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TORY. Recently one of our evening contem poraries stated that a ten year-old boy had just been brought to the Peniten tiary, from a neighboring county, to serve out a four years' sentence, for larce y. It matters not who the boy is. He may have descended from rogueish parents; he may be as black as the ace of spades. Perhaps the judge who pronounced the sentence did his duty. But it is plain to all that

boys should not be placed in the Peni tentiary. Far better give them a good whipping and turn them loose, especial ly if the chastisement can be inflicted by parents.

The law makes no distinctions. boy may develop a mania for stealing things and become a notorious sneak thief at a tender age, or he may yield to temptation and commit one theft and be caught. In the former case the courts will show but little mercy; in the latter the punishment may be light But in either case, if the boy goes to the Penitentiary, he will come in contact with old and hardened criminals His sentence may be one, two or sev eral years. His pride, if he had any is completely crushed. He is punished. but not reformed. His surroundings

are such that prison Sunday-schools and religious lectures are generally in effective. To remedy this we need a State re

formatory-or reform school-call i anything you please. A number of other States have already taken this step. We believe it a wise one, and hope that the next Legislature will not adjourn without having done something to begin the work. We hope every minister, teacher and philanthropist in the State will come to our

NEED OF A STATE REFORMA- open their eyes. But farmers are by no means all level headed. We know cotton farmers in the South who boast that the cotton mills are making 20 and 30 per cent. annually while they them selves are raising cotton at about an equal loss annually. We know grain farmers who boast of the prosperity of the Chicago millionaires and swear that his neighbors are calamity-howlers and anarchists because they protest against such ruinously low prices. We know city people who would have fite if somebody should remark that the water, electric lights, or something, was costing the people two or three times as much as it ought. They argue that private enterprise ought to have a show. That is true, but more than half of the large enterprises in this country are gradually, in some instances, rapidly in others, but surely in all, reducing the people to serfdom. Monopolies must be suppressed or limited. They clamor against legislative interference. Probably the neatest way to bring them to terms is to give them to under stand that all of the people are not fools.

We notice that Staunton, Va., owns her own electric light plant. The lights cost \$28 each annually. The average cost in twenty-seven other cities, lighted by monopoly plants, 18 \$94 66 per light. Danville, Va., only spends \$30.35 for each light. Lynchburg and Richmond will probably put in antimonopoly plants. Ten large and small cities owning their own lighting apparatus, spend on an average of but \$49.64 for each light. We learn from these facts that cities can own their own plants and light them for about one half charged by the monopoly. The people are entitled to good lights, mail and transportation facilities, and they should get them at the lowest rates

SPECIAL STUDIES.

It is a good plan for farmers' clubs, Alliances and other similar organiza tions to take up the study of some special subject and discuss it for a part of the time at each meeting. By so do ing a large amount of information will be acquired in a short time, and the discussions fastens it in the memory so firm that it stays there. We know of one club that took up agricultural chemistry last winter, and, although chemistry is thought to be a very dry study, there was such an interest aroused that most of the time at several meetings was devoted to this sub ject, and in the end the members knew more about how crops grow and the value of fertilizers than they ever thought possible with the small effort that was made. Most of the members of that club have no difficulty in determining the value of a fertilizer upon being given its analysis, and a good many of them have a pretty good idea of what their soil needs in the way of fertilizers, and the study given to the subject last winter has been dollars in their pockets ever since. They know from the price of various feeds which is the cheapest, and are able to feed intelligently and furnish their stock with a balanced ration. History, geography or any other matter of interest, may be taken up to advantage, for where there is competition and friendly riv alry, there is interest, and it is not hard to study on a given question or branch

THE ALLIANCE WORK.

of knowledge.

