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any members drunk since the meeting of this Congress. If "to prove too much is to prove nothing;" is true, then Tom Watson is not guilty of slander. Since it is a fact that there is a bar-room in the Capitol building convenient to the lips of over three hundred politicians. The people will not believe that there is not more or less drunkeness among the members. It would be unnatural, with to gold at 16 to 1, and authorized the such a glaring temptation so convenient to them.

name of a new paper laid upon our desk last week. It is published by Josephus Daniels, at Raleigh, N. C., and furnised to subscribers at \$2.00 per year. Josephus gets out a beautiful paper, but he is still trying to ance demands, still he champions the cause which has opposed them bitterly from the first. Start right, brother Josephus, and you will succeed, but

do not endeavor to run with the hare

your sincerity and honesty of purpose, even though the world should not ap prove your course.

*** Thousands of men who have hitherto voted with the Democrats 'because," as they have said, "of the two evils we will take the less," have now a third chance and will try it. Thousands more who have been affiliating and voting with the Republicans not because they approved of all that party has been guilty of but because they believed it the less of two evils, have now a third chance and will exercise it with the People's party, while there are yet thousands who have not affiliated with either of the old parties

FREE AND UNLIMITED COINAGE.

A correspondent asks us to give our readers a simple explanation of what is meant by the plank in the Omaha platform which reads:

"We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the pres ent legal ratio of 16 to 1."

In 1783 the Act of Congress was passed which fixed the ratio of silver

free and unlimited coinage of both metals. That is, that all the gold and ** The North Carolinian is the silver bullion which might be carried to any United States mint by any person should be converted into United States coins and returned to the person presenting it without any charge for coining The weight of gold dollars to be 25.8 gains, and the weight of silver straddle everything, claiming to stand | dollars to be sixteen times as heavy as squarely for all the reforms the Alli | the gold dollars, which is 4124 grains. This law continued in force from 1783 to 1873.

In 1873 the holders of U.S. bonds had succeeded in having laws enacted by Congress making the interest and and bark with the hound. Be either the principal of these bonds payable in one thing or the other; let your eye be legal tender coin, that is either gold on another office ? State the one at which single upon a definite principle, and silver. Both were then legal tender. success will more likely crown your The bondholders had by this time efforts, and you will be honored for hoarded up or cornered most of the gold, and they made underhand war on silver, and by some slight-of-hand performance, manipulated, it is said, by John Sherman, who was then and is now Senator from Ohio, silver was demonetized. This made the word 'coin" in the bonds mean gold, Thus the parties holding the bonds and the gold could dictate terms of surrender to the U.S. Treasurer. He must have gold with which to pay interest on the bonds, and he must get that gold from the very men to whom he was to pay it, and at whatever price they might name. Hence, gold immediately went up, as the demand for it as a legal ten der coin was increased to the amount of the demonstrized silver which was thrown out of circulation, and hence diminished in market value as bullion. This shows why the gold-bugs cry aloud against the restoring of silver to its proper place as a money metal. They say with an air of contempt, as compared with gold, a silver dollar of 1873 is not worth but 66 cents. Gold is being minted into coin yet in unlimited quan tities. Laws have been passed since 1873 authorizing the U.S. Treasurer to purchase not less than two million dollars' worth of silver per month, non more than four million dollars, and mint it, or issue treasury notes for it. But he has exercised his prerogative and stopped with \$2,000,000 per month, the lowest limit, in order to accommodate the gold bugs. It is very evident that if silver should be restored to its proper position as a money metal that it would be but a short while before the market value of it would be in the same ratio as when it was demonstized in 1873. The advocates of gold admit now, since they see free coinage coming, that they will not object if you will just put as much silver in a dollar as a gold dollar will purchase, and they say that a silver dollar, present standard, contains only 66 cents worth of silver. What would upon the causes and the effects of the follow a law of that kind? 1st. Those who have silver in handthe farmer, the mechanic, the produc ers of wealth who have received it for their labor and their products-would be called upon to lose 34 cents out of every dollar of the silver in circulation -a little more than one-third. A repetition of the "trade-dollar" steal some of us still remember. 2d. The mints would go to work coining them up, putting 1.511 cents of the present dollar into one new dollar. Then the gold bugs might buy up all the silver bullion, put the price up and the mints would be bound to take all according to the gold standard at and we would have a change in the weight of a silver dollar every time the price of silver fluctuated either up or down. This the gold-bugs could manipulate at their own sweet will with the average Congress and United States Treasurer.

can purchase as much or more of any product of the people to day with the silver that makes the legal tender dol lar we demand as you could the day its legal tender quality was taken from it in 1873, except the product of the gold mines, which has by law been increased in market value more than 50 per cent. above every other product of American soil.

A + + + + + WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE PEOPLE.

Some of the partisan press of North Carolina are "howling" because the freemen of this State refuse to go out to hear the politician tell the same old tale about his opponents' meanness, the tariff, the bloody shirt, etc., and are saying that the people are narrow minded and prejudiced and have been influenced by the reform papers so that they will not read all sides of the political situation.

In North Carolina there are nearly two hundred papers; about nine-tenths of these are partisan sheets, and the editors have for the past three years filled them with abuse and ridicule o the Alliance and its officers. Many of these papers have never failed to mis represent the organization and it leaders, whenever an opportunity pre sented itself, and they have never re fused to place conspicuously before the people those who had proved them selves traitors to the Order. Can these gentlemen expect the people to subscribe to and read their papers where such a course is pursued? We have hearl of only a few instances where papers were boycotted by members of the Order, and those papers were condemned for the bitter and vindictive abuse of the Alliance and its officers. Now, it is plain on the other hand, that

bidding, nor that of your political leaders, nor that of your masters money, nor that of the advice of those who have heretofore posed as leaders. The people are exerting their own thinking powers, and neither "bulldozing," the "party lash," abuse, misrepresentation or anything else but facts (which you cannot or will not give) can convince the people that they are wrong. In the language of one of your politicians against the People's party leaders I will say this to the politician who dares to continue his same cheap talk on the campaign: "I say they ought to have the contempt of every honest man and patriot in America," and the people, the honest yeomanry of this country think so too, and therefore treat them so-and in the language of another of a different mold from this politician we will exclaim to the people,

Strike (vote) for your altars and your fires; Strike (vote) for the green graves of your sires. God and your native land. ------

CONDEMNED BY HISOWN WORDS

We get in exchange nearly every Democratic weekly paper published in North Carolina. When we have read one, leaving out the purely local and personal news, we have read all. We find them principally made up of gatherings from the dailies. As an example of the consistency we find in the average Democratic weekly paper, we ask our readers to notice carefully what one says, and they will see what they all say. We copy extracts from the Kinston Free Press of August 4th:

"The Third party leaders in North Carolina make all sorts of false charges against the Democratic party. They exaggerate small imperfections, of the mole hill order, into mountains; and some of their charges are based on nothing, but are simply lies. They know that the Democratic party is the best party; but they want office, can't get it through the Democratic party, and hence abuse the Democratic party. Some of the Third party leaders have told big lies on the Democratic party

to deceive "the dear people." makes it and they all distribute Notice, now, these lines were write by a Republican to Republicans, suggestion. It was sent to THE P GRESSIVE FARMER as a communication without our solicitation, and well no apology to make to anyone for the lishing it. We couldn't see where could hurt us or our cause. Nei can we see where the Free Press gained any credit to itself in misren senting us to "the dear people order to draw their attention a from its own wilful and maliciousm representations. Gen. Weaver come in on the same page of this same page for his share of the lies to be her upon him. Gen. Weaver was a publican up to about 1874, the date of the latest garbled extract quoted from

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him to prove that the South should shudder with fear and blush with shame at the very suggestion of voting

for him. Seeing the need of reforms along the very lines he is now working he began the agitation of the greenback movement and was sent to Congress by his district as a Greenbacker. The next election the Democrats fused with the Greenbackers, if we are properly informed, and he was again elected Then the Democrats claimed him. He was still for reform and seeing noppos pect of ever getting it in either of the old parties he joined the People's party at its beginning. Democrats have fol lowed him as their standard bearer. Since the utterance of every word they now quote from him in proof that twenty years ago he was a bitter see. tionalist. He stands now for the same reforms he advocated eighteen years ago, when he, among the very few, discovered that the war was over, and buried his bitter sectionalism. He is a patriotic, high-toned Christian gentleman statesman and scholar, the Deer

EDITORIAL NOTES.

