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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hickory Alliance, in Catawba county, has 75 members and holds rousing good meetings every time. What is your Alliance doing, brother?

A letter from Rockingham county to Secretary Barnes brings the information that Brother Massey has been doing some good work there. Six Alliances were organized and reorganized.

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. One cut only appears with the address of the Executive Committee in this issue. Other cuts and infor mation will be published next week.

If reports be true, Mr. William Cobb, of Cleveland county, who died recently at the age of 91 years, was a remarkable character. It is said that he ate prior to his death. At that rate he consumed no less than 14,600 chickens -probably more than any ten persons ever ate during a life-time, and he was not a preacher, either.

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 population of the State is about 1,700,000. We are told that two or three men in the North are worth as much as our entire State property is valued at. This shows something radically wrong with our laws or the enforcement of them.

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 build ings and cuts of cotton mill owners and offi ers, with splendid writeups. We understand that most of the work was done by Mr. F. B. Arendell. Our neighbor displayed a great deal of enterprise and it will astonish even the still remains in hiding. The Atlanta natives to read what is being done in Constitution has an editorial on this the way of cotton manufacturing in subject which we think gives ample Press report of the election was un the time. This era of foolishness will elsewhere.

MR. CLEVELAND A REPUBLICAN.

Hoke Smith's paper, the Atlanta Journal, in speaking of the recent elec

tion, says: "Judging from the unanimity with organs. which they arose and smote the opponents of the President last Tuesday, crats in all States where they met dethe people are still with Mr. Cleveland feat had indorsed the administration's and against the bosses."

people are with Mr. Cleveland, as the Journal states, Mr. Cleveland must be a full fledged Republican. The repub licans carried all of the Northern States and Maryland and Kentucky in addition. If the Journal is correct in its statement, Mr. Cleveland is necessarily a Republican.-Wilmington Dis- line of reasoning." * * *

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 resonal organ; in fact, all the national officers and heard in that organ should it is a shame that such or elsew tion has no national a great one did not meet exorgan. Tae pectations, it is thee, but there are hundreds of true and tried editors that can't be bought. At one time the National Economist was the most influential paper in the United States, but it deviated from the beaten path and its patrons dropped it at once, and they did right. But right then and there another paper ought to have been started with an honest editor.

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, and the only reason more has not been printed was because it was not furnished. The Alliance must be kept up and the waste places rebuilt. A national organ is the need of the hour. It can be published in Washington, or elsewhere, no matter about the location, but the editor must be true and tried, and capable of running an independent, nonpartisan paper, and be a non office hunter himself. Political action is necessary to secure important polital reform, but an Alli ance organ should not wear a party collar.

CONGRESS HAS MET.

Congress is again in session. For some time such an announcement has been sufficient to frighten the bravest will be an exception, but there is noth ing to encourage anybody. Of course many old, tried and true tools of the money power have been retired or will all be when their terms expire-such ment of the British gold standard. as Ransom, Brice, Gorman, Breckin ridge, Hill, Ingalls and others, some new blood has been infused, but not enough yet to rescue the country.

of a life-time to redeem a dark past, in part, at least, but will it do it? The Democratic party acted both the fool and the rascal two years ago, and the Republican party will likely do the

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. That leaves us in a position to hope for nothing good. On the other hand we are led to believe that no bad laws can be passed, for the six Populist Senators hold the balance of power in the Senate The only chance to pass a bad law, if these Populist Senators are true, is for the Republican and Democratic Senators to combine. If they do not com a chicken every day for forty years bine no bad law can pass by a party vote. But the disgraceful, dishonest combination of Republicans and Democrats in the last Congress to demone tize silver is still fresh in our minds and it may be repeated. But, as we said before, unless there is a combine of the tools of the money power, we are in less danger of bad legislation now than for a long time. At any rate let us be cheerful as possible and hope for the best if the worst comes.

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. That great man of the goldbug contingent, Mr. Confidence, it was said, upon the accomplishment of this end would step forth in his best dress and start up business with a boom, says the Richmond Star.

The gold press assures us that free silver is dead, very dead, dead with a big D, but Confidence does not seem to have gotten on his "boom rig," but this State. Several thousand extra room to doubt if the cuckoos have not copies of the paper were printed and been fibbing to the people as they did they will be distributed in Atlanta and in their promises as to what the repeal of the Sherman law would accomplish.

The Constitution says: "There were two lessons drawn from the results of the recent elections and commented to the public by the cuckoos and the gold

"One was that, although the Demopolicy in the most fulsome terms, their If the recent elections show that the defeat was a 'vindication' of the administration which they indorsed.

