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EDITORIAL NOTES.

*** Give us reform or give us death.

*** We suggest that Congress table the Behring sea business and do something for their country.

*** Bro Elias Carr, was in the city last week. He is not well yet, but we are glad to state that his health is much better.

*** The Kinston *Free Press* is ten years old. It is one of the best weeklies in the State, though it has some queer ideas about politics.

*** Durham citizens have bought out the Keely Institute at Greensboro and will move it to Durham for the benefit of their invalids who desire reform.

*** Those who are howling against the "government ownership of the railroads" never say a word against the "ownership of the government by the railroads."

*** Bro. Leazar, of Iredell, was in the city last week. He is not in favor of government ownership of the railroads; neither is he willing for the railroads to own the government.

*** Bro. E. C. Beddingfield is about to lose the "respect and confidence" of the Charlotte *Chronicle* because he helped to get up a platform and then actually had the audacity to endorse it afterwards.

*** Congress is now making the welkin ring on the tariff business. We don't know whether they will succeed in increasing it or not. That has usually been the result of tariff tinkering in the past.

*** The Kinston *Free Press* remarks, with a good deal of truth, that some of those who want office have "got the Alliance real bad." That is true, and some of those who want office also want the Alliance real bad.

*** The Charlotte *Chronicle* simply declines to believe that Hon. S. B. [illegible]er is pleased with the St. [illegible]form. The *Chronicle* will [illegible] a good many endorse the [illegible], before the year is out.

The Charlotte *Chronicle* is spreading news around to the effect that Mr. [illegible]derly and the other Knights of [illegible]bor withdrew from the St. Louis Conference disgusted. We have seen nor heard nothing to confirm the statement.

*** At no time within the past ten years have the Democratic and Republican parties been so far apart as are now the two factions of the Democratic party in Congress. The fight over free silver has become very bitter, but we predict that Wall street will so manage as to keep on top.

*** It is said that a farmer sent your Uncle Jerry Rusk a letter like this, recently: "Your blamed cucumbers robbed me of my wife, so instead of sending me cucumber seed this spring send me another wife. I hear there are a number of likely women in your department."

*** Let every reader of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER bestir himself now to get all his neighbors to read the paper. Everybody ought to take it. From April 1st to Nov. 15 for only 50 cts. This takes you through the campaign of '92, which will be one of the most exciting ever before known in this country. Send in the names of all your neighbors at once with the cash 50 cts. each.

*** We regret to hear of the illness of Dr. C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*. He was stricken with paralysis on the 6th inst., at the Third Baptist Church in this city, just as he had finished his sermon and was about to pronounce the benediction. He is improving slowly now.

*** Read our book list in another column and if you wish to become well posted, and keep so purchase, read, and study the books in the list and those we shall add as we find them to suit us. We shall name no book in the list that we have not first examined with care and found worthy.

*** *The Democrat*, a new paper just started in Washington, says Hon. S. B. Alexander, Representative in Congress from the Sixth district, is "making a fine record," that he is "one of the workers in the Agricultural Committee, and is earnestly active in advancing the welfare of his people."

*** A friend subscribed for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for six months last week, and said he would take it a year, but the people were so poor in his neighborhood. Why, brother, they are the only sort of people that take THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. We are all poor in this tax-ridden country.

*** We notice that the Democratic papers are managing to keep up a discussion of "the pension clause in the St. Louis platform," when they all know that it is not in that platform. Suppose they turn their attention to what is really the platform and give the country their views. They are afraid to tackle it.

*** The silver men are having a lively time in Washington. New England members of the House are fighting free silver with a vim. They say it will "cause business men to lose confidence." The farmers have already lost confidence. The question is: Can a few boodle business men boss the country, or shall the great masses?

*** Our neighbor, the *Evening Visitor*, remarks that 'there is a perfect lull of news at the capitol these days. Outside of a few appointments, such as notaries public, etc., there is very little doing at the Executive Department." That is a considerable relief to us. We are sure now that any man of ordinary ability can be Governor.

*** Farmers, there are three banks. Two of them will not loan you money for less than eight to twelve per cent, and the other will loan it to you at two per cent. Which one will you take? The Chicago and Minneapolis platforms will hold out for the eight to twelve per cent. The Omaha platform will claim only two per cent. Which will the oppressed and outraged people take?

