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THIS paper believes in obeying
the law. Why have local option if
"Ringdom" is allowed to flourish?

WHAT we say about "Ringdom"
is not intended as an insult to any-
body. We have said several times
in private that "Ringdom" was a
disgrace to the town.

If "Ringdom" is not abolished
at this term of Lincoln court, then
we intend to advocate licensing
the sale of whiskey in this town.
It is simply choosing the lesser of
two evils.

The only way to abolish "Ring-
dom" is to enforce the law. This
is the duty of those who administer
the law in our town. Let "Ring-
dom" be abolished in the interest
of law and order.

LINCOLN COUNTY has spent hun-
dreds of dollars court expenses to
try cases coming up from "Ring-
dom". That place has no regard
for law or order. Let it be abol-
ished. It can be done.

WHEN the law is disregarded in
one particular, it is easy to disre-
gard it in many ways. This Coun-
ty's reputation and the tax payers
have suffered enough on account of
lawlessness in "Ringdom."

EVERY good citizen should see to
it that disregard of the law is pun-
ished. The safety of society de-
pends on the enforcement of the
laws. Therefore, the lawlessness in
"Ringdom" should be abolished.

THE Statesville Mascot says: "If
we had no gold bugs in the Demo-
cratic party in North Carolina, it
would be standing today in one
solid phalanx against the common
enemy ready to restore good gov-
ernment to the State."

THE News and Observer would
like to know whether Raleigh is a
Sodom or not. We do not know
anything about the moral condi-
tion of that town, but we do know
if there is a political Sodom, Ra-
leigh is that place.

THE condensed report of the
State Auditor, which appeared in
the Democratic last week, should
have been credited to the States-
ville Landmark. It was an over-
sight for which we beg pardon.
The Landmark is too good a paper
to "steal" from.

THE DEMOCRAT has waited for
some time to see whether any of
those who oppose the sale of whis-
key in this town would take steps
to abolish "Ringdom." It is a dis-
grace to the town that a place like
"Ringdom" should exist. Let it
be abolished.

WE PUBLISH in this issue a com-
munication from Prof. A. T. Aber-
nethy in regard to the charge the
Morganton Herald makes against
him, viz, that he was sailing un-
der false colors when he solicited
advertising work, having worked
for John Wannamaker and others.

AND AFTER the Republican Con-
gress treated silver so badly, Rich-
mond Pearson has the gall to ask
all true friends of silver to join the
Republican party. But the aver-
age Republican never believes the
Republican party ever commits a
sin. This may explain the re-
quest.

WE CAN do without the silver
crowd any time they feel strong
enough to go it alone! But we
most solemnly protest against the
position that the sound money men
have caused this division. They
are causing no division. They
have damned with curses every ef-
fort to weaken the party. It is
time the Mascot learns a thing or
two.

Why can't the next Grand Jury
uproot that disreputable hole
known as "Ringdom?" Every-
body in Lincoln seems to know
of its existence and of the illegal
sale of whiskey carried on by the
Logan "niggers". Let "Ringdom"
be abolished or license the sale of
whiskey in this town.

WE DO NOT believe in any Park-
hurst methods or the setting up of
an inquisition in this town, but
the "Ringdom" matter is common
report and the condition of things
there is well known to many. It
is high time to make those "Logan
niggers" obey the law or suffer the
penalty.

LET ALL members of the County
Executive Committee of the Demo-
cratic party remember the call for
a meeting here on Tuesday of
court week. The chairman urges
a full meeting. We join him in
asking that the committee turn
out. Democrats do not do enough
work between campaigns.

WE NOTICE that Mr. D. P. Mc-
Lean, of Nova Scotia, assisted in
launching Coxey's Reform Party
at Pittsburgh, the other day. That
will never do! No "Reform Party"
can flourish in this country that
countenances English influence in
any shape or form. Mr. McLean
should be thanked and retired at
once!

THERE is no necessity for a
"Ringdom" in this town. We are
not in sympathy with that senti-
ment which prohibits the sale of
whiskey under license, and then
winks at a "blind tiger." Enforce
the law you have made. It is your
duty as a citizen to call on the au-
thorities to enforce the law in
"Ringdom."

