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WEEKLY WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7, '96. Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, found himself called upon very early in the game to pay the penalty of prominence in a National campaign. In addition to having been maliciously lied about and misquoted, he has been directly attacked and charged with mismanaging the ampaign. It isn't Senator Jones that these people are after injuring, but 1 ryan and Sewall, whose prospects are looking entirely too bright to please their enemies. As to the misquotation of his interview concerning Southern Populists, Senator Jones said, before going to New York, where he will probably remain until after the National Committee meeting and the big Bryan and Sewall notification meeting. next week : "I did not say that Mr. Bryan would not accept the Populist the same. I am not prepared to nomination, for I have no authority believe Senator Jones was quoted to say that, I did not say that as a general rule the Sonthern Populists would mean not only four years were not a creditable class. On the contrary, I said that most of them were patriotic men who were working for a cause; that they were Populists because they had believed they could promote their cause best through a new party; and that now they would support Bryan, because it was shown that their patriotic obthe Southern Populists as a rule. As destructive rule of corporate greed an exception I spoke of the class and British gold upon the candiwho were not creditable. I said dates for President and Vice-Presithere were some who were Populists dent that represent just the opposite of your country about forty-four merely for their personal advance- of what McKinley and Hobart reprement : some who had become Popu- sent. . lists through selfish, and not "Those upon whom is the great patriotic motives. I spoke of these responsibility of the consummation as the exceptional class who would of this end should not do or say not support Bryan. I said that as anything that would produce frica rule the Populists in the South tion, but should, on the other hand, would follow the patriotic course subordinate all minor differences, increase the per capita circulation and support Bryan; that there were and bend every energy for harmonisome who, for selfish motives, ous union and victory, when the

to have McKinley elected." against Senator Jones falls of its dence is in sight. own weight, for the very good "What a humiliating and sickennot be until the meeting of the demon of party spirit step into, con-City on the 11th inst., when the and deliver our people into the membership of the Executive Com- hands of the enemies of Republican mittee will be announced and the institutions. But this cannot, this general plan of the campaign mapped will not happen. The American out and adopted. This charge was people are not now in any humor accompanied by a demand that to be trifled with. They realize the Senator Gorman's services be requi- cause of our evils. They fully apsitioned. That really explains one preciate the threatened danger. of the main objects of those who They will this year drive the British made the charge-to upset the ex- money changers and their American tremely cordial relations existing tory allies from the temple of liberty between Senators Jones and Gor- and take charge of their own man, thus depriving the National affairs." Committee of the advice which Mr. Gorman has promised to give during the campaign in lieu of accepting the chairmanship of the Executive Committee which was offered him.

may be quite the patriots they claim and they will do it." HENRY BANN, JR., to be, but since it became known in Washington that they tried to make a deal with Mark Hanna to cast their votes for the McKinley electoral ticket in exchange for Republican votes in the New York for silver. More money means bet-Legislature for one of their number ter times if it means anything, and disgruntled politicians, more bent upon getting office than upon de-

fending principles. Unless all the reports from West all likely, that State will certainly twice as much as all of Europe, man Chilton, of the Democratic the arts. Therefore Europe has no as money. State Committee. He says it is only a question of how large a nusjority the State will give the Democratic ticket, as the Republicans are flocking to the support of Bryan The North Carolinian and THE and free coinage-in one county alone 722 Republicans have joined

Bryan and Sewall clubs. The size of the Democratic majority in Alabama i slicates with government says the law is 16 to 1, unerring certainty that the most of the Populists in the South will re- European cities, less freight and turn to the Democratic party, thus commission.

realizing the prediction made when Bryan was nominated. It also in- Charlotte News. creased the difficulty of Tom Watson putting up a claim for Democratic recognition which will receive any attention. The South will be practically solid for Bryan and Sewall, although Maryland may be lost on account of the monied and corporate influences of Baltimore being thrown for McKinley and the gold standard.

BUTLER FOR FUSION.

He Denounces Republicanism and the Money Power in Strong Terms. Senator Marion Butler, chairman of the Populist National Committee, telegraphed to the Atlanta Journal Wednesday morning the following signed statement in regard to Senator Jones' interview, criticising the

Southern Populists: "You wire me purported interview with Chairman Jones as it appears in Monday's World and ask me for a statement with reference to correctly. The election of McKinley more of Shermanism and Clevelandism, but also many additional and culminative resulting evils. No intelligent, patriotic voter, no true American citizen, can by his action or inaction, be responsible, directly or indirectly, for such a threatened calamity. The only possible way that it can be averted is by a comjects could be attained only through plete, harmonious and enthusiastic his election. That is what I said of union of all parties opposed to the

would not do so, but would prefer cause of outraged and suffering hu-The charge of mismanagement when victory for American indepen-

reason that there has been practi- ing spectacle it would be should the cally nothing to manage and will folly of personal ambition and the

"It would be better for candidates and chairmen to do less talking for the present. But in spite of the indiscretions of individuals and socalled leaders, the American people The gold Democrats of New York have determined to win the fight

(Signed) "MARION BUTLER."

