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NATIONAL TICKET.

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STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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“You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify man upon a cross of gold.—W. J. Bryan.” Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, will speak in Kinston on Tuesday, September 22d. Argument is all right, but nobody can be said to make a better stand for principle by getting on his ear. Seven Populists joined a Democratic club in Rutherford county, and one of them was made vice-president. A streak of lightning in Kentucky the other night was “shaped like a corkscrew.” Probably it was looking for a distillery. These are the nights when the bankers and corporation lawyers lie awake worrying over the woes of the laboring man. It is so touching and pathetic. Mr. W. H. Kitchin, Populist, has written a lengthy letter in the interest of all free silver men getting together and present a solid phalanx in the battle against the monopolists and trusts and political liberty. We wish we had room in our columns for it, but we have not and all who desire to read it can find in the Carolinian, the weekly to the News & Observer. The Indianapolis Sentinel, writing of the ghosts lately there, says that its reporters found that “the delegates composed of railway officials, clerks in railway offices, corporation lawyers, directors of banks, money brokers, etc.” The Sentinel says that nearly every delegate present was either directly or indirectly interested in corporation. “In fact,” says the Sentinel, “the corporations ruled the whole outfit.” The Biblical Recorder says that the Legislature will be called upon to take steps toward withdrawing public tax aid from higher education, to establish a reformatory for youthful criminals, to increase the efficiency of the common schools (including the institution of a secure and incorruptible plan of adopting public schools books) to pass an anti-saloon law, to pass a law restricting fees of justice of the peace to civil cases.

FARMERS DEVIL FISH.

Writers of Marine wonders and many truthful sea-faring men have oft described the terrible death of those who have fallen within the grasp of the many armed Octopus, or Devil fish, of the great deep. With innumerable long arms, each provided with nippers at the end, and reaching out in every direction at one and the same time, it crushes, kills, and devours everything so unfortunate as to come within its grasp, and is a most apt object lesson of our highland Devil fish, the American Tobacco Company, which so easily disposes of all the small fry with its gold pointed tentacles and the farmers pockets shriek with pain. Here in Granville county, and all the fifth district and the tobacco growing section of the State, the ruin and destruction wrought by this mighty Leviathan of Evil is before our eyes daily. Look around you and behold these mushroom cancers upon the body politic floating in the ease and luxury of ill-gotten gains—riding through the country in gold-plated chairtohs to behold the fair daughters of the South's best blood working sunburned in the tobacco fields—to gloat over the fact that they are the Princess; their fellow men and women serfs. Untrammelled it has stretched its remorseless arms free and far, and has gathered in its deadly embrace every tobacco dealer from the Hudson to the Rio Grande—from the lakes to the sea shore—from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We wish their pernicious influence ended here but it does not. It has a fast hold on all the Legislation of this country, and is grasping for the very essence of our civil liberty and the rectitude of our laws, so that, like the robber Barons old of England, they may have a province of serfs who wear their collar and do their behest. This is no overdrawn picture. Not more than two weeks ago, the gallant Cy Watson, the Democratic nominee for Governor, in a speech delivered in the court house at Durham, “beared the Lion in his Den” and boldly told of their nefarious dictation of legislation. He told the people that while a member of the Legislature he framed and “got through the lower House an anti-trust law that had no gaps or cracks in it, but the American Tobacco Company came to Raleigh as lobbyist and defeated it in the Senate.” It is not denied that the last Legislature was debarred from attempting any anti-trust legislation because of the fact the American Tobacco Company was largely bondsmen for the Populist officers, and that farther consideration was given, Neither has the notorious rumor that members of this trust furnished Hon. Tom Settle in the last campaign funds and are furnishing them now—that they have expressed a willingness to spend \$200,000 to defeat Cy Watson for Governor, been denied as yet. What does all this mean, and how are the people to help themselves? It means that the government itself is and has been for some years run in the interest of a trust which takes care of its illegitimate offspring like the American Tobacco Company, and that redress can only come by a union of the votes of all the oppressed for some Brutus like W. J. Bryan who puts love of country above the share of pelf which might be allowed him from the corpse of his fellow-men, and some Cicero like W. W. Kitchin, who has the honesty and the manhood to point the finger of scorn at the Catalines and arraign them for their perjury and perjury. In all ages, and in all countries, it has ever been the great unpurchasable yeomanry who saved the country when the crisis came. It is here. Let the mass of the people, Populists and Democrats who are striving for the same end, acting on their own volition and for their individual and united protection, dictated by no one, come to the front and all will yet be well. Mr. Settle and the governmental and other monopolies he represents, have forgotten in their avaricious greed for gold and power, their fellowship with their kind, and in their zeal to get and hold these, like the monkey who puts his hand through the hole in the sugar gourd, they have grabbed more than they can pull out, but sooner than let any go hold on till moral and political death will make a stench in the nostrils of honest respectability. The sun is the greatest “scorcher” of which we have so far heard. Fresh turnip seeds at J. P. Steadman's.

“WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?”

Mr. Bryan asks this pertinent question in his speech at Tioli, New York. Each and every voter in the land may make this inquiry of himself, and settle it for himself, in his own conscience and best judgment. Are you ready to take sides with the trusts, monopolies and syndicates that are banded together for the purpose of controlling the government, or do you stand with the people for an honest government, administered by the people, for the people? Democrats cannot hesitate. It is for the doubting Thomas to decide. RESULT OF DEMONETIZATION. In 1876 the Democrats won their first general victory. How did it affect the farmer? He got 67 cents for his corn; \$1.24 for his wheat, 13 cents for his cotton and 10½ cents for his tobacco. The country did not have a panic, although it was said that the government would be destroyed and the negroes put back in slavery. In 1892 after the Republicans had been in power for years of what they claim were years of great prosperity what did our farmers get? Let us see. For corn 55 cents; wheat \$1.03; cotton 8.7 cents; tobacco 8.4 cents a pound. Demonetization had not done its perfect work in 1876. It had in 1892.—News and Observer. CLEVELAND A REPUBLICAN. Cleveland and Carlisle have announced their allegiance to Republicanism after secretly working in its interest for 4 years. They have endorsed Hanna's dummies, Palmer and Buckner, want to defeat the regular Democratic ticket. In a column editorial the New York Journal reviews Cleveland's work in behalf of the money syndicates proving himself a traitor to his party. It says “the Republican party is welcome to Grover Cleveland—to the whole of him. It is well for the Democratic party that Grover Cleveland is out of it as the party put him away at Chicago. It was by turning its face away from Grover Cleveland and his utterly un-Democratic policies that the party rehabilitated itself in the esteem and confidence of the American people, and earned for itself a bright prospect of an honest Democratic success at the coming election. “The Democracy wishes the Republican party joy in its acquisition of Grover Cleveland. Thank God he off the Democracy's back.” To which we say, Amen. WHAT MCKINLEY'S STANDS FOR McKinley says: “No one need be in doubt about what the republican party stands for.” To which the Topeka Co-operator makes reply: “No, if there ever was doubt it has been dispelled. “It stands today for all that the American people do not want. “It stands for what benefits the bond-gamblers of Wall street. “It stands for protection to American laborers' one day in the year, and then legislate against them the other 364 days. “It stands for the wealth consumers and against the wealth producers. “It stands for 10-cents corn, 30-cent wheat and 5 cent cotton. “It stands for the policy of making the poor man pay the bulk of taxes while the rich go free of taxation. “It stands for two kinds of money—one for the bondholder and gold gambler and the other for the farmer, mechanic and old pensioner. “It stands for high taxes and low wages. “It stands for a policy that has filled our jails and almshouses. “It stands for landlordism on one hand and pauperism on the other. “It stands for scarce money and low prices of labor's products. “It stands for money as against the man. “It stands for the doctrine that the rights of property are superior to the rights of person. “It stands for financial policy which a trial of years has brought the country to the verge of ruin.” “It stands for gold monumentalism, a conspiracy which in the language of Secretary Carlisle “will ultimately entail more misery upon the human race than all the wars, pestilence and famines that have ever occurred in the history of the world.” A real bargain in a second-hand Phaeton and Harness at Edwards & Winston's. sept 11 2t. FOR CHILDREN TEETHING. Panacea Water is splendid. Give the little sufferers a chance at it. Endorsed by intelligent doctors. jly24.

