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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The song of the politicians: Just give us the offices and we'll do the rest.

The membership of the Alliance in Colorado has increased over 30 per cent. in the past year.

By another day or two a good many candidates in all the parties will be asking "where are we at?"

The Washington Gazette speaks of a gentleman in eastern North Carolina who has "built a well." Well, well!

Persons desiring to organize "Gideon's Band" will do well to correspond with Chairman Simmons, (G) Raleigh, N. C.

If there is trouble of a serious nature anywhere on election day, it is likely to be in New York. They are red hot there.

The interests of the cotton farmer in the South and the grain farmer and silver mines in the West are identical. Don't forget that.

The Grange is a big thing yet, where the Alliance has not taken its place. Twenty-seven thousand charters have been issued.

Hawaii threatens to send a brass band to the World's Fair which will be tooted by natives of that far away country. Lynching will be all the go then.

Rev. Tom Dixon killed a hundred and fifty-five dollars' worth of robbers in one day on Staten Island recently. That is he paid that much in court for the fun.

If you want a good brood mare, Jas. Moore, Raleigh, N. C., has two for sale with young colts by standard bred horses. Call and see them or write him.

Put your hand in your pocket and think a little before you go to the voting place. Your conscience will tell you which party proposes the remedies you need.

If all we hear is true, or half of it, even the old war-whoop about "a free ballot and a fair count" is not being whooped much in the Southern States this year.

A dispatch from New York states that 50,000 working men are preparing to go out on a strike. Why not work on and strike at the ballot-box? That is the way to make it effective.

There seems but little help for American politics beyond the creation of a healthy public sentiment and making the direct purchase of votes difficult or impossible.—Washington Post.

The story about the mysterious disappearance of the editor of the Wilson Advance is a campaign canard. The Advance itself says nothing about the story that has been circulated by others.

In the testimonials in favor of Mr. E. G. Butler, published last week two or three typographical errors are noticed. "W. B." and "M. P." Prince should have been "M. B." We said not one of the parties testifying to Mr. Butler's good character are members of his church. This should have

been "they are representatives of five religious denominations." That was put in to show that the gentlemen were not relatives of Mr. Butler nor all members of the same church, but members of five different denominations.

About 8,000,000 bales of cotton are now raised annually. Last year 40,000,000 were sold on the New York cotton exchange, just five times as much as raised. Now don't you want a bill to prevent dealing in futures passed?

The friends of reform know that education is required. The best and only way to do this is to get every person to read papers that are fearless and outspoken. Never neglect an opportunity to persuade some fellow-man to read.

A Republican boodle fund of \$2,000,000 has been raised in New York and Pennsylvania. We started to abuse them, but found later on that the Democrats had raised the same amount. Now which party should be condemned?

An Asheville minister is perplexed over what to say when he tells a friend that he has married a couple. He wants to know if "I married" them will do. "Hitched" is the word you want; just say "I hitched" the happy twain.

WANTED, IMMEDIATELY.—Three hundred and fifty people, old or young, rich or poor, white or black, male or female, to send us five one-year subscribers each, and receive free, by return mail, postpaid, a copy of Labor and Capital, worth \$2.50.

A scientist, anarchist or something has started a story that it would take a cannon ball three million years to reach the nearest fixed star. He should resign and accept a position with the chairman of some political party. Such an accomplished liar ought to make a fortune in politics.

Bob Ingersoll is reported to have said: "I believe in protecting what are called 'infant' industries, but after these 'infants' get six feet high and wear No. 12 boots, it is about time to stop rocking the cradle, especially when the infant tells you that if you stop rocking he will get out of the cradle and kick your head off."

When you finish reading this paper, make you a list of people you know who ought to read it, and secure their subscription at once, or at least five of them, and as soon as we receive the five names and \$5 cash, we will mail to your address free of charge and postpaid a copy of Labor and Capital, worth \$2.50. Can't you be one of the 350 who will get this prize?

