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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1892.

Ax investigation has led to the arrest of several parties who have been robbing the some employes, importers and brokers. New York is not the only point where fraud is lifting the government out of its dealing with the cotton problem, entitled. cash, as a therough investigation will

THE press and people of North Carolina have been discussing the Public Road question for many years, and to-day the system of working the roads is the same, and the roads are as bad as ever,

We believe the question has been discussed long enough, and would suggest that ized body working for legislative reforms, the best methods for working public roads be sent before the Legislature at its next address Aliance gatherings. Some few of meeting, and that some law be made where. these invitations I accepted. In mid-sum-

#### THE Rockingham Rocket says:

"A gentleman from Upper Richmond was in conversation with the editor of the Rocket so.ne days ago when he turned his artillery upon the Democratic party for what he styled its failure to bring relief to the people. This gentleman has always es I made I was flooded with other invitavoted the Democratic ticket but now comes out and wants to know what that party has ever done for the State." The Spirit of the South keeps it standing.

The Democratic party first and foremost rescued the State from the clutches of a set of harpi-s, who had plundered and well nigh rained her people, and were even then waging civil war on the people of could not have been otherwise, as I made some of her counties. Was it nothing to the same class of speeches that I was wont stop the Kirk war and send his cut throats to do in the campaigus from 1876 to 1890, back whence they came? Was it nothing and also the same kind of speeches spoken to shake off the hold of Littlefield, Dewesse by Hon. Jesse J. Yeates, Hon. C. K. Jerand their pais in robbery and jobbery.

Having freed the people from those in-iquities, they built up the public schools and established a good system of schools for the people. They have also established asyiums and taken from the jails the poor insane and housed and fed them.

They have administered the State affairs economically, bonestly, and in the foterest of the people. There has not been a dollar of public money lost in North Carolina in twenty years.

They have built railroads, and so managed affairs that the railroad mileage has more than doubled without a cent of tax-

ation to the people.

They have utilized the convict labor and have substantially made the pententiary self-supporting. They have maintained in the counties and in the towns houest, care... ful, frugal and efficient local governments,

They have kept order in the State and administered justice in the courts, and the people have enjoyed repose and their homes have been happy and their lives peaceful.

They have not invaded the liberties of the people, nor impaired their freedom, nor interfered with their right to plant and sow and reap, as they will That is the right of each individual man. The Democratic party has not abridged it.

When we consider these things, it appears that the Democratic party has done Democracy. all that a party can do for the people at their homes

At Washington the party has never had the power to do what it desired to do. But it has reduced expenses; it has light-sued taxation; it has reduced the tobacco tax and changed the revenue law; establisted economy when it had control of the House of Representatives ; and it has prevented the passage of wicked and bad laws, such, for instance, as the act enforcing social equality between the races, and opening the schools, the churches, the hotels and all public places to the races

It has also prevented the passage of acts of Congress which would have required North Carolina to pay the fraudulent special fax bonds. It has also provented the passage of acts like the Force bill. Are not these things something done for the people?

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#### FULL TEXT OF COL. SKIN-NER'S LETTER.

Special Cor. State Chronicle

The time has come when I cannot permit those who have been my friends, associates and co-laborers, in the cause of Pemocracy, to be longer decrived by the misrepresentations of designing men. I have stood the fire as long as I can without making a plain statement relative to my advocacy of measures for financial relief, so that the people may see how unfairly I have been recently treated by the press, to whose good opinion I am entitled.

I commenced to give thought to the fipancial problem in 1873 74, while I was a student at Transylvania University, Lexington. Ky I read the press of the day with interest and had the pleasure of hearing such Democratic lights as Senators James B. Beck J. G. Carlisle and J. C. S. Blackburn make campaign speeches on the Plymouth, N. C. line of financial reform and denouncing especially the demonstization of silver. We appeal to every reader of The Roanoge Bracon, to aid as in making it an acceptable and profitable medium of news to our estizens. Let Plymouth people and the public know what is going on in Plymouth. Report to us all items of news the arrival and departure of friends, suchal events, deaths, sorious liness, accidents, new buildings, new enterprises and improvements of whatever character, changes in business—indeed anything and everything that would be of interest to our people.

sepecially the demonstization of silver. These led me to investigate the subject further, and I have tried since to lead all the current literature bearing upon the study have brought me to the smeere and decided conclusion that the financial problem is of the first importance among the issues that must be settled by the American people. dieg with Alliance and non-Alliance Dam-

