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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Wonder how much Chairman Taubeneck is to pay for the Wall street Democracy, if he succeeds in buying it.

The Cuban war is progressing rapidly. Gen. Weyler and his 200,000 men have driven another newspaper correspondent out of Cuba, Mr. W. W. Gay, of the New York World.

Boies wrote the Iowa State Democratic platform [illegible] Cleveland, Sherman and Rothschilds can stand flat footed on it. Yet he is the man the free silver Democrats are booming for President.

The Goldsboro Argus says it believes that the silver craze will practically disappear within a comparatively short time. If the people depend upon the Democrats that surmise will prove correct. The silver itself will also disappear.

Mexico is a silver country, and the people are only half civilized—so say the goldbugs. Statistics show that but one person in 24,500 is murdered in Mexico. In the United States one in every 7,000 dies by the hand of a murderer. The goldbugs want to start some other lie.

See notice of Alliance speakings elsewhere in this paper. County Alliances should make effort to change date of county meetings to conform with date of speaking, but if this can't be done, be sure and have a good crowd at the speakings, and hear all about the shoe factory and other enterprises.

Boise, of Iowa, is hedging already. In a recent interview he said: "When the question of what constitutes an honest dollar reaches the country, whatever influence I possess will be used to maintain the parity of the different coins." A John Sherman Grover Cleveland utterance, as sure as Christmas.

Remember this: With a Democratic President and a majority in both Houses of Congress—a majority of 148 in all—the Democrats didn't pass a free coinage bill, though many bills were introduced. Now, when they have no hope of electing a president or a majority of Congress, *some* of them are the rankest free coiners in the country.

What has become of the reform press of this country? Will the papers keep quiet and let Teller and Taubeneck continue their efforts to deliver the reform voters at the Chicago Convention in order that all hope of reform may be destroyed? This will be the result. Those heading that way may not intend anything wrong, but they should be called to their senses.

Prize fighters, like political parties, outlive their days of usefulness. Corbett tackled a young sailor by the name of Sharkey, at San Francisco, last week, and was certain that he could knock him out in four rounds. But he didn't. Sharkey kept him busy and the fight was declared a draw. Corbett was not scratched, showing his superior skill, but with better training the result would be in doubt.

DANGER AHEAD.

It is not necessary to tell our readers that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is an independent paper. They know it. We have promised to point out mistakes and denounce fraud and corruption in all political parties, and we are going to keep that promise to the best of our ability. If we are wrong at any time it will be an error of the head and not of the heart.

At this particular time we believe the Chairman of the National People's party Executive Committee and some members of that committee need attention. A movement is on foot, and if it is not defeated all hope of reform will be gone forever. Chairman Taubeneck has been associating with certain Democratic rainbow chasers until he seems to have gotten it into his head that he can deliver the entire People's party into the lap of Wall Street Democracy at one time. He and twenty five other so called Populists have signed an address, scund enough in its way, for it keeps the real purpose concealed, but which means Populist support for a so called silver man who may or may not be nominated at Chicago. Senator Teller is said to be a party to this move. T. M. Patterson, of Denver, is another of this class. Away down East, Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, editor of the American, who recently left the Republican party, is launching a little boomlet of the same kind, except that he claims that no one but an Eastern man can be elected, and that Wharton Barker is that man. Away with such tomfoolery!

In the absence of proof we will not charge that Teller will sell himself for a Presidential nomination, or that Taubeneck has been assured that he can have a cabinet position if he can deliver the millions of reform votes to the fast decaying Democratic machine, but we want to sound a note of warning. This move cannot be successful, but it can be carried far enough to do incalculable damage. Taubeneck was not selected to carry his party out of the middle of the road, he has no authority to attempt it, even though his intentions are good. We defended the People's party Executive Committee in this State recently because it was true to its party, and refused to make a dishonorable and suicidal [illegible] trade. We condemn Taubeneck and his kind for attempting [illegible] to make one.

