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A PROMINENT Democrat of this County, who is a farmer, told us the other day he did not know very much about the silver question, but he was for what Grover Cleveland was for.

HICKORY, North Carolina, has no Democratic paper now. The Press and Carolinian has been bought by the Republicans and is to be run as a McKinley organ. We hear that some of McKinley's "fat" purchased the paper.

MARTIN BUTLER says the Populists must name the governor this year. He says the Rads already have \$100,000 the advantage of the Populists in the "divide" of 1894. It is the high ground of spoils, not principle, on which Butler is acting. But that makes no difference. The "divide" will no doubt be fixed up.

The House talked for free Cuba last Saturday. There were 113 who opposed the Senate resolutions, but a majority favored them.

Congress gets the Cuban Resolutions through, that will be one thing Reed's crowd will have done. We look for great "relief" to come to the "dear people" from this "wind" about Cuba.

CONGRESSMAN PEARSON says Butler's course as outlined in his recent circular letters is one of pettiness and dishonor! There is not much doubt but that some Republicans know a great deal more about Butler now than they once did. The Democrats got a taste of Butler in 1892. They know him. It is refreshing to learn that some Reps. are getting their eyes opened.

SOME people in this County say that the editor of this paper intends to vote the Republican ticket this year, in case free silver is put in the National Democratic platform. Such people do not know what they are talking about. Those who read this paper know that we do not intend to vote the Republican ticket. We intend to vote the Democratic ticket this year, and this is notice.

WE LEARN that a circular is going the rounds, calling upon all free silver Democrats to attend the primaries and see to it that no sound money men are elected delegates to any of the conventions this year. That would be bad policy. We hope no such course will be pursued. Democrats want to get together, not apart. This would be a repetition of the Alliance policy of 1892. It must not come to that this year.

MR. WM. HALE, the new editor of the Hickory Press, is the same who translates French books into English. We had hoped he would continue his literary work instead of entering Republican journalism. By the way, Mr. Hale introduced some free silver resolutions in the Catawba County Republican Convention of 1894. Now his paper is a sound money paper. Why this change? Is the editor only the mouth piece of the owners, or has he enough independence to advocate what he believes?

PERVERTED HISTORY.

Ex-Gov. Boiles of Iowa says: "I want it; therefore, understood by every friend I have in Iowa that to the utmost extent of the ability I possess I will do all I can to restore the financial system adopted by our fathers and guaranteed to their descendants in the most solemn form that human rights of any kind can be secured to a free people."

The advocates of the 16 to 1 business have declared it to be a Bible truth, a Constitutional right of

the people handed down through the ages, the salvation of the country, and the like. We tremble to contemplate the crimes of those who have essayed to write our history. What villains they were to suppress the truth about the glo-rious results of free silver at 16 to 1!

But the silverite can and will talk about "the financial system adopted by our fathers and guaranteed to their descendants" as if at some time back in the annals of time a great battle was fought over the constitutional right of silver to be coined at the ratio of 16 to 1 with gold. And besides in that struggle silver was victorious and our fathers entered into a solemn agreement among themselves to make everybody for all time to come take 16 lbs. of silver in exchange for 1 lb. of gold! No, there is no such history. Though angels come and tell you there is, refuse to believe it.

STATE EQUALITY.

In an editorial not long since, the Charlotte Observer said in reference to the United States Senate:

There are 48 States the population of which entitles them to but one Representative, which yet have their two Senators. This group of States is cited as an illustration of the argument of Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Washington, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nevada. The population of these States entitles them to but twelve Representatives altogether and yet they have eighteen Senators. The population of New York entitles it to thirty-four Representatives and yet it has but two Senators. It has 4,900,842 people, yet Nevada, which has but 60,000 has a representation with it in the Senate. These same rotten bosses have less than one-third of New York's population and yet a weight in the Senate for nine times as much as New York.

