

The DEMOCRAT time and again has been besieged by various and sundry persons in many and diverse ways to make a statement as to how it "stands on the money question."

The first declaration we make is one which at once throws us in *rapport* with every other man in the land, be he gold-bug, silver-bug or straddle-bug, and that is that we should be very glad to have more of it—such as it is, sound or unsound, inflated or contracted, fat or what not.

In a general way we have been doing our little best for several years to keep up with what we have thought we could in some measure understand, according as we have had the time to devote to this or that.

We might as well say it here as anywhere else or at any other time, that we believe any man who essays to pass his little judgment off-hand on the great financial questions of this great country with the self-confident air that he knows it well enough, without laborious and painstaking study, backed by a good deal of gray matter on the inside of his skull, makes of himself an animal somewhat akin to the one that talked to Balaam one day.

But as to our opinion: We have read a little and thought somewhat of late on the financial problem of this country, and we see very little further than we could see when we first began to look at it. And this is not at all surprising to us, for it has long baffled and still baffles many of the strongest and most learned statesmen of this age.

It, however, a great earthquake should roll all the gold in this continent into the State of North Carolina, and all the silver of this continent into the State of Colorado; and the gold of North Carolina should be in the hands of Mr. A., and the silver of Colorado should be in the hands of Mr. B.; we believe that the Government ought to accord equal privileges to Mr. A. and Mr. B. according as it should be desirable or necessary to coin their metals into money.

Under the hypothesis stated, the gold is the property of Mr. A. and the silver is the property of Mr. B., and if the Government needs or uses them both as money, we think that both metals ought to be admitted to the mints on the same footing. Any other course would be unfair, it seems to us, to the one against whom the discrimination should be made.

This is about as far as we have spelled out our lesson. As to the ratio at which these metals ought to be coined and used, we regard it more difficult to determine. When we arrive at a conclusion we may tell our readers what we think about it.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The *Patron & Gleaner* claims to be the "first paper in this part of the State to agitate the enforcement of the law" against cruelty to animals. Our esteemed contemporary is slightly mistaken, we think. THE DEMOCRAT printed several years ago the statute in regard to this crime and has time after time discussed the matter. Bro. Conner was either not in the newspaper field "in this part of the State," or overlooked our comments on the statute. THE DEMOCRAT is glad to welcome the *Patron & Gleaner* into this fight for the helpless dumb-creatures. Let's all pull together and we can inaugurate reform on this line.

THE DEMOCRAT always rejoices in the success of North Carolina boys out of the State, and in it too, as for that. Last Sunday's Richmond *Dispatch* made interesting mention of Prof. J. R. Hunter, a North Carolina scholar who was elected to the chair of Chemistry in Richmond College. Prof. Hunter recently delivered a lecture on "Chemistry and the Arts." The lecture was highly complimented by the press, which is a matter of great gratification to Prof. Hunter's friends in North Carolina. He is quite a young man to fill such an important position in a great institution, and North Carolina is proud of him and his work.

Drive out the impurities from your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla and thus avoid that tired, languid feeling and even serious illness.

NEWS & OBSERVER'S TOBACCO EDITION.

Last Sunday's issue of the Raleigh *News & Observer* was the promised "Tobacco Edition." It was indeed a most handsome paper and showed most remarkable enterprise and laudable effort on the part of the management of the paper. It contained forty pages, and was devoted entirely to the tobacco interest of North Carolina. Every town in the State that is engaged in the tobacco business to any extent was represented, and the cuts of the various warehouses, factories, fields of cultivation, &c., made the paper a beauty of journalism. Also the cuts showing many of the prominent tobaccoists in the State did them fair justice and much credit to the paper.

The *News & Observer* is truly enterprising, and we congratulate editor Daniels on his success.

SOCKS FOR SALT.

Saturday's *News and Observer* said that Mr. E. P. Devereux has presented to the Supreme Court a portrait of his grand-father, Thomas Pollock Devereux, which was made in 1855. Among other things of interest which the *Observer* says about Mr. Devereux is the following which will interest the people of Halifax county.

"He was for many years a prominent practitioner in the Supreme court, and the United States District Attorney for North Carolina, and, after retiring from practice in 1855, was for a long time chairman of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Halifax county where he lived and had large farming interests.

