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A STEP FORWARD. The Railroad Commission has taken another step forward. Last week the rate on ten word telegrams inside the State was reduced from 25 to 15 cents, which is something nearer the proper mark. Railroad passenger and freight rates were not reduced, but it should have been done. However, the Commission increased the taxable value of all the railroads in the State about \$3, 000,000, which will place the roads that much nearer on an equality with other tax payers. This, of course, means \$3,000,000 more than the assessed value in 1896 It will be remembered that a considerable amount of railroad prop erty was placed on the tax list a few

years ago that had been escaping taxation entirely. We believe that it would have been fair and right to have made a decided reduction in fares and freight rates at this time, but it was not done. But, of course, we must commend the Com mission for even a slight step in the right direction. THE PORGRESSIVE FARMER made the fight for the establishment of the Commission almost alone. We had the satisfaction of seeing passenger fares reduced from four, five and six cents per mile to 31 for first class fare and 2% for sec nd class. Our friends in writing to any of Ten word telegrams were reduced from 40 cents to 25, and now to 15. Freights of all kinds have been reduced, better depot accommodations made, more

railroad property placed on the tax list, etc. In short, the Commission has been of great benefit to the public at large. But there is no reason why the Commission should not reduce passen ger and freight fares more yet. We are opposed to such reductions as would cripple the roads, but it is plain that

taxes as due, not to exceed in any case fifty dollars, and the board of county commissioners of the county in which any such persons may be convicted as aforesaid, if said person be committed to prison for failure to pay the said fine, may employ such offender on the public high ways, and said commission eres may allow such offender a credit of so much per day on said fine and cost as to them may seem just and reasonable.

It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of county commissioners to act as prosscutor on the part of the county before such justice of the peace."

Oh, such a set of "incompetents, nincompoops, and sell outs" made up that Democratic legislature! Wonder why the Democratic papers didn't ad vise the people to leave the party! Bah!

The Winston Republican, noting the fact that Horace Boies now considers free silver at 16 to 1 an extreme demand, says "your uncle Horace is now on the road that leads to a dollar as help these combinations to fleece the good as gold;" that is for dollars as scarce as gold, and as great robbers as is the gold standard. Correct. When or crime of folly to their other infirma a man yields one inch to England and to her domination, he is very likly to yield a second one. Stand firm. At this time this is especially necsesary. ----



We do not defend the actions of any sect or party, unless we think our defense will hasten the enactment of our principles into law, but it seems to us that some one should correct the wild rumors that have gone out concerning the law which gives delinquent tax payers a berth in the county jail.

SENATORS GET WRATHY.

A HER CALLER STREET

Senator Tillman's resolution to inves tigate the charges against several Senators who have, it is said, been engaged in sugar and other stock speculations, has been rejected. The report of the committee was rather acid The members of the committee say that newspaper correspondents pick up all sorts of rumors and base their charges on them without making any effort to find whether or not there is any truth behind it all. They characterize it as "indefinite allusions, insinuations, ruceses and inferences."

The brave, noble "dignified" Sena tors may be correct. It would be pretty hard to imagine anything that the average Washington newspaper correspondent can't imagine. But there are some cold, clammy facts that constantly stare us in the face. Smart men can cover up their tracks pretty well, but still we go right along watch ing the Sugar and other trusts get all they want at the hands of Congress. If the "noble dignified" senators who public don't get a divide, they are not up to snuff. They are adding the vice mitics. We do not mean to intimate that all the noble Senators are going hand in hand with the trusts and the Wall Street contingency, but it is plain to all that many of them-a majority in fact-are going that way. No won der they are goaded to desperation by the newspapers. Let them remove the evidence by representing the people awhile. Then all honest papers will defend them should they be attacked by sensational and untruthful writers. The charges will fall flat, anyhow, for the people will not believe their states ments. At present we are disposed to

ers' Association was held this afternoon. These resolutions were adopted : "It is the settled conviction of the members of this convention that all doubt as to our currency should be removed. Currency is the basis of all business transactions, and unless this basis is sure and unvarying trade and commerce cannot thrive nor prosperity be assured. We are consequently in favor of the prompt removal of all ex isting causes of distrust as to the stability of our currency, and urgently request of our legislators to take such action as may accomplish this end.

