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## BRIEF OPINIONS.

The Lawrenceville Herald (Lawrenceville, Pa.) says: What is that need? The classes are opposed to the masses; capital is in control; the few are governing the many.

Where is that flood of gold that was coming back from Europe? Is it possible that the subsidized press has been mistaken in their unanimous declarations that it would surely come?—*National Economist*.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee says that the corporations own seventy-six percent of all the wealth in Minnesota and only pay seventeen percent of the taxes. This may be said to be a fair sample of the condition of affairs in every city in the Union.—*Sentinel*.

SENATOR JONES. It has been proved by scientific inquiry abroad that gold has appreciated 40 per cent in the last sixteen years. We did not agree to pay our debts in gold, but we are doing it. Now, if we had agreed to pay our debts in cloth and found that our yard-stick had grown to forty-eight inches, should we measure our cloth by that yard-stick? Mr. Harrison merely trifles with words when he discusses this question. The people themselves have not yet come to understand it.

The Alliance Tribune (O'Neill, Neb.) says: Both the old parties are wanting great chunks of sympathy for the Alliance because the Alliance Congressmen refused to adopt any rule by which they should all be compelled to vote together upon any particular measure. Why, bless your dear souls, that one man power, caucus rule, was one of the things which the Alliance was organized to protest against. The caucus rule in Congress by which a few men in and out of Congress have been enabled to shape the legislation of the country for the past twenty-five years is the cause of the class laws and special privileges which have made millionaires and mortgages so plenty.

The Alliance Leader (Belmont, N. Y.) says: Membership in an Alliance does not entitle one to benefits any more than church membership entitles him to a seat in heaven unless there be earnest effort along the lines indicated by those organizations. "Work out our own salvation" is an appropriate motto in both cases. Men who do not expect costs to back up to them to be asked sometimes indulge in severe criticism on the Alliance because it has not fulfilled all their expectations in regard to purchasing goods, when they have never made so much as a practical suggestion toward organizing this Department of our work. Remember we are handed together to mutually counsel, encourage and help in all that is of true benefit to the toiling masses.

The National Economist says: There is in progress at this time a revolution in the Democratic party in Texas. It has been three or four years, but never broke out in earnest until the 10th inst. The exciting cause has been the ruling of Chairman Finley of the State Democratic executive committee that Democrats who believed in the sub-Treasury plan were not eligible to seats in the primary conventions, or upon the executive committees, county, district or State. The Economist published the ruling in full with a comment about November 1, 1891. Since that time the fires of discontent have smoldered and spread rapidly, and they broke out into a brilliant flame on the 10th inst. in the city of Dallas, when 250 delegates from the people's Democracy met and declared themselves the true Jefferson Democracy of Texas.

HONEST MONEY, good money, clean money. Yes, gentlemen, that is just what we want and plenty of it. Now stand up to the task. No equivocation. No evasion, pretence or deception. And in your effort to get it, don't go back on your government, your own legislation and in fact, your own "honest money." Just as the government and the law declares it. The oldest money we have, indorsed by Jefferson, Madison, Calhoun, Webster and the rest. Plain, clear, equivalent silver money, and tested by eighty years of free coinage and use by the people. Never a word did you hear then about cheap money, dishonest money or anything of the kind. But notwithstanding all this, you don't want it, because it is against your present interest, and so you go back on it and depreciate its value by all sorts of pretences and subterfuges. But you can't do it. The people won't believe you. The deception is too plain.—*National View*.

## STATE NEWS.

THE DOINGS OF OUR PEOPLE BRIEFLY AND PLAINLY TOLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

WILMINGTON.—Hon. A. M. Weddell was a guest at the annual festival of the Southern Society in New York last Monday, and responded to the toast "The South"—"Home of our fathers, we turn to thee, let thy loving benediction rest upon us!"—*Star*.

WILMINGTON.—Mr. Jas. C. Stewart, engineer at the Champion Compress, while at work yesterday morning fell from the top of the engine to the lower floor—a distance of twenty-seven feet. He was picked up unconscious by some of the workmen and a physician summoned. The latter found, upon examination, that Mr. Stewart, while severely but not seriously hurt—none of his bones were broken. He was taken to his home on North Fourth street and yesterday evening was reported as improving.—*Star*.