*** About two years ago Senator Vance said that any man ought to resign rather than accept instructions that he could not endorse. Senator Vance swallowed the Ocala platform before he was re-elected to the U. S. Senate. Up to this time we have not heard of his making any efforts to bring about the reforms, neither have we heard that he has resigned. Time is passing rapidly.

*** Bro. J. M. Luther, Secretary of Olive's Chapel Alliance, No. 251, Wake county, called Monday. They have 32 members and 30 of them are paid up to date with their dues. and all solid for reform and expect to stand together in the fight. How many can make a better showing? Bro. Luther and Bro. Booth, a member of the same Alliance, say that if everybody else should desert the St. Louis platform they will still be found holding one end of it.

*** Capt. Alexander and all the Alliance members of Congress were elected on the St. Louis platform adopted in 1889, and which declared for government ownership of railroads. Capt. Alexander is, therefore, entirely consistent and manly in declaring, as he did in this paper last week, that he is still in favor of this just principle. It has been boastfully said that it was his attitude on this question that defeated his nomination for Governor, but the people will stand by him.

WILL YOU HELP US OUT?

We have calculated that if we could get 25 subscribers from each Sub Alliance in North carolina we could just cover cost at 70 cents each. And for the good of the cause we have proposed to any Sub Alliance sending us 25 or more subscribers for the next twelve months to put them at 70 cents each. Now let every member work up his neighbors and hand their names in to the secretary at once.

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ARE THEY TRYING TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE.

Let the people be not deceived. The free and unlimited coinage of silver is right. It is one of the demands of the Alliance. Silver was demonetized through stealthy fraud. It was a great and henious wrong. It is one of the prominent demands of the Democratic party, as it has declared time and again in its platforms, and for years through its press and public speakers. But be it understood now and for all time that the Reformers do not regard it as a panacea for all our financial ills. We know that as a measure for increasing the volume of currency, it is totally inadequate. According to Mr. Bland, it would increase it only about $22,000,000, or 30 cents per capita It is not therefore, in this light, that we demand it, but we demand it, *as a means of robbing gold of its power to oppress.* We value it as a stepping stone to higher things. We want free coinage of silver, but we want much more than that, we want a sufficient volume of full legal tender money to meet the requirements of the legitimate business of the country, issued by the government to the people at a low rate of interest. We want *this* and this agitation must never cease until we get it, for that is the only remedy for existing evils. With all true reformers *this is the great and the greatest of all issues before the American people.*

Be not deceived by the furor that is made over free silver, for we will be told that we should be content with it.

The careful and observant man could not have failed to notice one significant fact in connection with the discussion of this subject. It is the careful and studied evasion of the currency question by prominent old party leaders in their writings and speeches, and by the prominent old party papers. They talk flippantly and vehemently of free silver, but nothing is said about abolishing National Banks, nothing about issuing more and cheaper money to the people at a low rate of interest—not a word. Let Alliancemen and all friends of reform keep this steadily and constantly in mind as *the great question* and hold all men and all parties to it, inflexibly.

A COMPLETE BACK DOWN.

Week before last we asked the *Landmark* some questions about old man Tom Jefferson. The *Landmark* can't give a satisfactory answer, but gets out of it by saying that the "*Professional Farmer*" called the *Landmark* a liar some time ago. With tears in its eyes and sobs that sound like a foghorn, the *Landmark* refuses to come to time.

The *Landmark* is mistaken about the "liar" business. We did call the Montgomery *Advertiser* a liar when it published as a fact that "Col. Polk carried a pocketfull of free passes." The *Landmark* copied the item and naturally supposed that it was a "liar" also; and, though we insisted at the time that it wasn't, it still insists that it is. So we can't do anything in such a case as this.

THREATENED REVOLUTION.

If any person had said ten years ago that capitalists would resort to bloodshed in order to carry through their enterprises, that person would have been called a crank of the deepest dye.

But that is true to-day. We have an organized gang of cut-throats called Pinkerton detectives. They are kept up by capitalists. They number 35,000 or more than the standing army. Their business is to keep laborers in check, suppress strikes, shoot down men and women who attempt to assert their rights.

