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## HARRISON AND GIDEON WILSON ARE YET FELLOWS.

Mr. J. H. Jones says that Kitchen's speech at Dallas was like Rufus Choate's in the Senate. It began at a streak of lightning, and thence to a flock of wild geese, and thence to forty fables with fire brands for their tails.—Charlotte Observer.

This is the only good account of the speech which we have seen during the campaign and we thank Col. Jones for the Observer for giving so full, accurate and illuminative a description of the Populist orator.

Capt. Kitchen has not burned the subject behind him. He expects to come back to the Democratic party if the Populists don't win this fall. His speeches bear abundant proof that he has gone deep into the subject to see how deep the water is. So deep, he leaves a loop-hole in his speeches by which he thinks he can conveniently come back and get on board the old Democratic ship again.

If Capt. Kitchen will come back, the same welcome awaits him that awaits other Democrats who have backslided. But we do not agree with those of our contemporaries who place him on a higher pedestal than the other Populist members. He is in the same boat with Mr. Otho Wilson, and the balance of the conspirators against the State.

Very little of his influence is with them and their radical conspirators. He occasionally breaks out into criticism of them, but he doesn't endorse but one plank in their platform, and yet he lends his name and his bitter invective to help carry them to the temple of Democracy which he himself has helped raise. We never admired his bitterness and abuse when he was a Democrat. We never applauded his extreme methods of denouncing the opposition as if they were all horse thieves and murderers. At that time and in his style. He can't spit. He was born so. It is never said with him; it is breathing. It is never said; it is burning hot. He is an exhalation of nature and by habit. We don't blame him for it. He can't help it. But he is more to be censured for his present course than any other Populist in the State, and deserves the severest reproof. He sows against light and knowledge. He knows the evils of the Populists, and in his speeches he advocates Democratic measures. And yet he is supporting and helping the mongrel coalition ticket and giving it whatever of character and weight his advocacy gives to any cause.

If Capt. Kitchen thinks he can trade the Democratic party and help to put the combination into power in North Carolina, and retain the good opinion of his old friends by preaching some of his old Democratic doctrine, he is very much mistaken. He owes it to himself to quit the crowd he is now afflicting with. Now is the time of his party's supremest peril. He ought to be pulling with his old friends to save the State from bad rule, and he has chosen to be a yoke-fellow with the House of Representatives.

After November 6th it will be too late.

### THE FUSION OF THE RINGSTERS IS PERFECT.

At one and the same time the Populists "nominated" Dr. Merritt for Congress, and "endorsed" W. P. Byrum, Jr., the Republican candidate for Senator, in the Fifth district. The original programme was to "endorse" Settle, but the Pop. and Rep. ringsters said that this would not work, and so Dr. Merritt was put up as a blind. There is no better evidence of the fusion than the fact that the Populist candidate for Congressman is a well known Populist, and the Republican candidate for Congressman is a well known Republican. The fusion is complete so far as the ringsters can make it, but there are hundreds of honest farmers who have enough self respect left to assert their independence, and there are also many Republicans who will rebel at being put on the block and sold by Settle and Loge.

The fusion of the ringsters is perfect. It will show that the fusion did not include the rank and file of either party.

## HIS INDIGNATION CAUSES HASTY ADVICE.

Mr. J. M. Moody, of Wayneville, is the Republican candidate for State Senator from Haywood, Buncombe and Madison. He was employed by the Democratic commissioners of Haywood to prosecute four young men charged with rape. He and Solicitor Jones prosecuted with vigor and ability, but the jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty." Mr. Moody was strongly impressed with the guilt of the young men, and has written a card in the *Wayneville Courier* expressing surprise at the verdict. He declines to accept the fee tendered him by the commissioners, and concludes his card with this significant quotation:

"And I now say 'In behalf of all the people of my country who love the virtue of their women and desire the protection of their children that it is their duty to look to their preservation themselves.'"