No political party can progress be cause it is bound down by its creed, or platform. For this reason we find old parties totally inadequate to the times. The Alliance is not a political organiza tion, but it discusses all political ques tions. We see to day the farmer demolish ing the astute politician and driving from the field of argument the wily lawyer. What is it that has given the farmer such power? It is the education received through the Alliance. The old time leaders are unable to meet the well posted Allianceman on the platform or in the press. The Alliball. ance has for once put the farmer far ahead of the other avocations in the science of economic government. The Alliance is a progressive order It investigates all subjects and arrives at the truth. It presents the truths Alliance has brought to light true Democracy, which has slumbered for a quarter of a century. It has shown up manner that has opened the eyes of

with declarations upon the tariff ques tion, while the money question was ignored as if it were of no consequence whatever. While the South is groaning under the loss of \$100,000,000 on her cotton and the North is suffering cor respondingly because of the wicked assault of Congress upon our circulat ing medium, the bank ridden, capitalenslaved, stupid or "ornery" politician is mouthing over the tariff. When the Congress of the United States shall give decent and honest recognition of silver as money, the farmer will get something for his products, and when he can get money he will impart vigor to our sleeping commerce; and never while the world lasts will prosperity come to

the masses, to the degree to which they are entitled, as long as we suffer the goldbugs of the nation and of Europe to force down our throats their thievish monetary policy.

OUR FOOT-BALL DEPARTMENT

Five wounded foot-ballists were carried off the field during a game at Washington, D C, Thursday.

War is a terrible thing. But the percentage of killed and wounded, in proportion to numbers, is not as great as go down in foot ball,

When the light of a higher civilization is spread abroad in the land, parents will not send their sons to colleges where foot ball is allowed.

Superintendent Byrnes, of the New York police force, detailed 250 policemen to attend the game of foot-ball between Yale and Princeton at that city Friday "to prevent brutality."

We are now at that interesting period in the history of the world when the average daily newspaper will devote from two to three columns to an account of a foot ball game and three inches to the proceedings of a State Baptist Association, Presbyterian Synod.or Methodist Conference. The North Carolina University foot ball team went to Richmond last Thursday and kicked with the University of relations of railroads and their em. Virginia team, which defeated the ployees to the public can be solved only Chapel Hill team by a score of 34 to 0. by the public ownership of the roads-Hurrah for "higher education"-in and to that complexion it will inevit. Virginia! The University of North ably come at last.-Chicago Times. Carolina needs a new professor of foot On last Thursday a wagon containing the Southbridge, Mass., foot ball sympathy and inspire the confidence team was crossing a failroad track of the great body of the white people, near that city, and it was struck by a it must manifest more regard for the locomotive. Two of the team were in people and less solicitude for the welstantly killed, five badly wounded and fare of a large number of perennial, several slightly injured. The railroad parasitical office hunters; and it must company ought to increase the salary clear its skirts forever of every sugges of the engineer. Some engineers would have stopped, if possible. -----BENOIT WILL CONTEST. A. Benoit, Populist, has mailed Congressman Chas. J. Boatner a formal Now an order that has done so much notice that he will contest Mr. Boat ner's right to a seat in the 54th Con gress as the representative of the 5th Louisiana congressional district. In this letter Benoit claims that gross have to charge as they do to pay for frauds have been perpetrated in some of the parishes, and that many per sons who voted for Boatner and many who did not vote, but would have voted for himself, were deterred through intimidation and fear of os tracism. He claims that he received a majority of the legal votes in the re cent election, and that 2,000 more white votes were cast for him than Investigation must go on and the for his opponent. The official vote in the district has not yet been an nounced, but Boatner claims he is elected by 10,000 majority. We sup pose he goes on the rule that it is just Every joy is accompanied by sorrow. as easy to say river as creek. Elec tions in the South are certainly made in the State. a mere matter of sport and jollity. The People party must restore to the Rocky Mount lawyer, was a welcome ballot at least some degree of its visitor in our sactum last week. sacredness, importance and solemnity.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs from Reform Papers-They are Worth the Price of

One Paper a Whole Year. Hold an election at home and vote to raise more hogs and less cotton -Ar.

The intelligent farmer will see the necessity of voting right as well as plowing and planting right. -Arkansas

"What did it?" is a query among the Democrats Dr. Alexander, of Charlotte, says, 'is did it, itself." Very good answer.-People's Paper.

