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A "BORE" TO TORIES.

Isn't it a pretty spectacle that North Carolina's Populist Senator is making of himself. Though scarcely a Senator only about six weeks ago, he is making an average of two speeches a day—or, rather, is making the same speech twice a day—and has already proven himself a perfect bore to the body of which he is a member but which can't help itself. It would make a difference how ridiculous he made himself if he were not at the same time making the State a laughing-stock—Charlotte Observer.

When the American colonies began to revolt against British tyranny and declare that America ought to be freed from the tyrants who it was a "perfect bore" to the beneficiaries of the English system. And when Patrick Henry's immortal words, "give me liberty or give me death," began to be repeated by every American patriot, it seemed to the tyrants like the "same speech," and was becoming a monstrous "bore" to them, but there was even a greater "bore" to follow. When our liberty loving ancestors met at Philadelphia, then and there appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for a recititude of their intentions and solemnly declaring that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be Free and Independent States," the British tyrants considered it a "bore" that was becoming intensely alarming to them.

Some years ago the wealth producers of this country began to persecute the fact that a financial system had been inaugurated and put into practice which, in effect, was gradually confiscating their property and their homes and building up a moneyed aristocracy more heartless and tyrannical in its nature than the British tyrants against whom our fathers revolted, and profited by that true American spirit that has ever characterized patriots and free men of America, the wealth producers and yeomanry of this country assembled at Omaha and formulated the second American Declaration of Independence. This action was a "perfect bore" to old line beneficiaries and their bosses. But the people continued to rally around the flag of the new party and have been flocking to it by hundreds and thousands ever since.

North Carolina was the foremost state to declare her independence of British rule and she could not refuse to maintain her record in this battle for human freedom. So in 1894 she led her sister states by being the first to break the "solid south," establish her independence of political tyranny and throw of the binding veil of party prejudice. This of course, was a "perfect bore" to the false and deceptive party that had heretofore held control of affairs in this State, but it meant a big victory for the people. It followed that North Carolina's misrepresentative in the U. S. Senate, Matt Ransom, must step down and out to make room for a man whom the yeomanry of North Carolina was proud to honor, a man who had led the reform hosts to victory in this State, and had won a warm place in the hearts of the people because he had so successfully championed the people's interests and defended their cause by his pen, on the stump and everywhere and on every occasion. The people loved him because he was a "bore" to tyrants and traitors. But after they had honored him he did not forsake them and to day he is standing up before that body of old mossback and monopoly ridden senators and boldly defending the people's cause.

As that tyrant, Grover Cleveland, is about to pile up the public debt by issuing another hundred million dollars in interest bearing bonds, thus selling the people into bondage without their consent or the consent of the Congress which pretends to represent them, it is Marion Butler who, in the name of the American taxpayers, enters his protest and appeals to senators to protect the people by putting a stop to such high handed robbery. This is the manner in which he is a "bore" to that body. He is the same kind of "bore" to them that he was to the machine element of the Democratic party in this State when he led the revolt against their party tyranny and fraudulent election methods. When it comes to exposing the rottenness and holding up to light the treachery of old party beneficiaries he is calculated to be a "perfect bore" and we wish we had more senators made of the same kind of stuff. North Carolina is proud of the record he is making and will stand by him with her endorsement and her votes.

The president's message will be a heavy load for the Democrats to carry in the next campaign.

The gold reserve is again about down to the bond point.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Few people realize the power that Grover Cleveland and his beavers as some and exercises and fewer still comprehend the dangerous and far-reaching effects of such power, usurped though it be. Here is the language of the United States Constitution relative to borrowing money: "Congress shall have power to borrow money on the credit of the United States."

The framers of the Constitution probably never dreamed of ever Congress attempting to borrow money, except in cases of extreme emergency, should any arise. In times of war it is sometimes necessary to borrow money in order that the battles may be carried on successfully, hence it was wise to insert a clause in the Constitution giving Congress the power to borrow money if such emergencies should arise. Mark you, it is Congress to whom this power is delegated and not to the President. But we have a man—a Democrat, if you please—in the president's chair that has neither regard for the Constitution nor for the people. He is the hide, head and tail, feet, legs and body of the Democratic party and the great Interpreter of Modern Democracy. With out regard for the interests or welfare of the people, without regard for even the wishes of Congress and in absolute defiance of the Constitution, he has just issued ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN INTEREST BEARING BONDS and plunged the nation in debt that much more, simply to gratify the greed of bond syndicates. You children and your children's children will have this debt to pay. We can conceive of no greater crime against the people who bought their freedom with their blood, than this method of fastening a debt on generations yet unborn. Already the toiling masses are burdened almost beyond endurance, but that modern Tory General, Grover Cleveland, not only laughs at their calamity, but adds to their burdens by piling up the interest bearing debt and setting the trap for the next generation. Where oh where is American manhood and independence? Who is the spirit of our ancestors who drove the British from their shores? Where is the integrity and patriotism of the American press? In vain do we scan the columns of our Democratic exchanges to find this famous and high handed crime exposed and denounced, but instead we see columns of ridicule about the only man North Carolina has sent to the Senate in twenty years who has the courage and the manhood to persistently denounce such outrages against humanity. If the sentiment as expressed by the average Democratic editors were representative of American manhood and patriotism, in vain we might plead for truth, right and justice, but we are glad to note the sentiment that they express is representative only of perverted Americanism, perverted by "filthy lucre" spoils and patronage.