We know nothing of the case or of the evidence. We judge that it must have been a heinous offense, and that Mr. Moody's earnest nature was roused to deepest indignation. It does credit to his manhood that this righteous indignation makes him speak out strongly. But Mr. Moody has spoken in his honest wrath. In his calmer moments he will regret having advised the people to take the law into their own hands. There is no time when this ought to be done. The stability of government, as well as the protection of life and virtue, depend upon obedience to law. Under certain circumstances no jury will punish a parent or husband for taking the law into his own hands, and he is an unworthy man who is able to restrain his just wrath and inflict merited punishment.

But Mr. Moody and other leaders of the people ought not to counsel disobedience to law. They are officers of the court, and the people will seek redress outside of legal channels too much without advice to do so. It is seldom that the law miscarries. In ninety-nine cases out of an hundred the offender is punished by due process of law. Juries, as a rule, render correct verdicts in such cases, and even in this case we ought not to infer that the verdict was not in accordance with the evidence. It is often true that a whole community has a conviction of the guilt of the accused, but the evidence is such that a careful jury fails to convict. Mr. Moody has committed the same error that we have known others to commit. We state his opinions merely to show that there is no party spirit here in North Carolina among us in defense of virtue, and that upright men of all parties show righteous indignation when they feel that a jury charged with protection of virtue fails of its high duty.

The *Wayneville Courier* is also indignant, and was "surprised at the verdict."

### HOW HARRISON BANKRUPTED THE TREASURY.

NEWPORT, N. C., Oct. 11.—Please print a statement showing (1) the amount of money there was in the Treasury when Harrison took his seat; (2) the amount that was collected during his four years administration; and (3) the amount that was in the Treasury when Cleveland was installed the second time.

The following statement, prepared by an official in the Treasury Department, shows the contrast between Democratic rule and Republican rule:

#### THE DEMOCRATIC RECORD.

Agency account, \$ 64,300,445.92	Net balance in Treasury, 165,845,424.70
Total available, 820,848,918.13	Gold reserve, 100,000,000.00

#### THE REPUBLICAN RECORD.

Agency account, \$ 28,303,382.90	Net balance in Treasury, 24,084,742.28
Total available, 63,200,378.15	Gold reserve, 100,000,000.00

When the Democrats put Mr. Cleveland back in the White House, March 4, 1893, the surplus had been dissipated by Republican waste and extravagance, and Mr. Harrison's Secretary of the Treasury had been begging Congress for authority to issue bonds to enable him to hide the deep hole made in the Treasury. Indeed, in anticipation of receiving Congressional direction to issue bonds, Mr. Foster had already caused the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to prepare plates upon which these bonds were to be printed.

In an attempt to cover up the bankrupt condition of the Treasury the bonds were not issued, and the Democrats received depleted and bankrupt vaults. Having looted the Treasury, the Republicans now charge the Democrats with the responsibility for their own misdoings. A sublime cheek! The credulous Populists are the only persons who believe and repeat this Republican falsehood.

2. The amount collected from all sources during Harrison's administration was \$1,396,459,842.96 (one billion, five hundred and thirty six million, four hundred and forty thousand, eight hundred and forty-two dollars and ninety six cents.) Every cent of this was expended as was also the surplus left by Cleveland and the future was mortgaged to meet the extravagance of the Republicans.

3. This question is answered in the answer to the first question.

Mr. Rand is right when he says that the names Republican and Populist are now synonymous, and that both are relative to the nature of a Southern-born, intelligent white man.

## THEY ARE COMING BACK HOME.

We have no longer any doubt of the result in North Carolina. Good news is being heralded all along the line. The Democratic hosts are beginning to realize the situation and the work of organizing is going on everywhere. Campaign speakers are shelling the enemy's camps and the forces of Democracy are being marshaled for a great victory. The diminished majority in Georgia has awakened them to a realization of what we have to fight, and they are entering the conflict in earnest.

One of the most notable features of this campaign is the fact that a large number of voters are deserting the opposing factions—both Populists and Republicans—for the Democratic ranks. New recruits are daily coming in. The good, honest men are deserting the fusion combination and denouncing the leaders who sold them out. A glance at the pages of the State press is sufficient to convince the most skeptical of this fact. Almost every issue of any paper in the State announces the return of some prominent Populist in that section to the Democracy—the old party of his father and the party of his own early manhood.