*** The date for the pic nic at Barber's Grove, near Auburn, Wake county, has been changed to Aug. 18.

*** It is amusing to hear some people in certain circles talking about how they are going to whip the boys in before the election

*** The People's party Congressional Convention for the Four h district will be held in Metropolitan Hall, Raleigh, on the 15th; State Convention same place on the 16th.

*** The News and Observer has learned through a special correspondent that Harry Skinner has crossed the river and burned the bridges behind him, and that E. A Moye has done the same thing.

*** Be sure to read in another column of this issue the account from the Southern Alliance Farmer of the dastardly assault upor Col. W. L Peek and C. C. Post, two People's party speakers, by a crowd of roughs at Quitman, Ga.

*** At the Congressional Convention of the g. o. d. p., held in Raleigh on the 3d instant, there was more signs of whiskey in one short afternoon than there was in the Convention at Omaha several thousands visitors.

is gaining strength and new members astonishes the g. o. p. leaders most is the way the people are leaving their ranks and swarming to the People's party.

*** We are requested to say that the Moore County People's Party Club will hold their next meeting at Lemon Springs Station, August 20th. F. D. Koonce, nominee for Congress in the Third district, and other speakers are expected. A big day for the People's party is anticipated.

*** We suppose there was never a larger proportion of the Democratic party of Wake seen together before as was in Raleigh Saturday, July 30th at their County Convention. It is said that every true blue from some townships were present. Still we have seen as large conventions before. How

for years will now help swell the ranks of the People's party. We meet on common ground, acknowledge to one another our past folly, bury the past and take up our march in the middle of the road, with the best platform ever given to the American people. and honest candidates who are stand ing squarely upon it with both feet.

4.4.4 GOOD NEWS FROM COLORADO.

[special to The Progressive Farmer.]

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Aug. 2. General Weaver's tour through Col orado may best be termed a triumphant procession. Everywhere he speaks the people throng to hear him defend the cause of industry against the encroachment of Federal monopoly, and everywhere it is manifest that a gigantic political upheaval has taken place among the rank and file of the people. Wherever the train stops at the small stations and mining towns along the railroad the people assemble, regardless of past political association, to catch a glimpse of this distinguished champion. Yesterday five thousand people met him at the depot in Aspen and escorted him to the hotel.

In the afternoon he addressed an audience in the open air of fully ten thousand persons, and another fully with its more than 1400 delegates and as large at night. Mrs. Lease also spoke at both meetings, and by her

** A private letter from McDowell | marvelous eloquence led the people to county states that the Alliance cause the highest point of enthusiasm. The mines were for most part closed down at every meeting, but that which in honor of the occasion. At the close of the evening meeting a Weaver and Field Club was organized with more than two thousand members The Silver League of Colorrdo in State

Convention has endorsed the Omaha platform and the mines by a two-third vote, and it is safe to say that the People's party will poll in November three out of every four votes cast in the State. Colorado, the keystone in the group of States west of the Missouri. joins her sister States in the great struggle for industrial emancipation. The People's party will now push its banner eastward beyond the Mississippiand look southward for protection to its right plank.

V. O. STRICKLER, Member P. P. Nat. Ex. Com. -----PROF. COLLIER COBB Then let us remember that when sil-It affords us great pleasure to note ver was demonetized and as the dethat Prof. Collier Cobb, son of Rev. N. mand for it for coining was stopped, lication to suit the perverted tastes of B. Cobb, and perhaps known better as the price of it declined as compared your readers. Have your political the author of Cobb's Map of North with gold, which had by law to take speakers meet the exigencies of the Carolina, has been elected Professor of its place. The amount of gold bullion Geology and Mineralogy in the State was not increased by the law, but the issues involved, finance, land and trans-University at Chapel Hill. In Prof. demand for it was almost doubled by portation, will be discussed, and they, Cobb we have a splendid example of it, hence its value on the market was the people, will go to hear them. what a young man with energy, pluck increased to that extent. So then the

ome tradesmen and professional men of the cities and towns. They have re fused to give these papers advertising patronage; they have gone farther and have refused even to subscribe or read reform papers or hear reform speakers. These are facts. Is it not inconsistent for the "pot to call the kettle black? Is it not unbecoming to say what these papers know to be untrue, that the country is arrayed against the towns and that the reform papers of the State have done it? Would it not be more becoming in these editors to state facts and tell the people of the towns to read reform papers, and try to learn some