THIS paper considers it to be its
duty, in the interest of law and
order, to call on the authorities to
see to it that the law is enforced in
"Ringdom" and order kept in that
suburb of Lincoln. We know
we voice the sentiments of all lovers
of good order and decency
when we say that "Ringdom" is a
disgrace to the community.

AS THE Caucasian and the Hick-
ory Mercury are always ready to
give the news about those Demo-
crats who quit the Democratic party
and thus help on the time when
"sulphur and brimstone" will be
the only thing left of Democracy,
we suggest that they chronicle
with appropriate comment the ex-
odus of their late co-laborer and
fellow citizen, J. S. Coxey, from
the ranks of Populism.

"But for the populists, the de-
mand for silver and financial re-
form would never be the leading
issue to-day."—Cor. of Progressive
Farmer. And that is a mighty
good reason why Democrats ought
to oppose the "financial reform" of
the Populists along with free silver
and all. According to this cor-
respondent, there must be some-
thing in that charge of sound mon-
ey men that free silver is a Popu-
list doctrine to all intents and
purposes.

THE News and Observer says
some nice things about Col. Mc-
Clure in its issue of last Saturday.
It says that it hopes that the Col-
onel will live a long time yet to be
"the journalistic Gamaliel for all
the younger newspaper men of
America!" But is it not a pity
the editor of the News and Ob-
server does not take his own ad-
vice? For instance, he might get
some points from "Gamaliel" Mc-
Clure on the money question. But
may be we are wrong in classing
Mr. Daniels with the "younger
set."

THIS from the Newton Enter-
prise in reference to the Demo-
cratic-Populist "fusion" in the Cham-
bers Smith:

The fact that the plan of fusion
would commit the Democrats of
the seventh district to voting for
Craig Shuford for Congress, is
enough to damn it with the people
of this section.

You are altogether right! There
is nothing that ought to make a
Democrat sicker than Craig Shuford.
For a Democrat to vote for
a man like Shuford ought to damn
the Democrat. In the eyes of this
paper, there could be no greater
political sin than voting for Alonzo
Craig Shuford of Catawba county.

The News and Observer and a
good many other papers have been
commenting on the fact that Judge

Montgomery and Maj. Guthrie
have seen fit to say that the press
of the State could be bought. So
far as we are concerned, we have
heard "subsidized press" for some
time and we pay very little atten-
tion to it. It is only a sample of
some people's reckless statement.
This statement was born of the
same stuff as Populism, and its use
was once justly considered a dis-
grace. But now that it is all chang-
ed, and it is a great hit when a one
horse Judge or Populist lawyer
makes such a charge, no matter
whether there is any truth in it or
not. Some people will find out by
experience whether the Press can be
bought for money or not. The
proof of the charge would be an
interesting procedure.

WHERE ARE THEY?

This from the Hickory Mer-
cury:

The goldbugs are getting ready
to forsake party for their views on
the financial question alone.

The Mercury is careful not to
mention anybody who is going to
do the like. Every so called "gold-
bug" paper in North Carolina is
talking the other way and the
Mercury knows it, yet it continues
to falsify and pervert the truth.
Keep on! You say that Demo-
crats are "liars and fools," but re-
member that a man's chickens
often come home to roost!

WHAT THE ALLIANCE HAS DONE.

No matter how many mistakes
individual members and the organi-
zation as a whole may have made,
the alliance stands at the head of
the reform list. It has opened the
eyes of the masses to an extent
that no other organization can ap-
proach. It has obliterated the so-
called Mason and Dixon's line and
caused the old soldiers to bury all
past differences.—Progressive Far-
mer.

The Farmer has, perhaps, not
read about that Federal-Confed-
erate Parade that was to come off
in New York, and was allowed to
make a fudge, all because some
Grand Army Men could not get
the consent of their minds to
march in the same procession with
"ex-rebels." It would appear that
"Mason and Dixon's line" is still
awaiting "obliteration." It is to
be hoped that the Alliance will
take this matter in hands and have
it "obliterated" without any more
"wind" being expended. The job
is not yet completed, if you will
allow us the observation.

