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Why don't Walter R. Henry write a "letter"? What has become of him any way?

If THE NEWS and OBSERVER is so much opposed to "flat money," how can it, as it has thus far, fail to repudiate the Smith-Butler deal?

WHAT has become of the policy of the Charlotte News as to "not emphasizing party differences"? It is time now to begin to "emphasize," isn't it, brother?

THE free silver "grubs" have succeeded in making first class Populist butterflies out of themselves. This refers to Messrs. Clark, Reed, Craige, Smith, Peebles and McRae.

WE take no lessons in Democracy from men who would follow Marion Butler in preference to Grover Cleveland. Give us the old doctrines, and a square fight on principle.

THE sound money Democrats of North Carolina will be Democrats many a day after rainbow chasers and dishwasher politicians like Smith, Butler, Mott, Peebles and others are in their political graves. However, we have no prophet's license!

TO THE utter discomfit of the Monroe Journal and the Statesville Landmark, Col. M. E. Thornton of the Hickory Press and Carolinian refuses to run for Governor or for Congress, and says he intends to retire from public life before long.

CAPT. W. H. DAY, of Halifax, has written a letter, and says he intends to vote the Republican ticket this year because it is the sound money party. The prediction of some Populists that all the Democrats would quit the Democratic party and leave nothing but brimstone and a smell of sulphur behind is, however, waiting on fulfillment.

WE have always thought that Democracy stood for individual liberty, a strict construction of the constitution, the unconstitutionality of a protective tariff, the rights of the states, an honest currency, an economical administration at Washington, utter hatred of the abuse of the taxing power of the general government. If true Democracy did not teach those doctrines, we should not be a Democrat one day. This list of principles is referred to those of our fellow citizens who say, as Senator Butler does, that the Democrats have no ideas and stand for nothing.

WE publish in this issue an article by "Junius," copied from the Charlotte Observer of last Sunday. We like the tone of the article. It is sound sense. We do not know who "Junius" is, but we wish to thank him through the Observer's able editor for writing that article. In a feeble way, as early as 1890, we wrote some articles for the Lincoln Courier, predicting a third party and calling attention to the Alliance being in politics. We brought down the Alliance thunders on a Democratic head then too young to vote. That was our reward. At that time and since that time, we have said that unless the Democratic party in this state did not preach Democracy instead of Ocalism, the party would suffer. It affords us no pleasure that our prophecy has come true, nor do we wish to claim that we were wiser than others. All we claim is that there has never been a time when we did not fight the Alliance with all our might.

LET the world take notice of the fact that every sound money Democrat in North Carolina today is disclaiming against division in the party, and thundering against selling out the party organization to Marion Butler and Jim Mott. Let all take notice!

WE do not understand why it is that a man who has in the past, professed to believe the principles of the Democratic party now desires to quit it. Now is the time for those who believe the doctrine of Democracy to show the depth of their faith. That man who will not remain true to his party principles in defeat as well as in victory is a time server and a hypocrite. At least, we think so in this office.

THE NEWS and OBSERVER, reflecting on the company it keeps on the silver question, says:

The wonder to many honest silver advocates is that the action of many demagogues and tricksters has not ruined the cause. If it were not eternally right, it would have been destroyed.

You might do the silver cause a good turn by a reprint of those Century Articles you once published in the North Carolinian. It appears to us that they might sober some of silver's "fool friends." We expect we shall have to publish those articles after all.

THE Progressive Farmer says the Alliance is not a political party. It recently said the following, however:

The National Alliance platform adopted at Washington is possibly a slight improvement over previous efforts. At any rate it is better than any political party ever originated.

And though that Alliance platform is the platform of the People's Party, still the Alliance is not a political party and never has been, nor is now, in politics! Why not tell the truth once in awhile?

THIS is from the NEWS and OBSERVER:

Some Democrats are so busy abusing Democrats that they find no time to denounce Republican failure to legislate. This may be good politics in this year of confusion, but we don't see it that way.

IT declaiming against the actions of certain so-called Democrats who live about Raleigh is "abuse", then we plead guilty. We think it about as important these times to let the public understand the Populist nature of some of our would be "friends," as it is to tell them of the moral obliquity of the Republican Congress. We have said that men who will act like some people the Observer tries to screen are no Democrats, and we repeat it, and we would hereby ask the NEWS and OBSERVER to tell the public just how it stands as to the Smith-Mott deal. Let us hear from you!

THE latest application of the States rights doctrine is that it applies to the silver question. For instance, some people are now saying that the platform of the party in this state should settle a Democratic voter's party allegiance. If the Democratic party in North Carolina says 16 to 1 is good Democracy and the National platform says it is not, then we must adhere to the State declaration and nullify the National platform! How beautiful! But it should be remembered that this grand and glorious state of North Carolina has, in its sovereign capacity, delegated to Congress power to settle matter like the silver question, hence this state must look to Congress for a redress of grievances. The silver question is a National one, and a good Democrat, a States rights Democrat, should have scruples about adhering to the National platform on this question, unless he is getting ready to "bolt."

HERE IS THE "STUFF"

Better to have flat money, so called, than to have the present state of affairs—the life being crushed out of business, and the patriotism, manhood and hope of the country destroyed.—Progressive Farmer.

