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WALTER R. Henry has gotten relief. He was recently nominated for the State Senate by the Mecklenburg Populists.

THERE never was, under Democratic rule, any charges of fraud against any Lincoln county officers. Think about it.

Wonder how long the Democratic party will remain in business under the guidance of Butler, Teller, Jim Mott, and the silver Rads? If they do not kill it, they will miss a mighty good opportunity.

THE New York Sun, the censor of everybody and everything lately talked about "the Classis of the Lutheran church." The fact is that the Lutheran church has no such body, and never did have.

LI Hung Chang is visiting in this country. We have been looking for an interview from him as to the civilizing effects of free silver on the Celestials of "Flowers Kingdom." By all means let us hear from Li on the silver question.

THE ticket put up here last Saturday represents no political principles. It stands for spoils. It was prompted by spoils. It was put up by those who place success above party principle. It deserves to be beaten for that alone, if for no other reason.

THE news from Wilmington is that Marion Butler is to be one of the advisors at Democratic headquarters. Oh, well, we do admire the humility of some people who call themselves Democrats! There never was a time since Lee's surrender that some people felt so much like giving up everything as right now.

KENTUCKY has a new school law compelling attendance on the common schools. A great increase in school attendance is the result and the teaching force, it is thought, will have to be increased as much as one fourth. Compulsory school laws are contrary to the spirit of our institutions and should never be tolerated.

WE take no responsibility for the truth of the charges J. T. DeLane makes against Sheriff Rhodes and Treasurer Yount in another column. If true, they put the fusion crowd in no enviable light. Let Sheriff Rhodes and Treasurer Yount say how the matter is. These columns are open to them to make their statement.

WE have recently read that short financial catechism Mr. W. K. Carr has written. He begins by trying to show that a contraction of money leads to barbarism etc. To students of history, this assertion will be of intense interest. Money has never been considered a factor of our civilization. It is an incident, however. But we can't write against free silver now!

SOME people seem to take pleasure in misrepresenting this paper. They are saying now, some of them, that the editor does not intend to vote for Bryan. That is not true. We intend to vote the regular Democratic ticket, unless the Democrats now in charge make it impossible to do so without voting for Populists. This is and has been our position. There need be no more talk about what THE DEMOCRAT intends to do.

THE Hickory Mercury says the Charlotte Observer, Statesville Landmark, and THE LINCOLN DEMOCRAT do not mean to desert in case there is fusion, that these papers were just talking. Oh, well, is makes no difference whether you believe it or not? All we have to say is that you might keep your

mouth about it till you see whether the papers in question go back on what they say. There is very little use to call a man a liar until he is one!

THE practice of opening political conventions with prayer is a hollow sham and a mockery of sacred things. The like has been done twice here of late. The invoking of a divine blessing on a political meeting under certain circumstances might be in order, but it was evidently not in order here last Saturday to ask divine guidance for men who had already made up their minds how they were going to be guided, long before the Lord was asked to take a hand.

THE News and Observer, of last Sunday, referred to "Rev. Silas McBee of Lincoln" in connection with what it termed the "gold fiasco" at Greensboro. The fact is that gentleman is not a preacher, nor did he say anything to shock the "reverential nature" of the righteous editor of the News and Observer. The gentleman in question is just plain Mr. Silas McBee, and is a very lovable and accomplished gentleman, and an architect of rare attainments, but not a preacher.

THE Charlotte Observer said something recently about it taking a million dollars to convert one Chinaman, and incidentally stated its objections to foreign missions, as long as missionaries have so much to do at home. Ever since that time the preachers have been taking turns at the Observer, roasting it for its opinions on this subject. We hope the Observer will allow the preachers space. We are quite sure they are bringing out a good many points in favor of missions they never made to their congregations before.

THE Asheville Citizen says: "Now, it is plain, that if the free coined silver dollar will be worth only its present bullion price, it could profit the mine owner nothing to have his bullion coined because it would then be worth no more than before." That is a pretty picture, if true. We shall not talk sound money, but we think the mine owner would be enabled, if what the Citizen says would happen, to pay his debts in money not worth its face value, or the value of the money he borrowed, dollar for dollar. Let us hear how it is. The point is not in what you put it!

THE Wilmington Messenger falls into line with Marion Butler and declares that there is no such thing as overproduction, which means that supply and demand has nothing to do with controlling the prices of products. The world has long ago accepted, as true, the theory that the volume of money, cost of production, supply and demand, and cost of transportation, all enter in to determine the price of any given product. This theory appeals to reason and common experience, and is absolutely true. Any reasoning which obliterates any one of those factors is false, and does not deserve the dignified title of argument.

