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THAT CIRCULAR.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER. The Old Reliable-Always True and Faithful Advocates the Sub-Treasury bill. Advocates mited coicage of silver and the issue of

after the telegrams were sent. For instance, a telegram was sent to the Charleston World saying that the News and Observer had charged Col. Polk with "cowardice" during the war This was sent on the 17th or 18th of August. On Sunday morning, August 23d, the News and Observer did say something about "cowardice" during

the war. This is proof that the newspaper correspondents anticipated the News and Observer editorial.

But we started to ask the News and Observer why it got on the run so quick. Why did it print that circular in its Weekly edition and send 20,000 copies to farmers if it was not trying to deceive? The weekly goes to farmers and the circular goes to them. The Daily goes to anti Alliance people. So we must conclude that the daily was strictly anti-Alliance and its weekly strictly Alliance. If that was not deception we want to know what it was.

"So long as the farmers wanted the Sub-Treasury the News and Observe was willing to help them get it, though we knew it not right." Why didn't another office ? State the one at which the News and Observer oppose a thing -it knew was wrong. Does that sound like "Angeltalk!" Is that consistency Isn't it deception of the most disrepu table kind? Again the News and Observer admit

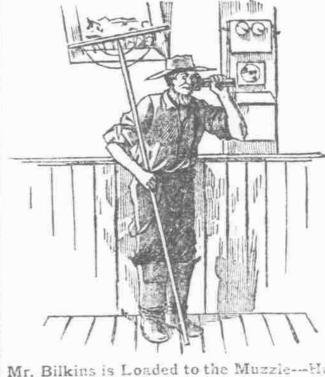
that when the bosses pronounced the bill wrong it changed and came out against the bill. Now what do you think of that? Has that paper any opinion of its own? Don't it depend entirely on the bosses? Is there any evidence of manhood in its utterances Is there any signs of independence No, nothing but milk and eider fall down-and worship the bosses is shown

----THAT TERRIBLE WRECK.

by its entire course.

The most awful wreck in the history of this State occurred at Bostian's Bridge, two miles west of Statesville, last Thursday morning at 2:40. The west bound passenger train, consisting of six cars, was running at a rapid rate of speed when it jumped off the bridge, carrying its load of human freight into the raging waters 75 feet below. It is reported that a rail was misplaced. Other reports say that the ends of the cross ties were rotten, causing the track to spread. We hope the truth will come out. The number of dead is not as great as first reports indicated, but it is now certain that 23 are dead and 26 badly hurt, while two passengers are not injured, which seems miraculous. The engineer, fire man, baggage-master and porter were killed. Conductor Spaugh was badly hurt, but made his way to Statesville. two miles, told the news and then swooned. Col. Cameron, of Hillsboro, and a Mr. Elliott, of Hickory, are the two passengers who escaped uninjured. Among the passengers was a Mr. Sink, of Lexington, who had just married that night at ten o'clock. He is badly hurt and may die. It is thought that his wife will recover. The sleeper was thrown into the channel of the creek, which was much swollen on account of heavy rains, and it is thought that several who might have escaped death, were drowned. A young lady held her mother's head up out of the water until she was exhausted and compelled to drop her, both being too badly hurt to extricate themselves. The dead and wounded were carried to Statesville and tenderly cared for. Col Cameron, of Hillsboro, rescued State Auditor Sanderlin and three ladies who were badly hurt and unable to extricate themselves. Whatever may have been the cause of this terrible catastrophe, it does not do away with the idea that every high bridge ought to be inspected before crossed by a train, and that trains ought to be run over bridges at a very slow rate of speed. It is now common for fast trains to make time on the down grades to bridges, and frequently run over the highest bridges faster than on level land. This all should be stopped at once.

STILL ON HAND.



Says, "Give me Information

or Give me Death."

Uncle Jerry Rusk's wenther department was doing its best to flood the country last week one morning when

B.-"Is that feller what chaws ter backer and looks vulgar eround?"

R.- Yes; I am always here if any

thing onto Captain Ashe, I want te ask him erbout a bushel of questions. R .- "All right, Uncle Zeke, the con nection is made."

B.—"Look a here, is there eny dan ger of me catchin' the runnin' feve from the editors of the News and Ob serveri

R .- "Not a bit. They have been caught up with a good many times. but no disease or fever has been dis covered. It is supposed that they are bomb-proof so far as diseases are con cerned.

B.-"All right, 1 will risk it enybow for I like them and want to get a load of information." "Hello, Capt. Ashe,

every year for that?"

