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I am standing now just behind the curtain, and in full glow of the coming sunset. Behind me are the shadows on the track, before me lies the dark valley and the river.

N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Senator Butler is still pushing his bond bill and the goldbugs are mad as blazes.

Failures last week 227 against 207 for the same week last year. Liabilities much larger. That is the way-goldbug good times are coming.

Uncle Sam doesn't need an increase in the size of the standing army. The army of office holders is ample protection against any foreign foe.

A Pittsburg, Pa., preacher denounced the Prohibition party in a recent sermon and his salary was nearly doubled the next day. To use a slang expression, it looks like he was "out for the stuff."

Navarro county, Texas, has thirty-five live, active Alliances. Perhaps other counties in the United States have that many, but we hardly think so. If any one knows of a county having a greater number, please let us know.

Democrats are raising the cry of "nigger" in this State again. Strange that they cannot realize that the "bloody shirt," "tariff racket," and "nigger" business has been buried out of sight.

Senator Newberry was in the city Saturday. He says it looks like the no fusion idea will prevail, but he fears a mistake has been made. We trust that the Senator is the wrong guesser this time, and we believe he is.

There will be an Alliance encampment at Tazewell, seven miles from Yorkville, S. C., on July 30th and 31st. President Page, of the National Alliance, Congressman Talbert, and other prominent speakers will be present.

County Treasurer Spence, of Harnett, is not only a good official, but is a good farmer. We were shown four stalks of cotton from his farm, each averaging ten inches in height, which is a pretty good size for this section, at this time.

Nearly a dozen persons committed suicide in the United States one day last week. The doctors attributed it to the excessive heat. But, in the language of the Wilmington Star, committing suicide is not the correct route to a cool place.

The prospect of getting all who favor financial reform together under one flag, grows brighter every day. It can and must be done. Away with party lines, and, if necessary party names, and let the welfare of our people be paramount to everything else.

The commercial agencies go right on attributing the dull trade to "cool weather," "hot weather," "drouth" or "unusually wet weather." First thing you know the goldbugs will put the weather in their platforms at St. Louis and Chicago as the "overshadowing issue."

A lot of fellows who are talking free coinage now with a great flourish will sing another song when they get to Chicago and wrap themselves around a lot of whiskey and then come in contact with Wall street "long greens." They will either vote for Cleveland or some other goldbug.

TO FACILITATE ALLIANCE WORK.

Bro. R. A. Southworth, the efficient and energetic Secretary-Treasurer of the National Alliance, was inaugurated a plan whereby he hopes to get the different State Alliances in closer touch with each other.

Bro. Southworth states that Pennsylvania seems to be in the lead now in Alliance work, with Colorado and Texas pushing close for second place. South Carolina is making the best financial reports of any State.

The Democratic party has made our money "good in Europe." No doubt about that. So good that over \$100,000,000 in gold have gone to Europe never to return.

DELEGATES TO ST. LOUIS.

We have received a letter from a prominent citizen of this State complaining on account of the ruling of the People's Party Executive Committee in regard to the appointment of delegates to St. Louis to the National Convention of that party.

There are objections to the plan those who oppose it should speak out. Talk to or write to the chairman or any members of the State Committee. It is possible to hold township, county, district and the State Convention all after both the old party conventions are held.

Gold is going to Europe at the rate of from one to two million dollars a day and the treasury reserve will soon be below the \$100,000,000 mark. That is the way the goldbugs stop the outflow. A Populist secretary of the treasury can and will stop it in five minutes after he is sworn in.

GET UP PETITIONS.

We are informed that thousands of blank petitions have been sent out from Washington all over the country and that some people are signing them. The petitions pray for the passage of the Load Postal Bill.

Another silver editor has shown his grit. Mr. Wheeler, editor of the New York Voice, organ of the National Prohibition party, is the man. Funk & Wagnalls, publishers, own the Voice, and are so called sound money men.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

A half dozen zealous Alliance men are worth a score of drones who attend a meeting when they have nothing else to do, and then criticize what is done by their brethren.

Don't forget the next meeting of your Alliance! Be on hand loaded with thoughts and suggestions, and turn them loose on the brethren. It will evoke discussion and develop effort all along the line.

BALLOT BOXES.

Clerk of Court Hunt, of Davidson county, asks us to publish full particulars about the making of boxes in which to deposit votes next fall, according to the requirements of the new election law.

