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Reed's program, if not nominated, is first to stand on his dignity and then leave on his ear.

The Greensboro Record says the wife of a bank cashier at High Point gave birth to three girl babies Tuesday morning.

McKinley's figures at St. Louis don't worry him. If he gets the nomination those that are likely to cause him trouble are the 16 to 1.

About the worst feature in a financial straddle is that while seeming merely to reach across the plank it is actually intended to take in the voters of the country.

The Republicans are making a lot of new flings at the Populists, saying they have gone too far to go with Democrats and fear to go alone because then there would be no pie for the leaders.

Let the stay-at-home Democrats crawl out of their clam like silence and assume once more the dignity of brave Democratic soldiers fighting against Douglasism and in favor of our blood ruling this country.

In a speech at Brevard, Transylvania county, some days ago, ex-Judge Jas. H. Merrimon, of Asheville, declared that he would not vote for any gold standard man for President or for any man who would veto free coinage bill.

A big find of gold creates big excitement in Cabarrus county. It was found in the Reed mine and a nugget of the yellow metal weighing 22 3-4 pounds and worth \$4,300, and is said to be the second biggest find in the United States.

We think a Democrat as well support a straight Pop, of the most rabid type, as to vote for a Democrat who went on a Pop bond in order that the enemies of good government might inaugurate negro rule once more in North Carolina.

The contention and row between the Russell and Dockery factions of the Republicans attains almost the dimensions of a feud. The Russell men are now charging Dockery with disloyalty to the party, with opposition to fusion and with cruelty to slaves.

The Supreme Court decides in the cases against the directors of the Bank of New Hanover, that they are liable personally for the fraudulent statements made by the bank officials. The failure of that bank was one of the worst on record in the State.

The State Democratic Executive Committee met in Raleigh Thursday last with 37 members present, and called the State Convention to meet in Raleigh June 25. The plan of organization was changed so as to allow the minority representation in all conventions, and the precinct the unit of organization.

Dr. Hunter, the member of Congress from the Third Kentucky district, is disposed to be very much of a fly in the Republican ointment of that State. He promptly set up a McKinley scheme for the National delegates from that State and succeeded in knocking Bradley out and there is an end to Republican harmony in Kentucky now.

The State's present bonded debt is as follows: Four per cent. consols \$3,347,750; 6 per cent. North Carolina construction bonds \$2,720,000; total, \$6,067,750. The interest is 4 per cent., \$133,910; 6 per cent., \$163,200; total, \$297,110. The income from the lease of North Carolina Railroad is \$229,015, so only \$65,095 will have to be provided for by taxation to cover the whole interest. There are old bonds outstanding which will require the issue of \$270,910 in 4 per cents.

The Webster faction of the South Carolina Republicans, which is chiefly composed of colored voters, held a State Convention at Columbia some days ago and adopted a platform calling for high protective duties and a currency composed of all kinds of money, each as good as every other kind. It does not make any difference for whom the delegates declare or instructed for as they will be like those from North Carolina willing to be convinced at St. Louis who to vote for by the amount of boodle put up.

Conviction is quite general that it's about time spring should begin turning over a new leaf.

At Ellis, Kansas, the municipal ticket nominated by the women and composed of women was elected, except the candidate for police judge.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll is authority for the statement that a doctrine implying the existence of a hell would shock the conscience of a hyena or of a boa-constrictor.

A member of the State Democratic committee, who is conservative silver man, thinks the party in this State will go to pieces if the National party declares for the gold standard.

The free silver Democrats are victorious in the primaries in St. Louis. The silver wave continues to increase. It is a fight between the people and monopolists, combines and trusts.

Before House Election committee No. 1 in the contest case of Felton vs. Maddox, from the Seventh Ga. district, the wife of the contestant appeared as attorney for him and took part in the investigation.

The Statesville Landmark has a capital out of the prospective campaign in the eighth district. "Old York" and Linney are careering over the country at a terrific rate of speed, the former on a mule, "General Jackson," and the latter on his bull, "Abe Lincoln." "Old York" is half a neck ahead.