"He had bought a very large quantity of salt, about the commencement of the late war between the States, intending to use it as a fertilizer, but seeing that many people in his section needed the salt he abandoned his original intention, and exhibited his generosity in distributing it (a much needed article at that time) but the gift was coupled with the condition, however, that those who got the salt should knit socks, which was done, and he gave the socks to the State and they were sent to the North Carolina Confederate soldiers. While there was some compensation demanded, yet the transaction is impressed with the character of kind generosity and noble patriotism on the part of Mr. Devereux. He is now gratefully remembered by many of our old citizens, especially in Halifax county."

NEWS AND OBSERVER, NEXT!

Last week the SCOTLAND NECK DEMOCRAT printed under the same heading an opinion of one of the most prosperous farmers of Bertie county in favor of the gold standard and a different opinion of one of the most prominent young lawyers in the State in favor of the "white metal." The Raleigh *News and Observer* whacks the article in two and prints only the tail of it; other 16 to one papers copy from the Raleigh *Garbler* and people get only half the news. Is the Raleigh morning truly a newspaper or an organ? If it owns its own soul and fears not to print the news and the truth, it missed here a golden opportunity to indicate it.

Mr. S. E. Williams, a prominent and progressive attorney, has purchased the Lexington *Dispatch*. We welcome Mr. Williams into the field of journalistic endeavor and feel sure that North Carolina Democracy will feel the force of his pen.

On the first page of this issue we print at the request of a lady the act passed by the Legislature in 1891, touching the study of alcohol in our public schools. We are not prepared to say whether or not that law has ever been put into effect. If it has, it is well; but if it has not, it would be a good thing to have it incorporated into the work of our public schools.

Senator Butler has sent out a circular letter to the Populist chairman in each county concerning the political situation. He says Populists ought not to be in a hurry about conventions, but wait until after the county conventions by the two old parties. The most remarkable thing he said in his letter was, that "a Republican Legislature next time would be almost as bad as a Democratic Legislature."

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FARMS IN TEXAS.

LANDS AND CROPS.

Delightful Climate.

(Correspondence to THE DEMOCRAT.)
 LITTLETON, TEXAS, March 23, 1896.

In my humble judgment, after seeing this vast and beautiful country, the farmers are, as a rule, fifty years behind North Carolina. A good, energetic farmer coming here from that State might naturally talk too much and seemingly appear otiose.

First, there are no ditches. Fortunately not many are required, but like all countries there are rich flat bottoms here and there that could be greatly improved by drainage. Quantities of the best manure, ashes, etc., which are intended by nature as feeders for lands, if hauled at all, are dumped in waste places. What is given as a blessing is considered a curse. It is said the land is rich enough and fertilizing is harmful. Still, I think I have never yet seen lands so rich, that could not in some way be improved by fertilizing. Diversified crops are not thought of here. It is corn, cotton and sorghum year after year. Again, their farming implements are not such as this deep, rich soil requires, especially for the long months of drought this country is subject to, causing crops to fire and be less productive. I have told them of the kind we use, its object in keeping off rust, and creating a moisture, its being beneficial in those long, dry seasons. They say oats do not grow well here. The mistake there, I think, is sowing in spring instead of fall, as the few I have seen sowed at that season look well. They are never grazed. This would aid their stock greatly and not injure the growing crop. Peas sown on oat stubble is a thing unknown here. This would add to forage for winter as they depend entirely for it on sorghum. This is sowed broadcast, and in a green state is mowed and stacked. It is coarse and nothing to compare with the forages used by us; consequently cattle and other stock in winter do not fare so well. No clover is sown. They tell me hundreds of cattle die at that time when "northerners" blow up.

The average yield of natural land is from 10 to 15 barrels of corn per acre. This I think might be doubled by utilizing what is thrown away. Cotton is really no better than with us. It is their only money crop. They pay \$1 a hundred for picking out. They are bound to make it to pay debts they say. Some lands would make tobacco, but are generally too rich. Peanuts could be raised in abundance, especially the Spanish pea. Vines as a forage for winter use would greatly enhance their value. There are farmers here owning thousands and thousands of acres of land being cultivated entirely by renters, giving 1/3 crop of corn and 1/3 of cotton. All the seed of the cotton crop are sold to oil mills excepting those reserved for planting. They use two small mules or horses to the plow for running rows, to cotton and corn planters and for plowing crops.

