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WHAT GENERAL GRANT SAID:

"With Free and Unlimited Coinage of Gold and Silver we will Clear Away our Public Debt Before the Close of the Century."

These Were Uttered by the President Just After He had Signed the Bill Demonetizing Silver. In Other Words, He did not Know that the Bill which He Signed had for its Object the Destruction of One-half of the Debt-Paying Money of the Country. Yet Wall Street Wolves Tell Us the Demonetization Act was not Sneaked Through Congress by John Sherman and his Co-conspirators from England.

IT'S THE PROGRAM. SO THINKS A DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER.

Says that Grover Cleveland and John Sherman Will Support the Same Candidate This Year—Next President Will Be a Populist.

(From the Chicago Opinion.) National politics have been taking such shape for the past few months that the tariff question promises to be largely eliminated from the coming presidential campaign, through being so completely overshadowed by the financial issue embodying the re-monetization of silver at 16 to 1 and the abolition of the national banks.

Many indications point to a general smashing of party lines and the union of men from all parties, who think alike on the financial question, under a new party banner. That the gold standard will control both the republican and democratic national conventions does not permit of a doubt, and while they may attempt to deceive the people as usual by a straddle, those old methods will no longer be effective, and when the lines are fairly drawn it is not improbable that Grover Cleveland and John Sherman will be found standing upon the same platform and supporting Governor Morton of New York for president, who is now reasonably sure to receive the republican nomination at the demand of Wall street, while the democratic party is liable to be absorbed in the extreme west and south by the populist party. Since the meeting, Jan. 22, at Washington, of the silver men matters have made rapid progress toward the fusion of all the elements who believe in a genuine double standard and oppose the domination of this country to English domination in our financial management under the populist banner. It was there decided to call a national convention to meet June 22, at the same time the populist party is to convene, to select a presidential candidate, when it is expected that conference committees will arrange a platform and candidates that will easily satisfy those two bodies and also all the republicans and democrats, who will be virtually driven out of their respective national conventions, which will already have made nominations and adopted a gold platform in the face of strong and bitter opposition. All western republicans and democrats also southern democrats, who are opposed to reduction in value of the silver dollar will have no place to go but to the new party, and in most cases will control the party machinery west of the Mississippi and south of Mason and Dixon's line; consequently, in those states both of the old parties will be placed in the attitude of bolters and the populists assured of every electoral vote in all of those states, thus making it incumbent upon them only to carry Indiana and Michigan in order to win the election, both of which states have always retained a strong greenback sentiment. Republican and democratic aid in those states will accomplish that much. In Michigan Mayor Pingree, of Detroit, an ardent free-silver man, will undoubtedly secure the republican nomination for governor, and the gold standard republicans will be compelled to balk. A fusion of the Pingree men, silver democrats and populists for election is assured, which means their election. Indiana the democrats will place themselves squarely upon the silver platform, and a fusion with the populists and silver republicans assure a large majority in the state. In Illinois the populists will hold their convention first, and the program is now to nominate Governor Algeid and Attorney General Moloney, with perhaps Hutchinson, thus paving the way for a fusion of all the free silver men in the state upon one ticket. The candidates who are to lead this formidable party comprised of men who have tired of the double dealings of both old parties upon the vital interests that more than all others affect business prosperity to-day, are Senators Henry M. Teller of Colorado, long a leading republican, for president, and Senator Morgan of Alabama, Representative Crisp of Georgia, or some such man for vice-president. Mr. Teller has always been a loyal republican, but has never failed to place the financial question above that of party. Work on these lines has been going on for months, and 8,000 newspapers are already prepared to sustain

the silver party. T. H. Carter, chairman of the republican national committee, must naturally stand by his avowed convictions and throw his influence into the scale for silver. Tom Reed has never taken a position on the question where he could be counted, while McKinley already scents the new arrangement of party lines, and is speaking upon both sides of the issue. The nomination of Governor Morton will make many heart burnings, especially when it is known to be at the dictation of Wall street, with ten millions behind it and double that amount if necessary, all of which was made by the syndicate who sold Cleveland's bonds. The headquarters of the Bimetallist Union is in this city and is in charge of Edward B. Light, secretary, and Hon. H. F. Bartine, editor of the National Bimetallist. They are doing a vast amount of missionary work and disseminating the silver doctrine through an immense volume of literature, with which they are flooding Indiana, Illinois and Michigan and educating the people. At the same time W. H. Harvey (Coln) is still actively engaged in making converts through his splendid organization of the Patriots of America. Leading greenbackers like General Weaver of Iowa, Jed Spalding of Michigan, and Robert Schilling of Wisconsin fully approve of the movement, as do the populist leaders like Senator Peffer of Kansas. Politicians may decry the issue and machine men attempt to dodge and straddle again, and once more fool the people, but every move upon the checker-board is forcing men who think alike to bury all old prejudices and stand together for their own interests and a common country. Let the honest voter take notice and govern himself accordingly. The next president will be a populist.

