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How do you stand as to fusion between Democrats and Populists? This may be a serious question before long.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER and the Charlotte News have no words of condemnation or approval of Populist fusion with Democrats. Why hesitate to say where you are? "He who hesitates is damned."

Those Democrats who denounced fusion in 1894 would make a holy show going about the state two short years thereafter taking it all back and preaching the beauties of "Democratic-Populist fusion on principle!"

WE RESPECTFULLY declare once again that we do not call Democrats Populists, if they are not. We have said that those Democrats among us who would surrender all for silver are Populists and we stick to it. Time will tell how this is.

MR. L. L. WITHERSPON, Populist of Newton, has lately been at Washington city. He was "gallivanting around" with Congressman Linney while there. Do you suppose all that would have happened had he been nominated and elected judge in 1894? Hardly!

WE INTEND to vote the straight Democratic ticket this year, if there is one to vote. We do not intend to vote for any combination. If there is no Democratic State ticket in the field, then we will make us one and vote it any way. No fusionists need apply here.

"WHEN the Mercury jumped on us, then we knew we were eternally right."—Morganton Herald. Yes, that is it. The Mercury says we are not a Democrat. That is proof to us that we are even a better Democrat than we had thought. Now "cuss" us some more!

It is interesting these days to see some Democrats, who want an office, trying to carry favor by talking at Alliance meetings and the like. You must pardon us, gentlemen, but we have a mighty poor opinion of any man's Democracy who makes Alliance speeches, or will ever belong to that order.

THE LINCOLN DEMOCRAT respects the opinion of those who stand up for their side of any political question, and do so from principle. But we have no use in the world for those who try to sail under false colors, who call themselves Democrats and are not. It is against such double dealing that this paper intends to speak out.

THE Morganton Herald says Joe Daniels does not believe in free silver any more than it does, but that the Raleigh Editor thinks it the big side. We do not know how that is, but we do know the Observer has changed front on the money question. And if we should judge others, we should say that its course convicts it of dishonesty.

THEY ARE TWO of a kind: Hon. Longing-to-go to Congress Caldwell, of Statesville, and Hon. Willing-to Run Henry, of Charlotte. They are to speak at Mooresville, May 2. Now tell us whether Caldwell is still a good Democrat. And in addition to this, when Caldwell was over here at court not long since he was under the "pure, unadulterated" wings of that "staunch Democrat," John F. Davis, Esq., Denver. But it is not enough to damn his Democracy, then this consorting with Walter R. Henry ought to do it.

THEY ARE at it again down about Raleigh! One of those "prominent Democrats" who never fail to set their tails with the breeze got interviewed the other day. He says we must "divide" with the Pops this year in order to save the State. We hope all Democrats and the Democratic papers of the State will set down on this movement in earnest.

WHY do such papers as the News and Observer continually tell us about the sins of sound money men in other states? No sound money men are making deals and talking of bolting down here. We call attention again to the fact that the Observer and other papers have never once condemned the proposition to bolt, made by some North Carolina Democrats. Why is this?

AT a recent meeting of the local Republicans of Hickory, Senator Sigmon's paper was endorsed, the Senator himself explained the object of the meeting. The Senator's man Friday, Mr. William Hale, was also there. The "meeting" congratulated all Western North Carolina Republicans on the fact that they now have a Republican paper in their midst. Now, watch out for A. Y. Sigmon for Congress!

AND NOW we are told that Mr. Mott will support the Democratic ticket nominated at Chicago, if it favors free silver. In case Democrat-Populist fusion is effected, Mott would be a candidate for United States Senator to succeed Pritchard and he would have Butler's support. What a nice mess that would be! Democrats voting for Jim Mott for Senator! But it looks these days like anything might happen.

SUPPOSE Democrats surrender all for silver, then what will become of the other things we believe in? Legitimate party differences are founded in the Constitution, and we should not forget it. The Democratic doctrines of States rights, individual liberty, revenue tariff, and the like are worth something, even in these times when it seems that the world is turned upside down running after something to "save the State."

THE Lincoln Patriot regrets to know that the once honest Secretary Hoke Smith has gone far wrong! That regret may be deep and sincere for all we know, but it hardly becomes people who have only lately changed their own political affiliations to accuse other people of dishonesty simply because they have changed their views. It is well known that every person connected with the Patriot is a "turn-coat!"