Capt. A.-"Yes, but the revenue an' that together would be a good deal." B.- "You are rite, Cap. But what did Mr. Cleveland do? You fellers had us a runnin' wild to elect him. You promised to take off the revenue tax and we thought we could get some good corn licker at ten cents a quart then. But when he was elected the first thing me an' Betsy knew Mr. Cleveland said licker and terbacker were luxuries and should be taxed. After that blamed if you editer fellers didu't go eround shoutin' that Mr. Cleveland was right and that he was a holesole statesman. Guess he is a 'statesman without a job' now.) I reckin that would be the way you would do the tariff. Some statesmin with more stemick than brains would say 'it is needed to run the government now.""

------AT DURHAM.

Willetts, "Sockless Jerry" and President Polk Speak-A Large Crowd Present. Friday was gala day at Durham. A large crowd, variously estimated at from 2,000 to 3,000, were present. Good order prevailed. The dinner was very good. The Durham Cornet Band furnished the music in good style. The speaking was in the Globe warehouse. The stand was handsomely decorated with farm products, stars and stripes. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Lee. T. B. Green, Esq., of Durham, delivered the address of welcome. He referred to the magnificent manufacturing enterprises of the city and said the honest, sunburned faces before him deserved most of the credit for they furnished the foundation on which to erect the buildings. Speaking of the great uprising of farmers he said that it is better that the revolution continue until the work is finished, for the discontent that would follow a failSome weeks ago we published the

last legislature. That was a vote to table amendments to leave out certain else. counties and did not do the members justice. For instance, Senators Paine, of Lincoln, and Aycock, of Wayne, were both in favor of 6 per cent. interest and worked for the bill. But when amendments were introduced to struck out they were compelled to vote to table the amendments, as it would have been wrong to have 6 per cent. interest in one county and S in an adjoining county. These amendments were gotten up for the purpose of defeating the original bill, and while many members of both houses were warm friends and hard workers for the bill to reduce interest to 6 per cent., yet they were forced to vote to table the amendments for the reasons above stated. We will try to publish a correct list of those who were in favor and those against, soon, though we are aware that the thing is very much complicated, which, beyond a doubt, was done for the purpose of defeating the bill and at the same time give cer-

tain members a loop-hole to crawl out at. -----

COL. POLK'S DENIAL.

The following letter, written from Atlanta on the 19th of August, appeared in the State Chronicle of a recent date:

date what purports to be an interview held with me on the matter of United States Senators. I desire to say that no such interview was ever had with me. On last Saturday two gentlemen for Congress who charged that he came into my office, stating that they represented New York papers, and sought an interview. I told them promptly that I had not the time to give them. They insisted, however, that I give them my that Jerry Rusk must improve on his ure of the Alliance would be ruinous to opinion as to the chances of Sen-

millions of dollars runnin' a campain VOTE ON THE INTEREST BILL. muny loopholes to go through that it has become absolutely necessary that a change be made. The Sub-Treasury final vote on the interest bill before the plan will give it. Let us continue to work for it until we get it or something

-----WAR IN EUROPE.

It is stated that deliberate prepara, tions are being made for a great conti. nental war in Europe. Germany, France, Italy and Russia will be the effect that certain counties be involved. It is said that Russia is running her gun works night and day making repeating rifles. It is thought that 400,000 of these rifles will be made during this year.

> This is a deplorable state of adding The rulers are to blame. The great middle classes of no country favor war at any time. It is the bombastic ambitious, turbulent rulers who would bathe their country in blood on account of little quarrels, A war at this time with the modern improvements of war. fare, cannot last long. But think of the thousands that will be killed and the homes rendered desolate. It is too terrible to contemplate

-----EDITORIAL NOTES.

*** Will the News and Observer publish the letters from the two Milwaukee reporters?

*** We are requested to state that Hon. W. F. Stroud will address the Alliance people at Flint Ridge Church. Chatham county, Sept. 9th.

*** What is the matter with Bro. I have just read in your paper of this Hall, up in Missouri? His State carried the Sub-Treasury by a vote of so to 29, last week. Hurrah for Missouri'

> *** It was Jerry Simpson's opponent didn't wear socks. Jerry says he got the other fellow's socks and shoes, too, when the election came off.

** Once more we rise to remark plan of running the weather. Our

"Hello! Mr. Devil." the above call came.

hing should happen."