"Another was that the defeat of the Democratic party in the States where the administration had been indorsed losing ground in Kansas, and that not money-loaning thieves of the world third Congress; that, while there are was an assurance that the cause of bimetalism is hopelessly doomed.

"We find it impossible to follow this

"But, putting that confusion aside, this year.

and agreeing for the moment that the defeat of the Democrats in States where they have indorsed the single gold standard means the doom of bimetalism, what is the first result that confronts ust It will be more signfl cant if we permit the gold organs to

to tell the story. "At the the close of election weel the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger writes to his pa per that there was a pretty general de cline 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. The boom in iron is subsiding. Sugar refiners have been closed. The United States Leath er Company has stopped production for sixty daya."

"Monday last the Philadelphia Press a gold organ, said that prices have been failing 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.' The same paper describes the situation as 'a financial powder magazine.'

"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 rectored and that the 'hundred cent dollar' has been vindi cated. Putting the 'victory' and the collapse together, what do the people think of it? No sooner is the 'public credit' restored and the single gold standard 'finally established' than business firms begin to fail, prices fall, manufactories close down, gold begins to go out and we find ourselves in the of the brave, for instead of benefiting midst of precisely the same conditions the people, each session has been a that preceded and followed the repeal curse. We hope the present Congress of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act.

"With the Philadelphia Manufac turer, we desire to inquire what the people have gained by the establish-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 ruling that, while silver may be good enough for the people, only gold should be paid to the bankers and nabobs of figance 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 thou sand 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 in creased employment. Nowhere do we hear of the merchants boasting of increase of trade. Nowhere do we hear of the farmer increasing his acreage and preparing for increasing his force of hands. On the contrary, the reverse of all this is heard on every hand. The cuckoos and gold press find great cause for rejoicing and thus give evidence that, like Nero, they "fiddle" while the common people who read their flaming announcements are at the point of starvation.

best horses, as he is better prepared to carefully mature the two or three colts constantly under his care and by hand which is the most money.

POPULISTS DYING IN KANSAS.

Below we give a comparative state-

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Register	77	3	25	69	4	32
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	69	6	30	73	3	29
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Populists gained 21 county officers, burdened with dollars of any kind, of the State Legislatures of 1895, and than ever, even though the fight was troubled with many dollars of any val-

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 This is right, but in some instances the law has been violated, and we will not have to go outside of this State to put our hands on the men who have done such things.

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. Often men in high places fill positions of trust in corporations and various other business en terprises and go right on drawing salaries from two sources. Senator Carlisle is still an attorney for the whiskey trust, it is said. Many public men might be mentioned. This is not right.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFER ENCE.

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 min isters, teachers and citizens. The call we publish was signed mainly by citizens of Raleigh. We think the idea is a good one, and it is gratifying to see that they appreciate the fact that to have a good government good men must be elected to office, and that many of the evils of the day are directly traceable to political corruption and blind party adherence. We notice that but few of the political papers are publishing the call. This shows that your ballot.-Sound Money. such a uniting is not approval by the party bosses.

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. People swear that they are cured the moment he The Republican party has the chance of the Treasury violated the law by lays his hands on them. We can't quote the Scriptures from memory, but think something is said about such cattle. It is even told that men will claim that they are Christ himself. However, Schlatter makes no such claims, and, to his credit, be is said that he makes no charge for his so called healing powers. But that may come later. Doubtless he is a man possessing a wonderful amount of magnetism and strong will power. The supposed healing is nothing more nor less than a species of hypnotism aided by imaginative patients.

But he has made a reputation. His followers number thousands. They believe that he is infallible. This, however, is not at all surprising. When we consider that Cleveland has made probably one fourth of the people of this country believe absolutely (they say they do) that the only way to make money plentiful is to quit making it, and that money is needed in but a small number of business transactions, and other rubbish that any ten-year-old boy or girl knows to be untrue-contrary to all common sense, all natural laws-when he can do this, and in addition create doubt in the minds of many others—make them half believers in his hell-born schemes to ruin the masses and en-The small farmer should produce the throne a few plutocrats, himself among the number, you need be astonished at nothing you hear in the way of humbuggery. The people like ling them constantly they are educated to be humbugged; they are in an ex to work; but most do not appreciate cellent mood for it right now. Tell their advantage; they raise the scrub, them that the sun is five hundred mil and let the larger dealers raise those in lions of miles from the earth; that Professor so and so has just measured it, and straightway they turn loose that other astromomical lie about it being exactly 92,000,000 miles away. ment of the vote in Kansas for county | Just any tomfoolery will be swallowed officers in 1893 and 1895. It shows, as by the so called smart set. But, thank we suspected, that the Associated God you can't fool all of the people all pass away, the clouds are drifting.

