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"I am standing now just behind the curtain, and in full glow of the coming sunset. Behind me are the shadows on the track, before me lies the dark valley and the river. When I mingle with its dark waters I want to cast one lingering look upon a country whose government is of the people, for the people, and by the people." - L. L. Polk, July 4th, 1890.

N. R. P. A. EDITORIAL NOTES. Hickory Alliance, in Catawba county, has 75 members and holds rousing good meetings every time.

A letter from Rockingham county to Secretary Barnes brings the information that Brother Massey has been doing some good work there.

Owing to rain early last week the photographer could not get the photographs of the buildings at Hillsboro, recently purchased for Alliance headquarters, and this delayed the making of the cuts.

If reports be true, Mr. William Cobb, of Cleveland county, who died recently at the age of 91 years, was a remarkable character.

The total tax valuation of property in North Carolina for this year is \$259,634,419. This includes city and country property, factories, railroads, everything.

The News and Observer issued its cotton mill edition on Thanksgiving Day. It consisted of 36 pages, six columns to the page, and contained illustrations of many of the mill buildings and cuts of cotton mill owners and officers, with splendid writeups.

MR. CLEVELAND A REPUBLICAN. Hoke Smith's paper, the Atlanta Journal, in speaking of the recent election, says:

"Judging from the unanimity with which they arose and smote the opponents of the President last Tuesday, the people are still with Mr. Cleveland and against the bosses."

If the recent elections show that the people are with Mr. Cleveland, as the Journal states, Mr. Cleveland must be a full fledged Republican.

A NATIONAL ALLIANCE ORGAN.

We publish a very interesting letter from Secretary Duncan, of the National Alliance. It is found on page 8. We fully agree with him as to the importance of a national organ; in fact, all he writes of the national officers should be read and heard in that organ or elsewhere.

The National Watchman, whose editor has been in the Alliance ranks from the start, has been kind enough to offer the use of his columns, and much good Alliance matter has appeared therein from time to time.

CONGRESS HAS MET.

Congress is again in session. For some time such an announcement has been sufficient to frighten the bravest of the brave, for instead of benefiting the people, each session has been a curse.

But we have less to fear from this session than any previous one for twenty years, and less to hope for in the way of good things, as we see it.

WHAT HAS IT ACCOMPLISHED. The country has been assured that upon the death of the free silver craze the business of the country would take on new life.

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and agreeing for the moment that the defeat of the Democrats in States where they have endorsed the single gold standard means the doom of bimetalism, what is the first result that confronts us?

"At the close of election week the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger writes to his paper that there was a pretty general decline in prices, some reaction from recent activity in trade, a noticeable increase in the number and importance of failures and the temporary closing of factories in several large trades, either because of a decreased demand or from a desire to maintain prices by curtailing production.

"Monday last the Philadelphia Press, a gold organ, said that prices have been falling for a week; that pig iron lost value, cotton fell, the tanneries have resorted to the desperate expedient of closing to maintain prices, and that 'food and raw materials are falling in price.'"

"All this in the face of the alleged fact that all fear of an unsound currency has passed away; that the public credit has been restored and that the 'hundred cent dollar' has been vindicated.

"With the Philadelphia Manufacturer, we desire to inquire what the people have gained by the establishment of the British gold standard. Who is profiting by the situation? What have the people gained by the collapse that has been present with us since a recklessly inefficient Secretary of the Treasury violated the law by ruling that, while silver may be good enough for the people, only gold should be paid to the bankers and nabobs of finance who demand that metal at the counters of the sub-treasury.

"Who is reaping the profits of the situation? - the farmers who must work harder for each dollar they get; - the manufacturers who are closing their mills; - the storekeepers who have lost business by reason of the impoverishment of their customers? Though the British gold standard has increased the profits of the nabobs of finance a thousand fold, has it given the common people of the country anything else than desolation and misery?"

Who rejoices? Nowhere do we hear the masses of the people telling of increased employment. Nowhere do we hear of the merchants boasting of increase of trade.

The small farmer should produce the best horses, as he is better prepared to carefully mature the two or three colts constantly under his care and by handling them constantly they are educated to work; but most do not appreciate their advantage; they raise the scrub, and let the larger dealers raise those in which is the most money.

POPULISTS DYING IN KANSAS.

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POSITIONS OF HONOR AND TRUST.

The laws of our land declare that no citizen can hold two positions of honor and trust. No man can fill two county offices legally, nor can he fill a county and State office, or State and national.

There is another species of wrong that the law does not reach, except in a general way: Members of the bar who are elected to Congress to fill high positions in the State frequently go right on with their law practice and neglect the duties required of them as public officials.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

We publish a copy of a call for a general conference of Christians which will meet in Atlanta Dec. 18 and 19. The call has been widely circulated and signed by many prominent ministers, teachers and citizens.

NOT SURPRISING.

The man Schlatter, who has been creating such a commotion at Denver and other Western cities, is a very smart fellow. He pretends to perform miracles, healing the sick and doing other wonderful things.

But he has made a reputation. His followers number thousands. They believe that he is infallible. This, however, is not at all surprising.

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WHAT THE FARMER WANTS.

