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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 culty was not about business connec 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

N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If it takes \$362,000,000 in bonds to keep up the gold standard policy a year and a half, how many bonds will be required to keep it going ten years?

Moving our offices and fixing up things interfered with the get up of this paper; but it has a great deal of read able matter in it, and our friends will understand the situation, we are sure

An exchange asks "where will Presi dent Cleveland stand in the light of history?" Can't tell you, pard. It is likely that he will stand quite close to, and either to the right or left of his Satanic Majesty.

According to Dun and Bradstreets reports, "business is still waiting." We wonder if it is waiting for the repeal of the Sherman law? That was the trouble some three years ago. That was repealed and it is still waiting. Somebody should inform Mr. Business, as he evidently does not read the papers.

The Montgomery, Ala, Advertiser, a cheap John goldbug daily, raises a great cry about the political combine that turned "Jarvis and Ransom" out of the U.S. Senate and put in "Phicket and Butler." That shows the great knowledge of the single standard sheets. The Advertiser only got two of the names right-just half-a single standard, so to speak.

We want letters for publication from the people of the State giving their views as to the best course to pursue in political affairs this year. We want to get the concensus of opinion from a non-partisan standpoint, and not letters in the interest of any particular party. Members of any political party are invited to express their opinions through our columns, and all will be treated with impartial courtesy.

SORRY MAIL DELIVERY.

We have had numerous complaints from subscribers at Morrisville, Wake county, and at offices off the railroad in that vicinity, as to the semi occasional manner in which THE PROGRES-SIVE FARMER is delivered. Mistakes will occur now and then in handling mail, as well as in other things, but we see no reasonable cause for such a state of affairs as exist at Morrisville. have been told that the Morrisville postmaster is above reproach; that he is not guilty of neglect or anything else. We hope such is the case, but the mail irregularities continue. Somebody is responsible Who is it? We hope the matter will be remedied.

from which we get complaints. The fault is not in mailing the papers, for some subscribers get their papers and others do not; some get them promptly, while others get them after they are two or three weeks old. If there isn't whatever may seem to be the most let everybody whose brain is fertile a change we are going to pick a jury and find somebody guilty of 'negligently and corruptly" failing to deliver this paper.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CORPORA-TIONS.

only when they adopt methods detrimental to the public. In other words, we believe that corporations, large or

It is reported that relatives of the county will sue the owners of the should be abandoned. What would space of a few moments. If the mine plenty of rations. owners were criminally careless in the should pay for it, and, if clearly proven, but yet they say they must stick to the pay should not all be measured in the party. If they don't nominate a mere money. Money will not compen- bimetallist we will vote for the single sate twenty five widows and several standard. This is poor judgment. times that many orphans for the loss they sustained. But were the mine another office ! State the one at which | owners guilty? That should be clearly proven beyond a doubt. Sometimes Our friends in writing to any of | these awful things occur in an unaccountable way.

> Some months ago the Station Agent at Garysburg, N. C, killed a man. The Agent was tried for his life and acquitted. We don't know whether the verdict of the jury was correct or the doctor is much more expensive not, and do not propose to discuss that now than it was then. The general feature. Later on the family of the man who was killed sued the railroad company for \$20,000 damages and got his real estate has fallen in value, with \$12,000. Yet it is said that the diffi ted with the railroad at all. We can't see how the railroad company should be held responsible for the act of its employee in a case like that. If the matter is correctly reported, a merchant is liable to damages if one of his brought about partly by organization. clerks meets a man on the street, engages in a quarrel and kills the man. Likewise a hand employed by a farmer or any other employer. We can't see they are getting better wages than the through such business.

> that railroad employees get damages for injuries or death sustained while in the service of the railroad when in a few highly favored localities the they are not justly entitled to damages. If a clerk falls down stairs in a store and breaks his arm he does not think of suing his employer. If he is killed his relatives never sue the merchant. If a farmer hires a hand and the horses run away and dash his brains out, or if he is kicked by a railroad companies run their trains at a reckless speed, or if they allow plunges through, or are in any way guilty of gross negligence, then em ployees or passengers should make them pay damages. All the facts should be brought out in unimpeach able testimony. We should be just to others when we demand justice of ----

OFFICES MOVED.