The silver question is a vital one, but it is only one of several important issues. If the Democratic party were in earnest, and we don't believe it is, it would stop when silver is remonetized, and that would be a compromise bill, something like the Bland or Sherman law, and then the reform forces would be disorganized and helpless while monopoly would laugh in its sleeves, and ten chances to one demonetize silver inside of two years.

Remember the fate of the Greenback party started twenty years ago. It had grown so large that the old monopoly parties were frightened. Both parties made concessions to get it out of the way and then flooded the country with the news that the National ticket had been withdrawn, cutting down the vote greatly. Here we are now struggling to get the people in power again, when it might have been done long ago had the Greenback party stood to its guns, and we are glad to say many of them did fight to the last and are now in the ranks of the true reformers.

The Republican party has declared for gold. It is a part of the programme now for the Democrats to change their course and disorganize the People's party and buy some of the leaders with office or cash, whichever they choose. Then they will have the masses by the throat again, and it may be that they can never be rallied. Reformers to your guns! Victory will come if you stand firm. In the meantime you will be no worse off with honorable defeat, if defeat it is, than with dishonorable and illogical victory even though that is a remote possibility for no ticket nominated at Chicago can be successful this year, for there will be an independent ticket. Let the reform press speak out in thunder tones and let every patriot denounce any effort to sidetrack reform by those who are negotiating with the secret agents of the money power to betray us into a fatal step. The only people's convention this year will be held at St. Louis, July 22nd. We repeat, reform editors to your guns!

A TRUE POPULIST.

Senator Peffer is not one of your namby pamby greenies ready to be caught by the Democratic free coinage saw dust swindle. He left Washington for his home a few days ago, and before leaving, said:

"The recent pronunciamento of a few Populist gentlemen at St. Louis, urging the Democratic convention to nominate Mr. Teller, was, in my judgment, an impertinence, and it was treacherous, so far as it attempted to speak for the the Populist party as a whole. These gentlemen spoke without authority from the Populist party, and I do not believe the party will sustain them.

"They had not conferred with the party and had been given no commission to speak for it. Personally I have a high regard for Mr. Teller, but I have no idea that the old party spirit of the Democratic organization will be so far relaxed as to bring about his nomination.

"And in any event I do not think existing conditions warrant Populist indorsement of the Democratic presidential ticket, even though the nominee is for free silver and the platform contains a positive free silver declaration. I regard the integrity and perpetuity of the Populist party as essential to carrying out the plan of reforms we have espoused.

"The money question is but one of these. While the Democratic convention doubtless will be for free silver, yet it will not be expressive of those other great questions of land tenure and of labor which the Populist party regards as vital. I had hoped that there might be some amalgamation of Democrats, Populists, silver men and all others in a new declaration of principles, and, if need be, a new name. But the time for that has gone by, and all that remains is for the Populist party to maintain its integrity by nominating its own candidates on its own platform."

The Wilmington Star is bragging on its financial editorials. They may be good, but the great length of them is driving men to accept the gold faith.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

Moses Cone, the smart Alex, and a member of the palid trust, has something to do with the finishing mills at Greensboro. He is a great unwashed goldbug. The other day he brought down a thousand Mexican dollars from Baltimore, the great big dollars that contain more silver than our American dollar, but which, owing to adverse legislation, are only worth but a little over 50 cents as our money is reckoned. He paid off the hands employed in the mills the other Saturday with Mexican dollars to furnish them an object lesson in finance.

The funny part of it is that the hands were well pleased with the lesson. He paid them two dollars for each dollar due them, and they spent them like hot cakes, some passing each dollar for 100 cents, thereby doubling their wages for the week. Now the joke is on Moses Cone. The next time he furnishes an object lesson he will use a black board or something of that sort. The mill hands are beseeching him to pay them in Mexican dollars every Saturday, but Moses has not fully decided to carry on his financial school any longer. He has learned that North Carolina folks are not all fools, and that they will use anything for a dollar that has a government stamp on it and contains the lawful amount of silver. Mr. Cone will confer a favor by bringing down a few car loads of these silver dollars from goldbugdom. We need 'em awful badly.

