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| **American History II** | **Unit 1 – The Great West and the Gilded Age** |
| **Economics, Race, and the Populist Party** |

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| **Economic Turmoil of the 1870s** |
| **The Panic of 1873** | **🡪** | **Currency Dispute** |
| **Farmers Unite to Address Common Problems** |
| **Economic Distress** | **🡪** | **The Grange** |
| **Problems with the Railroads** | **The Farmers’ Alliances** |
| **Grangers Begin to Make Progress** |
| ***Munn v. Illinois* (1876)** |  |
| ***Wabash v. Illinois* (1886)** |  |

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| **Political Parties of the 1890s** |
| **Democratic Party** | **Populist Party** | **Republican Party** |
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|  | **“Fusion” Coalition** |
| **Gold Bugs and Silverites** |
|  | **Gold Bugs** | **Silverites (Bimetallists)** |
| **Who They Were** |  |  |
| **What They Wanted** |  |  |
| **Why** |  |  |
| **Effects** | \_\_\_FLATION*
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**“The Plight of the Farmers”**

1. What is happening to the “ordinary” people in the cartoon?

2. Who is the “hero” of the cartoon, warning the people of the coming danger?

3. Who does the cartoonist suggest is responsible for the farmers’

4. What are the weapons of the famers’ dangerous enemy? **The Wilmington Race Riot of 1898
Directions:** Respond to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. When you have finished, staple your responses to your notes page.

1. Why was Wilmington, NC considered a symbol of “black hope” at the end of the 19th century?

2. What tactics did white Democrats use to break the alliance of the black and white “Fusion” Coalition in efforts to win the 1898 campaign?

3. What role did the media and propaganda play in the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot?

4. Who were the Red Shirts and what “scare tactics” did they use to affect the 1898 campaign?
5. Summarize the four-pronged plan that occurred in Wilmington, NC.
6. Summarize the aftermath of events in Wilmington. Out of the various types of injustice the African American community experienced. What do you think would have been most difficult to deal with and why?
7. Why is it important to study this period of history today, even though it might be difficult to hear based on the racism, violence, and calculated cruelty that was at play?