"We recommend retirement of al government paper, and that a safe bank currency under government supervision be substituted. The preliminaries of such action could be prepared on sound economic lines by a commission. "Suitable action by our legislators on these lines will encourage trade to flow in its natural channels; will cause the great resources of our country to be developed, and the comfort and cheer which follow upon commercial activity and which are the birthright of our people to be speedily restored. "In this expression we speak for the thousands of business men with whose wishes and conclusions we are familiar by reason of daily intercourse. We speak also for the great multitude of workers, who feel the pressure of hard times in the United States, hard times which are prolonged by inaction in the reform of the currency, and unnecessary, because simply changes in our laws which would immediately remedy our condition are not brought about, thus forcing upon our population the evils of a currency created for the exigencies of war, but concededly a menace to stability in times of peace, while other less favored nations of to day are reaping the rewards of a solid pros-

THEE MILES FOR A CENT.

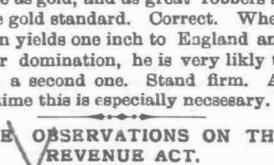
In Australia, on government owned railroads, you can ride a distance of 1,000 miles for \$6 50, first-class, while workingmen can ride six miles for the cent, twelve miles for four cent thirty miles for ten cents, and railroad men receive from twenty five to thirty per cent. more wages for eight hope of labor than they are paid in this country for ten hours. In Victoria where these rates prevail, the netin come from the roads is sufficient to pay all the federal taxes, which is anothe convincing proof of the possibility a thh possibility of government without taxation.

In Hungary, where the roads an State-owned, you can ride six mile for one cent, and since the rcals we bought by the government the men wages were doubled.

Belgium tells the same story-fare and freight rates cut down one half and wages doubled. Yet the road pay a yearly revenue to the govern ment of \$4,0(0,000.

In the United States, under private ownership, it is the other way. W. have paid the railroads billions in land and money and are now paying them millions yearly for carrying the mail and yet freight and passenger rates an so extortionate as to almost prohibitive while wages paid railroad employe are degrading and almost criminal in their smallness. Surely, America ha a deal to learn from its various mother countries.

In Germany you can ride four mile for one cent on the government-owned lines. Yet wages are over 125 per cent higher than when the corporation owned them, and during the past ten years the net profits have increased 41 per cent. Last year the roads pail



N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Thomas E Roberts, of Ocange county, in renewing his subscription, says: "I have the finest crop of wheat will always be a fact, and the corporain this section. I sowed 30 bushels and will make 500 bushels. Expect 4 prevent government ownership by bushels of oats. Corn good. A fine rain on the 12th." control. The purchase of members of

Prosperity must be a very timid beast. We have been getting up some jokes on her for the last few weeks, but lo! the Winston R publican punches us in the ribs. "Hush! do, please, hush!" it entreated, "you'll scare the thing away." We expected prosperity was a more hardy animal than that.

Major A. D. Reynolds, a North Caro duced the rate for telegrams between linian, who has made a fortune of \$500, any two points in this State to 15 cents 000 manufacturing tobac 30 at Bristol Tenn., has decided to quit the business because he thinks it is a sin. The Major 10 cents. The Western Union mono was a little late in making the discov ery, but we trust that he has time enough left to grow a pair of wings. which amounts to 36 per cent on the "Living wages," says an exchange, come only under Republican rule ad longing for the day when this governministered along protective tariff lines, ment like others will run the telegraph and nowhere else." Of course. The and telephones as part of the Postflicethousands of coal miners who are now as the electric mail. We shall then on a strike; the factories that are shut ting down; the mills that have discon tinued operations, and the numbers of telegrams throughout the Union. unemployed are all evidences of this Terence V. Powderly has secured his long first, but till then a reduction of piece of pie-the reward of his treach telegraph and telephone rates by each ery. Now he can enjoy himself; that State for itself is our only relief. is, unless he has a conscience. We ex pected better things of Powderly. Of mission would not reduce Railroad all things, traitors and "sell outs" are charges also. The Railroad property most to be detested. We can respect is assessed for taxation by them at and even admire an enemy; we may about one half what it is in Virginia. praise his courage and zeal, but a Upon what the Commission says is the traitor, the very name is loathsome.

