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N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Send in your stock for the shoe fac tory. It will be needed soon. Send direct to Secretary Barnes, at Hillsboro.

The several State Democratic con ventions that have endorsed President Cleveland seem to have overlooked the fact that they ought to have endorsed the administration of Old Nick at the

same time. Senator Tillman made another nep britic speech in the Senate Friday Tillman can say as mean things as Cleveland can do. But we notice that Tillman resumes his place in the Democratic ranks as soon as his speeches are finished If he believes all he says he would not cohabit with the gang any longer.

Work is being pushed on the Alliance tannery at Hillsboro. It will be completed in a short while, and then the shoe making machinery will be put in place. The tannery is necessary, both because it will cheapen the cost of the shoes, and the factory will not be at the mercy of the leather trust, as it would without the tannery.

thoughtless work in all lines. We need to fully understand the objects of cultivation, and to know that the soil is fully occupied by roots soon after corn begins to grow. These roots love light and warmth, and must not be disturbed, save to keep down weeds, let in light and check evaporation.

Rev. W N. Cleveland, brother of the President, has been discharged by his congregation at Chaum nt, N Y Bro. Cleveland says it is because of his pol ities, his congregation being mostly Republican. We are opposed to car rying partisantry into church affairs, but if the minister mentioned advocates the financial doctrines of the President, we do not blame his congre

the National Democratic Convention does not take a stand for sound money the party will be annihilated. Can't do it. Mr. Times. It has done annihi lated itself. Senator Vauce said, only a few months before he died, that if the | to 1. Sherman law was repealed without sub party would walk out of itself. It has

There has been much talk about the safety of the Mississippi State capitol building, which is described as an old, tumble-down affair. On last Wednes day the Democratic State convention met in the capitol and endorsed Sena tor Walthall for Vice President. It is said this was done with a "shout that money dear and thus increases the bur- not, he is responsible for his vote. A shook the foundation stones of the den of our members. If the purchascapitol." Two questions naturally ing power of money becomes great the arise. D.d the Democratic State conventions previously held there jar the building until the walls became inse Senator Walthall elicited much en- standard as it would be under free cointhe building.

DESERVING THE ATTENTION OF OUR CONGRESSMEN.

There is a growing demand for infor mation concerning the water supply in our rivers, especially as to whether or summer seasons for active manufacmovement has gained a new impetus the factories, thus enabling the factoat the same time be operated by water States government has made an ap the United States," but nearly, or quite, all of that work has been done in the Western States where this infor that this is a work of very great imknow the amount of water which can in the driest seasons of the year in all money in the United States than it is matter of considerable importance in jection urged against the use of silver connection with the rivers of the Esstern and Southern States that we know North Carolina will be greatly increas ed during the next few years.

work of measuring the water supply people want is enough money to keep in all the rivers in the United States the laboring classes employed and was but \$2,000. Tais appropriation transact the business of the country. was used in making measurements at and any money coined by the United 140 stations in the United States, and States is honest money, and it is cer out of that number only eighteen measurements were made in the Southern States, while 122 were made in the Western States (including Texas)

The appropriation for this very important work ought to be considerably | triotic people accepted them as money increased. Our Southern Congressmen ought to insist now that it be increased | back is still accepted and no one wants to \$50,000 for the next year; and with them more than the banking fraternity. our State Geologist they ought to see to it that a much larger amount of issuance. If a bill passes the next work be done on the North Carolina | Congress restoring silver to its place in rivers during the next year, co operat ing with the State survey, which is now examining and preparing reports on our water powers.

INJURING EVERYTHING.

The following editorial is taken from the March, 1896 number of the Odd Fellows S. uvenir, the national organ of the great fraternity of Odd Fellows. In a personal interview with the editor that by pursuing a financial policy so we are informed that this editorial is detrimental to the welfare of the great the result of much consideration by Order and its membership, individually many of the most conservative members; that this question has been under consideration for more than a year and their dismission from the lodges, for the official data at hand is so convinc ing that it is useless to attempt to claim that the present monetary conditions are not working great ir jury to the or The day has passed for careless, der, says the Industrial Leader.