B,—"That is rite. Hitch this ere

\$501.000.000 prove parar \$100,000,000 of the Advocates distributing

money now in the Treasury to the States on basis of their agricultural products to relieve agricultural depression Advocates repeating the national bank law and allowing State banks to issue notes. Advocates the repeal of the internal revenue

system and a tariff for revenue only. Favors the Farmers' Alliance; seeks to promote its objects, and advocates the protection of the freemen of North Carolina against impo-

sition from any quarter. Advocates that the white men of North Caro-lina shall all stand together and work for the prosperity of all classes and conditions of men. We print a large eight conditions of men. britty of all right eight-page paper. Price In clubs at \$1, Ed. News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C. S1.25. In clubs at Si.

-----ON THE RUN.

Last week our leading editorial was "On the Warpath." The News and Observer had announced that it expected to demolish The Progressive FARMER. So we published as a matter of news that it was on the warpath. But things have changed. It is now on the run. When the issue of Tuesday morning came out our scouts reported that the camp fires were still burning, but they could not tell whether the main army was there or not as a high stone wall obscured the enemy from our view. Occasional gunshots were fired during the week, but no damage was done. By Saturday our courier came in and reported the enemy 500 miles away. They were marching night and day and burning the bridges behind them. This news was a surprise indeed. It seems that the enemy were not acquainted with our new gun, the "Advocate-the-Sub-Treasury-Circulargun." It seems that when we began to throw shells from it that they were demoralized. Our scouts learned that the officers tried to rally their men, but they positively refused to walk into the jaws of death.

The people are wondering what all this war is about. We were not sure a week ago, but now we know. The News and Observer realizes that it has been sat down upon by the great common people of this country. It is no longer a leader; it does not shape public opinion; it is merely a scab on an old sore. All this is shown in its everyday utterances. But there is another thing. In its issue of August 25 it says; "If THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER can show that the News and Observer has been inconsistent, it has a perfect right to do so, and the exercise of such a right would be strictly within the

-----ANOTHER EXPLOSION

Hello!"

that?"

(Voice) - "Hello! who is that?" B.-"My name is Bilkins. Who is

(No answer,)

B.—"Hello! Cap. Have yer fainted? I don't hear from you any more. Say Cap., what about them letters from the two Milwaukee reporters! Betsy says she just knows for a fack that you are too much of a gentleman not to publish them. Me and Betsy are mighty anxious. What about them, Cap?

Capt. A.—"All right, Mr. Bilkins. have always been a warm friend to the farmers, and the News and Observer has proved its fealty to the Democratic party for many years. It has." B.-"Hold on, Cap. You just sing that song next week. I want inferma tion an' I am goin' to have it or have leath."

Capt. A.—"Go ahead then. My feel ings are with the farmer."

B,—"Blast your feelms', Havn't bin readin' the News and Observer fun years. Betsy just thinks we don't need to go to preachin' nor nothin' when we get the paper from the postoffice of a Saturday. When you sent us that cir cler statin' that the Sub-Treasury and the Farmers' Alliance would have your undyin' devotion last year, we fell mity proud. But Betsy says you have 'flickered.' How about that, Cap?" Capt. A .- "You may say to Mrs. Bil kins that she is mistaken. I was for the Sub-Treasury because the farmers wanted it, but I knew it was wrong. Some of the leading men said so and i was thought best for our party that we turn our guns loose on it and demolish the structure."

B.—"Say, Cap., you talk mity nice. Have you demolished her yet?" Capt. A.- "No, not exactly, but we

are going to persevere. We do not choose to discuss the measure itself. but hope in time to weaken the bill by assailing the prominent men in the Al liance.'

B.-"Why don't yer discuss the measure, Captain?'

Capt. A.-"Well, it would be con trary to good politics. The Sub-Treasury would not be a bad thing, but we don't want the farmers to know that they have found a remedy themselves.

the country. His speech was eloquent throughout.

Rev. J. W. Lee responded to the address of welcome in an eloquent ad-

dress.

