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The Chatham Citizen regrets that J. W. Atwater and other influential men in Chatham county have left the Populist party. But these gentlemen claim that they have not left the party but stand squarely on the Omaha platform, and that the crowd that has conspired to elect goldbugs to office are the ones who have really forsaken the party.—Durham Herald.

The Charlotte Observer well says: "We recur to the question asked by us a week or two ago: Why is it that the whites will stay divided while the black people are solid? If the blacks think that in this solidarity they have a community of interest, why have not the whites a like interest in standing together? The black people will not come over to us for the accomplishment of any political purpose—why should we go over to them? The Democrats are charged with drawing the color line in this campaign and a great outcry is made about it. But it is not the whites but the blacks who have drawn the color line. Congressman Geo. H. White, colored, of the second district, said in a speech before the Republican State convention, referring to the color line, "I invite the issue." This was a misuse of terms. He did not really mean that he invited the issue, for that would imply acceptance of a challenge. The fact is that he and his people made it and it is the whites who are the challenged party."

The Progressive Farmer said some time ago, emphasizing its words in bold caps: "It was this Democratic legislature (1876-77) that set the precedent of appointing negro magistrates."

Two or three—a very few at best—colored men were named by local Democrats in two or three eastern counties. The entire list, for the State, was elected by the general assembly, as reported by the committee. After such election a number of Democratic members who were not before apprised of the fact that any negroes had been included in the list as elected, then too late to correct it, filed a protest which appears on the journals. This is the whole matter as to the "precedent set by Democrats." It was wrong then, as subsequent events have abundantly proven, and those gentlemen who had it done saw and admitted their error.

But, the shamelessness of The Progressive Farmer is its statement that that was the beginning of negro magistrates in the State, when every one who was born before 1876 knows that the "woods were full of them" from the days of reconstruction until 1876.

This statement is in full keeping with all others the crowd The Progressive Farmer now eats pie with rely upon to help fasten negro magistrates and other negro office-holders upon the State, as Abe Middleton, the negro statesman of Duplin, says, to be largely increased if the combination can carry the next legislature. Will white men—those who love their State—permit this to be done? November will show.—Raleigh Post.

HYPOCRITES AND LIARS.

In his speech at Jacksonville, Onslow county, recently, Senator Marion Butler characterized the Democrats as "hypocrites and liars." Cy Thompson, Hal Ayer and other fusion Populist stumpers and organ grinders have a large stock of epithets which they hurl at the Democrats, and they do it as if they were in downright earnest and had a horrid loathing for these "hypocrites, liars, etc." In the joint discussion at Concord with Cy Thompson, Hon. C. B.

Aycock hit them between wind and water thus:

"You have for six years vilified the Democratic party and all its leaders, called them villains and scoundrels, liars and bull pen builders and ballot box stuffers, and still three months ago, with your tongues yet parched and your lips red with these vilifications, you came and proposed to fuse with villains. You come up and say: 'For a few offices we will deliver up to your villains and scoundrels and to your gold and monopoly-ridden party these thirty thousand voters of ours,' and then because we don't agree to barter, you rush to the Republican camp and say: 'Give us some offices and take our voters,' and then you talk of hypocrisy and say that it is a wonder that God don't blast the Democrats for their hypocrisy."

With this lifelike picture of the Populist fusionist would any one find it difficult to decide which are the "hypocrites and liars?"—Wilmington Star.

Buried in the Well Where He Died.

Speaking of strange and sad occurrences, none could be more remarkable than the death and burial of Charles Carter, a well known farmer residing near Russell. He was cleaning out an old well when the quicksand suddenly caved in on him, leaving only his head and chest exposed. When the alarm was given, hundreds of people assembled and went heroically to work to save their neighbor. It was found that nothing could be done toward removing the sand about Carter's body, so a parallel well was dug and a tunnel run from it into the old well, but even then the body could not be removed so closely was it grasped by the sands. It was found that a rope attached below Carter's arms would pull the body into parts without withdrawing its covered portion, and that method had to be abandoned. Carter was conscious and talked with his rescuers, but at the end of 58 hours he died. By this time an enormous crowd had gathered, and all sorts of plans were suggested for recovering the body, but finally it was determined to make the well the dead man's tomb, and it was filled up after religious services had been held upon its brink. The well was 48 feet deep, and perhaps no other Kansan ever found quite so strange a burial place.—Kansas City Journal.

Dangerous Thief.

A French actress, traveling about the country, had for use in one of her plays a lay figure, skillfully put together and dressed in a traveling suit. So says the New York Herald, which proceeds to tell a comical story about it:

At Marseilles it was left in the luggage room with other things. The curiosity of two of the railway employees being aroused at the sight of it, they took off the coverings and resolved to play a joke on their comrades. They placed the figure in an armchair at the desk of the cashier and shut the door.

When the employees on night service came, they opened the door and were surprised to see a man sitting before the cash box. They immediately closed and locked the door and ran for assistance.

A policeman arrived, revolver in hand, believing, like the employees, that he had to deal with a dangerous thief. He called on the figure to surrender and follow him to the station. As it did not obey the summons, the policeman shut the door and went in search of re-enforcements to surround the place and thereby prevent the culprit from escaping.

The door was again opened, the armed force entered, and it was not till they had suddenly pounced on the poor lay robber that they discovered the joke.

Good Impulses.

A man should allow none but good impulses to stir his heart, and he should keep it free from any evil that may beat it down and harden it.—Rev. J. D. Hammond.

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The County Canvass will continue until complete at following times and places.

Trent Township, Sparrow's Store.....	Friday,	Oct. 7
LaGrange.....	Saturday,	" 8
Institute.....	Monday,	" 10
Falling Creek Depot.....	Tuesday,	" 11
Vance Township, Mewborn's X Roads,	Wednesday,	" 12
Contentnea Neck, Rose of Sharon,	Thursday,	" 13
Sand Hill.....	Friday,	" 14
SouthWest, Kelly's Mill.....	Saturday,	" 15
Neuse, Parrott's School House.....	Monday,	" 17
Woodington School House.....	Tuesday,	" 18
Pink Hill, Davis' Store.....	Wednesday,	" 19
Kinston,.....	Saturday,	" 22

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