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Government control of the railroads! Why, a large number of them are there now-that is, in the hands of the receivers.

The New South purposes to be great cotton belt, together with industrial exhibits from the country generally.

General Schofield, the commanding general of the army, says that there was not a word of truth in the report from Cripple Creek, Col,, of an intention on the part of the United States troops to arrest Governor Waite in case he took command of the State militia and proceeded against the Deputy Sheriffs on duty in connection with the mine strike.

The Kansas City Times (Dem.) regrets that there is no prospect of disappointing the Democratic traitors in the Senate. "If no tariff bill is passed," it says, "the McKinley monstrosity serves their purpose, and if the pending bill succeeds, their bluff and bluster holds good." It adds that the only way to punish them is to "retire them to obscurity at the earliest possible moment."

The Ohio Legislature has adjourned without accomplishing the work expected of it and with a number of broken campaign promises among the results of the session, but the voters of Ohio doubtless looked for this and may not be dissappointed. There is a reckoning ahead, however, in which these same voters will take part. The overwhelming Republican majority has gone on record as having granted everything the corporations demanded, even to the adoption of the biennial session plan, which was intended to head off unfavorable legislation.

In a letter to the State Farmers' Alliance of South Carolina, Senator M. C. Butler, who is a candidate for re-election, says that he is in favor of free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1; that he is opposed to the government ownership of railroad. telegraph and telephone lines: that he cannot endorse the sub-treasury idea, and that he is in favor of an income tax. Gov. Tillman, who is also a candidate for United States Senator, had previously written a letter to the Alliance taking the same position on these questions. The Charleston News (Dem.) thinks that the spectacle of the Governor and the Senator giving their politi cal views in response to the demands of such a hybrid political organization as the Alliance is not an inspiring one.

### WILL POPULIST LEADERS BE-COME MISSIONARIES?

It is by no means certain that the Populist party in North Carolina is not a blessing in disguise says the North -Carolinian. When it was inspired by zeal for real reform, in the line of the crusade, joined its ranks. In course of time they learned that "Reform" in the Populist party was seized upon by tricksters as a mere cry with which to secure the votes of the people. It was a painful revelation to them to see men preaching reform and practicing the schemes of wilv politicians to obtain office for themselves. Some of the rank and file are still in ignorance of this double-face perform-

The first Populist leader, honest in his convictions and in his high endeavor to do good, who woke up to this realization was Rev. R. L. Patton, candidate for Congress on the Populist ticket in the Eighth district. The revelation appalled him. for light. Light came to him, and with the first burst of light came a call to him to go abroad as a missionary. He heard the call and is preparing to obey it. He will find the scene and the participants thereample opportunity in this noblest of in. The strikers, it says, "are all nonall fields of Christian labor to ad- English-speaking." Terror seized vance the cause of the only reform them when the millitia appeared, that is without alloy.

the the Sixth district, has applied to on their knees praying and crying, the mission board of his church to and others ran for their lives. permit him to go to China as a medi- Several shots were fired, and one cal missionary. The doctor came from | man was shot through the left ear. good, sturdy, honorable Wake county | About seventy-five strikers were represented in the Cotton States and stock and all his people were sur- taken prisoners and the balance International Exposition to be opened prised when he joined the Populists. driven out of the county. shortly in the city of Atlanta, and | He evidently sought to help forward the enterprise promises to bring to- real reform. Like Rev. Mr. Patton language and have no knowledge of gether the best samples of progress it didn't take Dr. Maynard long to or respect for our institutions, who made by the Commonwealths in the see that he could do nothing to lift are as unfit as the wildest barbarians armor fraud, some now say the up his fellowmen by continuing in for citizenship in a republic, are the Populist party. Impelled by a creating all this trouble, causing zeal to do good he has abandoned the | bloodshed, and great loss of property. Populists, and will shortly go abroad to doctor the bodies and souls of the they move in force upon men whose heathen. There is no labor more honorable, and no man wanting in self abnegation would undertake it. The doctor has chosen "the better part" and will have the prayers of than they ever found in their own Christians for great usefulness in his holy calling. [We have two in Granville who are classed as rabid to join them. Populists that would do good work in the heathen missionary field if they displayed the same amount of zeal that they do in advocating the interest of the Third party.]