TIT FOR TAT.

The other day we picked up four
democratic newspapers—the Char-
Observer, Wilmington Messenger,
New York Sun and Philadelphia
Record—and by a careful perusal
of their columns we discovered that
the democrats believe in a
high protective tariff, free trade,
single gold standard, free silver,
bimetallism, Spanish dominion
over Cuba, Cuban independence,
income tax, anti-income tax, and
in fact everything else in sight.
If modern democracy had existed
in the days of the prophets it
would have swallowed both Jonah
and the whale—for the sake of of-
fice and pie.—Mercury.

That is nothing unusual! For
instance we picked up the Mercury
the other day and it praised Sena-
tor Butler as a very great man.
We then picked up the Vestibule,
another Populist paper, and it
said he was a boss and abused him.
We picked up the Progressive Far-
mer and read M. L. Wood's letter,
and it also "cussed out" Butler
and the idea that Populists ought
to join the silver party. We then
picked up the Winston Republica-
n, a consort of the Mercury, the
Vestibule, and the Farmer, and it
advocated the gold standard, a
thing which Populists pretend to
regard as a stench in the nostrils
of all honest people. "Office and
pie" have evidently gotten in their
blighting work in other quarters,
as well as in the Democratic camp.

Yes, and while we think of it,
the Mercury was the recipient of some
of the "pie" the last legislature
had to distribute. Wonder if its
own peculiar ideas were ever biased
by the "loaves and fishes" it
helped to eat down at Raleigh?
But isn't it just too wicked for
anything to suggest that a Popu-
list statesman, like the editor of the
Mercury, would ever think of a
"pie" counter, or dream of any-
thing like inconsistency in poli-
tics? We are almost sorry, now,
we have done so, but since it has
been written, we shall let it stand.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, constipa-
tion, jaundice, sick headache, bilious-
ness, etc.

AS TO REED AND CRAIG.

About the meanest thing we have
seen lately is the second letter of
Locke Craige and M. L. Reed, ad-
vocating that the delegation to the
National Democratic Convention
from this State be instructed to
bolt the Convention should it not
declare for 16 to 1. Listen at this:

The administration has placed
the party in the attitude of obtain-
ing the votes of the people by false
and fraudulent pretenses, yet there
are Democrats in North Carolina
who defend it, and try to hide its
treachery behind the veil of in-
genious sophistry. But it cannot be
concealed. It stands out before
the people of North Carolina in all
its original nakedness. In law it
would be punished as a felony; in
politics it should be punished with
political disgrace and death. While
no honest man will blame the Demo-
cratic party for its wrong, yet
herein lies "the unspeakable
shame" that has done more to
humiliate and disorganize the party
than the adverse fortunes of
war and thirty years of Republican
slander.

The platform of 1892 was plain
to any man who could understand
the English language. The spirit
of Populism was abroad in 1892
here in the south, and politicians
thought it to their advantage to
interpret the platform to mean as
near what the Populist platform
meant as was possible. And now
these same politicians, penny
statesmen and trimmers and time-
servers, turn around and set their
toils to what they think is public
opinion and talk loudly about
Cleveland betraying the party and
putting it in an awkward attitude,
when, in fact, it is such men as
Craige and Reed who are wholly
and alone responsible for any false
pretense that may have been used
to gain votes in 1892. Clevel-
and's position was well known by
everybody, and it is about time
that such men as Reed and Craige
are told that downright lying and
misrepresentation can no longer
be used with effect to belittle De-
mocrats in this State who have been
and are steadfast, for all the Popu-
list platforms they have had put
on them, as the hills of Buncombe.

