

A Newspaper in all that the Word Implies and Devoted to the Best Interests of the People it Subverses.

VOL. III, NO. 34.

GAFFNEY CITY, S. C., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1896.

\$1.00 A YEAR.

## HILL'S POLITICAL FUTURE.

IT IS SPOILED BY HIS EFFORT  
TO STRADDLE.

Marion Butler Says the Report That  
the Populist Had Demanded  
Sewall's Withdrawal Was  
Without Foundation.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25, 1896.

Senator Hill's attempt to carry silver on one shoulder and gold on the other, in the New York gubernatorial campaign, is the most talked about political event of the week. It pleased the republicans very much and it has unquestionably added to the certainty they feel of carrying New York. It has deeply offended both wings of the democratic party and the populists, and the opinion has been freely expressed by experienced politicians that it will spoil whatever political future Senator Hill may have had.

The populists are rather pleased at the action of the Democratic National Committee in closing the Washington branch of its headquarters, which had been established for the purpose of disseminating Bryan literature among the newspapers, and concentrating the work at Chicago. They consider it a recognition of their contention, which they have stuck to from the first, that the battle has got to be won or lost in the middle western states. The democrats only say that the change was made because it was found to be more convenient to have the matter prepared in Chicago; owing to their plates being all made in that city, but it appears to be well understood as an abandonment of the silver campaign in the east, so far as the Democratic National Committee is concerned.

There are people who doubt the wisdom of the Bryan managers in making such conspicuous use of Bismarck's letter to Gov. Culbertson, Texas, expressing the opinion that independent bimetalism will be a good thing for the United States. They say that most people who are posted on the money question know that the demonetization of silver in Germany and the placing of that country upon a gold basis, and that the gold men will soon make that fact known to all the voters in this country, and that it will be certain to arouse doubts of Bismarck's sincerity by showing that he advises us to do what he would not allow Germany to do.

Chairman Butler, of the Populist National Committee, says the report that the populist had made a formal demand for the withdrawal of Sewall in Watson's favor has no foundation. He said further: "We are doing all we can to unite the silver forces, and would be glad to have them unite upon Mr. Watson for Vice President, but we have not presented the matter as a demand."

"You pay your money and you take your choice," Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, stated in the most positive terms while he was in Washington this week that this state was certain for McKinley by a majority of not less than 12,000, while Judge Brannon, of the same state, whose opportunities for obtaining political information ought to be just as good as those of Senator Elkins, was equally positive in asserting that the state would be carried by Bryan.

It is claimed by the Secretary of the Democratic Congressional Committee that the checks drawn to the order of Mr. Hayes, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Knights of Labor, which have come very near to causing a sensational scandal, were drawn for legitimate purposes—in paying for printing done for the committee by the K. of L. printing office in Washington. He says there were two checks, one for \$1,000, and one for \$800, and that he has no knowledge of any other payments to officials of the K. of L. by the democratic committee.

North Carolina is not put in the McKinley column to any marked extent since the news of the fusion between the democrats and populists of the state reached Washington. Senator Butler is credited with having brought about this fusion, which seemed an improbability a few days ago.

One of the most unique suits ever brought in Washington is that of a well known firm of Michigan seedsmen brought against the Secretary of Agriculture to prevent his entering into contracts for the purchase of seeds for free distribution, under the acts of congress providing therefor. In asking the courts to step in and stop the Secretary of Agriculture from buying seed for free distribution the counsel for the Michigan firm of seedsmen say it would injure the business of their clients for the government to give away seeds and claim that it will be a violation of the con-

stitution of the United States. The free distribution of seeds by the government is not a new thing by any means, but this is the first time that its right to do it has ever been questioned.

Secretary Edgerton, of the Populist National Committee, has shown that the McKinley men haven't a monopoly of electing a President on paper, by making public a table which makes Bryan's election as certain as the table of Congressman Grosvenor made the election of McKinley. Meanwhile both sides continue to strive to make converts among the voters.