the reform papers of the State, to a

great extent, have been boycotted by

thing about the causes of the depression in money matters-in the low prices of farm products and of labor Now why do not the country people go to hear the leaders of the great political parties? Is it because of preju dices? No. Then what is the cause The people have learned from these partisan sheets that the subjects for discussion is the "tariff" the "bloody shirt" the "force bill," etc.-things with exceptions of force bill, that these same party leaders have been discussing for the last twenty years. The people are educated ahead of the poli tician upon the situation at this time. They have been reading and thinking present financial depression upon their products and labor-they have been reading of the acts of Congress and the methods which they have used to spend the people's money and to help the bondholder, manufacturers, and other

money syndicates to enslave the peo ple. Why have not the partisan press had the manhood to speak for the peo ple against the encroachments of these American and foreign syndicates, 'land sharks?" Ah! why have they not done it?

The people have learned that syndicates and trusts own, or control by their patronage, a majority of these papers, and that the editors are tools the time it was presented in a dollar to do the bidding, to assist in enslaving their countrymen. Throw off your masks, and show the people that you are not henchmen for some political boss or moneyed syndicate to tell the truth sometimes about the people and their complaint, refuse to publish the damnable trash sent out by your correspondents who are usually the manuyou say it and you are a Democrat? facturers of the stuff sent you for pub-The same paper copies from the Wilson Advance into this same editorial page a garbled extract from a letter in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of July 26th: times. Let the people learn that the Garbled Extracts with | The Original as a Sug-Comments. What a spectacle! The leader of North Carolina Republicans writing to THE PHO-GRESSIVE FARMER, ad-vising the neople of the You politicians have been fooling the vising the people of the State what to do? Demand perseverance can accomplish. He, difference between the market value people lo these many years, but lately ocrats, do you see? To ocrats, do you see? To standing that the Third Third party men he says: "You run your Congressional and State ticket. We will vote for and help elect it. In return we expect more. You may call the people fools. You and your political friends, stop you to see that our vote for presidential elect-ors is counted and we count his vote at every will carry the State for Harrison and Reid. You may have the State ticket if you will give us the presidential electors." Was there earnest but you have not found it out ever before in the his-

so many times that they have actually got to believing them to be true themseives.

Serious charges, these. They knock the spots out of the whole reform movement. Now don't they, though. They answer all the arguments put forth by the People's party, and completely demolish the Omaha platform, according to the Free Press. O my! How can we stand it? "Lied until we actually believe them true," you say. Now see another example from the same column of this same paper:

"Honesty has become rarer, consist ency has become less prevalent under the teachings of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and other Third party advo-cates, who ery out "stop thief" while We are simply outlining this candithey have their hands in the pockets date's character. It sounds like abuse of the dear people.'

The idea that any man should be so simple as to utter such glaring falsehoods in an attempt to prove another man a liar is too absurd. "Honesty rarer?" "Consistency less?" "Under the teachings of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and other Third party advocates who cry out "stop thief" while they have their hands in the pockets of the dear people." These charges quoted above the writer knows are 'but simple lies." If he has not "told them so many times that he has actually got to believing them to be true," to use his own words. Let's see, for instance, we see that the subscription price of the Kinston Free Press- | nor party who does not support and the very paper that is doing this her- promise to advocate our principles as culean work in the demolition of the laid down in the St. Louis and the People's party-is \$1.50 per year. The Omaha platform. How can you be subscription price of THE PROGRESSIVE longer influenced by such vile stuff as FARMER is only \$1.00 per year. Count the above except to forever forsake the each pocket 50 cents and you will see party guilty of such, and throw your that if we have have our hands in two vote and your influence with those of "the pockets of the dear people," who are fighting not to keep alive the the Free Press has his in three, or if bitter sectional hatred of the past, but we have ours in two inches, his are in are fighting for principles, for a united three

take both papers to say if we do not to none. give them at least twice as much for \$1.00 as they get of the Free Press for \$1.50. Then where is the sense in this? Does it answer any argument of the People's party? Or is this the best you have in the shop and the "dear peo-

of any other candidate Still the Free Press rants upon him as follows:

"He has been a Republican, a Greenbacker, a Democrat, a Third party man. It appears that he has been guided, not by conviction, but that he has changed his views to suit the trend of the times, and the times have been fickle indeed. If he has been guided by conviction, he is vacillating and weak minded. We prefer to give him credit for having some sense. Then he s a demagogue.

