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Wm. L. Lacey, though, to a ring-necked and striped right to look at...

"The Populists in Gaston are going to vote for Doughton," said a staunch Populist...

Major Guthrie is giving advice that's all right when he says to his people: "Don't stultify yourselves by voting for a free silver President..."

And as there is to be no colored man to the jurist and no colored candidate for justice of the peace...

Under the new law there are only two ballots to be voted at this election: (1) presidential, state, congressional, and judicial tickets on one and (2) the Legislative (Senate and House) county and township tickets on the other...

The Populists in Forsyth county are, as elsewhere, supporting Doughton right along. A week or two ago at the Venus fair grounds in the presence of a thousand people...

Every Democrat should read chairman Manly's ringing address to the people which appears on the first page of this paper. It should have come many weeks ago...

We have been requested to explain the fusion recently accomplished on the Presidential ticket between the Democrats and Populists of this State. We shall try to do so.

Without fusion there would have been three Presidential tickets in this State: (1) McKinley and Hobart, (2) Bryan and Sewall, (3) Bryan and Tom Watson...

The Democratic and Populist committees agreed to run between them but one ticket of eleven electors. On this one five Democrats, five Populists, and one silver party vote...

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FROM HOBART'S MOUTH.

A campaign document as unique as it is contemptible and cowardly and insulting is emanating from Ridge-wood, N. J., a small town just beyond Paterson, the home of Mr. Hobart. This office received one on yesterday's vestibule in a plain white envelope.

Words fall one's indignation at such cowardly insolence. No, we have no pleasant words for Mr. McKinley. He is not inaugurated yet, not likely to be, but if in the dispensation of a chastening Providence such a calamity should befall this nation...

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The trail of Republicanism is over it all. Stroup was objectionable to the Republicans on two counts: (1) he was a prohibition record, (2) he was for Doughton.

Oh, they found a scheme! We'll take down Wilson, we'll make the Populists take down Stroup, and promote White for the candidacy for Sheriff to that for the House.

And there is something rotten in this new deal. See if there isn't. Stroup was for Doughton; he couldn't catch the Republican vote.

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But all this commotion among committees is not solely because of local interests. It is a last desperate effort to save Linnay's cause now in its death struggle in Gaston.

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OUR KING'S MOUNTAIN NEIGHBOR.

Our King's Mountain neighbor, the Progressive Reformer, has been having some happy troubles in its household. The proprietor, J. W. Brown, is a Republican; the editor, H. P. Allison, is a Populist.

Thus they floated serenely along until the time came to lay aside benediction and shuffling. The canvass of Linnay and Doughton brought matters to a head. The editor declared he was a silver man and meant to support Doughton and oppose Linnay not only at the polls but in the paper.

I will support the election of William J. Bryan for president and of Thomas E. Watson and Sewall electors for vice-president, without scratching for congressman in this eighth district.

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When it was nearly time for the paper to go to press Captain Brown, the proprietor, walked out of the office carrying the side-sticks with him and leaving the editor in bad shape for looking up the forms containing his declaration of independence.

Our neighbor's only reference to this part of its tribulations was the modest one found in these lines: On account of the absence of our printer...

We are gratified to see that our neighbor got along so well under the annoying drawbacks against which it had to contend. It will please feel no delicacy in calling on us again under similar circumstances.

Ashray came down because he didn't want to preach silver and vote gold. A little thing like that doesn't worry Wallace who has succeeded him.

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These Who Love the State Will Vote Republican States. Elizabeth City Register. It is safe to say that there is not a man in North Carolina who loves his State, who really wishes the State to be disgraced by having Russell in the highest office in the State.

Bugle Call to Democrats.

Hon. Clement Manly, Chairman Dem. State Ex. Com. From this day, work! Let no private demands prevent this public duty.

ONE CAUSE OF REJOICING.

It is one of the things that we rejoice at in this contest, that we do not have the support of the trusts, or syndicates, or syndicates of this country.

A CAUSE IS KNOWN BY ITS COMPANY.

If you will look at the company which the cause of our opponents keeps you will get some idea of the true character of the cause. Every man who has profited by special legislation, every trust that seeks to impose upon the people, every syndicate that fattens on public adversity and every corporation that thinks it is greater than the law...

THE PEOPLE VS. THE SYNDICATES.

We have to meet the combined influence of money in all the money centers of the world. But, my friends, this campaign will demonstrate whether the people are to have a Government of the people, by the people and for the people, or whether it is going to be a Government of syndicates, by syndicates and for syndicates.

BRYAN'S WORTHY AMBITION.

I read you briefly from the teachings of Thomas Jefferson to show you, my friends, that it ought to be the ambition of every member of these clubs to carry our Government back and place it again securely on the foundation which was established by the founders of this Government.

THE TARIFF AND THE TREASURY.

Would our Republican friends be so kind as to answer the following questions for the benefit of a voter, taxpayer and laboring man. Does the foreigner get or leave any money in his treasury except American money? Or will I put it this way. Suppose that some foreigner brings to this country \$1,000 worth of goods...

GOING GOLD, GOE.

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REQUIRE AND TAXPAYER.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of William E. Hager, deceased, hereby notify all persons who are or may be indebted to the said deceased to exhibit the same to me on or before the 15th day of October, 1896.

HERE IS SOMETHING TO LOOK AT! Cloaks! Cloaks! Cloaks! We are now making a special drive in Cloaks. Ladies, see our line before making a purchase. We can save you money. We have them all grades and at prices which worry our competitors and please our customers.

McDILL, PRESSLY & COMPANY. We wish to announce that we are now ready to serve the public and that we have a store full of New and Attractive Goods. We tried to buy only the best and are able to supply you with the best goods for the least amount of money.

MEAT MARKET. W. N. Davis, Propr. Having bought the market of Mr. W. S. Smith, I am now prepared at the same old stand to furnish the choicest fresh meats and deliver them anywhere in town.

TAX NOTICE. Owing to the early cotton crop I will expect early tax-paying. I will meet the tax-payers of Gaston county for the purpose of collecting the taxes for the year 1896, including those that have not paid taxes for the year 1895, which MUST be paid at once.

HALF RATES ON PHOTOGRAPHS! Until further notice BEARD will make first-class photos at one-half regular price.

Fits Cured. From Dr. J. C. Manly's Medical Journal. Prof. W. H. Smith, who has been afflicted with Epilepsy, has without doubt cured and cured himself by the use of Dr. J. C. Manly's Medical Journal.

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SEE Torrence, The Jeweler, For Distinct Line of WATCHES, CHAINS, RINGS, and JEWELRY. REPAIRING NEATLY and CHEAPLY DONE.