These two examples open a wide field for speculation. All of us know that as a political party, devoted to reform, the Populist party is a failure. May we not hope that, realizing how greatly they have been deceived by moonshine promises, that other Populists will look for practical fields in which to do good? Is it too much to hope that Marion Butler will have a call to preach to the dwellers of the isles of the sea? That S. Otho Wilson will determine to transplant his grape vines and his Gideonite band in the wilds of Africa? That W. H. Worth will "feel moved" to carry the Gospel and cotton-bagging to those who sit in darkness "on India's coral strand?" That Col. Harry Skinner's silver tongue will wake the echoes on "Greenland's icy mountain?" That Col. Buck Kitchin who soon tired of being Chinese Inspector for Unkle Sam, will lift up | ties which they disturb. his stentorian voice calling the heathen of Shanghi to repentance? That Dr. Cy. Thompson will surrender his Congressional aspirations in the hope of giving pills and pellets to the residents of Afghanistan? That Frank D. Koonce will go arm in arm with Dr. Cy, and sell all his non-taxable government bonds to help the spread of Dr. Cy's physic for the body and soul? That Dr. Pat Exum will leave his goat farm and ship all his surplus "bacon' to furnish rations to his missionary

friends? It is too much to hope that these last named gentlemen will leave off politics to follow in the footsteps of those two honest reformers—Patton and Maynard. But if they would emulate their example they would be doing more good than they can hope to do by continually stirring up strife at home.

THE WAR GOES ON.

regions is intensifying. The cap- in the minority. If they fight ture of railroad trains by organized and armed bands of striking miners is becoming an everyday feature of years ago. Figure it as we may, we first organized some excellent men, the trouble. In Indiana and Illi- cannot see how it makes any differnois a number of railway corporations have had their rolling stock recognize but one danger threatenthus seized and, according to the ing the Democracy-the danger of latest reports, some of the stolen trains are held to suit the further convenience of the marauder. In Illinois on Saturday "the Ladd miners captured a train en route to La Salle and at the point of revolvers compelled the trainmen to surrender and the engineer to gather up enough cars to carrry the mob. About 400 boarded the train and pulled out with great cheering."

Leaving the train near the scene of their proposed operations against nonstriking miners, the insurrectionists were met by a detachment of militia. The officer in command "ordered the militia to charge the strikers and place them He became depressed. He prayed under arrest, and then the wildest scene ever witnessed in Peru took place. The strikers ran wild in all directions."

The report goes on the describe and "when the muskets were leveled Dr. A. A. Maynard, who was the at their heads and they were ordered Populist candidate for Congress in to throw up their hands, some fell

Men who do not understand our Armed and equipped as if for war, only offense is that they persist in working to support their families. And those insurrectionary alies have quit more remunerative employment country in order to "go on strike" and compel honest, industrious men

Bad as things are just now in the United States, this is still a better country for the poor than any other country on the globe. Outside of the United States there is no place on earth where the miners now engaged in armed rebellion against the laws of the land could sell their labor at prices commensurate with those which they have declined. But they have a right to strike. It is lawful for them to ask such terms as they see fit. Even though they subject their families to cruel suffering by refusing to work, there is no law compelling them to abate a cent from their prices. When, however, they take up arms, steal trains, and make war on other men to force them into idleness and their families into starvation, no sympathy should be given them except such pity as goes out to the criminal classes generally -pity for their ignorance and wickedness and regret that their crimes bring so much loss to their victims, and so much unwholesome excitement to the communi-

No State does its duty that does not guarantee to the humblest citizen the right to sell his labor and to fulfill the contract without being beaten, shot, or otherwise maltreated for the exercise of that right. It is included in the "inalienable right.'

## THIS YEARS ELECTION.

The Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer expresses the opinion that there has been no increase in the number of Populists in its section since the last election. We which it can be said that it has seen a growth of the Third party within the Republican party has gained no them because enough Populists and

Republicans will repudiate the com-Excitement in the coal mining bination to leave the fusion party separately, the Democrats will whip them as they whipped them two ence what these enemies do, and we apathy in its own ranks. This is a menace that has to be reckoned with in every off-year. We have seen that it is more threatening in the first election succeeding a successful general election than at any other time-we came nearer losing the State in 1886 than we have done at any election in twenty years. With the lesson of that year in mind we are in less danger than if it had learned to esteem itself impregnably entrenched; and what is a better assurance of victory still is the fact that the "unterrified Democracy" is not without occasional quiverings of terror just now and when it is scared it is invincible. We will win again all right this year, as usual, only it wan't do to be too certain about it.