IN THE face of the fact that those Democrats who are not in favor of free silver at 16 to 1 protest against having ascribed to them a desire to destroy silver altogether, still certain Democratic papers go on making the charge as boldly as ever. It used to be so that a declaration of one's position was enough, but that no longer counts. You get called a liar for your honesty these days.

THE Wilmington Messenger is writing a series of editorials, calling attention to the dangers which threaten the State from a return to Republican rule and calling upon those who love North Carolina to remember the dark days of '68. Oh, well, that is all well enough. But a paper, with a memory so short that it declares the Democrats have been favoring free silver at 16 to 1 ever since '73, is not exactly the kind of medium to restore memory in other people.

THIS from the Biblical Recorder: The majority of the citizens are men of good instincts and impulses. The political party in North Carolina that appeals this year to the people's admiration of honesty and character, and asks them to vote only for men they would set as examples before their children, that party will win.

What sublime faith is here manifested! We only wish we could have as much faith in the political honesty of the majority of "our people." But it was the very opposite state of the public mind which turned this state over to spoils and hunger in 1894, and we do not see any great disposition on the part of the people to reverse their former action. We only hope that the Recorder is right.

SOME people said that we read Mr. L. C. Caldwell out of the party. In fact, Mr. Caldwell himself said, when here, that "you and Joe Caldwell and such fellows say I am no Democrat." Very well! The latest news is that L. C. Caldwell, the man we have said all those "mean things" about, is to speak at Mooresville before long and is to have Walter R. Henry as a second. "The jury can take the case and say what they think about it."

AND NOW since Governor Holt is dead and the Caucasian and the Mercury have spoken, we are reminded that they said some mighty mean things about him in 1892, when he was a candidate for the nomination for governor. Both the above named papers have lately written well of the late Governor, and we are glad of it. But we just wanted to say that it may be possible that when some of the present generation die, those same papers will be forced to say nice things about some people they now abuse. We do not refer to the editors of any "little gold bug papers!"

JUST like we said it would be! There is now much talk going on as to Democrat-Populist fusion this year. There is no doubt in the world that negotiations are on to effect this deal. There is also no doubt that this deal is being fathered by men heretofore regarded as good Democrats. We knew as early as July 1895 that some Democrats were working on this line. The movement has grown some, and now a good many politicians are almost bold enough to declare openly their intentions. It is a disgrace and a shame that Democrats will do the like. It means putting Butler in charge of North Carolina. To this no self-respecting Democrat can submit.

So far as we are concerned, we do not intend to support such a deal even if it is fixed up and labelled Democracy. Under such conditions, we intend to "bolt," and this is notice.

WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

In his first inaugural address, Jefferson laid down the following as the policy of his party:

- 1. Careful fostering of the State-governments.
2. Reduction of the army, navy and taxes to lowest possible limit.
3. No currency except gold and silver.
4. No public debt.

Now, those among us who believe in great public works by the government, who believe in buying railroads, issuing legal tender treasury notes, and the like call themselves Jeffersonian Democrats. It should be remembered, too, that Jefferson said that the commercial value of gold and silver should govern us in establishing the ratio between the two metals. Let no Democrat be deceived. Populism is not Jeffersonian Democracy, whatever else it may be. Populists only use the name of Jefferson to conjure with. THE LINCOLN DEMOCRAT believes in the position Jefferson took on public questions. But if history records him as believing in Populism, we have never read it that way, and must therefore claim that others and not we are perverting it. And after all, legitimate party differences are based on the view men take of the constitution. If you believe in the Nationalization and Centralization of the government, you are not a Democrat. If you believe in paternalism and protective tariff, you cannot be a Democrat. And if you believe in legal tender treasury notes, as the Populists do, then, too, you are not Jeffersonian Democrat. Think about these things.

How They Feel About It.

The Populists from the Western part of the State who spent yesterday in Raleigh passed through this morning on their way home. Editor Click, of the Hickory Mercury, who was one of the number, tells us that he thinks from what was said in Raleigh yesterday that fusion is a dead issue.

"The Populists will have the Governor whether there is fusion or not," said Mr. Click, "and the next governor will be Guthrie or Thompson."—Salisbury World.

Two Mormon Elders are preaching in Rutherford county.

Why the Hickory Inn Closes.