## TROUGH SHOAL TALK.

The Eccentricities of Aunt Mimy and  
Other News.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

TROUGH SHOALS, S. C., Sept. 28.—My Aunt Mimy is a good old woman whose heart is ever overflowing with the milk of human kindness and all who need it are welcome to a cupful. Recently when a nearly extinct well (not a thousand miles from here) was being worked over Aunt Mimy inquired of the workman how the work was progressing when he replied "that he had blowed up the vein." "My goodness!" said she, and went and told Uncle John. Now Uncle John being a Baptist, wanted a good supply of water, and was greatly troubled and said the case was hopeless unless they found another well. Aunt Mimy further called another neighbor woman and confided to her her fears but consoled herself with the consolation that if they had ruined that one they could dig another. Such is life. We are always looking for the worst and the most of our troubles are about things that never will or cannot possibly happen. It is the unexpected that always happens and my good old aunt, dear old soul as she is, was troubled over something that was quite unnecessary.

Uncle Samuel is quite a curiosity in his way. He runs an elevator and got tired of furnishing the boys in "backer" when he nailed the following vers to the mast-head of the elevator:

"I'm an elevator man  
I'll comodate you when I can  
I'll haul your roving, haul your filling  
But to buy your "backer" I'm not willing."

Uncle Sams right, for it's the duty of every American citizen to chew his own tobacco or do without as he chooses.

The wedding bells rang merrily yesterday. The occasion of the ringing was the marriage of Miss Lula Hall of this place to Mr. E. H. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Moore left immediately by private conveyance to Lanford Station, the home of the groom. Rev. W. J. Langston officiating.

Miss Fannie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Langston is attending the present session of Cooper Limestone.

Yesterday evening as Asa Bullington was driving a turnout belonging to J. H. Morris, the team became frightened and ran through the streets, completely demolishing the hack and shaking up Mr. B. considerably, at least until he was spilled out in the gutter.

Miss Sallie Pool, late of Texas, and Mrs. Flenn, of Laurens, S. C., now have charge the millinery department of the Picolet Manufacturing Company Store.

R. D. Kitchen, of your city, paid the Shoals a flying visit yesterday. Protracted services will be held at the Baptist Church commencing next Sunday. The pastor expects the Rev. H. C. Buckholtz to assist him from next Monday night. Rev. B. is among one of the most fluent preachers of the state.

Rev. J. L. Harley, of Clifton was helping in a meeting at the Methodist Church last week.

Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cranford, had the misfortune to get his hand painfully crushed in the gear of a spinning frame last Saturday.

The building of the Methodist Church is progressing finely. Mr. H. A. Probst of Concord, N. C., has the contract.

The work of inserting another story to the cloth room will soon be finished. Home.

## We Are Working.

The citizens of this city have made a bond and filed it with N. W. Hardin, Esq., of Blacksburg, obligating themselves to build the Court House and jail, and to pay other necessary expenses incurred in the formation of the new county, provided the county seat is located at Gaffney.

The bond was written by N. W. Hardin, Esq., and was pronounced by him and his associates of the different sections of the proposed new county to be in every way satisfactory.

If your child is puny, fretful, troubled with glandular swellings, inflamed eyes, or sores on the head, face, or body, a course of Ayer's Sarsaparilla is needed to expel the scrofulous humors from the blood. The sooner you begin to give this medicine the better.

## THE SAGE OF ETTA JANE.

HE TALKS POINTEDLY ABOUT  
HIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Some Men and Some Women Who  
Are not Consistent--News  
Notes and Personals of  
Upper Union Co.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

ETTA JANE, Sept. 22.—Misses Addie McArthur and Sallie Jefferies, two of Gaffney City's charming young ladies, were at Salem yesterday.

Miss Grace Whisonant returns to school this week.

Quite a number of our people are attending court at Union this week. Some people object to the new county because, they say, it will increase their taxes. Some of them, I am certain, will never be hurt by taxation in any county unless they will return their property at something like its true value. I am no glutton for a new county myself, but I don't like to see such thin excuses put forward to defeat those who would like to have it and who it will benefit. I shall vote for it, anyway.

This is a season for disgusting airs to be put on. Go out to any gathering and look around and see for yourself if you don't believe it.

Capt. J. N. King says that he will have the bridge at Thompson's mill built inside of a month if nothing happens.

Union county has the best roads it has had since the war, and still they can be greatly improved.

The County Sunday School Convention at Elbethel this week will be a good one if left to the people of that section. They are just the kind of people to make no failures when trying to insure success.

Mr. J. H. Littlejohn has a very sore leg, from which he suffers a good deal at times.

The cotton has pretty much all opened and farmers have kept up with it in picking it out.

The chills seem to be holding on to those who contracted them early in the summer and spring. Groves' Chill Tonic, so far as I have heard of its being used according to direction, has been a successful remedy.

