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THE NEW CONVERT—CONTINUED.

We gave yesterday some of the points of ex-Congressman Henderson's remarkable letter in the Charlotte Observer in which he goes back on his record as an anti-unconditional repealer. Considering his close connection with Senator Ransom, there were persons who said at the time that Mr. Henderson's vote at the extra session in opposition to Mr. Cleveland did not completely represent his views. But we had too much respect for the member from the Seventh district to think anything of the kind, and we believe now his change is due simply to that extraordinary control, akin to hypnotism, which the President seems to exercise over those who come within the sphere of his influence.

We gave yesterday an interesting and amusing account of Santanelli's power over his "subjects"—how he made them all nurse each one a perfectly well foot under the impression that it was badly crushed. The poor fellows would roll in the dust and roar with pain. After awhile, released from the spell, they would, one by one, laugh at those still under it as well as at themselves.

Similarly, we have seen poor Mr. Carlisle eat his very words, and look his astonished audience straight in the eyes and tell them that there isn't a particle of difference between what he said in 1878 and what he says now; and Hoke Smith roll over in the mire into which Mr. Crisp put him the other day, declare that he was "a fool" when he advocated ensilage and turnip seed as the basis of a "sound" currency in 1892, and look his auditors square in the face as he protested that he could see no point whatever in his opponent's suggestion that if he was a fool in 1892 it might turn out that he was a fool now and at other (if not all) times.

It is to be hoped that all of these gentlemen may recover like Santanelli's subjects, and live to laugh at their curious antics while under Mr. Cleveland's spell. Unfortunately, however, the high positions of trust which Mr. Cleveland's subjects occupy do not permit them to retire from the scene of their crazy goings on with only themselves to laugh at or to commiserate. Millions of their fellow citizens writhe in the suffering that foreclosed mortgages and business failures bring, while the cabinet gentlemen go on their smiling, self-satisfied way, insisting that the people's suffering is as unreal as their own.

But to return to Mr. Henderson's letter. Mr. Henderson says that if the President had not issued bonds to replenish the gold reserve, "the present Congress might have impeached him." We never thought of that before, but the suggestion accentuates the fact that the last thing a Republican Congress would do would be to impeach the President for carrying out his present Republican policy of giving the Treasury gold drainers the option which the LAW says belongs to the PEOPLE.

Mr. Henderson says the President "has maintained the gold standard and kept all sorts of money on a parity. If he had not done so he would have violated the law." Mr. Henderson is mistaken. The LAW says keep "the two metals on a parity." That the President has egregiously failed to do, the silver in a silver dollar being

worth only about 50 cents, you know. It is the Chicago platform which says keep all sorts of money on a parity, and the instant Mr. Henderson admits that the President is bound by the Chicago platform—in other words, the instant he claims that the President is a Democrat—away goes the claim upon which his whole letter rests, viz: that the President wrote a letter to an individual seventeen months before he accepted the Chicago platform, which was at variance with that platform; and that to the doctrines expressed in that letter he owed a greater allegiance than to those expressed in the platform of 4 millions of voters which he subsequently declared his allegiance to!

Mr. Henderson says "He [the President] does not make laws, but he is bound to execute them." Precisely. The President did not make the Chicago platform, the law of his party. That law required him to do his best to secure the restoration of the double standard of value, but Mr. Henderson commends him for having "maintained the gold standard"!

Mr. Henderson says (most truly) "The Republican party established the gold standard." And he adds: "The Republicans and Populists of North Carolina are equally responsible for the majority which controls the Fifty-third [the present] Congress." Now that is richness. Not a word has Mr. Henderson to say about the Fifty-second Congress, which Mr. Cleveland controlled. Did the President utter one word in the messages of recommendation, which the law requires him to make, in favor of undoing the Republican law that established the gold standard? Not he, but, as said above, Mr. Henderson actually boasts of his having adhered to the Republican doctrine of his Ellery Anderson letter rather than to the Democratic doctrine of his subsequently accepted Chicago platform!

But, worst of all, the President's gold-bug defender, our new convert, Mr. Henderson, actually holds up the Populist, Mr. Peffer, as the final authority on the question of the President's honor. "He [the Populist Mr. Peffer] regarded them [Cleveland and Carlisle] as men of honor;" and Mr. Henderson exclaims in triumph "What more need he said?" Why don't he call up Mr. Tillman, the Democratic Senator from South Carolina? Why is the Western Populist Peffer's word better than the Southern Democrat Tillman's word? And so on, and so on.

Alas and alas, that a man of Mr. Henderson's standing should make such a curious exhibition of himself.

And still we have no condemnation by Mr. Henderson and the other administrationists of the New York, New England and Kentucky bolters. Not a word.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Every day now brings news that confirms the OBSERVER's prediction made on the 27th of April, 1895, and repeated constantly since, that the Democracy's fight or free silver was bound to resolve itself into a fight against the President and those he controls with his malign influence.

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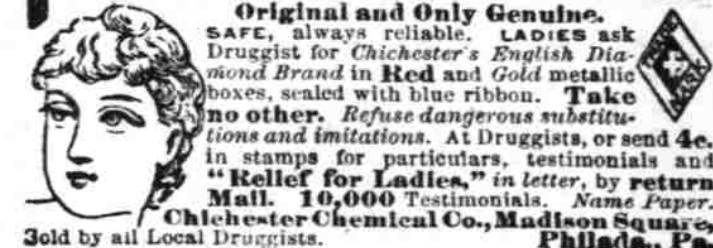
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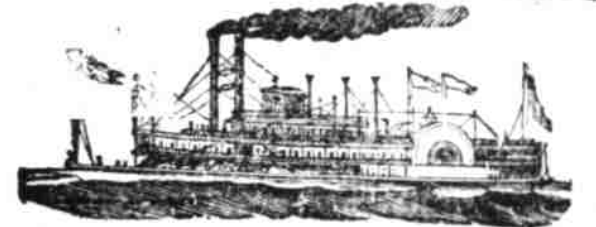
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" " 2, Jail Lot, 66x180;  
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" " 4, Corner of Green and Grove Streets, 293x125.

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For more accurate description see Book 7, No. 4, page 65, &c.

Time of sale, Monday, May 18, 1896, at 11 o'clock M.

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