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If Congress does not hurry up its tariff legislation the gold reserve will soon be a glittering reminiscence.

The Clinton Democrat remarks: When a man sits down and wears holes in his pants magnifying the hardness of the times he shows symptoms of having been inoculated with Populistic virus.

Czar Reed has crowned himself with opinions in favor of free silver and Harrison has trimmed his whiskers. Meanwhile McKinley hasn't lost his head, but he's holding it thoughtfully between his hands.

Hawaii, having failed of annexation to the United States, is going to annex the United States to itself, and has begun by annexing Necker Island, a small rock in the Pacific, which is said to have been recognized at some previous period as belonging to this country.

The Kansas Republicans think they can win this year on straight-out Republicanism without any Populistic trimmings. They claim that Governor Lewelling's Populistic insanity has injured the credit of the State everywhere, and they propose to try and restore lost credit and regain power by cutting loose from the fiat money and cheap heresies.

Gen. W. P. Roberts, of Gates Co., and ex-State Auditor, has been appointed by President Cleveland consul to Victoria, B. C. This is an important place, and no doubt Gen. Roberts will fill the office with credit. We do not see why Hon. W. R. Henry was not given the place, as he never failed to respond to the call of Democracy. He did noble work in the last campaign and deserves well of the party, but it seems it is not the policy of the administration to reward party workers.

The law of 1856 requiring that Congressmen shall not be paid for such time as they are absent from the House, except on account of sickness of themselves or families, is so obviously just that no Congressman should dispute it either in theory or in practice. On the contrary it is just what every Congressman should ask if there were no such law in existence, and the public will not relish the persistent efforts of certain members of the House to claim pay for the entire session regardless of the days or weeks they may be absent.

In speaking of the visit of Hon. Hoke Smith to this State the Charlotte Observer says: The address of Hon. Hoke Smith, at the University Wednesday and at Greensboro Thursday night are calculated to stimulate our people—to quicken their State pride and to cause them to have a better apprehension of the excellencies of their heritage and of the importance of North Carolina in

the sisterhood of States. We have truly a great State and our people are doing a great deal for it, educationally, industrially and in every other way; but above all people we do need to stop depreciating ourselves and to hold up our heads and look the world in the face.

The Ohio Republican State Convention resolved as follows: "We denounce the avowed purpose of the Democratic leaders to restore the era of 'wildcat' and 'red-dog' money by repealing the prohibitory 10 per cent tax on State bank issues. All money, of whatever kind, should be under national and not State control." Like other recent conventions held declared for free silver in order to try and renew the lease of power and get control of the government. By this piece of strategy they will regain the Western States which they lost in the last election.

We want to see the people of the Old North State assume more pride and the people of outside world become aware of the fact that we have good newspapers in North Carolina, and can have far better if the people will it. For instance Charlotte Observer which now ranks amongst foremost dailies of the South, issuing a regular Sunday edition which bubbles over with the latest news from all parts of the country, as well as that from all over our dear old State. We again say to the people stop aiding in building up big newspapers outside of North Carolina and turn their attention to building up newspapers of their native State.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO DO IT.

This is a free country and every man is accorded the right to his own opinion, says the Times. And any man not in accord with the Democratic party and its principles has a perfect right to get out, but the thing that puzzles us is how any man who opposes the systematic plundering of the people that has been going on for thirty years can lend any part of his influence in keeping in power the party that has plundered him. Yet that is what every man does who quits the Democratic party at this time. And for this reason we have stoutly maintained that very few of our people would leave the party.

A great many Democrats are dissatisfied and many disappointed, but at what? Are they dissatisfied with the party's principles or its leaders? So far as we have been able to ascertain there is no dissatisfaction with the principles of Democracy, but there is dissatisfaction in some quarters with some of our leaders. But this should not drive any man from the party. If he be a true Democrat he will seek to put up better leaders, and not to destroy his party, and that is what conservative Democrats are going to do. They are going to vote this fall for men who will represent, and not misrepresent them. Those who want good men in office and good principles enacted into law will surely weaken their cause by joining either the Republican party or Third party at this time. We appeal to all conservative men to abide in the ship and victory is ours.

