now making in the hope that their present utterances will not tally with future history. We agree with the Gazette that Democrats should be prepared for fusion again, but we do think that the present utterances of that gang should be published and commented on, if for no other reason, than that the honest men among the Republicans and Populists may see how a few self-constituted leaders are speaking of them as if they were so many cattle to be led and slaughtered for the profit of second rate politicians. Then, if the rank and file follow their leaders, they sin against better knowledge.

MOVE! The Charlotte News of last Saturday contained the following: Editorially the Richmond Dispatch compliments Justice Walter Clarke highly. The Boston Arena, a monthly of some repute, has a portrait of our North Carolinian and publishes a paper by him upon Mexico, under the title of "The Land of the Noonday Sun." The Judge declares that Mexico is prosperous and happy. Cotton bringing 13 cents a pound and wheat \$1.00 a bushel; and says that the contrast between Mexico, under free silver, and the United States, under a gold standard is painful.

We have been wondering for quite a while why some people, who generate so much "pain" over the cruel gold standard we have up here, do not move to Mexico to enjoy the "Noonday Sun" of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1. You know now where all that "painful" feeling can be cured, and if you refuse to go, we suggest that you let those of us, who are satisfied to live here awhile longer, have a rest from Judge Clark's propaganda. We just hate to have it thrown up to us every day in the week that we are away behind those Mexican halfbreeds in enlightened ways of treating financial matters. Move, then, if you can't live here except in pain and sorrow. If you do not know the way, write to Judge Walter Clark, Raleigh, N. C., who will gladly tell you how to get to Mexico and how to act after you get there. Do let us exhort you to move!

Mooresville has sent in \$50 for the Vance monument.

PASS'D AWAY! For the benefit of the friends of the deceased, we wish to say a few words about the death of Mr. Sub-Freemasonry and Mr. \$50-Per Capita. They passed away at Washington City last week during a meeting of the National Farmer's Alliance. Their death is noticed in these columns only to point out to weary mortals the lessons to be learned from their lives. These two illustrious gentlemen had the gift of facile speech and they turned North Carolina upside down while they lived. Like all the good, these two children of Col. Polk died young. They were allowed to go uncarried for since His Majesty Marion Butler and Congressman Shuford and Harry Skinner were called to Washington. These two children, it is rumored, went to Washington last week in search of food and shelter, and were grossly neglected by their former friends, Butler, Shuford and Skinner. The ties of past friendship were not sufficient to melt the hearts of these three Populist Musketeers, hence the neglect. The early life of these two children of fortune was beautiful. They were caressed and fondled, they were fed on flattery and loud declamation, mixed with the scalps of many Democratic heads. But the tooth of time has done its deadly work. The silent tents of these two erstwhile magicians are now spread in the Populist grave yard, and the inscription on the tombstones read: "We died true to our instincts—asking for something better."

Therefore, let all who contemplate the glorious present of North Carolina Populism take courage from the example of these deceased statesmen. They have lived and died, when it once seemed they would live forever. Their brief existence reminds us of the brevity of all things. Let us take courage. The day when such men can rule the State is passing away. The evil they did lives after them in the persons of the Fusion office holders, but they too will soon be the distinguished gentlemen here-in noticed. Again, let us hope!

MORE ANCIENT STILL. Speaking of the recent tilt between Congressman Pearson of North Carolina and Congressman Talbert, of South Carolina, the Wilmington Messenger remarks: The New England fanatics are not all dead yet. There is a Barrett in the House, and for a Southern man to say now he believed that secession was right is enough to stir up his soul with tremendous indignation. And yet the first people who ever talked and wrote secession were the New Englanders between 1800 and 1810, as we can show from their own records. What bigots and intermeddlers! We agree to the above, but we wish to call attention to the fact that State Rights and Secession were indistinguishable to New England soil. Albert Bushnell Hart, a professor at Harvard, has an Historical Monograph on Federal Government. In that book under the heading, United Colonies of New England (1643-1684), we read the following: "The Colonial legislatures sometimes threatened to secede. Massachusetts was by far the strongest member and browbeated the others, or declined to be bound by the constitutional three-fourths vote, and in 1653 put forward a strong statement of state sovereignty."

