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N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Looks like the supply of rotten eggs gave out too soon in Georgia.

A party that steals its way into power will never give you honest government.

The Georgia counting machine is either impotent or needs a new fly wheel.

Keep your barn doors locked when a ballot thief comes around. He will steal horses as well as votes.

The reformer who goes back into the Democratic party never was a reformer to hurt. Probably he thought so, but he was mistaken.

Five cent cotton, the silent accuser of political traitors, is still doing business at the old stand. The defendants can't face their accuser.

There is an overproduction of poverty, brought about by an overproduction of foolish voters. All other overproduction theories are mythical.

We are giving Mr. Wanamaker a little free advertising in order to show what liars some Senators are. Read Wanamaker's letter on first page.

With the Sugar Trust on one side and the Whiskey Trust on the other, the Democratic party probably feels safe. But wait till the people get a whack at its royal rottenness!

It is said that a starving man may steal food and be guilty of no crime. The Democrats must prove that they are starving for food before we will condone their stealing of State elections.

The Democratic administration at Washington bit off too much. It ought to have practiced on the management of one of the territories a year or two before it undertook to run a great government.

We respectfully suggest that Major Roberts buy a bow wow for the Governor's Mansion. If there is anything else on land or in the sea that has not been purchased for the Mansion, we say buy it at once.

When you get enough of the Democratic misrule say so and vote against it. That is all you have to do when you change your politics. Only political cowards and the ignorant will vote for more five cent cotton.

The man who will steal your vote, manipulate the returns, or make a mistake in signing the returns purposely, is a common thief, and will steal your pocket book if he gets a chance. Remember that.

The Charlotte Observer is pretty badly undone. It thinks we will have a terrible state of affairs if co-operation wins the day. We assure the Observer that if co-operation puts up a worse job than we now have we will join the Observer and immigrate from the State.

The author of "Home, Sweet Home," was a homeless wanderer. The author of "Little Brown Jug," was a total abstainer, and the man who wrote that highly seasoned bit of sentiment, "Sweet Mari," is a married man with a wife and ten children. The eternal fitness of things don't always fit.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The government directors of the Union Pacific Railroad have made their annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. In this report they submit a plan for reorganization of the company and for an adjustment of the debt now outstanding. Of course the "plan" is that the government foot the bills and let somebody profit thereby. They ask the government to issue \$230,000,000 in 100 year bonds at 3 per cent. for the benefit of the private company now engaged in wrecking the road.

The government practically owns every inch of this gigantic railroad system of 9,000 miles of road. Private vultures, assisted by rotten Congressmen, have been feasting on this rotten business for years. Extravagance and recklessness has become a notorious characteristic of the corporation. The stockholders or rather those who are taking advantage of their opportunities, are never uneasy. If they fail to meet expenses the government pays the bill.

Last year when Cleveland called together that aggregation of asses, the extra session of Congress, the Union Pacific fell a victim to English and Wall street greed. Its lines extend from Chicago throughout the great West as far as San Francisco. Silver was demonetized and that country, already poverty-stricken, made so by the low price of grain, etc., became completely paralyzed. Freight and passenger business grew less and less until the Union Pacific managers could no longer stand the strain. The government was forced to take its own property, it having forced the managers to the wall. For twelve months the government has operated all the Union Pacific lines, and one third of the other railroads of the country.

Now the only sensible thing for the government to do is to hold on to the receivership, refuse to issue bonds, remonetize silver and operate the roads. It will not do to let those sharks get charge again. The government should either continue to operate the Union Pacific system or sell the roads, and it would be unwise to sell.

The man who can endorse this administration with all its low prices, business failures and broken promises, would sell his mother's corpse to a medical college and use the money so obtained to buy the legislature for Ransom. Unless you vote against it you will be forced to endorse it. Think twice before you vote that way.

WHERE HAS THE MONEY GONE?

Some days ago the New York Times, the most conservative of all the great organs of New York democratic plutocracy, contained the following editorial: 'Geologists inform us that all the water now on the surface of the earth is destined to sink into the interior, leaving mankind to perish of thirst. This unpleasant prospect does not make the average man unhappy, for the reason that he bears with equanimity the misfortunes of his remote posterity. The threatened total disappearance of money is, however, a very different affair. That disappearance bids fair to become complete during the lifetime of the present generation, and hence is of infinitely more consequence to each one of us than any evil which may fall upon mankind a million of years in the future.

