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JUDGE ROBINSON.

The following from the Caucasian in regard to the recent vicious attacks made on Judge Robinson, is a strong presentation of the matter and shows what kind of stuff some Democratic editors are made of:

"You will just give some Democrats and Democratic papers time they will 'lie' themselves to a standstill in any matter. They did this in the Fred Douglass matter. They did it in the fraudulent mortgage law case. They did it in the case of Dr. Thompson's remark. They did it in the case of the last legislature. They are doing so now with reference to the Populists in Congress, and have just done so in the 'case' of Judge Robinson. In fact the only reputation the Democratic press has now is a boundless capacity for lying. They are so accustomed to this that they would lie when the truth would serve them as well or better. But Democracy is an organized lie. It can no more keep from lying than a skunk or a goat can keep from smelling rank."

Recently an anti-Christian lawyer up in the western part of the State—a Jew by nature, a lawyer by profession and anything he wants to be by practice, called Kope Elias, started a report that Judge Robinson put cotton in his ears when he was pleading a case before the said Judge. This occurrence is alleged to have happened in Graham county in a little room in which court was held. This fellow named Kope, who is also called Elias, has a voice like the roar of a B flat bassoon; and after he had ranted and roared awhile in the case which he plead, Judge Robinson began to suffer from the effects produced. A friend noticing this suggested that he might find some relief by putting cotton in his ears. Judge Robinson adopted this suggestion and resorted to the use of cotton for the sole sake of relief. This, however, did not involve a failure to hear a single word which this Kope, also called Elias, had to say.

But this Kope, also called Elias, failed to make the jury believe what he had to say, probably because no body wants to believe him too far, and he lost his case. His client was convicted and under the law could have been sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty years. But Judge Robinson is a man in whom the quality of mercy largely predominates and he only imposed the mild sentence which the law allowed, viz: three years.

But this fellow Kope, also called Elias, seemed to be mad because he lost his case, and the only thing he could do was to "cus out" the judge. He told some little Democratic newspaper squirts about the cotton. This was enough. If the offspring of the rottenness sown of the earth and the devil should tell some Democratic newspapers anything about a "fusion" judge, there would be no stopping to question or investigate it. It would go with some Democratic paper. It would start it and other Democratic papers would keep it going until, suggested as above, they had lied themselves to a standstill. A lie can be told by way of interpreting actions as well as about actions.

The Caucasian took the trouble to ask some leading lawyers of the State who were in Raleigh a few days ago their opinion of Judge Robinson. Among them were ex-Gov. Steadman, ex-Judge Merrimon, Mr. W. W. Jones and Mr. J. P. Arthur. These gentlemen are well known members of the Asheville bar, and all attended the court there at which Judge Robinson presided. They were unanimous in their expression of their appreciation of the dignity, courtesy and gentlemanly bearing of Judge Robinson. They were seen one at a time and not one had a single word of criticism to offer. On the contrary they were disposed to express warm commendation, and without exception they intimated that there was nothing but rottenness in the reports that were sent out from Graham county.

PLUTOCRACY owns the courts hence the millionaires can destroy laws as fast as they can be enacted.—EX.

The bankers will ask the present Congress for more favors and get them.

The "wolf in sheep's clothing" is very active these days.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

It has been objected heretofore—the Observer itself has, indeed, entered the objection—that North Carolina has been too seldom heard from in either branch of Congress. She is being heard from enough in the present Congress, if the columns of the Record afford any test.—Charlotte Observer.

The Observer is correct this time. It might, however, have added that as a rule prior to the present Congress North Carolina members have done but little except draw their salaries and their breath. They represented the Democratic party and not the people, hence they had little to do except to follow the party bosses. But it is different now. North Carolina has a Populist delegation in Congress who were sent there by the people and not at the dictation of party leaders and they are there to represent the people. And when they represent the people they must of necessity antagonize those who have been sacrificing the people's interests on the altar of plutocracy, hence they are "heard from" in a manner that's not very pleasing to "sound money" papers like the Observer.

Senator Harris, of Tennessee, ran up against the wrong man when he began to question Senator Marion Butler the other day. Mr. Butler seemed to be at his best and Mr. Harris got it "in the neck" so hard that he don't feel like asking our Mary Ann any more questions. Mr. Butler made use of the opportunity to unmask Senator Harris and other pretended free silver Democrats and hold them up to the light. (Read Mr. Butler's speech in another column.)

