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WHERE are the fulfilling of all the promises our friends, the advocates of McKinley, have made about his being advance agent for prosperity and good times? They are as the mist in the early morning and have vanished before the approaching heat of the sunshine on the desert, the gold standard policy. They soothed our uneasiness by telling us money was plentiful and abundant, all that the country needed was the election of a Republican President and Congress, to re-instate confidence in the money markets and set in circulation the vast amounts that were hoarded up and with-drawn from the channels of commerce because of the free silver scare, and immediately upon the election of a Republican administration this confidence would be restored, and our land would flow with milk and honey, and plenty would be within reach of the humble citizens—cotton would advance in price, so would all we have to sell, the manufacturer's demand for product be increased, failure unheard of and every body live in peace and plenty.

What are the facts? Every daily paper one picks up publishes the failure of some business enterprise and generally averages two a day. All these failures immediately following the election of "the advance agent of prosperity". And if any millennium of good times has spread its wings over this land of ours we fail to see it.

It is worth the while of those of us who hope to live to vote for men and principles for president four years hence to note the song of the successful party in the late campaign and see if we realize the bliss therein mentioned, under the untrammelled rule of Republicanism and if not, then turn our course.

All who have been keeping up with the pending negotiations of the sale of the Seaboard Air Line R. R. to the Southern, will be greatly relieved to know that the trade is now off. The S. A. L. furnishes the only southern competition the Southern has in this, as well as several other states. And the efficient service of the S. A. L. has forced the Southern to much better accommodations than it formerly gave or would give now but for this competition. Consequently the travelling public has reaped a great benefit by the two roads belonging to different syndicates. It requires the consent of three-fourths of the stock-holders to sell the road, and a majority of them demand an independent Southern line and will not agree to sell.

Senator Pritchard very nearly reiterates to Senator Butler in replying to the letter of the latter, what he said of the Populist party at Statesville last spring, viz: "We needed them two years ago to get in on, but we do not need them now so—then let them go." He writes Butler a letter as follows:

Senator Butler,  
DEAR SIR—I have received your letter. I beg to inform you that I have already obtained enough pledges from Populist members who are gold bugs to make my election certain.

JETER C. PRITCHARD.  
Wonder if Mr. L. A. Abernethy is one of these gold bug members? His vote will show.

The fight against State aid to higher education will be renewed with vigor at the meeting of the next Legislature. The Baptist denomination leads this fight and it is said that 100 of the members of

**Read Out of the Party.**

At a meeting of the Jacksonian Club, Omaha, Neb., the leading local Democratic organization, held last week, nine honorary members, including ex-Congressman McShane, were dropped from the membership list for open and active opposition to the regular Democratic nominees for President and Vice President. Hon. W. J. Bryan and Arthur Sewall, and for supporting the election of the Republican presidential candidate. Formal charges were preferred against 40 other members for conduct unbecoming members of the club for the same offence, which will be heard at the next meeting.

The pictures of John G. Carlisle, J. Sterling Morton and Geo. E. Pritchett were removed from the walls of the club-rooms.  
Arrangements were made for the annual club banquet, which occurs January 8th, at which Wm. J. Bryan, Governor Stone and other prominent Democrats will speak.

**Not For Pritchard.**

In your paper of the 15th I see that Hiram L. Grant says, "All Populists for whom we voted (meaning candidates for the Legislature) promised to vote for Pritchard." He had fallen into error, at least as far as Mecklenburg is concerned. We are pledged to no man, but are free to vote as we think best. The two Republicans, Clanton and Williamson, were not pledged, but are free to vote for whom they please. There was a tacit understanding that we were all to support the county government and election law, and see that they should be preserved. Nothing beyond this was even alluded to. As to whom we, Dr Craven and myself, will support for Senator, it is left to our discretion, and I can only say that it will be some one who endorses the basic principles of the Populist party.—J. B. Alexander, in Charlotte Observer, 16th.

**Cleveland & Carlisle.**

A Kentucky friend of Secretary Carlisle is authority for the statement to-day that the law firm of Cleveland & Carlisle will be doing business in New York city early in March of the coming year. It is said to be the intention of the President to provide places for Secretary of Navy Herbert and Post-master General Wilson after March 4th on the bench of the Federal judiciary. There are at present several vacancies, the most desirable of which is the chief justiceship of the Court of Claims in this city, and it is said that there will soon be another vacancy of equal importance caused by the contemplated resignation of Justice Cox, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.—Washington Dispatch, 13th.

The daily commercial report for the 17th reads:

New York, Nov. 17th.  
The Bear-Drive at Stocks proved uneffective. It looked like a dead lock. The impression prevailed that buyers tried to lower prices trading quiet in cotton. The undertone nervous on unsatisfactory European news. Wheat declined 1/2 cent on heavy legislation. Corn and oats in sympathy.