Among so many mules and horses you see very few fine animals. Such as are sold there would be considered very fine here, but more attention is being paid in that line.

All vegetables grow well and abundantly, though they have the same pests in the form of worms and bugs on them that we have. Peaches and berries are fine, but no apples. Domestic fowls are raised in greatest abundance. We are having beautiful weather, crops growing rapidly and flowers blooming. It looks here now like middle of May there and we are enjoying this delightful climate. J. T. LAWRENCE.

Telephone from Littleton.

LITTLETON, N. C., April 6, 1896.

An effort is being made for a telephone connection between Panacea Springs and Littleton.

Rev. Mr. McNamara moved into town recently for the purpose of running a newspaper, as Capt. Geo. W. Charlotte and son have left.

The widow Stigall has opened a millinery store in the store-house which E. A. Bobbitt formerly occupied.

Mr. M. E. Sprull, the post master of Littleton, is having timber hauled for the erection of a new residence on Belts' Avenue.

One of Mr. Jim Williams' sons is very low with pneumonia.

There was Easter service in the M. E. church last night.

"BASDEN."

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

Commissioners' Meeting.

The county commissioners held in session Monday. The following accounts were allowed:

Enfield Lumber Co., rebate	\$80.31
L. D. Rowland, Supt. Co. House	10.29
W. B. Hillyer, goods on duty	78.78
W. H. Hays, goods on duty	2.00
C. H. B. Hays, goods on duty	2.00
C. A. Bell, goods on duty	70
J. J. Cook, goods on duty	40
C. W. Jones, goods on duty	1.20
C. W. Dunn, goods on duty	1.20
James Hays, goods on duty	7.00
G. J. Hays, goods on duty	6.72
F. W. Greger, goods on duty	25.00
Emory & Parris, goods on duty	14.05
C. H. Hays, goods on duty	2.13
S. M. Gray, goods on duty	12.25
Harold Allen	2.00
W. A. Grant, goods on duty	4.45
Everett Waddy Co., goods	7.93
Harold Printing House	4.70
W. F. Parker Lumber Co.	14.65
J. D. Wood, goods on duty	11.25
R. B. Parker, goods on duty	2.00
R. L. Fenner, goods on duty	37.50
R. S. Hall, goods on duty	31.20
G. W. Cochrison, goods on duty	1.58
Democrat, printing notice	12.30
A. J. Jackson, work on jail	7.50
A. J. Wood, jail, criminal court	2.50
J. H. Fenner, work on jail	1.00
Dallas Austin, work on jail	5.00
G. W. Gay, work on lunatic	20.00
S. J. Clark, building scaffold and powder's expenses to Raleigh	90.32
S. J. Clark, holding court	123.50
J. W. Gorton, rebuilding bridge	120.00
T. B. Wilcox, guarding jail	37.50
Geo. A. Broach, rep'g bridge	1.00
W. B. Shaw, work court house	3.00
J. F. Brinkley, recording orders	13.72
R. G. Bell, all account	45.85
Offie Edmunds, con's prisoner	3.50
D. D. Bryan, whate taxes	3.34
Snerrod Johnson, " "	2.00
Excelsior Printing Company	75
Roanoke News, printing notice	12.50
W. M. Cohen, goods court	24.00
Jno Cook, con's prisoner	1.50
Sam Truellock, con for co	7.50
W. D. Alton, guarding jail	37.50
B. Fitzgerald, con's prisoner	2.00

OTHER BUSINESS.

J. A. Hogg paid on insolvent list for 1892 \$75.57

JUDICIAL FORFEIT COURT—1ST WEEK.
 J. E. Hancock, J. H. Stallings, B. F. Tillery, Jess Stansbury, W. S. Hockaday, W. F. Bitterworth, R. E. L. Gunter, E. S. Sledge, Amicus Medlin, R. C. Laster, B. F. Moore, Ed. Bachelor, Geo. Alston, W. C. Vinson, G. M. J. Webb, J. N. Braswell, S. S. Mossy, N. M. Harrison, Geo. E. Medlin, C. M. Peterson, J. A. Whitehead, E. E. Lewis, J. T. Coker, G. E. Stephenson, V. M. Burton, J. P. Leacock, D. E. Lee, W. T. Jenkins, J. H. Lewis, Thos. Dickens, C. H. Wilcox, C. A. Williams, Richard Morris, Jno. W. Dickens, J. I. Summerell and C. B. Shop.

