

The Butler wing of the populists are indignant over the result as well as every other honest citizen who believes in free silver.

It is hard to predict at this time the effect produced on the populist party in the state over the result of Pritchard's election. All know that the populist party had it in their power to elect a silver Senator by co-operating with the democrats, to this end the democrats offered their services in a caucus, but it was not heeded by the populist caucus, and in consequence the democrats nominated and voted for Lieut. Gov. Doughton, giving him 33 votes, Cy Thompson populist nominee gets 43 votes, and Pritchard received 88 votes, so Pritchard was elected. Republicans, bolting populists and negroes greatly rejoice over this victory. Senator Butler takes his defeat sorely and sullenly and immediately called a caucus of the faithful pops, and issued an address to the people of the state denouncing the republicans and bolting pops in the most bitter terms that language could employ. So ends the fight.

There is a bill before the Legislature to impeach Judge Norwood for drunkenness. The provisions of the bill ought to extend to members of the Legislature as well, and the foul oaths uttered by some of them should also be considered. Some of our law makers use horrid oaths and get drunk besides. Men who are placed in high positions should be moral, sober men, and have an influence for good and not encourage by their acts, the youths of the land to follow in their wicked footsteps. A drunken Judge is an abomination to all good people, and should never be entrusted with the lives and property of the citizens.

Banks still fail; business firms continue to go under, and business fails to revive; times grow worst, Congress is republican and is in session the second time under Cleveland's administration; McKinley and Hobart elected, and Jeter C. Pritchard is again United States Senator and, notwithstanding all this prosperity keeps itself hid. What will be the result, and where can we base any hope for the future? Not in the action of Congress in raising the tariff, for this will make times harder. The higher the tariff the higher the goods, and no money with which to buy them. Does any sane man expect good times to poor people in a high protective tariff, and this is the only change talked of.

Congress is having some sensations over the Nicaragua canal bill now pending in the Senate. Also in regard to the ratification of the arbitration treaty between England and the United States effected by the two countries had a backset in the Senate, and it seems doubtful now whether this treaty will be ratified by the Senate until a better understanding is had on several points, especially on the Nicaragua canal affair.

From Sugar Grove, N. C.
Editor Democrat:
We have been watching anxiously to see some dots from this community, but nothing has appeared since the holidays, and as some time has elapsed since, I hesitate to refer to Xmas, but will say that it passed off very quietly. There was very little drinking, a few parties after the usual manner, at which many harmless games were played.

But the most enjoyable occasion was an oyster supper given by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McBride. The oysters were fresh from Morehead City and served in the best style, together with boiled custard, peaches, cake, etc., as desert. About fifty young people partook heartily of the bountiful repast and went away feeling that it would be many days before we would enjoy another occasion so pleasant. We all feel thankful to Mr. and Mrs. McBride for their hospitality.

We hear an occasional cry about the hard times, and such cries are likely to continue for the next 4 years. We can not hope for anything better, for we have in this administration almost exactly what we have had for the past 30 years, and with these administrations, for common people, have gradually grown worse. Some of our citizens who continue to support the party of combines and trusts are howling hard times at the top of their voices. Let us lay aside party prejudice and view matters from a business standpoint for the next four years and if we don't get relief, let us unite upon a platform that we feel sure will adjust the financial system so that the masses as well as the classes may receive encouragement. Then if we are still depressed, let's have relief even at the point of the bayonet.

La Grippe is raging in this community. We have several severe cases and among them are Rev. D. C. Harman and F. P. Mast. J. H. Mast and wife have just recovered from a severe attack.

'Uncle' John Teaster died the 19th inst., of Grippe. Old Mr. Joiner died on the 18th, from old age, I suppose.

There is nothing much being done now. A few new dwellings are being erected, and from appearances it is reasonable to suppose that somebody wants to marry, but alas! his "gal bucked."

Atty. A. J. Fletcher, of Elk Park, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Boone Deal.

William Bradley is on the Southern market with horses and mules.

The agony is over at Raleigh; Pritchard was reelected Senator receiving 17 votes from the so called populists.

We have all along predicted the election of Pritchard as it was generally understood that Hanna was furnishing the boodle and it is now openly charged that these immaculate populist bolters received their share of the boodle. Of course it did not require a big sum, the agents kept the largest amount. It is understood that the pops were a cheap commodity and sold out for much less than the most sanguine expected.

Hanna had no use of more than enough to carry out the republican plans and he

would not have bought any more of them at half price and the market became very dull after a sufficient number had been secured. It turned out to be an easy cheap job. "Money makes the mare go" is an old saying, now it can be said that money makes the pops go, and it does not take much either. We are not informed whether they got the gold or not, though it was a gold transaction.

It is now claimed that the election of Pritchard gives the republicans a majority in the Senate, and a tariff bill can be passed and the gold standard maintained. The North Carolina populists are responsible for this, and rejoice at their great victory. Senator Wakefield, of Caldwell county, says a great majority of the populists in his district endorse his action in voting for Pritchard, the goldbug. This is really amusing, if true. We predict however that Edward will hear something "drop" at the next election.

The republicans in Congress are making a huge effort to get an international agreement to have silver coined, and have sent Senator Walcott is now in England, but there is no prospect of his accomplishing anything. Before 1898 the whole country will be in favor of the United States having their own financial policy of free silver at 16 to 1.

The Legislature.
A bill to make it a misdemeanor to wilfully disturb a political meeting has been introduced. No political speaker must be disturbed. An amendment was offered prohibiting the speaker to use abusive language.

So far there has developed very little interest in the Legislature. The business is mainly to incorporate towns, churches etc. A bill is on hand to reduce the fees of clerks and register of deeds, but such bills are generally introduced for "huncumbe." They never pass.

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