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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.

N. R. P. A. EDITORIAL NOTES.

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

The several State Democratic conventions 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 nebric 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.

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 day has passed for careless, 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.

Rev. W. N. Cleveland, brother of his congregation at Chaumont, N. Y. Bro. Cleveland says it is because of his politics, his congregation being mostly Republican.

The Richmond Times declares that if the National Democratic Convention does not take a stand for sound money the party will be annihilated.

There has been much talk about the safety of the Mississippi State capitol building, which is described as an old, tumble-down affair.

DESERVING THE ATTENTION OF OUR CONGRESSMEN.

There is a growing demand for information concerning the water supply in our rivers, especially as to whether or not it is sufficient during the driest summer seasons for active manufacturing purposes on a large scale.

Last year the appropriation for this work of measuring the water supply in all the rivers in the United States was but \$2,000.

The appropriation for this very important work ought to be considerably increased. Our Southern Congressmen ought to insist now that it be increased to \$50,000 for the next year.

INJURING EVERYTHING.

The following editorial is taken from the March, 1896 number of the Odd Fellows Souvenir, the national organ of the great fraternity of Odd Fellows.

In part, editor M. F. Dowd said: "The present monetary condition has been a great injury to our order. The official data received at this office shows that we lost in 1893 86,886 members by suspension for non-payment of dues, and in 1894 the number dropped was 48,339.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS VOTERS

Rev. A. C. Dixon gave us a clear idea of the comparative responsibilities of a citizen of the United States and a citizen of any monarchical government, when he said, "I shall be sorry for the Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Germany and the King of Italy and the King of Spain when they stand before God. They are responsible for so much. But I shall be just as sorry for the citizen of the United States; for he is just as responsible.

of both gold and silver. It is also twice as hard for those 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 brothers who are being suspended from the benefits of the order by their inability to pay their dues, it is simply appalling.

The recent contest for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Alabama was a hard fought one. Clark, the "sound money" candidate didn't hardly black the board.

THE CHICAGO FARCE.

No well informed person believed that the workmen of Chicago invited Secretary Carlisle to go to that city and discuss the financial question for their benefit.

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 words as well as the music are the composition by our talented musical artist, Mr. C. H. Addison.

AFTER JAY STERLING.

A Chicago and Minneapolis seed house has sued the Secretary of Agriculture for libel, fixing the damages at \$100,000, and has made serious charges against his conduct of the seed distribution.

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 specifications amounting to a reduction of \$10,000, after the contract was awarded, thus netting this much more to the successful bidders.

GOLDBUG PREVARICATORS.

"A third was in the form of an open letter to the President, referring to Carlisle's famous statement that 'demonetization would entail more misery on the human race than war, pestilence and famine.'

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."

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:

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

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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 auditorium was flooded with circulars of all kinds. One was signed by all the great labor leaders endorsing the free coinage of silver.

Every country in the world that is on a gold basis is complaining of hard times, falling prices and business reverses.

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.

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