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SENATOR PRITCHARD'S FLOP.

Senator Pritchard, who flops from one side of the money question to the other nearly as often as the seasons change, has now declared it is said, that he is in favor of free silver.

The leading editorial in the Raleigh Caucasian, the populist organ, yesterday in speaking of Senator Pritchard says:

"In nearly every speech in the last campaign Senator Pritchard gave the public to understand that he had changed his views. He is reported not only by the news papers, but by those who heard him speak, to have used expression like the following: 'I have changed my mind about the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. I now think that it would be disastrous to favor it if we can get it by international agreement. I stand flat footed on every plank in the St. Louis platform, the financial plank and all.' Again he is reported in a speech in Metropolitan hall to have used the following language: 'The free silver people want free whiskey, free trade and free silver and everything free but free negroes.' In short when he did not keep silent, he ridiculed and belittled free silver, which is only one of the first steps to financial reform, more money and relief.

"Can any populist support a man for the highest and most important legislative office in the country, who expresses such views? Besides the leading republican paper in the state, editorially set forth that Senator Pritchard had changed and would in the future stand squarely by the 'sound money' platform of the National Republican party, but that he would vote for free silver till the 4th of next March. The editor stated that he had a letter from Senator Pritchard on this question and that he was stating his position."

Continuing the Caucasian says further:

"In the first place no populist could afford to vote for Senator Pritchard occupying this position even if he had not changed last summer. In the second place, no populist can afford to vote for a man for senator who has flopped around as he has, no matter what he pledges now.

"No populist can maintain himself or his party unless he takes the same stand toward Senator Pritchard. A populist who is satisfied with his course need never to have joined the people's party, because he would have been at home in either of the old parties. We warn each populist, who believes in his principles and loves his party to consider these matters before he makes a fatal blunder—a blunder that will be fatal to his party if his party is held responsible for his acts."

Better Days for Armenia.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Gladstone, wife of the Great British statesman, today was of unusual interest, owing to the presence of Armenian deputations and the unveiling by Mrs. Gladstone of a memorial window in Haworth church to the martyred Armenians. In returning thanks, Mr. Gladstone said:

"While up to the present the career of the Sultan, who is the greatest assassin in the world, has been triumphant, all these triumphs of wickedness and iniquity are doomed. I have a strong idea, however, that the iniquities have not yet reached their close. Nevertheless a better day is in prospect for the Armenians, as the weight of disgrace now upon the shoulders of six powers is so great as to force them to action."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 5 (Delayed in transmission).—It transpires that the Ambassador of the powers, in addition to considering the treatment of Christians in Turkish empire, are discussing measures to ameliorate the position of the Mussulmans by improving the status of officials and assuring the regular payment of their salaries. This course is producing and excellent effect.

QUEER FACTS.

The queen has sixty pianos at Osborne, Windsor and Buckingham Palace.

Owing to the dry, cold atmosphere, not a single infectious disease is known in Greenland.

The Lord mayor of London wears a badge of office which contains diamonds valued at £120,000.

There are still 20,000,000 square miles of the earth's surface that have not been explored.

Imperfect teeth are a sure sign of civilization. Perfect teeth are found, as a rule, only among savages.

The crackling sound of freshly ignited wood or coal is caused by the air or liquid contained in the pores expanding by heat and bursting the covering in which it is confined.

The air is so clear in the Arctic regions that conversation can be carried on easily by persons two miles apart. It has also been asserted, on good authority, that at Gibraltar the human voice has been distinctly heard at a distance of ten miles.

Starved to Death.

MASILLON, Ohio, January 6.—Mary Withers, who lived with her parents near Orangeville, in the county, was permitted to starve herself to death. She had a dream, in which she saw the Lord descend to the earth on a white cloud. The vision commanded her to die and then disappeared into space.