So far as we are concerned, we
have never yet used any "ingenious
sophistry" to cover up any treach-
ery. But we say now again that
if men like Reed and Craige and
papers, which aid and comfort
them, keep up their denunciation
of Democrats after the fashion of
the above quotation, they will find
in the end that they alone will be
responsible for the division of the
party here in North Carolina. In-
stead of thanking these sound
money Democrats in this State
who have all along stood up for
Democracy, untainted by Popu-
lism, such would be bolters as Reed
and Craige can, with a smile that
would befit that political schemer,
Marian Butler himself, declare
that the sound money men have
disorganized the party and brought
it to shame and disgrace! But
every thinking man knows that
such a charge is a gross perversion
of the truth and unworthy in the
highest degree of the memory of
Burton Craige. The charge is
monstrous. It is as mean as well
can be, and deserves rebuke every
time it is made.

WAR IN AFRICA.

The military men in London
are rejoicing over the news that
the English government will un-
dertake the complete subjugation
of the Soudan country and are
making up of the Mahdi's power.
It is said that all the English of-
ficers in the Egyptian army who
have been away from duty have
been ordered back to their com-
mands. It seems that this activity
on the part of the English govern-
ment is due to the recent defeat of
the Italian forces in Abyssinia.
It is intended by this war to ren-
der Egypt secure against attack
from the South.

The Ohio free silver Democrats
held a meeting at Hollenden, Ohio,
last Saturday and resolved to try
to capture the state convention
and send a free silver delegation
to Chicago. The convention di-
vided as to whether they should
support principles instead of men.
We take this to mean that they
discussed whether they should bolt
the national convention or not.

To retain an abundant head of hair
of a natural color to a good old age,
the hygiene of the scalp must be observed.
Apply Hall's Hair Renewer.

At Its Old Tricks.

New York, March 12—By a de-
cision in the United States Circuit
Court of Appeals, Harriet Monroe
has been awarded \$5,000 against
the New York World for damages
for unlawfully publishing a poem
written by the plaintiff to be de-
livered on the occasion of the de-
dication of the Columbian Expi-
sition or World's Fair in Chicago.

The case has been before the
United States Circuit Court for
some time, and judgement was
rendered against the World on
December 18th, 1894. An appeal
was taken with the result here
stated, Judge Wallace, Lacombe
and Shipman declaring that the
World should pay the damages
demanded.

Two Patent Cases.

WINSTON-SALEM, March 12—The
records are being prepared for the
Circuit Court of Appeals, which
convenes in Richmond, Va., in
May, in case of the Bousack Ci-
garette Machine Company vs. W.
F. Smith & Son, of this city, the
counsel for plaintiffs having filed
a petition and assignment of efforts
for an appeal. Similar proceed-
ings are going on in the case of
the Carter Tobacco Casing Ma-
chine Company, of Danville, Va.,
vs. P. H. Hanes & Co., and other
Winston manufacturers. These
two suits involve the validity of
patents on cigarette and tobacco
casing machines.

The sooner you begin to fight the fire
the more easily it may be extinguished.
The sooner you begin taking Ayer's
Sarsaparilla for your blood disease,
the easier will be the cure. In both cases,
delay is dangerous, if not fatal. Be
sure you get Ayer's and no other.

There are 160 convicts now on
the new State farm in Anson coun-
ty.

It is said that down in Orange
county some "patriotic" Populists
intend to publish a paper in a
wagon.

Ry. Dr. Rusk, of Chicago, has
created quite a sensation by in-
viting Ingersoll to speak in Wil-
lard Hall Sunday, April 12. The
W. C. T. U. people are in arms.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucken-
a Co., Chicago, and get a free sample
box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A
trial will convince you of their merits.
These pills are easy in action and par-
ticularly effective in the cure of Con-
stipation and Sick Headache. For
Malaria and Liver troubles they have
been proved invaluable. They are
guaranteed to be "perfectly free from
every deleterious substance and to be
purely vegetable. They do not weaken
by their action, but by giving tone to
stomach and bowels greatly invigorate
the system. Regular size 36c. per box.
Sold by any Druggist.

Dental Notice.

This is to notify parties who
have requested me to come to Lin-
colnton and others wanting my
services, that I will be at North
State Hotel, Lincoln, Monday
of court week to remain four days.
My time is limited, so come with-
out delay.
Respectfully
J. B. LITTLE, Dentist,
Newton, N. C.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

To The Southern Baptist Con-
vention Chattanooga.