NEEDS A TURNTABLE.

Only last week we congratulated the Charlotte Observer for standing by the administration and calling things black when they are white, or vice versa. We did this notwithstanding the well known fact that the editor of that paper has changed his financial views several times during the past few years.

But the Observer, Democratic like, had to go and spoil it all. On the 21st it said:

"The Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer says that in view of the recent prediction in this paper that no free silver coinage law will ever be adopted in this country, it was "somewhat surprised" to see, Tuesday, an expression of our belief that "if the elections were held to morrow free silver would sweep the country." Yes, sir; that is a rather curious way we have. If, upon a showing of facts, we see what warrants a change of an opinion, we change it. We are not here to hold doggedly, in the face of proofs, to preconceived ideas, but to tell the truth as we see it. We said in the editorial from which our contemporary quotes that a reaction may come. If it does, and we have occasion to change our opinion again and get back to the original position, we will do so and tell the people about it."

Now we see that the goldites who put up money to establish the Observer will be bound to add another item of expense. They want to put an editorial turntable in the office so the editor can adjust himself to suit all changes. It need not be as large, or as heavy as the turntables used by railroads at terminal points, but it should be strong enough to hold up a ton at least. If this is done, the Observer will have the most complete newspaper office of the size in the country, and its readers may reasonably expect at least two or three changes every day.

ALLIANCE EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

We intended to make editorial reference to the article appearing in our last issue under the above title, but pressure of other matter prevented. The plan is an excellent one, and is well worth the serious consideration of every sub Alliance in the State.

Dr. Battle and his assistants have had a great deal of practical experience in each and every branch of agriculture, horticulture, dairying, and in the management of live stock. Nothing like practical experience. Then scientific knowledge is a great advantage. Since farming is no longer a mere vocation, but as much a science as any other occupation, and since men are being educated to become farmers at our Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, and are as carefully trained as if they were studying for the practice of medicine or dentistry, all begin to see that there is something in "book farming." True, uneducated farmers are doing as well and even better than some of the educated ones, and the same is true of merchants and manufacturers. But the progressive farmer of the future will not scoff at agricultural education and information.

When the government first established experiment stations it was up hill work to get people interested, but there has been a change. The experiment stations, with specialists in every department, have demonstrated their usefulness beyond a doubt. The experiment station with farm, stock, fruit, poultry, and everything handy, can devote more study to different diseases of animals than the average farmer can, and find the best remedies. They can make chemical experiments that our farmers cannot make, even if they have studied chemistry, for they have not got the appliances. A detective is seldom above the average man in smartness, but it is his occupation. He has the time, the patience to run down criminals, he studies his business. Same is true of any specialist.

Now if each Sub Alliance will elect an experimental committee and cooperate with the experiment station, much valuable information can be secured. A great deal of valuable agricultural matter in bulletin form will be published free of cost and questions of general interest sent to the experiment station will be answered and the answers published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Surely all this is worth a little effort on the part of the farmers of the State. What Alliance will be the first to appoint a committee of one or more persons and report the fact to the Experiment Station?

BUT YOU DIDN'T CARRY MECKLENBURG.

In the counties of Gaston, Lincoln, Cabarrus, Burke and Iredell, in this State, where there are sound money weekly papers like the Gastonia Gazette, Lincoln Democrat, Concord Times and Standard, Morganton Herald and Statesville Landmark, there is a pronounced sentiment in favor of sound money, and it was in evidence in the Democratic conventions recently held in these five counties.—Charlotte Observer.

That is so, but what about Mecklenburg? The Observer is published in that county, and it contains the largest city of any of them, and yet the Observer didn't preserve sound money worth a cent. Probably our contemporary was in the act of changing its views just as the conventions met, and the folks not knowing what to do, got lost in the shuffle.

TRANSPARENT FRAUD.

The best and wisest people can be deceived, but there is no excuse for it when a thing bears the impress of fraud.