The dreamer had been attending practical meetings and was imbued with the doctrine of "holiness" and believed in a literal interpretation of the Scriptures. Miss Withers expressed a determination to obey the will of the Lord, and from the date of her dream refused all food. Many of her friends argued with her, but others approved her course.

Three Murderers Paroled.

INDIANAPOLIS Ind., Jan. 10.—Gov. Matthews late yesterday evening decided upon the final disposition of six pardon cases. He made the announcement today of his action, in these cases five paroles were granted and one remission of a fine.

Three of the men paroled were murderers. One is Daniel W. Smith, sentenced for the murder of his father. He was but seventeen years of age at the time, and the deed was done at the instigation of his mother. The others are George Storer, of Delaware county, who was sentenced to prison for life in 1868 for the murder of the two sons of the farmer for whom he was working, and Michael Reinhardt, sentenced in 1888 for twenty-one years for the murder of Joseph Robinson at Francisville, Palmetto county.

Very Polite Burglar.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 10.—A burglar, who had been thirty years on the Penn. and a Railroad, was arrested at Atlantic City, N. J., on December 30. He left a note apologizing for the act, with his regrets that the drawer did not contain more. He also wrote his good wishes for a happy New Year and signed himself "Good bye."

This reminds us of an incident of the late war: Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, reading in rear of the enemy, captured a considerable drove of a my horses and mules. He went to the nearest telegraph station and telegraphed bitter complaints against the Quartermaster General at Washington for sending him such an inferior lot of stock, and threatened not to accept any more if they were not better.—Concord Standard.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Governor arr sent his annual message to the legislature Thursday afternoon. It was a very long and comprehensive document and filled fourteen columns in the News & Observer yesterday morning. He views every department and shows that he has kept in close touch with the workings of the government.

He starts off by saying that "for the first time in twenty years the interests of the state in all its branches has been delivered into the hands of a different political party. The measures which you may deem wise may be opposed to the policy heretofore pursued, and in making changes I caution you to consider carefully and well such changes as pertain to the institutions of the state, for the people will hold you responsible for the success or failure of such measures."

The governor heartily commends and endorses the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern Railway Company. "I favored the lease of this property and it was done by the Board of Directors with my full concurrence and endorsement by the stock holders without a dissenting voice," says the governor. "I believed and still believe it is the best thing that could have been done by the state and the future will determine the wisdom of the transaction. Men sometimes, for one reason or another, criticize public officials without having fully informed themselves as to all the facts in the case. Under such circumstances their adverse criticisms are not always just or their conclusion infallible. An impartial investigation may show that some of the critics of the lease belong to that class."

The executive is also a friend to higher education and what he says in regard to the University should be argument enough for any body of men to let the appropriation remain as at present (\$20,000) or if needs be to increase. He says:

"The University was established under the mandate of the Constitution 106 years ago. It stands at the head of the public school system, and it is the aim of the ambitious student to complete here the education begun in the public school. It should be the pride of every citizen to uphold the University and aid to its uttermost the efforts of our citizens to make it the equal of any institution of the kind in this country. Many men who have added lustre and renown to the name of their native state have gained their training here, and I trust, gentlemen, it will be your conscientious duty to endeavor to assist the University in its rapid progress to the realization of the ideal conceived by its founders, and make it what Harvard is to Massachusetts, Yale to Connecticut, and Princeton to New Jersey. The appropriation from the state is smaller than contributed to any similar institution of its class in America, while the number of students is larger than any Southern University. It keeps nearly 200 young men from leaving the state for an education, thus saving North Carolina about \$100,000 annually, and is attracting young men from other states to North Carolina in order to gain an education."

What more could he have said? If the appropriation is cut off Governor Carr can rest assured that he has done his duty faithfully and the responsibility will not be laid at his door.

Taken altogether the message is common sense document and if followed by the two branches of the legislature will, no doubt, result in much good to the state.

HAD CASE ENTIRELY CURED.