The offices of THE PROGRESSIV FARMER have been moved a little lower down Fayetteville street, and to the opposite side of the street from where they were located. The location now is northest corner of Fayetteville and Hargett streets, second floor, over the Raleigh Savings Bank. The entrance is on Fayetteville street. Strangers can enquire the way to the Raleigh Savings Bank and be directed to it, as the bank has been in its present quarters for some time, and then easily find our office.

The present location is a much better one than we had. Our printing room at the old office was far from satisfactory. Here we have the neatest and most comfortable newspaper office in county. the city. The latchstring hangs outside, and our patrons and everybody are always welcome.

We want to add that there is not a grain of truth in the rumors to the effect that this paper will be moved to Hillsboro. We are here to stay.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The silver convention, which met in Washington last week, will have the effect of putting both the old parties on guard in the matter of finances. That ourselves but that we have succeeded convention declared it would vote for in puzzling all THE PROGRESSIVE for the presdency, but it also gave fered a reward of \$5 to the person who these parties to understand that they would put out their own man if neither | ruary the best plan by which delin-Morrisville is not the only postoffice of them would act, says the Progres- quent subscribers could be induced to al affairs. sive Reformer.

they attempt to fight out this financial As we want a majority of readers to question within their respective parties, or will they work for a charge by effective means.

When the Democratic and Republi | send it in before the 1st of March. can conventions meet there will be

tions in each of these parties, and it is hard to say which will win, but it is generally believed that in both the We are antagonistic to corporations | single gold standard element will predominate.

If this be the case what will the other factions do? Will they go on small, have just as many privileges as voting as heretofore, or will they fall When they attempt to go beyond the there? As sensible people what is limit, then we begin to kick. On the right. If there was nowhere for this other hand we are opposed to individ- element to go and make any strength viduals getting an advantage over any it would be different, but as it is they done in courts, especially in damage their home, and in so doing gain what they desire.

Already we hear leaders in the old victims of the recent disaster at the party saying, it must be fought out in Cumnock coal mine in Chatham | the old party. This is party lash, and mines for heavy damages. That was | we think of an army of soldiers who an awful catastrophe. Thirty nine | were starving and who would not fall souls were ushered into eternity in the in with a brotherly army that had

We are daily meeting up with men management of the property they who say they they are for bimetallism,

THE SECRET LIES IN ORGANI-ZATION.

Editor Progressive Farmer: Let me hear you explain this in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

F. E. E. Yours. "The fee of a lawyer to day for a service rendered is double or quadruple what it was 40 years ago. A visit from run of wages is higher now than then and taxes also have soared. But the farmer's produce is in the dumps and out a corresponding tumble in his taxes. Why is it? Have you ever tried to think it out?-N. Y. Farmer."

The above request and clipping was handed to us one day last week by a highly esteemed subscriber. We be lieve this State of affairs has been The lawyers are organized. They keep up their fees in that way. Where wage earners are thoroughly organized same skill could command years ago. In a good many instances we believe But the unorganized ones, such as clerks, farm hands, etc., are not so well paid as they once were. Except value of farm property has declined greatly without a corresponding de cline in taxes and other things.