PROF. John Bach McMaster of the University of Pennsylvania, has written an article for a recent number of the Atlantic Monthly in which he takes the ground that our electoral college system is out of date, and should be abolished, because it is a relic of the idea that the people can not be trusted. Our opinion has always been that the present electoral system was an outgrowth of the idea that the states, as such, should be recognized in the choosing of the chief executive. But whatever may be said of it, it is a system less liable to produce complications than any yet devised, and should not be changed at the behest of those who can see nothing good in anything old.

THE Democratic State platform says: "We declare our belief that the peace, prosperity and happiness of the people of North Carolina depend on the defeat of the Republican State ticket in the coming election."

In the six short paragraphs of our State platform devoted to States issues the Populists are not mentioned. Are they, too, not dangerous? Do they not love the Reps? Do

they work for the defeat of the Republicans? Oh, no! But the Populists are fusing with the very gang on whose defeat our State platform says hangs our happiness, our peace, and our prosperity. They are worse than the Reps, because they profess to be what they are not!

THIS is a land of religious liberty, but not always so. At Montrose, N. C., on the Chowan river, near the place where our forefathers first planted a permanent settlement, a mob of armed citizens attempted to run out of the country a band of "Sanctificationists" who were gaining converts and fast increasing their numbers. It is said that the established churches of the community were suffering greatly from the inroads the new sect were making, and that this prompted the violence. Those who claim the constitutional right to worship God as they please ought, in reason, to allow others the same right. It speaks no good for our boasted freedom when one sect goes to war with another and tries to suppress a religion with bullets.

STATE NEWS.

Winston had a \$50,000 fire Sept. 1st.

Cyrus B. Watson spoke at Newton Monday to a large crowd.

Dr. Jas. H. Price, a prominent young doctor of Monroe, died last week.

Two hundred and fifty bales of cotton were sold at Raleigh last Saturday.

H. E. C. Bryant and Minor Elliott will start a new afternoon daily in Charlotte.

Statesville had a fire Monday night. Property to the amount of \$2000 was burned.

The Asheville Citizen says that a recent census of that town gives it a population of 12,882.

The National Democrats are moving to start a morning daily, either at Raleigh or Charlotte.

The cows on McD. Watkins' dairy farm, near Charlotte, have Texas fever, says the Observer.

The Elkin Times tells about a man being indicted in Surry county for stealing a piece of plank.

The Rowan Democrats have nominated J. H. McKenzie and Walter Murphy for the legislature.

The Republican State Committee meets next week, and it is said O. H. Dockery will be taken down.

Dr. White, the Indian doctor, charged with rape, was acquitted of the charge at Salisbury, Tuesday.

Col. O. H. Dockery came out square for Bryan and Watson in his Wadesboro speech last Saturday.

Mr. John Eudy, of Iredell, aged 70, and his wife, aged 80, are the parents of an infant.—Charlotte Observer.

The Dem. Ex. Com. of Edgecombe county has passed resolutions denouncing electoral fusion with Populists.

It is said that the Montgomery county Pops will refuse to vote the fusion ticket, but will vote with the Democrats.

The Secretary of the Republican Committee favors taking Dockery off the Republican State ticket. Secretary Hyams is Pritchard's brother-in-law.

McD. Watkins, a dairy farmer of Charlotte, has lost twenty cows with a disease which he thinks is anthrax. Dr. Salmon of Washington will investigate the matter.

The Charlotte Observer will have a law department in every Sunday issue, conducted by Chas. W. Tillet, Esq., of Charlotte. The Observer is always interesting and up to date.

Governor-elect Jos. F. Johnston, of Alabama, writes the editor of the Red Springs Citizen that he will try and make two or three speeches in North Carolina his native State during the campaign.—Charlotte Observer.

Jno. E. Ray has been elected principal of the Blind School at Raleigh, vice F. R. Place resigned. Ray is a North Carolinian who has had charge of a similar school at Danville, Ky. Place was ineligible, having had no experience in such work, as the North Carolina law directs.

President Hefiday, of the A. & M. College, Raleigh has been asked by the government of New South Wales to recommend to it a man skilled in the tobacco industry. The salary is \$2000. Now is the time to apply.

H. M. Cowan, who has held clerkships in several departments of the State government, blew out his brains with a pistol at Raleigh Saturday morning. He had been in poor health and insane at times for quite awhile.

Senator Pritchard, J. M. Moody and R. Z. Linney spoke at Statesville last Saturday. Cyrus B. Watson waited till they were all through and spoke for two hours and twenty minutes, and is said to have made a great speech.

The Republican Club at Hendersonville has denounced O. H. Dockery for his speech at Wadesboro. Dockery denounced Russell, and the Rads can't stand for one of the men they endorse to be going around doing the like.

The Seaboard Air Line yesterday gave notice that after September 4th all 1,000 and 2,000 mile tickets will be issued at two cents a mile. This is a reduction of one half cent a mile, as the rate has heretofore been two and a half cents.—News and Observer, Sept. 2nd.