Salaries and all other expenses should be reduced to the lowest possible cost commensurate with the public services and absolute necessities. -Cotton Plant. No slave driver could be more heartless and devoid of human sympathy than he who would fasten an interestbearing debt on future generations .-Chicago Express.

Tom Jefferson said: "Treasury notes secured by pledges of the faith and credit of the government, with or without interest, will make better currency than gold or silver."

Any information as to the whereabouts of the Democratic party will be thankfully received. At last accounts it was in the wilderness worshipping a golden calf.-Southern Mercury.

Will some Democrat or Republican be kind enough to find any law that has been placed on the Federal statutes in the last thirty years in the interest of the people?-People's Advocate.

Everyone must do what he can to alleviate the misery he sees around him and the surest way is to change the conditions so that such misery shall be impossible.-Saturday Critic. The commission which Mr. Carroll D. Wright and his associates suggest to be established, but only as a temporary makeshift. The problem of the The Democratic party will always have a good following of good people in this State; but if it is to elicit the tion of corporation influence. -Biblical Recorder. To build a mile of railroad takes 2. 500 ties, at 40 cents, \$1,009; 105 tons of rails at \$30, \$3,159; grading and laying \$2,500; spikes, plates, etc., \$1,000 a total of about \$6,650. The companies get in State, county, municipal and individual donations about \$10,000 a mile. They then bond the road bed for \$15,000 and then tell the people they the "capital" they have invested-get a fair return for their great investment, you know! The people have been too wise to take their own donations and build their own railroads, and operate them for their own interests! That would be paternalism, you know --Coming Nation PERSONAL AND PERTINENT. Mr. E P. Hauser, of Lenoir county, is a candidate for reading clerk in the House.

N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Remember the shoe factory. It must be built.

Renew, renew, renew, and send us some new subscribers. The fight for reform is just beginning in earnest.

Those fellows who are always declaring: "I am a Democrat" can now revise the statement: "I am a disgusted Democrat."

As an investment stock in the shoe factory will be a good one, but the greatest advantages will be cheap shoes of a good quality.

Are you patronizing the State Alliance Business Agency? If not you ought to. It is better equipped to serve you than ever before.

Read Judge Clark's admirable article on the first page. It is a clear and able presentation of certain reforms, State and National, and needs no introduction at our hands.

Have you taken stock in the Alliance shoe factory? If you have not renew your subscription and send a dollar or two for stock'in the factory. Get your neighbors interested.

Prompt and thorough work by the Alliance brethren throughout the State to receive for his own use or benefit, or will put the Alliance shoe factory and tannery in shape, and it must be done free pass, free transportation, franking not only in building up the waste in the next 30 days. Don't delay.

The Turkish Government has ordered the seizure of all American papers going into that country and prohibits the entry of any American paper in the future forever. It will shall forfeit his office at the suit of the be hard on our subscribers over there.

A tragedian played Richard III in a Kentucky town recently and after the show was over a farmer called on him and said: "If the gentleman who wanted a horse so bad is still the in same mind I would like to make a dicker with him."

Our Democratic friends attribute

for any suggestions. Our idea of such an institution is that the boys have thorough religious and moral training and useful occupation, such as the mechanic arts and farm work. In this way the institution can be made almost

self sustaining when once established. In the meantime give them at least a common school education. Let this

matter be fairly discussed during the next few weeks.

Yes, the rich of the land will continue to make the laws and reap the benefits-until contemptible poor men quit helping them to do it.

-----AN IMPORTANT CONSTITUTION-AL AMENDMENT.

We have a law in this State forbidding the use of railroad passes by State officials, including, of course, members of the Legislature. The reform Legis lature of 1891 passed the law. It may be necessary to follow the example of New York in this matter and make it a part of the Constitution. This pre caution would not be necessary but for the danger that all future Legislatures may not be composed of reformers and they might repeal the law.