In one of our daily newspapers we find a communication from an alleged Kansas farmer, who says that "the farmer cannot afford to do away with 100 cent dollars."

as a Rothschild. He says, among other muddy things, that "we must keep in mind that under the United States form of government the people always get the laws they want."

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs from Reform Papers. When food, wool and cotton are the cheapest why are the people so hungry and poorly clad?

A free silver man who will vote for a goldbug candidate because his party nominates one, ought to trade backbones with a fish worm.

The history of the world does not furnish a single instance of a system of banks of issue that did not rob both the government and the people.

Let us think for ourselves, brother farmers, says a farm paper. It is good advice, but farmers come as near thinking for themselves as any other class.

The poorest job that God ever did was making the man who kicked like a bay steer against hard times yet voted for them every time with a juck-ass smile on his face.

The November returns to the Department of Agriculture report the present corn crop the largest on record. The large yield will benefit the speculators, not the producers.

The Democratic party seems to have fallen in the grave they have been digging for the People's party.

If we had a bread famine in this country and only fifty million bushels of wheat to feed our people, what kind of a proclamation would Grover issue to help us out and relieve the famine?

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Crime and lawlessness are abroad in the land; Sabbath desecration is great and growing; laws for the suppression of blasphemy, gambling and other vices are frequently and shamelessly violated; in many cities and in some whole States the Bible has been banished from the public schools; in the United States there are more than forty different sets of divorce laws; the seventh and eighth commandments and other precepts of the Decalogue are constantly broken; the people of the United States alone squander \$1,000,000,000 for liquor in a year, while the liquor traffic, causing a large proportion of the crime and suffering, is annually killing 100,000 of our citizens; and the army of the destitute and the ranks of the unemployed are continually growing.

Viewing also the bribery and corruption in politics; remembering the disgraceful acts and riotous scenes in some of the State Legislatures of 1895, and the shameful closing hours of the fifty third Congress; that, while there are some good men in office, we have been electing and appointing far too many bad and incompetent ones, all the way from courts of Justices of the Peace to the halls of the United States Capitol;

that many good laws are not enforced, and that there has been much unwise and corrupt legislation. Remembering, too, that the nations that forget God, shall be turned into destruction; that righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people; that when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice, that Moses was counseled to "provide out of the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain;" and that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Believing that as the morals of those in authority, so in great measure will be those of the people; that no political party has a right to expect the support of Christian people so long as that party nominates corrupt or incompetent men; that from seventy-five to ninety per cent. of the people are in favor of the different reforms advocated; that the best politics and the best political economy is to elect the best men; that it is a mistake for good citizens to hold back from politics; that primary elections and nominating conventions are as important as the polls on election day; and believing further that the great impediment to action is not discussed, but the want of that knowledge which is gained by discussion, and that there should be a union of all reform forces, we request all Christian citizens of the United States to attend or send representatives to this Conference to be held at the city of Atlanta, Ga., BEGINNING AT 9 A. M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1895, to consider these vital issues of the hour, to promote all wise measures of reform, and to devise some means for choosing only good and competent men for public office.

Christian churches, societies of Christian Endeavor and other young people's unions, Woman's Christian Temperance Unions, Young Men's Christian Associations, and all kindred organizations are urged to send delegates to this Christian Conference.

REV. D. H. TUTTLE, President State Temperance Association.

J. W. CARTER, D. D., Pastor First Baptist Church.

JAMES DINWIDDIE, Principal Peace Institute.

B. F. MONTAGUE, W. N. JONES.

M. M. MARSHALL, D. D., Rector Christ Church.

C. B. DENSON, Principal Male Academy.

HUGH MORSON, Principal Male Academy.

A. M. SIMMS, D. D., Pastor Baptist Tabernacle.

JUDGE WALTER CLARK, L. L. D. REV. JOHN N. COLE, Pastor E. Leontine St. Church.

COOL J. S. CARR, T. B. FULLER, W. J. YOUNG, Principal Institute for the Blind.

WALTER H. OVERTON, General Secretary Young Men's Christian Association.

R. T. GRAY, Attorney at Law.

W. H. WORTH, State Treasurer.

W. S. PRIMROSE, President North Carolina Home Insurance Co.

A. M. POWELL, JOHN T. PULLEN, Cashier Raleigh Savings Bank.

EUGENE DANIEL, D. D. HON. C. M. COOKE, REV. JAS. L. FOSTER, Pastor Christian Church.

N. B. BROUGHTON, Publisher.

HON. C. M. BUSBEE, Postmaster.

J. C. CADDELL, D. J. MOOD, Supt. Sunday school.

EMMETT L. MOFFITT, Editor; and others.

Friends to the movement will please pass around this call for signatures, and send along names without delay. Christian people of all denominations and of all political parties are invited to attend.

All who wish to speak at this Conference will please send their names and subject at once.

Funds are needed for immediate and future expenses. All Christian patriots are requested to contribute something to the cause of Reform - for Humanity, Christ and Country.

In addition to speeches, to be announced by programme, a few hours of the Conference will be left open for general discussion.

Address all communications to S. T. NICHOLSON, Temporary Secretary, Atlanta, Ga.

All Christian papers, and others friendly to the cause, are requested to copy.