DR. DE LACROIX'S HANNACRAT ORGAN.

Col. John C. Tipton, the talented editor of the Rutherfordton Democrat, who has bolted the Chicago nominees and allied himself with the sub-Hannacrats and trusts, monopolists, etc., was in Oxford Tuesday and spent the night with Dr. Louis de Lacroix, the chief Hannacrat of the State and dispenser of McKinley literature in North Carolina. Our people will have to class him with the old moss back Radkill of New England, and has come down here to attempt to teach our people true(?) Democracy. Dr. de Lacroix is an intelligent man and we like him personally, if he is so narrow minded and egotistical politically, as our association was of a pleasant nature as long as we would publish his gold standard literature, but as soon as we refused longer to aid him in advancing the interest of McKinley he suddenly ceased his visits and the place that knew him once knows him no more. Good-bye our once pretended friend, as your action proves your object was what you could make out of us in a political line. It only took a little time to prove that Dr. de Lacroix is as rank a Republican as we have in our State. As Dr. de Lacroix is Chief of the sub-Hannacrats of the State and naturally one of Hanna's money dispensers, he summoned the gallant Tipton to Oxford to perfect arrangement for the publication of the sub-Hannacrat alias McKinley organ in Oxford or some other point in the State, but we learn from Republican source that it will be published in Oxford, and that Dr. Louis de Lacroix has ordered the printing outfit. Of course the Republicans are happy, as they knew something was up on account of the long private caucus the Slippery Doctor had with Slippery Tommie Settle at the Osborn House Sunday. We take it that Col. Tipton is to be editor of the paper, and as we admire him personally we had as soon see him soak down in his pockets a good wad of Hanna's campaign fund as any man we know in the State. He is a good newspaper man and fluent, bold aggressive writer for the side he is on, and as he will be in Oxford until the campaign is over we trust our personal relations will be the same as heretofore, while at the same time we shall oppose each other on Congressman and the National ticket. The office will be in the Johnson building and the paper is to appear at early date, and we shall soon be able to find out those of our people who are against the regular Democratic ticket and in favor of Settle and McKinley. SITUATION IN THE STATE. The Election law—Butler Talk, Populists Controlled by Republicans, etc. The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, dated Saturday in speaking of the situation in this State says: Your correspondent this evening had a special interview with State Chairman Manly, and asked him what he thought about this week's deal between the Republicans and Populists. He replied: “I cannot say how long the people will let the action of managers stand. It is believed that in the Populist party there is a powerful element and a strong hand that will stop this sacrifice of their rights and repudiate such trading and trafficking of their votes. I noticed an interview with Republican Chairman Holton, in which he claims the State by 75,000 majority and that he says further the Democratic party stole 30,000 votes last election. Such boastful statements are ridiculous. There is no basis on which such calculations are made. The small majority of fusion last year affords no such basis for such boastful statements. These statements and charges of Republicans are either idle vauntings of men who have a pocketful of Hanna's money or are started for a purpose. Look at the facts: Thirty five thousand Democrats who did not vote in the last State election will vote this year; 12,000 or 15,000 former Democrats who voted the fusion ticket in 1894 many have become disgusted with the trading and sales now going on between their leaders and the Republicans over the spoils of office, and the utter and flagrant abandonment of the cause of financial reform. These men will this year vote the Democratic ticket. We will get out our full vote, and with these accessions elect our ticket, State and national, by a safe majority. Candidly the only fear well-posted Democrats have about the result in North Carolina is the success of the well known scheme on the part of the Republicans to debauch the ballot box with money, being supplied to and supplied by Mark Hanna and his syndicate of goldbug monopolists. But let our people understand the truth. The charge of Democratic fraud is false and is meant to divert the public from these Republican fraudulent purposes and practices. A deep scheme seems now to be laid by the Republican politicians. The rankest frauds and most corrupt practices will be

