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LET ALL the members of the County Executive Committee, as well as the various township committee, remember the meeting here on next Tuesday. Get together and talk over things. It will help. Let us know in what shape the party is in each neighborhood.

THE Wilmington Star was 27 years old last Sunday. The Star is the oldest daily paper in the State. There is not a thing in the world worth the Star except it is for free silver. But for all that, we wish its editor good luck, hoping he may some day come around all right on that question, too.

THE CAUCASIAN calls Senator Pritchard a "straddle bag" in its last week's issue. Pritchard will not consent to sacrifice his Republicanism for silver. This is a sin in Butler's eyes, and he proceeds to say so. Wonder how a Populist must feel who voted for Pritchard, now that Pritchard will not do otherwise than "favor a goldbug" for president?

Now that the Alliance has withdrawn its suit to annul the 39 year lease of the North Carolina Railroad and no one else can be found to carry on the suit, we suggest to the News and Observer that it institute a suit. Its editor was "so sorry" when he heard of the action of the Alliance that he has wondered why he has not already taken the step suggested.

It is wicked, very wicked, for that William Street Reform Club to send out "free literature," advocating sound money! But it is perfectly angelic for the 16 to 1ers to scatter Tillman's speech over the country, or for the Caucasian to make a clue offer and have "the faithful" to send out cheap copies of that sheet to their Democratic friends who are "perishing" for some information on the silver question!

THE VESTIBULE of last week resurrects Walter K. Henry's "scrap book" of testimonials he got while he was yet a Democrat and published them for the edification of all those who are inclined to think Henry is not the greatest man in North Carolina. It ought to publish President's Cleveland's opinion along with the others in order that both sides have a hearing. They do say that Mr. Cleveland was "mean enough" not to take stock in Henry.

WE do not know whether we ought to mention the fact or not, but we are constrained to remind the News and Observer and the Charlotte News that for all the little "gold bug" sheets, the Central Committee of the Democratic party found the house in much better order than they expected to find it, when they met at Raleigh the other day. We congratulate ourselves that the old ship is still afloat and that the skies are brightening. Now, just please do for goodness sake quit talking about "gold bugs" causing division in the party. We entreat you. Now do!

IN A RECENT issue of the Charlotte Observer, Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, quotes Cromwell's words uttered over the dead body of Charles I, and says that he is a silver man of the bolting kind. The words of Cromwell are as follows:

"They people brook not fealty, till 'twix their cause and thine. They sword had drawn the deep, distressing line."

All of which means that the sound money men have caused all the division there is in the Democratic party, and Mr. Caldwell is

now forced to hang the "sound money king" on a charge of high treason. Beautiful!

FOR THE MERCURY.

Last week the Mercury repeated its item in this paper, charging that "the Alliance is the most perfect secret political organization which ever existed." The reply is in the Mercury's usual style and is mean and lowdown of course. The Mercury takes occasion to say that the editor of the DEMOCRAT does not know much and the like. But however that may be, we call the attention of the Mercury to the fact that one charge can never be disproved by another. And as for sense, we are proud to say we have not any of the kind that is found in the Mercury office. But that is no matter. We only wished to say a few words about the charge which the Mercury makes as to our having distributed "bogus" tickets at the late election in order to deceive the ignorant voters. The editor of this paper showed some people at Conover tickets with only Republican names on them and tickets with only Populist names on them. In other words straight Republican tickets and straight Populist tickets were to be had at Conover precinct, and we so stated to some and showed them. These tickets were not "bogus," nor were they there to deceive. As to whether there were "bogus" tickets at that precinct box, we do not know. But one thing we do know. If we had had any such tickets, no Populist or Republican would have been shown them and have found it out in the manner above described. We had no tickets with wrong initials or wrong district on them and the like, as some Populists have said. The very idea of a sensible man exhibiting such so-called "bogus" tickets to people who could read and write and were sensible enough to be election workers is simply too foolish to consider. But it was not five minutes after the incident we mentioned, until some Populists charged that we had "bogus" tickets and the like. The only "bogus" tickets we ever heard of in 1894, we heard of through some Conover Populist on election day. Now the Mercury talks about "bogus" tickets in reply to a charge concerning the Alliance. The Mercury knows when it insinuates this charge that it is telling what is untrue. The fact that any man in Catawba is an uncompromising Democrat is sufficient ground for the Mercury to abuse him in its usual lowdown manner. We would remind the Mercury again that it claims to be a religious paper and should try to practice telling the truth.