REPUBLICAN TRICK.

Tom Reed and his party are putting forth free silver utterances now for the purpose of regaining foothold lost in the Northwest at last election. They recognize the fact that there is a deep rooted feeling among the people that there is, not money enough in circulation to meet the demands of business, although some financiers and some of the national bankers say there is says the Wilmington Star. But whether there is or not the belief is fixed among the people that there is not, and it is these people for whom the Republicans are playing for.

If they thought they could win votes enough to carry the next election by pledging themselves to coin \$1,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000 or \$5,000,000,000 of silver, they would give the pledge and then break it without scruple if they considered it safe or best to break it. They play politics for money and money for politics, and they play them both for all they are worth.

NO STATE BANKS.

The House last week defeated the repeal of the 10 per cent tax on State Banks by a vote of 172 to 102. The Democrats of the North and West voted with the Republicans against it.

It is stated that "the banking authorities of Congress," whoever they are, regard the vote in the House against the repeal of the bank note tax as "establishing as a finality" that a State bank currency will never be revived. They reach this conclusion from the fact that all the Republicans and most of the Northern Democrats voted against the repeal. The "banking authorities" may or may not be right in their guess of the future, but this vote establishes nothing whatever. The Republicans all voted against the repeal of the tax because the proposition came from the Democrats. In a Republican Congress half of them would be quite as likely to vote the other way. And probably most of the Democrats who voted against the repeal did so, not because they believed in the tax, but because they knew that the administration was opposed to any currency experiments just at this time. But this country absolutely requires a bank currency of some kind, and sooner or later will have it, the "banking authorities of Congress" to the contrary notwithstanding.

Candidates for Congress in those districts in which the repeal is favored will have some difficulty in explaining why the House, with a democratic majority of upwards of ninety, refused, by such an overwhelming vote, to carry out the recommendation made at Chicago.

OUR STATE GOVERNMENT.

Good, sound Democracy has given us good government at home. We must labor to perpetuate good home government, and all internal dissensions must be studiously avoided, and each one labor for our common good. Our State government must not be sacrificed because things at Washington do not move as we desire. "The Old North State Forever."—Watchman.

The dissatisfaction and indifference among so many Democrats is caused in some cases by disappointment in failing to secure office, but in most instances by honest disagreement with Cleveland's policy and the bad effect his influence has had over the Congress. The way to win success this year is to arouse more enthusiasm among Democrats, and this can only be done with local politics put to the front as much as possible. No reasonable complaint can be made at our State and county Governments, or at most of our Congressmen. We must again carry North Carolina for Democracy, upon local issues mainly. When the National campaign opens two years later it will be time enough to make national politics prominent.—Kinston Press.

The Democratic government of the State of North Carolina is good—so practically good in its lowness of taxation, its freedom from scandal or suspicion, and in its economy—that the people of this State will not change it—never fear that. As to the national affairs, while there is some dissatisfaction with President Cleveland, so that a resolution endorsing him might fail in State convention, the fact is not going to make any trouble for our campaigners.—Asheville Citizen.

There are many imperative reasons why the campaign in this State should be fought out principally on the safe lines of the State issues. Probably the most effective reason to be given is that interest will center more than ever on the election of our State Legislature, which body will be called on to elect the successors of Senators Ransom and Jarvis. The Republicans and Populists see their opportunity of depriving the Democratic party in this State of its representation in the Senate, thus destroying our narrow majority in that body. Mark the prediction—they will work together to that end and direct their most strenuous efforts in the hope of securing the Legislature.—Reidsville Review.

OREGON ELECTION.

The Republicans carried Oregon and Penneyer was deservedly turned down, but the Republican vote of the State does not constitute a majority. The vote for Governor, according to the latest returns, is as follows:

Lord, Republican.....38,972
Pierce, Populists.....24,178
Galloway, Democrat.....15,875

The combined Populist and Democratic vote exceeded the Republican vote by 1,081.