The objections to the above argument for representation in the Senate according to population are these:

1. It is contrary to the Constitutional right of every state to have equal representation in the Senate. In the convention at Philadelphia in 1787, state equality in the Senate was discussed and finally adopted by compromise. State equality in the Senate is known as one of the three compromises of the Constitution. Hence the above argument really implies a change of the Constitution of the United States. We hardly favor this, because it destroys one of the few remaining vestiges of the old idea that the state is the political unit in this country.

2. It does away with the idea that the states as such are to have a veto on the acts of the whole people as represented in the lower House of Congress. It tends to do away with the Federal character of our government.

3. This change for which the Observer seems to argue would mean therefore a further nationalization of the government, and the sanctioning of such nationalization by the Constitution itself.

4. As to its practical effects, we doubt its wisdom. A state should have more influence, as to veto power, than any other state. New York, with its great population and power, voted by the mouth of its two Republican Senators to admit into the Union these so-called rotten boroughs on equal terms with itself.

The practical wisdom of the present composition of the Senate ought to be a matter of history known of all men. It was just that very state equality in the Senate which protected the South against the fury and fanaticism of the North from 1820 to 1860. The free silver states are invoking that same state equality to protect themselves in what they conceive to be their interests. And it may be possible that other states may have to invoke this same principle sooner or later to protect themselves against prejudice and sectional hate on the part of New York and other states. Who knows?

We should be very slow to advocate a change of the Constitution in order to secure a temporary advantage.

It has always seemed to us that the Senate could be reformed without changing the basis on which it is constituted, and sooner or later we believe it will be done. But "it were well it were done quickly" to avoid the disaster which it

is now meeting in account of its antiquated methods of doing business. But this is an interesting subject, and one on which much can be said pro and con. There is no paper in the State better able to discuss this question than the Observer, and we hope it will say more about it in the future. The younger generation will have, no doubt, to decide this question, and they should not act without knowledge.

THE DRIFT.

We have been watching fusion politics for some time. There is not much harmony in it. For instance, take the situation at Hickory, N. C. For some time, the Mercury has been a good enough paper for the Rads and Pops, each side swearing by the Sphinx from Davidson, who came into Catawba with "Our Noble Order." The Mercury has all along been condescending to the Reps and they have in turn loved the Mercury for overlooking their sins.

But now a National Campaign is soon to begin. The orders are coming in and the boys must line up to the national party platform, and hence it comes about that there is some talk these days of "Co operation ceasing to exist."

To add another chapter to this story, we might say that the people of Hickory have two papers now, neither of which is Democratic. This is significant. It either means that public opinion is favorable to the Reps and Pops these days or it means that the Democrats are not awake to their duty. There is much more activity in the ranks of the fusion forces than there is among the Democrats. This should not be. The fusion papers are making extra efforts to put their papers everywhere. Why do not Democrats do as much? There must be a revival of interest in politics. Democratic politics, this year, if we would win.

Now, we would like to know, why it is, if fusion is such a great institution, that the Mercury is no longer good enough paper for the Catawba Rads, also why the Democrats of Hickory do not think it necessary to have a Democratic paper at that place.

The Future of the Nation.

This country has a great future. It also has a great past. The recent enunciation of the Monroe Doctrine and its probable application in the near future will have a most potent influence in determining the destiny of these United States. But far reaching and powerful as that influence will certainly be, it can never rank in importance with that famous Declaration which made this a free people and these States a united and sovereign power.

The scenes of conflict and triumph in the troublous times of 1776, 1812 and 1861, are almost veneratedly regarded by our people. New Orleans, Montgomery, Atlanta, Kenesaw Mountain, Abbeville, Raleigh, Durham, Petersburg, "The Crater," Richmond, "The Wilderness," Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Washington—all these names recall memorable historical events which made our past and shaped our future course.

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Two Lives Saved.

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Ex-Gov. Thomas M. Holt is dying at his home at Haw River. He has Bright's disease.

Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston has returned from Presbytery. He and Mr. S. E. Reinhardt, of Ironton, were members of Mecklenburg Presbytery which met at Huntersville last week, and Mr. Johnston presided as moderator. This Presbytery was set up out of Concord Presbytery 27 years ago. Concord Presbytery met last week at Centre church near Davidson College, where it was organized just one hundred years ago. Mecklenburg Presbytery met with the mother Presbytery on Thursday and took part in the centennial exercises. The mother Presbytery received its daughter most cordially and invited its moderator to preside over the joint session. We quote from the Charlotte Observer an account from the proceedings as follows:

The attendance at the spring meeting of Presbytery in Huntersville was unusually good. Presbytery convened Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Rev. Chalmers Moore preached the opening sermon, Rev. R. Z. Johnston was chosen moderator and Rev. W. G. White and Mr. Parker were chosen clerks.

This meeting of Presbytery revealed the fact that the Presbyterians are making strides in this section. There was a marked increase in the number of communicants, 60 to 100 additions. This Presbytery, a few years ago, was small in comparison with some; now the only Presbytery in our Southern Assembly larger numerically is the East Hanover Presbytery of Virginia. One of the most interesting discussions on the floor of Presbytery was the question of the division. Many interesting items of Presbyterian growth were brought to the attention of the body by those who argued for another Presbytery west of the Blue Ridge, to be known as the Presbytery of Asheville. This Presbytery, should Synod see fit to grant this request, will begin life with seven pastors and seventeen churches, with a territory larger than that of the mother Presbytery. This action, if confirmed by the Synod, will mean much for the future of Presbyterianism west of the mountains.

The reports of the churches' liberality showed an increase in contribution to all the benevolent causes of the Church. The two causes which seemed of greatest interest were home and foreign missions. The former had received large sums of money, and many reports told of new church buildings in destitute fields. Larger churches reported that the outskirts were being supplied with the gospel of chapels. Foreign missions called for the large gifts from our people, and the gifts of Mecklenburg Presbytery this year were in amounts such as to keep the Presbyterian church still in the front of missionary effort and make her still the church contributing the greatest amount of money to missions.

CENTENNIAL AT CENTER.

The two Presbyteries of Concord and Mecklenburg met on Wednesday and Thursday in Old Center church to celebrate the one hundredth year of the existence of Concord Presbytery. While Concord Presbytery has two daughters Mecklenburg in this State and Bethel in South Carolina, Mecklenburg was the only daughter in attendance. While the age of women is often uncertain, it is certainly known that this daughter is 27 years old; from its size can be gathered some idea of the strength and growth of Presbyterianism in this section. The exercises of these days will long be remembered, for the great hospitality of the Center Congregation, good music, under leadership of Mrs. John Reid, and the great crowd in attendance. Many papers of interest and value were read, notably one by Rev. Mr. Ramsay, covering the entire history of 100 years of the growth and life of Presbyterianism in this old historical church. The pastor Rev. Dr. Pharr, presented, in a most appropriate speech, two gavel, one to the mother and one to the daughter, made from the wood of the original building, erected a century ago.

SABBATH SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The reports on these two branches of the church's work were of such interest as to call forth special action on part of Presbytery.

One sitting of the next Presbytery was ordered devoted solely to the consideration of new methods and plans of Sabbath school work. A special committee was appointed to take general oversight of the work of young people's societies; to arrange a programme; and bring in all facts for arousing interest, and keeping the Presbytery alive to all that this department of church work demands.

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS.

Great interest was manifested in the establishing of a school for young ladies in Charlotte. It was the mind of the Presbytery that this should be a school second to none in our Southland in point of scholarship. The school is to be cheapened to put it in reach of those wishing a good education for their daughters by leaving off the non-essentials of servants and costly furnishings. Such schools have proved their practicability in the excellent work done by them, both North and South. Commissions were chosen for the General Assembly, which meets in Memphis, Tenn., in May. A vote of thanks was tendered the people of Huntersville for their kindness. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Charlotte May 13th, 1896.

The University base ball team was defeated 10 to 8 by Princeton at Winston Monday.

Ex-President Harrison and Mrs. Dammick were married in St. Thomas' church, New York City, Monday last.

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