Speaking of the powers of Congress as vested in the Constitution reminds us of another clause for which the President and his administration have no regard. It reads: "Congress shall have power to coin money."

When a great country frames and adopts the constitution which shall govern it, it is the duty of legislative powers to carry out the spirit and letter of the constitution in order that the best interests of the country may be promoted. Instead of going ahead and coining money to meet the demands of the country as provided for in the Constitution, Cleveland's administration again ignores the Constitution and issues bonds to buy money and every time they do this they pile up the interest bearing debt of the country. The growth of population and business make an increasing volume of money necessary. This is a common sense view of the matter and every body admits the truth of the proposition, yet the administration not only refuses to coin money which would meet the increased demand but seeks to diminish the already inadequate supply. And, we repeat it does not stop here but actually sells the people into bondage in order to buy money to meet the expenses of the government. Now where does the Constitution say "Congress shall have power to buy money," but the patriots who framed that document expected, at least, that the United States government would have sense enough to make its own money and in sufficient volume to meet the business needs of the country, hence they said, "Congress shall have power to coin money." It's no wonder that Democracy received such a terrible rebuke in the last election and the rebuke that awaits this treacherous party

next fall is even greater than any that has yet come to pass.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties are responsible for the present state of affairs. In fact, they have both pursued practically the same policy. Senator Butler set forth this fact quite forcibly in his two hours' speech in the Senate last week, against the bond issue. He said: "I repeat they both favor the great wrong of interest bearing bonds in time of peace; they differ simply as to the details of committing the wrong. Both sides unite in refusing to do right; they differ simply as to the most plausible method of doing wrong. One party would stab you in the back; the other criticizes that method of stabbing you and insists that you should be stabbed under the fifth rib. Both would stab you, both would murder you. They quibble, however, about the method of committing the murder; that is all. The Senator from Ohio believes in hanging, the Senator from New York believes in electrocution. The difference between these two parties on this great question is the difference between tweedledee and tweedledum—if one side has its way, bonds will be issued in tweedledee fashion, if the other side has its way, bonds will be issued in tweedledum fashion. They are both in favor of bonds, more bonds! More bonds! They are both for piling up the debt of the nation to be paid by future generations; they are both for contracting the currency to curse the present generation. The policy of either party means falling prices, stagnation of business and the paralysis of every productive industry. "I appeal to both sides to reverse their policies and to stop this great wrong. Your crimes against the American people have been great and grievous, but it is never too late to mend. I call upon you to do it now. Let either of the old parties bring in a bill that will stop these wrongs and settle our present difficulties with equal justice to all sides, and the People's Party will at once join you in such laudable and patriotic efforts. We will even sacrifice our party organization if by so doing we can save the nation from British rule and restore prosperity to our people. The great majority of the Democratic and Republican parties are opposed to this wrong. Every member of the People's Party is opposed to it. If the wishes and demands of the great majority of the American people were heard in this Chamber as the wishes of Wall street are heeded in the White House and too often in Congress, this amendment repealing the law under which the President claims the right to issue bonds would be passed in an hour."

A NEW PRESS NEEDED. Some weeks ago we enlarged our paper from a six column to a seven column paper and our many readers seem to appreciate the improvement. The campaign is about to open and we see very plainly that we are going to need a faster press to handle our papers. We don't ask any favor as a free gift, but we want our Populist friends to help us in this manner: If you are not a subscriber, become one and get at least two others. And secure a promise, if possible, from your two new subscribers that they will each endeavor to secure two new subscribers and secure the same promise. If you fail in your own county, write a letter to some Populist residing at a distance, asking him to subscribe and get two others. We suggest that Populists remember also their old school boy friends, neighbors or relatives residing at a distance, with a copy of the paper for \$6. A spark in the grass sometimes starts a fire that sweeps everything before it—so it is with reform papers and books. A single paper sent to some far off friend has, no doubt, in many instances been the cause of the reform movement capturing a whole neighborhood—it gave the start.