But what is the use of saving a thing as low down as this country is, according to your doctrine? Why not let it go, if it has all the symptoms of death you say it has?

THE FAIR.

Col. Julia F. Carr spoke at the Newbern Fair the other day. He began his speech:

Ladies and Gentlemen: When from the Arroyos I had thundered the truth that was to come into the ears of the people, with arms lovingly entwined about the others' necks, swear eternal fealty to the cause of "good government," "white supremacy" and "free silver" for North Carolina? When was it accounted an exhibition of loyalty to Democratic principles for an ex-chairman of the State's Democratic executive committee to march off to Washington to hold a secret caucus with a chairman and ex-chairman of the two political parties which co-operated in 1894 to compass the defeat of Democracy? How long has it been since a so-called Democrat could boldly and shamelessly threaten to bolt a Democratic national convention (because that convention might happen to disagree with his State convention upon a national issue), without being deservedly kicked out of the Democratic party?

"My Lords and Gentlemen," there was a period in the history of Democracy in North Carolina when no man dared to do these things and call himself a Democrat. There was a time when party perfidy was punished with political death, and party fealty rewarded with political honors. It was once so that party honor was held as sacred and inviolable as personal integrity, and the man who violated either the one or the other was justly branded a moral leper and banished from within the pale of respectability.

Let Democrats Stand in the Pass. Beyond question we have reached a crisis in the political history of North Carolina. The time has at last arrived when every honest, self-respecting man must take a firm stand against the aggression and encroachments of political trimmers and professional place-hunters.

Your editorial in last Sunday's Observer rang out clear and strong in the midnight darkness of our political discontent, as it sounded a timely warning to those who value principle above policy, and bade defiance to the schemes and plots of the enemies of Democracy who are now engaged in a disgraceful attempt to form an unholy alliance with a set of traitors and deserters from the camps of both the great parties.

Had this warning note been sounded five years ago and had the men in the Democratic party been called upon to step into the breach then beginning to manifest itself in the party councils, and resist to the utmost every attempted encroachment of Populism and socialism upon Democratic principles, ere this our party would have successfully passed through the quagmires of disloyalty and rebellion, and would now be once more firmly planted upon the granite-hewn pedestal of principles eternal. But alas! For the sake of harmony in the party ranks, and in order to cajole and placate those who no longer preached from Democratic texts, or prayed Democratic prayers, men who protested at their being thus emasculated and stripped of its basic principles were bidden to hold their tongues, lest the Benedict Arnold Butlers and Judas Iscariot Skinners and their ilk might peradventure go over to the enemy and thereby disrupt the party. Thus it was that those politicians who placed party success above party honesty, cried "Peace, peace!" when there was no peace. Thus did they make concession after concession to the arrogant demands of Populism, until now, in this year of grace, 1896, North Carolina's Democracy stands forth a cringing, lawning beggar, with seared conscience and deadened sensibilities, asking alms from those who, in the days of her prosperity, she would have spurned and spat upon. But this is not all! Those upon whom Democracy showered her favors, with unstinted measure, when she had favors to bestow, now seek a livelihood by attempting to prostitute her principles and sell her virtue to a set of adventurist hypocrites, the breath of whose nostrils was once accounted rank poison, and whose plotting touch was not allowed to blacken even the hem of Democracy's robe of spotless purity.

O, the shame of it! What better is Marion Butler in 1896 than he was in 1892, when he treacherously advised his followers to support the Democratic ticket, headed by Elias Carr, an ex-Alliance president, only to afterwards, traitorously, bolt that ticket and canvass the State in behalf of that prince of Populistic fools, Pat Exum? When was J. J. Mott, the erstwhile arch-enemy of "white supremacy" in North Carolina, washed in the Democratic pool of purification, and cleansed of all his past sins and offences against that party which buried this Satanic majesty from the high heavens of political

power in the raging hell of insalubrious ambition? By what magic have the warring animals, the Republican lion (Mott), the Democratic lamb (Smith) and the Populist pig (Carr) been led to this? ...

As I said in the beginning, the crisis is upon us. There is no use temporizing and mollifying. Democrats who love the old party for what she has done, and not for what she may be expected to do in the way of office-getting, cannot afford to stand silently by, with folded hands and bated breath, while the political "pot-hunters" steal the livery of Democracy in which to serve the Populist devil.

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coinage of silver upon any other ratio with gold than that fixed by the laws of trade and commerce. If this distinguished gentleman had a fair mind, he would soon have learned that these sages of Democracy are the very last authorities he could appeal to to support his "sixteen to one" manna, for all of us (who have taken the trouble to investigate) know that Jefferson in 1805 struck "the dollar of our daddies" its first blow, while "Old Hickory" knocked it clear out of the ring in 1837, where it lay in a comatose state for forty years, until the Blaine-Allison act re-animated it in 1878. But what did this distinguished bi-metallic statesman care for the facts of history, when he knew that every little "patent outside" cross-roads editor would catch up the refrain and waft it into the humble homes of thousands upon top of thousands of the "dear people" where, out of respect to the memory of Jefferson and Jackson, if for no other reason, they would espouse the cause of silver, and the silver party.

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