> The public in general will rejoice that the house committee on election of the president, vice-president and members of Congress have reported favorably on the bill providing for the election of senators by a direct vote of the people. Of late years the senate has become almost oblivious to public sentiment. It has got too far away from its masters, the people. This bill to make our upper house directly depent upon the people for its existence will have many more supporters than it would have had a few years ago. Recent senators are responsible for this change in pub-

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Lot No. 1. In Walnut Grove township. Contains about 450 acres; west of the Berea and Goshen road; adjoins the lands of Miss Lucy Thorp, J. G. Shotwell and others, it being the residue of the home place after taking off 112 Lot No. 2. In said township; part of the old Duncan tract; contains one hundred acres; lies south of the 138 acre homestead tract; adjoins

Lot No. 3. The mill tract; lies North of said 138 acre homestead tract and south of the Wm. Thorp 400 acre tract on which P. Thorp now has mortgage; also in Walnut Grove. Lot No. 4. The said 400 acre tract lying North of the mill tract and east of the home place and homestead tract of 112 acres, on which P. Thorp

has a mortgage. Lot No. 5. In Sassafras Fork township; con tains about 200 acres. Lately belonged to P. Thorp, Sr., dec'd, and is lot No. 3 in the division of the lands of said P. Thorp. See Book of Orders and Decrees of Granville county No. 3, at pages 40-41 for an accurate description of said land. This, May 30, 1894. W. S. COZART, june1-4w. Sheriff of Granville Co.

### Valuable Mill Property For Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER VESTED IN ME by a a deed from John C. Davis and his wife Sallie H. Davis, dated the 26th day of January, 1893, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Granville county, in Book 37, Page 190. I will on Monday, the 2nd day of July, 1894, at the courthouse door in Oxford, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the land described in the said deed, the same being an undivided onethird part of the Oxford Flouring Mills, situate in the town of Oxford, adjoining the lands of Maj. T. B. Venable and others. For a more accurate description of which reference is made to the deed aforesaid. May 31st, 1894. june1-4t. J. S. AMIS, Trustee.

## Notice of Seizure.

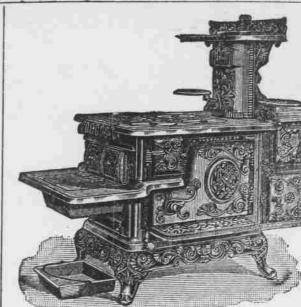
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F. M. SIMMONS,

Collector 4th District North Carolina.
By Jas. A. Thomas, Deputy Collector, ju.1-1m

## Sale of Land.

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED IN TRUST executed to me by Dr. Wm. Thorp and wife. dated 15th June, 1887, and regis know of no section of the State of the Register of Deeds of Granville county, I shall on Monday, the 4th day of June, 1894, offer for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the courthouse door in Oxford, the tract of land conveyed in said the past two years, and certainly deed, the same being situated on Shelton's Creek, in Walnut Grove township, county of Granville aforesaid, adjoining lands of adherents within that time. If the estate of the late Benj. P. Thorp, dec'd, and others, and is more particularly dethese two parties undertake to scribed in said deed in trust, containing coalesce the Democrats will beat 400 acres. Terms cash. This May 3rd, 1864. JOHN W. HAYS. JOHN W. HAYS, Trustee.



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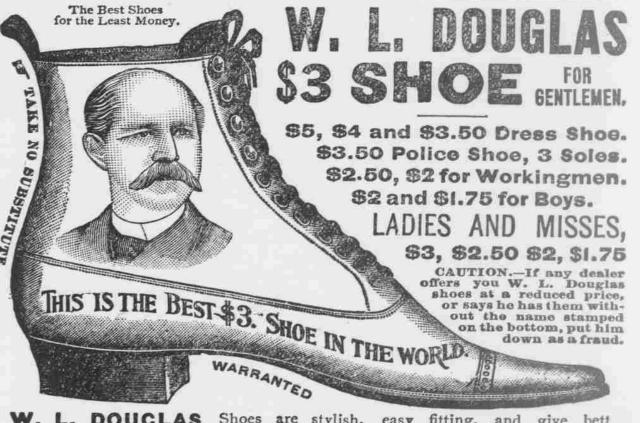
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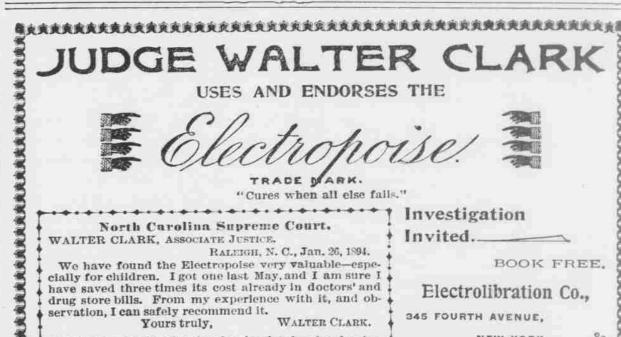
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