In part, editor M F. Dowd said 'The present monetary condition has been a great injury to our order. The fficial data received at this office shows that we lest in 1893 86 886 members by suspension for non-payment of dues, and in 1894 the number dropped was 48 339, a total of 85,225 for the two years, and it is believed that the official reports for 1895 when completed will show nearly as many suspensions as in the years 1803 '4 combined. In 1893 we initiated 72 807, while in 1894 we initiated 63 845, a decrease of nearly 9 000. We have about 800 000 members in the United States and terri torics " "Yes, they are all voters. Be fore a man can become an Odd Fellow he is required to sign a contract which The Richmond Times declares that if | is binding alike upon himself and the order, hence it is necessary that he should be 21 years of age. When the situation is properly understood I be lieve the American people will demand free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16

stituting another silver law, that the litical questions, i. e., from a partisan citizen of any monarchical govern walked. Too late now to talk about a partisan question in any sense of the for the Czar of Russia and the Emper-

vitally affects the great order of Odd before God. They are responsible for Fellows. This is a great benevolent in so much. But I shall be just as sorry becomes less valuable; hence, if the as it would be under the free coinage corder.

as hard for these outside of the order to pay the price of admission. When we look over the reports of the various jurisdictions and see the thousands of b:others who a e being suspended from not it is sufficient during the driest the benefits of the order by their inability to pay their dues, it is simply apturing purposes on a large scale. This palling. The order now pays out for relief about three and one half million in connection with the development dollars annually. If the present conand invention of transmitting power ditions continue it is only a matter of through electricity from the rivers to time when there will have to be made a sliding scale-this sliding scale will ries to be located on the railroad; and be to decrease the number of dollars paid for the relief of members and fampower. For several years the United lilies of deceased members or increase the dues of members-that the present propriation for "gaging the streams ratio of dues is as high now as the and determining the water supply of members can pay goes without saying. Then the only thing left will be to decrease the benefits. It is argued that we should have only the kind of money mation has been demanded for irriga | that will pass in all parts of the world tion purposes. Now, while we grant Nothing can be more absurd. Our gold eagles as now coined are not accepted portance to the Western States-to at their face in all countries of th world and never have been-never with be counted on for irrigation purposes be. It is more difficult to pass gold rivers, it so happens that it is also a piece of American silver. Another ob is its weight. While a silver dollar i much heavier than a gold dollar, it i whether or not, during the dry sea- also true that a laboring man can carry sons, there is water enough in the riv | home all the silver dollars he can ever ers to run our factories; and if we can hope to obtain for one week's wages settle this question definitely in the and if any of our laboring people should affirmative, the number of factories desire to make a European voyage they built on the more important rivers in | will not object to paying the necessary exchange for money that will be ac cepted or bear the necessary discount Last year the appropriation for this at the other place. What the American tainly unpatriotic to stamp any of it as anything else. When the greenbacks were fi stissued by the government there were those who said it was both dishonest and unc institutional, and yet a pa After a third of a century the green who were the original objectors to their cur currency, i. e , free coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, a patri otic people will accept both for all de mands and our idle members can then find employment and te able to pay their dues. Every Odd Fellow in Amer ica should work and vote for free coin age of both gold and silver."

of both gold and silver. It is also twice

The editor of Souvenir may or may not know that some of our highest offi cials are Old Fellows. It would seem more than enough trouble to cause they are certainly violating every iota of the obligation. The Order is fraternal and non-political, but there is not one principle about it that does not oppose what those high officials are doing. At any rate, there are not many lodges where such men would now be received as members — EDITOR

THE DEAR SOUTHLAND. "Come to the Dear Old Southland is the suggestive title of one of the prettiest songs we have seen for a long time. The word as well as the music are the composition by our talented musical artist, Mr. C H. Addison, and is one of the best of his many musical gems. This beautiful song is dedicated to the memory of the lamented Henry Grady, which makes it all the more interesting to dwellers in the South land. It is offered for sale at the rooms of the Standard Music Co., Danville, Va., and may be bought of any regular music dealer.