On last Saturday night a week ago the boys belonging to the Debating Society had an oyster supper at the school house. From what I hear it was a very pleasant affair in which all enjoyed themselves finely. Something this fall or winter they will probably give a public debate.

Messrs. A. C. Johnson, of New Prospect, and L. D. Bonner of Goucher Creek, agents for Greene's Lightning Harness Hookers, made a canvass of this section last week. It is the most convenient and safe arrangement for handling a wild horse I have ever seen. It is absolutely safe for a lady to drive the wildest kind of an animal if she has the presence of mind to disengage it from the vehicle in case of a runaway.

In the Union Times of last week our friend, N. G. Littlejohn, of Asbury, under the caption "A Kundred Years ago and Now" wrote a very sensible article which a few of our crack brained, short-sighted people ought to read and study well. Mr. Littlejohn has long since proved that he is a man of no ordinary make up, and this article is another proof of his ability as a sensible writer. Wish we had more of them.

Petitions are going the rounds this week asking for the new county election. There are some voters in this section who are opposed to the name of Limestone. Some not very anxious for the new county would vote to call it Gadberrly, I believe.

If our farmers can get 9 cents for all their cotton they will come out O. K. this fall, they think.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDaniel attended the meeting at the A. R. Presbyterian church at Hickory Grove yesterday and last Saturday.

Miss Ola Estes, whose illness I reported last week, is getting well again, I am glad to state.

Some men will abuse their wives for giving them bad coffee to drink but never say a word against the dispenser who sells them mean liquor. Oh consistency! Thou art a jewel.

Some women are sensitive at the crying of another woman's baby in church, yet they are deaf as a lamp post while their own brats squeal at the top of their voices.

It is truly said that if our religion does not stand the test of daily life it will not stand the test of God's judgment.

The communion service will begin at Salem next Saturday, 3rd of October. The Lord's supper will be administered on the Sabbath following. Rev. W. R. Owing, pastor, officiating.

It is only the hero who fears to do wrong, while the coward is afraid to do right. If we want to conquer our enemies we should do this: When

he begins the injury on his part we should begin the kindness on ours.

The aim of many sermons is too high for man and too low for angels, hence their failure to accomplish any good in the world.

God has never been so concerned about the size of a church so much as he is as to who it has in it.

It is truly said the arrow that the devil aims at the young convert is pointed with a dart.

One of our neighbors thinks the best way to get rid of Means grass in the garden is to move the garden.

One day last week Scrap and Dump had a falling out and Scrap was about to cut her throat.

"Chuck" Strain has a doctor book which he is reading very closely and comparing the author's notes with the practice of the M. D.'s of today.

Last week was court week at Union and a great many of our North Picolet people were there. Several of them were jurors, others witnesses and a few suitors and lookers on, and a few went to see a fellow.

The rain of week before last has brought up the turnips. It did a little damage to the cotton in the field.

Mr. J. H. Littlejohn, of Gowdeyville, was in this section one day last week. He is one of our most progressive farmers and a quiet law-abiding citizen. He is a new county man.

Milk cows seem to be in considerable demand just now. Almost any kind of a cow will bring \$20 or 25 in the market.

There is no seed in the sugar cane this year. It seems to possess all its saccharine substance, notwithstanding.

There are some women in this country who attend church regularly yet scarcely ever remember the text, but they can always tell what kind of a dress Mrs. So-and-so had on and whether or not her bonnet was in the fashion. This charge doesn't refer to Mrs. J. L. S. at all, mark you, Mr. Editor.

For tattling, back-biting, deceit and downright lying we have people who can come up to anybody when they try. We know who they are. Only the guilty need take the hint.

Mr. J. W. Alexander, one of Lawton's most progressive farmers, passed the other day on his return from Union court.

## Cowpens Chronicles.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

COWPENS, S. C., Sept. 26, 1896.—Having seen nothing lately in your columns from our little town, I will give you readers a few points.

Notwithstanding the cry of hard times and scarcity of money, our town is showing some signs of prosperity.

S. B. Wilkins has just completed an elegant two story brick store which is occupied by Garrison & Wilkins with a nice line of general merchandise.

T. L. Bryant & Co. will open up a stock of goods the first of next week in the store lately vacated by R. R. Brown and B. E. Wilkins has purchased the corner lot occupied by John Smith, and moved the wooden building off the corner, and will soon have a large two story brick store in its place which he will occupy this winter.