We were told by Democratic papers and individuals before the convention that the goldbugs in the party were to be retired and well known, tried and true men nominated for every position. But what a spectacle! The State convention was thoroughly sprinkled with gold men. True a gold resolution was voted down by an overwhelming majority, but it is well known that cowardice prevented many from voting their true sentiments. One year ago the same crowd would have adopted a gold resolution. Where were all these silver men during the past three years? Not a word did they say in defense of silver. Where were they when the silver convention was held in this city last September? Not more than twenty five of them were here.

What did the convention do? Did it nominate Judge McRae, who had the manhood to stand by the call he had signed and act as chairman of the convention? Did it nominate Capt. Sam Ashe, who signed the call and stood by the convention until he saw that the Democrats did not come? No. McRae was defeated for the nomination for Governor and Ashe for Treasurer, though both had strong backing. Did it nominate Ex-Governor Jarvis or Ed. Chambers Smith? No. The only man who took part in that convention in September who got a nomination, was C. M. Cook, and he was only in the convention as a kicker and demoralizer.

Where was Watson, Mason, Aycock, Furman, Scarborough, Osborne, Avery and the balance of them all the while? Has anybody ever heard of them doing anything for the silver cause? Have they been bold enough to denounce the administration when it was destroying the people's money and selling bonds to enrich a few individuals?

Then again, if gold men were to be retired why was it that Col. Paul B. Means, H. A London and other open and avowed goldites were elected on the Executive Committee, which is really the party when the party is not assembled in convention? All these thing are unexplained, and cannot be satisfactorily explained. We wouldn't give ten cents a thousand for such silver men as the Democratic party has nominated in North Carolina, to say nothing of the gold men, it has nominated.

A CURIOUS ASSOCIATION.

One of the most comical, but, at the same time, remarkable associations in this country is "The United States Hay Fever Association." None but the wealthy can afford to belong to the Association, but the poorest can indulge in a gorgeous luxury like hay-fever.

It is an old institution, but very few people know that there is such a band. The twenty third annual meeting will be held at Bethlehem, N. H., on August 25th. Many prominent people belong to the association, and most of the members attend regularly. There is a list of supposed "exempt" places published annually, and the members hie away to them whenever they can during the summer. However, it is generally known that a change of locality and rest almost invaribly gives at least temporary relief, whether the patient goes to a so called "exempt" locality or not. At the annual meetings prominent physicians discourse learnedly, and generally humorously, about the causes of the disease, what remedies have been tried, and how successful they have been in *not* effecting cures.

Hay fever is very closely related to catarrh of head, and generally attends each and every case of catarrh, though the two diseases, if they are separate and distinct, may not always get in their work at the same time. Catarrh is worse in the winter and during rainy weather. Hay fever never gets down to business much except in hot weather. People who are nervous, and who lead sedentary indoor lives are generally the shining marks selected by hay-fever. It is claimed that small germs attack the mucous membrane in the nose and produce the frequent, and often, incessant sneezing. That may be entirely correct, but there is proof on the other side. A trip of a hundred miles will relieve the hay fever, and it also disappears when the first frost comes in the fall, leaving the victim free until hot weather again. The best evidence that it is not a germ disease is the fact that a load of new mown hay will generally start the patient into a fit of sneezing. If the smoke from a burning sulphur match is inhaled, or any pungent odor, the hay fever gets right down to business. Some people have what is called "Rose fever." A rose held close to the nose will produce symptoms exactly like new mown hay will produce when brought near a hay fever sufferer. Both diseases evidently are closely related.

So far no quick cure has been discovered, though many things will give temporary relief. The mucous membrane being more or less inflamed, generally due to impure blood, which also causes most nervous troubles, a blood purifier generally produces more lasting benefit than anything else. At any rate that is the concensus of opinion as gleaned from the views of the members of the Hay fever Association, and they ought to know as much about it as anybody else. It is to be hoped that the next Congress will make an appropriation to investigate the trouble and, if possible, find a remedy, for hay fever is not much of a joke, as thousands can testify. It deserves to rank along with tubercolis and other troubles.