GREENVILLE.—The largest shipment of tobacco ever made from Greenville in one day was by J. J. Hester & Co. last Saturday, of which they shipped 21,000 pounds. The tobacco warehouse narrowly missed being destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Some people passing by discovered the roof to be on fire and put out same before any damage was done. The steamers or Meyers broke her shaft while coming down the river Saturday morning. She was about two miles above here when the accident occurred. The steamer Greenville took her in tow from this place to Washington.

NEWBERNE.—Mr. Charles C. Hall, who has been identified with the Mithrasian Institution for the past thirty-two years and is an accepted authority on ichthyic fauna, states that the curious fish exhibited at the Fair and spoken of as "All mouth" is scientifically known as Lophius, the Angler, owing to its manner of feeding. It lies flat on its belly in the water with open mouth, and projects its two feelers, or antennae, outwards and forward, after the manner of an angler fishing, and these being provided with what resembles something eatable, attracts little fish, which instantly swims into the trap so ingeniously set, and are caught and devoured.—*Journal*.

KINSTON.—Wylder, the bigamist, who was arrested in Kinston a few months ago, is to be tried in Greensboro this week. The Greensboro Record says that Mr. Win. Dolphin, a brother of Wylder's English wife has arrived there. Sheriff Sutton showed up a very lucrative customer for half dollar the other day. It appears all right to the eye, but does not ring when dropped, like silver. Counterfeit silver coins are said to be in pretty general circulation and people would do well to guard against taking them. The Baptist tabernacle at Raleigh has been remodeled and enlarged at an expense of \$8,000, and will be ready for use the first Sunday in March. It will seat 2,000 people, and has the largest Sunday school in the State, 742 pupils.—*Free Press*.

GOLDSBORO.—For obtaining money under false pretense from Mr. J. U. Oliver, Register of Deeds of Johnston county, Mr. G. T. Braswell, of Princeton, was arrested Saturday and being unable to furnish bond was carried to the Smithfield jail to be tried at the present term of court. The Thomson murder trial is in progress at Smithfield this week and will no doubt consume the entire week, judging from the very large number of State witnesses who left here Tuesday morning. The Goldsboro Lumber Company with their usual enterprise, have just put a large boiler in their engine room, to be enabled to supply the steadily increasing demand for their output. Adam Hoffman, of Davis county, was caught under a log on which he was chopping Tuesday, and instantly crushed to death. A three-year old daughter of John Hays was burned to death in Gaston county Tuesday, while playing with fire during the parents' absence.—*Head-Lights*.

NEWTON.—Several of the Sheriff's Ford people have been up marking this week. They say the cotton crop will be very light this year, compared with late year. Mr. S. W. Sherrell, of Sheriff's Ford, is ahead on egg curiosities. He brought one to this office one day this week with a knob on the little end in the shape of a bird's head. A South Fork farmer told us the other day that there will be but little cotton planted this year. This year, grain, grasses and stock will be relied on for awhile at least. Some two weeks ago, in the western part of Lincoln county, there were three deaths in one family in one day. Mr. Daniel Leatherman died in the forenoon, and two hours later his grandnephew, who was living with him, died. While a neighbor was going to Lincoln for collins, Mrs. Leatherman died, all of the grip. His band, wife and grandnephew were all buried the same day. Last Sunday afternoon in the northwest corner of Lincoln county, near the Catawba and Cleveland lines, a crowd of men under the influence of liquor got into a row. John Pollard caught a man by the name of Bracket by the throat, when the latter drew a knife and stabbed Pollard to the heart, killing him instantly. Bracket has been arrested and is now in Lincoln jail.—*Enter price*.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Governor Buchanan, of Tennessee, rallies round the Boies flag.

General Stanley thinks that Garza is still hiding in the chapparal. Why not try to smoke him out?

From a very early date the Chinese have constructed suspension bridges of considerable magnitude.

The Salton Sea, which was comparatively low at the end of the dry season, has become nearly filled again and is constantly rising.

A woman in Illinois has recently published an advertisement offering a reward of \$25 to any one who can find her lost husband.

Right Hon. Sir Henry Cotton, D. C. L. P. C., late Lord Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Appeals, died yesterday in London.

A large quantity of dynamite has been stolen from a factory near Paris, France. It is thought the theft was the work of Anarchists.