A striking instance of this is found in the card of Mr. W. H. Rand, of Wake county, which is printed elsewhere in this paper. He declares that he was a Populist after the straightest, and had settled down to the sincere conviction that the declaration of principles enunciated by that party were good enough for the world; but that fusion was an abandonment of principle and sounded the death-knell of the Populists, and that in future he will vote the Democratic ticket.

There are many others like Mr. Rand. They went into the Populist party honestly and from principle. They hoped to find relief and reform. What is the result? The fruit has turned to ashes on their lips. They have been sold like some head of cattle. Outraged and deceived, it is only wonder that they should repudiate a combination that has for its object the delivery of themselves and their party into the hands of the Republicans!

Honest themselves, they thought others honest. But now they are beginning to see things in their true light and to find that their confidence has been misplaced and that they have been deceived.

Now do these men return single-handed to the Democratic party; they bring friends along with them; they join the ranks to work intelligently for the success of the party which they now know to be the only true and real friend of the people.

But the Democrats will not take their rest because of the rosy prospects. They will continue to work until victory is declared. They propose to welcome the prodigals, who are now coming back home, by still harder labor and more earnest endeavor.

### WHY FUSION WENT FUSE--AN EXAMPLE.

"I did not leave my neighbors and friends two years ago to join the Republican party. Good-bye."

These were the exact words of honest Jesse Killian, of Catawba county, as he left the meeting where the Populists agreed to fuse with the Republicans. It cost many of our farmer friends a great deal of eat loose from their neighbors and go off to form a new party. They did it under wrong, but honest impressions. They set up for themselves with no sinister or selfish purpose, and they hoped to build up a perfect party. We told them they couldn't do it, that the logical result of their act was to land in the Republican party.

Our prediction has been verified, and the machine and machinery of the Populist party has gone into the Radical camp. But the leaders cannot carry all the farmers into the Republican ranks. Mr. Killian told them in Catawba that he did not leave his "neighbors and friends two years ago to join the Republican party," and thousands of other true honest men will say "Good-by" to the conspirators in November.

Fusion went fuse because honest men in both the Populist and Republican parties are not ready to sell their principles to let S. Otho Wilson and Thomas Settle get a "mess of pottage."

### REPUBLICANS WILL NOT SUPPORT HIM.

Whatever it may do for others, fusion is not likely to bring much consolation to the soul of "Buck" Stroud.

E. A. Johnson, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of the Fourth Congressional District, has just issued an address to voters of this district, in which he calls upon them to support Mr. T. C. Millikan, the Republican nominee for Congress. He gives several reasons why he thinks this should be done and declares that "Republicans cannot afford to vote for any man who does not stand squarely upon the platform of the National Republican party."

He further says, in speaking of Mr. Stroud, "although he has been before the people for over two months, not one word has been heard from him, or from any supporter of his, on the great National issues of the day." Mr. Millikan, on the other hand, he says, is "a genuine Republican, whose principles are known."

The card closes with an appeal to "every Republican who loves his party and his country to go to the polls on election day and vote for Mr. Millikan." "In voting for him," the address continues, "no mistake will be made, and there can be no question as to his position," but "a vote for Mr. Stroud is a vote for a man who refuses to say what his course will be if elected--an uncertainty."

## AN IMPORTANT ELECTION.

It is now just one month till November 8. The election to be held at that time is one of the most interesting and involves more issues of far-reaching importance to the people of North Carolina than has been presented by any election in recent years.

A Chief Justice and three Associate Justices, six Judges of the Superior court, a General Assembly, a State Treasurer, twelve Solicitors and nine members of Congress are to be elected, and every county office in North Carolina is to be filled. In short, as Chairman Poirer in an address published elsewhere in this paper, "our honest and efficient Judiciary is at stake, the control of each county in the State is at stake and the control of the United States Senate is at stake."

It is a matter of the first and foremost importance to our people that on the result of this contest will depend the constitution and character of our Supreme and Superior courts. These offices are truly reaching nearer to the homes and hearthstones of our people than any other class of officials. Only with a pure Judiciary are the lives, liberties and interests of the people safe. How important, therefore, that these positions should be filled with pure men and able jurists—men who are more than politicians and office-seekers, and who have already proved themselves worthy of confidence, and free from anarchistic tendencies.