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 000,000 for liquor in a year, while the 100 cent dollars." The farmer certain- liquor traffic, causing a large proporly does not want to do that, and no farmer has ever claimed to want to do nually killing 100,000 of our citizens; it, says the Farmers' Voice.

and no 50 or 150 cent dollars. But just ally growing. now, whether the farmer likes it or These figures show that the Repub not, somebody has done away with all tion in politics; remembering the dislicans lost 19; Democrats lost 6 and the kinds of dollars. The farmer is not They show that both old parties are shape or material; and while the rich the shameful closing hours of the fifty withstanding reports to the contrary, have their way in our national legis- some good men in office, we have been the populists are getting more popular lature, the farmer never will be electing and appointing far too many

on State, or rather county issues, there ue. But this alleged Kansas farmer from courts of Justices of the Peace to

as a Rotchschild. He says, among that many good laws are not enforced other muddy things, that "we must and that there has been much unwise keep in mind that under the United and corrupt legislation. Remember. States form of government the people ing, too, that the nations that forget always get the laws they want." That God, shall be turned into destruction; sounds like the vaporings of a subsid- that righteousness exalteth a nation ized editor of a great daily, and it is but sin is a reproach to any people impossible, with the evidence at hand, that when the righteous are in author. to determine whether the writer is a ity the people rejoice, that Moses was representative fool or a representative counseled to "provide out of the peo. knave. When did the people get what ple able men, such as fear God, men of laws they wanted? And if they did truth, hating unjust gain;" and that secure a little legislation that they eternal vigilance is the price of liberty asked for, when was the law executed? Did not the people object to the wholesale distribution of public lands to the be those of the people; that no political railroads? Did the objection do any party has a right to expect the support any good? Have they not demanded of Christian people so long as that party that the railroads be compelled to re- nominates corrupt or incompetent men turn the land grants that they have that from seventy-five to ninety per not earned? Were they made to do it? cent. of the people are in favor of the Did they not vote for a rigid reform of the tariff when Mr. Cleveland was elected? Did they get what they voted omy is to elect the best men; that it is for? Have they not clearly signified their antagonism to trusts, and has it from politics; that primary elections done them any good? Have they not clearly shown that they wanted protection from railroad extortion and have they ever got it? And considering the silver plank, in the last national Democratic platform, did not the Democratic landslide mean that the people wanted free coinage? If it did not mean that and thorough tariff reform what on earth did it mean? And the recent landslides the other way was an ex hibition of the popular indignation or it meant nothing.

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 hun gry and poorly clad? Answer with

a goldbug candidate because his party nominates one, ought to trade back bones with a fish worm.-People's

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 -Lead ville News Reporter.

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.-Farmers' Voice.

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 jack ass smile on his face.-Russellville Hustler.

The November returns to the De partment of Agriculture report the present corn crop the largest on record. The large yield will benefit the specu lators, not the producers.-Western Watchman,

The D. mocratic party seems to have falten in the grave they have been dig ging for the People's party. Better quit digging graves gentlmen, you are too small to get out, when you fall in one.—Farmers' Outlook.

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? Destroy one-fifth—ten million bushels? This would be in accord with his finan-President North Carolina Home Insur cial plan. - Sound Money.

REFORMERS TO MEET.

Call for a National Christian Conference to be Held in Atlanta, Ga., December 18 and 19, 1895.

We, the undersigned advocates of reform, viewing with anxious concern the many evils of the day, unite in a call for a National Christian Conferern to be held at the city of Atlanta, Ga., December 18 h and 19th, 1895.

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 ban ished from the public schools; in the United S:atss there are more than forty different sets of divorce laws; the sev enth and eighth commandments and other precepts of the Decalogue are constantly broken; the people of the United States alone squander \$1,000. tion of the crime and suffering, is anand the army of the destitute and the He simply wants 100 cent dollars, ranks of the unemployed are continu-

Viewing also the bribery and corrupgraceful acts and riotous scenes in some bad and incompetent ones, all the way seems to be in a happy frame of mind | the halls of the United States Capitol; | copy.

Believing that as the morals of those in authority, so in great measure will different reforms advocated; that the best politics and the best political econ. a mistake for good citizens to hold back and nominating conventions are as inportant 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 the 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., BEGIN. NING AT 9 A. M , WEDNESDAY, DE. CEMBER 18TH, 1895, to consider these vital issues of the hour, to promote all wise measures of reform, and to devia 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 A free silver man who will vote for organizations are urged to send delegates to this Christian Conference.

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Editor; and others. Friends to the movement will please paes around this call for signatures, and send along names without delay. Christian people of all denomina-

tions 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 some thing 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.

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friendly to the cause, are requested to