There is no doubt that money is rapidly disappearing in all parts of the world. At the present moment the universal complaint in this country is that nobody has any money. Hence business is almost at a standstill. Men have no money to invest in business enterprises, and debtors have no money with which to pay their debts. What has become of this money is a question which every one is asking, and to which no satisfactory answer is given.

It will not do to say that the money which was formerly so abundant in the United States has been sent to Europe. If that were true, money would be more abundant in Europe than ever. Now, the facts are that in every country of Europe there is the same complaint of the disappearance of money. For the last year England has been suffering for want of money. In Italy not only have both gold and silver completely disappeared, but the people find it a matter of the utmost difficulty to provide themselves with sufficient paper money with which to buy their daily macaroni and to keep their vital hand organs in repair. Austria and Greece and Portugal have become bankrupt, and Russia is living solely on the money that it can extract from its deluded admirer, the French Republic. Even France has a constantly increasing deficit in its national treasury, and prices are steadily rising both in France and Germany.

Our missing money has not, therefore, gone to Europe. Neither has it gone to India nor to any other part of the East. Money has disappeared in every country of which we have any knowledge, and from present appearances it cannot be very long before the last gold dollar or other equivalent coin will have vanished completely.

The theory that the disappearance of money is due to timid persons who are hoarding it in stockings is untenable, for the reason that there is not the slightest evidence in support of the theory. If there were not merely thousands, but only scores, of stockings filled with gold and silver coins, surely some enterprising burglar or bank cashier would happen to find one. But

no one has at any time seen a stocking full, or partially full, of money. What, then, can be more absurd than to assume that such stockings exist?

The organs of plutocracy frequently indulge in a bit of refreshing calamity howling in a harmless way for the purpose of keeping in touch with the people. But the above is remarkable. No one can doubt the sincerity of the writer, and it is hard to imagine the severity of the scolding this editorial writer got from the owners of the paper after they read the editorial. Indeed he was lucky if he didn't get a notice of dismissal for writing an editorial so out of line with the usual rosy-hued utterances of the Times, in which it constantly pictures better times and an overgrown money market—always just a little ahead.

The writer of the above told the truth. Money is disappearing in every country except where silver is coined. That is the secret. It is all well enough for the Bank of England to claim immense quantities of money. A few banks in the United States have great piles of it, too, but that doesn't amount to anything. The millions of farmers, business men of all kinds, manufacturers and the professions are short of cash. It has disappeared. America is a small section of the world, and yet it is estimated that no less than \$30,000,000 disappears every year. The same is true of other countries, money constantly growing scarce, and that enables the strong to oppress the weak, the shrewd to outwit those not so smart; hence what money is in sight is growing dearer—takes more of anything to purchase it.

When the farmer closes up his year's work, houses his crop, he may take a short rest. But he can't remain idle long. His store of corn, wheat, meat and potatoes is growing empty. He naturally plants another crop. Suppose we stop the mills that are grinding grain. How long would it be until hunger would stare us in the face? There would be calamity howling day and night. Stop the hat factories and soon mankind would be bareheaded. Stop the shoe factories and all will soon go barefooted. Then it is plain that when the mints are closed throughout the world there is bound to be a growing scarcity of money. Switzerland, Mexico and other R-publies have plenty of money, no beggars, no paupers, no riots or strikes. But England, France, Germany, India, China and the United States have stopped the mints at the behest of a few greedy lords, there is a money drouth and the earth will soon be parched. We will offer no advice to the foreigners, but in America there are some great organizations working to break up this money drouth. The Alliance took the first step. Other industrial organizations have followed. The People's party is the medium through which the reforms are to be secured. It is the only political party in America to day that has the courage to declare for the free coinage of silver, 16 to 1, in its national platform. Other parties may inject it into State or local platforms, but they have shown their fear of the money lords and will not put it into a national platform or enact it into law at Washington. The People's party declares for it nationally, for it by States, by counties, townships and as individuals. It means what it says. If the country is saved from the fate of the Roman empire, we believe the great organizations mentioned above, the backers of the People's party, will do the work.

