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THERE is trouble in the Republican ranks in this State. After suffering the most disastrous defeat any party has ever experienced in this State it does seem as if the Republican party is in especially hard luck now to have a serious rupture threatened among their leaders. And yet such is their dismal plight.

President Roosevelt has most emphatically declared his disapproval of the attempt in Alabama and North Carolina to organize a "lily white" Republican party. He condemns the course of Senator Pritchard in excluding colored Republicans from any participation in the affairs of the party. He condemns their exclusion from Republican conventions and their ungrateful illtreatment. He has most emphatically notified the Republican leaders in Alabama and North Carolina that they must change their treatment of the colored Republicans, whom he considers are just as good as the white Republicans and are entitled to the same treatment.

The reason why the President has done this is because of the colored voters in certain Northern States, where they hold the balance of power and can control the election. He is afraid that they will resent the illtreatment of their Southern brethren by voting the Democratic ticket. If they should, they would carry enough Northern States for the Democrats to elect a President in 1904. This they could easily do, and this the President is afraid they will do unless he stops the ungrateful illtreatment of the Southern colored Republicans.

It is said that there is a decided difference of opinion among the Republican leaders in this State as to what course they shall pursue. Some are in favor of going ahead with the organization of a "lily white" party and excluding the negroes from any participation in the party's counsels. Others, however, are afraid to oppose the President's policy and are willing to take back the colored brother into full fellowship again. What will be the result of this division or which side will prevail, only the future can determine.

EVERY Democratic member-elect of the next Legislature is no doubt receiving numerous letters from applicants for positions in the Legislature. At the opening of every Legislature there is a swarm of eager applicants at Raleigh, and of course the bulk of them are disappointed, for there are never enough places to go around. Most of the applicants are meritorious and deserve to get the places applied for. They are generally men who have worked hard for the party and need what little they can get. We wish all could get the reward they deserve, but that is impossible and the majority are doomed to disappointment.

The truth is that every Legislature has more employees than are actually needed. Scarcely for eager applicants induces many members of the Legislature to insist on the employment of more men than are needed. It might be well for the next Legislature to institute a reform in this respect and only have employees who are actually necessary.

WITH the passing away of the Populist party in North Carolina there will now be less bitterness in politics. Indeed there has been much less ever since that party became powerless. There was certainly much less in the late campaign than there had been since the organization of that party in 1892.

The members of no political party have ever been so bitter and intolerant as were the Populists. In many counties they went so far as to refuse to pay their preachers who might differ with them in politics. This bitterness and intolerance was caused by the demagogical appeals of their scheming and selfish leaders, whose influence was most baneful. Those leaders were pestiferous agitators, who appealed only to prejudice and whose only object was their own personal advancement. And it was passing strange what an influence such selfish demagogues for a while had over good honest men!

Washington Letter.

(Correspondence of the Record.)

Washington, Nov. 19, 1902.

The congressional forces are rapidly lining up for what promises to be one of the liveliest and most interesting short sessions held in recent years. The Republicans have good working majorities in both houses of Congress and there is nothing to prevent them from having their own way, except the fact that the party is split into several factions and that the two important branches, the tariff revision branch and that section which regards the Dingley bill as sacred and "inspired," are as far apart as the antipodes.

In addition to the tariff question there is the great "trust problem" which the President would meet with a law under the provisions of which the Attorney General could, when he saw fit, bring action against any trust. Even this moderate exercise of the powers of the government will be opposed, however, by a large number of Republican statesmen who owe their political being to the very corporations against which the law might properly be made to operate, and it would be outrage to some of these men to compel them to answer to a Republican District in 1904.

Another factor which promises to contribute largely to the interest of the coming session is the senatorial contest. As the time for the meeting of the legislatures that are to choose Senators approaches Representative Dalzell is pressing many supporters in the field. Representative Babcock, who claims that the Republican victory in the west was gained on the positive promise that the tariff would be revised, expects to join the contest of the western delegations who recognize tariff revision as the primary element which can save them from utter defeat two years hence. Representative Cannon, of Illinois, whose position on the tariff is not well defined, is making a strong fight on his own account and hopes to be the compromise candidate. A report has reached Washington to the effect that he has entered a combination with Congressmen Representative Hepburn, Lacey and prominent Senator Hanna to sidetrack Senator Cullom in order that the Illinois patronage, for the report is that Senator Cullom, who does not depend like his friend Cannon upon the tariff, cannot be treated.

Secretary Wilson said that the position of the western delegations, which is back of the movement for Cannon, is based upon the fact that they are opposed to Cullom because of his attitude on the great conflict between the Illinois Senator and the President over the Illinois patronage, but the report is that Senator Cullom, who does not depend like his friend Cannon upon the tariff, cannot be treated.

When Senator Platt, the veteran leader, was in Washington this week he was asked if it was true that the Republicans had allowed time to postpone revising the tariff in the west was responsible for the attitude of the Platt contingent. Senator Platt said he had not heard that the Republicans had made any promise to the Dingley bill, but he thought it was quite natural that the people who had voted for the tariff should be disappointed if it was not revised at the present session of Congress. Another reason assigned for the Hanna-Cannon-Newlands bolt. He remembers that the same bill saved Nevada to the Democratic column. He recalled that they used a letter written by Mr. Newlands in behalf of the bill. The Senator is most positive in his assertion that, in view of the feeling of the people, even at this late date, the tariff question may be expected to play an important part in the coming congressional campaign.

The [illegible] session promises to be a lively one in the House. It is likely that the resolution of the Republicans will be considered by the Republicans early in the session. It is reported that the measure will be supported in with the majority of the House, but its adoption is not certain. It is based upon the assertion that the Democratic minority in Congress represents a people who have forgotten about it, believes another election takes place and the people have had sufficient time to forget the incidents of the most strong.

In addition to the approaching session being likely to be a political one, it promises to be a social one. Congressmen are using their influence to secure tickets for their friends. The President announced the first state dinner for Dec. 10, but there will be more than usual.

Postmasters Appointed.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, Nov. 17. Dr. Felix postmaster at Pilot, vice W. Scott Cove, and Samuel Spencer, postmaster at Dana, have been indicted on the charge of making false returns to the auditor of the Postoffice department in their statements as to the cancellation of stamps.

Accidentally Shot His Friend.

Asheville, Nov. 17.—William McKee, night watchman at the William Whittaen textile plant on the French Broad river, five miles from Asheville, was accidentally shot and instantly killed last night by William Bearwood, a young Englishman. The men were examining McKee's revolver. McKee went out of the room and before he returned loaded the pistol. When he came back he said nothing. Bearwood was again talking to the revolver and took it in his hand to hold the trigger. A sharp crack followed and McKee fell, shot through the heart. The gang hands [illegible] the news.

Locomotive Explode.

Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 17. A disastrous railroad accident occurred here this afternoon at the crossing on the road with west of the Seaboard Air Line depot. The Conductor [illegible] was detached and sent back about in the crossing the engineer [illegible] Fireman Gibbs [illegible] Conductor [illegible] was on the engine and were [illegible] injured. All injured men are now at the Silver Cross Hospital.

Saved the Board After.

The result of an attempt of a man to commit suicide in a grave dug over the remains of a woman in the cemetery of St. Joseph's Catholic church on Washington street caused intense excitement in this city yesterday. It appears from reports in the afternoon papers of Baltimore to-day.

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