ocrats in the State.
In January, 1887. I attended the Agricultural convention in Ralega, presided naming the ticket or the platform, so as to over by Hon, Elias Carr and introduced a resolution looking to financial relief Ingovernment through the Custom House at March, the same year, I wrote an article New York: Among those implicated are entitled "Land Basis for our National Bank I-sue," which appeared in the 'Greenville Reflector" and "News and Observer" about the same time. After this I wrote an article published in the "Progressive Farmer." and afterwards in an abbreviated form in "Frank Lestic's." Both of these articles were widely copied, I followed this with "Hope of the South No. 2." Subsequently I have now and then contributed to diffe. ren: papers on the line of financial reform, especially in advocacy of the sub-treasury plan. These questions naturally brought me to the notice of the Allia ce, an organand consequently I received many invitations from different parts of the State to by the roads may be worked and kept in Polk in a series of speec ex throngsout the State. Before consenting to do so I con. suited many prominent Democrats, among them chairm n E. U. Smith, Hon T. R Jernigan, then assosiate editor of the News and Observer, Hon T. J. Jarvis, who has always shown himself a wise and conservative leader, and others. They advised me toat it would do good for me to accept es I made I was flooded with other invitations, and at a sacrifice, with only the good of the people at heart, have delivered speeches in twenty-five counties. I leave the character and tendency of my speeches to the people who heard them as well as to the telegraphic reports of them in different Democratic journals, invariably reporting me as having done my party good, which nigan, Hon. D. M. Curter, Hon. L. C. Latham and Hon, Thomas G. Skinner, in their respective cauvasses of the First District, and the elec ors for the State at large, and as Scuators Vance and Ransom have made throughout North Carolina for the past twenty years. They denounced the demonetization of saver, the resumption of specie payment and the credit strength eming act. They have neld up the tyranny of a gold standard, promised the remon. etization of sitver and general linancial

relief through the Democratic party. So have I. In the present hour we only differ as to the plan of renef 1 believe in the subtreasury plan They do not As Democrate each is entitled to his individual opinion. As long as treedom of speech is guaranteed in this country we all have our individual right to express our own views and I trust without having our Democracy impagned or ourselves personally or politically proscribed Mr. Bland can tayor free silver and be a Democrat; Mr. Har er can oppose free silver without having his Democ acy question. ed; Mr. Randail was a protectionist and yet a recognized leader of Democracy in Congress; Mr. Carlisle can reverse himself on suver, and ad the while fight against the aboution of internal revenue, a perma... nent plank in our State platforms, and yet is to North Carolinians a great leader in

But Mr. Skinner, it would seem cannot advocate a measure which he sincerary be. lieves would raileye the people of their great agricultura stagnation and arm the fields with the power to command higher prices for their products, without having his pofitical heritage taken from him, his past services cancelled and his future proscribed. Hence I desire to say, as much as I may be nuligned, sharp as the criticisms may be made, nothing can cause me to waver or falter in my pointeal faith, for I expect to follow the flag when man, who now judge me wrongly shan have deserted and found with our common enemy.

My advocacy of the sub treasury plan has always been in the pare of the party. I discuss it only in a general way, trying to impress two pivotal though's—that Demo. cracy is the rule or strength of the people, and that a majority have the right to con. troi; that Democracy means lodging ali power with the people possible; that what we call money, whether in the shape of government credit or colu, is the most powerius controller of buman action and the great distributer of the results of labor; that as governmental credit has to be ic. voked either in the form of treasury notes, certificates or guaranteed bank notes, to do the business of the country, that it is more Democratic to put this power in the ha, da of or near the people at first cost than to delegate it to corporations with the power to crush the people; and that the government can exceed its uredis under proper supervision upon land and staple (Tops as well as upon bonds, gold or silver, for the reason that these must redeem the bonds and furnish the power with which to purch-

ace gold and silver. Now while these are my individual views I have no desire to force them upon Democrats who cannot see through the same glasses as I do, and certainly would not want them incorporated in our State plat, form, recognizing as I do that there is that difference of opinion among Democrats that won'd hazzard the harmony of Demo. cratic councils and jeopordize our success

enemy from re-enacting the era of its mis. rule, to perpetuate white supremacy and to stand as a barrier against amalgamation and the evils that would flow therefrom. The people of North Carolina may be assured while I claim the right of my individual views, I stand ready to make any sacrifice to prevent the disruption of the Democratic party. And if I may be permitted to make suggestion, without criticism, to Altiance and non Alliance Democrats in the interest of harmony, it would be to carry out what I intended at the last meeting of the State executive committee, to recommend to the different county conventious, with as little variation as pos-likle, the state platform of 1890, and regulate all our differences of a national character to the different Congres. sional conventions as this class of renef must come through the channel of Congres. and these are the political bodies that should gestion I am not retreating from the Demomy Democratic arder but I will follow the and M E. Roberts and baggage checked to majority. As a financial reformer, I can stations on the Norfolk & Southern R R. not see how engrafting anything unusual and landings on liver routes, and to Balti. and endanger our local institutions. I give Norfolk freight and passenger s the Alliance credit for too much wisdom at Norfolk & Western B, R. depot. and pa viotism, even if in the absolu e con . trol of the State convention, to act either in bring defeat upon the work there committed to their charge. My opinion is, they will act wis ly and conservatively and on the day ofter will dese we the applause of patri, ots. Let non-Alliance Demograts stop their bickerings, mad criticisms tone the aselves down, be prepared to act conservatively. meet on a common ground help enact a common platform that all can stand upon and pam- a satisfactory ticket that will in spire union and solidity in city, town, ham. let and country, and under one flag march

to an assured victory. To this end let us all meet as true Deray. crats prepared to make some eacrinces and concessions for the common go d. HABRY SKINNER.

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