OUB RESPONSIBILITIES AS VOTERS

Rev. A. C. Dixon gave us a clear idea of the comparative responsibilities of a "The Souvenir does not handle po citizen of the United States and a standpoint, nor is the question of finance | ment, when he said, "I shall be sorry or of Germany and the King of Italy "It is, however, a question that and the King of Spain when they stand stitution and anything that retards the for the citizen of the United States; for progress of the order is a subject en he is just as responsible. Through titled to the fullest consideration. A the ballot every citizen of this nation contraction of our currency makes is a s vereign, and whether he wins or Christian who votes as he thinks Christ would not vote, is unworthy the name." price of labor and the products of labor | This is every word true. The citizen who surrenders his sovereignty to a purchasing power of the American dol | party or a party boss, will be responcure? Then, again, does it prove that lar is twice as great under the gold sible for the result; the citizen who votes against what he knows is best State when he came into Chicago." thusiasm when the walls of the capitol age of both gold and silver at the ratio for the sake of getting a friend or a are so loose as to be easily shaken? of 16 to 1, then it will be twice as hard fellow partizan into office, that citizen Perhaps a very small dose of Demo. for the members to pay their quarterly commits a wrong against himself. his cratic enthusiasm is sufficient to shake | dues under the present gold standard | religion and his country.—Biblical Re-

AFTER JAY STERLING.

A Chicago and Minneapolis seed house has sued the Secretary of Agri culture for libel, fixing the damages at \$100,000, and has made serious charges against his conduct of the seed distribution. It is alleged that the Secretary awarded the contracts to a firm whose bid was eleven thousand dollars higher than that of the Northrup Braslau Goodwin Co., -who bring the suitand a series of telegrams from the Sec retary are produced in evidence which place him in a most unfavorable light, says the Western Rural.

The seedsmen charge the Secretary with having advised their competitors of their bid after the sealed proposals were in, and allowed them to change and also that changes in the specifica tions amounting to a reduction of \$10, 000, after the contract was awarded thus netting this much more to the successful bidders. The libel suit against Mr. Morton individually is on the ground that in a New York paper he stated that the Chicago seeds were of an inf. rior character and the com pany a mere commission house which could not perform its contract. There are various other charges which make the outlook dubious. There is a pros pect of an immediate investigation by Congress of Secretary Morton's action in letting the seed contract, and it now looks as if there were a large sized scandal ahead involving a number of persons in the Department of Agricul

GOLDBUG PREVARICATORS.

The recent contest for the Demo cratic nomination for Governor of Alabama was a hard fought one. Clark, the "sound money" candidate didn't hardly black the board. Capt Joseph H. Johnston, who is a North Caro linian, by the way, is one of a few free coinage bankers. He won the nomination. Now the goldbug papers charge that Capt. Johnston was nominated with Populist aid. They claim that he carried 22 Populist counties—counties that gave a majority for Kolb in 1894 At any rate Johnston will hardly be elected by votes, as most of the people in Alabama have gone over into the Populist camp, that State already having two Populist members in Congress -Howard and Godin. Johnston will stand a slim chance, owing to the fact that the convention adopted a resolu tion endorsing Cleveland-a repetition of the Kentucky farce. The people will knife Johnston, notwithstanding his silver tendencies.

THE CHICAGO FARCE.

No well informed person believed that the workingmen of Chicago invited Secretary Carl sle to go to that city and discuss the financial question for their benefit. Wall Street instiga and collectively, they have created ted the whole affair. Here is what the Farmer's Voice of Chicago, a widely circulated agricultural paper, said about it:

> "Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle has been in Chicago, professedly to de liver a lecture to laboring men in be half of the gold standard. It was a criminal deception to represent that this man-who was an advocate of free silver, until he became a cabinet officer at a salary of \$8,000 a year-came here at the invitation of labor. He did nothing of the kind. He came here at the suggestion of the Cleveland administration and in the pay of the banking interests. Cleveland is determined to press the gold theory down the throats of the people. He and the bankers sent Carlisle here. Now see the result: The city of Chicago will go at the next election for the Republican ticket, unless Gov. Altgeld, a free silver man, should run for re election. If Governor Altgeld should be the candi date, we believe that he would carry Chicago and Cook County. He would have the Germans with him solidly he would have the labor elements with him; and it is presumpluous for Secre tary Carlisle to come to Chicago and advocate gold. He got a cold recep tion. The workingmen in the city were not in the audience; and suppose they were. There is not much confi dence in the saying of a man who was a red hot silver man and turned into a gold advocate because he became a clerk of Grover Cleveland. The farm ers of Illinois, to whatever party they may belong, are generally for silver coinage; and as that is to be the secret of the prosperity of Illinois agricu. ture, the party that adopts it will be very apt to succeed. It must not be forgotten that while the Republican party will probably elect its State ticket in Illinois, the Republican party is by no means sure of capturing the legislature. It may be a Democratic legislature. It is possible that the Populist party may have the balance of power. Carlisle did not touch the

The Western Rural, another influential and reliable agricultural paper,

"Sceretary Calisle came to Chicago last week to convince the 'working- new subscriber this week.

man' that a treasury deficit of \$50,000 a day, and universal depression in wages and prices is the first step toward that dazzling prosperity which he promised us all when he laid aside his bi metallic ideas to accept the goldite secretaryship. The Secretary evidently was surprised that the large and representative body of intelligent men who gathered to hear his effort, persisted in asking unfeeling questions as to some of his strongest utterances in favor of bimetallism. When he refused to answer these questions the meeting broke up amid cheers for Eugene V. Debs and other labor lead ers. The audience evidently preferred to accept the genuiness of Mr. Carlisle's reasoning during the thirty years of his early manhood, while his mind and conscience were alike unsmirch, to the three years of senility passed under the tutelage of Grover Cleve-

land and the Wall Street ring. "The auditorium was flooded with circulars of all kinds. One was signed by all the great labor leaders endorsing the free coinage of silver. Another read as follows: 'John G Carlisle, of Kentucky, after a lifetime devoted to the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, was suddenly converted in 1893 to the gold standard in order to secure a seat in Cievelar d's Cabinet. He now comes here, fresh from the banquet tables of the Wall Street goldbugs, to tell the idle and starving workingmen of Chicago how they may be successfully robbed by the goldbugs for the next four years.

"A third was in the form of an open letter to the President, referring to Carlisle's famous statement that 'de monetization would entail more misery on the human race than war, pestilence and famine.' The great labor organi zations were indignant at the action of on unauthorized committee, asking Carlisle to speak to Chicago's working men. They characteriz d the whole thing as a gold standard conspiracy. In consequence of this bitterness and to a conference of the power relative the evidently hostile feeling of his au to Turkey. Congress will have its dience, the Secretary's speech can hands full, if it will correct the evils hardly be characterized as a success.'

STRICTLY AGRICULTURAL.

One day last week Judge Russell said to the writer: "The agricultural departments of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER are splendid. I don't see how you get them up in such good shape." The remarks were made in the office at the Park Hotel. We thanked the Judge, of course, and at the same time noted his loud silence as regards the political department of the paper. Evi dently it doesn't suit the would be Gov ernor. He didn't even have a kind word for our religious, household, poetical or news departments. But let that pass.

We like Judge Russell's agricultural departments, too. There are no flies on the Judge when farming is the issue We know of nothing that would bring the bloom of youth back to our cheeks quicker than to see the Judge plowing the alluvial soil of his Cape Fear farm. Some people think it a pity to spoil a good lawyer and farmer in making a Governor, even in these hard times when timber is scarce. But the Judge has strong views on this question and will not be changed easily. There are many things about the Judge to ad mire. We like his broad expanse of countenance, especially when it is lighted up with "another county (for me) heard from."

But we are even. The Judge don's like the political department of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, and it don't like his political department. He has never said that he will not vote for a goldbug. Therefore his agricultural and political departments are at variance. We try to even up things in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. We know that our agricul tural departments will avail nothing unless we prepare a political decoction to go along with them that will kill goldbugs. No use to raise a crop if you are not going to try to kill and drive away the goldbugs. Judge R issell will never make a success as a political farmer until he takes these facts to heart. The next Governor of North Carolina will admire the agricultural departments of this paper and agree with its political department.