The Washington correspondent of the HERALD says: "The bad case of jingoism with which the senate was suffering when the holiday recess was taken has been entirely cured by the copious doses of soothing syrup administered during the recess by Dr. Public Opinion. Senator Cameron, the author of the resolution which was reported from the senate committee on Foreign relations at the most acute stage of the disease, concluded that it was pleasanter to remain on the island he owned off the coast of South Carolina than to sit with his dying resolution and his body returned to Washington. There are a few senators who still show traces of jingoism, among them Mr. Call, of Florida, who this week made a speech on Cuba, in connection with his resolution calling on the state department for all the correspondence in the case of Julio Sanguilly a newspaper correspondent sentenced to life imprisonment for alleged complicity in the Cuban rebellion. Mr. Call was very bitter in some of his remarks, declaring among other things that the whole power of United States was being used to protect and continue the present condition of affairs in Cuba. His speech might have attracted more attention had not everybody known that he is making hard fight for re-election and that many rich and influential Cubans are residents of his state. Representative Sulzer, of New York, had a mild attack of jingoism, but he seemed to be relieved after he had offered a resolution in the House giving Spain thirty days notice that we should not only recognize the independence of Cuba but maintain that independence by force, if the fighting in Cuba was not hereafter conducted strictly in accordance with recognized rules of war among civilized nations. His resolution was sent to the committee on Foreign Affairs, to die.

NOTWITHSTANDING the enormous amount spent by the government to keep in safety the records of its business, it is every now and then demonstrated that such of these records as some people may wish to destroy often disappear without leaving a trace. Only the week Assistant Secretary Curtis, of the Interior, in an official communication notified the Senate that some of the papers showing the amount due the Pacific railroad sinking fund on account of the subsidies paid the Pacific Mail Steamship company, which had been called for by a Senate resolution, could not be found.

SECRETARY HERBERT's report to congress on his investigation of the cost of armor plates for naval vessels is commended as a very thorough piece of work, although it is not especially pleasing either to the two establishments which monopolize the making of armor plate or to those who advocate the establishment of a government plant for its manufacture. Secretary Herbert doesn't think it would be wise for the government to make its own armor, and he makes it plain that the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies have been charging the government extortionate prices as the result of an agreement between them to divide this work. His remedy is to pay \$400 a ton for the armor, instead of \$583, the present price, and he presents figures which show that this would allow the makers a profit of something like \$150 a ton. The investigation was made by direction of congress,

Ringling noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing, roaring, caused by catarrh, all disappear with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

PROSECUTED FOR PIRACY.

It will be remembered that some time ago the "Three Friends," the little Cuban filibustering steamer, was attacked by two Spanish war steamers and that the former returned the fire of the latter and drove them off, after which she made her escape.

The United States government, under the rule of the House of Cleveland, has now announced its purpose to proceed against the Americans who were on the vessel and took part in the naval skirmish, as pirates, the penalty of which is death.

Of all the crimes he has committed against the American people since he was elected to office this is the most disgusting that Cleveland, the arch traitor of this nation, has ever attempted. In speaking of this the New York Journal voices the sentiments of nine tenths of the American people. It says:

"President Cleveland has obliged Spain in many ways, has done all in his power to save a corrupt and venal monarchy from paying the penalty of its barbarous oppression of the Cubans. He has put the United States Navy at the service of the Spaniards, and has trodden down the Constitution in order to balk the will of the American people.

"But when he undertakes to have six American Citizens hanged by the neck until they are dead because they beat off Spanish armed vessels, which sought to board their craft, he exceeds his limit of power. The Journal does not question the zeal with which the Cleveland administration will strive to send these men to the gallows for the comfort of Spain, but it thinks the United States District Attorney of Jacksonville will have to send to Alaska for a jury not absolutely certain to acquit the accused."

