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NATIONAL TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT:



WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
OF NEBRASKA.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:
ARTHUR SEWALL,
OF MAINE.

STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- GOVERNOR,
C. B. WATSON, of Forsyth.
- LIEUT. GOVERNOR,
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- SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAS. M. COOKE, of Franklin.
- TREASURER,
B. F. AYCOCK, of Wayne.
- ATTORNEY GENERAL,
F. I. OSBORNE, of Mecklenburg.
- AUDITOR,
R. M. FURMAN, of Buncombe.
- SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
J. C. SCARBOROUGH, of Johnston.
- ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF SUPREME COURT,
A. C. AVERY, of Burke,
GEO. H. BROWN, of Beaufort.
- CONGRESS—FIFTH DISTRICT,
W. W. KITCHIN, of Person.
- JUDGE—FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
J. S. MANNING, of Durham.
- FOR ELECTOR—FIFTH DISTRICT:
AUBRY L. BROOKS, of Person.

"You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify man on a cross of gold."—W. J. Bryan.

Indiana Populists and Democrats have fused on an electoral ticket.

Corporations may have no souls, but the majority of them are "well heeled."

Life would be a howling wilderness if man could not indulge in fault-finding.

Republicans about Raleigh charge that Butler is not in earnest in desiring Bryan's election; that he really wants him defeated.

The news from the eighth congressional district is encouraging to Democrats and all friends of that gallant gentleman, Lieut. Gov. Doughton, the Democratic candidate for Congress.

Although it is commonly supposed that the American Indians are rapidly disappearing, it is nevertheless a fact that 250,000 Indians, exclusive of those in Alaska, are still to be found in the western plains.

Otho Wilson has let the cat out of the bag. The Populists threaten to put up their own candidate for Congress in the fifth district and not support Kitchin, if the Democrats refuse to take down E. W. Poul and support Stroud in the fourth district.

The Democratic State committee of Iowa, on the basis of actual returns from its poll of the State, estimates that Bryan will carry Iowa by not less than 30,000. The figure which the committee believes is most likely to represent the Bryan majority is 37,000.

The people welcome Bryan everywhere because they recognize him as their champion, and because they are thoroughly alive to the nature of the battle which is being waged against him by all the monopolists, money sharks and syndicate robbers of the land. He leads the true Democracy, pledged to vindicate the right of the plain American people to rule the republic, and because of this he is hailed by the great body of the plain people, in the cities and rural districts alike, as their standard bearer.

U. S. Senator Mitchell, of Wisconsin, has pronounced for Bryan and Sewall. Senator Mitchell was in accord with his colleague, Vilas, on the money question, but he is not in accord in kicking against his party.

The news from the Ohio Democratic headquarters is that the accessions from the Republican party are far greater than any anticipated. Thousands of free silver Republicans in every part of the State are rallying to the banners of Bryan and Sewall. It is confidently believed that the free silver force will carry the State.

The Populists profess to be very bitter against Pritchard, Pearson and Walser. They assert that all three of them posed as free silver men and that all three attempted to play the Populists for a lot of "jays." Now Pearson, who thinks he is about to be left out in the cold, is literally yelling for Populist help in the ninth district.

Senator Murphy, of New York, has written a letter to Senator Gorman saying that the vote of the Empire State will be safe for Bryan and Sewall. Senator Gorman, who has been studying the situation in New York, says the same thing. Bryan's receptions by the people telling the story of the growth of public sentiment in New York even more strongly.

An official report on the manufacturing industries of North Carolina has been prepared by the State agricultural department. It shows that there are 174 cotton spinning or weaving mills, fifteen hosiery mills, three knitting underwear, four making bags, two cordage, one nets, one calico, one silk, eight woolen goods in the State. Six mills are in course of construction.

That the campaign Mr. Bryan has made since his nomination has been a brilliant and effective one is attested by the commendations of his friends and the criticisms of his enemies. It has surpassed that of Stephen A. Douglas in 1860 in the weight and substance of his speeches, and that of Jas. G. Blaine in 1884 in the grace of his oratory, and those of both in the effect he has produced on the minds of the people.

"While a platform covers a great many questions necessarily, and while there are various planks and various policies, there must be one supreme, and in this campaign there is a supreme issue. The issue is made between those who believe in a gold standard and those who oppose gold standard. There is no middle ground; those who are not with us are against us. There is no place between the lines for the people to stand.—Bryan."

Judge Cooper, of St. Augustine, says that out of fifty couples he had married, forty-eight had either been divorced, separated by mutual consent, or gone crazy. Of the remaining two couples, one man beats his wife unmercifully and the other couple were married in the dark of the moon, and haven't been heard from yet, though he is momentarily expecting to hear of some awful catastrophe. The judge wants to know if marriage isn't a failure?