The above will be found on page 52 of said Monograph. Other authorities might be cited to show that New England soil was the mother of the doctrine, and that it originated soon after the settlement of New England. We write this only to supplement what the Messenger has already said on the subject. Massachusetts, as the Messenger says, was the first state to talk secession after the adoption of the Constitution.

PLAIN TALK. We find this oracular deliverance in the Fayetteville Observer: The Observer is opposed utterly to any fusion of the Democratic party with any other party. The Democratic party in North Carolina can win without difficulty if it will open its doors, on proper terms, to those who formerly kept it in a majority, and take such action as will indicate that it has place for traitors who miswear its livery. The Democratic party can never recover its old position in this State until it purges itself of the element that seeks success through principle—sacrificing

"deals." Oh, no, it will never do in the world to fuse with Populists! But what do you mean by "opening the doors on proper terms" etc.? The Observer would do what some other so-called Democrats have been doing—make itself so much of a Populist that there will be no need of fusion. And while the Observer boldly and openly asserts this policy of surrender to Populists, it has the effrontery to bill other people they are not good Democrats. There is no doubt in the world but that the Democratic party in North Carolina would be in much better shape today if the Observer and all of its tribe had left it sometime ago. The worst of all foes is he who pretends friendship. So far as this paper is concerned it has a great deal more respect for the Observer's "traitors" than it has for the Democracy of the Observer, for we do not happen to see any of the so-called "traitors" quoted in Republican and Populist papers under approving head lines. Any Democrat who gets the approval of Populism has denied the faith and does not deserve to be followed by good Democrats. There is no use to talk sweet about such Democrats any longer.

New England Prejudice. Events of a distressing kind come often and crowd each other's heels in the great and sympathetic North. The Messenger recorded but the other day the great slight and insult put upon a colored professor and five ditto students from Hampton Normal, in Virginia, by the denizens of Hartford, Connecticut. It becomes its painful duty to mention still another very unpardonable outrage put upon another "colored man and brother," and this time at the Hub of the Universe, the Athens of America, the local point of learning and general bumpsteousness—Boston—situate in the great abolition State of Massachusetts, where John Brown's memory is held in sacred worship and women were burned once as "witches." The treatment is "intolerable and not to be borne." "Ye who have tears prepare to shed them now." Only last week, in the end of the century, in sight of Bunker Hill and Fanueil Hall, the outrage was perpetrated, the wrong was done! Tell it now in New England, preach it not in Ashantee. Bishop Benjamin N. Arnett, a very worthy "brother in black," the highest colored ecclesiastical dignitary in the land, a preacher of ability and a man of acquisitions, could not find where to lay his head in the hotels of Boston, and all because he was a negro, all because of race prejudice. Too bad! Too bad! So social equality and free entertainment to all are denied in the city of Wendell Phillips and the other fanatics. After being repeatedly refused admission, and when he finally succeeded in gaining the shelter of one, he was debarred from taking his meals in the dining room. Oh, hump, where is thy blush? Oh, onion, where are thy tears?—Wilmington Messenger.

Mexican Prosperity. "Junius" thus dissects Judge Walter Clark's claim that Mexico is a glorious country on account of free silver: One would suppose, from what I wrote for the newspapers and the Arena, that in Mexico every man not only had 40 acres and a mule, but also that long dreamt of and devoutly wished for Populist demand—\$50 per capita; and one would not suppose from his account of Mexico's prosperous condition that the average wages of a day laborer there is thirty cents in Mexican money (being equal to fifteen cents in ours); neither would we be led to believe that the per capita circulation of silver there is only \$4.88 while here it is \$9. Nor that the per capita in gold is a little less than fifty cents, while here it is to the rise of \$9; nor that the United States has nearly \$5 in paper currency for every one of her citizens while Mexico has practically none. However, all this is true, and the judge cannot successfully deny it, for Mexico's gold, silver and paper per capita circulation is \$5, while in the United States the total is between \$29 and \$28.—"Junius" in Charlotte Observer.