The new buildings are quite an improvement in appearance and convenience.

The health of our town is pretty good. Have had some cases of intermittent and some chills and fever on the factory hill, but nothing serious.

The continued dry weather is causing a scarcity of water and giving the well diggers plenty to do. It has also caused a failure in the turnip crop. Farmers say their cotton is all open and the crop about one-half. Corn is short some but not so much.

Mr. Ed. Waters, who is building a residence near here, had the misfortune to lose his plank kiln and 6,000 feet of lumber by fire this morning.

## Election Commissioners.

Appointed by Gov. Evans for Spartanburg, Union and York counties. Spartanburg—State Commissioners, S. M. Caldwell, Campobello; D. E. Hydrick, Spartanburg; J. Terry Wood, Reidville. Federal Commissioners, W. T. Bobo, Cross Anchor; J. R. Cosnell, Whitney; J. A. Martin, Martinsville.

Union—State Commissioners, J. W. Scott, Jonesville; F. A. Goforth, Gowdeyville; J. B. Betenbaugh, Union. Federal Commissioners, J. W. James, Santuc; J. M. Mobley, Goshen Hill; H. C. Little, Pinkney.

York—State Commissioners, A. W. Gladden, McConellsville; D. C. Clark, Yorkville; J. M. Taylor, Newport. Federal Commissioners, P. H. Burris, McConellsville; T. W. Boyd, Leslie; J. E. Beanquard, Clover.

## Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcer, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by The DuPre Drug Co.

## FLAW ON THE NEW COUNTY

HE TALKS "HOSS" SENSE FOR  
ONE TIME.

He is Ten Times More Liable to be a  
Fool Than a Wise Man But  
He Argues Substantial  
Facts This Time.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

Hit's a strange thing to me why thinkin' men can't all see alike in view of their interest along the same line of thought. Take the new county for instance. Of course I am ten times more liable to be a fool than a wise man, since there are only about one-tenth of the male population of today that you can call downright wise men, but I'm goin' to tell you in my feeble way just how I look at this here new county business.

Some men are new countyites and some are anti-new countyites. In plainer chat, some are in favor of a new county an' some are against it. Now I jist wish you could explain to me why this is. Ef it's a benefit to one it seems to me like it would benefit all, an' ef it's an injury to one it's an injury to all.

I am for the new county. I done an' made up my mind to that effect long ago—when I fust heard of the new county—an' I'll tell you fer why:

Ten years ago today, when money was plenty and to spare, and cotton ten cents, the farmer would go to the woods an' chop and sweat till he got a load of wood chopped, then he would load it up an' drive by the house an' Nancy Jane would bring out a basket of butter, basket of eggs an' about a dozen half-grown chickens an' put them on the wagon an' off Bill would put to Gaffney—a few ole wooden stores an' about the same number of dwellin' houses an' the balance ole fields. He would sell his two-horse load of wood for forty or fifty cents, maby, an' maby take it back home or throw it off an' leave it, an' sell his eggs at seven or eight cents per dozen, an' his butter at 8¢ cents, an' pay 'bout twice the amount he has to pay now for the same goods. Now you get 75 or 80 cents for a two-horse load of wood, 10 an' 15 cents for eggs an' 12½ to 20 cents for butter. "Well," you say, "no wonder, Gaffney is a bigger place now than it was then, that's the reason." How much bigger would it be ten years from today if we could secure for it a new county an' make it the seat? And how much more could we get for our wood an' country produce? I recollect of having to pay one round silver dollar for eight cordwood sticks in Charlotte, an' wood never sells for less than three dollars a cord there, notwithstanding the good, level graded macadamized roads, an' I believe I'm safe in sayin' that ef you'll take the trouble to haul a cord of wood to Spartanburg that you can get a dollar and seventy-five cents or two dollars for it. The bigger the population the bigger the price you can command fer your country produce.

The country is dependent on the town and the town on the country. The consumers of a town are bound to have country produce, while the country people are bound to have sugar, coffee, dry goods and sick like. Help your market town to grow and it will help you to thrive. You see, one helps the other an' visa versa.

