

# The Commonwealth.

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## COME TOGETHER.

We give most of our editorial space this week for a letter by Capt. Kitchin in an editorial article two weeks ago we proposed to pass over all former differences and "toe the mark" with our Populist friends who are willing to come back and start with us. This is in substance what Capt. Kitchin says also.

We agree with him in what he says about the railroad lease question. We have all the while thought that the whole matter has been a mountain made of a mole-hill. The special investigation by Master Craig was worth nothing except to give employment to lawyers, and some of them at the expense of the State to help Attorney General Walsler do nothing.

## WHY IS IT?

The following by Elder P. D. Gold in the Wilson Times has about as much good common sense as any paragraphs we have read:

"A few days ago I was told, by one well informed, that cotton yarns are sold now at 18 cents per pounds out of cotton costing 5 cents per pound—a profit of more than 100 per cent. The same informant said that last spring they sold yarns at 13 cents, out of cotton that cost them 7 cents. Now he said they are scarcely able to fill their orders.

"Why is this? Is there a ring among the manufacturers? Farmers ought to share a reasonable profit with others. They earn as much—labor as hard—live as scantily. Why is this?"

"The remedy for farmers is to produce all they eat, such as corn, wheat, pork, milk and butter, fruits—feed for horses, mules, cattle, etc., and buy as little as possible. Have good schools in the country. Too many are moving to town. Build up the country. Improve your lands, your society, educate your children at home. Teach them to labor, and not to despise it.

"In the town the question is asked, what shall we do with our daughters? Too many of them are brought up to think only of dressing, going with boys, riding bicycles, spending their time foolishly. Teach them to labor—to cook, sew, make clothing, etc., by putting them at it. Teach your boys to do farm work.

"We should quit buying so much. No wonder we are so poor. We will get worse and worse every year until we return to the industrial and economical ways of the Bible. Read Proverbs 31."

## THE DISASTROUS "SEVEN."

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

LITTLETON, N. C. Nov. 23, '97.  
An old gentleman of close observation remarked the other day that ever since he could remember every year ending in seven has been disastrous. While this has not been disastrous to much extent, the low price of cotton will cause much suffering among the poor, and meager collection with all who do not work for a salary. Your suggestion some time ago for farmers to sow much wheat, because it will be compelled to bring a good price in the early summer, was a timely one; but how about our Halifax county "miserable law" allowing stock to run at large three months in the year? Could there have been a more untimely law enacted by sensible legislators?

When we see so many bicycles on the streets, so many new buggies, so many well dressed people at church, it does not seem that Hard Times is in the country; but he is in the country if not in town. This will be evident to any one who will test the matter by driving only a few miles.

When will our people quit drinking whiskey? When will they learn to spend six days in the week throughout the year on the farm? When will they learn to make home made manures, and ditch the hillsides to prevent their lands from washing? When will they grow grasses and clover, raise stock, in fine, be farmers by living largely on what is raised at home?

Our town has three more merchants this fall. How much better it would be to have fewer stores and some other industries.

Thanksgiving is upon us and we are called on to help the orphans as well as eat turkey. If the orphans were to receive the value of the unnecessary expensive dinners that will be eaten next Thursday, how they and their providers would rejoice!

Gov. Bell is seriously ill. An interesting character is he. A man who has had two Indian arrows through his left arm, has ridden side by side with Sam Houston and was one of the first Governors of the "Lone Star" State, can not be otherwise than entertaining to

## CAPT. KITCHIN'S LETTER.

The following letter was written by Capt. W. H. Kitchin recently to a Democratic friend of his, a copy of which has come into the hands of the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH, and we commit no breach of confidence in printing it:

MY DEAR SIR:—We had as well be honest with ourselves—and look facts in the face because, twist and squirm as we may, these facts must in the wind up be met and satisfied or we must go under in the coming contest. The Democracy in this State can not whip Pritchard, Butler, and A. Andrews, the negroes and the Devil and his angels all combined with the gold bug element added for good measure. It has accomplished wonders and can accomplish wonders in the future, but cannot perform impossibilities. I believe the world has an inalienable right to curse the "stuffed prophets," Cleveland and Butler, because they have both betrayed the trusts reposed in them, by deserting the people and joining forces with the common enemy of the people. But the honest, deluded victims who followed them, some into the Republican party, some near the outer lines, and others standing trying to determine what to do and where to go, do not deserve the abuse that some papers and people seem determined to heap upon them.