On account of the above con-
vention to be held in Chattanooga,
Tenn., May 8th to 14th the Sea-
board Air Line System, the recog-
nized favorite route of the South-
ern people, has arranged to run a
"Baptist Special" from Wash-
ington, Richmond, Norfolk and their
entire system which takes in all
prominent points in Eastern Vir-
ginia and North and South Caro-
lina to Chattanooga, Tenn.

This "Special" will leave Wash-
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smouth, Petersburg, Weldon, Wake
Forest, Henderson, Raleigh, Dur-
ham, Southern Pines, Wilming-
ton, Maxton, Laurinburg, Ham-
let, Rockingham, Wadesboro, Ma-
rion, Rutherfordton, Shelby,
Lenoir, Hickory, Newton, Lincolnton,
Charlotte, Monroe, Chester,
Clinton, on May 6th, arriving
Chattanooga on the 7th.

Special will also be arranged
from Charleston, Florence, Or-
angeburg, Columbia and Newberry
by way of Chester, and from
Greenville, Spartanburg via Green-
wood and from Anderson via Cla-
houn Falls.

This will be the grandest "Bap-
tist Special" ever inaugurated in
the South. Rate of one first class
fare for the round trip is author-
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and rates will be published later.
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lanta, Ga., T. J. Anderson, Gen'l
Pass. Agt., H. W. B. Glover, Traf-
fic Manager, Portsmouth, Va.

The Proper Time.

When the most benefit is to be derived
from a good medicine, is early in the
year. This is the season when the tired
body, weakened organs and nervous
system yearn for a building up me-
dicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Many
wait on the open spring weather and,
in fact, delay giving attention to their
physical condition so long that a verge
of sickness is inevitable. To rid the
system of the impurities accumulated
during the winter season, to purify the
blood and to invigorate the whole sys-
tem, there is nothing equal to Hood's
Sarsaparilla. Don't put it off, but take
Hood's Sarsaparilla now. It will do
you good. Read the testimonials pub-
lished in behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla
all from reliable, grateful people.
They tell the story.

Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a deed of trust, to me
executed by Seth Cline on the 25th day
of March 1890, conveying the following
described real estate in trust to secure
a debt due by said Seth Cline, to A.
Nixon and by said A. Nixon Assignee
to Marion Cline and the payment of
said debt becoming due and power of
sale absolute at the request of Marion
Cline Assignee of said debt and to
whom same in due, I will by virtue of
the authority vested in and by said deed
of trust, sell at public auction for cash
to the highest bidder at the Court
House door in the town of Lincoln,
N. C. on

Monday 30th day of March 1896
at 12 m. being Monday of Spring Term
1896 of Lincoln Superior Court, the
following piece, tract or parcel of land,
situated in the town of Lincoln,
Lincoln County, N. C. and more par-
ticularly described and defined as fol-
lows:

Being part of lot No. 35 S W square
of Lincoln, commencing at a stake
on High Street 5.00 1-2 from the N. E.
corner of said lot No. 35, runs thence
along High Street, 8.25 E 5.00 1-2 poles
to a stake on the street then S 85 W
14 1-10 poles to the line of a new street
laid out: then along said new street N
24 W 5.25 poles to a stake on 1-4 street,
then N 65 E 14 1-2 poles to the begin-
ning, containing 1-2 acres more or less,
and adjoins lands of Emma Cobb, But-
ler Herndon and others. For further
description reference is hereby made
to deed from Venis Cline to Seth Cline,
registered in book 61 page 207 and to
deed from C. and W. H. Motz to Venis
Cline, registered in book 49 page 503 in
the office of the Register of deeds for
Lincoln County, N. C. Reference is
also made to book 66 of Deed page 219
Register of Deeds' office of Lincoln
County, N. C. This 25th day of Feb-
ruary 1896.
W. L. CROUSE, Trustee.

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mistake by coming to our store. We have got a full line

of everything you need. We have just received a big

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