This the condition of the markets and the gold standard has been safely enthroned as king for the next four years since Nov. 3. Why is it? Because of the agitation of free silver?

The Charlotte Observer says E. E. Dexter, United States post-office inspector, arrived in that city on last Friday night and next morning appeared before D. G. Maxwell, United States commissioner, asking for a warrant for the arrest of Thomas Sims, who carries the star route mail between Pineville, N. C., and Pleasant Valley, S. C. The warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Marshall Richard King, who went to Lancaster, S. C., to serve it. Sims is charged with robbing the mails, and the evidence that has been worked up against him is of a strong character.

The Asheville Citizen says that Richmond Pearson's return of election expenses shows that he spent \$1,650.89. The Citizen says that the Republicans dumped down \$26,000 in that district just before the election. It

**STATE NEWS.**

George Cansler, Esq., of Catawba, dropped dead in that village Tuesday of last week.  
A black man and a black woman are reported among the candidates for the Kinston postoffice.  
R. E. Fitz, a solicitor for a portraiture concern in Chicago, jumped from a steamer near Elizabeth City and was drowned.

Mr. Tommy Settle denies that he has even thought of contesting the election of Mr. Kitchin to Congress from the fifth district.  
Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Renwick Wilkes of Charlotte, and Miss Carrie Settle of Greensboro on the 13th.

United States Court Clerk, R. O. Patterson, of Asheville, who is also a member of the Republican State executive committee, figures it out that Senator Pritchard will surely be re-elected.

A new cotton factory is to be built at Wilmington. Mr. James Chadbourn, Jr., has subscribed \$50,000. The shares will be so that persons with little means can become stockholders.

Austin Furman a 15 year old son of State Auditor Furman died quite suddenly at Asheville, Saturday afternoon, after only two days sickness. The Citizen says he was a very bright boy.

A called meeting of the Mecklenburg Presbytery was convened in the second Presbyterian church here Monday morning at 11 o'clock but adjourned to meet next Monday at the same hour.—Charlotte Observer.

Chairman Holton was in Oxford last week. When asked about Pritchard's re-election to the United States Senate he replied that the senatorial situation was very complicated, and that Senator Butler was determined to defeat Pritchard if possible.

Catawba Republicans had a jollification meeting at Hickory last Monday night. Resolutions were adopted reading out of the party A. C. Hilderbrand, P. M. Hilderbrand and A. B. Hilderbrand who are charged with treachery to the fusion ticket at the recent election.

Bryan's majority in the State 19,266. The vote of North Carolina is Bryan, 174,488; McKinley, 55,222; total, 329,720, which is 49,000 greater than the vote of 1892. From the best estimates that can be obtained Russell's majority over Watson is about 7,000.

Thomas Ransom, Esq., a son of Minister Ransom, died at his father's home in Northampton county early Saturday morning of pneumonia. He was a hard working young lawyer, a graduate of the University, and was located at Jackson. Minister Ransom arrived Monday to attend the funeral.

Handsoms cards announcing the marriage of Miss Tate Blair, of North Wilkesboro to Mr. R. Walter Gwyn, of the same place, Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church in North Wilkesboro, have been received. Miss Blair is a popular daughter of Capt. E. S. Blair and Mr. Gwyn is cashier of the North Wilkesboro bank, a young man of extraordinary fine business qualification and a son of the late R. R. Gwyn, of Elkin.

The Winston Sentinel is reliably informed that several white Republicans met in their club room and discussed the advisability of giving Chairman Holton a big reception upon his return from Raleigh. One of the members stated "we must keep this matter quiet or the d—niggers will want to be in it too." It appears that there was a colored man present who was naturally displeased with the remark—and he went out and told what the white Republican said.

**White Men Get Together.**

Three-fourths of the magistrates elected in Wilmington are negroes. All of the new magistrates elected in Edgecombe are negroes. Buncombe is headed the same way. What is to be done about it?—Asheville Citizen.

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**GENERAL NEWS.**

The President appointed, last Monday, W. S. Forman, of Illinois, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, vice Jos. W. Miller, resigned.  
A headline in the Atlanta Journal says Mr. Hoke Smith is not a candidate for the Senatorship. Mr. Smith is missing a good opportunity—to be a candidate.—Savannah News, Dem.

Mr. J. E. Alexander, of Florida, tells the Washington Post that Senator Call is certain of re-election, having now two-thirds of the members of the Legislature pledged to his support.