The Louisiana Lottery crowd of toughs is the latest outrage. This crowd have more than a thousand men in New Orleans who are drilling every night and are thoroughly armed with Winchesters. They will take part in the April election in Louisiana, and there is no telling what may be done. Fellow-citizens, do you want reform or are you willing for the country to be controlled by cut throats and legalized robbers?

GRADUALLY DYING OUT.

"Yes, the Alliance is dying." Now and then a member dies, but his place is soon filled. "The Alliance is losing ground," but the holders of the mortgages are gaining ground every time they foreclose.

The Order in North Carolina has been in a comatose state for some months owing to the financial condition of the farmers and other causes. But it must not be understood that the small paid up number of members or the non-attending members are dead.

One day last week Bro. Powell, a prominent and zealous member of Middle Creek Alliance, Wake county, while in this office, remarked that his Alliance was on a boom. We asked for further particulars. He said that a good many had been careless about paying up their dues or attending the meetings, but at the last meeting 50 male members were present and all of them enthusiastic. He thinks at least 75 will attend the next meeting. We also learn that Winslow and Macedonia Alliances have been re-organized lately—both in Wake county. From letters from all parts of the State and by personal inquiry we learn that the good work is going on all along the line.

It is emphatically true that no Alliance has gone under that had reading members in it. Those who wish to succeed must read and urge their neighbors to do the same. No matter what happens this will be true of any Sub Alliance.

DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU?

For thirty pieces of silver Judas betrayed his Master, then repented and hanged himself. Arnold betrayed his country for money and power, and with what advantage to him? He was hated by his countrymen and shunned and despised by those whom he served.

Is it possible that for ambition—the desire for power—the desire for fame—that a brother who has taken our most solemn obligation and now holds the respect and love of the Order, should be willing to "*sell out*" the Alliance of this State to our enemies, to forever receive the condemnation and curses of his brethren?

"Cromwell, I charge thee fling away ambition. By that sin fell the angels; how can man, then, the image of his maker, hope to win by it?"

"O how wretched is that poor man that hags on princes' favors!"

"And when he falls he falls like Lucifer, never to hope again."

"SURRENDER OR SPLIT."

This is what the money power of Wall street and New England says to the people of the South and Northwest on the silver question. Why will the people of these great agricultural sections hesitate to divorce themselves from this oppressive, autocratic power? Will they lie supinely in the octopus arms of this great power and allow it to suck out their last drop of life-blood, or will they join with their natural allies and friends of the great Mississippi Valley and the West and take possession of the government and administer it in the interest of the people? *This is the great question of the hour.* How will they answer it? Democratic leaders and Democratic papers, this is your grand opportunity. What is your answer?

MR. PEELE'S ARTICLE.

The articles from the brilliant pen of Mr. W. J. Peele that have appeared in this paper from time to time, have been read with much interest and profit by our friends. Mr Peele is a young lawyer who thinks on an independent line. He does not borrow opinions, neither is he afraid to express his own.

The article in this issue under head of "Where the Responsibility Ought to Rest," was written for our last paper but was held over for this week, and the "P. S." added to it was written for this issue. This article is on the line of one that was refused by the Atlanta *Constitution* some weeks ago.

There is nothing the partisan press hate so much as a free discussion, and whenever they attempt to suppress an article, people should read it twice. His article this week contains much food for thought and is very suggestive. Read it, study it.

PASS IT AROUND.

A few days ago the papers began to publish under big head lines that "Capt. B. M. Collins, a prominent member of the Alliance in Warren county, has withdrawn from the Order on account of the action of the St. Louis Conference." This was a sweet morsel for the average newspaper tongue, but in the *Chronicle* of Saturday we find a resolution from Warrenton Sub-Alliance stating that Capt. Collins had been *suspended eighteen months for non-payment of dues.* As newspapers claim to publish both sides of everything, we insist that they pass the statement around and give Capt. Collins a little more free advertising.

It is noticed that the *State Chronicle* used much smaller type in head lines over the Warrenton resolutions. This is not a fair way to treat an advertiser.

A QUEER WAY.