A few nights ago a Raleigh mechanic went to Metropolitan Hall to hear some political orators. Mr. Joseph Daniels orated among others. As he came out he shook hands with the mechanic and remarked: "Glad to see you out; Christ preached to the ungodly as well as the godly." "Yes," remarked the mechanic, "but he didn't preach such doctrine as you preached to-night."

Since it has become apparent that "Gideon's Band" was a scheme gotten up in Wall street to break up the reform movement, the partisan press sing low about it. It is not likely that the organization was ever completed, for no evidence has been brought out to show that anything has been done, though politicians like Bell, Reid, and Dunn kept quiet a long time. They waited until they thought a blow could be struck, but the blow recoiled on them.

The value of the total cotton production of the United States for the nineteen years from 1873 to 1891, inclusive, was, according to authorities, \$6,092,267,720. The amount paid on the national debt since the war is put down at \$5,000,000,000. Reader, did it ever occur to you that cotton was being manipulated so as to make it pay the whole war debt? "The exports of cotton from this country far exceed in value those of any other staple. This makes them of immense importance in settlements of balance due abroad."

It has taken an equivalent of between four and five bales of cotton out of every six bales produced in the United States since the war to pay what has been paid on the national debt, and still the debt is so managed that now, notwithstanding \$5,000,000,000 has been paid on it, it would take to day more than twice as many bales of cotton to pay the balance as it would have taken to pay the whole debt in 1873. And Mr. Cleveland says to his Boston audience: "The best financial system in the world needs no change," or words to that effect.

Solon Chase said, "I bought a yoke of steers a year ago for sixty dollars, fed them all summer and winter, and in the spring was offered only sixty dollars for them in the market. Now, who got the hay?" This may help to point a moral. Uncle Sam bought a bonded debt 35 years ago, and paid \$3,000,000,000 and has been feeding it

ever since. It has already eaten \$5,000,000,000 worth of the products of the labor of the country, and still is eating with an appetite which has doubled its capacity and now swallows two bales of cotton or two bushels of corn or wheat where at first it took only one. And still the ravenous animal is on Uncle Sam's hands. Ought we not, all of us, to come to his rescue and help him kill the old beast if we can't get him off our hands otherwise?

The average price of cotton for the past 50 years, excepting the four years of the war, has been a small fraction more than 13 1/2 cents per pound in New York, and in Liverpool a fraction more than 6.84 pence per pound, or within a quarter penny of being twice as many cents per pound in New York as pence per pound in Liverpool. We find that the crop of 1891 sold in New York at 7 1/2 cents and in Liverpool at 4.18 pence, or New York 43 per cent. below the average and Liverpool only 38. New York has fallen off from 17 to 7 1/2 cents since 1873 and Liverpool from 8.36 to 4.18—a fall of 56 per cent. in New York and 50 per cent. in Liverpool.

The census reports show that from 1880 to 1890 the State of Massachusetts gained in wealth the sum of \$569,377,824. Now take nine of the best agricultural States, to-wit: Neb., Ia., Ills., Ind., N. C., Ga., Ala., Miss., and La. The increased assessed value in these nine States in the same time was \$559,441,974.

The territory of the nine States would more than make 58 States the size of Massachusetts, yet Massachusetts gained more than the nine by \$9,935,850. This advantage is given the one State over the nine by vicious financial legislation, and the fourteen million people in the nine States are to blame for allowing the two million in one State to take and hold this advantage of them. They have accomplished it by sending their friends to Congress. We must undo it by sending ours there.

The State of New York gained in the ten years included in last census, as per official figures the snug addition to her wealth of \$1,123,385,932. Take in comparison fifteen agricultural States, to-wit: Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, and we find their combined gain only \$1,117,188,213. The fifteen States contain sixteen times the territory, four times the population and one and one half times as much working capital. Yet the one State under the fostering care of the American Congress gained in ten years \$6,197,719 more than the fifteen agricultural States combined. Is this fair? Is it right? Is it honest? That it is true cannot be denied, for these are official census figures. Now, voter, if you wish a change, how can you get it by allowing the favored territory to dictate longer to you how you shall vote?