Don't say times are hard and worse coming: Join your neighbors in an Alliance and put measures into effect that will lift your nose from the grindstone. It times don't get better you have no one to blame but yourself.

registration and election books, blanks and forms for each election precinct, and for the use of the clerk under provisions of this act, etc. We take it for granted that this includes printed copies of the election law, and clerks should, without delay, get copies of same, and read up on it.

The law requires four boxes for each voting precinct-not a box with four compartments-but four separate boxes, each of sufficient dimensions to contain one cubic foot of inside measurement, each to be plainly labelled in Roman letters, with the name of the office or officers to be voted for and the question or questions to be voted upon.

The Democrats now claim that the Populists stole the free coinage idea from them. Probably the Republicans will bring the same charge. We hardly think the Populists will deny it.

BLAINE WAS FOR FREE COINAGE OF SILVER AT 16 TO 1.

(From James G. Blaine's speech in the United States Senate, 1891)

"On the much vexed and long mooted question as to bimetallic and monometallic standard my own views are sufficiently indicated in the remarks I have made. I believe the struggle now going on in this country and in other countries for a single gold standard would, if successful, produce wide spread disaster in and throughout the commercial world.

"I believe gold and silver coin to be the money of the Constitution; indeed, the money of the American people anterior to the Constitution, which the great crisis law recognized as quite independent of its own existence. No power was conferred on Congress to declare either metal should not be money. Congress has, therefore, in my judgment, no power to demonetize either. If, therefore, silver has been demonetized, I am in favor of remonetizing it. If its coinage has been prohibited, I am in favor of ordering it to be resumed; I am in favor of having it enlarged."

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"When I throw a rock in the dark and a dog howls, I know my shot has taken effect," is an old saying that all of us may resort to upon proper occasions.

Vest, dear Vest, he of Missouri, let his mouth off last Thursday in the Senate, and he made a wall that means a great deal, we trow. Said Vest:

"I am a delegate to the Chicago Convention against my will, sent there by my people in the discharge of my duty and as a public function, because I believe it to be a duty, and not because I desire to go. I have stated, under much criticism in Missouri, that I was a Democrat under all conditions; that I intended to abide by the action of my party; that I was too old to hunt for a new political home; that I should die as I have lived in the party of Jefferson, devoted to his teachings and principles. But serve notice now that if this convention at Chicago is to be made up of Federal office holders, brought there to overawe and override the wisdom of the honest majority of the Democratic party throughout the United States, it is no Democratic convention with me. I shall abide the will of the majority of my party honestly assembled and honestly expressed. I make no threat, but I want no mis understanding. The Democratic party it a party of honest expression and not of Federal patronage."

Which we understand to mean that Vest sees the National Democratic Convention is going to adopt a sound money platform and nominate a sound money candidate, and that Vest is, therefore, going to bolt and go over to Tilman, Altgeld, and the other anarchists.

Very well, so be it, and joy go with Vest and all like him. We have once before said that the Democratic party is now like a herd of cattle, some of which have tuberculosis. They will communicate it to all unless the infected are picked out and slaughtered. The Democratic party must do as wise men do with their infected herds. They slaughter the last one of the infected animals, and the Democratic party must either the free-silver contingent the option of mending their ways or being given up. We cannot afford to have them poisoning the rank and file any longer. Defeat is better, far better, than victory on their principle. They injure the country to the extent that they are thought to have any influence in governing it.

"I cause that newspaper extract to be read because these private letters are here to substantiate the statements which have been made, and I say this regretfully-I say it as a Democratic Senator with reluctance. It has been forced upon us. The issue has come in spite of all that could be done to prevent it."

If the extract that we have already quoted did not prove that Vest was preparing to bolt and join Tilman and Altgeld, this paragraph would seem to put the matter beyond doubt. Vest is going to quit. The place that knew him will know him no more. Vest is going to be an obstacle. Well, we can stand it if Vest can, and in bidding him good-bye, we will softly whisper to him that we would cheerfully part with a dozen much better men than he for an assurance that the Democratic party intends to plant itself upon a sound money platform and nominate a sound-money man.-Richmond Times.

[We wonder how many real Democrats, now living, ever expected to see the day that leading Democratic organs (so called) would call such men as Vance and Vest anarchists.-EDITOR.]

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