The Supreme Court of the United States Monday, after affirming decisions in a number of cases, adjourned for the Thanksgiving recess. Its next session will be on Monday, the 30th inst.

Chief Justice Tim E. Cooper has tendered his resignation to the Governor and goes to Memphis, where he has formed a partnership with Francis Pentecost. Judge Cooper has been on the Supreme Court bench nearly 16 years.

The Indianapolis Journal, ex-President Harrison's personal organ, suggests to President-elect McKinley that he appoint a sound money Democrat to a place in his cabinet, in view of the fact that so many of these Democrats voted for him.

A mob fired into the jail at Farmville, Va., last Saturday, in an attempt to lynch a negro, Eliasa Johnson, who assaulted and robbed on the highway, Max Price. The negro afterwards pleaded guilty and was sent to the penitentiary for 20 years.

A San Francisco dispatch to a Chicago paper says that C. D. Lane, the California millionaire mine owner, has offered to pay all the traveling expenses of Mr. Wm. J. Bryan if Mr. Bryan will devote his time to preaching silver throughout the country.

On the first ballot of the Democratic caucus on Monday Hon. A. S. Clay, chairman of the Democratic State committee, was nominated for United States Senator. He received 94 votes. The caucus has met daily since last Monday. Clay is 43 years of age, has been Speaker of the House and president of the Senate and chairman of the Democratic executive committee.

The Republican State committee met in Nashville, Tenn., Monday in convention with about 100 prominent leaders present, and after an all day's session decided to contest the election of R. L. Taylor, Democrat, for Governor. The decision was practically unanimous. The face of the returns show that Taylor defeated the Republican nominee, G. N. Tillman, by a trifle over 7,000 majority. Alleged frauds in West Tennessee will constitute the basis of the contest.

**The Trust as a Monster.**

Judge Baker, of the United States Court, late this afternoon granted a restraining order in the case of S. C. Bramkamp, of Cincinnati, against the American Wire Nail Trust. Judge Baker said that the trust was a "monster that seeks to prey upon the whole American people, and which it is the duty of the courts and the law makers to come down upon with an unsparring hand."

**His Opinion of His Chief.**

The returns show that Daniel L. Russell and C. A. Reynolds have been elected to succeed Elias Carr and R. A. Doughton as Governor and Lieutenant Governor respectively. It would be interesting to know whether Mr. Reynolds has changed his opinion of Russell since the convention. He remarked openly there that he did all he could to "beat the d—d screw."

**The Observer's Book-binder.**

Mr. James T. Tyler, of Richmond, Va., is here. He will have charge of the new book bindery just put in by the Observer Printing House. He is a fine workman and our patrons may look for the best class of work.—Charlotte Observer.

From E. L. Journal of Studies  
Prof. W. E. Peck, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician. His success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure. Free to any patient who may send their P. O. and Express address. We ship anywhere, enclosing a note to collect.

**Fits Cured**

**Federal Court Jurors.**

Clerk H. C. Cowles and Commissioner D. G. Maxwell Wednesday drew the following list of jurors to serve at the next term of the United States Court beginning at Charlotte on the second Monday in December:  
Gaston: Geo W Armstrong, T S White, I H Grouer, M L Cansler, Geo W Bowman.

Lincoln: L A H Wilkerson, Thos Cornwell, J M Sadler, F A Williams, A Nixon, Jr., S N Goodson.  
Cleveland: C Miller, W K Hardin, D A Blanton, Perry Roberts, J D Hull.

**Gratitude.**

We avail ourselves of the opportunity of expressing our gratitude and thanks to the citizens of Lincolnton and vicinity for the many kindnesses we have received from the community during the long illness ending in the death of our uncle, Thompson Robinson. We cannot sufficiently express our thanks to the whole community for the numberless acts of kindness shown us in all sorts of attention given us on his behalf. During his fifteen years of blindness this community never seemed to tire in their efforts to help make him comfortable, and during the last eight weeks of his life, when he was continually confined to his bed, he had every attention from the public we could expect, for all of which we will ever be thankful. This 13th November, 1896.

SALLIE MCGINNAN,  
KATIE MCGINNAN.

**Spirit of Russellism Manifest.**

A Wilson lady went, a few days after the election, to the house of a colored woman and proposed to hire her to cook. Her proposition was rejected with some show of resentment, and the colored woman added: "We's done of that now. We 'culld ladies is gwine to hire you white women to cook for us now." This reply comes of the spirit the Russellism has put into the colored people.—Clinton Democrat.