England is not a very humorous the Railroads by their own showing country, but some of the money lords | are earning 15 per cent net profits out over there have had a standing joke of the public. This certainly admits that they get off every year by coming of large reduction of rates. here and shipping all our surplus gold | Equalled only by the free pass evil is

the danger line is some distance away. than the owners of grist mills, and the law says they shall charge so much for the owners of mills could "grind" the this law. public to death. It is much easier for

a railroad commission, if attempted,

may be successful, but the people will

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE

MASSES.

It is one step secured that the Rail

road Commission in this State have re

signature. We should have preferred

poly declares annually six per cent

real value of their property. We are

have telephones at every country post-

office and a uniform rate of 5 cents for

That time is surely coming, and not

It is to be regretted that the Com-

"true, actual value" of the property,

take a hand if that is done.

Upon reference to the Senate Journal, we find that a majority of the Demo cratic Senators-those innocent and grinding grain. If this were not true dignified members-actually voted for

"Oh, well," says some one, "but the few railroads to combine and do there are not many of them " Of course the same. There are but few competnot. These harmless-looking gents ing lines of railroads, and it will not couldn't do much, but they beat their begin to do to leave it to competition. tin pans, got to the front, and assisted The law must take a hand. Governin pushing the bill through "just like ment control or government ownership little soldiers."

tions that now own the roads can only Here a majority of the Den ocrats voted children of another race, is anything against it. We will give them credit but a patriot. submitting to equitable government for that.

claimed by some who had good opporvarious members, that a majority of can make is that he is deliberately robthe Democrats neglected no opportuni- bing the defenceless children of his na faults until the bills had passed or the by near relatives. for 10 words, exclusive of address and legislature adjourned.

remedy them. We hope that a majority of the Democrats were above tery which hangs about the revenue act serves to increase rather than to dispel our suspicions.

Here is a letter from Attorney General Walser which explains itself:

"LEXINGTON, N. C., July 10, '97. Hon J E Bryan, Moncure, N. C .: "DEAR SIR:-In reply to your letter of recent date, I have heretofore given expression to an opinion that sections 52 and 53 of the Rovenus Act of 1897 will bear some doubt as to what they apply. I have been informed by gen tlemen who were members of the General Assembly that these sections were meant to apply only to privilege taxes. But be that as it may, it is my opinion that it would not be the duly of the sheriff to make report to the court as provided for in the law until after the day for levying and selling had passed. But from all I can gather these sections were not intended to apply to poll and personal property taxes but only to license or other privilege taxes.

Yours truly,

believe them guilty, for appearances are very much against them.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE SCHOOL LAW.

Those who oppose the school tax need not vote against it. If one is qualified to vote, his absence will be as effective as the hostile ballot.

There are possibly in some instances of this trust like a small stone into the good reasons why the school tax should mouth of Vesuvius, and goes bounding not be voted. A man who votes against In the House things went differently. it merely because it would benefit the nothing but the gold standard would do

A man who will vote against it be-

Another molehill of which the Demoeven intimated that this was a step toever emanated from the morbid mind of any crazy quill driver this takes the cake.

If three or four white school committeemen can't out vote one colored man, then for goodness' sake, let Governor Russell call an extra session of the legisany race has any grounds for complaint in this matter, it seems to us it is the

ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT.

are up to date in everything. Up to this time they have given six y one reasons why good times don't come, and now the sixty-second reason bobs up as fresh as the first rose of summer. We have been waiting patiently for the several Democratic "outs" looked upon

perity.

"We accordingly demand action on the currency question, and solemnly warn our countrymen that safe conditions cannot possibly reveal it."