It now turns out that Cleveland's war message was nothing more than Democratic jingo, and the whole object was to create a scare, cause the gold reserve to run down, so that a better plea might be made for authority to issue more bonds. The truth of this was clearly brought out in a subsequent message asking for authority to issue bonds. For down right villainy and treachery Cleveland beats anything on record.

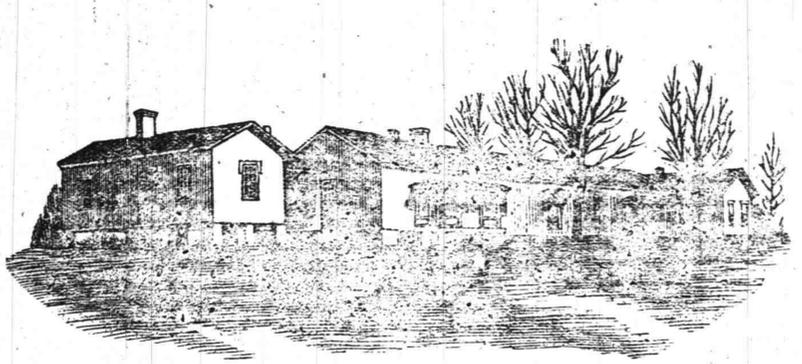
The commission which Cleveland appoints to go to South America to investigate the disputed Venezuela boundary will not settle the dispute neither will Cleveland declare any war against Great Britain (unless he can hire a substitute to do the fighting) but the commission will have a fat time and that's about all there is in it. But the good, time those five men have riding around in South America will cost the taxpayers \$100,000. In the meantime, however, they may raise enough racket to make that remarkable gold reserve run down some more and Grover will be equal to the emergency, for he is at the height of his glory when issuing bonds to keep up the reserve, for the English Rothschilds are ready to pat him on the back every time he calls for "more bonds," and this is what the war racket means—more bonds, more debt, and more misery for American toilers.

England gets about a million dollars a day as interest from the United States. Do you think she would be silly enough to go to war with the United States and thus cut off this enormous income? Such an idea is supremely ridiculous. But if she can, through her agent, Grover Cleveland, create a "scare" and get American Tories to place more bonds on the market, she will gobble in her share of them and thus become the chief beneficiary of the war racket. And then to hear that duck hunter talking about his desire to "maintain the integrity" of this government is enough to provoke the profound contempt of every honest American citizen. The further the Cleveland administration goes, the more contemptible it becomes. We may well thank God that it is nearly ended.

A financial system that cannot remain steady in the face of a patriotic proclamation ought to be abolished. This is where the single gold standard fails. Let it be abolished and give us in its stead bimetalism.—Mecklenburg Times.

The Times is correct. But we rise to ask the editor of the Times if he still intends to vote for a gold bug candidate for president if his party nominates one this year. If he does, then it's very inconsistent in him to be denouncing the gold standard. Does he think more of his party than he does of good government? Answer, Bro. Dowd.

The bond grabbers were so vociferous in their demand for bonds that congressmen were forced to forego a Christmas recess in order to feed these comorants with evidences of national indebtedness.—Southern Mercury.



THE ABOVE REPRESENTS THE WOOD BUILDING ON THE FACTORY SITE AT HILLSBORO, N. C. RECENTLY PURCHASED BY THE STATE ALLIANCE.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF SENATE COMMITTEES.

Senator Butler's Speech in Vindication of the People's Party Action in the Matter.

He Extinguishes Harris, of Tennessee, and Exposes the Hypocrisy of Silver Democrats.

We make the following extracts from the Congressional Record Dec. 30 in explanation of the debate in the Senate on the resolution to appoint the committees of that body Senator Butler flushed his maiden sword and what he said will interest everybody who loves fair play and honors convictions:

Mr. BUTLER. Mr. President, I regret that I am compelled, so soon after entering this body, to take issue with those who have served so long and so prominently. But some things have been said reflecting on the People's Party which I, representing that party in part as I do, can not allow to go unchallenged. For instance, such a statement as that made by the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. Harris], who seemed to take peculiar pleasure in trying to brand or stigmatize the People's Party as an annex of some other party. It is due the People's Party, and it is due the Senate, that the facts shall be known as they are. I propose to state the facts.

