

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

Truly strange things are happening in the political world. It is an open secret that Butler and Pritchard, who were elected by a fusion legislature, are estranged, and free silver is the rock on which they have split—Butler holding it high above all creeds and Pritchard subordinating it to Republican policy of a protective tariff. The Winston Republican, the foremost Republican paper in the State, an apologist and defender of the last Fusion Legislature, in a leading editorial of last week said: "Cleveland occupies the Presidency to-day by the fusion of Populist-Democratic electoral votes of Kansas and four other Western States, against the Republican voice and vote of those States. It is this stubborn fact of history that makes electoral fusion of Republicans and Populists this year in North Carolina not only next to impossible but undesirable and dangerous."

Dr. Mott, unquestionably the ablest man the Republican party in North Carolina had in its ranks, has been elected Chairman of the National Executive Committee of the Free Silver party—and having burnt all his bridges behind him, has issued an address to the people of North Carolina urging them, in ringing sentences, to forsake all other faiths and creeds and sentiments and flock under the inviting folds of the free silver banner. These things have all transpired in the camp of our friends the enemy, and does not much concern us as Democrats; yet our own camp is not without its new developments, new departures and attractive sensations. The air is murky with rumors that there is a deal on hand between the silver Democrats and the Populists by which they all agree to support a silver candidate for President and to divide the offices of State. The Hon. Ed. Compromise Smith and the Hon. Robt. Buncombe Peebles seem to be the gaudy outsiders of this new phantom boom. They have been on to Washington to see Butler and Shuford and Strowd and Skinner and the whole layout of Populist congressmen as to the details of the trade.

The Hon. Thomas Jeshuron Jarvis has written a letter calling on the silver men to stand together. He wants a full attendance and an expression of opinion from the dear people, and if he finds them as solid as he was in his Morganton speech he will want to lead the column. In Morganton he advised that the people go to any party that would give them free silver.

The Hon. Marcellus Lucullus Reed and the Hon. Winding Locher Craig, from the Kane Creek Country have written letters, demanding a bolt, unless the national democratic convention declares for silver. All these self-appointed custodians of democracy are standing sentinel and demanding in the language of the highwayman: "Stand and deliver or die." Have they all bowed the knee to Baal and to Butler?

When the old ship of State was in the trough of a troubled sea, Butler and his followers tried to get aboard and sink her; now they are invited into the State rooms and urged to man her, to flag her and to steer her. Is this Democracy, or the

"Bending of the pregnant hinges of the knee That thrive may follow fawning?" Reports come from Raleigh that Judge Clark is to be the gubernatorial beneficiary of this new political firm, and that Hon. Ed. Compromise Smith is entered—has been entered before—for Attorney General; the Hon. Charles Martel Cook for Secretary of State and the Hon. Washington Hannibal Worth, the present incumbent, for State Treasurer. We see no name mentioned for Auditor, and insist that the Hon. Lucius Quintus Curtius Hiemans, of Cabarrus, should have that place—that is if they intend to make a fair divide. The senatorial plum falls to Dr. Mott. Apart from any consideration of office and office seeking, what has become of the grand old democratic party in this State, that has ever stood, alike in defeat and victory, the champion of popular rights, of honest administration of public affairs and honest dollars? It really seems to us that those who stood with her in the days of her bondage and turmoil are themselves longing for the "leeks and onions" of Egypt. For a season her manhood and her integrity seem to have deserted her and the old ship seems to be drifting without a guide, without a compass, without a chart. What

ever disasters may await her in the near future, we have an abiding faith in the returning reason and loyalty of her crew—that somewhere amid the fury of the storm, will be heard another "peace be still," and that again we shall see her return to her ancient moorings.

TO THE RESCUE.

The situation in North Carolina suggests South's beautiful story of the Spanish hero—the Cid. The Christian warriors, who had met with repeated disasters, were in their tents discussing the expediency of making another assault on the seemingly impregnable stronghold of the Moors. Many thought the undertaking not only hazardous but fruitless. In the meantime the Cid had entered and took a lively interest in all that was suggested. Finally with the spirit of prophecy and victory upon him, he cried, "Thank God, He has reserved for me the glory and privilege of doing this impossible thing. We will rout the Moors and capture their stronghold tomorrow."

If the democratic press and politicians, inspired by the zeal and spirit of the Cid, will bury their differences, and march in solid phalanx to the music of democratic principles, under the waving of democratic banners, the fusion hosts will be routed and the State redeemed from those who would throttle and disrobe her. Is there no Cid in the North Carolina Democracy? If there be none, let those, inspired with his zeal, stand for the right and the just, stand for Democracy pure and simple, disdaining compromise and bargain, and if at last we go down in defeat we will have the proud consciousness of duty performed and will win the respect even of our enemies.

THE DOCTORS AGREE.

The democratic papers in this State are much exercised over the strange things they say are going on in the party and of the deals that are supposed to be maturing between certain self-constituted leaders and the promoters of the silver movement. There is at least the consolation to us as party men that the names of our people mixed up in this scramble are those of men in every way entitled to be heard upon any subject of living interest. Judges Clark and McCrae, Messrs. Smith, Peebles, Reed, Craig and others are all men with constituencies behind them, are not new to questions of first importance and have traveled more or less extensively in legal and literary fields. The troubles in the camp of the enemy are receiving solution through the press at the hands of such statesmen as the Hon. John Baxter Eaves, of Chimney Rock; the Hon. Julius Barlow Fortune, of Golden Valley; the Hon. Archibald Eggleston Holton, of Yadkinville; the Hon. Edward Washington Ward, the only one of his ticket left of election in Lincoln; and the Hon. Hiram Ulysses Grant, of Connecticut.