attempted by them and are now maturing. Look out for votes of negroes under aliases, registering minors and voting ex-convicts. In the registration they propose to do their devilry. By such corrupt methods the Republicans hope to count 25,000 to 35,000 votes, but they are sowing what they will never reap. The people of the State understand this. And I can say to our enemies, beware of trying the scheme. If such devilry is attempted it will not be successful. The Democrats of North Carolina do not propose that a handful of white men shall so manipulate that part of the negro vote of which they will have absolute control in this State as to debauch the ballot and cheat the white people of the State out of their votes by offering them false and counterfeit ballots. The Democrats have never been more in earnest. The party will cast this year more votes than before in its history. The statement is verified by information coming from every part of the State. The following was given out by Chairman Manly, and is signed by him, Chairmans Holton and Ayers as official: “It is agreed by the undersigned that the following is the proper construction of election law of 1895, acts 95, chapter 159, and we request the members of our respective parties to follow the same: “1st. In constraining sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of said election law “That all persons are entitled to register on Saturday, Sept. 26th; on Saturday, Oct. 2nd; on Saturday, Oct. 10; on Saturday, Oct. 17th, and on these days only, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. except as herewith provided. “On Saturday, October 24th, no act shall be done in regard to registration except the right to challenge between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. any elector whose name may appear on books. “On Saturday, October 31st, no act shall be done in regard to registration except to hear and determine all challenges made on October 24th. The hearing shall be had between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. in all precincts except those in incorporated towns and cities, when the hearing shall be had until 9 p. m. “That any person who comes of age between October 17th and election day or who is entitled to register by reason of his residence in the State or county, being of sufficient time required by law, which time ripened after Saturday, October 17th, shall be entitled to register on election day and vote, and such persons who offer to register and vote on election day may be challenged and such challenge be heard on election day.” Chairman Manly says the election law is complicated and contradictory, but that it is the purpose of the Democrats to see what the law truly means and to act upon it. While it is not of the Democratic making, but the work of Populists and Republicans, he willingly consented to act with the other chairmen in the effort to see what is the true construction of the act. A Democrat from Edgecombe county says that there the Populists are carrying on their canvass under the auspices of the Republican committee, on which there are several colored members. The posters announcing speaking appointments are gorgeous affairs, two feet square, headed “Protection and Prosperity.” Some prominent Populists say they admit that Butler was beaten and couldn't control his State committee. They say he will now “try another racket.” The Farmers' Alliance has made a sale of \$3,000 of the bonds of the shoe factory at Hillsboro, Treasurer W. H. Worth tells me. Otho Wilson says the most strenuous efforts will be made to carry this State for Bryan and Watson. A Populist demand for the taking down of Sewell may be expected. There is no doubt that there is an increase in opposition on the part of the Democrats to electoral fusion with the Populists. The Populist in their newspapers, as well as privately, never cease to charge Democrats with unreliability and say they can't be trusted. The Populists may as well know that this sentiment is reciprocated with interest by vast numbers of Democrats. R. O. Patterson, of the Republican State committee, said to-day that “the Populists will vote just as their committee and their party tell them. They will vote for McKinley men on our joint ticket, and of course we vote for Bryan men put up by them on the ticket.” Patterson was asked whether Butler had not come out at the “small end of the horn.” He smiled and declined to answer. He merely said, “I think Butler is acting in good faith.” He then added, replying to Butler's statement yesterday that there was not fusion: “There is fusion as far as it goes. It does not go far as we would like to have it go. I don't think it will go any further. Prithard, I suppose, is opposed to Russell's coming down. He will not engage in anything of the kind.” At Washington yesterday Senator Butler said that there was no fusion on Congressmen in this State; that there probably will be a Populist nominee in each district; that if the Republicans support any Populist nominee because Populist support Republicans for county offices. Butler says he is determined that the Democrats shall not get the State administration or the Legislature. He adds that he is also determined to carry the State for Bryan. His final words were: “Whatever may be said of the Populists, it cannot be said that they will support McKinley. But they support McKinley men. Populist ‘principles’ have been fled in the archives of gravity; just as the party organ said last week would be the case.

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