Last week a great forest fire occurred in Cumberland county and destroyed 10,000 acres of the finest long leaf pine timber in that section. The loss is over \$100,000. One house, many barns, and miles of fencing and many cattle are burned. Rain checked the fire which threatened the town of Fayetteville.

The 153d anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, the founder of Democracy and the author of the Declaration of Independence, was celebrated at Monticello, Va., on April 13th by his followers. Among the speakers present were Vice-President Stevenson and Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, and many Senators and Representatives.

An elopement in Texas has been declared off under exceptional conditions. The father not only killed his daughter and shot down the young man who sought to take her away, but sit down on a box of dynamite and blew himself to atoms. Under the circumstances there was nothing left of the elopement, and it was a very clean affair all the way through.

The Wilmington Messenger says there is a big difference in the cost of legal prosecutions in North Carolina and Virginia. This State pays its attorneys \$35,000 per year, while Virginia pays \$84,500; North Carolina employs sixteen to do the work which under the Virginia system requires 117. This is another example of the economy practiced in North Carolina during twenty years of Democratic control. It will be a dreadful day for all when the State falls in all its departments into the hands of the incapable and vicious men who ran the last Legislature, or their aiders, abettors and sympathizers. When that day comes it will be a good time for a great exodus of the best people in the State.

WAY PEOPLE'S MONEY GOES.
Along with big bond issues and a few men allowed to mass immense fortunes at the expense of the people comes another fleece in the small amount of \$30,000, but the taxpayer has to foot the bill, and the Senate is responsible for it.

Of all the examples of Senatorial gall, says the Philadelphia Times, few have excelled the proposition from the committee on elections to pay three Senators from Wyoming, Montana and Washington the salary for two years before they were elected and qualified.

These three persons were appointed by the Governors of their States to vacancies which the Governors were not qualified to fill. So the Senate decided. They came to Washington, but they were not admitted and they performed no service whatever, except in the lobbies. Subsequently they were regularly elected and took their seats and have been drawing their salaries since.

Now they want to be paid for the time that they would have liked to be Senators but were not, \$10,000 each. Impudence could hardly go farther.

AN UNGRATEFUL SET.
Senator Butler seems to be in bad odor with the Republican just now, but he was their Lord and King in '94 as he gave some of the razor back fellows cushion seats at the beautiful and lovely pie counter, along with a few hungry Democrats of the red-headed W. A. Montgomery stripe. They lose no opportunity of abusing him. Ungrateful set, when he give them all the pie they are eating. Senator Sigmon says in his paper, the Hickory Press, that Butler is the most dictatorial boss in the United States; that he has broken his pledge of support of Pritchard and that a man who breaks one pledge finds no difficulty in breaking another; and that the Republicans who submit to Butler's terms will only find themselves cheated and twitted in the end.

WANT TO LIMIT VETO POWER.
"Me own and entrancing Marvann, thou dictator and boss of the Noble order," the voluble and vociferous Butler, has introduced a proposition to change the constitution of the United States so as to limit the veto power of the President. He would have a majority vote of both Houses override a veto. The constitution requires a two-thirds vote for that purpose. The restraint of the constitution bear hard upon the whole herd of cranks and croakers of which Senator Butler is a fair specimen and sharp enough to feather his nest with boodle while his followers sit around and growl. But the masses love the constitution and will stand by it if the Republican bosses have made slaves of the negro voters of this country, and have owned them for 30 years.

A VOLUPE OF TRUTH.
Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, of Winston, in speaking of the free coinage of silver grasped the situation, and crowded a volume of truth into the following brief statement:

"The strength of free silver is this: The millions of the agricultural classes see the great reduction in values in the past few years, especially in the values of farming lands and agricultural products. The merchants and the manufacturers realize the inability of the agricultural population to buy their products and commodities, and they are willing to risk free silver, at least long enough to see if it will restore prices to the old figures.

The country requires a state of affairs that will make property sought after, instead of money and interest-bearing securities. It is the loss of confidence in property that is cursing the country."

THE CASE OF GEN. CLINGMAN.
The case of Gen. Thomas L. Clingman, of this State, knocking at the door of the Soldiers' Home in his venerable age, has attracted no little attention. The Wilmington Messenger, in referring to it, recalls that Col. Newcome, one of Thackeray's noblest creations, had to find a home at last that his country provided. It continues: "It is distressing to see Thomas L. Clingman whom we have the pleasure of knowing personally well, knocking at the home that the State has provided for its maimed and helpless soldiers. Can such things be in a State that sent some 126,000 men to the great war?"

