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There is no sentiment in this county, so far as we can learn, favorable to a fusion of Democrats and Populists. But if there was, we should be jumping on that sentiment with both feet.

IN VIEW of the fact that Fred Douglass is to have a statue at Rochester, New York, we suggest that our legislature commemorate the event in some such manner as their aesthetic natures may suggest.

THE ESSENCE of the silver question is whether any one who may have 37 1/2 grains of silver, worth 52 cents, shall be allowed to carry it to a United States Mint and have it made by law 100 cents. If the commercial value of 37 1/2 is 100 cents there could be no objection.

THERE is as much "wind" in this talk about "free Cuba" as there is in the 16 to 1 business. Senator Vest delivered an "impassioned" speech on the Cuban question not long since. If we mistake not, he is credited with doing the same thing on the silver question.

THE FREE silver Democrats in some quarters are still talking about sound money Democrats causing a division in the party. That charge is unworthy those who make it. We are "harmonized" already. We intend to vote the Democratic ticket this year. Now, you free silver Democrats "crawl out" and say as much.

New suggestions, new schemes, and unheard of policies are almost daily brought forward by over anxious Democrats, so called, to carry North Carolina in the coming election. The very fact that such a state of things exists betrays a want of faith in the principles of Democracy, on the part of those who are making these plans "to win."

Those papers that are visiting curses upon those five Kentucky Democratic legislators because they will not vote for Blackburn, the caucus nominee for the United States Senate, should remember that Blackburn repudiated the State platform last fall and disregarded the expressed will of his party. That others should do likewise is no more than human.

The Patron and Gleaner of Northampton county is predicting that Grover Cleveland and James G. Carlisle will vote the Republican ticket this fall, if they vote at all. The Patron and Gleaner calls itself a Democratic paper. We would like to prophesy that the Gleaner will be a Populist many years before the two distinguished gentlemen it mentions will be in the Republican camp. We shall see.

The Progressive Farmer of this week, commenting on the "Passing of the Sub-Treasury Scheme," says: There is not and never has been a plank in the Alliance platform that is not subject to changes or total elimination if something better can be offered, or if after mature deliberation, it is found impracticable.

Now you have it! The Alliance then is in favor of setting up a platform of so-called "principles," which may be impracticable for aught it knows, and calling upon everybody to endorse those principles on pain of political death. And after it has raised a great deal of class hatred and the like by advocating the same, it is considered nobody's business when it announces to the world that what it once regarded as necessary articles of faith are "totally eliminated" from its creed. That kind of business is what ordinary mortals call hypocrisy.

The 16 to 1ers up in Burke say that their view of the silver question is "the best of Democratic doctrine and good Lincoln Republicanism." And the Charlotte Observer aptly remarks that the cross between "the best of Democracy and Lincoln Republicanism" would, no doubt, produce a "financial mule." All of which reminds us that the 16 to 1ers have made quite a reputation as "kickers" here of late, thus proving that the Observer is about correct.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, at New York, has abolished Greek--taken it out of its course of study. Columbia no longer requires Greek for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Why not abolish the whole course and substitute base-ball or foot-ball instead? We believe in Greek and plenty of it. We have mighty little sympathy for that system that would abolish Greek in the interest of biology or chemistry, especially for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. But we are progressive, you know!

IF SOME newspapers did not have an opportunity to tell the people editorially about the President's duck shooting expeditions, they would be mighty scarce of editorial matter. And now we learn that some over righteous preachers and "moral" newspapers are going to treat the public to some talk about Mr. Cleveland's starting down the Patemac on a Sunday evening, late in the day! Of course, nobody but a Democratic president ever thinks of "desecrating" Sunday! Oh, the little meanness some people are capable of showing!

THE Progressive Farmer and all the Populist papers are howling for and "whooping up" the Alliance. Why? Simply because the Alliance is the back-bone of the Populist party. The Alliance is the most perfect secret political organization which ever existed in this country. We have said that it ought to be forbidden by law to hold meetings, and we say so again. We have always opposed that order and we intend to continue to do so.

THE Statesville Landmark of last week tells about how it has come to be unfavorable to the 16 to 1 business. It says it arrived at the conclusion from a study of the financial question. It thinks every man who studies the question impartially will arrive at the same conclusion. The Landmark is mainly to say this. We have never had any other opinion on the money question than that which we now have, but had we ever held another we should say so.

Those people down in Union county, who threatened to destroy the distillery should the distiller not move away or quit the business, have the consolation of knowing that their fanaticism has been successful in this case. When "Christian" people resort to violence, is it any wonder that common every day mortals go wrong at times? It is a mighty profane kind of religion that will seek to destroy property under the guise of religion. Those people could have rid themselves of that distillery by converting him, to their way of thinking, and in event of failure to do this, they should have followed the example of "Him who did no violence."

The News and Observer has been "watching in vain," it says, to see if any "gold bug" paper would denounce the action of those sound money Democrats in Kentucky who refuse to vote for Blackburn. It calls those who refuse to vote for Blackburn "bolters." Well, really we did not know a man's Democracy depended on how he looked at the situation in Kentucky, or we should have been talking before now. So far as this paper is concerned, it thinks it would be middling hard for a Democrat to vote for such a "bolter" as Blackburn himself is. But if we were one of the "immortal five" we might heap "coals of fire" on Blackburn's head and vote for him. However, we wish it to be understood that we never denounce any Democrat who refuses to vote for a "bolter." Now, if this kind of talk does not spit our Raleigh Contemporary, we suggest that it pass over it in charity.