CHRONIC GROWLER.

Bourke Cockran, according to the gold bug papers, has challenged Bryan to a joint debate on the financial issues. Bryan is running against McKinley, not against Cockran, who is inflated because of Republican flattery. If there is to be a joint debate it will be with McKinley. Cockran would have an ample field to debate with himself. He is a chronic growler. In 1876 he was bitter on Tilden, in 1884, 1888 and 1892 he was loud against Cleveland. In his three hours' speech at the Chicago convention four years ago he proved to his own satisfaction that Cleveland would be annihilated in the coming campaign and the Democratic party split into fragments. No Democratic candidate has ever met the approval of the wise Cockran. Mark Hanna, all by himself, appears to have been the only convention that could furnish Bourke a candidate to his liking. He poses as an Irish orator, but if there is any one the Irishman detests it is the sort who sell out the "men in the gap." Cockran will be of as little account in the canvass of 1896 as when he was arrayed against Tilden and Cleveland.

Good second Corn can be bought from Milton Hogwood, at Enon, by the barrel at \$2.50 at barn door, \$2.75 delivered, and on time at \$3.00. jly24-tf.

THE MCKINLEY LETTER.

Mr. McKinley's long delayed letter of acceptance of the Republican presidential nomination is out at last and it contains nothing which was unexpected. He pays a good deal of attention to silver and conspicuously accentuates his pet theory of Protection. What will attract the attention of the silverites are the references he makes to bimetalism, evidencing the fact that he inserted this to invite the interest of the western farmers, most of whom favor the white metal. He even quotes from his own speeches where he espoused and defended a double standard, but conveniently uses the argument that unless the foreign powers consent the United States cannot afford to go it alone on a silver basis.

Now here is just where Mr. McKinley and Mr. Bryan, and their respective followers, disagree. Bryan believes, and eloquently defends his belief, that Uncle Sam will win out in the end if free silver is adopted. He does not think it at all necessary for this great Government to ask the consent or co-operation of any other nation on earth before declaring a silver policy, and in this Mr. Bryan finds numerous supporters. Certain it is that the views of the Democratic candidate appeal especially to the hearts of those loyal Americans who do not believe it necessary to ask foreign nations whether certain laws we are about to adopt suit them or not. This theory does not meet the approbation of the masses, whose loyalty cannot be disputed.

THE GHOST DANCE AT INDIANAPOLIS.

The Gold standard Democrats, dubbed "yellow bellies" and "sub-Hannacrats", met in Indianapolis last week and nominated Senator Palmer, of Illinois, for President, and General Buckner, of Kentucky, for Vice-President. This pleases Mark Hanna very much, as he says, "It will aid in the election of McKinley." This is all the ticket was gotten out for and Mark will no doubt chip in at once the \$100,000 he has just received from Cornelius Vanderbilt to help run the campaign.

In commenting on the work of the convention the Wilmington Messenger says: "The ghost dance at Indianapolis is ended, and the dead democrats have started for or reached by now their places clad in their appropriate habiliment. What a scene! It was the absurdest gathering of the political dead that was ever yet seen on this globe. It was a sham and mockery of life—a display of madness and reckless folly that only treachery could suggest and stupidity could consummate. It was a body of men—a few hailing from North Carolina—who with stolen name and a false cry of rally had gathered to plot for the destruction of the one and only constitutional party in these United States—the sole party that had a record of fidelity to the laws that govern—the only party that since the surrender of the southern armies, has been the protection, hope, defense, breakwater of the South against republican invasion and oppression. That is history and will add 'to the damnation or the taking off' of these ghostly marplots and the destructives. Maddened, infuriated because they could not shape, control, have their own imperious way at the Chicago convention, these money-eyed despots and penniless hangers on have gathered for revenge that by drawing off from the regular democratic party they can help to increase the chances of McKinley, the turn-coat, and the advocate of prosperity by high taxation."

THE RIGHT TO AN OPINION.

It is inconceivable how some men pertinaciously oppose the utterance by other men of any opinion concerning the financial question involved in the present campaign that is opposed to their own. Honest argument seems to have been lost sight of. Debates of a kind that convince, or at least win respect, appear to have no place in the disputes that are now offered in the place of arguments. It is by no means flattering to those who back the gold standard idea, that they are the loudest in their arraignment and abuse of others who do not agree with them. These appear to think that no man has a right to believe that bimetalism has any virtue at all. It is unfortunate that so many arrogantly assume for themselves the right to abuse the advocates of silver. It is not fair. It is not decent.