The Atlanta Constitution hopes that there is some mistake about this. It recalls that Massachusetts and Kentucky frequently paid off the debts of Webster and Clay, and took care of their personal fortunes, and adds that after the service General Clingman has done the State "it would speak very badly for their patriotism and generosity if they should allow him to go to the Soldiers' Home as a pauper."

DEATH OF EX-GOVERNOR HOLT.
This gentleman died at his home near Haw River Saturday afternoon last in the 65th year of his age. He served two years as Governor. He was the largest manufacturer in North Carolina and also one of her wealthiest citizens.

In commenting on his death the Charlotte Observer says: "The news of the death of ex-Governor Thos. M. Holt, while not unexpected and momentarily dreaded, will nevertheless be a shock to the people of the State whom he loved and served so faithfully. A successful business man, devoted to the interests of North Carolina, when holding the exalted position of trust at the head of her affairs, the same energy and earnestness that characterized his management of his own business, and North Carolina never had a better Governor. In his private and public life, his walk was blameless.

His soul was pure and his hands were clean. The State has lost in his death an honest man, a patriotic citizen, and a Christian gentleman, and sympathizes deeply with his bereaved family in their hour of trial.

POLITICAL GOSSIP
Views of Our Leading Exchanges on The Situation.

There is a good deal of talk about the appointment of John R. Webster as the leader of the "free silver party's" forces in Rockingham county. It is stated that Senator Butler says he will in thirty days have an active chairman of that party in each county and that he proposes to have 30,000 Democratic votes for his new party.

Some Democrats think it a wise thing to open the primaries to all persons who will agree to act with them in voting for the State ticket, irrespective of the national ticket; in other words, let these "aiders" on the State ticket vote just as they like nationally, asking no questions as to the latter business. The question is asked, what strength has this new idea?

Senator Butler's paper makes this slap: "If some members of the People's party would give more time and effort to advocating the principles of the party and trying to make converts to its principles, and give less time to trying to fuse with one of the goldbug parties on any terms, they would be doing more for the advancement of the People's party, and the welfare of the State and nation than they are now doing."

Either Butler yields to Pritchard on the electoral ticket or Pritchard and the Republican party abdicate. There is no compromise possible by which the governorship can be traded for the senatorship. It is defeat for Butler if he abandons the high pretensions made in the disclosed circular; it is a damnation for Pritchard and his party if they consent to a silver electoral ticket. There will be three electoral tickets and State fusion between the late fusionists. For the Populists will not support the Democratic electoral ticket unless they can dictate it, which is unthinkable.

Republicans and Populists confess that their parties are all to pieces and say they must wait until matters untangle. Populists say that Harry Skinner, in the First district, truckles to the Republicans in order that he may get what he covets above all else—that is, reelection to the House of Representatives. The Republicans, aided, no doubt, by some of the Populists, are setting themselves to the task of breaking Senator Butler down. This news comes straight. There is no question of its truth. Butler has advices which lead him to feel sure he can rally enough silver men to beat and disorganize both the old parties. This accounts for what the Republicans term his "crazy doings."

The Republicans now concede to the Pops the Governor, it is said, for which they in turn will get other places, among them places on the ticket for the Congressman in the Sixth and the one in the Seventh districts. In this deal Dockery is to have the place in the sixth to ally the gubernatorial sore, and in seventh to Windy Billy Henderson, of Lexington, as a reward for valued services rendered the party all along since the birth of Republicanism in North Carolina. It has been said, "lookout for Guthrie." Butler will get about all he demands up to date, and a majority of the Republicans fear that he may not be satisfied with even that but demand more. It is known that he has his weather eye on the other Senator, and may conclude to give the electoral ticket for Pritchard's seat. Republicans will agree to this if Col. Boyd and Holton can be taken care of. In this event what will become of the Pops free silver horse they have been riding for so many years? Why trade him for spoils, become monopolists, and straddle a goldbug fast trotter.

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