The Pueblo, Colorado, *Workman and Farmer* says that over $200,000 of State money is deposited in the banks of that city. The banks pay the State 3 per cent. for the money and loan it out to the people at 12 per cent. In other words, the banks pay the State $6,000 for the money and get $24,000 for it. That is a pretty way for a State to treat her people. But Colorado is not the only State that does it. The United States lends to national bankers at 1 per cent.

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NEW YORK, THE GREAT "PIVOTAL."

Herculean efforts are being put forth by Southern Democrats to secure the nomination of D. B Hill, of New York for the Presidency, because they say: "The success of the ticket depends on carrying the great pivotal State of New York." Southern Democracy especially, is solemnly pledged to free silver. Is there a Democrat in the South who believes that New York can be carried for any man who favors free silver? That State will repudiate Hill or any other man who agrees with Southern Democrats on this question. But the shrewd Hill is working to commit the South to him, and when the convention meets it will *straddle* the free silver question, and we predict that many men in the South will stultify their record and manhood by voting for him.

EXPECTED AT STATESVILLE.

President Polk is expected to be at Statesville Saturday, the 19th. President Butler and Col. Harry Skinner will be there certain, and a great day it will be. Believers and unbelievers ought to gather there in great numbers, and at other appointments as well.

"IN THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE."

It is stated that the people of this nation about twenty-five years ago, as a general rule, owned their own homes. By the recent (1890) census we find that thirty one thousand people own one-half of the wealth of this country. Now, we would ask how much of the wealth will be found in the hands of the masses of the people twenty years hence, supposing the existing systems are not changed? Will some expert arithmetician please tell us? asks the *Missouri World.*

WILL BRO HERBERT ADVOCATE IT?

The Kinston *Free Press* asks:

"What is Colonel Polk? Does he advocate the Democratic platform of 1890, or is he of "the true Democracy" because he is an Alliance man? We wonder if brother Ramsey will answer the above fairly and squarely."

We are not authorized to speak for Col. Polk, but will venture the statement that he endorsed all that was in it that had a tendency to benefit the farmers. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER advocated all that was good in it.

The trouble is, the *Free Prees* and other party organs have failed to advocate the platform or suggest any improvements. They seem willing to go on all through life without any platform except "anti negro supremacy."

PROUD OF HIM.

No man, not even Cleveland, could have withstood the "firey darts" of the combined partisan press of the nation, as Col Polk has, and come out unhurt as a citizen, soldier, legislator, leader and a Christian. He has been tried and found to be a pure man, and as a North Carolinian we are proud of him, and hope some day to see him filling the highest office in the gift of the American people. He is even to day closer to it than any man in the State of New York.—*Hickory Mercury.*

OUR WORKERS.

We are under obligations to the following brethren for clubs sent in since last report:

W. N. Haskins,	15—14	new
W C. Cansler,	12—4	"
David Robertson,	7—7	"
I. L. Sheets,	5—3	"
H. L. Loucks,	4—4	"
Peter Isley,	4—	"
Mrs. S. R. Brown,	3—3	"
W. S. Morgan,	3—3	"
J. W. Bullock,	3—1	"
C. B. Beckham,	3—1	"

We only name in this list those sending three or more names, but the many brethren and friends who have sent in their renewals have our thanks also. We want to make this list a whole column long every week. What are you doing to help us, reader?

WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OUGHT TO REST.

MR. EDITOR:—The Democratic State Convention has been called for May 18th, 1892 Rather early, perhaps. Those interested in financial reform should bestir themselves if they wish to co-operate with or control this body.

1. They should demand only such financial reform as the majority of the white men in North Carolina will approve, and no more. The people are not educated on finance yet, and all that is needed may not yet be had.

3. They should demand that they name the eleven electors who are to voice this reform in the choice of a President and Vice President of the United States. The financial reformers cannot afford any compromise of their principles. The people are with them, and if the convention does not agree with them, they ought to insist on another convention which will represent the majority, or take such other steps to secure their reform as may be best calculated for that end.

