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EDITORIAL NOTES.

*** How much longer will the plutocrats, which are largely found in cities, abuse the men who support them.

*** The *National Economist* has changed its form, enlarged, and is much improved by the change. We wish it continued success.

*** The Wilmington *Star*, of recent date, had two tales about the egging of Gov. Buchannan in Tennessee. We must conclude that the *Star* is a comet now, as it has two tales.

*** All this lying, abuse and wrangling over politics is unneccessary. We like to see people work for their party, be enthusiastic, but it is carried too far nowadays by all parties. Reform yourselves.

*** We are pleased to note the great success of the Winston *Sentinel* under the management of Mr. Burbank. He is a worker, knows what journalism is and seems willing to treat everybody with due respect.

*** The box-toed, cigarette smoking and beer guzzling politicions of North Carolina are down in the mouth. They see that the reform movement is now too far ahead to be overtaken. The great common people have been educated.

*** It is reported that People's party men have refused to allow Democratic speakers a hearing at two or three points lately. We don't know that it is true, but if so, should be condemned. If you don't want to hear a speaker let him fire away without an audience.

*** The wind bloweth, the water floweth, the farmer soweth, the subscriber oweth, and the Lord knoweth that we are in need of our dues. So, come a runnin' 'ere we go a gunnin'. We're not a funnin'. This thing of dunnin' gives us the everlastin' blues, says an exchange.

*** A dispatch to the Wilmington *Messenger*, states that a People's party man cut down and carried off a Cleveland and Carr flag or banner at Blount's Creek. That was a sorry job for anyone to engage in. We do not bank on flags to any great extent, but when people put them up the other party has no business to destroy them.

*** John Wannamaker, the model Sunday-school superintendent recently gave a check for $5,000 for a benevolent purpose and the very next day reduced the wages of his sewing girls in his large wholesale establishment so that many of them only received fifty cents, per day. Who gave that $5,000? Mr. Wanamaker or the sewing girls?

*** Bank directors are not elligible as presidential electors. It has been discovered that two were nominated in Maryland. The National Democratic Executive Committee have been notified and will have to call them down. This thing of nominating men connected with banks has been quite common. That accounts for some things.

*** Jerry Simpson opened the campaign in his Kansas district Wednesday of this week with a big mass-meeting at which he and others spoke. There was a procession of 1,200 decorated farm wagons and twenty-six loads of wheat, worth $600, the proceeds of which will be given to the campaign fund, says the *American Enterprise*.

*** While the Democrats here are fighting the People's party so bitterly, the National Committee are making some deals out West. In North Dakota on last Tuesday the National Committee announced that the Cleveland electors had been withdrawn, and advised Democrats to vote for Weaver. In Idaho the Cleveland electors have been taken down and the People's party electors will be voted for. It is understood that other western States will do the same. On one side of the country the Democratic party are working for Weaver, on the other side they rotten egg him. "Consistency you are von daisy," as the Dutchman said.

*** As a good deal is being said about Gen. Weaver assessing the citizens of Pulaski for the sum of $1,750 for the support of refugees, by order of General Dodge, wouldn't it be a good idea to send somebody to Chambersburg, Pa, to find out what Confederate General assessed the citizens there to the amount of $200,000 for war purposes? Also to find out other cases of the same kind, and how many horses were rode by Confederate soldiers, and how much grub eaten by them, that was paid for with vouchers of the Confederate Government. Gentleman this war business was bad enough on both sides, Let the matter rest where it is. Let us forget those terrible days and talk about the present.

PAYS NOWHERE.

"While farmers in the South are complaining that the last year's cotton crop of nearly 9,000,000 bales—the largest ever raised—will leave them scarcely a dollar of profit, and brings thousands of them in debt," exclaims the St. Louis *Republic*, "the Illinois State Board of Agriculture reports that seven of the ten corn crops of the State between 1882 and 1891 were raised at a loss of $80,000,000."

The truth is farming pays the farmer nowhere in the United States. It is the men who farm the farmers that are prosperous. And yet some of our farmers are foolish enough to vote for a continuance of these same conditions.