Five cent cotton is the most eloquent orator in the field to-day. The feeble mumbling of Democratic orators is like the almost silent dropping of water from a melting icicle. Five cent cotton speaks in thunderous tones like the roaring of Niagara.

MONEY AND COAL.

Did you know that there could be nothing found in the Auditor's report to show to whom the \$26,034.98 for the year 1892 and the \$28,908.61 for the year 1893, used in the Agricultural Department, was paid to? Some gentlemen in Raleigh are denying that 129 tons of coal were purchased for the Governor's Mansion for 1892. Never was there a better time for the Democratic party to have no Auditor's report to distribute. Here are the items and pages in Auditor's report for 1892:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Name, Amount. Includes entries for Jan 1893, Jones & Powell, 25 tons coal; April, P. H. Andrews, 5; May, Jones & Powell, 9; June, Jones & Powell, 1; July, T. L. Eberhardt, 80; Aug., making 129 tons.

Paid August, 1892, Jones & Powell, 27 tons of coal for public buildings.

New York is beset with candidates. The Democrats met three weeks ago and nominated Senator David B. Hill for Governor. He has accepted. The Republicans nominated Levi P. Morton for Governor. A number of dissatisfied Democrats met last week and nominated Everett P. Wheeler for Governor, and also, an entire ticket. So New York will have two Democratic parties, (in name) something never heard of before. Meantime the People's party is making hay.

MOST IMPORTANT MEETING.

You will find in another column notice of a call meeting of Wake County Alliance. We wish to emphasize this notice. At the meeting at Piney Grove last week the attendance was small. There was important business claiming the attention of the Order, but its final disposition was postponed to the meeting called in Raleigh, Oct. 26. We wish we could impress the importance of a full attendance, not only of delegates, but also of the entire membership. Come, all of you. Inform such brethren as you may meet, and meet all you can. Talk about the factory move. If possible get a meeting of your lodge and discuss it if you have not done so, before the meeting in Raleigh, and then come to this meeting with all the enthusiasm you can gather. The factory is one thing to be discussed. Fill the court house and let it be a meeting never to be forgotten. We are sure those at Piney Grove last week will long remember that meeting. They all, to a man, left with new inspiration and a stronger determination to go forward. Much depends upon this called meeting, brethren; don't forget it, and let nothing keep you from it.

GOVERNOR MATTHEWS.

The People's party in New York has nominated Hon. C. B. Matthews, of Buffalo, for Governor. It will be a happy day for that great State when they can have a Governor like he will make.

Bro. Matthews is a prominent and active Allianceman, and is now, we think, State Lecturer. He was one of the delegates from New York to the National Alliance which met at Memphis two years ago. The writer occupied a seat beside him and thus had an opportunity to study the man. Why did we single him out for scrutiny? you may ask. Because he is the only man who has had the nerve, the manhood, the brains to fight the Standard Oil Trust, that giant which has swept out of existence every opposing force except the Buffalo Lubricating Oil Co., of which Mr. Matthews is President. This oil company was once a target for the Standard Oil Trust. But they couldn't buy it nor drive them out. The Oil Trust finally resorted to law suits to try the scheme of breaking up Mr. Matthews. But he was as shrewd as his enemies. He outwitted them and finally won a suit and obtained \$90,000 damages. Later on he discovered a plot to blow up his oil works with dynamite. He turned detective and got enough evidence to convict several prominent Standard Oil officials as instigators of the plot, and they were heavily fined. While all this was harassing in the extreme, and expensive as well, Mr. Matthews never let up, and he is to-day doing an independent oil business despite the trust.

When the Alliance became prominent and began to fight trusts, it was natural for Mr. Matthews to be a well wisher, and though he was hardly eligible to membership, those who knew his character did not hesitate to admit him to the Order, and he has proven faithful. He has stumped his State for the Order, paying his own expenses, and many dollars have gone out of his pocket to help sustain the first struggling reform papers started in the State. He is not a politician, but his friends knowing his character and capacity, have asked him to serve them. He will make a bold, effective fight, and increase the already large reform vote in that State. It is the brainy, patient men like Bro. Matthews who will push the reform work until the Alliance platform is enacted into law and all trusts made to do business in a legitimate manner.