Suppose the 53,203,524,989 pounds of cotton produced in the South since 1873 had all sold at 17 cents per pound, it would have brought \$9,044,599,248 13. Whereas it only bro't 6,092,267,720.00

A loss to producers of \$2,952,331,528.13. This amount of loss to our cotton producers alone is equal to the whole national debt in 1865, and is 452 1/2 millions more than half of the whole amount that has been paid on the debt since the war. Brother farmer, we are indebted to the financial legislation at Washington City for this state of things. The exception clause, the U. S. interest bearing bond to take the place of greenbacks, which were nothing more nor less than bonds being willingly carried free of interest by our people; the credit-strengthening act; along with the demonetization of silver, will always be a shame and a disgrace to the memory of all those who participated in their enactment. Shall we endorse them further? Echo answers No!

The Charlotte Observer complains because THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER did not deny the existence of Gideon's Band in the State. Well, we are not as fresh as you would have us be. We are not one of the charmed circle. We can't give the signs, grips nor passwords. We don't know even one of Gideon's winks. Then how can we deny or affirm anything about the critter? Besides that, Col. Olds, Col. Simmons and three other prominent Democrats assert that there is such a concern. The Democratic press are howling about it. Now if they are correct and thirty Democrats in each county do belong to the band, which they say was organized in 1891, we would cut a small figure denying it. No, sir; we will deny nothing unless we know what we are talking about. But we don't attach any importance to the evidence of alleged members of

the organization, for they say they were sworn to tell absolutely nothing about it. If they violate their oaths we will not put any faith in their evidence either way.

Statistics from census reports show that the State of Pennsylvania with her population of 4,282,891 gained in assessed value of her property in the last decade \$909,382,016. In the same time twelve agricultural States, to-wit: Kan., Neb., Ia., Ill., Ind., Ky., N. C., Ga., Fla., Ala., Miss., and La., with their 16,323,441 population added to their combined wealth only \$597,184,160. And we see the one government favored State gains over the twelve unfavored agricultural States with four times the population and more than fourteen times the area of territory, the sum of \$12,197,856. We poor hayseeders must submit to this, though, because it is accomplished through what Mr. Cleveland says is "the best financial system in the world." And he told the truth as the system works for them, but as it works for us, how is it? Do you wish to continue such a system?

ANOTHER CANARD.

Saturday many handbills were sent out in Wake county and doubtless will be distributed in other counties notifying the people that if they vote the reform ticket they will vote for the Australian ballot law. That is false. The People's party State and National platforms recommend the Australian ballot law with provisions that will enable uneducated people to vote without interference. It proposes the best plan for honest elections suggested by any party. Don't be misled by this campaign falsehood.

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A pile of silver dollars five dollars long, five dollars wide and 40 dollar deep would make a pile of \$1,000. This pile would fill a box 7 1/2 inches long, 7 1/2 inches wide and 4 1/2 inches deep.

1,000x1,000—1,000,000. One million silver dollars laid in a pile \$50 long, \$50 wide and \$400 deep would fill a box 6 1/2 feet long, 6 1/2 feet wide and 3 feet 7 1/2 inches deep.

1,000x1,000,000—1,000,000,000. One billion silver dollars laid in a pile \$500 long, \$500 wide and \$4,000 deep would fill a space 6 1/2 feet long, 6 1/2 feet wide and 36 feet 5 1/2 inches high.

The national debt at the close of the war is said to have been \$3,000,000,000, the banks, the cities, the railroads are doing well. The royalty are on top. But the masses are dissatisfied, losing faith in themselves and their more prosperous neighbors. They know that equal rights is a thing of the past. They know that the property and money is congested in a few centres and prices are down to stay until there is a change. There is time to turn back yet, if sensible people will just stop and think. If they do not we will go from bad to worse.

STARTLING NEWS

The Wire Brings Some Dreadful News from the Peaceful Town of Goldsboro—Cable News.

Our neighbor, the Chronicle, contained some wild, soul-stirring news Saturday. Here is one item: "GOLDSBORO, N. C., Nov. 4.—N. G. Price, People's party candidate for constable, to-day returned to Democracy and will vote solid from Cleveland to constable. A big Democratic rally was had here last night. Col. Kerr, Capt. Dorch and Dal M. Hardy spoke."