A recent amendment to the Constitu tion of the State of New York is official and reads as follows:

ARTICLE 13, SECTION 5. No public officer, or person elected or appointed to a public office, under the laws of hope all of them will keep this in this State, shall directly or indirectly ask, demand, accept, receive or consent for the use or benefit of another, any privilege or discrimination in passenger, telegraph or telephone rates, from any person or corporation, or make use of the same himself or in conjunction with another. A person who violates any provision of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and Attorney-General. Any corporation, or officer or agent thereof, who shall offer or promise to a public officer, or person elected or appointed to a public office, any such free pass, free trans portation, franking privilese or discrimination, shall also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to punishment except as herein provided. No person, or officer or agent of a corpora THE CO-OFERATIVE MAJORITY. tian giving any such free pass, free

transportation, franking privilege or their defeat to stay at home voters. Of discrimination hereby prohibited, shall

possible. Monopolies will hardly give these; and, therefore, the people must help themselves.

We want short, truthful accounts of election frauds perpetrated in the State. It seems that there were a great many crooked transactions. Tell our readers what' was done in your township, county, town, &c. We want all this to enable our legislators to make a good election law-one that has no loopholes. ----

THE SECRET OF UCSCESS.

One of the District Alliance organ izers writes as follows: "It is no trouble to get men into the Alliance who read THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER." for the condemnation of the world and To all who are earnestly seeking to is only bound by them until investiga forward the Alliance and secure the tion takes another step forward. The enactment of our platform into law, we commend the above quotation. Where Alliances have gone down it is no trouble to reorganize provided the the wicked rule of pluocracy in a former members have been reading your State organ in the meantime. It the whole nation. is not so difficult to get new members among our subscribers, either. The man who reads THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER keeps up with Alliance pro-

gress throughout the State and Nation. He gets all the news every week, reads the discussions of our platform and keeps in touch with the brethren

everywhere. There are about a dozen organizers in the State now, and we mind. Let every earnest officer of the Sub, County and State Alliances second the efforts of these organizers, places and mending the broken ones, but in pushing the circulation of your State organ. Many will tell you that they wish to read the paper but have ing through the Alliance. no money. Most of them can raise enough to pay for their State paper if they will try a little harder. Insist on their taking it at least three or six

months as a starter. Keep the matter before them at every meeting-anywhere you see them. Continued efforts will bring success and the reform cause will be strengthened accordingly. -----

The State Board of Canvassers, composed of the Governor, Attorney General, Senator Cook, of Warren, and Senator Adams, of Moore, met in Representative Hall on last Thursday. As it was the day set apart for Thanks-

for the education of the people should command the energy of every true patriot in the land to sustain it and publish its influence.

An academy that has done such work to bring truth and justice to light should be maintained.

There is an idea abroad that the Al liance has accomplished its purpose, when through its teachings a new political organization has been formed which accepts the Alliance demands as its platform, but a greater mistake was never made.

Alliance is the only order that is doing anything. Get everybody to investigat-

Success is blended with failure. Editor H A. Lutham, of the Washington, N. C., Gazette, who has been reading clerk in the House during three sessions of the legislature, will not be here any more. Never again will he sport that same white duck suit on the streets of Raleigh. If his crowd get the legislature again, it will be so far in the future that a new suit will be a

A DIABOLICAL FRAUD

It has recently come to light through

Dr. J. J. Mott, of Statesville is in the city. He is one of the best pleased men

Mr. J. R. Underwood, a prominent

Sheriff Cozart, of Granville county, was one of our welcome callers last week. He didn't have a warrant for

Dr. J. E Person, of Wayne county, MR. GORDON CLARK, of Washington, was in the city last week. The doctor necessity. That suit has a history but D. C., who is in close touch with is one of the pillars of the reform move friends living in England, and who has ment. Chairman Holton is here. He has lived there himself, that certain Londone much hard work and looks tired, don banking houses in that old metropbut you can see victory in his counolis, are engaged in STAMPING AMERI. CAN and MEXICAN SILVER DOLLAR tenance.

have been voting the ticket couldn't be tion thereto, and he shall not be liable aroused this year. After a Democrat is dead several years he begins to think the same. for himself.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will contain a full and reliable report of the proceedings of the Legislature, and discuss the measures to come before it. If you want to keep posted you had better renew your subscription if your label is not dated ahead.