We hold that there are thousands of honest men in the land to-day who sincerely believe that a double

standard financial policy will best serve the interests of the masses, and these are not to be held up to the cheap scorn of those who seem to be gold mad. The truth is that the gold journals who are devoting so much space to the abuse of silver men, are doing their own cause a woeful injury. Decent people tire of blackguardism, which is really the stock in trade of most of the newspapers that oppose Mr. Bryan. We fail to see any evidences on the other side of a like course. The Bryan organs are generally clean and argumentative. They strive by decent presentation of facts to attract the attention of the doubter, and because of this they are winning over scores of converts.

There was never a national campaign in which the Republican papers stooped to such levels of dirty abuse as they are doing to-day, and we greatly underestimate the wisdom of the people if the vile shafts such journals are hurling at the silver adherents do not turn them in disgust from such messes as are daily offered them, to the more dignified and decent side which indulges only in fair and attractive arguments. Certainly every man has a right to his own opinion, and he also has the right to express it without being set upon as a down-right thief would be. The moment a man hints that he believes the interests of all would be better served by Bryan in the Presidential chair, that moment there seems to be always somebody to turn on him spitefully, as if he were an outcast. Such a practice is degrading and will, under any circumstances aid the cause which the villifier of Bryan supporters desires to defend. A little more sober sense and a little less blatant billingsgate on the part of some gold men will go far towards helping the side which they assume to belong to.

Granville Greetings.

We are much elated to know that Miss Georgia Grissom is much better. She is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Our young friend Rufus Stroud looked as if he would like to make Speed somewhere near Cannady's mill recently. Hope he may win the race if it be reciprocal.

New Light with resplendent and dazzling brightness shines forth from each paragraph written by the gifted "Elm Jay" to the great interest and edification of all readers of the PUBLIC LEDGER and the correspondents as well.

The lovely Miss Annie Hight, of Kittrell, spent a week or more in Henderson lately, and our dear little friend B. was greatly disappointed at not seeing her at the series of meetings held at Gray Rock church last week.

We heard a Pop say the other day that he would not kill Mr. Cleveland or Mr. John Sherman but if they would lay down and die between now and the election he would give a barbecue and have a free silver red letter day for the white metal.

We have read great fish stories, but we heard a fellow tell a tobacco worm story the other day which we think takes the rag off the bush, saying he had seen one that day which was 8 feet long and 2 feet wide, and we have no doubt but what it was true, for he is a man of veracity.

Many thanks to Mr. C. J. Cooper for one of the first free silver hats brought into Oxford. We don't know that we ever received a present we appreciated more. We shall wear it hoping and believing until Nov. 3rd that William J. Bryan will be the next President of the United States.

Miss Ada Grissom is expected to open the public school at Corinth Monday after the 3rd Sunday in this month, it being the 21st. The patrons of the school could have done no better than to have secured the services of Miss Ada, for we hear she gives absolute satisfaction both in Vance and Granville counties.

We visited the flat woods a few days ago. Met our old friend Elijah Fuller, who is about 81 years old. Had his vest brought out to show us a Bryan and Sewall button which he wore on the collar of the vest, upon which there was a large dirt doberman dog found on the back of the garment. He removed it away rapidly, saying it was a McKinley badge and no such a thing could remain on a jacket he wore.

We greatly enjoyed meeting the hero of many hard fought political battles (sometimes against him but the most of the time for him) Willis H. Jenkins, Esq., at Gray Rock at the meeting on Wednesday. Our friend was continuing to throw hot shot at Ransom and other old time Democrats. Not in favor of anybody much, but think if we are kind to him he may vote for Bryan and Tom Watson at the November election.

At this time Peace Chapel is without a called preacher. The Rev. T. Benton Hill is at school again. Mr. Hill was a popular preacher, and they will hardly find another to give so much satisfaction. We would not if we were a preacher like to have Mr. Hill for our predecessor. He preached, so we have been told, on the 4th Sunday in August a very fine sermon, it being his farewell one. Rev. Mr. Pool will fill the pulpit the next regular meeting.

The protracted meeting which was held at Gray Rock church last week did great work in reviving the church

at that place. Many had grown cold and lukewarm and had wandered far from their Father's house, came back and said they would start afresh for the glory land. Rev. G. B. Perry preached some fine and earnest sermons, declaring that he was dreadfully in earnest and felt a great interest in the large amount of young men who attended the meeting, and wanted them all saved in Heaven at last.

We are pleased to know that Miss Lela Rounton has been employed by the committee to teach the public school in district No. 1. We think we know Miss Rounton to be one of the best teachers in Granville county, highly educated, refined and much in love with the great work of education. We feel a great interest in district No. 1 for in it will be found as nice bevy of young ladies, as sprightly and as far advanced in books as any district in the county. We are not informed as to the opening of the school, but the patrons will have due notification of the fact.