Mr. Frank Loughran gave notice to the public on last Monday night that he would close the Hickory Inn to all persons to-day; and hence one of the best hotels in the State is to-day without a guest. Mr. Loughran having now the proprietorship of one of the leading hotels in Asheville, and other business there demanding his entire attention, decided some time ago to lease the Hickory Inn, which he hopes to accomplish in the near future and in preparation for which he concluded to close it temporarily, with the hope that he may soon place a satisfactory lessee therein. Of course the town regrets even the temporary closing of its popular hotel and hopes ere long to see it open again and the apparent gloom which its closing has produced dispelled.—Correspondent Observer.

In the Beginning

Of a new year, when the winter season of confinement is only half gone, many find that their health begins to break down, that the least exposure threatens sickness. It is then as well as at all other times, and with people even in good health, that the following facts should be remembered, namely: that Hood's Sarsaparilla leads everything in the way of medicine; that it accomplishes the greatest cures in the world; has the largest sale in the world, and requires the largest building in the world, devoted exclusively to the preparation of the proprietary medicine. Does not this conclusively prove, if you are sick, that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine for you to take?

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Congressman Linney thinks fusion will yet be arranged. Of course, Linney thinks so!

A bicycle trust, with a capitol of \$8,000,000, has been formed, headquarters at Toledo, Ohio.

Senator Butler presided over the Senate the other day, for a short while only, and with a great deal of dignity, it is said.

Memorial Day exercises will be held in Statesville, May 9, says the Landmark. Mr. C. L. Turner of Catawba county will speak.

The Charlotte Observer of Tuesday says that Hickory Inn is to close indefinitely this week. Mr. Frank Loughran is the owner.

To restore gray hair to its natural color as in youth, cause it to grow abundant and strong, there is no better preparation than Hall's Hair Renewer.

The Citizen says that Asheville has a Sunday law which prevents cigar and news stand from selling smoking or chewing tobacco on Sunday.

The Nebraska silver men want Hon. W. J. Bryan for President. Bryan is the same who made a free silver speech at a Greensboro Commencement a few years ago.

The Cleveland Star says Capt. L. J. Hoyle, of Bellwood, will be a candidate for Legislature this year, if his health permits. Capt. Lem Hoyle is a Democrat and is well known in this county.

Are you one of those unhappy people suffering with weak nerves? Remember that the nerves may be made strong by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which feeds them upon pure blood.

The A. P. A. Society threaten to nominate a candidate for president. They say McKinley is making overtures to them but that they are not going to accept their overtures.

A daughter of Vice-President Stevenson is to marry Gen. P. Watt Hardin's son. Hardin is the free silver man who tried to be governor of Kentucky on a sound money platform.

Now we would like to know who it is in the Democratic party "trotting after" the Populists. It is certainly not the voters of the Democratic party, for the rank and file of the party is opposed to fusion.—Salisbury World.

Notice of Seizure.

Notice is hereby given of seizure near Lowesville, Lincoln county, North Carolina, on the 7th day of April 1896, of 242 gallons corn whiskey, two stills, two cops, two worms and one indicator box. Anybody claiming said property is hereby notified to appear before me within 90 days from date hereof and make such claim in the form and manner prescribed by law or said property will be declared forfeited to the United States.

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The Sampson Democrat and the Sanford Express are "booming" Dr Chas. D. McIver, of Greensboro, for governor. Dr. McIver is president of the State Normal School.

The Landmark says that Capt. A. D. Cowles is a candidate for the straight Republican congressional nomination in the seventh district. He is to address the Lincoln county Republican convention next week.

"Half a span of angry steel" will produce no more fatal results than a neglected cold or cough. For all throat and lung diseases, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best remedy. It is invaluable in cases of croup, whooping cough, bronchitis, and la grippe.

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Spring is full of terrors to all whose constitution is not able to resist the sudden changes of temperature and other insalubrities of the season. To put the system in condition to overcome these evils, nothing is so effective as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Take it now.

The University is to be congratulated in that Vice President Stevenson, his wife and daughter—all charming people—are to attend the commencement this year. Their presence will attract a great number of visitors. The Vice President is exceedingly popular in North Carolina, and will be cordially welcomed again to the State of his forefathers, for which he cherishes the affection of a true son.—Charlotte Observer.

Democracy has degenerated past redemption when it advocated fusion on "honorable terms, after a true example of what Democracy should be was taught us by our forefathers in days gone by. Let not the hands of Democracy be tainted with so vile and contemptible a thing as would be the result of the bid furnished us by the Populists of this State.—Concord Standard.

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