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LOCAL NEWS.

Cotton is selling in the city to-day at 7½ firm.

Two hundred sixteen names were voted for in this county on Tuesday.

We silverites will now await the coming of the good times promised us by Hanna.

One first-class fare for the round trip on account of the Cumberland County Fair.

All papers sold on the streets by newsboys should bear the stamp, "For Transient Sale," in red ink.

The managers of the Opera House promise us a splendid troupe here next week. It is the Staniford Dramatic Company and has so much confidence in its ability to please that it will show here every night next week.

The Days of Forgetfulness.

Wednesday the fair opens. Let us all make merry for the three days and forget the disappointments of the past and the troubles which await us in the future.

Disappointed.

The people of this city are blue, very blue to-day. They were bouyed up yesterday by the conflicting election reports, but last night a dispatch was received which gave them a shock well nigh paralyzing. It conveyed the news of McKinley's and Russell's election absolutely.

Local Betting.

The largest amount of betting done in Fayetteville was on the majority Sheriff Geddie would receive. A considerable amount of Democratic money was waged against a like amount of Republican money that Geddie would not beat Smith by 400 plurality. The Democrats got badly left, Geddie beating Smith by 786 votes. The little betting that was done on the presidential election was at odds of 2 to 1 on McKinley. There was no betting on the State election.

People and Their Movements.

Mr. E. W. Overbaugh is at home again. Dr. McSwain, of Wade, was in town this morning. Mr. Bruce Williams, attorney at Burgaw, was in the city yesterday. Dr. McDuffie is a little worse this morning, having spent a very bad night. Mr. J. C. Marchison, of Greensboro, came down to the city this morning. Sheriff J. S. Fisher, an old Cumberland boy now sheriff of Colquitt County, Ga., is on a visit to relatives in this county. Mr. Fisher left his home in Beaver Dam five years ago and settled in Georgia. Two years later he was elected sheriff of Colquitt county, and this year he has been re-elected.

When Will We Learn?

How completely vindicated by the result in this State are those Democrats who insisted that acceptance, on the 10th of August, of the Populist offer of State fusion would prevent the election of Russell! It was said that the Populists would not keep faith with us in any joint arrangement we might make with them, but the result of the fusion that was made (on the electoral ticket) proves that this was the expression of bad judgment—or worse.

Even the efforts of the clique that employed such powerful batteries to taunt the Populists into breaking faith with us on the electoral ticket, were unavailing. After awhile, perhaps, some people will learn a thing or two.

We could have defeated Russell just as easily as we have defeated McKinley in this State—in fact, if there had been fusion in both cases, much more easily.

Staniford Dramatic Company.

The Staniford Dramatic Company will begin a week's engagement at the Opera House Monday night, November 9th. The following from the Greensboro Record, Nov. 4th, is a flattering account of the play, "For Congress," to be presented here on Monday night next:

The Staniford Company opened a week's engagement at the Academy of Music Monday night to a first-rate audience, considering the election excitement.

The play was "For Congress," and right royally was it presented. It is a rollicking play all the way through, but with plenty of good points to it, and these the different members of the company brought out with much clearness.

Incidental to the play there were songs by Mr. Bixley, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Risser, Miss Myrtle and others.

Mr. Risser has a magnificent baritone voice and received several encores, as did Mr. McDonald.

"The Diamond Mystery" was presented last night to a very good crowd who were delighted with the rendition of the piece which affords more room for good work than the play of Monday.

The specialties by Miss Emma Myrtle, T. M. Bixley, Harry McDonald, Phil. Risser and the Schoolcrafts were first-class and were repeatedly encored.

The company plays again to-night; the play will be announced in our evening edition.

The Company is a splendid one—better by far than many of the high-priced shows, and is worthy the patronage of all. Those who have attended the two performances are delighted.

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A Chicago telegram of last night says:

Chairman Jones formally conceded the defeat of William J. Bryan to-night and made his last campaign statement to the public. The free silver standard was really lowered late last night, so far as the election of 1896 is concerned, when advices were received at headquarters from West Virginia conceding the electoral vote of that state to McKinley, but it was decided not to make a public announcement of the fact until to-day. In the meantime Governor Stone arrived in Chicago from Missouri in response to Senator Jones' telegram. The national committee chairman, the governor and Campaign Chairman Campau were in conference this evening in the Senator's room and at its conclusion the following statement was given out to the press:

"The result of the presidential election is apparently no longer in doubt. It has

been one of the closest contests that the people have been called on to determine in recent years. We have claimed the election on our advices from states that were admittedly in doubt, in which we knew there had been many frauds and from which there was evidence of tampering with the returns. It seems now to be apparent that Mr. Bryan, after making the most brilliant campaign in the history of our country, has carried most of the states claimed as doubtful, but has not carried enough to assure his success in the electoral college. Bryan electors have been chosen in all the states south of the Potomac and Ohio, except West Virginia and all those west of the Missouri except California and Oregon. He has 190 electoral votes and this number may be increased by final returns from states yet in question.

"This remarkable campaign closes with the election of William McKinley. The result was brought about by every kind of coercion and intimidation on the part of the money power, including threats of lockouts and dismissals and impending starvation; by the employment of by far the largest campaign fund ever used in this country and by the subornation of a large portion of the American press. The president-elect and his party are under pledge to the American people to continue the gold standard and by its operation to restore prosperity to this country.

"As chief executive, Mr. McKinley will have the cordial support of the millions of patriotic Americans who have cast their votes for William J. Bryan. They bow to the majesty of the office and abide by the result with none of the mutterings that would have come from the money power had it been unsuccessful. They are confident the gold standard cannot give the promised prosperity, but will gladly welcome it if it comes. They will continue the great struggle for the uplifting of humanity and for the maintenance of the dignity of our country in the establishment of an American monetary system. And the democratic party, aided by its present allies, will still uplift the bimetallic standard and bear it on to victory.

JAMES K. JONES,
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