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Mr. W. A. SELF, of Hickory, we hear is making addresses to the Alliance once in a while. Mr. Self has always been regarded a Democrat of the straightest kind.

WHILE we have no sympathy for the position this Congress has taken on the Cuban question, we still can not refrain from remarking on the holy show those Spanish students over in Spain have been making of themselves of late.

THE New York Nation is authority for the statement that the Manufacturer's Club of Philadelphia is not in favor of free silver.

THERE were 31 "Jefferson-Jackson" Democrats at Halifax the other day, sitting in the same meeting with "Buck" Kitchen and 12 other Populists.

THE Wilmington Messenger says that a great many Democratic papers in the Western part of North Carolina are favoring "the Republican golden doctrine."

THE Lenoir College Societies, Hickory, N. C., recently elected Senator Tillman to deliver their literary address.

Col. Lusk recently said at Asheville that he lay awake at night wondering what would become of his property should the Democrats carry Asheville this May.

KALEIGH was recently allowed to see and to hear the "Deestrick School." A number of prominent Raleigh people took part.

Marion Butler. No excuse was given why he was not in attendance. It should be explained. But may be Butler is not regarded as old enough to get his "naturalization papers," having lately resolved to take an "electic course."

The Hickory Mercury says: Mr. B. J. Sumner, hotel keeper at Newton, was up Monday, trying to boom up a Democratic paper for Hickory.

But if he should run a free silver paper in Hickory, then the Mercury would make sport of the idea of any body getting free coinage inside the Democratic party.

Those Democrats who have been "ignorant enough to say that "over production" might account for the low prices of some articles, have had a great deal of cheap tun poked at them by Populists.

The new Republican paper at Hickory pays its respects to Senator Butler in the following words: Senator Butler seems to be getting more and more autocratic.

There may or there may not be a feeling deep down in the hearts of some Republicans that they made a mistake when they put Butler in the Senate for six years.

The Statesville Landmark quoted our report of Mr. L. C. Caldwell's speech here and added the following: The Landmark yesterday called Mr. Caldwell's attention to the above and asked him what he had to say about it.

Well, all we have to say is that, when a man talks like Caldwell, there is but one conclusion to draw: Mr. Caldwell made the same speech Henry or Butler would have made, hence we said he had gone Populist.

Mr. Morton raises on his farm out West, more wheat, corn and hay in one year than is raised on all the farms by all the farmers in any one county in North Carolina.

WE AGREE. We clip the following from the Washington correspondence of the Charlotte Observer. It is the truth, and we submit it for the perusal of those who have been telling us that "you and Jos Caldwell are doing more to hurt the Democratic party in this County than any other agency."

"Ever since we redeemed the State twenty-odd years ago North Carolina Democrats have been timorous. We scare at anything—moon-shiners, green-bankers, Grangers, Farmers' Alliance, Populists. Our people used to have as much moral as physical courage.

Now, who is responsible for that State of the public mind which renders it impossible for any man to be a true Democrat without bringing down on his head the curses of those who call themselves by the same name?

The State Committee of the Democratic party met at Raleigh last week. There were three kinds of Democrats there; the silver men, who believe in standing by the party; the sound money men, who believe the same thing; and the extreme silver men, who will bolt or fuse with the Pops or do anything else to raise a row.

Farmer Morton. The Progressive Farmer says that Hon. J. Sterling Morton, the Secretary of Agriculture, "don't know the difference between a corn stalk and a stack of hay."

The greatest forest fire ever known occurred in Cumberland county on last Saturday and has destroyed 10,000 acres of the finest long leaf pine timber in that section.

A Party Split Inevitable. Talbot and Sons, engine makers have recently assigned. They did business at Richmond, Va.

Prominent Democrats' State committeemen, of the class styling themselves conservatives, said today: "Last night's committee-meeting was a great victory for the conservative wing of the party. It now looks like a split is inevitable.

This morning your correspondent talked with Messrs James C. MacRae, E. C. Smith and B. C. Beckwith, who attended this conference. Beckwith said it was not secret; that as soon as they saw a silver man he was asked to be on hand.

Now the other side, the "conservatives," say that Smith, MacRae, Bethwith and R. B. Davis, of Wilmington, and the others who held that conference yesterday afternoon were really organizing to forestall the action of the convention.

The State's rights business cuts quite a figure with some of the committee—all silver men, of course. There were no resolutions adopted last night, though it was hinted some of the committeemen were "loaded" with some.

Some of the committee talked as if they were for silver at all hazards within or without the party. Others were surprised and shocked at the extent to which this sentiment had gone.

Row in Mecklenburg. The Mecklenburg Republicans held their County Convention last Saturday. The Convention split in two. The Russell men claim to be the "regulars," the Dockery claiming as much.

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