FOR FIAT MONEY.

That Populists will not advocate free silver any great length of time is evident. The free coinage of silver is only an issue now for the want of "something better," which better thing is irredeemable paper money. But a free coinage law under present conditions would establish the Populist contention; that it is the force of law which makes money, owing to the fact that 55 cents is to be made 100 cents by statute.

But hear the reason for our statement. The Caucasian, of last week, says:

The Republican party has deserted the principles of Lincoln and Blaine. In 1864, James G. Blaine, in a speech at Skowegan, Me., pulled a paper dollar out of his pocket and asked his audience: "What is this? A dollar. And it is a good dollar—good for the farmer, the mechanic, the merchant, and everybody. What makes it a good dollar? Because every dollar's worth of property in the United States is behind it and the life's blood of every true and loyal citizen is behind it, and that makes it a good dollar."

And again: Under that policy the country was prosperous and the People's Party is to-day fighting for a return to the same good conditions.

That was the policy of issuing greenbacks. The Populists in Congress have introduced bills without end, winding up by appropriating an issue of legal tender treasury notes to carry out the provisions contained in their bills. Coxey's crowd also favored issuing one billion fiat dollars to make good roads. Think of that!

Now hear what Our Home, Beaverman, says:

We admit that the free and un-

limited coinage of free silver would not solve the silver question. It will be a big step in the right direction and will mean a big Populist victory, because the enactment of a free silver law will establish the Populist principle of fiat money. It will prove what the Populists have been saying all along, namely: that it is the law that makes money, and that money is simply a creature of law. When this idea is established by practice, it will be an easy matter to get a still greater increase in the volume of money by additional greenback currency until the amount shall have become large enough to meet the business requirements of the country, so that the grinding credit system may be dispensed with.

Then how can Democrats join in this cry for free silver? Good company is a consideration, which alone ought to keep people from losing their heads on this question. Let Democrats ask themselves what good can come of this policy of issuing fiat money. The experience of every nation proves it to be a disastrous policy. Suppose times are hard, trade and business will not increase at the beck and call of this or that. Let Democrats keep their heads. We have said all along that to all intents and purposes free silver at 16 to 1, disregarding the commercial ratio, is Populism, and Populism means fiat money. We ask you in all candor to think about what you are doing when you aid and comfort those who would put on this country a policy, ruinous to every class of people in it. Let soberness and common sense come to the rescue. Let Democrats see to it that they do not become the instruments to help on such a policy.

THE DUTY OF DEMOCRATS.

We again call attention to the fact that Democrats ought to remain true to their principles this year. It is time to stop courting the favor of the Populists and half hearted Democrats. Let us agree that, however much we may differ on the silver question, we shall be united in redeeming the State this year. Let us all remember that the principles of the Democratic party are dearer than the holding of office. We must not run off after free silver, forgetting that the position of the party on taxation, individual liberty, pensions, and the like is not important. Let those who would be leaders now be men who put principles above mere party success. The thing that has been our undoing is a lack of faith in our doctrine. Let this campaign be fought on the old issues, not on fads and isms. Success is sure in the end. The principles of the Democratic party will prevail, if this government is to remain a Republic. Let us be faithful to our history and our principles. Let individual preferences be subjected to the will of the party. Let the people understand that Democrats are those who have the courage of their convictions. Let nothing be promised for the purpose of tickling the fancy of any man or set of men. Let us agree that we will formulate a platform of sound money principles and solemnly pledge ourselves to carry out that platform, if we win at the polls. Such a course is manly and will command respect. Let policy and surrender find no place in any Democrat's heart this year. The old issues must be re-affirmed and the platform lived up to. Such a policy is bound to win.