NATIONAL LEGION.

CIRCULAR NO. 2.

The Legion is now rapidly growing among the people; it is growing faster than any organization in the nation. The People's party must thoroughly organize. If it will not, it will meet with the fate of the Greenback and Labor parties. If they want to preserve the faith they have battled for on many fields, it is of the highest importance that they should unite at once in the Legion and seek converts in a regular systematic way. It is possible between now and July 22d to convert the great mass of the people who are dissatisfied with the two old parties. We must provide a plan to educate and instruct them in the faith we hold. If we had a Legion in every state, county, precinct and school district in the land, as has been constantly recommended, there would be no misunderstanding about our platform and vital principles. What we must do is to educate the people; and we should at once, without a moment's delay, organize. It is no use quarrelling with each other; no use reviling at the faults and frailties and mistakes that may be made. What we want is perfect unity and organization. It is useless to criticize the action at St. Louis. We must without sacrifice of principle hold out the olive-branch to those who believe as we do on fundamental questions, and keep our "doors open to the North, South, East and West" if we expect to win and relieve the oppressed people. I have ever upheld the Omaha platform, and will loyally do so until the St. Louis convention establishes its creed. I believe that we will agree without the loss of our self-respect or the abandonment of our principles. In order to hold our faith we should organize into a compact, united band. And if the two million who have voted our ticket, and the loyal following associated with them in their households, will organize and individually and by force of perfect organization go into earnest missionary work, we can convert enough voters before July to win the fight.

From every quarter come the glad tidings of great accessions to our ranks. In some localities it amounts to a landslide. We can never gain in this grand contest if we are divided ourselves. I have had many grievances and have been burdened with a heavy task. I have resented bitterly unfair treatment, but I am willing to bury it all and labor to organize for victory in 1896. The people should sustain their committees. They should build up and encourage their newspapers. They should cheer the overworked, ill-paid editors. They should be willing, one

and all, to "divide their last blanket and last crust" with each other, and remember that no great cause has ever triumphed unless martyrs trod the hot plowshares and unselfishness was ever uppermost. We have adopted a new form of membership for those who desire it and who wish to swell the fund for propaganda work. We send the certificate of membership, a beautiful token, and Legion button to all sending \$1.00; and with it we enclose a full set of supplies and commission as Legion Scout if desired; and a sample copy of The Nation, which prints all orders and circulars. There is no red tape. Send for papers and organize at once. We want you in line now, and the moment you reach this go out and drum up ten people and organize and send for charter. Always enclose stamps for supplies. We draw no salaries, and labor as a freewill gift. We are already burdened with a load of debt incurred in this work. We want to establish a lecture bureau, and we urge your active co-operation. Our mail is constantly increasing and we need a typewriter for this great work. We do not appeal to or beg of the people. It is their work and they should help sustain it.

This is a great struggle for human rights. No more sacred contest was ever waged in all the ages. If we are alive, if we will awake, if we will arouse from slumber, and each one do his whole duty—if we are a band of freedom, united in fraternity—we can restore liberty and bring back prosperity. We are in the reckless hands of aliens and traitors to our nation who sell our birthright daily. Our rulers worship the golden image, and humiliation and shame are the lot of our patriotic people. A new Declaration of Independence is demanded, and on our shoulders rests the sacred work.

PAUL VAN DERVOORT.

Boycotting the Populists. The "Times-Echo" of Eureka Springs, Ark., says:

"There is one peculiarity about all Populist papers that's very noticeable—they run practically no advertisements. Perhaps advertisers think that a man who will read a Populist paper hasn't money enough to buy goods that are advertised."

We can hear some old party merchant chucking to himself as he reads that little squib. The partisan merchant knows why Populist papers have very little advertising. It is a part of the organized boycott against people who protest against being robbed.