"He is a narrow minded man; his patriotism is confined within sectional lines. He is a dirty mouthed politician of the lowest type.

"We dislike to have to say these things. We do not believe in abuse but it is not, we never stoop that low. His whole career, his votes, his speeches, his vile denunciations of the South are such that we cannot understand how any North Carolinian, who has any respect for himself, cat vote for him.

"Has the heart of the patriot grown cold? Have the old memories been obliterated? Are we to witness the sad spectacle of Southern white men going to the polls and casting their ballots for a man who lied about them, who slandered, villified, even cursed and damned the man who fought for their homes, their honor and their liberty ?"

Now we will ask in conclusion what genuine reformer who has pledged himself solemnly to vote for no man, country, for a government of the peo-

We try to give an equivalent in value ple, for the people and by the people: for every dollar we get out of "the to free ourselves and our offsprings pockets of the dear people," and we from plutocracy's galling chains, for will leave it to "the dear people" who equal rights to all and special privileges

PREPARE FOR A DROUTH.

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There is a good prospect for a prolonged drouth throughout the South In fact crops are now suffering conple " must take it and believe it because siderably since the hot, dry weather began. Everything has been full of

sap, and even a short drouth will be

It is not necessary to remind the

good farmers of the importance of late

serious.

is it? *** The election for State officials in Alabama came off August 1st The

Democratic party split into two factions, and had two tickets in the race. The People's party had no ticket in the field. What you see in the papers about the tremendous majority of the Democratic over the People's party, and its everlasting destruction, is all nonsense,

*** Democrats are very fond of making sneering and sarcastic flings at the cocks when T. M. Argo joins the Democratic Club, and they send Moses the People's party.

committee that they have not seen your brow by your own native State. market value as it has of silver. You luded fellows will not down at your

depending upon his own natural re- of the two metals is due not so much they have learned the tricks and refuse sources; left the State a few years on account of a full in the price of sil- to go snipe-hunting with them any ago determined to make himself a prover as it is to a rise in the price of gold. People's party when they learn that a ficient student in geology and miner- While gold is the money of the bond-

man who has been a Republican is alogy. He worked his way through holders and is worshipped by them abusing the farmer and his heresays as with us, still they crow like game Harvard University, and did it with and they are clamoring now to make it you call them. The people are in so much credit to himself that for three the standard of value for everything. years he has been retained there and We find the silver the money of the yet. They believe they know what A. Bledsoe to the Congressional Con- in the Massachusetts Institute of Tech- people and for the people and rules the they want, but you say they are fools vention as delegate. Strange things nology as Instructor in geology and price. Silver stays along with the and will not listen to reason, because are being wrought by the influence of mineralogy. We welcome you back products of American industry; silver they refuse to hear their cruse ridi-

among us, Collier, and we congratulate goes among the people and helps them culed, themselves and their neighbors ** A majority of the witnesses testi you that the chaplet you have so while gold hides away. Gold has gone villified and slandered. The financial fied before the House investigating worthily won has been placed upon as much ahead of everything else in vagaries, as you call them, of the de-

tory of the State such a bold, light-banded piece of political trad-ing? Will the Democracy of the State sit still and see this out-rageous thing done? We do not believe it.

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cultivation in such cases. Late corn, gestion to Republicans from J. J. Mott. "In all Democratic districts I would vote for the Third party candidate for Congress on this plotform cotton and tobacco can be benefited greatly by frequent plowing or harrow. ing, provided the plows do not go close enough to the stalks to break the main on this platform, with the general underroots. Cultivation increases moisture standing that the Third and diminishes the damage quite materially. presidential candidate, and they are able to

PAMLICO CO. PEOPLE'S PARTY CONVENTION.

They are strong enough in numbers to do it. and they have got the sense GRANTSBORO, N. C., Aug. 1, 1892. A convention of the People's party of Pamlico county will meet at the court house in the town of Bayboro, might be the election Saturday, August 13th, 1892, at 10 o'clock a m. for the purpose of organ-izing, and electing delegates to the State Congressional and Senatorial conventions. Come and join in this great reform movement. J. B. SAWYER, Chm'n Ex. Com. People's party.