From our standpoint we may argue that all this is due to bad laws and contraction of the currency. That theory is correct, but the root of the evil lies in the failure of the farmers mule, there is no suit for damages. If and wage earners to organize and stay so. If the other classes were not or ganized probably this course would bridges to become rotten and a train not be necessary. Many organiza tions are feared by legislators and yet they only number a few. This is because they mean business. They stand together regardles of party. The moment farmers organize thoroughly. throw partisanship to the winds, as was the intention of the Alliance, and let the politicians understand that they mean business and never expect to wear a party collar again, they will get all they can reasonably ask and the whole country will be benefitted. The remedy for most of our troubles is in organization to meet organization. Then the revolution will be a peaceful one and will end in a very short time. Organized farmers should not make war on anybody else unless there are

PERSONAL AND PERTINENT.

wrongs to be righted, and then the

fight should be vigorous and decisive,

Hon. Thomas Settle, Congressman from the 5th District, was here a short while last week,

Bro. L. J. Darke, of Chatham county, called to see us last Friday. He is one of the true blue Alliancemen in that

Sheriff John A. Sims, of Cabarrus was here last week. Bro. Sims is an excellent official and a substancial friend of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Col. A. Thomas, a prominent citizen of Nash county, was in the city Fri day and Saturday. He left yesterday to visit relatives in Davie and Iredell counties.

OUR \$5.00 OFFER.

It seems we are not only puzzled would send us before the 1st of Febpay up their subscription, and up to What will these parties do? Will date we have received only four plans. enter this contest we have decided to extend the time to March 1st. Now with ideas devise a plan for us and

heavy fighting between the two fac. you a \$5 bill. Give us your plan.

AN ADDRESS

From the Chairman of the People's Party State Executive Committee.

A SQUARE FIGHT FOR PRINCIPLE. Co operation on and for principle, but not for spoils. Co operation last year was for principle on State issues. The the individual citizen, and no more. in with the silver sentiment and vote coming fight is a Presidential one, and we must co operate for principle on National issues. The issue must be drawn squarely between the people and the British gold conspiracy. Let corporation. We believe this is often can go into a camp more naturally patriots unite for the restoration of American liberty and prosperity.

To the members of the People's Party and all other voters in North Caro lina who are opposed to the single gold standard:

of the People's party, in its session in St. Louis on January 17th, passed a resolution inviting all who are opposed to the single gold standard and to the present conditions created by the bad legislation of the two old parties to join them on the 22d day of July, next, in a grand convention of patriots in St. Louis to nominate a candidate for President and Vice President, who would stand for the principles of true Democracy, as represented by Thomas Jeffer son and Andrew Jackson, and for the principles of true Republicanism, as represented by Abraham Lincoln-a ticket that would command the enthusiastic support of every patriot in

America. The conference of the silver forces the following week, accepted the invitation of the People's party committee, and still other forces are expected to accept the invitation and meet with us at St. Louis on the day named. This movement augurs well. It shows that patriotism and wisdom have both combined to deliver the people; it means that the voters of parties who are opposed to present conditions will have a chance to unite and nominate and vote for the same candidate for President in | that is out of the ordinary. The rail- ness manager of Printers' Ink. the coming campaign. It means more than this-it means that the people's money power and a hireling press and the politicians.

The line of battle has already been drawn. In the coming fight every voter must be on one side or the other. He must line himself up with the gold combine, with trusts, monopolies and British tories, or he must line himself up with the people in support of the candidate who will be nominated at St. Louis on July 221.

The Democratic wing of the gold party and the Republican wing of the gold party will nominate candidates who belong to the British gold trust and who stand for the same evils that now curse humanity. No Congress will ever be able to give the people relief and good government until an American patriot is put into the White House. The President's power of veto and his command of tremendous pat ronage will either be used for the peo ple or against the people. Therefore, in the coming campaign no patriot can vote for a goldbug for President, or for any candidate for the Presidency who is not unconditionally and unequivo cally and avowedly pledged to the free and unlimited coinage of silver and on a platform which pledges the candidate and binds the party to independent ac tion on this question. He must not only be friendly to silver, but he must represent the people on this great and vital question. The people will not again be deceived by fair promises or equivocal platform declarations. The issue between the single gold standard and the free coinage of silver must be made too plain for doubt or misinterpretation. The people's danger is not in fighting an open enemy. The danger is in a doubtful candidate, with false promises on a straddling platform, who has been secretly pledged to the money