Populist papers have just as large subscription lists, and often larger, than any old party paper published in the same counties. Their readers have just as much money to buy goods as do the farmers and laborers of the two old parties, and they are more intelligent and likely to see a good point in an advertisement.

But Populist papers are boycotted purely for partisan reasons. Most Populist editors do not expect any patronage from old party sources—and some are so independent that they fly at their masthead, "No advertisers accepted apply."

It requires courage to run a Populist paper—but Populist newspaper men are usually "built that way."

In view of these facts Populists generally are beginning to see the wisdom of "tit for tat," and patronizing only those business men who consider their trade worth asking for. By and by no Populist will buy anything at all from the merchant who boycotts his paper. We must do it in self-defense.

A Don't Care Citizen. Don't care how the cotton sells—Takin' in my ease, Where the music of the bells Jingles on the breeze. Don't care how the country goes—Roamin' far and free; In the woods there blooms a rose Red an' sweet for me! Don't care how the cities roll—Thundering along! Streak o' sunshine in my soul Twinklin' into song! Don't care where my life is led—Still it's honey sweet, Blue sky smilin' overhead—Green earth at my feet! —Atlanta Constitution.

ANOTHER BREAK.

OUR FREE-SILVER FRIENDS ARE TOO FRESH.

Populists Are Not As Easily Led by the Nose as the Adherents of the Two Old Parties—Will Not Concede Both Platform and Candidates.

We clip from a Washington dispatch dated Jan. 25, the following: "It is not expected that anything will be done about candidates for the silver ticket until after the republican and democratic national conventions. Then a silver republican and a silver democrat will be selected from among the most prominent members of the old parties willing to accept places on the ticket."

In view of the contemplated union with the Populists that is very refreshing indeed. Where do the Populists come in? They are expected to furnish the votes and then sit on the fence and watch the procession go by, I suppose.

It makes us tired. Hatch said the Populists ought to have voted the Democratic ticket in Kentucky. No doubt Teller thinks they ought to have voted the Republican ticket in Colorado.

There are some things doubtful and some things very plain. It is doubtful if they will ever consent to make any concessions at all to the silver people, if such talk as this continues.

It is plain that they will not concede both the platform and the candidates, under any circumstances, at any time, or to avoid any kind of an anticipated catastrophe. The Populists would have more confidence in the sincerity of the free silver people if they could hold one meeting that was not made up almost wholly of politicians, lawyers and place hunters.

We are willing to admit that the action of some of our men who have been clothed with authority is not calculated to inspire enthusiastic admiration for us in the breasts of our free silver friends.

They have been approached, and perhaps, by an element that is not representative of the integrity, sincerity, and inherent worth and strength of the Populist party. In time this will be remedied by retiring some of those men to private life. For the present we have got to make the best of the situation.

While we will make no predictions as to the success of uniting the anti-gold bug elements on one presidential ticket, we do say that if it falls it will be precisely on account of trigger-mouthed Populists and free silverites whose egotism leads them to rush into print with a lot of predictions, preconceived plans, and halderdash, that is calculated to disgust the rank and file of the People's party.

If the so-called leaders (Populists and free silver) are sincere and honest in their efforts to bring about this union, they should button up their lips, eschew newspaper interviews and saw wood.

Already too much has been said and protests are coming from every part of the country. This is unfortunate at this time. Every Populist should be actively at work organizing and educating the masses. Instead of this, doubt and discouragement comes from these silly interviews. It is not sufficient for the men whose interviews are published to try to take refuge behind the declaration that they are falsely represented. They are always falsely represented, to hear them tell it. Then why in the name of consistency ever submit to them? There is no reason in the world to be given but that to satisfy their inordinate egotism.

If the plutocratic papers would publish the interviews correctly there might be no harm in it. But they never do. Then, we again ask, why submit to being interviewed?

When the national committee is reconstructed, as it will be this year, each candidate should be required to submit to a cranial examination, and only men who have the bump of self-esteem ordinarily developed should be placed in any prominent position. We say this in all seriousness.

It is not so much the weakness of our national committee and the silver fly at their masthead, "No advertisers accepted apply."

Vanity should never be mistaken for self-reliance, nor stubbornness for manly courage.