We admit that our Southern farmers have pursued a bad system—that many of them are not systematical at all. But the North and West, where better systems are practiced, agriculture is going down rapidly. The thrifty New England farmer is fast getting down toward the poorhouse. Farming pays the men who farm the farmer.

GETTING TOGETHER.

At last! At last!! At last the American workingman and the farmers are getting together. The professional and business men will divide after awhile and some will be found on the side of right and justice.

In the cities of the North and West many mechanics, printers and business men are boldly fighting in the ranks of the reform moments and will vote that away. It is now safe to say that thousands of the same classes in Southern towns and cities are quietly but earnestly "pulling for the shore." At least one third of the voters of many towns are People's party men. They see ruin without a change, and are too patriotic to be helping to hasten the end. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and they propose to look out for themselves and let the politicians do the same.

Our friends in the reform movement should look after their friends in both town and country, furnish them with reading matter, etc.

WE PUT UP.

A person who signs his name "For the Truth" writes the *State Chronicle* that he or she or it, wrote to the editor of this paper asking "in what letter, message or speech" Grover Cleveland said "the best financial system in the world should not be changed." He or she or it says he or she or it enclosed one red two cent stamp with Washington's picture on one side and some sticky substance on the other for a reply, which has not been received by he, she or it. We may have received the letter, have no recollection of it nor the stamp.

Cleveland used that or words of the same import either in one of his messages to Congress or in a special letter on the free coinage of silver. We remember reading it at the time. The words have been quoted against him time and again since, both by Democrats and Republicans.

If "For the Truth" will drop us a card giving his name and postoffice, also an accurate description of the stamp he has lost, one will be sent which he may apply to his conscience fund.

THEIR STYLE.

Some of our exchanges are constantly parading letters from "prominent and patriotic citizens" who have "renounced the Third party," giving their reasons, and declaring that only through the Democratic party can you see a glimpse of the promised land.

These "prominent people" often turn out to be the weakest kind of cranks. A few days ago there appeared in the Washington *Gazette* a spread eagle letter from Mr. W. H. Marslender. He "renounced the Third party" at a fearful rate. His letter was full of big, high sounding words and sentences, calculated to frighten dyspeptics and kill the fruit in the bud.

We do not charge that Mr. Marslender is a crank, but a correspondent of the *Carolina Dispatch* gives some facts about him that are of public interest In the first place he says Mr. Marslender did not write the article, cannot write his own name. could not read the article after printed, knows nothing about governmental affairs. As to his political history, it is a long one. He was a Secessionist during the war, a Bourbon Democrat a little later, still later a Prohibitionist, and recently a pronounced and rabid People's partyman. The chances are that he will convert himself into a force bill or nightmare before the election.

This is a sample of the very few that the egg party has reclaimed. The reform party is getting the brains to a large degree. Look that way when you want to see a "prominent citizen."

THE PRICE OF COTTON.

It is no longer a secret that the cotton crop is short. The yield in nearly every State is considerably below the average, and the acreage has been reduced very much.

While it is not safe to guess about such things, it does look like the price will be better. It might be a good idea to hold back part of your crop. Anyway there is no need to rush it on the market. If the dealers are "short," as is alleged, there is but little danger of a fall and quite a good prospect of a gradual rise.

JOURNALISTIC SAGACITY.

The Winterset, Iowa *Review* tells of a great journalist in that State.

Some years ago he advised the farmer to burn his corn—not his pedal bunions, but his good yellow, Boies field corn, because the price was so low, and burning it would produce a scarcity; hence, the price would advance, and hence the farmer would make money. See? But the farmer who burned his corn discovered the advance in price did not benefit the fellow who had none to sell after the incineration. Great head, somewhere on that paper.

This is a fair sample of journalism by great (?) journalists. They know just what the trouble is, and they tell the dear people. If they make too much they can reduce the quantity by fire. Our farmers don't work, but they bring about an "overproduction" There is an overproduction of fools and rascals, but not of farm products.

THE CLINTON FIRE.