Mrs. Tel Sono, said to be Japan's first woman lawyer, is in this country lecturing in behalf of a Christian school for high-caste Japanese girls.

A Paris dispatch says President Carnot has entrusted the task of forming a cabinet to Rouvier who is trying to include most of the present Ministers in the new cabinet.

The California pioneer now having the best claim to long residence on the Pacific Coast is believed to be Alfred, or Don Alfredo, Robinson, who went out from Boston in July, 1828.

The Vienna correspondence of the London Times says negotiations for the establishment of reciprocity relations are about to be commenced between Australia and the United States.

The schooner Annie E. Pierce, bound from Oronoke, N. C., to Wilmington, Del., went upon a bar a few miles from Cape Hatteras last week. Her mate was killed and her captain had a leg broken. The vessel is said to be close in shore and assistance is being rendered by the life-saving crew.

Secretary of State Leconte has received a communication from the State of Virginia in relation to the proposed conference for a law to regulate fishing in the Potomac and Pocomoke rivers. Virginia regrets that the limited time remaining for the Legislature will prevent the meeting, but suggests the appointment of a joint committee to meet during the recess and submit a proposition to the next Legislature for the two States.

A man named Brandt has struck it rich. A dispatch from Creed, Colorado, says he has found a cavern the roof of which is hanging with stalactites which showed a cropping of pure silver, the ore running 500,000 to the ton. The cavern is 50x100 feet and contains enough ore on the surface to make Brandt a millionaire. Besides the silver the cavern contains utensils, skeletons and remains, evidently those of cliff dwellers, but the antiquarian discovery is lost in interest in the phenomenal silver find. Kinston Free Press.

The board of directors of the Norfolk, Wilmington and Chesapeake Railroad Company held their annual meeting at Philadelphia last week and elected officers as follows for the ensuing year: J. C. McNaughton, president; R. Duncan Harris, treasurer; Carroll Foster, secretary; Chambers H. McNeill, general manager. The general manager reported that the survey between Norfolk and Chesapeake, 350 miles, was practically completed; that the right of way was taken up and the county and local subscriptions secured. The line will form a direct connection with the Pennsylvania system at Norfolk and will open up one of the largest virgin timber districts in the United States and greatly shorten the distance between the North and South.

## PEOPLE'S PARTY PLATFORM.

Adopted in St. Louis

This, the first great labor conference of the United States, and the world, representing all divisions of urban and rural organized industry, assembled in national congress, invoking upon its action the blessing and protection of Almighty God, put forth to and for producers of the nation, this declaration of independence.

The conditions which surround us best justify our co-operation. We meet in the midst of a nation brought to the verge of moral, political and material ruin. Corruption dominates the ballot-box, Legislatures and Congress, and touches even the ermine of the Bench. The people are demoralized. Many of the States have been compelled to isolate voters at the polling places in order to prevent universal intimidation or bribery. Newspapers are subsidized or muzzled, public opinion is silenced, business prostrated, our homes covered with mortgages, labor impoverished, and land concentrated in the hands of capitalists. Urban workmen are denied the right of organization for self-protection; imported pauperized labor beat down their wages; a hiring standing army unrecognized by our laws, is established to shoot them down, and they are rapidly degenerating to European conditions. The oil of millions are boldly stolen to build up colossal fortunes, unprecedented in the world's history, while their possessors despise the republic and endanger liberty.

erty. From the same prolific womb of governmental injustice breed the two classes—paupers and millionaires. National power to create money is appropriated to enrich bondholders' silver, which has been accepted as coin since the dawn of history, has been demoralized to add to the purchasing power of gold by decreasing the value of all forms of property as well as human labor, and the supply of currency is purposely abridged to fatten usurers, bankrupt enterprise and enslave industry.

A vast conspiracy against mankind has been organized on two continents, and is taking possession of the world. If not met and overthrown at once it forebodes terrible social convulsions, the destruction of civilization or the establishment of an absolute despotism. In this crisis of human affairs, intelligent working people and producers of the United States have come together, in the name of peace and order to defend liberty, prosperity and justice.