In the meantime, while the people will necessarily doubt, they should not relax their exertions. The harder they work the more compact will become our organization, and the better able we will be to withstand the storms from without and within. We admonish the people to relax their fears. Things are not half as bad as they seem. Almost all this trouble comes from a weakness to be interviewed. There is no serious danger threatening the Populist ranks. Let us go to work and have an effective organization in every township and county. Send your trust and best men to all your conventions. Keep your shirts on and your heads cool. See that none but Populists are sent to the national convention. "Trust in God and keep your powder dry," and the gates of hell cannot prevail against our cause.

W. S. MORGAN.

Municipal ownership of electric lights is one populist idea that Fargo could profit by adopting.—North Dakota Independent. There are others.

CREATOR OR CREATED.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HUNGER AND IDLENESS.

Is the Crime of Human or Divine Origin—Premature Death from Hunger, Cold or Exposure in a Country Possessing Unlimited Wealth Is Murder.

From the St. Louis Evening Journal. Presidents, senators, high muck-racks in the social and political world from home and abroad, including Scrofulous heiress hutes from run-down estates in Europe, and upstart politicians recently promoted from the gutter to the judiciary for devoted sycophancy to the vested interests—these and others of their ilk are now interviewed and held up to public view by the daily papers, and their every remark reported and every action noted so assiduously that the millions—that is the every day fellows like you and me have almost forgotten that we exist. We see the members of the official and social ring quoted so often that we have come to think that they are the country, the people, and when they say "we" or "us" or "our," we common people get confused and think we are in it. They do the talking, for they own the sources of information. We the millions, have no organs and are dumb. So when when they are having a good time the country is prosperous, when they gorge themselves God is good, when they get into a senseless quarrel with the same breed across the water, our country must prepare for war. The stomach ache bad weather is prophesied. But we, the people who have been left out in the cold have a mouth-piece now in the Daily Journal, and we are going to speak through it and be interviewed ourselves. Those of us who have sorrows are going to tell how we think they came upon us and give any advice we wish, to others in danger of ills that may be prevented.

A Journal man met an old soldier coming out of the postoffice yesterday and he did not claim the title of colonel interviewed him.

"Have I got anything to say to the public?" he ejaculated in answer to the first inquiry. "I should think I have. I have enough to say that if the people would listen to me and had hearts instead of glisten blood pumps they would rise against their present rulers before tomorrow."

"I went to the war as a healthy smart young man, from a pleasant home and even left my sweetheart, to give my life to save my country. I generously laid my all on the altar of patriotism and when I returned home wounded and only a wreck of a man I found that the country I thought I was saving had been captured in the rear by a band of scheming traitors headed by John Sherman. I worked hard to make a living but because I would not become a partner to the rascals who looted the public treasury to enrich national banks, I was refused a pension.

"Last year my only daughter who all her life has been devoted to me and nursed me like an angel through every illness and who used to sit up nights to make me delicacies—she was forced to work in a factory on Washington avenue. The boss son took a liking to her and I don't blame him for she was the loveliest creature you ever laid eyes on. He told her how pretty she was and she was fooled into 'sinking' he was going to marry her. He came to our house many times, and I knew he meant to marry her. I knew he was a good-intentioned fellow and generous, but his grisly old dad said he would disinherit him if he did. My daughter used to tell me with her arms around my neck all the things she was going to do for me when she married Fred. But one day she came home as pale as death. She said she was sick. I knew she was sick in her mind and got her to tell me that her sweetheart was all poor child, but one week later she did not return one night, and told me in a note that she was not worthy to live with me any more, and that I would never see her again. The poor youngster, I have been looking for her ever since, but she is gone, I am afraid, forever. I would not condemn her—I would forgive her—I would forgive even the young man. Both are angels beside the prostitute editors and preachers who uphold a system of society that makes Christian marriage impossible, and sells the love of both man and woman for gold. The young man had been sent away by his father for fear I would kill him. No, I wouldn't hurt him; he was only weak; I know he truly loved my girl. But I would not object to killing a few of the fellows who have made it impossible for me to get work and support my daughter, and who make social laws against men marrying those they love when poor. I would not object to shouldering my rifle the second time to abolish slavery, this time of sixty instead of four million slaves, whose sons are made drudges, or criminals, and whose daughters are regarded as the natural game for the sport of the idle classes. Oh, I just wish they would try to count out the people's choice for president this year. If the poor people elect him, I would just like to get one whack at them. Curse their souls, if they keep on breaking the laws and spitting on the people they will find enough just such broken-hearted, simple-minded fellows of my stripe to make short work of them. No, I ain't got no more to say and if you publish half I've told you you've got more spunk than William Lloyd Garrison."