The People's Party Senators had not decided what position they would take with reference to the organization when we came here from our homes. We knew that we held the balance of power. We had a consultation to decide what was best. After consulting, viewing the situation fully, we decided that it was our duty to take advantage of the situation and to use the power which we had, this balance of power, to try effect some reforms that we believe are necessary to relieve the oppression of the people and restore prosperity to the country. It was, of course, understood that we should make no bargains or trades with either party for patronage or spoils, but we decided unanimously that we should cooperate with such Senators in both of the old parties who would stand together with us against the monopolists and the gold combine and make a square fight to give the people of this country such remedial legislation as is necessary to give new life to agriculture, manufacturing, and to every honest industry.

We decided further that we not only would express our willingness to do this, but that we would invite such Senators to cooperate with us on this line. We knew that a number of such Senators agreed with us as to the results that should be secured, yet disagreed with us as to some of the methods of getting this relief. But there is one remedy (one plank of the People's Party platform) on which a majority of the Senators in this body are understood to agree, and that is the free and unlimited coinage of silver on equal terms with gold. So we decided to ask those who were elected as free-coinage men to cooperate with us. The first step toward legislation was to organize the Senate. We sent a written invitation to 52 silver Senators.

I should like to ask the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. Harris] if he did not receive an invitation as follows:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 1895.
Hon. I. G. HARRIS.
DEAR SIR: There will be a meeting of Senators friendly to silver in the Marble Room of the Capitol on Monday, December 2, at 11 a. m. to consult with a view of organizing the Senate on silver lines. You are respectfully invited to attend.

Signed by W. M. Stewart, W. V. Allen, W. A. Peffer, and myself, Senators Kyle and Jones of Nevada were not present, they came in that night and indorsed it. Did not the Senator from Tennessee get such an invitation?

Mr. Harris. Does the Senator desire an answer?

Mr. Butler. I do.
Mr. Harris. I give it with pleasure. I did receive, I imagine, a copy

of the paper the Senator reads, and the only remark I care to add is that up to this hour there has been no period of my life when I was willing to join in the organization of a great political party based upon one single idea. I have never been quite willing to organize a political party upon a single idea or a single proposition. Yet I am as earnest an advocate of the utilization of the free and unlimited coinage of silver as any one of the gentlemen who attached their names to that paper.

Mr. BUTLER. The gentleman says that he will not help to organize or fight for one idea. I think he had better try to get his party to organize and stand for one idea, for it has not a single idea to-day. It would be to his credit and to his party's credit if they had one idea—just one. They have deserted the ideas and principles they claimed to cherish. They have deserted their bag and baggage and gone over to the Republican camp in everything but name. Yes if they had stood by the teachings of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson there would have been no People's Party to-day. The People's Party came into existence to defend and uphold the very principles which your party has deserted. It came into existence to defend and to put into practice the great true principles of Democracy and Republicanism as represented by Jackson, Jefferson and Lincoln, and because your party, both old parties, have deserted and gone over to the side of monopolists and gold bugs. I hope the Senator from Tennessee will show his devotion to silver and the people when he votes for President in the next campaign, even if he will not help us to organize the Senate against the gold bugs.

Mr. HARRIS. Will the Senator allow me to ask him a question?

Mr. BUTLER. You may.

Mr. HARRIS. The Senator speaks of combining with other organizations. I hope it is not impertinent if I ask the Senator if he does not hold the seat he occupies upon this floor by a combination between the Populists and Republicans of the State that he in part represents?

Mr. BUTLER. I will answer the question with pleasure. I hold my seat by such a cooperation for the simple reason that the party in my State which you belong to got to be so corrupt the people in the State rebelled against its management. Your party could to day be in full power in North Carolina if it had stood by its pledges and promises. A cooperation of all who opposed its methods was made, but that combination could not have driven the Democratic party from power in North Carolina if that party had been true to its pledges, true to its promises and true to its people. It not only deserted the principles of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, thereby disgusting the great rank and file of the party, but it tried to keep itself in power by stealing and perjury at the ballot-box, by ballot-box stuffing and manipulating the returns. This made fair elections—the purity of the ballot-box—the overshadowing issue in North Carolina politics.

