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EDN F. A. WOODARD.

The true and faithful Democrats of Bertie County at all times have hoped that Mr. Woodard would be permitted to retain his seat—the title to which was as good as any man's in Congress—They rejoice at his success in the contest. Mr. Woodard has endeared himself to our people. He has, at all times, consulted the wishes of the Democracy. The humblest citizen receives from him the most courteous treatment. He is prompt in answering letters, diligent in prosecuting the business of his constituents, constant in his attendance upon the session of the body of which he is a member, aggressive and bold in debate, and at all times the servant of the people who elected him.

The entire Democratic party of North Carolina is under obligations to him because he is in a large measure their sole dependence. His four years in Congress have been in all respects, a credit to his Democracy, his citizenship and his Christian manhood.

SOUTHERN STABILITY.

The Manufacturer's Record shows the number of failures throughout the country for the past three months as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The record of the Southern States exhibits a phenomenal business stability as compared with the failures in North and West. The increase of liabilities in Minnesota alone was four times more than in the entire South. So in bank clearings—the best showing is in the Southern States—the returns showing a gain of 14 per cent. as against 2½ per cent in the West, 4 per cent in the North West, 2½ in New England, and an average of 8 per cent throughout the country, showing that the South despite the general depression has made better progress than any other part of the country. Three new cotton mills in South Carolina and two in North Carolina is the record of last week. A million dollar contract to enlarge the Dismal Swamp canal, and a company organized in Norfolk to build a drydock with a capital of \$500,000 are also assured.

The tidal wave of prosperity now sweeping over the South will surely reach us. Will our business men take advantage or invest their money and enterprising where it will not only benefit themselves but the community; or will they wait until some Yankee, seeing the opportunity, seizes upon it. The Ledger wants the factories in Windsor and expects to see them, and every man, woman and child wanting work employed, but we would much prefer our own people to build and manage them. If they won't do it we hope they will not kick if strangers do it for them.

FUSION.

The main result of a fusion of Republicanism and Populism is a lowering of the mental and moral standards that have heretofore prevailed in North Carolina. It has taught that office is the end

and aim of their political faith. With free coinage for its shibboleth the Populist party madly rushes to the support of Republicans who served their apprenticeship in financial reform in the demonitization of silver. With high protective tariff as its battle cry the Republican party in North Carolina jumps fences to vote for Populists whose main reputations were made in denouncing protection.

In order that the mass of the people may not discover the unbecomingly and villainy of their conduct the Fusionists have deliberately set about to destroy the public schools. The first stroke is to abolish the office of County Superintendent and Boards of Education, thus turning the children of the State adrift without a guide. For fear that it might be said the Republicans had no hand in the reform movement, the Reformers hit popular education a blow. In the old Republican days the school funds were stolen. Surely these modern days of reform must show the same spirit.

And in order that chaos and confusion might rule in the public schools, the Fusionists have introduced ninety-six different sets of text books in the State—or at least made it possible to have that number.

The public schools have been the one fountain that Democracy and the people of the State have kept pure.

Its waters are now muddied and a dirty stream will soon ooze therefrom unless Democracy this year wrests the school system from the incompetents and corruptionists as it did in 1876. No surer means could be devised to make the people tolerate Fusion and its villainies and corruptions than by keeping the people ignorant. So they close up the window of the public school in order that the people may sit in darkness.

But we believe the light is breaking.

The Republican Convention is in session as we go to press. Its deliberations are a study for the man who believes that fusion and Populism are good for Bertie County. No good citizens can possibly endorse the conduct of some of the participants in that body.

The Honorable United States Senator, Marion Butler, the multiloquent chairman of the multitudinous party would have been edified could he have looked into Windsor Court House last Friday. The gymnastic performance of the Republican gymnast chairman was fully equalled by the grandiloquence of the ex-member of the Legislature. He missed the opportunity of his life to study the science of philogenesis.