Muttering a few curses the old wounded soldier walked away. He gave his blood to save his country—to-day his country denies him the opportunity to earn a living and drives his daughter to what is worse than death.

Walking into the postoffice the Journal man saw an old woman writing on a postal card, but after she would write each word she had to stop and wipe the tears from her eyes. She first presented being asked the cause of her sorrow, but after being assured she was talking to a friend explained that she had raised a family of three bright boys, but all were now dead, and that although they once owned their own home and store, doing a prosperous business, the millionaire's department store had caused their failure, and now she and her aged invalid husband were about to be separated and sent to two different charitable houses for the aged. My youngest boy killed himself by overwork trying to make the business go and when he saw we were all going under in spite of his efforts, he lay right down on his bed and died in delirious fever. And to think after losing all our children and working hard all our lives we must now be separated in our old age and be sent to different institutions among strangers—! Oh! My God it is too much! I wish I were dead, too!"

When asked if she thought God was to blame for her misfortune she answered: "Oh, no; He made the world big enough and rich enough for all." "Then why is this world filled with so much pain and wretchedness?" continued her interrogator. "I don't know," she sobbed. "Is it not all the fault of those who monopolize the world and deny the poor the right to earn their living?" The poor woman looked up in blank amazement. He had been their in a church led by Pharisees, who had never suggested that God's Kingdom was possible on this earth, or that the present hell is the result of social and political crimes, and so she only shook her old aching head—she could not understand. The idea that the benefit of progress and invention belonged to all alike, and that every man, woman and child in the world might enjoy an abundance of all the good things of life had never occurred to her. The poor thing had cried, "Oh, my God!" in her misery, never realizing that God had given her a world of unlimited beauty and delight, which had been taken from her by the ruling classes; that these people waste enough in one brutal feast to save the lives of a hundred hungry women and children; that single families squander in useless ostentation weekly what would give comfort, hyge and plenty to a neighborhood and that these things are crimes for which the perpetrators must not only answer to heaven but for which they shall very soon have to answer to an enraged and determined people.

The victims of social injustice will be interviewed from time to time by the Journal man and their suggestions published as to how existing social cannibalism can be abolished, how each individual can be most useful in quenching the flames of our earthly hell and overcoming the two-legged devils who now poison the stream of human life.

Alleged Disreputable Action. The newspapers that believe that a high tariff is the remedy for all our most important ills are berating the Senate finance committee because it reported a free silver bill as a substitute for the tariff bill. It is asserted that the substitute bill is not germane to the original bill. Well, let us see. The purpose of the tariff bill is to raise revenue, to get hold of some money, is it not? If we were passed it is altogether problematical whether it would answer the purpose or not. Importations depend upon a market for what is imported. When times are good and everybody has money to spend a tariff will produce revenue. When nobody has any money, importations will necessarily be light and a revenue from a tariff will not be heard of. The government has asked congress to enact some sort of legislation that will relieve the financial necessities of the treasury. The finance committee had before it the simple question of how to raise money and it very wisely concluded, in our judgment, that the easiest and most certain way of raising money was to provide for the coinage of silver. It seems to us that it was the most sensible thing that the senate has done for ten years. It went about accomplishing a purpose in a direct, business-like, common sense way. The majority of the senate is in favor of free silver. The majority of the senate next year will be in favor of free silver; and to charge that the free silver senators are obstructionists because they provide a way for raising revenue according to their financial convictions, is as silly as would be the charge that the house is an obstructionist because it believes in the tariff bill, and not in the silver bill. When a majority of such a straight-back institution as the senate is in favor of free silver, it looks to us as if the gold men ought to pause and ascertain where they are at.—Chicago Voice.

Seeing that by taking in the honest elements of all parties the populists can elect president and vice president, the Wall street wolves that is all that will be left of the republican and democratic parties after July 22) are already planning to capture the presidency by force. Wonder if they know what such a course would entail? "We have the guns," they say, "the president is ours, the navy is ours, the army is ours. Just let them try and inaugurate a crazy populist president of this country and we'll kill them like cattle." Gentle reader, the above expression comes from a third-term advocate of Mr. Cleveland. He speaks for plutocracy. Wall street has actually planned to steal the presidency in March, next year.