Europe Has No Silver to Unload. G. H. Sutherland, in N. Y. World.

I am for free silver and gold 16 country that can remonetize silver, silver as money. But we must not allow England to Virginia are wrong, which is not at United States \$77,500,000, or nearly 1873. silver to dump over here. I wish (18). The ratio of 32 to 1 is an she had. Custom House exports unnatural ratio. The natural ratio show we have shipped to Europe is 16 to 1. Unnatural causes prosince January 1st of this year 29,-083,590 ounces. If they had it to dump would they come here and buy? This is one of the gold bug's has a paper dollar? When our or \$1.29 per ounce, this is what it will be quoted in London and other

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sia, China, and the Straits Settlenow in circulation as money.

(2). The gold countries of the world are the United Kingdom, Germany, Portugal, Austria-Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Australia, Egypt and Canada. They purely a legislative problem. represent 14 per cent, of the population of the world, and own 40 per cent. of the gold and 12 per cent. of the silver in circulation as money.

(3). The gold and silver countries of the world are the United States, France, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, Spain, Roumania, Servia, Netherlands, Turkey, Japan, India, Cuba and Hayti. They represent 42 per cent. of the population of the world, and own 44 per cent. of the gold and 62 per cent. of the silver of the world, in circulation.

(4). Russia is a silver country and has in circulation just ten times as much gold as silver.

(5). The mass of silver and gold in the world is about in proportion to each other as 16 to 1.

(6). There is little more than four billion dollars of silver coin in circulation in the world.

(7). If all the silver of the world vailable for money were to be suddenly dumped upon the shores of the United States and coined into money at the ratio of 16 to 1, it would only increase the circulation dollars per capita.

(8), If all the surplus yearly product of silver in the world available for money were suddenly dumped upon the shores of the United States and coined into money at the ratio of 16 to 1, it would only about eighty cents yearly.

(9). The United States has a per capita circulation of about \$8 of manity is trembling in the balance, silver. France has a per capita circulation of about \$13 of silver. (10). With an increase of eighty

cents per capita, yearly, it would require nearly seven years to increase our per capita to that of France. (11). The more varied the indus-

National Committee in New York spee and divide the allied majority tries of a country are, and the greater her productions, the more need she has for increased volumes of money to effect her exchanges and supply the wants of individuals.

(12). Cur manufactures are nearly double that of England, our agricultural products are more than Russia's and our railroads carry more tons of freight than all the rest of the world.

(13). Our productions have treb led since 1860. Our per capita circulation at that time was \$13.85. We could therefore maintain a per capita circulation now three times that of 1860, or \$41 55.

(14), "To annul the use of either of the metals as money is to abridge the quantity of the circulating medium." Legislation has annulled the use of silver in denying it certain rights, and to that extent the circulating medium has been abridged.

(15). The coinage of the world to 1. This means \$1.29 per ounce since 1873 has been in a ratio of 12.3 to 1. That of the United States has been 9.4 to 1, in ounces, as senator to succeed David B. Hill, it is not true that silver will be The United States is the greatest they are classed as plain, every-day cheap money. We are the only producer and the least consumer of

> (16). The Upited States has "anput the price on it for us, when she nulled the use" of nearly one-half of only produces \$320,000 and the her product of silver as money since

(17). The price of the silver of It prints all the news, and preaches give Bryan and Sewall a large ma- Asia, Africa and Australia. Their the world has fallen in the same production being only \$48,000,000, proportion that the United States not enough for the small coins and has failed to use her silver product

duce unnatural effects.

(19). The increased production of either metal for a year or a short lying arguments. Another is the series of years does not affect the 30-cent dollar. How much value; ratio of the value of the two metals as money, because it does not appreciably change the ratio of the accumulated mass of the metals.

(20), From 1750 to 1800, the ratio of the production of silver to Italian, who died in 1317.

that of gold was about 40 to 1, yet the ratio in value remained the (1). The silver countries of the same. From 1831 to 1840, the ratio world are Mexico, Central American of production was 32 to 1, and the States, South American States, Rus- ratio of value was not affected. Since 1873, the ratio of production ments. They represent 44 per cent. has been 17.5 to 1, and the ratio of of the population of the world, and value has fluctuated one hundred own 16 per cent, of the gold and 26 per cent. From 1850 to 1873, nearly per cent, of the silver of the world, two dollars of gold to one of silver

was produced. (21). In the days of Jefferson the question of ratio was purely a "mercantile problem." To-day, with changed conditions, it seems to be

BREVARD NIXON.

Significant Talk in England.