It also contained a cable dispatch Oak Ridge, N. C., bringing news that "New York is safe for Cleveland."

Our neighbor has a good news service all the time, but it is a rare thing for any paper to have so much startling political news in one day.

ALL MADE PLAIN.

Some weeks ago the Georgia papers were full of ancient jokes gotten off by a speaker in that State by the name of Ham. The fellow is described as a tall, angular, ugly specimen of humanity. His mouth was full of vituperation, innuendo, smut and gall. It seems that he was almost unknown before this campaign opened. He made such a reputation that the Democrats at Charlotte invited him to stop and squirt some smut at a linen duster blowout held in that city on the night of Nov. 24. Ham went from there to New York where he had an invitation to address Tammany. Now you know what all that means.

Well, who is Ham? Why all this eloquence so suddenly? Listen, Mr. Ham is the Southern agent and attorney of the American School Book Trust. That explains it. Nine out of ten of these lawyers who split their throats are attorneys or stockholders in corporations and trusts. That is enough, you now know who and what H. W. J. Ham is.

MARION BUTLER IN RALEIGH.

Mr. Butler made an excellent speech to a small crowd at Metropolitan Hall, this city, last Friday. No one met him for a division of time. Messrs. Glenn and Aycock have both gone home to vote.

Mr. Butler has been speaking continually for some time, but is fresh enough to meet any and all opponents. He discussed the issues in a dignified manner. Both of the morning papers misquoted him as to what he said about the force bill. He did not say one word in favor of the measure, but did say that "no Democrat in the State is more strongly opposed to it than I am."

Mr. Butler spoke at Warrenton Saturday. He has been doing valiant service for the party he represents and for the cause of reform generally. The farmers of the State will never forget his unselfish labor in their behalf.

A SAD SIGHT.

Many of the members of the Alliance will, to-day, vote as they have been praying—for reform. But some will not. They have stood before their brethren time and again and plead with them to stand firm. Some of the men that will vote against reform to-day—vote for the upbuilding of the plutocratic stronghold—have introduced resolutions in Alliances, sub, county, State and national, pledging Alliance-men to vote only for platforms, parties and men who pledge themselves to work "for our reforms." Some of these Alliance-men have been on platform committees, helped make the platforms, and will to day vote for men and parties that have scarcely a word in their platforms about these reforms. They will vote for men who are open and avowed enemies of anything pertaining to reform. Some of these have spent hours, days and weeks urging the people to do this or that, and to-day they will do just the reverse themselves. Just how many will stultify themselves we can't tell. But we believe a majority will be true to the last.

Now we want to be fully understood. The Allianceman, who has never been satisfied that a certain way was the best can be excused if he votes wrong. Because, in that case, he may be acting conscientiously. But the man who has preached and taught a certain way and votes another should have the prayers of the people. Let us hope that they will repent and be more consistent hereafter. Every one can repent, and all are entitled to forgiveness. We have no harsh words for any of them. For our part we shall not name any party that you should vote for. If you think a change is not needed, vote for the party that is most likely to oppose a change. If you think a change is necessary, vote with the party that is the nearest right according to your way of thinking. Above all things be charitable toward those who disagree with you.

CHANGE THE PROGRAMME.

It is right for farmer to improve their methods. Improve your land, your stock and your buildings. Educate your children, if you can. Better yourself mentally and morally. Do all that and more, if you can.

But it is time to change the programme. The farmers of America have built the greatest republic on earth in a little over one hundred years. You have furnished the means to build magnificent cities, towns, schools and churches. The roar of the many factories would be silent were it not for your muscle. The rushing trains that glide over thousands of miles of shining steel are your handiwork. The magnificent residence of the millionaire would still be natural granite boulders, clay and trees without your sweat. No one can travel a thousand miles on the American continent and say with truth that the farmers have not done remarkably well.