If each of our Populist readers will act upon the above suggestion, we will be enabled to get the kind of press we need, and give you a larger paper and better print for the same money. We have spent all the money we could get on the paper and would have spent a thousand dollars more if we had had it. Let every Populist do his duty, and we will march to greater victory and work of the Reform press we would go backward instead of advancing. It is the great power that should be built up and sustained.

GROVER'S latest bond issue seems to have opened the political mints to the free coinage of Populist voters. -Ex. Renew your subscription for the campaign year.

OUR DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

It Meets and Re-Organizes.—Speech Making and Cheering.—Chairman Fattybread—"My friends and fellow citizens of the grand old party, (applause) it is with a profound sense of pleasure that I come face to face with you once more in this capacity. (Tremendous applause.) Democracy is as eternal as the hills. (Deafening applause—almost a sensation.) It may meet with trials, persecutions and defeat and be crippled for a time, but it invariably rises from its seemingly dormant state and comes with renewed vigor and strength. (Voice in the audience, "Hurrah for Cleveland—ah!") The defeat with which we recently met seemed to many of us like a great calamity and many grew faint hearted for a time, but I am proud to say that what seemed to us like a calamity is proving a blessing by causing our inactive veterans to awake to the situation and put forth greater efforts for the advancement of Democracy. (Another voice from the rear, "Hic-up, hic-bio-tha-so, ah.") We have met, my fellow workers, to re-organize our club and thus get in better shape for making a successful campaign. Who will you have for chairman?"

Mr. Slickcloth, the lawyer.—"Mr. Chairman, friends and patriots of the Democratic party, (applause) to meet such a grand array of the unterrified Democracy on such a grand occasion makes this one of the proudest moments of my life, (deafening applause and a voice, "hurrah for Slickcloth!") and I can not let this opportunity pass without giving expression to my feelings on this occasion. But I do not wish to consume too much of your valuable time (a voice "speak on!") by prolonging my remarks at present, but I rise to put in nomination for the office of chairman of this club, a man true and tried, a man who was born a Democrat and through whose veins nothing but Democratic blood has ever coursed (applause) a man, my friends, who has stood for Democracy when it tried men's souls and when it seemed like a dark hour for Democracy and is to day standing up boldly in defense of Democracy as interpreted by our great and grand leader, President Grover Cleveland, (applause) that man, fellow citizens, is your chairman, Mr. Fattybread" (Sensational applause with half dozen voices, "hurrah for Fattybread!")

Mr. Straightback, another lawyer.—"Mr. Chairman, I rise to second the nomination of Mr. Slickcloth and move that we depart from the rules and elect by acclamation." The motion prevailed without opposition.

Mr. Slickcloth—"All who favor re-electing our worthy chairman, Mr. Fattybread, as chairman of this club during the coming year, signify the same by rising to your feet." Everything stood up. "It's no use to count" continued Mr. Slickcloth, "it seems that all are up. Those who are opposed to him as chairman, please stand upon your heads." (Laughter.)

Chairman Fattybread—"My friends, I can not find words to express my deep sense of gratitude for the honor which you have seen fit to confer upon your humble servant and I can only assure you that my appreciation of the same will be manifested in my sincere desire and efforts to advance the cause of the grand old party. (Applause.) The next thing in order is the election of a secretary. Who will you have for secretary?"

Mr. Straightback—"Mr. Chairman, it is well that we honor those who have shown their faith by their works. I therefore rise to put in nomination for secretary our able and tried co worker, Mr. Largehead, editor of the Weekly Democrat." ("Hurrah for Largehead" by several of the faithful.)

Mr. Largehead was elected secretary without opposition and was given a seat at the table.

Chairman Fattybread—"The organization of the club is now complete and we are ready for business."

Farmer Lickboot—"Mr. Chairman, haint we goin to have no treasury?"

Chairman Fattybread—"The chair will say for information of Mr. Lickboot that we will not need any treasurer till later on in the campaign and that can attend to later."

OUR DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

the club to give its unanimous consent to the secretary to send a written invitation to the bar-keepers of this town to join our club and become active members of the same. I therefore make this as a motion." The motion was carried.

Mr. Straightback—"I think the suggestion of Bro. Beertank is a capital one and I am glad that it will be carried into effect. I now renew my motion to adjourn." The motion prevailed and Chairman Fattybread said: "I now declare this club adjourned to meet again next Saturday night."

