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"THOU SHALT NOT STEAL"

Tom Dixon Says Free Silver is Really Counterfeiting.

TO VISIT THIS STATE.

And Enlighten the Benighted—The New York Divine so Announces—Wants to Meet Senator Tillman or Butler—His Congregation Threatened.

Thomas Dixon had another exciting Sunday of it in New York. His text was: "Thou shalt not steal." Mr. Dixon applied this old law directly to the advocates of free silver. He said they wanted the government to go into the counterfeiting business, for that is what free silver means.

The Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., announced to a congregation that packed the Academy of Music Sunday that he should continue speaking on the national political issue every Sunday until November, and that between Sundays he would be found down in North Carolina enlightening the benighted of that locality.

"What I said last Sunday," he remarked, "was only my introduction to the subject. If you think you can't stand it you had better get out now, for I warn you that no disturbance will be permitted. If you will take the trouble to read the Criminal Code you will find that it provides for the arrest and punishment of people who disturb church congregations; and I assure you that full advantage of this section of effect Mr. Bryan's election would have on of necessity."

Mr. Dixon then turned his attention to his challengers to public debate, one of whom is Professor Edwin V. Wright, whose challenge was issued through the Journal.

"The fact is," said the preacher, "I can't meet sixteen challengers at one time. It is necessary that they should send forth their champion. And there is one qualification which I must insist upon—my opponent must be able to spell. I cannot consent to debate with a man who is superior to our established orthodoxy."

"I will willingly meet any one whose platform ability is recognized. If Senator Butler or Senator Tillman, of South Carolina will accept the position of champion for the opposition I will be only too glad to meet either of them."

The preacher said that he would answer no questions except those intelligently stated in writing and placed in the box provided for that purpose. He would now answer several such. They were of the stereotyped character and were answered in the stereotyped manner—except that of an inquirer who wanted to know what effect Mr. Bryan's election would have on the temperance question. This was Mr. Dixon's answer.

"My investigations have satisfied me that the principal cause of intemperance is poverty. Therefore, it is my belief that the success of the political element represented by Mr. Bryan will increase the intemperance of the country a thousand fold."

Another inquirer was satirical. "When did you see Mr. Hanna?" he wanted to know.

Mr. Dixon took advantage of this opportunity to declare that if Mr. Hanna had any sense he knew that his party could have the support of every preacher in this part of the country free of charge. Mr. Dixon had never met or communicated with the gentleman. Coming to his sermon the preacher said:

"In this second of my series of talks on the money issue I shall only touch upon the salient principles. You will find my text, and my warrant for bringing this subject into the pulpit, in Exodus, xx., 15—'Thou shalt not steal.'"

Mr. Dixon promulgated his first "salient principle" as follows: "The free silver conspiracy is a gigantic capitalistic conspiracy of silver mine owners."

Following are some other utterances: "The hens of this country lay eggs. I confess that the mystery of this process is beyond me; but I claim to be a better judge of eggs than any hen that ever lived."

"The fifty three cent dollar proposition is a scheme to repeal the Commandment, 'Thou shalt not steal.' 'Sixteen to one is a false ratio.' 'Why?' interrupted a voice from

the gallery. "Put your question in the box; I will not be interrupted here."

"I am not talking politics. I stand with Moses, with Jeremiah, with Isaiah—'Thou shalt not steal.'"

"Mr. Bryan declares that the free coinage of silver will advance its price. You can raise an assumption with the jawbone of an ass."

"I am a Christian Socialist, but I draw the line at Anarchy."

DECLINED THE S. A. L.

It Was Offered to President Spencer and Refused.

President Spencer, of the Southern Railway, has addressed a letter to the Georgia Railroad Commission in reply to certain statements made by Mr. St. John, of the Seaboard Air Line. In his letter Mr. Spencer, among other things, says:

My attention has been directed to the letters addressed to you by Mr. St. John, vice-president of the Seaboard Air Line, under dates of July 23rd and 27th last, and I appreciate thoroughly the appropriate rebuke which you administered to him in the first sentence of your reply of July 24th.