Now you have it straight from head quarters. They are not satisfied. The full and complete adoption of the gold standard falls into the capacious jaws

from crag to crag. A few months ago them, and that was all the country needed, they declared. Next the res

toration of the old tariff rates, or higher But really do they deserve any credit cause it was passed by the unaided ones, and now they drop all that and for their action in the matter? It is efforts of men not of his political faith, is demand thorough and absolute control too narrow minded to deserve the name of the output of money. The ravings tunities to observe the actions of the of Tar Heel. The best comparison we of the worst anarchist ever heard in America, or elsewhere, are mild as compared to the demands of this pompties-opportunities that might have tive State because that which he steals ous gang of boodlers. How much more out waiting for the consent of any been improved for good purposes-to was not given by members of his own of it will take to arouse the American add objectionable features to bills that party. As well steal bread from a people, a sufficient number of them, at were likely to pass, and conceal their starving child because it was not given least, to a full sense of the danger of Ohio, where it is expending its form allowing this gouty gang of financial

cutthroats to dictate further legislation Their party was not in power and it crats are trying to make a mountain is in their interest, to the great detriment was to their interest to see that faults the appointment-in some counties-of of nearly everybody not engaged in and objectionable features were not one negro school committeeman in banking, and it is really detrimental to dividends on a six fold watered stock discovered while it was possible to each township. Some of the papers nearly all the small bankers, as records of their numerous failures wiil ward mixed schools. Of all the silly, show. The American people should such contemptible acts, but the mys- unwarranted and disgusting rot which declare that this monoy trust has gone far enough, and promptly put a check upon it.

> **OLD COMMISSIONERS RESPONSI-**BLE.

Some of the Democratic papers are never so happy as when exposing Poplature and have Drs. Kingsbury and ulist "incompetency," and they are Caldwell to write a new arithmetic. If not disposed to look disappointed when their pretended exposures are shown to be fabrications, or else due to the man building across your farm and see how agement or mismanagement of Demo crats who have gone out of office.

> reported a deficiency of \$2,500 in the that they are robbing you, take the finances of Chatham county. This matter before the same court and not was a sweet morsel to roll under the how quickly it will tell you that they talking valve of the silver-tonged edi- are private concerns, privileged W tor, for Chatham is the banner Popu- charge just what the please -Living list county in the State. No doubt Issues.

tariff bill to pass, and, not having any this news as a sign that they would Sam becomes possessor of eight islands

the German government a net profi of \$25,000,000.

If our government owned the rairoads we could go from Boston to Sa Francisco for \$10. Here is the prod: The United States pays \$275 for the postal car from Boston to San Fran cisco. A passenger car will carry filty passengers, which, at \$10 each, would be \$500, or a clean profit of \$250 per car car, and this, too, after paying fm and one half per cent. on watered stock, which is fully one hundred per cent. on the cost of the road. These quoted figures are taken from a reliable source.-Uncle Sam.

CREAM OF THE PRESS

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

Has it occurred to you that congress is going ahead with it tariff bill with other nation?-Griffin News.

That McKinley wave got stranded in Thirty five assignments have been made in Mac's own county since the first of the year.-Facts.

The practical meaning of 16 to 1 m der the present gold standard is that the working people and farmers get l patches to 1 pair of pants. Look about you and see.-Midland Journal.

It is conservatively estimated that more than one hundred millions of do lars were spent directly and indirectly upon Qieen Victoria's jubilee cert monies. At the same time 50,000,000 of the queen's subj cts are starving n the various districts of India.-Tw Idaho Times Democrat.

