

PRITCHARD VS. SETTLE

A BATTLE ROYAL BETWEEN RIVAL REPUBLICAN IDOLS HAS BEGUN.

WILL DR. MOTT TAKE A HAND IN IT?

Pritchard and Settle's Antecedents--Pritchard Downed Settle in the Senatorial Fight--Now They are Trying to Down Each Other in the Presidential Race--It is McKinley vs. Reed, and Pritchard vs. Settle.

Editorial Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29. The two real leaders of the Republican party in North Carolina to-day are Jeter Pritchard and Tom Settle. They represent its inherited traditions and prejudices, its culture, its aggressiveness, and around them gather the two distinctive wings of the party in its new hopefulness and confidence.

While all this is being mapped out here at headquarters, and Pritchard's and Settle's followers are laying their pipes in compliance with the directions, there is a Republican, called the Iron Duke, milking cows near Statesville, who is saying nothing. He has always been a John Sherman man, swallowing his gold cure together with all other nostrums prepared by the Buckeye financier.

So much for the antecedents of these two young leaders of North Carolina Republicanism. I have touched upon their past because they represent two distinct types, and largely account for the radical differences that have already developed, and in part are responsible (next to overweening ambition) for their estrangement and rivalry.

On the other hand, Settle's father was a Confederate soldier, and those ex-Confederates who are in the Republican party, regard him as their peculiar representative, by virtue of his father's mantle which has fallen upon his young shoulders.

Settle felt the defeat keenly, and Tom Reed knows how keenly better than anybody else. This was the first round between these combatants, who are really in politics more for gladiatorial purposes than to advance any theory of government.

It is better known here than in North Carolina that Senator Pritchard is the manager of the McKinley boom in North Carolina, and has assured that gentleman that the North Caro-

lina delegation will be almost a unit for his nomination. There is even a great deal of talk that Jeter will go on the ticket as Vice President, though I do not believe that Jeter has such aspirations now.

1. He is a true disciple of McKinley, and has always been a defender of high tariff taxes. He has a son named "William McKinley Pritchard," and the Ohio statesman does not go further in believing that prosperity is to be secured by taxing all the people for the enrichment of the few than North Carolina's Senator from the West.

2. Pritchard knows that Tom Settle has pledged North Carolina to Tom Reed, and that if Reed should be elected, Settle will control the North Carolina patronage, and, perhaps, be elected to the Senate if the Republicans win again in North Carolina.

The fight in the Republican party, as outlined by Pritchard and Settle will be McKinley vs. Reed, but in reality it will be a contest for Boss between Pritchard and Settle.

It is going to be an interesting fight. While all this is being mapped out here at headquarters, and Pritchard's and Settle's followers are laying their pipes in compliance with the directions, there is a Republican, called the Iron Duke, milking cows near Statesville, who is saying nothing.

J. D.

HAD NOT BATHED IN 25 YEARS.

An Eccentric Doctor Dies Suddenly at the Alleged Age of 140.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 30.—Dr. William Hotchkiss, alleged to have reached the age of 140 years, died suddenly today at his home here of heart disease.

Deceased came to St. Louis forty years ago and has always been known as "the color doctor." In his peculiar practice of medicine he termed his patients members of his "circle" and claimed to treat them by a magnetic process.

Dr. J. A. Buck says that his Masonic record has been traced back 100 years, showing conclusively that he was at least 121 years old.

A letter received from his old home in Onwood county, Va., a year ago, says he was born there in 1755.

Dr. Hotchkiss possessed many striking peculiarities, among them being a natural aversion to water. He is said by those nearest to him to have not taken a bath for over twenty-five years, but scoured himself with dry suds.

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