We congratulate the Republicans of Windsor precinct in electing Augustus Robbins to preside over their convention last week. He did so with fairness and impartiality. There are no native white Republicans in this township fit to manage the colored Republicans, who look out for themselves. The white Republicans can accept nominations but they can't come out in the day light and be seen in convention with the negroes.

The Patron and Gleaner says many complimentary things about Hon. A. W. Graham, who has been holding a two weeks term of Northampton court. Mr. Conner, the editor of that paper, is a discriminating and observant man, little given to praise and never unless merited.

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In this instance he is correct, because there is no clearer headed, more just, upright, honorable and learned judge in North Carolina than Hon. A. W. Graham. He holds our court which convenes on Monday of the coming week.

AFTER a night and day spent in terrific struggle to see if they could, to the satisfaction of both, divide out the offices, the Republicans and Populists have decided not to fuse yet awhile. This family quarrel fools nobody. The Populists are now and have always been a Republican annex. We are speaking of Populists, not of those whose political cowardice is hid under the high sounding pseudonym of Jeffersonian Democrats.

Holton wont fuse unless he gets the larger share, and Butler wont fuse unless he gets enough to make up for what he lost in the last deal.

And these are the worthies who, as knights of old, essayed to fight the battles of the beautiful Reform.

The thin garb in which Reform is now dressed calls for police interference. The statutes against indecent exposure should be put in force at once.

This disagreement fools nobody.

It does one thing in that it makes very plain the duty of the Democrats. That duty is to subordinate all personal aims to the expressed will of the majority. The battle is on. Its first notes were sounded in Bertie County last Friday, and today in the court house is being enacted a scene in the Republican County Convention that should nerve the white men of North Carolina to stand in an unbroken column to keep down the cohorts of ignorance and vice.

Town Park.

MR. EDITOR:— Mr. Askew's proposition to allot a plot of ground in the town for a public park to be adorned and beautified for the pleasure and comfort of the public, meets my hearty approbation. But I must take issue with him as to

the location he selects. Aside from the association, the unearthly yells of the unfortunate lunatics who have to be confined in jail at times, would drive all persons from the park. And who could properly enjoy themselves under its to be cool shades and delightful odor of flowers and shrubs, if a prisoner's face looked down from a jail window.

As to the Confederate Monument being placed behind the jail, I take it that all soldiers—their wives, sisters and friends would object to it.

It is true that there is no very appropriate place in the court house yard for it; but the County Commissioners have granted the permission for its erection there, and I think it a better one than that behind the jail.

If the owner of Leigh's old barber shop would donate that as a site for the monument in addition to his already generous donation, he would make glad many a soldier's heart, and the shaft besides adding to the beauty of his charming home, would stand as an everlasting monument to his generosity, and respect and love for the men who shed so much glory over our sunny South.

Yes, let us have a town park by all means; but do not put the monument to our honored dead behind the jail. COUNTRY.

A Good Showing.

At the last written review in orthography; had on Friday, the 16th inst., by Messrs. Horner and Kenney, of the Windsor Academy, the following scholars stood "A"—No. 1.

Ladies—Misses Eva Mizell, Moella Rice, Irene Grant, Billie Rice, Lena Mizell, Bertha Bazemore, Mary Moore, Mary Smith, Sadie Davis, Pearl Freeman.

Gentlemen—Messrs. Lewis Thompson, Alfred Smith, Jonathan Stokes, Chas. Byrum, Hugh Lee Sutton, Thos. Alston, John Hoggard, Alton Dail, Geo. Dail, John T. Smith, Geo. Moore and Frank Gillam.

NOTICE!

Having qualified as administrator on the estate of J. W. Heckstall, deceased notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of said J. W. Heckstall, to make immediate payment of all persons holding claims against said estate will present them to me on or before the 23rd day of April 1896 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery. This 23rd day of April 1896 W. T. HECKSTALL, Adm'r.

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