If you think railroads are not public highways, try to prevent one from quickly the courts will tell you that they are public institutions. If you Recently the News and Observer think they are public highways and

By the annexation of Hawaii Uncle

negro. You can't lose the goldbugs. They

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		the selling with the Commissioner's ap-		thing better to believe, for it had been	speedily be restored to a land flowing	
		proval, of 1,000 mile tickets at 2 cents	But now comes the editor of the	promised so many times, we thought	with pie and other good things. Butalas!	Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, Nihau, Kano
		per mile while people of less means are	Statesville Mascot with the announce	prosperity would then appear in all his	All is not pie that glitters. Now for the	ewe. Of course we are not expected
	ka, which is owned by England, and	required to pay 31 cents per mile. As	ment that he knew all about it; that it	or her glory. But the sixty-second	facts. When the Populist Board of Coun-	tire our tongues with such names, and
	found gold in the raw state by the mil		was thoroughly discussed. Then why	excuse knocks that all out and we be-	tyCommissioners took charge inDecem-	
	lions, and they are sending it here by		on earth did not he and his Democratic	gin another season of waiting. Dan	ber, 1895, in Chatham county, they	lowing good old American names
	the ship load. England and Canada are	having \$1,000 was taxed only 2 per cent		and Bradstreets say that nothing now	found a deficiency of \$2 584 99 This	them: Havemeyer, Searles, Spreckel
	raising a rucus, but it will do no good.	while one having \$100 was taxed 31 per	colleagues herald it abroad? Why	remains in the way of prosperity ex-	was due to the extravagance, misman-	Rockefeller, Carnegie, Standardo
	However, Egland will put on her	cent hereon. There is no justice in	did not the three Observers order the	cept the coal miners' strike. If they	agement, or mistakes of the Demo-	Polariscone and Dutchstandard. 100
	thinking cap and get it over thereafter	this,	largest "scare head" type to proclaim	would not the old evenues out of the	cratic Board of County Commissions,	names are familiar to the people
	we get to handle it a little.		the fact? Why did not Col. Famous	way before they formulate new ones, it	which had held the reins for nearly	-Exchange.
7	Dr. Kingsbury is a born soldier. He		Annunciator Olds make the very air	mould not he se samela degring to the	thirty years. The only way to meet	- Sauden But
	didn't get enough o! war to satisfy his	For the benefit of Col. Joseph Pie	hot with burning words? But no; they	average citizen, but they go right on	this deficiency was to levy extra special	The combination ticket put up
	bloodthirsty spirit during the four	Caldwell and others we give balant an	Rept mum; they must make pointest	finding new causes for delay and never		TO BUILDING AN BUILDONG A TO G GOVER
	years from of to ob, or as he calls it.	Act passed by a Domographic lowist twee	capital out of it at the people's expense.			headed by a silver Democrat for got
	the late sanguinary and iratricidal	Tue Chatham Cligton has had onten	Their party did not do it, and they	theorem	A CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR AND	CLUBER H HERBERTER DALLA DALLA
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	of his leavers we have decided that he	Provided that any male	people. Are such men putitots, or	There are 10 - 1 - 10		supreme judge and an Arthur Sawa
	Has given Dr. Ango the alternative:	returned in the incolment list	purty lots: Lo who has cars to hear,	It seems that the great inter national	and a state of the	Populist for railroad commission
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	choose, but as it is, we are going to stay	to the sheriff for six months after the	A such as the bad at a state	ling new reasons for the delay of pros-	aroo capoocar	lists of Cass county to support a county
	WA don't cara if	Politipp of the instant it is in		perity, even after declaring that the	A Michigan editor received some	nation like that much less to support
	the war-like doctor has ornaments in	county comressioners shall be switten	A merchant who had died suddenly left in his bureau a letter to one of his correspondents which he had not sealed.	success of the gold ticket last fall meant	verses not long ago with the following	ourself.—Bimetallist.
	nis sanctum, but when thet ornement	of a mind and a state of guilty	correspondents which he had not sealed.	full restoration, and later on that the	note of explanation: "These lines were	Allianceman, if you receive a sample
	comes in the shape of our scalp, we re	before a court or a justice of the	correspondents which he had not sealed. His clerk, seeing it necessary to send the letter wrote at the bettern the	tariff question would settle it. A dis	written fifty years ago by one who has,	conv of this paper it is to remind 10
				patch from Saratoga, N. Y., says:	written fifty years ago by one who has, for a long time, slept in his grave	that you should send us one dollar and
	the second s	shall be fined double the value of the	writing the above, I have died."	The closing session of the State Bank-	merely for pastime."	get it one year.