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INCONSISTENCY.

One of the gravest charges which Populists made against Democratic Legislatures was that there was too much caucusing. But when the fusion Legislature met in Raleigh there seemed to be an infrangible agreement between the Populists and Republicans that nothing should pass in either house until it had been threshed and sifted thoroughly in some caucus room. And they well-nigh kept the agreement. Very few measures passed by a vote of that body that had not been caucused upon. Possibly the Fred Douglass episode may be set down as an exception; and that would not have been the case had not the old man died without notice to the North Carolina Legislature.

It was caucus this and caucus that and caucus all the rest; and no part of the Legislature was more deeply interested in the caucuses than that part of fusion which two years ago called themselves Populists. Scarcely a single important measure was brought before the Legislature and was fought through on the floor and took its chances at success or defeat with no tinge of caucus promises.

Now, if some caucusing on the part of former Democratic Legislatures was wrong, by what rule of proportion shall we work out the wrong of the fusion Legislature which did nothing really except through caucusing?

THE DEMOCRAT submits that the fusion Legislature ought to have been consistent—ostensibly so at least—and should not have done so much legislating in closed caucus rooms.

The truth is, we fear, too many members of the Legislature forgot the "people's interest" about which they said so much in the campaign, and did the most of their work through partisan prejudice and for the personal

ambitions. All these things will be studied carefully before the next Legislature is elected; and already one who observes closely can see, through the glow of patriotism that shines from the faces of honest men, "the handwriting on the wall" which will declare of the fusion fiasco that it was weighed in the balances and found wanting.

JOKE ON RANSOM.

Says our Washington correspondent: Last Tuesday the brilliant and versatile John R. Morris went with General Ransom to see Mr. Cleveland in the interest of a friend of Mr. Morris who wants a place. Mr. Morris told Mr. Cleveland a joke on Minister Ransom in the presence of the Cabinet officers and Chauncey Depew which made the new minister blush. It was about the old day in Northampton county, who, when he heard that the President had appointed General Ransom to his present position exclaimed:

"De President has made Gin'ral Ransom a minister! I've glad de Gin'ral got a job, but I questions de policy uv making him a preacher. In fac' I've afraid he'll scandalize de church. I've knowed de Gin'ral longer'n Mr. Cleveland has, and I knows dis is a bad appointment."

Mr. Cleveland laughed heartily at this criticism of his official action.

SILVER SERVICE FOR MR. DANIELS.

Our Washington correspondent writes: The silver service which is to be presented to Mr. Josephus Daniels, ex-chief clerk of the Department of Interior, as a testimonial from the officers and employees of the department, was placed on exhibition at the department today. There were very few clerks who did not take a look at it. It was universally admired. This elegant present is a testimonial from the higher salaried employees of the Department. Just before Mr. Daniels left he received a beautiful casket lined with white satin and filled with spoons, ladles, forks and napkin rings of solid silver, a present from the messengers in the Interior Department.

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A CALM REVIEW.

II.

In our first article in this review, which appeared last week, we endeavored to show some of the prime causes that led up to the dismay that fell upon the farmers of North Carolina and the South a few years ago. We say dismay, because the strained and straightened circumstances under which they were compelled to labor a few years ago were such that the feeling which took hold upon the farmer was nothing short of dismay. And farmers were excusable for feeling so.

It was, as we said in closing our article last week, at such a crisis as this that the Alliance was presented to the farmers.

As to what was in the minds of those who first projected the Alliance we will not now consider, but may speak of it hereafter. It was commendable in the farmers of the land to come together and have an interchange of views and of ideas concerning plans by which they might attain unto the highest excellence in their noble and God-appointed and Heaven-favored industry. So thought many of the best and purest farmers of the land. And with this idea they espoused the cause of the Farmers' Alliance and joined the order in the hope of rendering their part of the assistance which should be instrumental in revolutionizing the system of agriculture and possibly correcting some irregularities and abuses, the remedy for which lay within the purview of their calling.

In this way the farmers succeeded in managing for a time the bagging trust by refusing to use jute bagging for the high prices at which they were compelled to buy it. It is well remembered by almost every one how for awhile cotton was baled in old guano sacks, pea bags, old carpets and the like. And the enterprise of the farmers against the iron grip of the trust went so far in encouragement for independence that here in North Carolina there were factories established for the manufacture of cotton bagging and pine straw bagging with which to cover the bales of cotton.

And the editor of THE DEMOCRAT recalls now the feelings of pride which we watched these first steps of those men, in whose calling our boyhood, youth and the first years of our young manhood was spent, towards that manly independence to which the proper scope of their calling entitles them. This, indeed, was a proper use of power which we were delighted to see. The farmers had a right to say that before they would pay the high prices for such bagging as came under the power of a trust, they would cover their cotton with a covering which they could make from the products of their own lands, and thus assert their independence and at the same time increase the consumption of their own products.