Would not the "pitchfork" make a good and attractive addition to the plow and hammer as an emblem of the people's party?

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Bill Nye Left All His Property to His Wife.

A special from Hendersonville, says that Edgar Wilson Nye's will has been admitted to probate there. It is very short, being written on two sheets of note paper in his own hand-writing, signed sealed and properly witnessed. He leaves all his property to his wife in fee simple and she is made executrix of the will. The value of the estate is not estimated.

The Mayo-Dan Cotton Mill.

The new Ma, o-Dan cotton mill located in Rockingham county, at the confluence of the two rivers, Mayo and Dan, from which the name of the mill is derived, has started up its machinery for the first time. Only 15,000 spindles are in operation yet, however, and the mill will have 22,500 or 23,000 spindles in operation when the full equipment is started up. The remaining 7,000 or 8,000 spindles are already ordered and will be installed without delay. The Carolina correspondent of the Industrial Record writes that this is particularly a first-class mill in every respect and has a bright future before it. Henry Fries, the president, and all the directors are wealthy men, and most of them are experienced mill men. Mr. Fries having been identified with the business all his life.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The 20th annual State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at Charlotte March 19th, and will embrace Sunday. The programme promises to be very interesting. Among the speakers are Rev. Dr. Felix Asheville; Rev. Dr. Lambeth, of Nashville, Tenn.; Messrs. F. S. Brockman and H. O. Williams, Secretaries of the International Committee, and Mr. L. A. Coulter, State Secretary of Virginia. Mr. Walter H. Overton, of Raleigh, will have charge of the music for the Convention.

Telephone War.

The war between the Bell and Inter-State telephone companies is getting pretty lively in Winston-Salem. The Bell people are now putting business and residence phones (2) for the same price (\$34) as charged by the Inter-State for one business. Some time before the Inter-State began business, the Bell charged \$64 for business phones, and refused to reduce the price until opposition came in. The two companies have about an equal number of phones in the two towns.

Ground Broken.

Ground was broken Monday for the new shops which the Southern Railway will build two miles from the town of Salisbury. The shops are to cost \$225,000. The officials of the railroad state that they are to be completed in six months. Salisbury is almost precisely midway between Washington and Atlanta, and this is an important reason for locating the shops there. The Southern Railway will build a town for its operatives and will name it "North Salisbury." An electric railway will connect it with Salisbury.

An Old Suit Finally Decided.

The Landmark says that the case which Wallace Bros., of Statesville, against ex-United States Marshal R. M. Douglas, have just won, was started in 1885. It was continued in the Superior Court innumerable times, was referred five times, was in the State Supreme Court three times, and was finally decided by the Supreme Court of the United States. The sum involved is \$1,500 and the costs are enormous.

Cotton Mill Stock Sold.

Twelve shares of stock in the Statesville Cotton Mills, total par value \$120,000, were sold to satisfy a mortgage debt due the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company by Wallace Bros., of Statesville. J. W. Copeland, of the latter place, purchased it at \$10,179.

Lutheran Synod.

The Northern Conference of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina will convene in Hopewell church, five miles south of Salem, on the 26th instant. The new church at that place will be dedicated on Sunday, the 22d.

Laurinburg's New Cotton Mill.

Contracts have been made for building the Merzant Cotton Mill at Laurinburg. The mill will have five thousand spindles and will spin hosiery yarns.

Flour Mill Sold.

The Salem Flouring Mills were sold to David Shore, of Yadkin county, for \$7,000.

Salisbury People Bought for \$3,500 the Telephone Exchange of that town, heretofore owned by Mr. C. N. McAdoo, of Goldsboro.

C. T. Hawles has been appointed receiver of the Asheville Cotton Company on application of B. A. Connor, one of the stockholders. Other stockholders will fight the receivership.

Judge Simonton has decided, upon request of counsel, to hear the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad case March 19th, at Asheville.

MILITARY COMMISSION TO CUBA. President Cleveland May Thus Gather Information.

It is possible that President Cleveland will send a military commission to Cuba to report on the condition of affairs there. In this connection it is announced that Gen. Wesley Merritt, commander of the Department of the Missouri, and several other high officers of the army have been suddenly summoned to Washington.

The mills and factories established in this country by the Salvation Army gives employment to 10,700 persons.