I judge other people by myself. And we all know thousands upon thousands of good men left the Democratic organization, not because they disapproved of its principles, or believed in the principles of the Republican organization; but because they felt that the party had been betrayed into the hands of the enemy and that they were being led into the Republican party and made to eat dirt and crawl in slime to build up the fortunes of Cleveland and his followers at the expense of true Democracy and the interest of their country. I was one of that number, and I have no pang of conscience, and no apology to offer. I have never been off the Democratic platform, nor have I ever advocated any other doctrine than the purest, cleanest cut Democracy and I never will. But when you undertook to cram Cleveland down my throat, as Democracy pure and undefiled, you made as big a mistake as Butler and his crowd did when they undertook to make me swallow Zeb Vance Walsler, the Republican party and the negro, as Jeffersonian Democracy.

The Democratic party was wrong in following Cleveland into the Republican party, and those who rebelled deserve credit and the national Democracy when assembled at Chicago said so in tones of thunder by the adoption of a Democratic platform, and the nomination of a democrat thereon, and also by the repudiation of Cleveland, Hill and Wall street Democracy. No, I insist that those who left Clevelandism simply preceded the Chicago convention in the right direction a little in advance.

Now since the Democracy has passed a bill of divorce and separation from Clevelandism, republicanism and negroism, and gone into business on its own hook, renewed, regenerated and redeemed from republicanism, I deem it the patriotic and christian duty of every gentleman who left the party for the above named reasons, to either return or aid that party to re-establish good government in the State. Those who left because they were not Democrats, or because they preferred spoils and plunder to an honest administration of the laws and white supremacy, are not coming back and it is a useless expense of time and labor to abuse them, or beg them to come back.

But those who acted with the Third party from patriotic motives, or from honest though mistaken motives, are as good and true as the best of us, and ought to be encouraged to come home, from among alien enemies, and do service in the cause of good government, and for the restoration of prosperity, harmony and brotherly love.

And this wholesale denunciation and abuse of all who aided in administering a merited rebuke to the national Democracy, is all wrong and out of place.

There is one thing as certain as the setting sun, and that is this: if none of the fellows who voted with the Third party three years ago and even one year ago vote with the Democratic party, but against it with the Republican party, the party can not win. Now do you want to win the next battle? If you do begin from this hour to win back the lost and strayed sheep from the house of Israel, by argument, reason, common sense and brotherly love. I don't mean to go into the Republican party to bring them back, because a sucking calf never turns loose an udder as long as he is hungry and the milk flows—let them suck until they are full or until you can capture the

## HOW TO CURE BILIOUS COLIC.

I suffered for weeks with colic and pains in my stomach caused by biliousness and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. Mrs. F. Butler, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons who are subject to bilious colic can ward off the attack by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, N. C.

cow. But remember thousands are not sucking and can not, and that thousands do not want to suck; and that all they want is a good government, prosperity, and an even show in the race of life, and to feel and know that they have the respect, confidence and love of the best citizens of the land.

It is a great mistake to suppose all men bad who are not in your party. And the organization that adds those to its voting strength by fair dealing, kind treatment, manly conduct and even handed justice almost always wins. Give us reason and argument instead of abuse and billings-gate.

Invite all without distinction to come and go along with the grand Democratic column, who love home, family, wives, daughters, children and friends and bleeding humanity. Invite all who believe in the unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, in a graded income tax, a tariff for revenue only, and who favor the control of all corporations by the power creating the same, and against government by injunction, and who favor a government by intelligence and white men, to come in your convention and aid you in making the best and wisest selection for candidates and committees. And just here I had as well be candid and honest. The Democracy can not win under the old leaders. It can not win under a milk and cider policy. It can not win with a gold bug committee, nor can it win with any man on deck who stood by Grover Cleveland and his republicanism after the repeal of the purchase clause of the Sherman act, and who endorsed the sale of bonds to keep up the infamous gold reserve, or to pay the expenses of the government so long as fifty millions remained in the treasury or silver, if utilized, could have supplied the treasury without the sale of bonds.

It may not be amiss in me to touch tenderly another thing which bids fare to be forced into the next campaign by Butler and his contingency.

No man in the State was more opposed to the ninety-nine years lease than myself, and no one denounced the wrong in stronger language. And I say now it was a great wrong, yes a great crime. But it is a finished fact. It belongs to the past. Butler and his crowd denounced the crime and declared and made it the issue in the last campaign in the State. He and his crowd carried the Legislature by almost a two-thirds majority. And yet he could not pass an act to upset the lease, and if he had passed it, it would not have amounted to a snap of my little finger, and both Butler and Russell know it. And it is too late for Butler to say the republicans defeated or that the democrats defeated his pet measure. He knew the republicans were in favor of the lease when he and his committee sold out to the republican party in the State for loaves and fishes.