A large portion of the business part of Clinton was burned Friday morning, the fire being discovered about four o'clock. It is thought that the fire originated in the Alliance store. Some believe that it was of incendiary origin, inspired by politicians, but so far as we know this is all guess-work. It is possible that rats and matches started it. Fourteen business houses, the jail and one or more dwellings were destroyed. The office of the Clinton *Caucasian* was destroyed and all the material, nothing but the subscription books being saved. This is a great loss to Bro. Butler. He will have the heartfelt sympathy and substantial aid from the brotherhood all over the State.

It is understood that there was but little if any insurance on the property burned. The people of the State will regret the sad news that the plucky business men of Clinton have sustained. The loss will probably reach $100,000.

THAT CROWD.

Well yes, it was literally a crowd. The street was filled from side to side for more than a square with footmen. The horsemen made a column more than four squares long. Then came the vehicles filled with human freight, buggies and wagons forming a train more than a mile in length. This was not the crowd. The crowd was at Brookside Park when the speaking was going on. There was the place to count, and there was a solid square acre of men—not boys—but the honest toilers of Wake and adjoining counties, of voters who mean to learn how to vote and vote their honest convictions; men whose patriotism no man has a right to question; the men who have faced many dangers in war, with their sons, and the sons of their comrades who laid their lives on their country's altar in '61–'65. Yes, they were here. Such a crowd has not been here before since Sherman's army left the city. But the crowd. How many were in the crowd that heard the speaking? Let's calculate a little. How many men standing as close together as they could pack could stand on a yard square? Some say four, some say three. Well, we'll say an average of three. How many square yards in a square acre? A square acre is seventy yards each way. This makes 4,900 square yards. Now three men on each square yard would make 14,700 men the number that can stand without packing on one square acre. By actual measure the space covered by the crowd that heard Gen. Weaver speak at Raleigh was a square acre. Now how many heard Gen. Weaver speak at Raleigh? We say at least 10,000.

IT IS WELL.

The news from Georgia is not encouraging to reformers, but was not a great surprise. The reform element got some members of the Legislature in counties where voting was properly done. How many, it is not yet known. Not over half of the votes of the State were polled. Why it is so, is not known, though it is believed that many wanted to vote the reform ticket, but staid at home for reasons not given. The Democrats get the State ticket, it is claimed, by voting negroes and counting. It is strange that the negroes would vote with a party, even for money, that has election laws that for years has deprived them of the right of suffrage in Georgia. It is well. The Presidential election next month will probably be quite different.

BIG FUNDS.

The New York *World* "exposes" a scheme by which the Republican managers propose to spend one million dollars in New York and New Jersey to carry those States for Harrison. Such funds for corruption purposes are disreputable and dangerous to a free government. But while the *World* is "exposing" this scheme under great big headlines, the *World* itself is raising the sum of $100,000 to be a part of a fund to carry some middle States for Cleveland. Now don't you think the Republicans and the *World* are in the same boat?

PIEDMONT ALLIANCE FAIR.

This fair was held at Salisbury last week. The exhibits were very good. The display of ladies, fancy work, etc., was particularly good. Some fine stock, among them Mr. J. M. Harrison's blooded horses and cattle, attracted much attention. The races and tournaments were all that could be desired. The business houses in Salisbury all closed for one day, and most of the people attended the fair.

"WHITE PEOPLE MUST STAND TOGETHER."

The Democratic papers of the South have been full of editorials with the above heading. Yet in recent elections in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida and Georgia the Democrats claim and admit that a majority of the negroes voted the Democratic ticket. Had they not done so the People's party would have carried all the States, except Florida. Now hasn't the Democratic party brought "negro supremacy" on in those States? They admit that they have. They have got the negroes on their side. Only a few Georgia negroes voted the People's party ticket. A majority of the negroes in North Carolina will probably vote the Democratic ticket next month. Some will vote with the People's party, some with the Republicans, but the Democrats will get a big share with money and whiskey. Now which is the negro party?

GENERAL NOTES.

The People's party in Wake county is in good trim, and getting better.

Dr. C. G. Lee, of Caswell county, is the Weaver Elector in the 5th Congressional District.

Mr. A. B. Coltrane, of Glenola, writes that the People's party hopes to carry Randolph county.