I shall not inflict on you a discussion of the merits or demerits of the points at issue between the Southern Railway Company and the Seaboard Air Line; but Mr. St. John has injected into his correspondence with you so many untrue and incendiary statements regarding the Southern Railway and its purposes, and has so endeavored to use that correspondence to mislead and inflame the public mind against this company, that some authoritative denial and refutation of his statements should be made of record through the same medium of publication that was adopted by him.

Until now I have forbore to take public notice of these and other statements equally untrue and misleading, because outside parties injured by the action of Mr. St. John and his associates recently brought the entire subject matter of the controversy before court for judicial investigation and for its decision, which only recently has been rendered, and until after the decision any discussion would have been manifestly improper.

He would have you believe that the present havoc in revenues, and the general disturbance of business relations, whether competitive or otherwise, throughout the State and the entire South which his company has inaugurated and is still continuing, are but the manifestations of his desire to protect the people of Georgia from threatened monopoly.

On the waters of Chesapeake Bay he and his associates, the managers of the Bay Line are the avowed enemies of competition, and they "go to war" to punish those whom they describe as "intruders upon our (their) domain."

While he advocates and demands monopoly, and claims a proprietorship or "domain" in Virginia and Maryland, he necessarily subjects himself to suspicion and discredit when he displays such unnecessary and apprehensive zeal for competition in Georgia.

But this is not all. Mr. St. John says in his cry for your aid and countenance: "A majority of the stock of the Seaboard Air-Line and of the Bay Line is in hands where it cannot be purchased by the Southern Railway."

The fact is that a little less than six months ago the majority of the capital stock of the controlling company of the Seaboard Air-Line was offered to me and was not accepted. If, as Mr. St. John asks you to believe, the purpose of the Southern Railway Company was to crush out and injure the Seaboard Air-Line, it would not have surrendered voluntarily as it did the lease of the North-eastern Railroad of Georgia, which tapped most effectively the next to the largest business centre in the State of Georgia reached by the Seaboard Air-Line. There is no place where so much injury could have been inflicted upon the Seaboard as so little cost.

The Southern Railway company has made no objections to competition when conducted fairly and openly upon business principles, and it has never sought to suppress its relations to its competitors throughout the Southern territory today are abundant testimony upon this point.

It has done nothing in its history to oppress any interest, and I challenge Mr. St. John or any one else to produce any evidence of an attempt to desire upon its part to do

so. It has not raised the rates at any point, and it has not attempted to control them; and it is impossible to conceive that any acquisition or combination by it of lines in the South could be sufficiently strong to enable it to exercise an absolute control over rates at any point. No combination can be large enough in the United States to control rates, and the railroad manager who attempts it or asserts it writes himself a fool. There can be no clearer proof of what would be the utility of such efforts than the present rate situation in the South, when one small line, 600 miles in length, from Portsmouth to Atlanta, destroys, as it is now doing, the rate fabric from New England to New Orleans, and from the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Florida.

The effort of the Southern Railway has been, not to control rates, but to keep them uniform and reasonable and public, and the testimony of substantially every member of the Southern States Freight Association would be to this effect if such testimony should be asked by your commission. It has sought stability and the stoppage of secret "cutting," and other illegitimate methods of operation. Its policy has been and is to build up, not to pull down or destroy. It has improved every piece of property which it controls within the State of Georgia or elsewhere, and has furnished improved facilities and accommodations for the public without any increased charge.

Mr. St. John complains that the Macon and Northern and the Georgia Southern and Florida are not made parts of through lines, with his.

The Macon and Northern was for months after the insolvency of the Central and the Richmond and Danville in the control of its bondholders entirely free and independent of either corporation. The controlling bond-holder during this period was the special friend and financial supporter of the Seaboard Air Line, the banker who floated the bonds to build the Georgia, Carolina and Northern. The managers of the Seaboard Air Line will not deny that the property was offered to them in preference to the Central. For reasons best known to them, they did not secure it, although it was a legitimate extension of their line to Macon.