A large majority of the voters of the State joined in a movement to correct these abuses. The Democratic party held the election machinery and under a vicious election law determined to count enough votes in the last election to keep them in power. But the revolt of the people against the Democratic machine was greater than the leaders anticipated. They stole over 30,000 votes, but fell 20,000 short of having enough. Yes, we freed North Carolina, and, I trust, forever, from such corrupt methods. This was done with the help of men who had been Democrats all their lives.

I trust that I have given the Senator from Tennessee a full and satisfactory answer to his question.

Mr. President, to return to the point, this invitation was sent to

the Senator from Tennessee and to 51 other Senators on this floor. Fifty-two Senators on this floor got that invitation. What was the position of the People's Party? Those 52 men elected as silver men pledged to vote against the gold standard, had accepted our invitation, we could have organized the Senate and put every committee in the hands of the friends of silver. This would have enabled us to have brought forward and passed a free coinage bill and also to have repealed the law under which President Cleveland is about to issue more bonds. We were anxious to do this. But only a few Senators from the two old parties accepted our invitation.

The Senator from Tennessee declined that invitation. Which course was it the duty of the People's Party Senators to pursue? We had to do one of three things. I want to be understood. We had either to vote with the Democrats to organize the Senate, or vote with the Republicans to organize the Senate, or to stand alone. We decided to vote with neither side. We invited men on both sides who claimed to agree with us on financial questions to cooperate with us, and both sides had refused. But the Senator from Tennessee makes the point that we refused, and by not voting—mark his words—we virtually voted for the Republicans. I believe I state him correctly. Now let us see what we would have done by voting. By voting for candidates of our own, as we wanted to do, we found that we would simply deadlock the Senate, and the result would be what? Virtually to vote for the Democrats. Now, mark that. We would be just as much voting for the Democrats as if we had cast our ballots for them, and the Senator from Tennessee knows it, and he would be forced to admit it if he dared to say anything now.

I repeat that if we had voted as the Senator from Tennessee said we ought to have voted we would virtually have been voting for the Democrats and he knows it. I wish to state right here that there are two reasons why we did not do so. The first reason is that we expected the Senator from Tennessee and others on the other side who have made such loud professions for free silver and for financial reform would at least be among the foremost if not the foremost to join hands with us in trying to organize the Senate for silver and the people and against the gold standard monopoly.

Mr. President, we were sorely disappointed, and on top of it we see interviews in the newspapers from gentlemen on the other side saying the country will go to perdition if we do not have free coinage, and yet in the same interviews saying that if their party nominates a gold bug for President next time they will bow down and lick his feet and vote for him. There is something I wish to say now and say with emphasis. I would not say it, for I dislike to say unpleasant things, but for the fact that I believe the situation in this country is so perilous with respect to the welfare of the people that I ought to say it. It is this: Free coinage would have been secured long ago if it had not been for those who claim to be free coinage men, but who sacrifice it for party success. If these men would stand for free coinage, party or no party, the people of this country would have had free coinage before now. It is men who talk free coinage in campaigns, but how to the party lash in their national convention, when gold bugs, who have prevented the passage of free-coinage legislation, tell them which way to vote. Such men are the worst enemies of free coinage, although they profess to be its friends.

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There is something else. I do not think the members of the party which the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. Harris] represents can afford to ask for Populist help so long as they stay inside of that party, with its present views and leadership. I wish to say that in my humble opinion his party does not deserve the support or the help of the People's Party. It had a majority in the last Congress, and yet on the statute books to day there is a Republican law giving the President the power to issue bonds. He issued bonds under your teeth here in the last Congress. And we understand now that he is in another dark-land term trade negotiating with private individuals for the sale of more bonds under a law that the Democratic party has denounced but refused to repeal when it had the power. We suppose the President will make another deal that will put millions of the people's money into private pockets. The People's Party is opposed to such infamous transactions. Therefore the Democratic party does not deserve Populist support any more than the Republican party, on its record, deserves Populist support, and neither party will get it. We have simply stood by the principles. We have let the two old parties fight it out. The Republicans had the most votes, and got the organization. If the Democrats had had the largest number of votes they would have secured it. We have been consistent. You gentlemen must make the best of your records you can.

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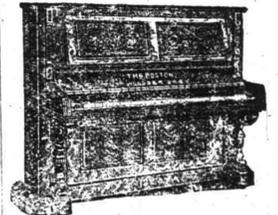
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