Mr. W J. Bishop, of Warren county, writes that the People's party is a big thing in Warren, notwithstanding newspaper reports to the contrary.

Mr. J. W. Aldridge, of Pamlico county, writes that false reports are out about the People's party in that county. It is very much alive and growing.

We earnestly hope every one of you will pay up and renew at once, and get all your neighbors to do likewise. This will help us to keep the paper in the family, and also to continue battling for the cause of the oppressed. Look at the table on seventh page and it will tell you what you owe, and send it in at once and oblige.

A BOLD SCHEME.

For some weeks letters and postal cards, purporting to have been written by the Chairmen of the People's party in Rowan and Iredell counties, have flooded the mails in the country adjacent to Salisbury and Statesville. These have been sent to Alliancemen and People's party men of more or less prominence. With the letters railroad tickets were enclosed, or at least what looks like tickets. In each case the party receiving the letters, cards or tickets were requested to go to Salisbury or Statesville (some one place and some another) to receive their share of a "handsome campaign fund."

These letters were signed "R Y. Beard" in some cases and "M. O. Parkes" in others, which is not the initials of either of the Chairmen of Executive Committees in Rowan or Iredell.

Here is a copy of one of the letters, the printed head being as follows:

ALLIANCE REFORM.
Headquarters of People's party.
Salisbury, N. C

NEELY BLOCK, UP STAIRS, Sept. 27, '92.

Dear Sir:—Please meet me in Salisbury next Friday, Sept. 30, (come on 3 o'clock train and return same night.) Campaign fund to distribute, and other business of importance.

Fraternally,
R. Y. BEARD.

Strictly private, as ticket is enclosed.
R. Y. B.

A POSTAL CARD.

SALISBURY, N. C., Sept. 30, '92.

Sir:—Conference here postponed to Monday evening, Oct. 3d. Come if possible R. Y. B.

THE TICKET.

FORM NO. 3765 G.

Serial No 17; 91, 92, 91.

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—. —. ——, *Agent.*

It seems that the object was to get the parties receiving the letters to go and get "their share of the campaign funds." Whether anybody bit at the bait or not we can't say. The object may be to put People's party men to trouble, to have a joke on them, to disgust them.

In the days of the Revolution there were Tories and traitors among patriots in America. There are Tories to day—political tories. When rotten eggs fail they resort to other schemes, born of hell. The great industrial classes in this country are learning. They will get their eyes open some time.

IT CANNOT BE DENIED.

While many of our people so earnestly oppose social equality, they seem to forget that Grover Cleveland has practiced it. If you are really opposed to it there is not much consistency in opposing and then voting for him. That he did do it cannot be denied. While Governor of New York he signed a bill for mixed schools. While President of the United States he invited Fred Douglas to a reception, and he and wife were present. The Washington *Post* of June 16th, 1886, the leading Democratic paper in Washington City, on the day of the reception, contained a full account. The following is an extract:

"The guests included all who are identified with the social, political and office life of the Capitol. To name them would be an endless task. In the throng were Prince Leopold, of Brazil; Justices Harlan and Bradley; Senators Sherman, Logan Cameron, Pugh, Cockerel, Harrison, Call, Plumb, Teller, Cullum, Aldrich and Kenna; Rev. Dr. Sunderland, with whom the President had more than a mere word in passing; General Farnsworth, of Albany; Librarian Spofford, General Van Vliet, Dr. Chappell, *Fred Douglas and wife*, ex Mayor Berret, Gen. Sheridan, Colonel Bonaparte, Commodore Schley and Mr. Archibald Forbes, who was with his betrothed, Miss Meigs, and her father, General Meigs."

GROVER'S DENIAL

Col. Cleveland writes a letter to Mr. Clark Howell, of Atlanta, about the reports that calamity orators are circulating on him. In this he states that Tom Watson is telling "that Mrs. Cleveland refused to attend the unveiling of the statute of Robert E. Lee, because she feared she would there meet Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of Jefferson Davis." Grover says "that is entirely a new fabrication," but doesn't say whether it is a true fabrication or not. Then he says "there are some others which I do not definitely recall."