Whether the general opinion was well based or not, it was admitted that with three tickets in the field, the Democratic party had a "chance" to win.

That proposition made everybody shudder. It was known if the Democracy should win, it would be an arrogance and brutality that would make life uncomfortable for everybody who had dared to show independence enough to oppose it in any way. "The honest ballot and local self-government bugaboos are also touched upon by the Caucasian."

The paper says: "If the committee has made a mistake in supposing the people don't desire the reforms enacted by the last legislature—then let the committee's action be repudiated. The action is recommended to be approved or rejected as the judgment of the people may determine."

The Caucasian says national issues were not overlooked and accuses the Democracy of insincerity, citing as instances, the party's refusal to accept the Populist proposition for complete fusion on all matters and also the "appropriation" of the Populist platform by the Chicago convention.

"Two items of special interest were noted. The Democrats persistent refusal to do anything as an evidence of sincerity and the second was that if the agreement recommended should be approved at the proper time, as many Representatives who favor silver and who will vote against the gold standard will go to Congress from this state as could possibly be sent there by Democrats or Democratic aid under the present election law. No hesitation was felt in presenting the agreement as it stands being convinced that nothing would be lost to the cause advocated by the Peoples Party."

"But let it be remembered all the time that circumstances alter cases. If the agreement, with all that is now expected to accompany it, cannot be approved by one of the parties to it; it cannot be approved by the other."

An Elegant New Store. The elegant new establishment of Messrs. Sherwood Higgs & Co. is being gotten in readiness for the grand opening, the date of which will be announced soon. A survey of the place shows that it will be decidedly one of the handsomest and showiest places in the State. The interior is large and spacious and is elegantly appointed, and the mammoth front windows give the store a decidedly metropolitan air. The beautiful stock including all lines is being arranged in place for the grand opening and when this takes place the Raleigh public will be treated to a handsome exhibition.

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ACTION INCONSISTENT

Caucasian Says that of the Rep-Pop Agreement.

PAPER DEFENDS IT.

Says the Possibility of Democratic Success Makes One Shudder—Democrats Free Silver Views Attacked and Discarded.

In the Caucasian tomorrow there will appear a very unusual editorial. Editor Ayer says the action of his committee last week is inconsistent and that the people can resent it if they so desire.

The editorial says that the only power delegated to the committee by the State Convention was to complete the State ticket, and that the action of the committee which went beyond that is simply recommendatory and cannot be regarded as officially binding or committing any one to its support.

The Caucasian further says: "That the action of the committee appears to involve inconsistencies. For our purpose we shall admit that the action is inconsistent. After making the admission, it rests with the committee, or some one, to advance reason or cause strong enough to counterbalance the inconsistency. If this cannot be done, then the action of the committee cannot be defended." The editorial says that the committee has not positively done the wrong thing. "Until the final result of any action or movement is known, no one has a right to charge that the actors or movers are seeking to accomplish anything except that for which they have desired."

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THE RESULT IN MAINE.

Powers' Plurality Between 48,000 and 50,000.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 15.—The result of yesterday's election is coming in very slowly and will not probably all be in before tomorrow. The vote from the cities and towns which poll more than two-thirds of the entire ballot of the State indicate that the Republican plurality for Powers will be between 48,000 and 50,000, the largest in the history of the State. In every county the Republican ticket was successful. Nearly all showed gains. The Democratic vote was about 20 per cent less than in '92. The stay at homes are largely responsible. The Prohibition vote shows a loss. Three hundred towns out of five hundred and nineteen cities and towns give Powers sixty-six thousand nine hundred and twenty-one; Frank twenty-seven thousand one hundred and forty-three. Ninety three of these same towns gave the Democrats fifty-six thousand four hundred and nine.

BUSY DAY AT THE PEN.

A Big Batch of Convicts Arrive and Others are Sent Off.

The day was a very busy one at the Penitentiary. Many new recruits were received and thirty-three of the regulars were sent to the Halifax farms where they will be put at work.