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DISGRACEFUL POLITICS. The venality of the Southern Republican delegate to National Conventions has long been proverbial. We clip the following dispatch from a Charlotte Observer of recent date:

A gentleman just from Greensboro says that Morton's agent, Wise, is spending money freely down there in behalf of the ex-Vice President's nomination, and was told he had better go there later in order to be sure to hold his men from other buyers. Wise said he was in earnest and Morton's candidacy was no bluff.

Such work to secure the nomination to the highest office within the gift of the people is simply disgraceful. There is no excuse for it. It has never been charged that the Democratic delegates from the South to National Conventions were purchasable, so far as we know. If there is anything which would warrant any honest man in bolting the nomination of a National Convention, it would be this, that the candidate of the Convention had procured a nomination by corruption. We believe in party fealty as much as anyone, but we do not think a candidate who purchases votes and secures the nomination in that way could claim the party allegiance of honest men. But above all, it ought never to be charged up to any man who is a candidate for the high office of president that he resorted to the methods of ward politicians and "heelers" to secure a nomination. We hope, in the name of decency and the fair name of the South, that this report is not well founded. Let the man who would hold the office of president be above such disgraceful methods and practices.

HOW WE STAND. If North Carolina can not be carried this year by a straight Democratic ticket, then let the "combination" have it for their very own.

If the people of North Carolina wish to retain in power the present crowd of incompetents, then let North Carolina suffer on under the yoke. We do not intend to surrender our Democracy, our Democratic principles, because some people cannot or will not understand the difference between Democracy and Populism.

If the Democratic party cannot live by steadfastly preaching its principles and living up to them, in victory as well as in defeat, then let the Democratic party die. We shall be the first one to suggest a funeral and a decent burial, when such a state of things becomes apparent.

If the Democratic party of North Carolina cannot stand with the National Democratic party on purely National questions, then let it go where it can stand, be it into the Republican or the Populist camp. As for us, we shall stand with the National party on National questions, and refuse to vote for any Democrat who will not do likewise. No other policy could be consistent or self-respecting. We do not believe in two kinds of Democracy, one for the State and one for the Nation.

THE NEWS FROM THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN: The Populists can fuse with the Republicans only by a sacrifice of principle; they could vote for the Democratic State ticket and subscribe to its platform without any violation of principle.

Then, there is no difference between Democracy and Populism in North Carolina? The very ideal! The paternalism of the Populist party, its every principle, if it has any, are contrary to the history and tradition of the Democratic party. Therefore, Populists could not fuse with true Democrats with out a surrender of principles, and a base surrender at that. The important thing just now is for the wavering, timid Democracy of this State to save what little of Democratic principle it can, and trust to education and time to supply the deficiency, instead of hoping to get wisdom and strength from Populists.

BEEN WITH BUTLER. A Western paper is discussing the way "to remove the tramp." The best and the speediest way to remove the tramp is to repeal the legislation that makes tramps. Wilmington Star.

The above is from a Democratic paper. It is evident that Butler's

"logic" has captured the Star of the South. But we have always regarded the tramp as a member of that numerous family afflicted with what the darkey said he had when accused of being lazy: "No sah, boss, I'se not lazy, I'se sufferin' from de overpowerness ob inability."

A Square Fight. If the Democratic party is defeated in North Carolina this year, its defeat will lie at the door of the Democrats who, for hope of office, are plotting to fuse with the Populists. A straight fight with a straight Democratic ticket on a straight Democratic platform, can and will win. Any other sort of a fight with any other sort of ticket on any other sort of platform, will bring defeat and seal the doom of the Democratic party in North Carolina.

All our life long we have loyally and zealously supported the Democratic ticket, often swallowing platforms that were bitter doses and often voting for men to whom we would not speak, and we are prepared to do the same thing to the end of life. But when it comes to masquerading as a Democrat under the leadership of Mariann Butler and Dr. Mott, we beg to be counted out, and there are a great many thousands of other Democrats in North Carolina in the same frame of mind. Nor will we be found supporting a so-called Democratic ticket that makes war upon the National Democratic ticket. Rutherfordton Democrat.

Talmage Sons, rice merchants of New York City, have assigned.

Laurinburg is to have a 5000 spindle cotton mill, and will spin hosiery yarn.

The Central Hotel of Statesville is to be enlarged by the addition of fifty rooms.

Polk Miller is now lecturing in this State. Proceeds go to the Vance Monument fund.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad is talking of building a road from Winston to Charlotte.

A new star has been added to our National flag. The flag now has 45 stars. The new star is for Utah.

The Democrat reports that "Fusion" is meeting with very little favor in Rutherford County. J. B. Eaves and other Republicans oppose it.

A general row has been the result of all the Republican County Conventions held in Mississippi thus far. They need "local self government" down there!

Mr. J. Frank Ray, of Macon County, says that there are a dozen men in the Asheville district who can beat Richmond Pearson for Congress. Maybe!

R. A. Jordan and son Banner Jordan were killed at Kernersville Monday. They were "blind tiger" men and were resisting arrest when killed.

The News and Observer says Raleigh is moving toward a public library. Mr. B. F. Montague is the leading spirit of this enterprise.

A Republican and a Democratic member of the Kentucky legislature died this week. There does not seem to be very good luck attending members of that legislature.

Salisbury is getting rather "up-pish" these days. She is to have a Chamber of Commerce soon. She has the Southern Railway Shops already, and is also figuring on street cars.

Mr. J. L. Graham's house was burned at Newton last Thursday evening one week ago. It was fully insured. He had just left home. He had a house burned only nine months ago.

The Raleigh Press says that probably one of the fastest trams ever run in this section was made Friday morning by the Seaboard vestibule from Raleigh to Weldon, Engineer Watson was at the throttle and the train was behind time. He covered 50 miles in 49 minutes, making the run with ease. He could have done better, but he caught up with the schedule time.

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