Now, it is the duty of patriots in every State, the patriots of all parties in every State, to line up against the common enemy, against both gold parties, as outlined above. Let those in North Carolina who are opposed to the gold combine lose no time in get ting together and lining up for the greatest struggle we have ever had for American liberty and prosperity. The People's party in North Carolina endorses and stands ready to take the same patriotic action that has been nation, that is, we are ready to co operate with individuals or any party your firesides your liberty and pros either party that put on a bimetallist FARMER readers. Last month we of- that will turn its back upon the gold combine and make a common fight for an American system of finance and for American principles in all government-

In the last campaign in North Carolina we co-operated with the Republilaw and home rule in county government affairs. That was co operation on principle for great and vital issues. and a large portion of the people endorsed the fight that was made for the If it had not been a co-operation in mate.

A Page From Printers' Ink.

Printers' Ink, ing in this country, had a full page of advice, etc., given The leading publication devoted to newspaper advertisthis paper free of charge in the issue of January 22. As Printers' Ink gets several thousand dollars a year for a page of advertis. ing, we think we are a little ahead on this game. We fully appreciate it.

PRINTERS' INK

Good Advice Cheerfully Given.

-Office of-THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Largest Circulation of any Paper in the South The Organ of the State Alliance of North Eest advertising Medium in North Caro-

The National Executive Committee The Only Agricultural Paper in the State-RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 7, 1896

Editor of Printers' Ink: I have been reading your journal quite a while and I find that it has been of great aid to me in the business management of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Do you think a page, or a half-page dvertisement in its columns will pay us? otice that you carry no advertisements for

Is it because the advertising patronage that could be drawn South would not justify such Please give me an answer with your advice at our earliest convenience. Yours Very truly,

R. W. Sossaman.

Assistant Business Manager.

On the letter head of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER the largest circulation of any paper in the South Atlantic States is claimed. This cannot have been put however, would be to use a small adforth in good faith, because there are several Georgia and Virginia papers known to have a much greater issue. and these are counted among the South Atlantic States. THE PROGRESSIVE lina." The Advertisement might read FARMER is truthful in claiming to be about as follows: held in Washington on January 221, the only agricultural paper in North THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, published Carolina; and, according to the American Newspaper Directory, no other paper in that State has a larger circu-

Printers' Ink could be relied upon to pearl, as shown in the copy, without produce profitable results for a paper any display, is accepted by Printers' entitled to no higher advertising rates Ink at the nominal price of 25 cents a than THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER may line each issue, making the cost per be doubted. The pages of Printers' week \$1 25, \$16 25 per quarter, or \$65 Ink are most profitably used by pub- for every issue for a whole year. An lications having circulations of the very order from THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER largest, and qualities such as recom- for such an advertisement would be mend them to an advertiser to a degree very thankfully received by the busi-

road is the most economical way of traveling, but no man thinks of building a railroad between his own house and the spring in the hollow, because the possible traffic is not sufficient to warrant the outlay. Still THE PRO-GRESSIVE FARMER is a good paper-far beyond the average-is the organ of the State Alliance of North Carolina, is possibly the best advertising medium in that State, and, as Mr. Sossaman correctly remarks, Printers' Ink does not carry many advertisements for Southern journals, because there are not many newspapers in the South that are of sufficient consequence to warrant, on their part, the considerable expenditure requisite for advertising in Printers' Ink. Because such journals are so rare, it is barely possible that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER Would be made so conspicuous by such an announcement that profits might result which would be found considerably in excess of the outlay. Printers' Ink's advice to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. vertisement under the head of "Class Publications," let us say under the subhead of "Agriculture," or it might be under the State heading "North Caro-

at Raleigh, has the largest circulation of any paper printed between Richmond and Atlanta, is the Organ of the State Allian e of North Carolina, and is the only Agricultural paper in the State.