At 11:30 Col. A. W. Williams, Conressman from the Fifth District, as master of ceremonies, introduced Bro. J. F. Willetts, of Kansas, our efficient National Lecturer. Bro. Willetts spoke for one hour and a half, getting the best of attention. He said he had spent all of his life on the farm and therefore a flowery speech should not be expected. He then gave some account of the his reception throughout the country. more farmers in the past six months page photo engravings. than any rian ever did before and had and sectional barriers. He spoke of President Polk's reception in Kansas more than a year ago; told how, after his speech, the great crowd "mobbed him by rushing pell mell to shake his hand and they continued shaking his hand until it was so badly swollen that for hours afterwards. He told how Ingalls was beaten, and said that the people of Kansas would only consider Ingalls for any high position hereafter by taking him on ten years' "suspicion" and then on ten years' "pro bation." He told of the great whereby mills were forced into the the price of grain and flour. He discussed the national banking system, and how it controls the destinies of States are nearly as bad. Bro. Willetts is witty and is a genuine home spun

philosopher. He told us that our politicians pictured only the bright side of everything, the work of showing up the dark side was left to the Alliance people. He said our political orators boasted that we have the grandest scenery, the largest rivers, the highest mountains, the most babies, etc., but 1 11 6 11

tor Sherman, of Ohio, for re-election replied that the indications were that Senator Sherman would be defeated. This closed the interview. The names

of Senator Vance, Ransom, Hampton or others, were not mentioned. It is imply one of the many things ascribed o me in print of which I know nothing. Yours truly, L. L. POLK.

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AN ALLIANCE BOOK.

This office has received a copy of the 'Farmers' Alliance History and Agricultural Digest," by N. A. Dunning, author of "The Philosophy of Price and "History of the United States numerical strength of the Alliance and Dollar." The book contains 742 pages, royal octavo, well printed, on good Said he had looked into the faces of paper, having thirty six very fine full-

The book is divided into two parts. found them the same everywhere, all The first contains an authentic, conanxious to get relief from the existing cise, detailed history of the Alliance oppression, and to break down partisan from its first conception to the present also a brief history of the Wheel, Union and Sons of Freedom, together with a sketch of other kindred organizations. There are also eighteen specially prepared articles upon Alliance principles, from well-known members of the Order, that form a dishe could not write a letter or anything tinctive and important feature of the work, which concludes with a history of the business efforts of the Alliance. Part second contains a history of agriculture from the most ancient times to the present, which is both interesting and instructive. Agriculture in the United States is discussed and milling combine in the Northwest, the present condition considered. A chapter on farm and farm buildings, European syndicate, which controls live stock and fruits; also a chapter on fertilizers that is well worth the price of the book; a history of grains, grasses and plants, and how they grow, that is this government. He said that the highly instructive, and a history of mortgaged indebtedness of Kansas was the Department of Agriculture; a chapequal to \$165 per capita for every ter on the household and home, includhuman being in the State. Many other ing the flower garden, home department, sick room, and numerous recipes hints, etc. -----

THE SUB-TREASURY IS THE REMEDY.

When the new wheat first comes on the market, says the Farm and Fire side, the buyers and speculators will endeavor to do their utmost to crowd down the price. There are so many Bell Hall but our neonle would not ac-

people don't need rain seven days in the week. A word to the wise don't seem sufficient, however.

*** The Kentucky election resulted as follows: People's party elected 73 members of the Legislature; Democrats, 50; Republicans, 15. So the People's party has a majority of 8 members over both old parties.

*** There are eighty-six rich men in the U. S. Senate, and two Alliancemen. Pfeffer and Kyle. Forty-seven of the Senators are millionaires. Can working people expect favorable legislation in their interest from their masters.

*** That circular did the work. The next time it goes out it will be stamped "Medical Almanac" in big letters. We wish another would be sent, for many of those who received it at once made up clubs for The Progressive FARMER.

*** Lost, strayed or stolen, a copy of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER from the press-room, Saturday, August 22d, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. One of the celebrated "Advocates-the-Sub-Treasury-circulars" will be given as a reward for any information.

*** The News and Observer thanks THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for setting it straight before the public. This is not the first time we have shown it up in its true light. We are glad to know that it is polite enough to return thanks for a favor that was so unpalatable to it, however.

** Bro. H. D. Edgerton, of Franklin county, has been a member of the Alliance four years and has only missed one meeting. Bro. W. H. Hill is a member of the same Alliance-Pincy Grove-and has not missed a single meeting. How is that for sticking to what you promised to stand up to?

*** The News and Observer of the 26th says the associate editor and business manager of The Progressive FARMER went over to the Chronicle office Tuesday and asks if they carried an order from the boss. Neither the editor nor the business manager were in the *Chronicle* office Tuesday. Cap. you should have more reliable scouts.