You say, "We will haf to keep up four sets of county officers instead of three, an' that will necessitate a higher tax, an'—an' we ain't able to stand no it." Now let me say that you have the wrong opinion or me one about that, an' I'll tell you fer why. 'Bout all the officers git paid by commission—a certain per cent. of what they do. It will be four sets of officers doin' what three are doin' now, an' those who are working for salaries won't expect so much pay, an' those who are working for commissions won't git so much. It will be three men's wages divided out to four. One man said to me in defense of this argument: "I'd rather have only a few hogs an' keep 'em fat as to have a drove an' them all too poor to eat." I says, says I, "I had too ef it was me had 'em to eat, but I had druther have four men workin' fer me than three ef they didn't eat no more than three, an' would work for the same that three had bin workin' fer."

One man said to me, says he, "I don't see how you would be benefitted any, even ef they do get the new county. You ain't got no real estate in town." "No," says I, "ner in the country, nother, so fer as that is concerned, but wherein it will benefit me is very plain fer me to see. The town will get bigger and work will increase. Good people, all sich rotten arguments as this puts me in the mind of a spiled aig in the gable end of an incubator—very unstmachable."

Kernel, the poetry you had refer-

ence to was not written by Flaw Picket. Ef it didn't run out right it's no fault of mine. I don't profess to be a poet, but I be dog gone ef I couldn't beat that poetry myself an' as for me gettin' frez out at that meetin' I'll jist say that hit wasn't the meetin' so much as it was the little Picket that was interestin' me.

I was up in the neighborhood jist above Cowpens week before last an' the word got out that ole Flaw would stay all night at a certain place. Well, sir, the house got crowded by dark. Some of the prettiest girls I ever laid my lookin' eyes on was there to hear ole Flaw lemonade on his banjer.

FLAW PICKER.

## "NO PLACE LIKE HOME."

After a Tour of the Great West Dr.  
Falls Says So.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

CLIFTON, S. C., Oct. 28.—Clifton's onward march of progress still continues.

The appearance of No. 3 continues to improve with the completion of the buildings, and a home-like air is beginning to pervade the newly erected cottages, which are models of convenience and architecture. No pastoral poet could do justice to the indescribably beautiful blending of rural and village scenery; and the contented and happy appearance of everything and everyone is indeed truly gratifying.

Miss Bessie Crocker will have charge of the school at No. 3, and the prospects are bright for a good attendance.

Dr. O. G. Falls has returned from quite an extended tour in the West, having visited Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, Leadville, Dallas, Fort Worth and other points of interest. The doctor was pleased with his trip, and gives an interesting description of that section, but says there is no place like South Carolina. This section will compare favorably with any other.

We learn with regret that Judge J. N. Vinson, a prominent and popular citizen of this place, intends removing with his interesting family to Spartanburg. Judge Vinson has for years conducted Clifton hotel in a highly satisfactory manner. He is an ideal hotel man, of genial manners, and his hosue has a high reputation with the traveling public for its excellent cuisine. Mrs. Vinson is a pleasant hostess, and Miss Sudie is a charming young lady whom everyone likes.

Misses Carrie Ott, of Orangeburg, and Lula Murphy, of Rich Hill, two very attractive and popular young ladies, have been visiting the family of Capt. W. T. Brown.

## "SEATON."

A Live Young City.

There is no doubt about Gaffney being the livest young city in these United States of America. In fact, it's too good a thing for the old Iron District to give up.—Piedmont Headlight.

Why Lord bless your soul, Colonel, we would not move an inch from the old Iron District. We would still be as near you as ever and you wouldn't lose a thing but a few dollars a year in taxes and probably a few subscriptions and a little legal advestising for the Headlight. But you should be generous enough to sacrifice a little for the welfare of the "dear people you so adore." In fact we are the largest part of the Old Iron District, but we believe in home rule.

## A Magnificent Engine Room.

An insurance inspector was inspecting the new mill the other day. When he came to the engine room he was struck with amazement. He declared it was the prettiest and best plant that he had ever seen in all his experience, and he had traveled from Maine to Mexico and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. That's a great advertisement for Gaffney. There is no doubt about it being a daisy. If you can't take our word for it go over and see it for yourself.

## Scoggin-Huskey.

Bulah G. Scoggin and Miss Mamie Huskey were united in marriage on the 17th inst. by W. T. Thompson, Notary Public, at the residence of the bride's parents in the Northern part of the city. After the ceremony a bountiful repast was served, the table fairly groaning under the weight of the good things, after which the guests were treated to some pleasant music. We wish them much happiness.

## Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, broker and manufacturer's agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by La Grippe by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrid, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of croup, because it instantly relieves. Free Trial Bottles at DuPre's drug store.