3. The electors should be uninstructed as to any particular man or men, and should be left untrammelled in their effort to find us a President and Vice-President who agree with the people of North Carolina on the tariff and the money question, and who are in sympathy with the South and the interests of Southern agriculture. In the name of reason and common sense and the interest of an outraged people, these electors should be allowed to reserve their votes until they can be placed where they can do the most good. For God's sake, for the people's sake, don't let New York influence tie us up beforehand and bind us helplessly and hopelessly to a candidate named by Wall street or Tammany Hall! Everybody knows that the Constitution intended that the electors should vote untrammelled and uninstructed as to men. Let us go back to the pure government of our fathers. The prostitution of the electoral system has already cost us a bloody civil war, and the partial destruction of local self government. Why do we allow ourselves to be wagged as a tail to the corruption of New York politics? Is it because a few of our politicians have made bargains with D. B. Hill or some other candidate for the spoils of Federal patronage? It is an insult to the honesty of our people to say that such a man as D. B Hill can add weight to our electoral ticket. It is an insult to the intelligence of our people to say that Grover Cleveland, with his views of finance can add weight to our electoral ticket. In these times an electoral ticket uninstructed as to men, elected upon a platform embracing the two reforms now demanded by the people of North Carolina, will be the strongest that can possibly be placed in the field—will sweep the State by forty thousand majority and will insure the permanence of a "white man's government." W. J. PEELE.

P. S.—Of course no friend of reform will vote to send delegates to the Chicago Convention.

P.S.—FINANCIAL REFORM AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

Hardly anybody is stupid enough to believe that the political mob which is to meet at Chicago can, by any possibility, reflect North Carolina's views and interests on the money question.

(1) Everybody knows that the free and unlimited coinage of silver, which our people demand, will be laughed to scorn in that mob. The most that can be by any possibility expected is a meaningless non-committal clause revised and mistyfied from Hill's mysterious and non committal speech. This is the platform the politicians say they can "win on." Once in thirty years by their time serving platforms of glittering generalities they have won spoils for themselves, but such victories do not relieve the debt burdened people of North Carolina. A mere change of office-holders is no victory for the people at large.

(2) There is no hope of the Chicago Convention adopting a plank looking to the financial relief of North Carolina by increasing the paper circulation. No candidate for President has dared to intimate that the country needs more money. It is wildly idle to deceive ourselves with the hope that this demand for relief, though re-echoed through the South and West, will receive even a moment's consideration. They will not even think enough of it to cloak it in a few hypocritical promises of relief.

(3) They will not and can not reflect the sentiment and interests of North Carolina on the tariff after ten years of the fiercest partisan agitation and party economic education.

So what can be the benefit of conferring with those fellows any longer! We are hopelessly apart from them on every question of vital interest. There is but one single solitary bond that holds North Carolina to the Chicago mob, and that is the common desire of our politicians and time servers for the spoils of office.

They will never respect us and ought not to respect us until we have the manhood to demand all that our people want, and until we elect our Presidential electors upon a platform which will express those demands. We have compromised our interests long enough in order to flatter the vainglorious aspirations of a few prospective spoil-distributors. North Carolina saved this country untold misery once by rejecting the Constitution of the United States until there could be inserted therein ten amendments guaranteeing local self government and other safeguards of liberty! Now she has an opportunity to save it again if she will reject a miserable party constitution which forces our people to compromise their dearest rights and interests, and to express the grievances of an outraged people in the ambiguous and lying language of a national party platform! Is it possible that a people believing what we believe and suffering what we have suffered can be longer duped by the Yankees into expressing our outrages in language so vague and tame that the world believes we are lying?

I, for one, have stood this business as long as I can without protest. I have made up my mind what course I intend to pursue. I shall cast my vote wherever I can against any recognition of the Wall street convention which meets in Chicago. I shall vote wherever I can for electors which will represent North Carolina and her interests. The strength of democracy is in local self-government—in diversifying platforms according to the varying needs of the several States—in each State's representatives and electors representing and reflecting the interests and sentiments of its people to the fullest extent—in making as many platforms as separate interests of the separate States may need to have distinct views formulated.

If North Carolina, by her conduct and example, can do nothing more at this time than throw the election of President in the House of Representatives, it will result now or hereafter in a victory. For this House of Representatives has elected a Democrat, a Southern man and a silver man as its speaker, and public sentiment will compel it to elect a still better president. If the entire South will [illegible] my suggestion we will elect a man in the electoral college [illegible]

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