*** It is due Mr. H. B. Hardy, of the State Chronicle, to state that he telegraphed that paper that the report sent from Morehead to the effect that the Teachers' Assembly would bear the expenses of hall rent, &c., during the meeting of the State Alliance there was not as stated. The Secretary of

limits of legitimate journalism."		That would be an admission that we	they never tell of the misery, the	farmers who are under the absolute	cept that it that way
Now, that is just what THE PRO-	No. 1.—President Polk took no part	don t care to make,		neccessity of realizing on their crops as	*** The time has been when a Gov-
GRESSIVE FARMER has been doing at	at our State Alliance, or elsewhere, in	B.—"Say, Cap., it sorter looks to me	ISHIPTINE HORL		I W W PART CITIES THE POLIT WILLIEUCO
regular intervals for the past two	selecting any candidate for any office.	like it would be good politicato go for	After an nour's recess, during which	is almore on apportunity for human	cinor or a state could have unvena
years. we have shown its weaknesses	All that he had to say in regard to the	the best thing, no matter who invented	dinner was partaken of, Bro. Simp-	to take advantage of the situation and	crowd of farmers out of a hall by a
and inconsistencies. That paper has	matter was said in a speech before that	it. You admit yourself that the farm-	son was introduced. He has a world	to take advantage of the situation and bear down the price. There is danger of overcrowding the early market	changed The other day the Governor
gotten down into the mire several	body, and to which no one objected.	ers are needin' help bad."	of wit and holds his audience without	of overcrowding the early market,	of Georgia arose in the State Alliance
times and has been exposed by us,	No. 2.—It has been asserted that	Capt. A"Well you see, my friend,	terry circle, inc disoussed the Dub-	forcing down the price and giving all	to dispute a point of parliamentary law
There is another fact that must not	Bro Polls endeevored to got the State	the great paramount issue in this coun-	Treasury in a plain, simple manner,	the advantage of the progractive high	with President Livingston. The Gov-
De lost signitur. most or our people are	Alliance to boycott the News and	try is a reduction of the tariff and the	very satisfactory to the audience. We	price to the speculators. There is good	ernor insisted that he was going to run
Tammar with the doings of the Stan-	Observer. This is false.	abolition of the internal revenue law.			told him that he was not a delegate.
der Bureau of Wasnington. Well,	12	Why on every wool hat you buy you	a better synopsis, but suffice it to say	crop. both as to quantity and quality	The Governor insisted and the dele-
another, or a branch of the Washing-	tondad 41 4 11 11 11	have to pay a tax of 80 per cent. of its	that two better speeches have never	crop, both as to quantity and quality, has been overestimated, and it will be	gates shouted: "Put him out."
ton concern, mas occur controlisticu m	What we can abore	value."	been denvered in Hortin Caronna upon	advisable for the producers to carefully	*** This office has telegrams from
Raleigh. The News and Observer onice		B.—"Hold up there, Cap. I've hearn	these important issues. Then argu-	consider the question of holding for	as far West as California, and letters
is the headquarters. For the past two	*** A Republican correspondent at	that old song ever since I was knee	ments were plain and convincing.	better prices than are first offered.	from as far North as New Jersey, in
weeks falsehoods have been telegraphed	Raleigh has telegraphed to a Repub.	high to a grasshopper and blamed if	Col. Polk was introduced. He	The remoder is to be found in the gal	regard to news sent out by newspaper
from Raleign regularly to Northern	lican paper at Philadelphia that the	the country ain't gittin' worse and	stated that he was too unwell to at-	Treasury plan It is a lot 11 to the	fakes as to proposed duels to be fought
and Southern papers. As proof that	News and Observer has plenty of stuff	worse. The reduction called for last	prompt a roug speech, buy nouth make	that our affairs have come to this But	on account of newspaper controversies.
the News and Observer knows some-	"which it will bring forward at the	election was 7 per cent Me an' Botev	a few remarks on some important mat-	that our affairs have come to this. But	we have not received "official not
thing about these things word has been	proper time." Now what right has	figered if out an' we concluded that the	ters, mainly advising the members to	it is true, and it is the duty of our Con- gress to devise some plan to relieve the	even hought a gun We may have to
sent about what had appeared in the	this Republican correspondent to know	whole thing wouldn't be more'n enough	keep cool, be conservative and stand		shoot some of the fakes who telegraph
News and Observer when in fact the	what the Democratic News and Ob-	to buy every woman a caliker dress.	I mini, i mus closed a day long to be	people. Our government, even if	the stuff near engine in a number
stuff did not appear until four days	server has in its private drawer?	What in the dickens is the use to spend	i concerte of the people of the coun-	noncomy conducted, is benind the times.	of the daily namers But they will be
			a veg the control of the sectored,	Men are now so shrewd and have so	on the wing when the shooting begins.