Then again we cannot lay too much stress on the election of the next General Assembly. On the result depends not only possibly the control of the next United States Senate, but the continuance of the present system of county government, the control of the State institutions, the levying of taxes, the spending of the public monies and the choice of a railroad commission.

All the offices to be filled are important and the issues involved are of the greatest consequence. It is important, therefore, that only the best men be chosen, and it is the duty of every voter to consider well before casting his vote. And they will do this and we have no fear for the result. The Democratic party is safe. The people are not idiots. They are rational and sensible and they understand the situation that confronts the country. They know that the Democratic party is the real party of the people and is at heart their friend and will ever heartily and earnestly labor for their interests and their rights.

### OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

The death of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, which occurred at his home in Beverly Farms, Sunday evening, will be mourned wherever the English language is read and translated. Throughout the civilized world his wit and wisdom have won appreciation and applause, and no death of our famous men has borne with its tidings more of pain, regret and sorrow. With his death passes away the last of a great circle of writers who, New England born and bred, made their native province famous for its literature. Dr. Holmes was the last, with Emerson, Lowell, Longfellow, Whittier, Hawthorne, Thoreau, he now recedes into the past, and the world is the loser.

In every aspect Dr. Holmes was admirable. He was one of the happiest and sweetest of our writers of prose. A most gracious artist and student of human nature, there was none so ready and fortunate in the blending of wit and wisdom. The music of his thought bubbled forth spontaneously and his tongue was deep without heaviness. Quick and vivid was the action of his mind and he could touch the springs of our feeling without awakening resentment. He possessed a lively human sympathy, so that he viewed the problems of soul and body with such an insight as to bring into use his wonderful scientific knowledge. Be it in poetry, romance, essay or travel he was always bright, always sane, always interesting.

But he is dead and the world will not soon see his like again. "The Autocrat at the Breakfast Table" will speak to us no more, but his writings will live as classics of English literature.

### BOTH PARTIES REPUDIATE IT.

The Mecklenburg Times tells of "an honest, but badly deceived Populist who was told the other day that a negro Republican was on the fusion legislative ticket for Wake county. He said he did not believe it. He further said he would not vote such a ticket."

An uneducated negro in Wake county, when told that the Republicans had instructed all members of that party to vote for several Populists, didn't believe it. He came to town, saw the bosses, learned that it was true, and went home swearing that he would dig potatoes on election day.

The decent Populists abhor the ticket. The decent Republicans detest the ticket.

It is acceptable to the honest and honorable map of neither party.

It will be repudiated at the polls by both in November.

JIM YOUNG, the negro Populist-Republican nominee for the House in Wake, is reported to have said recently that "both parties (Reps and Pops) are going to lay aside their principles until after the fight, and then they will pick them up again." This is the most honest and trust declaration of what these parties have done. Ought honest men to support for office those who declare they have "laid aside their principles?"

## THE RESULT OF THE NON-PARTISAN ACTION.

In New York for several weeks a "committee of seventy" has been trying to agree upon a non-partisan ticket to put in the field against Tammany. Finally they named Mr. Gall, the Democratic lawyer, who has brought the guilty office-holders in that city to justice. The Republicans unanimously refused to vote for a Democrat, the committee of seventy reconsidered and recommended Mr. Strong, an old-time active Republican. The anti-Tammany Democrats, or most of them, refused to support him, and the non-partisan ticket winds up in smoke.

Observe it whenever you will, the Republicans always reap whatever benefit there is in non-partisan action, and under the guise of reform put their bitter partisans into office. As a straight Republican nominee, Mr. Strong would not have the ghost of a show of being elected in New York city. As a "reform" candidate, Platt thinks he can pull him through.

The situation is almost similar in North Carolina. Twice in recent years the Republicans tried to elect Fairoloth and Furches to high positions in the State. The people have said in thundering tones that they didn't want either of them. So this year they run the "non-partisan" candidates, and think that this sugar-coated pill will swallow them.