Grant that the above is just as it should be, then should the farmers not have their day? Change your programme. You have done enough for others, now look out for Katie and the children. See to it that your children are educated. Many of you have voted for protection to the many factories, now vote for protection to your own languishing industry. You have built the railroads, now let them live only on legitimate prices. See that they get only their share. Your labor has built the splendid churches in the city. Now build your country church and pay your pastor. Your labor has built the stately city mansion, now build or improve your own home. The factories and trades people have built up their business by pulling down the prices of your farm products and putting up the price of their goods. See to it that this is divided more equally; ask them to "live and let live."

CORRUPTION FUND OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Facts About the Distribution of Boodles Can North Carolina be Bought with \$40,000?

The Washington Post of Thursday gave a lot of facts about the distribution of boodles for corruption purposes just on the eve of election. It furnishes the cost of the various conventions which has already been paid in the nomination of Mr. Harrison at Minneapolis at Chicago \$100,000 was paid out to delegates to defray their travelling expenses. That, of course, was only a small part of the expense. Since then the Republican committee has raised \$2,500,000 for campaign corruption.

The anti-snapper convention that met at Syracuse and nominated David B. Hill for President, cost \$200,000. But David B failed to get the nomination at Chicago. The nomination of Cleveland at Chicago cost \$300,000. The true inwardness of these conventions disclose the fact that a large portion of the money was spent for whiskey.

But we come down to the present. Within the past week money has been distributed from Republican headquarters as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State/City and Amount. Includes New York State (\$60,000), New York City (\$50,000), Indiana (\$250,000), Connecticut (\$100,000), Alabama (\$100,000), Delaware (\$25,000), Total (\$1,125,000).

Funds have also been sent to Virginia, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, amount not known.

From the Democratic headquarters money has been sent to the following States:

Table with 2 columns: State/City and Amount. Includes New York State (\$300,000), New York City (\$100,000), Indiana (\$140,000), Ohio (\$50,000), Virginia (\$15,000), West Virginia (\$35,000), Connecticut (\$75,000), North Carolina (\$40,000), Total (\$755,000).

The above does not contain amount sent to New Jersey nor the amount sent out from branch headquarters in Chicago.

These figures are enough. They show the infamy of modern plutocratic politics. Men are corrupting their own souls and those of others. The amounts given are only a small part of the actual boodle that will be distributed. The orders are: "Use soap freely and present accounts." Now the question is: Can North Carolina be bought with this \$40,000 and other sums that have been contributed from other sources? "Honest old North Carolina." "Heaven's blessings attend her." How many of those who are using that corruption fund for base purposes—vote buying—who have not sang "The Old North State"?

Be on your guard. Watch for the effects of this boodle. See the drunk men who will be marched to the polls. See men with families to protect who will vote against their own interests for a dollar or two. Call up the spirit of Thomas Jefferson and ask him if this is Democracy. Ask him if he could sanction such methods. Call up the spirits of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Ask them if they sanction this. Call up the spirits of thousands of departed heroes who have lived and died in North Carolina. Ask them if they could allow the fair name of North Carolina disgraced by plutocratic boodlers and not resent it. Ask the thousands of honest farmers and the honest people of all classes and professions, if they approve of this. Ask them if they will quietly tolerate this invasion by Wall street money bags to pervert the will of our people. Ask the women of North Carolina if they will not unite in the effort to forever crush out such outrages. Finally ask the honest people of the State to set their seal of condemnation upon this dark plot to further enslave the working people. The life-blood of the nation is represented in this corruption fund. Every time you sell a pound of cotton, tobacco, or bushel of grain, dozen of eggs or pound of bacon, you contribute to this fund involuntarily. Every time you buy a dollar's worth of goods, you help pay it. You not only do that, but you enrich plutocracy and aid them in being able to buy votes enough to perpetuate themselves in power. You are but little better than a galley slave working for your masters, and every vote they buy or every one you cast in their favor hastens the day when you will be tied hand and foot, and at the mercy of unscrupulous men. For the sake of your wife, your children, and for the sake of your country be a man and vote and work against this terrible state of affairs fast approaching.

The air in Washington is said to be so corrupting that as soon as a person gets within a hundred miles of the place, he instinctively feels for his neighbor's pocket book.—News.