The Ocala, Fla., Banner says: "The financial policy of the government have a centralizing tendency. Such must be changed or we will become a nation of paupers." True brother, only need the opportunity to bleed their we are able to give the vote of for but where were you in the recent fellow citizens. Perhaps some of them Chief Justice and three Congressional election? Didn't you vote her straight for the policy to remain unchanged? trying to explain. Too late, you have shown that your party is not only surprise. incompetent but utterly dishonest. Five cent cotton, 20 and 30 cent wheat, closed factories, busines failures, nopolists to be found. Their educascarcity of the circulating medium, tional advantages and business train- 10,699; Thompson, 9 705; Spears 6,966; at noonday, and yet a political camare all in evidence, and explanations ing is generally superior to that ninth, Pearson 16,869, Crawford, 16,- paign has just closed in which the plat will not explain.

course those graveyard fellows who be privileged from testifying in relato civil or criminal prosecution therefor if he shall testify to the giving of

> HOW MONOPOLIES CAN BE SUP-PRESSED.

We have in this country a large tested case from Nash county, in which to oppose liberal and progressive move ments, and who are ever ready to ac and old fogies, if anything appears to in the courts. people are monopolists at heart, and complete for sometime yet. However, are honest in their views. When you districts. Chief Justice W. T. Fair Our Democratic friends are still to get more money in circulation is to 127, 593 making the Co operative ma-

> Strange as it may seem, city people, poor and rich, are the most ardent moacquired by farmers, and this ought to 734.

giving the Board immediately adjourned. On Saturday much of the day was consumed in hearing the con-

number of people who can be induced Solicitor Bernard and Mr. Woodard are concerned. The Board of Canvassers, however, only have ministerial cept the slightest hint from monopolists powers, and the contest must be settled by unwise, not to say positively v.'-

> The work of the Board will not be Voice 20,841

we will not take the time to tell it now-nothing detrimental, mind you, but a history.

MILLIONS LOST.

The South is a sufferer to the tune of COINS, and sending them abroad; the millions from the low price of cotton. The cotton grower is in the same fix while the American, or U. S. dollars that the Northern farmer is in. Prices go to the Indies, and from there the are ruinously low for the products of U.S. coins are sent to the U.S. in the soil, and this ruin has been caused place of gold in settlement of any lainous, legislation, says the Farmers' (which they no doubt take special care

form and partisan press were ablaze Watchman.

Mexican dollars go chiefly to Asia, balance of trade in favor of Americans

to see largely exists). As they can The attempt by the last Congress to purchase the silver at about 634 cents increase the value of the dollar, by lim- per ounce, and by this nefarious sysiting the circulating medium, has had tem of counterfeiting, turn every 3711 the natural effect of paralyzing our in- grains of the 480 in the ounce which can get people to believe that the way cloth received 148, 434 votes; Shepherd dustries and striking a fatal blow at cost 3 631 cents into 100 cents, by which production. No other result than dis- trick they make clear \$658 on each quit making any, nothing need excite jority on the State Judicial ticket aster to the farm and plantation can be 1.000 ounces which cost them \$635. expected while our financial legislation Using 3711 grains pure silver to coin reform movement has no truer or bet Three Congresssonal districts are is in favor of the banker and the cred (allay included) a dollar or 100 cents. complete. In the 1st Skinner got itor and against the people and the Thus the foreigner grows rich on using 16.510; Branch 13.546; third, Shaw debtor. That fact is as plain as the sun a metal which our government (so called) refuses to allow to its own citizens. Too bad, Too bad.-National go to Washington and do all in his

Chairman Butler was here last week. He has done work enough for two or three men in the past few months, and is quite unwell.

Messrs. D. H. Gill and Z T. Garrett, two of Vance county's able and successful workers, were visitors at our sanc tum during the week.

Mr. Malvern E Palmer, a prominent young attorney, of Warrenton, and a hard working Pecple's party man, was a visitor at this office last week.

Mr. J. E. Spence, of Moncure, editor of the Chatham News, was one of our visiting friends during the week. The ter worker than Bro. Spence. Congressman Stroud spent three days in the city last week, and was a welcome caller at this office. He will power to enact our platform into law.