Ye weary silver Democrats who are heavy laden with mortgages, bonds and the gold standard, come join the People's party and find rest for your tired hearts and minds by acting in consistence with your profession.—Daily Tribune, Augusta, Ga.

The Advocate is somewhat at a loss to understand why $300,000 of Kansas mortgages should have been sold for $341 the other day in the face of the fact that Kansas has been redeemed and her credit restored abroad by the election of a republican administration.—Topeka Advocate.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

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

A change of some of our National committee is what we need, rather than a change of platform.—Arkansas Kicker.

Put $50 per capita of money in circulation and the papers will be filled with advertisments of employers wanting hands.—Missouri World.

How do you know money when you see it? By the government stamp. And yet some fools say the government can't make money.—Cleburne Herald.

Oats are selling at 17 cents per bushel in Defiance. Whoop it up for the gold standard—"There's millions in it"—for the millionaires.—Advance Guard, Defiance, Ohio.

The parties that demonetized silver and have refused for thirty years to remonetize it, are not to be trusted with remonetization now.—Progressive Farmer, Mt. Vernon Ill.

There is about as much logic in permitting the foxes to build our chicken coops as there is in allowing bankers to issue our money and millionaires to own our railroads.—Farmers' Outlook.

It is amusing in the extreme to hear Grover Cleveland talking about "sober" thoughts. Certainly he does not evolve such out of his own brain nor borrow them from Carlisle.—Sound Money.

The welfare and security of society rest upon the personal liberty of the individual; personal freedom—of thought, speech and action. A people should be governed only by its own consent.—Saturday Critic.

"When the devil was sick the devil a saint would be. When the devil was well the devil a saint was he." When the Democrats are out of power they are friends of the people; when in power they are for the other fellows.—Missouri World.

Senator Tillman has called Carlisle the "Judas from Kentucky," President Cleveland a "besotted tyrant" and John Sherman the "arch fiend from hell," yet he says the reason he can't join the Populists is "they are too radical." Rats!—Times Statesman.

Some men say we need but little money to do business with; it can be with personal checks, etc. The check is about the same as a coin certificate. There must be something behind it to back it. We can do without checks, but without money, never.—Alliance Advocate.

Mr. Cleveland should send his body guard to protect the treasury. He should be willing, as a pious Presbyterian, to risk fate and dodge the cranks for a few days if the thieves who are robbing the public treasury daily of a million dollars can be caught.—Southern Mercury.

Senators Teller, Dubois Pettigrew and Cannon have quit the Republican monopolist party. The grand old party—that used to be—which freed the slaves, is out in a new game. It is committed to the gold standard, which means that both black and white are to be sold in bondage to the banker and Shylock.—American Enterprise.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The State Executive Committee of the People's party will meet in this city on next Friday, July 3rd, to fix the time for meeting of the State Convention and such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

THEY WOULD HAVE "SOUND MONEY."

S. W. Graves & Co., the leading mantel manufacturers in the South, Knoxville, Tenn, assigned on the 13th. Liabilities $40,000 (sound)

The Roanoke Loan, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Roanoke, Va., capital $250,000, has assigned. It is claimed that the assets amount to over $600,000, and the liabilities a little over $200,000, (sound) but it was impossible to realize on securities, which consisted mainly of real estate which has depreciated under a gold standard. Of course this concern contended that the way to make money plentiful was to stop making it.

The German-American Savings Bank, Charleston, S. C., is in the hands of a receiver. Stockholders will get nothing, it is said.

The Eagle and Phœnix cotton mills, at Columbus, Ga., the largest mills in the world, went into the hands of a receiver on the 13th. Liabilities $1,121,000. These mills had been doing a successful business for many years, but a year or two of the gold standard ruined them.

Cashier A. Brady, of the Loan and Savings Bank, Charlotte, N. C., is short in his accounts to the tune of $4,500. He is a sound money Republican, and has not been seen since he returned from the National Convention at St. Louis. Brady attempted to help the Democrats steal Mecklenburg county two years ago.