The contrast in physicians is pleasing, even if the physic be the same.

THE HOPE FOR SILVER.

Under the above heading the Raleigh News and Observer in its issue of the 25th inst., has a leading editorial which, while it displays ability, deals in glittering generalities. Among other things it says: "The gold men in the party have no hope of success in the November election, and yet they are anxious to commit the party to a policy that has shattered its fortunes in North Carolina." We should be glad to have some statement of fact to bear out this wild assertion. Does the News and Observer pretend to say that the gold men caused democratic disaster two years ago. The News and Observer knows that the candidates all over North Carolina voted for silver with a loudness of voice that absolutely made the Populist ashamed of his plea in its defense; and yet, notwithstanding all this and the "scandalous" majority against us, the News and Observer is emboldened to say "the gold men have shattered the fortunes of the democratic party in North Carolina." This is very thin; it won't bear a bead. Very many people think that the News and Observer has been a prominent factor in shattering the fortunes of democracy.

Bill Nye, the great humorist, is dead. He died at his mountain home, Buck Shoals, in Buncombe county, on the 28th inst. For years his pen has sent joy and sunshine to many hearts and homes. His name was a sort of a household god in all the land. A loyal wife and loving children soothed his fevered brow and we trust that, in the still watches of his waiting, some heavenly visitation whispered to his troubled soul "peace be still," and that now he rests under the shade of the trees.

Ten dozen five cent Pants just received at S. R. Collett's.

JUDGE AVERY TO WRITE A HISTORY.

The Part Taken by North Carolina Troops in the Late War. Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 25th. Judge Avery yesterday closed through Mr. Sprague, who was here, a contract with the Atlanta Publishing Company to write the history of the part taken by the North Carolina soldiers in the late war. There is not to be less than twelve volumes of the entire work, and subscribers will be charged for more than that number. Dr. J. L. M. Curry is charged with the duty of writing upon the causes that led to the war, showing how the South was justified in appealing to arms. Gen. Evans, of Georgia, write a civil history of the Southern States. The history of the part taken by the troops of the various States will be written by Bradley Johnson, of Maryland, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, Judge A. C. Avery, of North Carolina, Bishop Capers, of South Carolina, and probably (Gov.) Gen. Nichols, of Louisiana. Some special work will probably be done by Gen. Stephen D. Lee, of Mississippi, and Col. Wm. Preston Johnston, of Louisiana, who was aid de camp to President Davis, and is a son of Albert Sidney Johnson. Dr. J. William Jones will write the history of the Confederate chaplains and their work.

The work is to be done by September, and Judge Avery invites correspondence with those who have material that can be utilized. He especially urges veterans who have copies of reports of battles by the North Carolina Colonels or commanders of battalions or of detached companies to send the originals or copies as soon as possible to him. He hopes that every veteran in the State will feel at liberty to write or have written and forwarded to him accounts of exhibitions of extraordinary coolness and courage by private soldiers in the ranks of any of our regiments. It is desirable and almost indispensable that any material which may be utilized in the preparation of this history should be sent to him before the last of April, as all of it must be copied and arranged so that ready reference may be made to it in the preparation of the work.

Judge Avery was solicited to write the history of North Carolina by the Atlanta Publishing Company at the instance of the officers of the United Veteran Association of North Carolina.

Judge Avery is very anxious to borrow or have given to him for the use of the Historical Society any copies of newspapers, published during the war, and containing contemporary accounts of the conduct of any portion of North Carolina's soldiers on any of the battles of the war from Bethel to Appomattox.

All newspapers in the State are asked to give the above request for information publicity.

OBITUARY.

Sister Margaret Caroline Beck, whose maiden name was Siskind, daughter of the late Andrew Dunn, died at her residence in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on the 25th inst., aged 72 years, 7 months and 25 days. Sister Beck was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at least 14 or 15 years ago. She was a devoted and successful teacher for many years, and was also a successful business woman. She was a member of the North Carolina Association of Teachers, and was also a member of the North Carolina Association of Women. She was a devoted and successful business woman. She was a member of the North Carolina Association of Teachers, and was also a member of the North Carolina Association of Women.

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What I Saw This Spring.

Mr. Guy H. Avery, of Orange, N. C., who is visiting in Morganton, contributes the following pretty poem to THE HERALD: I saw a bluebird, Free from care, Singing a song, In the morning air, Circling down, He lit on the crown, And filled his cell With the melodious swell Of a thrilling note From his throbbing throat. I saw a crocus, Lifting up To such a height Its dainty cup To catch a gleam From a cloudlet's curl, Like a cyanet waltz, In the amber west. I saw a spirit, Downward come From a golden dome, A rosy throng Of four-o'clocks, Or four-o'clocks, And spatterlocks Feeding them dew From cloudlets blue, And adding to this Her royal blue. For she was Queen, Queen of the Spring.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Less than a year ago a movement was started to erect a building to supply the needs of an abiding place for a large and increasing Young Men's Christian Association, at the University of North Carolina. The cost is to be 20 thousand dollars. The students, townspeople, friends and a few of the alumni have already pledged over nine thousand dollars. Over one half of this amount has come from students. From such a building the University as well as the Christian Association will derive supreme benefit. As such this movement deserves and THE HERALD feels sure will receive the support of all alumni who hold their alma mater dear.

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