In a State where the Republicans have a safe majority, there is never any talk by them about "non-partisan" action. It is only when they are in a clear minority that they affect to be over-virtuous and espouse the cause of non-partisan action and reform. Their pretence will fall in New York City, and it will fall in North Carolina. The people believe in robust, honest partisanship, and don't take much stock in these "more-holy-than-thou" phrases whose selfishness forbids their standing shoulder to shoulder with the boys in the trenches.

The result of non-partisan action, if it succeeds, is to put Republicans into office in cities and States where the people are opposed to the Republican party, and will swallow it only when sugar-coated with "non-partisan" sweetness.

### MR. WALLER EXPOSES THE "COMBINE."

Last week we adverted to the fact that Mr. John A. Waller, a Granville Populist, had become disgusted with the combination between the Populists and the Republicans. Since then he has announced himself as an independent candidate for the State Senate, and "Providence permitting" will make "a thorough canvass" of Person and Granville before the campaign is over and people the rotten and outrageous attempts that are being made to deceive you." He prints a card from Mr. Pritchford, the former partner of Dr. Dalby, the combine candidate for the Senate, urging the friend to whom the letter was addressed to support Dr. Dalby for the State Senate, in which he says: "I find that the Republicans will endorse him." We quote from Mr. Waller's card:

It does seem to me the above is so plain that a man may read and read which way we are drifting. Also in the meantime Capt. Hughes and some colored men waited on Dr. Dalby and told him that the Populists would nominate him for the Senate, and I take it promised to do so. It is now being reported that the Republicans will endorse him. We quote from Mr. Waller's card:

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## MR. POUL CLINCHES THE ARGUMENT.

It is strange that none of our campaign orators put to rout the ranters about a non-partisan judiciary by employing the argument contained in Mr. Poirer's excellent and inspiring "address to the people." Mr. Poirer said:

If proof were needed of the fairness of our Judges, of their freedom from personal and partisan bias, that proof is furnished in the decision last spring which terminated their own tenure of office and made their continuance in office dependent upon the result of this election.

This clinches the argument and effectually destroys the clutter about the need of Butler's new fangled, non-partisan, Republican Chief Justice.

### THEIR ACTIONS BELIEVE THEIR WORDS.

The Republicans and Populists justify their fusion by saying the Democrats cheat so wickedly at elections that the repeal of the present election laws is the chief issue of the campaign. If the Democrats are such rascals, how do the fusionists hope to win? The very fact that the Reps and Pops are bending every energy, and expect to win in November, is proof positive that they don't believe the slanders they utter. If they believed the Democrats would steal the elections, they would not be spending time and money to win. Every sensible man knows this.

### THE PASSING OF YOU-SEE-BL-U-S.

As the originator of a new system of spelling and the proposition to levy a tariff of \$10 ahead on all horses imported into North Carolina, Aaron You-see-bl-u-s Signon, of Catawba county, was the most interesting Republican candidate in the country. A man bold enough to advocate these two novel measures was supposed to have backbone, and we early defended him from the attack of those who said he could be run off the track by the Populists. Now that our horse-tariff friend has succumbed and thus shown that his backbone is made of a cotton string, we fear that our faith in human nature will be sadly shaken.

Fusion won't fuse. Chairman Poirer has advised from nearly every county in the State showing that there are Republicans in them all who will not support fusion. The same is true of Populists in most counties. Self-respecting Republicans and self-respecting Populists cannot stand the unholy combination, engineered by S. Otho Wilson and J. C. Logan Harris for themselves and a few other ringsters.

The Populist papers say that the bill introduced in Congress by their members of Congress would not take a dollar from the Treasury. That's so. Their plan is to appropriate thirty-five billion dollars for all sorts of extravagance, and then to set the presses to work printing the money. This denial shows that the Populists haven't the least conception of government.

LOG HARRIS is not making any speeches this campaign. It is said that he is seriously considering a proposition to become religious editor of a daily newspaper.

BILL RAND is not the kind of fellow that you can fool all the time. He is as honest as he is plain spoken, and when he finds that he is wrong he doesn't hesitate to say so.