The very members of the Legislature elected by the votes of Butler's crowd, defeated his and Russell's pet scheme. If so small a number as four or five republicans in the Senate had voted for the measure it would have passed. Neither Butler nor Russell wanted it to pass. They wanted it defeated so that they could have it as an issue in future elections.

If the lease was valid no act of the Legislature could have made it invalid. It was a legal question beyond the power of the Legislature. And the courts can decide now as well as they ever could. It is all bosh, and a scheme of Butler's to befuddle and fool the people, and distract their minds from the main issues in the coming campaign. Another thing I will allude to as I am a kind of free lance. I frequently see abusive pieces in the papers against A. Andrews. This is all wrong.

If I had been in his shoes or you or any body else faithful to his trust, we would have done just as he did. He acted on business principles and made the best bargain he could for his company. He overreached the boys he had to deal with. He had more business sense and capacity than they all combined. In truth, A. Andrews out-generated the Democratic, Republican and Populist parties all combined, and displayed more tact, generalship and business skill than them all. And from my standpoint I admire the man rather than despise him. At all events there is nothing made by abusing him, nor does he deserve any abuse. I am not in favor of abusing any body concerned in the matter, because I do not and never have believed the Governor nor the directors corrupt. But from my standpoint, it was the want of a thorough knowledge of business principles, the lack of which would put any individual or corporation into bankruptcy within ninety days. But let that matter rest, and cease to abuse cousin Aleck because he has more business sense than all three of the political machines combined.

And if you must abuse somebody to prevent your boiler from bursting, abuse Governor Carr and his directors for making the lease and Marion Butler and Judge or rather Governor Russell for stirring up a dead issue.

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Nor can I see why the lawyers on either side should be called hard names in public or private. They are paid, I presume, for what they do and it is their business to look after the interest of their clients; if lawyers do not do this they will soon be without clients.

Now I want to say in conclusion, that the democrats can carry this State in defiance of Pritchard, Russell, Butler or any other man, if they will be honest, candid, prudent, wise, patriotic and rely upon the righteousness of their cause and the wickedness, incompetency, corruption and the want of principles, patriotism, honesty, virtue and true courage and manhood in the conglomerate mass and combination of corruption now managing the State and all its institutions.

But you can not win by abuse. Reason, logic, common sense, patriotism and truth set forth in all its glory and power will accomplish what abuse never did and never will.

An appeal to the common sense, the understanding, the judgment and the sentimentality of the voters will do more to carry the State for the Democracy than all the vituperations in all the papers.

We all know Butler is scared. He is hanging by a very slender thread. The ground is sinking under him. His only possible hope is to make terms with the Republican party or the Democratic party.

His own forces are not sufficient to make a fight. They would not cover the front of one wing of a fighting army, and if our papers and speakers are wise, honest, candid and magnanimous and will recognize and treat the honest Populist as a brother and neighbor, he will not be able when the battle is joined to raise a strong skirmish line.

But don't forget it, he and his plunder hunters are going to co-operate with or fuse with the Republicans—notwithstanding the love some Democrats are lavishing upon him. But the honest, non-office hunters, non-plunder hunters are going to vote with the white people in the coming contest, provided they are invited in our conventions, placed on an equal footing with the old fashion Democrats, and put on committees and treated in every respect as the peers and equals of all Democrats.

So far as I am concerned I don't want any invitation. I stand where I always stood, and where I am sorry the Democrats have not always stood; and I congratulate the party, its leaders, its voters and the country that it has gotten back on the old camping grounds, where honest men, good citizens, patriotic souls, God-fearing, God-serving, law-abiding people need not hesitate to come and camp, with confidence that they are in good company; and feeling that here no crimes, no outrages, no frauds, no stealings will be committed by officials sent from those quarters, to make us hang our heads in very shame, or blush for the honor, glory and traditions of the State.

W. H. KITCHIN.

## Resolutions by Dawson's Baptist Church.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan, pastor Dawson's Baptist church, Tar River Association, having resigned as pastor, and the same having been accepted by the church the deacons submit the following resolutions, which are adopted:

1. Resolved, That it is with deepest regret we part with our beloved pastor, who has so faithfully and successfully served us for the past three years, during all of which time there has not been the least discord between pastor and church.

2. Resolved, That during his pastorate the church at this place has been greatly strengthened and built up spiritually and greatly developed in work, and we feel that his influence among us was a special beacon to light us on in the path of duty.

3. Resolved, That we commend him to God's people everywhere as an able and conservative minister and feel that wherever he may serve as shepherd they will be fed with the precious truths of the gospel.

## ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

## CHIEF CAUSE.

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Prime	2
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Black Eye Peas, per bag	1.50
Eggs, per dozen	17
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Halifax County.

D. A. Madry vs. W. C. Allen and others.

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