The above quotations are the substance of his denial as published in the Charlotte *Observer*. The *Observer* says the papers that have published these slanders "if they have any sense of honor will take pleasure in giving publicity to those denials" Well, we are doing it, but his "denials" are the very thing we have wanted all the time. Perhaps the most serious charge on the list is the one that he invited Fred. Douglas and wife to his public receptions. Fred. is as black as the record of the two last billion dollar Congresses, but has a white wife. We have published that charge against Mr. Cleveland, and will be fair enough to publish two whole paragraphs with his signature. Such denials (?) are curiosities. The facts are that his denial is an acknowledgement of the truth. Here it is:

"Such misrepresentation is irritating and exceedingly monotonous. Not one statement which I have seen of the kind above referred to, has any truth in it whatever, except this, that when Frederick Douglas was in public office in Washington City, I, as President of the United States, extended to him the same courtesies, so far as public receptions and matters of that kind are concerned, which were extended to other officials of the same grade This, of course, was his due as a matter of official decency and etiquette, and I should have been ashamed to treat him otherwise.

"If in your judgment you think it well to make the denial above referred to, you are at liberty to do so, in any way you think best.

"Very truly yours,
"GROVER CLEVELAND."

Now if Grover will come out and deny (?) signing the bill for mixed schools while Governor of New York, in the same way, we will be ready to let the case go to the jury.

OCTOBER COUNTY MEETINGS.

The October county Alliance meetings will soon be held throughout the State—most of them next week. As usual during a heated campaign the attendance and interest will not be as large as at other meetings. But the brethren should lay aside politics, no matter what kind they advocate, long enough to attend to these important meetings. There will be business of importance in each county that should be attended to without delay. One thing is the plan for relief adopted by the last State Alliance. Steps should be taken at once to get up and forward the fund necessary to carry it out. In order that the matter be before our readers, we again publish the plans suggested, as follows:

SEC. 1. This plan shall be known as the Co-operative Relief Association of the N. C. Farmers' State Alliance, and every member of the Farmers' Alliance in good standing shall be a beneficiary of this relief association. *Provided*, that a majority of his Sub-Alliance shall endorse and conform to these requirements and make application for enrollment on the books to be kept by the State Secretary.

SEC 2. Each Sub-Alliance ratifying this plan shall furnish its Secretary, to be immediately forwarded to the State Secretary, the sum of 10 cents quarterly, for each male member in good standing; said 10 cents to be taken from the treasury of said Sub-Alliance.

SEC. 3. The Committee on the Good of the Order of each Sub-Alliance shall estimate and make sworn statement of the actual loss sustained by any beneficiary and send duplicate of same to the Secretary of the State Alliance.

SEC. 4. The Secretary Treasurer, on receipt of such statement named in section 3, shall forward 50 per cent. of the amount estimated in said statement to said beneficiary of any money or moneys in hand belonging to said fund.

SEC. 5. Any Sub-Alliance failing to pay the 10 cents per capita within the quarter shall stand suspended, and any loss sustained in said Sub Alliance during suspension shall not be paid until said Alliance is restored by payment of all dues.

SEC. 6. Where any loss sustained is covered in whole or in part by any other insurance, no part of it shall be paid by this Association, and not over two hundred dollars shall be paid on any loss. *Provided*, also, no loss caused by gross negligence shall be paid.

SEC. 7. The management of this association shall be under the supervision of the President, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Committee of the State Alliance, who shall make necessary arrangements not herein provided for securing safety of the fund and the full accomplishment, as nearly as possible of the object herein set forth.

YOU MUST READ.

The *Peninsula Farmer* gives the following true advice about the necessity for Alliance literature:

"Now there are some things we want to say to you about Alliance and other reform books. You need them, you cannot get along satisfactorily without them. It is true the reform newspaper is indispensable to every Allianceman who wants to keep up with the times, but you cannot afford the time to hunt over the files of a paper for two or three years back to find in what particular copy some point or article or statement appears that you wish to refer to. Not are they handy (a hundred or two of them) to carry around with you when you want something to refer to when making an argument, and every Alliance man ought to argue in a friendly way with all his acquaintances, make converts of them and see they stay converted."

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will be worth $5 from now until the election, but only costs 25 cents.