### POLITICAL NOTES.

Has there been fusion between the Republican and Third parties? It does not look that way down here, says a Jones county correspondent of the *Kinston Free Press*. The Republicans are much disgruntled, and for cause, as they have no representation on the so-called fusion ticket. They say they are tired of being "beaten by wood and straw or water," and will not fuse with a party that has no real strength and but little vitality.

REV. F. M. JORDAN, of the county of Transylvania, is a curious compound. Sometime ago he announced that he felt called of the Lord to represent Transylvania in the General Assembly, and he decided to make the race. A few weeks later he announced his withdrawal on account of symptoms of paralysis. But in last week's *Hustler* we find that he is out again and says he will make the race as an independent Democrat. He doesn't say anything about the Lord this time but calls on his friends to help him win.

E. K. PROCTOR, Sr., is running for treasurer on the Robeson county Populist ticket. Some years ago, says a correspondent of the *Charlotte Observer*, he was running for office as a Republican, while his son, E. K. Proctor, Jr., was a candidate on the Prohibition ticket. They made a joint canvass. So made a neat little prohibition speech. In a reply, said he "wouldn't care if the Lumber river ran with Scotch whiskey, and every cypress had three dippers on it." The forcefulness of this remark is the more patent to those who know how the Lumber frequents Robeson. "You can't go anywhere in Robeson without crossing the river at least twice," observed a Robesonian the other day.

According to Attorney-General Osborne, fusion results in subtraction. In a speech at Gastonia the other day, he said "The Third and Republican parties are small enough by themselves, but together they are less than when separate. They fused in Arkansas and it went Democratic by 24,000. Georgia is usually Democratic by 50,000, but the Reps. and Pops. fused there and it went Democratic by 80,000 majority. In Alabama they fused and it went Democratic by 41,000 majority, and Kolb hollowed out the Democrats." Old Gen. Hoar, of Massachusetts, raised \$5,000 among the protectionists in one hour to help carry Alabama for the Populists. Because the people couldn't be bribed Kolb says he's cheated. The truth is when the Pops. and Reps. fuse about half of each voted the Democratic ticket.

Do not wait impermeable and tight-fitting tights that constrict the blood vessels of the scalp. Use Hall's Hair Renewer occasionally, and you will not be bald.

## News from Washington.

SECRETARY LAMONT AND PUBLIC PRINTER BENEDICT FAVOR HILL, LOCKWOOD AND GAYNOR.

Action Being Taken to Recover Money for Belcher Fuller Heirs—The Outlook in the Fifth District Better Than Formerly—An Employee in the Government Printing Office Remains Leaves from the Democratic Hand Book—Senator Ransom Speaking in North Carolina—Other News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 4.

The situation in New York still attracts attention and comment here. Nothing is heard from administration men here except from Secretary Lamont and Public Printer Benedict. They are earnestly and actively in favor of the ticket, and Secretary Lamont left here this afternoon for New York to try to prevent the nomination of a second ticket and to bring the two factions together in active work for Hill, Lockwood and Gaynor. The talk that the anti-Hill men will try to elect Lockwood and Gaynor, the Democrats find little belief here. The Democrats are not so confident as they were the day after Hill was nominated and "anxious care" weighs upon their spirits. The Reps. have no more content either, and there is some consolation in that. If the Albany convention had listened to Hill and admitted the contesting delegations from New York city and Brooklyn, the Democrats would now present a united front. But "the machine" rode rough-shod over the contesting delegations and drove them out of the convention. It isn't natural to suppose the kicked out delegations will be enthusiastic for a ticket nominated by a convention which ignored and insulted them, particularly when the nominee is a man as distasteful to them as Mr. Hill. It is all in a muddle and nobody knows what the case will be. The odds are against Democratic success, but Hill has been a witness and "nothing succeeds like success." There are many who do not believe that Mr. Hill will qualify as governor if elected. They believe he will fail to qualify, let Mr. Lockwood be governor, and hold his seat in the Senate. He might not do this if the Legislature was Democratic, but it is believed he will if the Republicans should carry the Legislature.