Whether a page advertisement in Such an advertisement, set in solid

candidate can be elected in spite of the There are papers other than THE PROGRESSIVE FAR-

MER issued in towns other than Raleigh, and in States other than North Carolina, who can absorb much wisdom from the good advice here given. All such should promptly address "Printers' Ink," 10 Spruce St., New York.

principle for a great issue the people would not have endorsed it at the polls. But, we have now before us a Presi dential campaign and the great overshadowing issues that present them selves for solution are national ones, and among these the greatest and by all odds the most momentous to our

financial question. We have proposed to co-operate again on principle, that is, we have proposed to co-operate, making the resolution passed by the Silver Convention at Raleigh on September 25th last the basis of co-operation.

A large majority of the voters of North Carolina are opposed to the single gold standard. A large majority of the voters of North Carolina endorse the resolution passed by that Silver Convention, and we invite all those who favor these great principles, who are opposed to the single gold standard and who are for the money of the Constitution, to co operate with us to give the 11 electoral votes of North Carolina to a candidate who is an American patriot and who will fight to the bitter death the infamous British gold con spiracy.

The people are tired of goldbugs, they are more tired of straddle bugs. they are still more tired, if possible, of humbugs and hypocrites. They want to see the issue drawn squarely between the people and the common enemy. In the coming campaign the people will have an opportunity to vote for an electoral ticket that is sound upon this great question. They will have an op portunity to vote for a State ticket and for Congressmen and for a whole ticket that is equally sound and reliable from top to bottom. The fight will be drawn square in the nation from ocean to ocean. The fight will be drawn square in North Carolina from the mountains taken between the reform forces in the to the sea. Let every patriot prepare for the struggle, in which our homes, perity are all at stake.

> MARION BUTLER. Chm'n People's Party State Ex. Com.

We are indebted to Mr. O. W. Black nall, of Kittrell, N. C., for a copy of his handsome strawberry catalogue. Mr. can party to secure an honest election | Blacknall has made a great success in growing the standard varieties, and those who buy plants from him may depend on getting the best. Write him for a copy of his catalogue. Patronize home industry as far as possi-A few minutes thought may secure principles of good State government. ble, and get varieties suited to our cli-

SILVER WINS IN THE SENATE.

The United States Senate took a vote on the silver bill Saturday, resulting in a victory for silver, as was expected. It now goes to the House for concurrence, but it will hardly pass. If it does the President will veto it, of future liberty and prosperity is the

The bill provides that the mints of the United States shall be open to the coinage of silver and that silver dollars of 4121 grains troy, of standard silver, shall be coined upon the same terms and subject to the same limitations as regulate the coinage and legal tender quality of gold. It also directs the coinage of that portion of the silver bullion in the Treasury that represents the seigniorage, such silver dollars to be used in the payment of the current expenses of the government. It forbids the issue of national bank notes of denominations less than \$10; and it directs the redemption of greenbacks and of the Treasury notes issued under the act of July 14, 1890, in standard silver dollars or in gold coin, at the option of the Treasury Department, and their reissue as under existing law.

WE WERE NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT CLASS OF WOMEN.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER notes that at the conclusion of Senator Butler's 178th speech he was "the recipient of many handsome boquets, which goes to show that the ladies of Washington enjoy hearing the truth told as well as anybody else." The FARMER should not lay too much stress on this. Sympathetic women often send boquets to persons whose vocation is even more confining than is Senator Butler's .-Asheville Citizen.

HALIFAX COUNTY MEETING.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. AURELIAN SPRINGS, N. C.

We held our county meeting second Monday in January. Our meeting was small but what we had was good grit. Two of our best Subs was not represented. We were very sorry to miss the brethren and hope they will not do so any more. We have delayed our report to State Secretary on these accounts, and do hope they will respond. \$23 was paid in for the shoe factory and we are waiting by request for \$25 more so as to send all at once. Bro. Barnes must have forgotten, our time is out. This writer got a club of ten subscribers for the Alliance Weekly and Bro. Barnes didn't forget THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Good Luck to you Mr. Editor. W. M. MARTIN, Sec'y.