Henry Johnson, an escaped convict who was returned, Johnson greeted all the officials very familiarly and broke the news to Capt. Fleming that he had written him a letter in which he announced his intended return. Capt. Fleming was very sorry, but some how the letter failed to reach him.

While Johnson tried to make it appear that his return was voluntary, he was arrested in Guilford county on a charge of larceny and returned at the solicitation of the penitentiary authorities who identified him as an escaped convict. Johnson has been away a year.

Among the new arrivals at the penitentiary were four lodgers and boarders from Martin county, one from Burke, one from Anson and five from Mecklenburg. Sheriff Smith, of Mecklenburg, had mostly long-termers. One of them gets 15 years for attempted rape on a little child; another gets 12 years and two are to serve terms of 8 years each.

WAS A CLOSE CALL.

A Jaggy Carvite Came Near Being Crushed to Death at the Depot.

Yesterday afternoon, a white man by the name of Sturgis, from Cary came near losing his life while trying to get aboard the Seaboard passenger train in the Union shed.

Sturgis was pretty well cuffed up and he had one of those variegated jugs which throws one into a state of utter recklessness. Before the arrival of the train, Sturgis afforded amusement for the crowd by purchasing a number of tickets to Cary, all of which he tore up and stuffed in his coat pocket. He had money to burn.

Mr. Bunch asked Sturgis if he was going on the train before he signaled the conductor to go ahead, and the man replied that he was not.

When the train was moving out of the shed at a very rapid rate, the drunken man made a dive and caught hold of the railing of a car step. He failed to land his feet on the steps and his legs fell down between the cars and the depot platform. In this position he was dragged 30 feet, the horrified spectators expecting every second to see him pulled under the car wheels and killed. Several people cried out and left the scene.

Had it not been for Peter, the train porter who seized Sturgis by the coat and prevented his falling, the man would have been crushed to death. Peter held him in that position until the train could be stopped and jaglets put aboard.

Gold Democrats to Blow in New York.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Sept. 15.—William D. Bynum, chairman of the National Committee of the gold party arrived last night. After a conference with New York leaders he decided to establish a branch office at 39, East Twenty-ninth street, which will be the home of the State committee. It was also decided to have a big mass-meeting at Madison Square Garden next Monday at which Palmer and Buckner will speak.

KILLED NEAR GARNER.

A Deaf and Dumb Boy Knocked From the Track—Ran Away from School Here.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

Early this morning a colored man, supposedly deaf and dumb was knocked off the Southern Railway track between Garner and Auburn by the fast freight from Norfolk and instantly killed. The body has not been identified so far, and was brought to the city this afternoon on the 4:30 train for identification.

The body is that of a young man and it is supposed to have been Thos. Godwin, who ran away from the colored institution for the deaf and dumb Sunday night. Godwin is from Cumberland county and he is supposed to have been making his way home. The body will arrive here this afternoon for identification.

The train that struck the dead man was the Norfolk express, coming to Raleigh. The engineer blew the whistle and made every effort to give warning to the unfortunate fellow, but he was walking along side the rail with his head down. The engineer was too close upon him to stop.

The Coroner has been notified of the circumstances of the killing of the boy.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Cotton Advanced 20 to 22 Points in New York Today.

New York, Sept. 15. Cotton quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 56 Broadway, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, over their special wire:

MONTHS.	OPEN-ING.	HIGH-EST.	LOW-EST.	CLOS-ING.
January	8 22	8 50	8 21	8 40
February	8 27	8 54	8 25	8 50
March	8 30	8 57	8 28	8 53
April	8 32	8 59	8 32	8 53
May
June
July
August
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October	8 06	8 31	8 06	8 23
November	8 09	8 31	8 09	8 28
December	8 16	8 41	8 15	8 39

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Missouri Pacific	181
Union Pacific
Rock Island
St. Paul	694
General Electric	264
Tennessee Coal and Iron	204
Manhattan	834
American Tobacco	604
Burlington and Quincy	654
Western Union	80
Louisville and Nashville	40
United States Leather	494
Southern Railroad	7
Southern Preferred	204
Chicago Gas	584
Sugar	114
Reading
Des. and Ctl. Feed
Aetna
D. L. & W.
Jersey Central	99
Eric
Silver

Liverpool Cotton Market.