We declare our union and independence, we assert our purpose through our political organization, which represents our principles. We charge that the controlling influences dominating the old political parties having allowed the existing dreadful condition to develop without serious effort to restrain or prevent them. Neither do they now intend to accomplish reform. They have agreed together to ignore in the coming campaign every issue but one. They propose to drown the outcries of the plundered people with the uproar of a sham battle over the tariff, so that corporations, national banks, rings, trusts, "watered stocks," demoralization of silver and the oppression of usurers, may all be lost of sight. They propose to sacrifice our homes and children upon the altar of Mammon; to destroy the hopes of the multitude in order to secure corruption funds for the great lords of plunder.

We assert that a political organization representing political principles herein stated, is necessary to redress the grievances of which we complain. Assembled on the anniversary of the birth of the illustrious man who led the first great revolution on this continent against oppression, filled with the sentiment which actuated that grand generation, we seek to restore the government of the Republic to the hands of the "plain people," with whom it originated. Our doors are open to all points of the compass. We ask all honest men to join with and help us, in order to restrain the extortions of aggregated capital, to drive money changes out of the temple, to form a perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity—we do ordain and establish the following platform of principles:

1. We declare the union of the United States of this day accomplished, permanent and perpetual; may its spirit enter into all hearts for the salvation of the republic and the uplifting of mankind.

2. Wealth belongs to him who creates it. Every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent, is robbery. If any will not work, neither shall he eat. The interests of rural and urban labor are the same; their enemies are identical.

3. We demand a national currency—safe, sound and flexible—issued by the general government only; a full legal tender for all debts, public and private; and without the use of banking corporations; and just and equitable means of circulation, at a tax not to exceed ten per cent, as set forth in the subterfuge platform of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system; also, by payments in the discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

4. We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver.

5. We demand the amount of circulating medium to be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

6. We demand a graduated income tax.

7. We believe that the money of the Treasury should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand all National and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of government, economically and honestly administered.

8. We demand that Postal Savings Banks be established by the Government for the safe deposit of earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

9. Our sub-committee upon the land plank, beg to submit to your approval the following: The land, including all natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of all people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the Government and held for actual settlers only.

10. Transportation being a means of defence and public necessity, the Government should own and operate roads in the interest of the people.

11th. The telegraph and telephone, like the postal system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the Government in the interest of the people.

12. We demand that the Government issue legal tender notes and pay the Union soldier the difference between the price of depreciated money in which he was paid in gold.

## Our Reform Movement.

(The Mercury)

About three years ago, I enlisted my name on the roll of workers of this great reform movement that is agitating this country from center to circumference. Believing its doctrines as set forth, and constantly studying its principles, I have endeavored to put on its whole armor, and set myself upon the watch tower to note its progress. And now it has planted its banner from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, and from the pine clad hills of Maine to the Golden Gate of California. Behold! it stands with outstretched hands, saying:

"Come unto me all ye that labor, and put on my armor."

Form a band, united stand, and press the rights of the farmer."

And now as that band is formed, let us together search for the mills that are grinding the laboring classes down to the dust. Let them many years. "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but surely." The most wonderful thing I see about this reform movement is: The more it is abused, slandered and trampled upon by the party press, or would be bosses and politicians, the faster it grows. It seems as if it was a diabolical measure, but when I look at the honesty and magnitude of its principles, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none," I am not surprised. It is founded upon "justice and truth," and will prevail. Ah! partisan press, bosses mugwumps, plutocrats and politicians, you can not grapple with it. In time past you have sidetracked it by your devices, promises and mugwumpery, but you can not keep it there.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again; yes, the eternal years are hers!" I think that is what it is doing now. It is coming up in its might, too, and is ever going to keep its head and shoulders out of the water. It is going to investigate the records of those who ought to have been servants of the people, but have been the servants of Wall street gold bugs, silver pools, railroads, monopolies and trusts and combines, and turned traitor to the people's rights. It is going to put you out of your synagogues, and turn over the tables of your money changers, and sift you up or shake you about until you are converted and once more do the people's bidding, or knock your rotten heads under your own feet, and send you off like Ward's ducks, to seek refuge—I don't know where.

Why is all this great stir and uproar among the laboring class of people? Are they grumbling and fussing about nothing? Or, have they a cause? I tell you the sturdy yeomanry are too honest and intelligent to be so easily deceived, and they are not. When you look at the fact that they pay 80 per cent. of the taxes of this government, and that they are becoming poorer day by day, seeing their homes slipping from their hands, while they toil, day and night, to make ends meet, into the coffers of the rich, who toil not, neither do they spin, while the people are reduced to pauperism, by legalized robbery, under the disguise of law, I am not surprised to see them (the "hayseeders"), making a desperate effort to free themselves from the yoke that is bearing so heavily upon them, and call a halt to these one-sided laws, saying to their Congressmen: "Stop, Johnny; you have been fooling the people long enough."