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**MARRY THIS GIRL QUICK.**

I say in your paper that a 15 year old boy made \$1.25 the first hour he worked selling the Perfection Metal Tip Lampwick. I ordered a sample and went to work and the first week I cleared \$10 the second week I cleared \$15. I expect to run up to \$25 a week in the near future, as the Perfection Metal Tip Lampwick makes such a beautiful white light and does away with smoky chimneys and bad odor and saves all it is easy to sell. If you wish to try it send 12 cent stamps to Miss A. M. Fritz, Station A. St. Louis, Mo., and she will send you sample outfit, this is a good way to make money around home. Miss Tina W. 10-22-19.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given of the seizure, near Reinhardt, Lincoln county, North Carolina, on the 14th of October 1896 of 505 gallons corn whiskey, one still, one cop, one worm. Anybody claiming said property, should file a claim with me within 30 days from date hereof in the form and manner prescribed by law or said property will be declared forfeited to the United States.  
S. M. L. ROGERS, Col.  
F. M. WILLIAMS, D. C.  
Oct. 22, 1896.

**Notice.**

By virtue of a mortgage deed given to Logan M. Russell by Cain Reinhardt and wife Susan Reinhardt, dated the 26th day of August 1897 and transferred to me by Logan M. Russell September 1, 1898 said mortgage being due October 15, 1899 I will sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Lincolnton on Monday, December 7th, 1896,

the land described in said mortgage deed to wit being in the county of Lincoln on the waters of Howards creek joining the lands of James F. Huss and others bounded as follows: Beginning at a black oak the beginning corner of J. A. Hixler's land and runs S 66 21 poles to a stake and pole then N 1 1/2 37 poles to a small pine then S 86 W 25 poles to a rock on the old line there with it's N 31 poles to the beginning containing 3 acres more or less. Said mortgage is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Lincoln county, in book 41, page 2. Terms cash. This 25th day of October 1896.  
HARRA SPEARLE, Assignee of  
Logan M. Russell, Mortgagee.

**Lands for Sale and Must be Sold.**

The High Shoals lands are for sale upon reasonable terms as to price and credit, to wit: One-third cash and one and two years time on balance. I will sell either in a body or plantations to suit purchasers. These lands are valuable farming lands, convenient to factories and markets and they must be sold. J. L. THORNBURN, near the High Shoals, is my agent to make contracts of sale subject to ratification by me. He has maps of the lands and will show them and make contracts of sale.  
W. P. BRUNS, Pres. of Co.

**CORSET TALK AT THE ONE PRICE CASH STORE.**

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Very Respectfully,  
**JENKINS BROS.**

**FATHER OF LOW PRICES.**

We have been too busy for the last few weeks to write a new advertisement, but we find that is the best way to advertise, as our trade has far surpassed our expectation this fall. We are glad to know the people have appreciated our efforts to sell them good honest goods at the lowest possible prices. We have just received another large lot of Outings which we are selling at from 5 to 10 cents. Ask to see our 12 1/2c twilled red Flannels. We have added to our Notions took the most popular and well known Corset on the market, Warner's Coroline Corsets. We have them to fit any figure—ask for them and take no others, as they are the best Corset on the market.

**CLOTHING.**

We will receive in a few days another lot of Clothing. We feel proud of this line, as you well know this is our pet line. Come and see us when you want anything in Clothing.

**SHOES! SHOES!! SHOES!!!**

We are receiving Shoes almost ever day in order to keep up our shoe stock. We feel very proud of our Shoe sales, as it shows the people appreciate our efforts to give them good goods at low prices. Come and see us with your produce or cash, as we take either.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

**H. S. Robinson & Company.**  
P. S. Just received a full line of latest style STIFF HATS.

**Racket Store.**

**COMPLETE LINE OF SHOES**

We have just received the best and most complete line of Shoes that we have ever had. We have not got a Shody Shoe in our Stock. So if you want Shody Shoes, you will have to look elsewhere. But if you want value for your cash, come this way. We have the largest and best assortment of men's and boys' Hats that we have ever had in our house. We can fit you in any price pant you want, from a good 50 cents pant to the best \$5.00 goods on the market.

**BIG LINE OF HEADWEAR.**

How about Hats and Caps? We have just received a lot of 50 dozen caps for Ladies, Misses, Men and Boys. If you want a cap, come this way. You will find what you want. Our stock of Men and Boys Hats is complete.

**CAMPAIGN HATS AND CAPS.**

Men's and Boys Campaign Hats and Caps for both Democratic and Republican nominees. This is the time you want to show what side of the fence you stand on. Our stock of Dry Goods, Notions etc., is always full up.

**ORGAN TO BE GIVEN AWAY DEC. 24TH, 1896.**

Don't forget about the Organ to be given away on the day before Christmas. The tickets are moving away. You should hold a ticket on that day. You may be the lucky one.

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

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