The Populist vote is thus shown to be a strong second to that of the Republicans, leaving the Democrats a bad third in the race. As the Republicans were formerly in a good majority in the State, these figures show conclusively that the Populist craze has nearly swallowed up the Democratic party and taken a good slice out of the Republican ranks. Populism is defeated in Oregon, as it deserved to be, but it has not lost its hold on a large class of voters.

IT IS A PLEASANT SIGN.

There is no doubt of the fact that the Third party is on the wane. It has seen its big days and now goes the way of the Coxe craze, the greenback craze, and others of the same kind. It shows the truth of the remark attributed to Lincoln to the effect that "you can fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people sometimes, but you cannot fool all of the people all the time." That grand reinforcement of common sense, says the State, the way-back in the head sense, always moves slowly, but it moves with the surety of a great division of artillery, and when it gets to the position which it with certainty attains, it shatters the small fry cohorts whose armament is pop-guns and squeak-dunks. There is an immense deal of power in the outgoing of a people's second thought. When it does come it sweeps demagogues and time servers like chips in the way of a mountain flood.

THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

The Newton Enterprise speaks solid truth when it says: It is noticeable that the Democrats who delect Third partyism the heaviest blows and did most to demolish it in 1892 are the men now most hated and abused and dreaded by the folks who got such a terrible overthrow in that election. But this is natural, and no Democrat could have a better recommendation to his own party than the fact that he is especially objectionable to the Thirdites. It is prima facie evidence that he is a good man and a vote getter. One whom they do not fear they are apt to keep silence about or "damn with faint praise." Such a man will not do as a Democratic candidate. The men who riddled and shattered the Third party in 1892 are the men to do it again in 1894.

SO, THE TARIFF IS A TAX.

The discussion of the sugar schedule has brought the high tariff organs to a distinct acknowledgment of the following propositions, which they have hitherto steadfastly denied:

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2. The amount of the duty is added to the price of the article and is paid by the consumer.
3. A protective duty operates to the advantage of the manufacturer only, at the expense of everyone else.

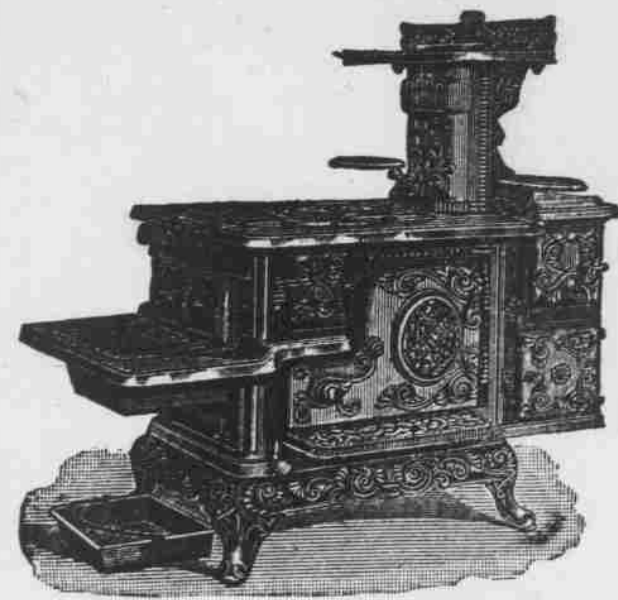
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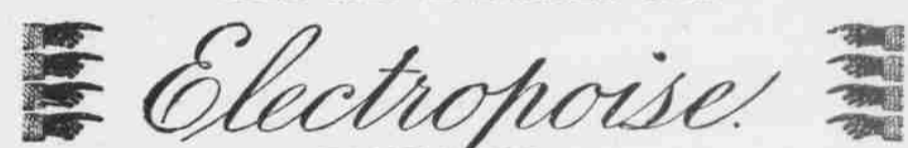
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