Well, what is the matter with our law makers? Have a majority in both houses have declared in favor of free coinage of silver in the past. And now look what schemes they are concocting to sidetrack it. That shows who they are working for—for party and not for principle. Even the "bosses" of the Democratic party are now crying out all over this land, it will not do, we can not hold our eastern Democracy. Notwithstanding all this, they have selected it into their last platform under the cover of a sheep-cote, to catch our votes, but afterward let out the wolf. Brethren, "watch 'em; they will do it again." We can only judge the future by the past. We have been fooled long enough. Let us "hayseeders" get square on our demands and stand there, as firm as the old "rock of ages." Let us burst the political battledore of the coming campaign. They should remember that they need men to fight political battles, and that these men should have confidence in their leaders. The people have made up their minds that the coming struggle shall not be "monopolists' war and the peoples' fight." They intend to have something to do with selecting the ground upon which the battle is to be fought, and they may claim something to say as to who shall be their leaders. But, "Nero fiddled while Rome burned."

Colonel Ingersoll threatens to sue Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Brooklyn, for criminal libel in saying that Ingersoll represented publishers of obscene literature a few years ago. Reverend Dixon dares the Colonel to bring suit.

Not by the rusty pointed rifle's lock, Or with sword or sabre strokes; But will demand at the ballot box, Labor's reward for all the folk.

Carrying on high our demand, Shoulder to shoulder, onward we go. Showing to the world we're a determined band, Acting like men, and facing the foe.

With our law makers we'll contend, "Equal rights to all," the "hayseeders" demand. No privilege to men, who have money to lend. Upon this question united we stand.

A BROTHER WORKER. Blackburn, N. C.

## Nero Fiddled While Rome Burned.

Progressive Farmer.

There is much unrest among the people in all agricultural sections, particularly in the South, and if the farmers believe their interests are sacrificed to promote the prosperity of New York, they will not respond to the appeals to stand by the party. For twenty-five years the legislation of the country has been in the interest of the classes and against the masses, and it has built up a few rich men and impoverished the many. This will read strangely to those far removed from agricultural districts, but it is the simple statement of a fact. The people need to have the burdens imposed upon them removed, and they will not consent to have their interests sacrificed for political advantage in pivotal States. The Democrats will be held responsible for the legislation of the House, and they ought to advise and execute measures of relief and pass them through the House and throw the responsibility of their defeat upon the Senate. Unless the House acts wisely and in conformity to the popular Democratic demand we cannot promise the Democratic nominee the electoral vote of North Carolina.—*State Chronicle*.

"Somebody, it seems," has heard from the above from the editorial columns of the *Chronicle*, as it is good Alliance doctrine and makes good and acceptable reading for the Alliance. The *Chronicle* is right in its conclusion that the people are growing tired of this party nonsense about the great Convivial State of New York. Some papers would have the people believe that New York is the only State in the Union that can furnish Presidents, and that Grover Cleveland and D. B. Hill are the only two men whose claims are worth considering. Sensible men are disgusted, if not humiliated with this boot-licking toadism to New York and Wall street. But the *Chronicle* has put a big job on the Democrats in Congress. He tells them that the people are demanding relief and that they will hold the Democrats responsible for their failure to get it. Well, what are the prospects for it? With pledges on the stump, in the press and in their platforms, for long years in favor of free silver, and now with an immense majority in Congress, they suddenly called a caucus to determine whether they should attempt to carry out the pledges made to the people, but before the time arrived to hold the caucus, they dropped it. And now we see that they absolutely circulated a petition among themselves to see how many could be found to agree to the consideration of the silver bill introduced by Holman's committee. And they wrangle to get it. Well, what are the prospects for it? With pledges on the stump, in the press and in their platforms, for long years in favor of free silver, and now with an immense majority in Congress, they suddenly called a caucus to determine whether they should attempt to carry out the pledges made to the people, but before the time arrived to hold the caucus, they dropped it. 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