The Sound Money Cause Goes Marching On. The New York Herald has made an attempt to gather from members of Congress and other politicians in Washington, from local newspapers and all other available sources, data from which can be derived an idea of how the next national Democratic convention will stand on the coinage question. Figuring upon the basis of the electoral vote, and publishing a table showing its calculation for each State, it reaches the following footings: For sound money, 209; for free silver, 175. The Washington correspondent of the Louisville Courier Journal, taking the vote in the Senate as some index to Democratic opinion upon this question, and supplementing this with such accurate information as it can get from other sources, makes an estimate as to how the convention will stand, taking as his basis the convention vote, with this result: Total vote in convention, 910; for sound money, 587; for free silver, 378. The result in both cases is approximately the same, the Herald's figures being a trifle more favorable to the sound money men. In both calculations North Carolina is of course counted for free silver. There is every reason in these figures for the encouragement of sound money men. There has never been any reason to doubt that the national convention of this year would re-affirm the immemorial principles of the Democratic party upon the financial question. In the forcible language of the Greenville, S. C. News: "The Democratic party will insure defeat for itself and will probably put itself in subjection for ten years if it ties itself to the sage bush and silver combination. On a sound money basis it may lose, but it will have a fighting chance, and it will be on an enduring foundation and will retain the respect and confidence of the country."—Charlotte Observer.

The latest man to gain fame by talking for 16 to 1 is Congressman Towne of Minnesota. He took the House by storm one day last week. Gov. Robinson of Cape Colony, South Africa, is worth \$850,000. He is the richest man in the world, and has made it all in the last 18 years. Any tendency to premature business may be promptly checked by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. Don't delay till the scalp itches and the hair-roots destroyed. You would realize the best results begin at once with this invaluable preparation. It is now charged that the recent defeat of the District of Columbia appropriation bill was due to Republican fear that Catholics would knife Republican candidates this year because the committee allowed the A. P. A. Society to frame the measures so that no Catholic schools got any money. A young man in Lowell, Mass., troubled for years with a constant succession of boils on his neck, was completely cured by taking only three bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Another result of the treatment was greatly improved digestion with increased avoirdupois.

A Strong Fortification. Fortify the body against disease by Tutt's Liver Pills, an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, jaundice, biliousness and all kindred troubles. "The Fly-Wheel of Life" Dr. Tutt's Liver Pills are the fly-wheel of life. I shall ever be grateful for the accident that brought them to my notice. I feel as if I had a new lease of life. J. Fairleigh, Platte Cannon, Col. Tutt's Liver Pills

Consumption AND ITS CURE. TO THE EDITOR:—I have an absolute remedy for Consumption. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been already permanently cured. So proof-positive am I of its power that I consider it my duty to send free bottles 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. HIGGINS, N. C., 125 Pearl St., New York. The Editorial and Business Managers of the Paper Circulate this Genuine Preparation.

Send your Job Work to The Democrat.

- HAND-BILLS, POSTERS, LETTER HEADS, ENVELOPES, STATEMENTS, BRIEFS, DONE IN FITST-CLASS STYLE.

We Duplicate Prices of Any Reliable House.

LINCOLN DEMOCRAT PUB. CO.

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), Skirts (45 cts), Corset Covers (20, 25, 40, and 45 cts), Childrens White Dresses (25, 35, 40, and 55 cts).

Childrens White Dresses 25, 35, 40, and 55 cts. Also some very fine cues at \$1.10 and \$1.25.

Jenkins Brothers.

Racket Store.

We have just received a full line of Men's Ladies' and Childrens Shoes. We defy all competition in 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 and two of a kind, that we have no 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.

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, JNO. L. COBB.