Raleigh News and Observer. We believe that the London

Financial News is regarded as an authority on both sides of the Atlantic, and yet it is saying strange steel plate on the side, went through things just now about the free silver the captain's cabin, took the pillow movement in this country: "There is a plain moral in the

remark that if the United States would venture to cut herself adrift from Europe and take outright to rilver she would have all America and Asia at her back and the command of the markets of both counmarket. Of course the United what damage it might have done. States would suffer to a certain extent through having to pay ber obligations abroad in gold, but the same vessel on its eight inch armor. loss of exchange under this head It hit squarely on a bolt. The shell would be a mere drop in the bucket did not pierce the armor, but burst as compared to the profit to be reaped from the markets of South America and Asia, to say nothing of Europe. The marvel is that the United States have not long ago seized the opportunity. It has been a piece of luck that it has never occurred to the Americans to scoop contemptible apathy of our governis the result. Party lines are gold. It could be easily done." We have heard this prophecy be-

fore. It has been made by more prestige. than one prominent European writer on finance. Moreton Frewen has insisted for a long time that the chines for nominating opposing sets United States was blind to its own interests in hesitating to adopt free tional conventions represented a silver coinage and then enter into a battle royal between the champions commercial union with Asia and South America. He has always who desire relief from the economic insisted that under such arrangement the silver countries of the world, while they might sell to the past three years. Englen I, would do all their buying here. Prof. Abrent, the great German authority, has also argued that the United States, if followed by Germany, Belgium, and Italy-as he thinks it would be, sooner or later-could, through the medium of free silver comage, almost destroy England's foreign trade. He has been extensively quoted by the gold men, but chiefly as to the difficulty, in his opinion, of our acting alone. He has invariably said that a concert of action among the nations named above would give them control of commerce in every quarter of the globe. And now comes the London Financial News with lethargy and indifference which the positive statement that free silver coinage by the United States, acting independently, will multiply its trade beyond conception and isolate Great Britain so far as concerns the silver using countries.

It is needless to say, of course, that the Post does not intend to surrender its convictions at the instance of a British newspaper. The Post, however, believes in a fair and impartial discussion of public questions, and we therefore reproduce a contribution to the controversy-a good," contribution, by the way, from a just held the young fellow a n source hitherto regarded as of high

is given to Salvino Armati, an a loytle afraid that webby it was a

Highest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Philadelphia Ledger.

In dwelling upon the wonderful power of modern guns, Albert Matthews gives illustrations from the recent Chilean civil war, showing the effectiveness of the smaller sizes of breech-loading rifled guns.

A shot weighing 250 pounds from an eight-inch gun at Fort Valdivia,

in Valparaiso harbor, struck the cruiser Blanco Encalad above the armor belt, passed through the thin from under his head, dropped his head on the mattress with a thump, but without injuring a hair, passed through the open door into the mess room, where it struck the floor and

then glanced to the ceiling. Then it went through a wooden bulkhead an inch thick into a room tries. The barrier of gold would 25 by 42 teet, where forty men were be more fatal than any barrier of a sleeping in hammocks. It killed custom house. The bond of silver six of them outright and wounded would be stronger than any bond of six others, three of whom died, after free trade. There can be no doubt which it passed through a steel about it that if the United States bulkhead five inches thick and were to adopt a silver basis to-mor- ended its course by striking a bat- Lv G row British trade would be ruined tery outside, in which it made a before the year was out. Every dent nearly two inches deep. It American would be protected, not was filled with sand. Had it reonly at home, but in every other leased deadly gasses, no one knows

A 450-pound missile from a teninch gun in the same fort struck the outside the vessel. It drove the holt right through, and in its flight the bolt struck an eight-inch gun, completely disabling it. Such is the power of the small sized guns.

The Issues of the People to the Front. Henry White in Philadalphia American.

The economic and social issues of us out of the world's markets by the times have at last entered the going on a silver basis, and it might camp of the old political parties. serve us right if, irritated by the and a most remarkable unpheaval ment toward the silver problem, the redrawn and the bosses of both Americans retaliated by freezing out parties who so well served corporate and moneyed interests have joined hands in order to maintain their

Since the civil war the old party conventions have been more maof candidates, but the two late naof existing conditions and those thralldom which has resulted in the unparalleled industrial stagnation of

Aside from the the theories of gold or silver money involved, the agitation represents a deep and widespread discontent among the agricultural and other workmen, directed against those who are held reponsible for the well-known abuses and distress prevailing. The tariff issues which heretofore led into a great inextricable tangle and represented a contest for advantage between rival industrial interests, has been thrown aside so as to clear the way for the battles to come.

The restlessness, even though it may still further disturb business affairs, is far preferable to the usual permitted the money combination to dominate the courts, the legislatures and the administration.

A Lootle Afreed it Was o Girl The Cleveland Plain Dealer says

that an aged man sauntering across Superior street the other day was somewhat rudely justled by a youth-ful wheelman. The shock of the collision tumbled the rider off, and the old gentleman promptly grab-bed him by the est. "Durn you," hed him by the ent. he said, with considerable asperity "I've a great mind to take you this rather unexpected utterance as across my knee and spank you ute, and then let him go. "Why didn't you mank him, uncle," said a livstander. "Well," replied the old man, with a humorous twinkle. The honor of inventing spectacles of certainly would if I hadn't been

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