There is action being taken here to recover some money for the heirs of Belcher Fuller, who lived at Beaufort, N. C., and who was the owner and captain of a vessel, that was captured by the French in 1789, the cargo of which was sold by the French. The United States has recovered the amount due the Belcher Fuller heirs, but it has never been paid over to them. A petition was filed in the Court of Claims by Charity Keed, of Carteret county, on December 28, 1890, but the attorney that had the case in charge did not do anything, and the case has since died. Belcher Fuller was on a voyage from Beaufort to Jamaica, when the French captured his vessel, the *Hope*. It was taken into St. Marks, when the vessel and its cargo was confiscated, against the protest of Captain Fuller.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.

Mr. E. D. Steele, of Point, who has been on professional business to Northern cities, passed through this city to-day enroute for North Carolina. He said in speaking of the political situation here that the outlook in the fifth district is better than it has ever been since the Republicans gained the supremacy. We will have hard work to come out on top this year for we have the whole Republican party in our district.

When I say the Republican party I mean the strength, the power, the influence of the party which comes from Guilford county and the adjoining counties. It is going to beat the Republican party. I believe and Mr. Graham will certainly make Mr. Settle take a back seat. These are the present indications. The Amis faction will not affect the contest much, and will probably be submerged before election, and the contest will be between Settle and Graham. I think Mr. Graham is the strongest man in the district. His personal magnetism is very great and draws many to him who would not otherwise be converted by good speaking. Every body that knows anything about Settle knows he is a good speaker and a shrewd politician, but he has not more than made the person of the person of "Gus" Graham. Whether he admits it or not he realizes the fact to his sorrow, and whatever he may say about prospects brightening for him he is not so jubilant as he was in the beginning of the campaign.

"The county ticket which would have been Populo-Fuso-Mugwumpo-Republican if some of the instructions had been carried out is a straight Republican ticket. It is believed that another attempt at fusion will be made. Jim Boyd's name was mentioned for the State Senate, but he had it withdrawn."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 5.

It was made known several days ago that a few leaves of the Democratic hand book, while in the press at the Public Printer's, were removed. It was believed at the time that it was the work of some unscrupulous person in the department, and did not happen accidentally. Upon investigation this charge has been placed to the credit of Captain H. T. Brian, of the Government Printing Office.

The Interstate Democratic Association has Capt. Brian in hand, and at a largely attended meeting held last night at its rooms, the special committee, appointed at a special meeting to make an investigation of his record, made a partial report of what had been done. The committee, as originally appointed, consisted of Col. H. C. Manning, Col. B. F. Clayton, and H. Wandell.

Col. Clayton, as spokesman for the others, in making the report said the committee had found so much evidence for examination that more time would be necessary than was at first supposed would be required in which to perfect the charges, but he was ready to say that Capt. Brian had been shown to be guilty of malfeasance in office, of having committed the appropriation of public property, of running a political bureau in his office, of disregard of the civil service law, and of persistent discrimination against Democrats in the administration of his office.

"Senator Ransom is making a series of the grandest campaign speeches that were ever heard in North Carolina," said Congressman Bunn, of the North State, at the Metropolitan, to a reporter of the post. "I honestly believe he is the finest political speaker in the United States to-day, and his influence on an audience is something wonderful. The magnetism of his manner and the eloquence of his language never fail to thrill and captivate his hearers. He has not once referred in his public speeches to his own candidacy for the United States Senate. This stinking self is not likely to be a political nuisance."

"The Republicans and Populists are welded into a solid fusion against the Democracy in North Carolina, but, though the combination is a strong one, I do not think it will win."

Mr. R. W. Wheeler, a commission merchant in this city, who formerly of Greensboro, handles a great deal of the Southern produce, shipped to this city. He says the trucking industry of North Carolina has increased wonderfully within the last five years. Besides this he says North Carolina gets \$30 to-day for eggs, poultry and game where she received one dollar five years ago. In regard to the crop of eggs, Mr. Wheeler said there was more money paid for them in this city every year than there was for either meat, flour, or beef, but the greater number came from Virginia and Maryland.

