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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Democrats did pretty well last week. They carried two townships in Mississippi and one in Kentucky.

Will some one please point out the man who said we can get free coinage or anything else we want in the Democratic party?

The Democratic National Committee favor a short presidential campaign next year. It is the old adage—a short horse is easily carried.

Lenoir, the county seat of Caldwell county, has a "Wall street." We guess the sound money Topic news paper is published on or near that street.

The new woman is loaded. A 16 year old Asheville girl had a misunderstanding with a girl friend and settled the matter by shooting her friend with a pistol.

Nero fiddled while Rome burned, and Grover the great went squirrel hunting last Tuesday while the Republicans thrashed the earth with the fragments of the once great Democratic party.

Nineteen counties sent 53 convicts to the penitentiary in October. Of these New Hanover contributed 14. The total expense to the State, of conveying these birds to the cage was \$936 65, an average of \$17 67 each.

The Democratic State Convention of Nebraska, 26th of Sept. 1894 adopted as one of the planks in its platform, the following: "We are in favor of the operation of the telegraph in connection with the postal system."

It is gratifying to learn that nearly twice as many counties were represented at the last annual meeting of the Georgia State Alliance as were at the meeting last year. Georgia has good material, and we would like to see the State in the front ranks.

The Salisbury Watchman has a bran new editor. He talks business in this strain: "The Watchman demands 'equal and exact justice to all,' and on that platform it proposes to stand until Gabriel toots his trumpet, or Josephus Daniels 'redeems' the State and saves the church."

Mr. E. E. Reynolds, a thorough reformer and experienced newspaper man is now editor of the Salisbury Watchman. He will doubtless make a good paper for the people of that section if they will all unite in giving the support the paper deserves. Business has been so dull in all lines and in the newspaper business especially, that most papers are having a hard struggle, for people are disposed to economize in that direction more than any other, and it requires constant and special efforts on the part of reformers to help their papers weather the storm. But these papers are needed and must be supported if the country is redeemed. Farmers must be persistent and not stop at any reasonable sacrifices in the interest of their papers.

LAST TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

Elections were held in fifteen States last Tuesday. Some voted for Governor, legislators and county officers, while others did not hold an election for Governor. The result is a Republican landslide. As national issues did not play an important part in some States, and so much dissatisfaction existed among the people, the vote was light in several States. A blizzard in Nebraska and Utah, and indifference combined to keep a great many at home.

It was expected that old time Republican States would go that way this time just for a change, to punish the Cleveland administration, and they went. Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Iowa, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Utah all went Republican. But the following Democratic States took a header and went Republican, to the surprise of everybody: Kentucky, Maryland and New Jersey. Mississippi and Virginia are still Democratic, thanks to their way of counting votes and doing business, but the vote was light. Many Democrats voted the Republican ticket and they combined in some States to defeat the Populists. It is claimed that the Populists doubled their vote in Iowa and Massachusetts, and made considerable gains in Kansas, but this cannot be ascertained until the official vote is published. They will hold the balance of power in Kentucky, and the outlook is, it is said in Washington, that they may gain two or three United States Senators in Western States. It is a fact that the Cleveland administration defeated its own ticket in Kentucky and Maryland. The public is glad that Gorman, the "Ransom" of Maryland, is defeated, and that Hardin, the two faced man in Kentucky, went under. The results as a whole are not an indication of what will be done in those States next year, for it seems that indifference and prejudice against Cleveland combined gave the Republicans full sway, and Democrats and Populists aided them by keeping hands off in some places.

The Washington Post humorously remarks: "Now the Democracy knows the exact sensations of a gentleman who falls down stairs with the kitchen stove."

OUR PER CAPITA CIRCULATION.

Several years ago Col. Polk claimed in editorials written for this paper and in speeches made at various points, that the actual per capita of money in circulation had dwindled, by contraction and increase of population to less than \$7 when it should be not less than \$40 or \$50. But many could not see why this should be so. They quoted the report of the Secretary of the Treasury as being the best authority on the subject, and he claimed that the per capita was about \$24. But the Secretary of the Treasury was counting all the money that had ever been coined and printed. He made no allowance for that which had been burned up, lost by shipwrecks, carried out of the country, etc.