2ND WEEK.
 A. M. Riddick, W. D. Smith, James Keeter, R. Lewis, W. B. Whitehead, J. H. Burton, J. C. Simmons, P. V. Randolph, J. B. Hicks, F. R. Babbell, B. H. Hale, T. J. Cook, J. H. Overstreet, D. C. Fenner, C. J. Bartholomew, W. E. Fisher, S. E. Hamill and J. P. Ware.

Notice!

NORTH CAROLINA, HALIFAX COUNTY, SUE COURT, BEFORE S. M. GARY, CLK.
 Mamie E. Hyman, Mamie E. Hyman, administratrix, Wm. Hyman, deceased, and Mary J. Hyman—Plaintiffs

Against Robert Hyman and wife, William Ann Hyman, R. W. Hyman and wife, Sally, E. P. Hyman and wife, Bettie, Rosa Lee Parks and husband, Dud Parks, Addie Allbrook, Carrie Allbrook, Mattie Allbrook, Pauline Allbrook, (the latter three infants) K. Allbrook, Laura F. Stamper and husband, Richard Stamper, Chas. F. Taylor & Co., The Hall Tobacco Co. and Slater, Meyers & Co.—Defendants.

Let the defendants and others take notice: That the above entitled action has been begun by the above named plaintiffs against the above named defendants before me for sale of the land of the late John R. Hyman, being the old home place, for a partition among the tenants in common thereof, the summons returnable before me at my office in the town of Halifax, in said County and State, on the 15th day of May 1896, when and where defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint of plaintiffs.

Given under my hand this the 30th day of March, 1896.

S. M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court.

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ENFIELD TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	DESCRIPTION.	TAXES AND COSTS.
Miss M. P. Billups,	137 acres, home	85.52
G. W. Buffalo,	778 acres, Rich Neck	24.44
E. C. Bullock	500 acres, White Hall	15.50
Mrs. M. E. Boone,	100 acres, Brooches Swamp	2.70
T. C. Dicken,	97 acres, Pipe	3.06
Turner Harris,	12 acres, Dawson's X Roads	6.27
J. B. Hunter,	2 town lots	5.20
O. A. Jno.,	56 acres, Part Pittman	2.00
Malissa Knight,	77 acres, " "	3.12
Major Knight,	150 acres, " "	5.70
Rebecca, "	150 acres, " " and Bird	4.70
Mary, "	40 acres, home	3.86
Benjamin Lane,	225 acres, home	1.50
Geo. W. Morris,	225 acres, Beaver Dam	7.56
J. W. Pittman,	104 acres, home	7.00
Miss Mary Reid,	135 acres, John Reid tract	2.94
Isaac Robbins,	320 acres, home	7.94
Mrs. M. Stamper,	200 acres, home	4.03
Mrs. E. Whitaker,	1217 acres, homestead	41.27
Mrs. N. U. Whitaker,	1 town lot	11.44
Mess R. & B. Whitfield,	295 acres, homestead	18.20
R. Wilkins,	140 acres, Jacket Swamp	6.44
Miss Dixie Wilkins,	270 acres, " "	6.60
J. B. Wood,	142 acres, adjoining Enfield	3.56

April 9th, 1896.
 R. B. BRITT, Collector.

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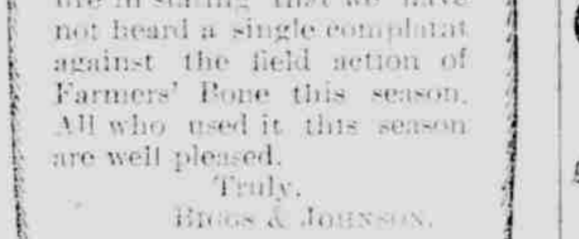
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Notice is hereby given to all persons owning lands on which we have purchased timber that said persons must cut nothing from said tracts larger than 10 inches in diameter. The courts have decreed that no one having sold his timber has a right to cut trees suitable for making lumber, even for fire wood.

The law will be strictly enforced against all persons who disregard this notice.

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