September	4.34
September-October	4.28
October-November	4.254
November-December	4.24
December-January	4.24
January-February	4.24
February-March	4.244

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision Market today:

Wheat—December, 594; May, 634.
Corn—December, 214; May, 244.
Oats—December 164; May 184.
Pork—January, 5.67; May, 6.65.
Lard—December, 3.30; May, 3.65.
Clear Rib Sides—October, 3.12; January 2.35.

Showers Predicted.

There are still indications of an area of low pressure over the East Gulf and Florida, heavy rain of 3.50 inches is reported from Tampa and this now raining at Jupiter. But the storm center has apparently moved but slightly northward, and as yet is having but little effect beyond the gulf region.

Another "low" however is found this morning over the New England states and middle Atlantic coast. It is raining at New York and Philadelphia, and the winds are under the influence of this "low" as far South as Raleigh. It is probable that rain will occur Wednesday.

The area of high pressure central yesterday over North Dakota has moved to Michigan, decreasing in intensity.

No important changes in temperature have occurred.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Dot-Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Portentously Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Don't forget the fact that the Bryan-Watson club meets tonight. Be present.

June Gill, who was arrested for stealing a coat, has been wrongfully accused and is now at liberty.

Read Mr. John U. Smith's new announcement today and call on him when you want the best in his line.

Don't forget the meeting of the Bryan-Watson club tonight at the Mayor's office. Business of importance will be transacted.

The streets and public roads are very dusty, so much so that there is no pleasure in driving. Rain is needed very much.

There will be a game of ball this afternoon at Athletic park between the Nationals of Raleigh and the colored team of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Carroll have issued invitations to their friends to the 30th anniversary of their marriage, which occurs Wednesday, September 16th.

Watch out for the attractive new advertisement of Mr. A. B. Stronach about Thursday. He will announce the latest attractions in his line for Bryan day.

Capt. Bill Day left today for Warrenton on legal business. In reply to the story that he had gone into the Bryan fold, Capt. Day said people were liable to say anything.

Haywood's Minstrel gave a second performance of their show at Metropolitan Hall last evening which was enjoyed very much by the large number of persons present. Every feature on the programme was heartily enjoyed.

They say "Uncle" Strowd said yesterday in a joint canvass in Chatham, when Mr. Pou attacked the agreement between the Populists and Republicans that he held letters in his hand from Congressman Settle and Pearson and Senator Pritchard in which all three gentlemen declared themselves to be in favor of free silver. This is no joke.

All the iron work to the new bridge over Crabtree road has been placed in position. As soon as the flooring is put down the bridge will be ready for travel. The approaches have been completed. The bridge will be a model structure when completed. Public conveyances go around by Whitaker's mill at present.

Mr. William Woolcott, who is just returned back from the North, has selected for his popular store one of the most attractive lines for the fall business that he has ever offered. His new stock will include some new features never before shown here. The whole stock is full and complete and up-to-date and will be found very attractive. All is life and bustle at Woolcott's getting the new attractions arranged for shoppers.

PUNCH BOWL PAID FOR.

Arrangements Being Perfected for the Presentation to Occur in October.

The punch bowl which will be presented to the cruiser Raleigh as a testimonial from many citizens of North Carolina was paid for this morning. A check calling for \$678.25 was turned over to the Mahlers this morning by Mr. Charles S. Stevens, who has labored so assiduously in raising the fund.

The handsome gift will remain on exhibition at the store of Mahler's Sons until Monday, when it will be shipped to Wilmington where it will be exhibited at the store of Murchison & Co.

The presentation will take place in early October, so Capt. Miller of the Raleigh writes Mr. J. H. Chadbourne. The commander of the Raleigh has consented to proceed with the Cruiser as far as Southport.

Mrs. F. A. Olds and Mr. Stevens addressed a letter to Commander Miller of the Cruiser Raleigh, this morning requesting him to set a definite date for the presentation to take place.