Recently Senator Vest, Democrat, of Missouri, made a speech at Fayette in that State. Senator Vest is an able man. He stands very high in public estimation. In this speech he declared that the actual per capita is but \$3.84 and gives the figures to prove it. This goes to show that our reform statisticians have not attempted to deceive the people, and that they were even too liberal in their estimates. All this is the main cause of the business depression and it can't be removed until the cause is removed.

Several State exchanges declare that the farmers are better off than they have been since the war. If this be true we will not continue to advocate governmental reform. This is a farmers' paper. We want a letter from every farmer in the State for publication. Give us the facts.

FACTS TELL ANOTHER STORY.

The Statesville Landmark draws a beautiful picture, on paper, of how well the farmers of North Carolina are getting along, and says they would be entirely happy if the politicians and editors would hush up. It says:

"It should not be difficult, under present circumstances, for the people of this good State, who are doing their duty to themselves, to enjoy a large measure of contentment. The earth has responded generously to their wooings; the prices of agricultural products are fairly high; the things they have to buy are unprecedently low; they enjoy comparative freedom from vexatious debt. They would be happy if pestiferous demagogues who want offices, and unprincipled editors who want their money, would stop dinning 16 to 1 into their ears. Their good sense and intelligence ought to enable them to see that their prejudices and all the latent discontent in them are

being played upon for base purposes; that no good is to come of their chasing fireflies; that those who are stirring them up to strife mean nothing honest by them. It is time for them to open their eyes. If they will do so happiness will return to them with returning prosperity and then will be the time for the unprincipled politicians to be miserable."

Just how any man with as much intelligence as the editor of the Landmark has, can write such stuff is more than we can understand. With only a half cotton crop and eight and a half cents for the farmer can't be prosperous nor contented. Wheat is only a little over 50 cents per bushel—less than cost of production. Corn, we are informed, is selling at 20 cents per bushel in Statesville. Tobacco is bringing better prices than any other product, but it is raised in but a small portion of the United States and can't benefit the public generally, even if the price was twice as high. And this is what the editors and politicians are complaining about. The remedies they suggest are the only sensible ones. Instead of inveighing against them the Landmark ought to be side by side fighting for financial redemption.

Our columns are open to any citizen of Iredell county who will undertake to show that the Landmark is correct in the position taken, or to any one who will take the other side of the question. Let's settle this important question right here now. It is important, and is debatable.

In Wake county Superior court Judge Coble decided one point in the penitentiary case last week. He holds that the directors were not legally elected and that they could not, therefore, elect Capt. W. H. Kitchen superintendent of the penitentiary. The case will probably go to the Supreme court.

SOME RESULTS OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANTS.

What can you say for the "benefits" of private ownership of electric lighting plants after considering the following facts:

Bangor, Maine, under private ownership, paid \$150 per lamp per year; under public ownership Bangor pays \$48.

Lewiston, Maine, under private ownership, paid \$182 per lamp; under public ownership Lewiston pays \$55.

Elgin, Illinois, under private ownership, paid \$266 per lamp; under public ownership, Elgin pays \$43.

Fairfield, Iowa, under private ownership, paid \$373 per lamp; under public ownership Fairfield pays \$70.

Marshalltown, Iowa, under private ownership, paid \$125; under public ownership, Marshalltown pays \$27.

In nearly every instance the service under public ownership is better than private corporations give.

GOLD PRODUCTION INCREASING.

The New York Times quotes figures to prove that the annual production of gold is increasing in the United States, Australia, Africa and Russia. Speaking of the probable effect it says:

"It will certainly have one effect that will be both potent and beneficent. It will facilitate the maintenance and extension of the gold standard and relieve the world of that source of disturbance and depression involved in a fluctuating currency. Probably that will be the most important influence that it will exert, and the importance of this cannot be overestimated."

It also says the increase in quantity of gold will have a tendency to raise the price of everything. Hear it.

"It is natural that from the actual increase in gold product, and still more from the advance which is clearly possible, there should be expected a very considerable effect upon prices, and that the effect will be to raise prices. It is generally believed that, other things being equal, an increase in the volume of the metal now universally accepted as a money metal must cause it to exchange for a smaller quantity of commodities—that is must raise the price of other commodities."