Some one may say that the effort proved to be futile because it was found that nothing could take the place of jute bagging in covering baled cotton, or that it, if it be true, and yet the experiment was a sensible one and the effort praiseworthy.

Thus far the Farmers' Alliance was well. It was an educator to the people. But people, like individuals, may turn information to bad account. And so certain eagle-eyed sharpers and slysters, casting ahead for the possibilities of power which could come to an organization which was beginning to get hold upon the interests and affections of the solid yeomanry of the land, (for many a good and pure-minded son of toil did love the Alliance), saw the opportunity for their own aggrandizement and laid their plans whereby they might enmesh the unsuspecting sons of toil in a net from whose tangling cords they would extricate themselves only after a bitter and biting experience. The plans of these shrewd place-hunters, these selfish office-seekers, worked admirably well. They seized the opportunity at the flood-tide of excitement and discontent amongst most of the farmers of the land.

The great part of the body politic, which is largely composed of farmers, was prepared to be impressed. The human system, we know, is sometimes more susceptible to dangerous climatic or sanitary influences than at others; and when the system is subjected to miasma it depends much upon its condition as to whether or not the malaria will fasten itself upon the vital parts in the form of disease.

As with the human system, so with the political. Then seizing the opportunity these slysters injected their poison into the political system just at the time when it could easily permeate the whole body politic. And again we see that a new political creed was offered to the farmers of the land at a dangerous crisis in their experience.

Weldon Notes.

Weldon, March 26, 95. Conductor W. L. Jones, of the Kingston branch, is running the passenger train in place of Capt. G. D. Hawkes, who is off for a day or two.

Senator Ransom was in town Saturday. He will leave for his new field of labor on the 29th. His son, Robert, will accompany him.

A series of meetings is being held in the Baptist church. The pastor, assisted by Rev. G. L. Springfield, of Raleigh.

W. H. White of your town spent last night here. Hardy Panton, a very worthy colored man, died here one day last week. He had lived with Major Emory twenty-eight consecutive years.

The A. C. L. authorities have about decided to take down the old railroad shed here which is in a dilapidated condition. This shed was built in 1854.

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vs. Bessie Barnes, Sarah Barnes, Annie Barnes, Bayard Barnes, George Barnes, Mary Barnes, M. Lula Drewery, Willie Drewery, David Drewery, Bettie Mason, John C. Drewery, James Drewery, Fanny A. Boone, Marion W. Cook, Nannie Cook, Harry T. Campbell, Collin Barnes, and M. E. Cook.

The defendants, M. Lula Drewery, Willie Drewery, David Drewery, James Drewery, Bettie Mason, Marion W. Cook, Nannie Cook, M. E. Cook, and Harry T. Campbell, will take notice that the above entitled action has been commenced in the Superior Court of said county.

That the purpose of this action is to have all of the right, title and interest of the defendants as heirs at law and devisees of the late Geo. B. Barnes in and to the following described lands lying, being and situated in said county and State and described as follows:

One tract lying in Halifax and Brunswick townships, known as the "Lime" tract, containing by estimation six hundred acres, and adjoining the lands of W. W. Carter, W. W. Butts, and the lands formerly belonging to J. R. J. Daniel and others.

One tract known as the "Short" tract in Weidon township, containing by estimation five hundred acres, and adjoining the lands of T. J. E. Hockaday, W. H. Harrison and others, which lands are particularly described in that deed made by J. M. Mullen and W. H. Day, Commissioners, to said Geo. B. Barnes, which is duly recorded in the register's office for said county in Book 83, on page 63, to which reference is made, conveyed to the plaintiff as surviving partner of the firm of Vaughan & Barnes, to enable him to settle and adjust the partnership business, and to exclude them from all interest therein; also to have conveyed to him as such surviving partner for said purpose all of their right, title and interest in and to all that other land particularly described in said deed which may not have been previously conveyed by said Geo. B. Barnes, and to exclude them from all interest therein.

And that they are required to be and appear before the Judge of our Superior Court, at a Court to be held for the county of Halifax, at the court house in Halifax, on the 10th Monday after the first Monday in March, 1895, and answer the complaint, which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, within the three first days of said term, and let the said defendants take notice that if they fail to appear and answer the complaint within the time required by law, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, and the Costs to be taxed by the Clerk.

In witness whereof, I, Sterling M. Gary, Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, have hereunto set my hand, at my office in Halifax, this 14th day of March, 1895. STERLING M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court. W. A. DENN, Atty. for plaintiff. 3 21 6t.

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