The Catawba Populists met last Saturday and re-nominated the present Populists on the county ticket, and failed to pass Dr. Fred Ford's resolution that Populists refuse to vote for all candidates who are not ardent advocates of free coinage of silver.

Mose Trexler, of Rowan, who last spring shot his daughter for keeping company with a young man against his wishes, wounding her so severely that it was necessary to amputate one of her limbs, was tried in Rowan Superior Court last week and acquitted. His daughter testified that the shooting was accidental. At the time of the occurrence many persons believed that it was not accidental.—Landmark.

A Mr. Bollinger, of Newton, one of the Ramseur excursion party, was married while in Baltimore and brought his bride back with him. He had never seen his bride until he met her in Baltimore. She had advertised in a matrimonial paper for a husband, and Mr. Bollinger answered the advertisement. A correspondence had been going on between the two for some time before Mr. Bollinger went to Baltimore. The two went out to Lincoln last night.—Charlotte Observer, Aug. 30th.

The Populist State central committee is called to meet here next Friday morning. It is conjectured that this is to consider three things: First, electoral fusion with the Democrats; second, whether there shall be State fusion with the Republicans; third, to dispose of the matter of the nomination of a candidate for Attorney General—that is, whether to endorse Waiser, Republican, or nominate a straight Populist.—Raleigh Cor., Charlotte Observer, 2nd.

GENERAL NEWS.

Vermont went Republican Tuesday by some 80,000 majority.

Senator Teller will soon take the stump for Bryan and Sewall.

Hon. Hoke Smith's connection with the Interior Department ended this week.

The Port Royal and Augusta R. R. was sold at auction this week for \$550,000 to Thomas and Ryan.

President Cleveland approves of the Indianapolis Convention, and it is said he will write a letter urging Democrats to support the ticket it puts up.

Vice President St. John, of the S. A. L. announced this week that the rate cutting he has been doing is in the interest of the people, and will continue.

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POPULIST CONVENTION.

They Nominate a Gold Bug Republican for Officer.

After considerable canvassing and consulting, J. O. McIntosh, County chairman, called the Populist convention to order here last Saturday at 1 o'clock p. m. L. A. Abernethy prayed. W. H. Hoover was made temporary chairman, and J. E. Hoover and E. I. Mosteller were made temporary secretaries. The temporary organization was made permanent.

At this point nominations for the various County officers were called for, as the convention had met to put out a County ticket. But J. T. DeLane, local Republican boss, got up and warned the convention against nominating C. H. Rhodes for sheriff, saying there were breakers ahead of him if nominated. Dr. Davidson was on his feet at once, telling DeLane that this was a Populist convention and no Republicans were entitled to talk.

DeLane went out, still warning the convention to go slow in this matter. Sheriff Rhodes took the floor and said that DeLane was mad at him because he (Rhodes) would not agree to canvass for DeLane for Senator, and because, too, that he (Rhodes) would not agree to give DeLane charge of the jail for two more years.

Nominations for member of the legislature were called for and J. E. Hoover nominated L. A. Abernethy and Dr. Davidson nominated Hart Proctor. Proctor withdrew and Abernethy was nominated by acclamation. Sheriff C. H. Rhodes was then re-nominated amid some applause, several persons seconding his nomination. Mack Allen said he did not want to be dictated to by the Republicans.

The convention then nominated by acclamation J. F. Killian for Register of Deeds. Killian is the present Republican register and will vote for McKinley and the gold standard, the thing Pops pretend to hate. It will be observed that this convention nominated a straight out Republican, nominating him in the same way they nominated the other candidates. The convention was so anxious and fusion so firmly fixed up that to fool with such a thing as committees or skeleton tickets was useless.

The ticket was completed by nominating D. L. Yount for treasurer, J. T. McLean for coroner, J. O. Kipp for surveyor, and C. L. P. Heavener, of Howards Creek, for commissioner. The Rads are to get two commissioners. J. W. Sigmon, of Catawba Springs, was Heavener's most formidable opponent for commissioner.

R. H. W. Barker, of Catawba Springs, was endorsed for State Senator. Dr. Davidson voted to endorse Col. D. A. Lowe, but 36 others favored Barker and he went through amid some applause.

The convention was not so largely attended as some others. The Republican bosses and the Pop bosses had things fixed up before the convention. The Patriot said last week already that fusion and its conditions had been agreed upon. The convention had absolutely no voice in the matter.

Beatrice Harraden, who wrote "Ships that Pass in the Night" is in poor health in San Francisco, unable to return to England.

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J. L. KISTLER, Lincolnton, N. C.

THIS SPACE is left blank this week, as Mr. Blair Jenkins, one of the firm, has gone North to purchase a stock of fall goods. Look out for their advertisement next week.

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