Some of the old party press are puzzled because the People's party made the largest gains or was victorious in the Congressional districts in Georgia now represented by free coinage Democrats. That is easily explained. The people want free coinage and have lost confidence in the Democratic party and its promises. They have decided to vote with the party that means what it says.

GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS.

Kansas Jerry is stirring up all hands in his district.

Telegraphers of Chicago organized a Populist club with 400 members.

Montana promises grand results in the election and a Populist Senator.

Mississippi expects to break the Democratic delegation with Populists.

Idaho is a State that will certainly elect an entire populist ticket this fall.

Twenty-seven new Populist papers joined the Reform Press Association last month.

Populists in South Dakota are making a most energetic campaign. They will sweep the State.

The National Watchman claims that Illinois will poll the largest Populist vote of any State.

Detroit has four independent labor parties in the field—and each talks of winning a big victory.

Administration Democrats in Nebraska have bolted the action of the Democratic convention.

The initiative and referendum is securing public consideration more and more each succeeding day. The fact that party platforms are filled with pledges never intended to be redeemed, and that congresses and legislatures are selected with promises of laws which are never fulfilled, cause thinking voters to seek a remedy for that which is very serious weakness in the American system of government.—Rocky Mountain News.

CONTINGENCIES.

Our State Auditor has an account he calls contingencies. It's a daisy. It is the hiding place for irregular, unusual expenditures; and when we see what a labor saver it is we are constrained to remark, "Oh! contingencies, thou art a jewel." It hides a miscellaneous multitude of heterogeneous conglomerated accounts. The Auditor's report for 1893 shows such items as the following:

"Paid R. O. Burton, balance legal services, rendered the State in case of State vs. W. & W. R. R., \$3,925.02"

"Paid R. G. Ryan, attorney, balance in full for legal services rendered the State in case of State vs. W. & W. R. R., \$3,000."

"Paid C. M. Busbee, services ren-

dered the State in digesting, side noting and indexing laws, 1893, \$500

"Paid W. H. Morrison, paper, envelopes, etc., for Governor's mansion, \$23."

"Paid W. H. Morrison, stationery for Governor's mansion, \$16.35"

"Paid Pinkie Robinson, cleaning done at Governor's mansion, \$3.25."

"Paid Henrietta Brown, washing curtains for Governor's mansion, \$5.50."

"Paid Julia Haywood, one and one-half days' work at Governor's mansion, \$7."

How elastic this account it appears from these few items. It takes them in from the largest to the smallest. The \$3,925.02 paid to the rich attorney goes in there and the 87 cents paid to the Governor's servant girls goes in there, and all the various and sundry items paid along between these extremes, amount to \$34,346.27 in 1893.

We very much regret that every voter in the State cannot see a copy of the Auditor's report. After it was adopted as a People's party campaign book the Auditor declined to let the people have any more. So we will have to grin and bear it, we suppose.

The Scientific American contains an account of the moving of a residence that cost \$5,000 from Seattle, Washington, to Olympia, a distance of 60 miles. The house was rolled to the river, loaded upon a scow and taken down stream. When it arrived at Olympia it was rolled to his lot, and, strange to say, was not damaged in the least. The moving cost much less than the expense of building a new residence.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

B. W. E. (and others).—Please tell me how much the legislature appropriates annually to State educational institutions?

Answer.—Last year \$20,000 went to the University and \$2,000 additional for repairs. The A. & M. College gets \$10,000 annually. Last year it got \$2,500 to aid in the erection of additional buildings. The State Normal and Industrial School got the same amount. Cullowee Normal School gets \$1,500. All other Normal Schools get \$7,000 North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College, colored, Greensboro, \$12,500

R. E. M.—Can you give me the amounts paid teachers at the University, A. & M. College and State Normal and Industrial College?

Answer.—The teachers at the University get \$27,900; A. & M. College \$14,850; State Normal and Industrial School, Greensboro, \$14,922.00.