There is not a monarchy on earth whose ruler has assumed as much authority as this traitor Cleveland. If Queen Victoria had dared dictate legislation and ignore the will of her subjects as Cleveland has in this boasted "land of the brave and free," her head would have rolled into the basket so long ago that she would have been forgotten. Thank God his reign is nearing a close.

EDITORIAL BOXBONS.

There's one good thing about President Cleveland, anyhow. He has never been guilty of playing lawn tennis.—Times Union.

"In 1896 there were 122 legal executions in the United States and 131 lynchings. This gives lawlessness a majority of nine over law.—Boston Transcript.

The clouds that have overshadowed the opening days of the new year will soon pass away. Cheer up, and look on the bright side of life.—Baltimore American.

Speckles is again reported to have bought up the California Legislature. This means another Sugar Trust member of the United States Senate from that state.—Kansas City Times.

The St. Louis woman who caught a burglar in her room and turned him over to the St. Louis policeman should be ensured for conspiracy in insuring his escape.—Chicago Tribune.

The suggestion that we send our troops to Cuba is not meeting with the approval of the Spanish soldiers. They think they have tramps enough now that amount to nothing.—St. Louis Star.

Apparently there are almost as many war correspondents as there are warriors in Cuba. Perhaps this accounts for the fact that more ink than blood has been shed there so far.—Boston Herald.

NORTH CAROLINA FOR CUBA.

The North Carolina senate is in favor of recognizing Cuba at once. The following joint resolution, which explains itself, was introduced by Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland county, Friday and was passed unanimously:

"That our senators be instructed, and our representatives be requested to use all honorable means and as early as possible, to bring about the passage of an act of congress recognizing the independence of the patriots of Cuba who for so long a time have been struggling for life and liberty, the God given heritage of all men."

South Carolina Lynching.

SUMTER, S. C., Jan. 8.—Simon Cooper, the negro outlaw, who yesterday murdered three members of the Wilson family and a colored servant, was lynched near here today. Cooper was captured by the sheriff's posse and was being taken to Sumter when the mob decided to hang him. The deputy sheriff aided by two men resisted the lynchers, but were overpowered. A rope was thrown over the limb of a tree and as the man ran toward a volley rang out. The body was pierced by more than 150 balls. One bullet cut the rope and the corpse fell to the ground, where the coroner found it some hours later when he went to hold an inquest.

Death for Train Robbers.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 8.—A joint session of the Senate and House was held today and the returns for the November election canvassed. When the joint session was dissolved Gov. Stone's last message was presented in each branch and read. Adjournment was then taken until Monday. The message relates almost wholly to internal affairs. Of train robbery the Governor has this to say:

"It surpasses all others in its detrimental effects on the state. When such crimes occur with frequently current that life and property are unsafe within the jurisdiction where they prevail. It is a crime which should be absolutely extirpated. That cannot be accomplished by penitentiary sentences. The Thirty-eighth General Assembly, alive to the importance of this subject, made the crime a capital punishment, however, was left to the discretion of the jury. Several convictions have been had since the enactment of the law referred to, but only penitentiary sentences were pronounced. In my opinion the men who perpetrate these crimes should be hanged."

Penetrated Four Inches of Iron.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 7.—The powerful X ray machine constructed by Prof. R. A. Fessenden, of the Western University, was on exhibition tonight before the Academy of Sciences and Art at Carnegie Hall. Prof. James Keeler, of the Allegheny Observatory, in telling of the wonderful tests which the machine has been put to, said that it had already thrown a ray of light through four inches of solid iron, and he thinks later on it will be developed so that it will pierce six or eight inches and intimated strongly that it may yet be utilized in inspection of armor plate.

The Democratic Senators who hate Cleveland have attacked him in many different ways, but they always retire with an expression like that of a man who has kicked a hat with a chunk of granite under it.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

There are gold miners who insist that "gold grows." This seems scarcely possible, but there can be no doubt that the output of the yellow metal is growing from year to year, as the increase of 72 per cent. in the United States since 1892 proves.—Indianapolis Journal.

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