Mr. H. B. Boney, the Democratic nominee for sheriff in Duplin county, says they intend to make the county come out of its present political troubles by a thousand votes. The Democrats are working as they never worked before. It is the general opinion in that county that the Republican ticket will be a black ticket, or being more accurate in regard to the color of the ticket, it will probably be a dark gray.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9.

Dr. Stephen B. Weeks, whose review of his "History of the People's Party" appeared several days ago, says that he was desirous in this work of refuting several of the charges made a few years ago by James K. Gilmore. Mr. Gilmore has published several volumes on the history of North Carolina and Tennessee, which are called "The Rear Guard of the Revolution," "John Sevier," and "The Advance Guard of Western Civilization." In these volumes Dr. Weeks says that Mr. Gilmore misrepresents abuses, and vilifies the people of North Carolina in general, and those connected with Tennessee history in particular. Among the latter abused is Gen. Joseph Martin, whom Dr. Weeks has commended. Mr. Gilmore in regard to Gen. Joseph Martin and in regard to the people of North Carolina in general, and shows Mr. Gilmore's statements to be utterly false. Dr. Weeks says that he has himself found this defect in Mr. Gilmore, but that Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, of the Civil Service Commission, in his *Winning of West*, "goes so far as to deny that any statement of the kind was ever made by any other authority does not carry with it even the probability of truth."

Rev. James A. Weston who registered here Saturday, New York, where he made arrangements with a publishing house to have his "Life of Marshal Ney" published. Mr. Weston has been at work on this for some years and has heard his own lecture on "Marshal Ney" will not be published, but it is soon to be put in book form for the benefit of the public. Mr. Weston's great effort in this work has been to prove that Napoleon's greatest Marshal and chief advisor was not executed by Wellington, as is stated in the records of France.

### HE COULDN'T GO WITH THEM.

Jesse Killian Told His Populist Friends Good-Bye When They Perceived Their Fusion Plans and He Came Back to the Democratic Party.

Correspondence News and Observer.

HICKORY, N. C., Oct. 8.

During the late meeting of the Populist and Republican parties in Catawba county, at which they effected a fusion of their principles, (3) there occurred an instance of such brave and manly political courage and honesty that I think worthy of the highest commendation, and shows that while some men of the late Col. Shuford, Marion Butler and others of this character are willing to swallow all the rottenness of the Republican party of which they used to speak so much for the sake of getting a job, there are hundreds of honest Populists who will not follow them in their utter repudiation and sacrifice of every principle advocated by them two years ago.

Jesse Killian, an intelligent and influential farmer, who lives on the waters of the beautiful South Fork of the Catawba, two years ago was an enthusiastic Alliance man, and Populist and had great faith in the councils of his party. He helped to nominate men who advocated the principles of the Alliance and the People's party, and worked for their election. This year, however, he was invited to a different feast, a sacrificial feast, every principle that he had advocated before was to be offered up to save a mongrel and fusion ticket from defeat.

The Republicans and Populists were then talking about the similarity of their principles and advocating fusion. It was agreed to. Jesse Killian protested. It did not good. Old Alliance men who had heard the late Col. Polk on the corruption of the Republican party, looked each other in the face dazed at the thought. Jesse Killian arose, with indignation in his countenance, and contempt for the unholy proceedings, and made this little but effective speech: "Gentlemen, I did not leave my neighbors and friends two years ago to join the Republican party. Good-by." and left them forever. A hundred of other good men will follow his many example and make this same little speech on the 6th of next November.

### STILL THEY COME.

Up in Person They Are Coming Back Home--We Welcome These, and Will Welcome Them All.

ROXBORO, October 8.

W. T. Bradsher, People's party nominee for Clerk in the case in the Person County County withdrawal in favor of the Democratic nominee, and declares his intention to support Graham for Congress.

J. S. Merritt, a leading attorney here, and son of Dr. William Merritt, Populist nominee for Congress, declares for Graham, and will take the stump for Graham and E. S. Parker for Solicitor. He says there is no chance for his father's election, and Graham favors measures that are beneficial to the people, hence he supports him as against his father.

Bolting Republicans are out in a card calling a mass meeting for next Saturday, and will put out a ticket in opposition to that named by the bosses on last Saturday.