H. F. G.—How much does a general election cost the State of North Carolina?

Answer.—About \$40,000.

"Democrat".—Is it true that the People's party is making remarkable gains in every section of the United States? I hear many extravagant claims, some improbable. I feel that I can rely on what THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER says about it.

Answer.—Some people have made extravagant claims, but there can be no doubt as to the wonderful growth of the People's party South, North and West. The vote as cast is proof enough. The smallest gain in any State in the past two years was in Arkansas—7 per cent. This ranges up to 400 per cent. gain in Maine. Many of the recruits are able men—not mere voters, but leaders—men of character and capacity.

GEORGIA ELECTIONS RETURNS

The latest news from the Georgia election is that the returns from six counties are not yet in, and that the vote will not be counted till October 24th. Something rotten in Georgia! It is said that a large number of prominent Democrats will be prosecuted for vote-buying and stealing. The People's party has forty-nine members of the legislature assured and has entered contests in nearly as many counties. The People's party carries four or five Congressional districts and, with the same vote, will elect that number of Congressmen on the 6th of next month. The Democrats are completely demoralized and are holding back the returns for the purpose of stealing a majority.

SHARP EDITORIAL PENCILS

The latest living picture is "Gentleman Jim" defying the earth.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Doubt as to Hill's running is nonsense. He'll do that or nothing; he can't expect a walk-over.—Philadelphia Times.

Mr. Jones, of Nevada, will be interested in observing certain very pronounced flop symptoms in Georgia.—Washington Star.

The income tax was forced by the ten Populists refusing to help make the quorum necessary to get the tariff bill reported, unless the committee reported the income tax amendment. These facts, and the Democrats have the check to claim the credit for that measure.—Culpepper Exponent.

Crisp's district gave the largest Democratic majority returned by any of the Georgia districts. The Speaker is very near to his people, and it is significant that he made the fight on free coinage. Right or wrong, free silver has a most alluring sound to the average voter.—Petersburg Index Appeal.

SWIFT RETRIBUTION.

The New York and other Eastern newspapers have had their fun at the expense of the West. Train robbers and female voters have furnished the material for thousands of jokes in the funny papers. Retribution, swift and terrible, has come. If any State ever would be beset with long haired orators and York is that State. And it is the "four hundred" crowd, too. It is the rich ladies, the pug dog, diamond wearing class.

Now the train robber has found a change of scene and climate desirable. A few weeks ago a train was held up and robbed in the latest style in New York. On last Friday night a passenger air express train left Richmond for Washington over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road. Near Quantico, Va., the train was held up and the express car robbed of \$50,000. It is time for the jokers to turn their guns, loaded with ridicule upon their own folks.

A CORRECTION.

Did you know a one-legged Confederate soldier was turned down at one of our institutions (not anything wrong, but for economy and yet in one month the amount the one-legged Confederate received was added to the already splendid salary of another gentleman. The soldier was a Democrat, but dared to talk for the Alliance, which he would not desert for any party.—Progressive Farmer, Oct. 9th

The above is slightly incorrect and we hasten to make amends, the writer misunderstanding the appropriations for salary. No one officer received the amount of the one-legged Confederate soldier, but a new office was instituted, later a superintendent, or something of cattle, who was paid \$20, board, etc. One officer's salary was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,100, another's was increased from \$700 to \$900, another was allowed two assistants at a salary of \$250 each, another from \$30 to \$45 per month and so on, enough, as you will see, to pay nearly double the amount of the salary (\$800) which was taken from the soldier.

A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY.

The New York World calls the Standard Oil Company a criminal conspiracy. It also tells in a few words how the Senate of the United States proposes to allow that company to continue the business of robbing the people. Here it is:

"At the request of that criminal conspiracy they have resorted to the bill the reciprocity clause which gives to the company so absolute a monopoly of the American market that it can and does sell oil to the people of this country at a price much higher than that which it charges European consumers for the same kind and quality. In other words the Senate has graciously granted the Standard oil people a continuance of their statutory privilege of practicing open extortion upon every consumer of oil in this country thus robbing the people of millions every year.—Exchange