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If Fusion is to Continue in North Carolina There Must be a Bargain to Divide the Fishes and Loaves When the Senate is Organized--Maj. Grant Wants to be Secretary--The Presidential Question Dividing Settle and Pritchard.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—The usually well informed Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, thinks the Republicans will now ask the aid of Populists in organizing the Senate, preferring to divide the leading chairmanships with the Democrats, and wait to organize in 1897, if they have a majority. In this connection he gives some news that will interest North Carolina readers.

"The members of the fusion party in North Carolina are said to be exercising themselves over which of them is to be the next Secretary of the Senate. The statement has been made that prior to his election Senator Pritchard, Republican, who succeeded Senator Jarvis, had agreed with the consent of a number of leading Republican Senators to obtain the position for Major Hiram L. Grant, an influential member of the North Carolina Legislature. In consequence of this promise Grant, it is said, supported Pritchard for the Senate and aided in his election. It is now becoming apparent that Mr. Pritchard will not be able to fulfill his contract, whatever it may have been, and that the reorganization of the next Senate will be the result of a compromise between the Republicans and the Democrats, which will ignore the Populists entirely, and will make it impossible for Mr. Pritchard to keep any promises he may have made to the Fusionists of his State. So far as can be ascertained there seems to have been some agreement among the Eastern Republican Senators by which the Populists were to be engaged as allies for the purpose of organization, if for nothing else, but the Western Republican members will not consider the proposition at all and it will therefore be dropped.

"Some of the Republicans, however, are not entirely without hope that they may be able to organize the Senate without making any concessions to the Populists, and in doing so they expect to be aided by Senator Jones, of Nevada, and probably by Senator Marion Butler, the Populist from North Carolina. If these two men voluntarily go into the Republican caucus and agree to abide by its action, the Republicans will have a majority of the members.

"One of the Republican silver Senators said to day that Senator Jones is about tired of playing Populist and will probably get back into the party lines just as soon as possible, for the simple reason that he can do more for silver by acting with the other silver Republican Senators than he can while affiliating with the Populists. His re-election to the Senate according to Republican statements is also said to depend upon his renewal of party allegiance. The hope that Mr. Butler will vote with the Republicans is based upon the supposition that the fusionists expect to preserve their present organization in North Carolina, and they can do this better if the representatives of the two factions that compose the party act together in all legislative matters. For this reason it is said Senator Pritchard is relied upon to bring Butler into the Republican party, and the latter's acquiescence in the scheme is taken for granted because it may reasonably be expected that he can secure more for himself and his followers in the next Congress through affiliation with the Republicans than he can by maintaining an independent attitude. The success of this plan is dependent, however, upon so many contingencies that its success is very doubtful.

"Mr. Butler has repeatedly declared that he will not join either of the old organizations in the Senate, while Senator Jones is not likely to assist his former political associates, unless they are willing to promise him some concessions to silver. Nor have the Republicans elected the Senators from Utah, and though they will probably do so, the recent experiences of the Delaware Legislature shows that the votes of Senators can not be counted upon until the Senators themselves have been elected. In the meantime there are indications of a storm within the ranks of the fusion party in North Carolina that may separate the Senators from that State very effectually. The Republican followers of Pritchard are said to be indignant over the promises he is said to have made to Major Grant, because they regard Grant as a friend of Butler, and think that the patronage which the Republicans should receive is being monopolized by the Populist wing of the coalition.

"The question of presidential candidates is also said to be cutting some figure in the dispute. Congressman Settle is working hard to secure the North Carolina delegation for Reed, while Pritchard wants to see McKinley nominated. "As a result of this difference of sentiment it is said that Settle will oppose Pritchard's re-election to the Senate."

Gen. A. J. Warren, president of the Bi-Metallic League of the United States, is here. He sees no hope for silver in the accession of Lord Salisbury to power in England.

"To the extent that the leaders of the Conservative party are bi-metallists, the triumph of that party is, of course, gratifying. But I do not expect that triumph to affect the attitude of England on the money question. The Salisbury government, I predict, will not differ materially on that question from the Rosebery government. It is the same old England. She is the great creditor nation, and gold serves her present interest and purposes far too well for us on this side the water to expect her either to propose a change of standard or sincerely to encourage that proposition as coming from others. When money is involved there is a

power in England greater than any one of her statesmen and his individual views. This is a fact that many friends of silver in this country have yet to recognize. But the fact exists all the same, and we shall probably have a demonstration of it now that will illuminate the subject for everybody that may be sincerely considering it. The fight for silver, if won at all, must be won not only without England's aid, but practically against England's stubborn opposition, even with a bimetalist at the head of the English government."

"But it is claimed that silver is losing ground in this country," it was suggested. "I know it is," was the reply. "But you see that claim was made only by eastern newspapers. It is not true. I am just back from the sections where the fight for silver is being waged, and where in the end it will be won, and you may quote me as saying that the people are either going over to the gold side of the question or becoming indifferent to silver. The people, indeed, were never before so much interested in silver as they are at the present. There may not be the excitement growing out of public meetings and conventions that existed in the spring, but there has been no abatement whatever of that interest which betokens an organized purpose and upon which you may rely for good results at the polls."

Ex Representative De Forrest, of Connecticut, who is in the city, says that the return of good times has made Democratic prospects bright in his State, and he confidently predicts that if conditions continue to improve the Democrats will win in 1896. Asked about who would be the Democratic candidate, he said:

"That is hard to say. If the silver agitation has died out by that time that will affect the nomination. The issue of the hour will go a long way toward determining the candidate. But if the campaign is made on the financial question, if the issue is still currency, there is but one candidate for the Democratic party. If the fight for sound money has got to be made in the campaign of '96 Mr. Cleveland is bound to be our candidate."

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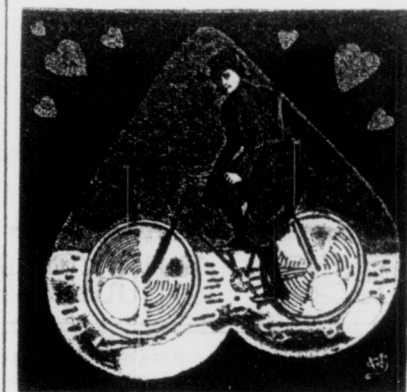
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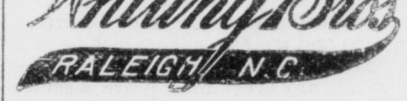
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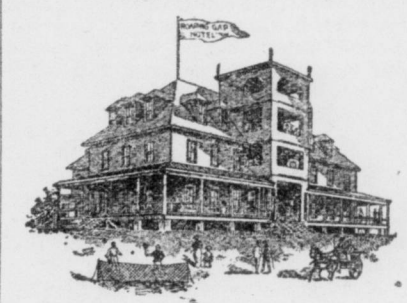
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