This is the first time a gold standard paper has admitted that an increase in the volume of money will increase prices. We expect the Times was not wide awake when that editorial was penned, and that Wall street has given it more than one curtain lecture for making such a fatal admission. The advocates of bimetalism are not against gold. They want to see every dollar produced that can be dug out of the earth. But it doesn't circulate; you hardly ever see a gold piece, and when we clamor for a resumption of silver coinage we are talking in favor of a money that will circulate, people's money. But if gold were not hoarded, if it were in circulation constantly, the supply is inadequate, and silver is the metal to use as a supplementary money or silver certificates based upon silver—either or both will do the work.

CONTINUE TO ORGANIZE.

If there was ever a period in the history of the Alliance when it is probable that the Order can be of service, that period is now confronting us. To say nothing of the all important subjects of State and National politics, we are confronted with organization on every hand, of every magnitude, kind and character, all on the make with self-interest right down close at the bottom. In fact, self interest is the tap root that supports and even induces these organizations, says the Columbia Cotton Plant. The farmer is the hardest and most difficult being in the world to move up along this line and force to see and fully appreciate the necessities of organization and co-operation.

While we are getting ready for winter quarters and are forgetful of the future from a co-operative view the fertilizer men are organizing and getting ready for the crop of 1896. It is but proper for them to organize and know just what the fertilizer mills of the country can produce, and as nearly what the farmer will use as is possible for him to know.

The making of the fertilizer, is not done for the fun of the thing but for the money that is in it. While it is but just, proper and right that the fertilizer men organize and keep themselves fully posted in order to move and manage their business with intelligence, success and profit, it is also proper that the farmer keep himself posted as to what is going on in every department of the farming world.

The bagging trust had its origin in an organization of manufacturers of bagging organizing for their mutual benefit and protection, but unconsciously fell into the hands of a greedy monopoly who got control of the output of mills and then forced prices up without any benefit to the manufacturers.

This is not impossible in the case of the fertilizer companies. Their output might fall into the hands of a syndicate organized to control the supply, and thus prices could be forced up beyond reason to the farmer.

Organize, and be ready for whatever may come. These fertilizer companies are not our enemies but they are men like ourselves and are organizing.

The Washington, D. C. "News" contains a long article by Judge Walter Clark, of Raleigh, N. C., reprinted from the "American Law Review" in favor of the telephone and telegraph being operated by the government for the benefit of the people. He considers it not only constitutional but practically mandatory by law.

THE ALLIANCE SHOE FACTORY.

The State Executive Committee is still at work trying to select the best site for the shoe factory that has been or may be offered. But no agreement has been reached yet. It is likely that they will meet again this week, make a trade and bring matters to a focus. The delay is a matter of regret to all, but it couldn't well be avoided after the disappointment at Cary. Stock for the factory is coming in daily, as it should, and no one need hesitate about sending in the cash, for as we have said before, the factory is a certainty, and the only hitch is about the best place to locate it. If the cash for stock is forwarded promptly all the better for getting the factory started at an early date.

If our patrons will work as hard, study as hard and make half as many sacrifices in trying to pay up and keep their subscriptions paid as we make in getting out a paper that is standing up for your rights, we will soon have no delinquents on our books. This means you if you are behind. We want to hear from you at once.

THIS MEANS SOMETHING.

In most of the several State elections last week a light vote was polled. Even in Kentucky, Maryland, New York and other States where the contest was bitter and the result likely to be close, nothing like a full vote was polled and but little enthusiasm displayed. In regard to this the Richmond Evening Star, a very reliable and patriotic paper says:

"The fact that only about 4,000 votes out of a balloting population of at least 16,000 were cast yesterday in Richmond is pregnant with significance. Twelve thousand American citizens cared not to exercise their right as freemen! Digest that in your mind!"

"Here, as elsewhere, the arrogance of political bosses and the journals that shamelessly stand with them is becoming more and more distasteful to the people. Here, as elsewhere, the mere name of 'party' is losing its grip upon the masses. The people are growing exasperated, to think of themselves being driven like cattle at the crack of the party whip. And this is natural as they advance in intelligence and

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