When one has lived to a moderate old age even then it is sad for one of our friends to die, notwithstanding the blessed Book declares "Man that is born of a woman is of but few days and full of trouble." But when it is the Lord's will to come in our midst and take the only son from father and mother, and the only brother from loving sisters it must be that the Lord had need for him. Never has the death of any young man in all our acquaintance caused us to feel so sad as that of Mr. Ad Usry, of Oxford, a few days ago. Our heart goes out in sympathy for the family.

If we calculated to remain in Granville county and around Oxford ourselves we know of no two gentlemen that we would be so glad to part with as Walter T. Clement and Col. W. A. Bobbitt, Walter locating in Wilson, N. C., and Col. Bobbitt in Kinston, N. C. Walter T. Clement gives sunshine to a whole town, his wit and sarcasm frequently dispelling the unrest and sadness from the physiognomy even from the disconsolate, impatient and chronic grumbler, of which number we have scores even now, if everybody does wear free silver hats and burials for William J. Bryan. We wish him great success in his new home and that he may have large profits financially, and find in that beautiful and goodly land of Wilson a helpmeet to rejoice with him in prosperity and cheer him in the dark days of adversity should that unwelcome visitor ever visit his sanctum sanctorum.

Col. W. A. Bobbitt was born in Brassfield township but we suppose has been living in Oxford for twenty years or more; was for a long time one of the biggest buyers of tobacco on the Oxford market, always willing to give the farmer the highest market price for all the products of his farm even down to watermelons which can be verified by Uncle Monroe Thomasson. He is one of the kindest men we ever knew. His heart goes out after his friends, and has no malice towards his enemies; was one of the best if not the best posted man in the county politically; was a Democrat right, but was willing to give and take to save the State from negro rule, as all white men should to save the nation from the cursed gold standard and McKinleyism. We have often found out from him in a great political contest many things that we could not find out from any other gentleman in the county. He acted as chairman of the Democratic executive committee in the county for years, and we never had a better, and we think he is a member of the State executive committee at the present time or was last year; was Clerk of the Court for four years and would have been elected again doubtless had not Mr. Willie P. Lyon, a Populist, come down as a Populist candidate and declared for Mr. Sikes, the present incumbent, a bona fide, dyed-in-the-wool Republican, and the most favorable construction that we can put upon it is that he was very kind to Mr. Sikes if there was no compensation. Col. Bobbitt will be greatly missed by our people, but the people of Kinston, and a better people never lived, for we know whereof we speak (as we sold plug tobacco all over that country years ago) are to be congratulated on getting Col. Bobbitt to locate in their midst. He is one of the best judges of tobacco in the State, knowing all about tobacco from the plant to the factory or prize house. Of course he looks after his own interest first but never forgets the farmer and will on all occasions give him all the market will allow. We think we have seen buyers bid on Col. Bobbitt's judgment, hence it is so necessary to have him bid on farmers' tobacco, and now in conclusion we will say we wish him as well as Mr. Walter T. Clement great prosperity and may he spread and grow as the green bay tree upon the banks of the Neuse upon which he is located in the hustling, busy and beautiful town of Kinston. LEOPOLD.

Commissioners Sale of Valuable Land.

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY conferred upon me by a certain decree of the Superior Court of Granville county, entered on the second day of September, 1896, by J. M. Fisher, Clerk of said Court, in ex parte proceedings entitled Lucy Ann Hudson, John C. Hudson and others vs. part of the land to be sold by public auction at the Courthouse door in Oxford, on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1896, that valuable farm known as the "Phosphoric Hudson place" on the River, near Kimball's mill in Granville county, adjoining the lands of W. D. Kimball, R. V. Walle, K. Z. Thomason, J. R. Walters and others, containing 115 acres more or less; said land will be sold for partition amongst the above named parties in pursuance of the order of sale, one half cash, balance in 12 months, interest on deferred payment to be paid of date, and title retained until all of the purchase money is paid. Time of sale 12 o'clock. Sept. 3rd, 1896. A. A. HICKS, Commissioner. Sept. 4th.

Executor's Notice.

HAVING BEEN DULY QUALIFIED as Executors of the estate of John J. Meadows deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and settle the same at once. Persons holding claims against said estate will present them to us for payment on or before the 14th day of August, 1897, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. This August 14th, 1896. M. BLADOCK and J. F. MALFLOWS, Executors.



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Adm'r C. T. A., of Rachel Minor, deceased. B. S. Koyster, Attorney. Sept 4th 96.

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