As the club began to disperse our reporter caught the following exclamations: "Hurrah for Democracy," "hurrah for Cleveland," "hurrah for Carr," "dad-blast the Populists," etc., etc.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

WAR with England! Bah, ba, ba, little lambs? England don't war with her own provinces—and she owns us, body, boots and breeches. War! The simple headed plutocrats who dawdle Mother Goose statecraft and beg their bread to the English. What is there in this country they don't own—from a mortgaged backyard to the rail-ways—and all the flower mills and breweries! War! you millionaire chumps—you don't dare have the colic without giving Nate Rothchilds 4 per cent! War? You don't know war from worms. You yelled "War!" three times between cramps, and in fifteen minutes after stock boards opened seven firms went in the sewer, John Bull made you vomit 65 million dollars into the gutter—and the chambers of commerce fell on their knees, bawling like a passel o' calves! War? Gripes.—East and West.

NOTHING more true was ever written than the remark of Paul Van Dervoort that the reform press will never unite "if we offer to surrender our organization and betray our platform in advance." God hates a coward and the world despises a cowardly action. The faint heart utterances of a few leaders almost amount to treachery.—Chicago Express.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has only two troubles: Keeping up the gold reserve and finding ducks.—Thomsville News.

The President and Monetary Legislation.

The president appeals to congress for help to sustain the finances of the country on a "sound basis." It is next to certain that congress will not respond in accordance with his desires. In the first place Mr Cleveland takes it upon himself to determine what is a "sound basis," and in the second place he assumes to dictate the legislation necessary to preserve it. Such being the case the question naturally arises: What has congress to do with the legislation of the country anyway. Mr. Cleveland seems to be under the impression that he is the government, and that the only function of congress is to come together and register his decrees. A mere matter of form, of course. His second election, coupled with his success in forcing the repeal of the "Sherman Law," appears to have completely turned his head.

It is likely that he will vote any measure sent to him. So far as the merits of the tariff bill are concerned it is a matter of indifference to us what he does with it. As a party measure it is neither fish nor flesh, and its merits are doubtless fairly open to dispute. But in our judgment any president makes a mistake who vetoes a bill merely because he does not approve of its details. The veto power is an extraordinary one and should be exercised only on extraordinary occasions. Unless a measure contravenes public policy, or violates the constitution, the president should not set up his judgment against the combined wisdom of both houses of congress. In the present juncture nothing will satisfy Mr. Cleveland but legislation that will fasten the gold shackles upon the limbs of his countrymen for all time.

Advertising for Farmers.

While waiting at a country home station I became acquainted with quite an intelligent, nicely dressed gentleman who belonged to that class which, according to the funny newspaper, is the natural mark for the confidence man. During our conversation he learned that I was connected with the advertising department of the press.

"I believe in advertising," he remarked, "and practice it, as also do several of my neighbors." The possibility of a farmer advertising had never occurred to me and upon expressing a curiosity to know in what manner farmers could advertise, he said:

"I live in one of the best counties in Michigan, where I own and till a large farm. In addition to growing all kinds of grain I raise both cattle and hogs. I live within convenient distance of four railroad stations, each having a number of grain buyers and stock dealers. When I conclude that I am ready to sell my stuff, I insert a local in three or four local papers published at those villages stating the amount and quality and, if stock, when it will be ready to go. Then, instead of being compelled to go from one dealer to another in order to reach a buyer, they come to me, and I personally put a price on the buyers know my method and also know that other dealers are after me, and as a consequence they bid the highest price the prices going always get the best advertising and my little outlay, what it is I want to buy a mill over the counter use of my riding mule, Dick and Harry for the desired article, and spending four or five dollars' worth of valuable time when fifty cents invested in an advertisement in the local paper will bring such a throng of eager sellers as to give my premises the appearance of a county fair ground?"—Printers' Ink.

WHAT business would you advise a young man to go into? asks a correspondent. Selling gold to the government.—Ex.

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Candor forces us to admit, though, that there are large numbers of republicans in congress who would be glad to help them. Some of them are not so sensible as you. But we will not believe that there will be any legislation that will tend to sustain the gold standard. Without such legislation that standard cannot be maintained for any considerable length of time. Without a war, under existing conditions, that premium is bound to come a little later, and then good bye to the gold standard with all of its oppression, extortion and wrong.—National Bimetallist.

Mr. Straightback— Mr Chairman, it occurs to me that having completed our organization and it is growing rather late, it would be well to adjourn rather than carry over too much unfinished business. So I move that we do now adjourn to meet one week hence."

Mr. Beertank—"I would like to ask the brother to withdraw his motion for a moment." (The motion was withdrawn.) "I want to ask

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