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Do you owe this paper anything? If you do, are you going to pay it? If you are going to pay it when are you going to pay it? If you have forgotten just look at

the label. Will you do that?

Do you expect a paper to pay ex penses and live on wind while you are on the earth, and yet the price has living on fried chicken and other deli fallen from 50 cents a bushel to 25

We hope every subscriber who is in arrears will send in what is due right away. It is a small amount to each of you, but the aggregate will help us since the 1st of April. The Constitupull an expensive business through the hard times. Are you going to respond?

Let every old subscriber send us one equally interested in these facts.

CREAM OF THE PRESS

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs From Reform Papers.

A principle that is not radical is not a principle at all-but a scheme for dodging principle.-Ark. Kicker

The country cannot be driven into dividing up over the at present dead issue of protection. -The Southwest. If bleeding Kansas wishes to resume

hemorhages she can do it by support. ing McKinley.-Rocky Mountain News New York bankers got \$87,000,000 worth of the bonds. The loan was 'popular" with them. -The Farmers'

When Tillman alluded to Carlisle as a Judas, he was giving it to Judas pretty hard .- Weekly Tribune, Cal. laway, Neb.

A few more years of gold basis and Uncle Sam will have to pawn his old stovepipe hat to get a drink with -Nonconformist.

Portland went Populist at the school election last Monday. Now look out for a rain, floods and thunder. - Dawn Ellensburg, Wash.

Tom Watson says i' we never have free silver until one of the old parties glve it, free silver and Gabriel's trumpet will come together.

The Populist party is the only party which declares and stands for free sil ver at all times and in all places and under all circumstances.—Topeka Ad. vocate.

Debt and destitution among the masses is the direct result of permitting the usurers to control financial legislation in their own interests -Tulare Citizen.

This country is under a gold stand. ard now. How do you like it? Do you want it continued? If you answer in the negative then keep out of the Democratic primaries.-Gainesville Signal

A bill has been introduced looking in this country, and not look after the motes in the eyes of other countries .-Southern Mercury.

State Senator Cantor made the assertion on the floor of the senate last week that corporations have such an influence in the Assembly that it has become impossible to pass a good bill. Surely things have come to a pretty pass.—Saturday Critic.

Every country in the world that is on a gold basis is complaining of hard times, falling prices and business reverses. In M xico and Japan, silver basis countries, there is content and prosperity. Isn't it the relation of cause and effect?-Brockton Diamond.

Some of our Republican exchanges are expressing their intention not to abandon their "principles" to co operate with the Populists. The most of the Republican leaders, like those of the Democratic party, have no principles to abandon. To make a fight on principle is what they don't want to do. - Lumberton Populist.

Suppose a man had a safe full of money—greenbacks, bank notes, silver and silver certificates, but only alittle gold. And suppose a creditor should come in with a thousand dollar claim and request gold. Wouldn't the man be a chump to hustle around town and borrow the gold on, say, twenty years time, at 4, or any other price of interest? Uncle Sam is doing this kind of business.—Broadside.

OVERPRODUCTION.

For the sake of those who are too busy or too lazy to inform themselves of the fallacies about improved machinery and overproduction we give some brief facts which the Atlanta

Constitution furnishes: "As to overproduction in wheat, the figures issued by the United States Department of Agriculture show that the number of bushels per capita of population produced in 1880 was The price was then 95 cents a bushel. In 1885 the number of bushels per capita of population was 63 but the price fell to 77 cents. In 1893 the number of bushels per capita of population was 5.9, and the price fell to 53 8 cents.

"It will be said, of course, by the agents of the money power that in the case of wheat lower prices have been caused by competition from India and Argentina. But there would never have been any competition from those countries but for the bonus on their. wheat offered by the gold promium They have been able to undersell us in gold prices, but they continue to receive a dollar a bushel for their wheat in silver.

"But there is no competition in the production of corn. The United States is the only great corn-producing nation

But these are only two products. Bradstreet of last week quotes a general decline of 2 per cent. on commodities tion adds that since 1873 prices have fallen more than 100 per cent. The business man and the wage earner are Richmond Star.