THE PRICE OF COTTON.

Yes, while we think of it, we should like to inquire why it is that the price of cotton is so low now. You, the public, doubtless, remember that the Alliance has said up to this year that the price was always advanced after the farmer had sold all his cotton and it was safe in the jaws of Wall Street. But this year the farmer got the high price in spite of Wall Street. The only argument the Populist Press made to this point was that last year was election year and the price was put up for political purposes. But this year is election year again and cotton is low. It is painful to note how often Populist prophecies fail, but still they are believed in as implicitly as the ambiguous oracles of Delphi.

The A. P. A. Society is going into politics, and will insist that each party endorses principles.

That the Democratic Central Committee... Milliken, the man who entered the residence of Hon. S. F. Phillips at Washington, has been acquitted on the plea that he was drunk and did not know what he was doing.

Drive out the impurities from the blood and build up your system by creating an appetite and toning the stomach with Hood's Sarsaparilla, if you would keep yourself well.

The Standard says that Concord will subscribe \$100,000 to the extension of the Seaboard A. R. Line from Winston to Charlotte or Monroe. \$75,000 of this amount is already subscribed.

Mary Ellen Lease, who knows something about the nature of rotten eggs, is to be a candidate for Attorney General of Kansas this year. She is a product of the Alliance movement in Kansas and is a genuine curiosity.

The Populist and the Republicans have fixed up a "divide" in Mecklenburg. Their Executive Committee met last Saturday and did their part of the work. There was no fusion in Mecklenburg in 1894, says the Observer.

Maj. Jno. C. Winder, late of the Seaboard Air Line is dead. He was a son of Gen. Jno. H. Winder, of Maryland. Maj. Winder was born at Southport and was in his 60th year. He was a graduate of West Point, and served in the Confederate State Army.

The Senate Committee on elections has ordered its chairman, Senator Mitchell, to report his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people of the several states.

Ambassador Bayard has been under fire in the House for the past week. The Foreign Relations Committee have introduced a resolution censuring Bayard for what he said about Protection. It was reported once that Bayard would resign in case this resolution was passed.

The mayor of Charlotte has notified the Southern Railway that it must cease running freight trains on Sunday. Section 1973 of the Code prohibits the running of trains except those that carry the United States mail on Sunday under a penalty of \$500 fine for each offence.

John Sherman is stated for Secretary of the Treasury in McKinley's Cabinet, in case the Ohio man is nominated and elected. This is news for those Populists who voted for Pritchard, who votes for McKinley, who is in league with Sherman, who is responsible for the great crime of 1873.

Rev. Dr. Sims, of Raleigh, is playing Parkhurst down there. He says there are 50 bad houses in that town. He has begun to preach about the immoral influences in that town and calls upon the authorities to rid the city of the evil. The News and Observer wants to know if Raleigh is a Sodom.

"Success is the reward of merit" not of assumption. Popular appreciation is what tells in the long run. For fifty years people have been using Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and to-day it is the blood-purifier most in favor with the public. Ayer's Sarsaparilla cures.

The Russell men claim that they won every point at their Committee meeting in Raleigh on the 18th. They claim the Dockery-Settle-Holton forces were given a set back. Pritchard's programme is said to have gone through. However, Pritchard says he is not taking part in the contest over the nomination.

Mr. William Conrad, Postoffice Inspector, is dead. He was found dead in his room at Greensboro the other day. He was an author of some note and used to be a lawyer. He was only in the Postal Service for the diversion. His health had been bad for some years. Mr. Conrad was a very pleasant gentleman as every one knows who ever met him.

The Ideal Panacea. James L. Frances, Alderman, Chicago says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for coughs, colds and lung complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's or other preparations."

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