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TO DEFEAT DEMOCRATS

POPULISTS A THORN IN THE SIDE OF THE PARTY.

They Will Try to Defeat the Election of Several Democratic Senators, So As to Hold the Balance of Power in the United States Senate If Possible.

HELENA, Mon., Jan. 9.—Within the past 24 hours three Populists in the Legislature have received instructions from the leaders of the party, presumably from Washington, not to vote for a Democrat for United States senator. It is also stated that the Populists in Wyoming and California have received the same instructions with a view to preventing the Democrats from securing an absolute majority in the Senate.

The Populists hope to get into a position to force the Democrats into promising some radical silver legislation. It is known that two of the Montana Populists intend to obey the request which has come from the east, but the third, Beecher, has made no promises, and because he is in position to elect a Democrat, a great deal of worry is felt as to his attitude. He walked out of the House with the Democrats last Tuesday and has more than once said that he would vote for a Democrat for Senator.

Republicans are hard at work trying to get him to promise to be neutral, at least for the first few ballots, but he keeps his own counsel.

Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., January 9.—The political pot is beginning to boil most vigorously. A deal is being talked of between the Populists and Republicans, to elect DeForrest Richards, Republican, to the Senate. Another combination, which, it is claimed, has been made, is that of Republicans and some Democrats and Populists for G. W. Baxter, Democrat. Carr, of Evanston, has a small boom, as have Halliday of Laramee, and Bock. Cadendall appears to do the most work and the people who know his ability as a politician put much confidence in him. It is settled beyond question that the Populists and Democrats will organize the Legislature. Whether they will continue together remains to be seen.

Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 9.—The Populists leaders at a caucus held last night, decided that the Populist support in the contest for a Senator, should be given to Middle, a Third party man, and that Judge John Martin, was not an available candidate. Martin has been looked upon heretofore as a possible fusion candidate, he having been responsible for effecting a fusion between the Populists and the Democrats.

The Democrats are very much put out over the action of the Populists caucus, and the chances are that five members of the Legislature who hold the balance of power will stand firm for a compromise candidate.

North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 9.—Private despatches from Washington announce that ex-Governor Ordway has concluded not to make a fight for the Senatorship. One of his friends in the Legislature made a canvass and discovered that he could not secure more than six votes. Smith of Fargo has gone home, but it is announced that he will return today.

The friends of Casey are jubilant and announce that they have twenty-five votes pledged and that the senator will certainly be nominated in the caucus. It is not believed, however, that there will be any caucus. Only the supporters of Casey want a caucus.

In Texas.

ATSTIN, Tex., Jan. 9.—The race for United States Senator is assuming a very interesting aspect. John Ireland has been in the city for a week and it is known he is after the place. Speculation is rife as to whom Hogg will assist. Hogg has great influence with the present Legislature and as he is against Mills it may be safely said that he will do all in his power to compass his defeat, but Hogg is almost in duty bound to support Terrell for the position. Hogg has spent the greater part of the last two months with Terrell on his farm south of Austin. If Hogg does not run himself, which is doubtful, he will probably assist Terrell. Mills' friends hope to have two caudidates to fight, which will assure Mills' election.

MURPHY'S PLEDGE.

If Elected He Will Stand up For Grover, Sure.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Richard Croker, according to a report, has within the last two days personally assured President-elect Cleveland that, should Edward Murphy, jr., be chosen to the Senate, he would in no way embarrass the administration. On the contrary, he would seek to co-operate with Mr. Cleveland in every way possible to make his administration harmonious and successful.

Croker was said to have personally carried Murphy's pledge to this effect to Mr. Cleveland. What the reply of the President-elect was could not be ascertained.

Kenna Is All Right.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Senator Kenna continues to improve.

FROM SHELBY.

—Shelby Review: The public spirited citizens of Cherryville are organizing a joint stock company to erect a large academy building. —There were 400 less mortgages filed in this county last year, than in 1891.——Mrs. Arti Hardin, aged 80 years, was burned to death at her home near Union Camp Ground, Sunday night.——W. O. Ware & Son, of Kings Mountain, who own one of the largest and finest merchant milling plants in this section of the State, are preparing to put in roller flouring machinery.——Maj. H. F. Schenck telephones us that while Burt Eaves and his wife, who live near Cleveland Mills No. 2, were away from home Wednesday, the clothing of one of their children caught fire, and set fire to the house. The house was burned down and the child was so badly burned that it will die.

J. W. HYAMS.

Who He is and His Unknown Backers.

JOHNSON CITY, Jan. 9.—J. W. Hyams, who is generally held responsible for the fabrication and publication of the highly colored and sensational statements which have been sent out from Johnson City, is not a relative of Joe Mulhattan, but a son of W. S. Hyams, clerk of the Mitchell county superior court. He is about twenty-five years of age, was born and reared in Bakersville, and his journalistic career has been limited to his present meteoric experience. He came to this city one week ago yesterday and endeavored to secure employment on the Daily Comet, where his brother is a compositor, but without success.

The preponderance of opinion favors the theory that the story has originated solely as a speculation and was worked in collusion with the representative at Marion, N. C., from which point the stories of a most astounding and gory character were sent to various metropolitan papers. Hyams gives as his authority for his production two persons whom nobody else knows or has heard of.

It has been said that J. W. Hyams, from whose mind emanated the Bakersville story, one of the greatest fakes of modern times, was a student of Bingham school last year. A telephonic inquiry this morning elicited the reply from Maj. Bingham that there was a young man of the name of Hyams at the school last year, but his initials were not those of the Bakersville freak.

SNOW ON CRAGGY.

Auditor-Elect Furman Brings News of the Beautiful.

Auditor-elect Robert M. Furman returned from Raleigh yesterday afternoon, where he had been during the organization of the Legislature. Mr. Furman says that he noticed from the car window as he came over that the Craggy range of mountains appeared to be a perfect bank of snow, it being impossible to see a sign of a tree on the entire range. It is suggested that some one of Asheville's artists go to Cooper's and from points near there get views of the beautiful sight afforded by the mountains.

Mr. Furman will remain here until the 15th or 16th, when he will leave for Raleigh with his family, arriving there in time for the inauguration on the 18th.

ASHEVILLE CLUB.

A Pleasant Reception at the Club Rooms Saturday Evening.

The annual reception of the Asheville club was held in the club's rooms on South Main street Saturday evening. About seventy members and invited friends attended the reception and enjoyed a bounteous supper. The whole affair was characteristic of the organization and was immensely enjoyed by all present.

At the annual meeting held during the evening the officers chosen at the time of the club's reorganization recently were re-elected.

ALL THE GIRLS SAVED.

Fire in New York City Causes a Loss of $250,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The fire which broke out at 7:45 this morning totally destroyed the six-story building, 43 to 47 Elizabeth street. It was occupied on the first floors by Frederick Doll & Co., furniture dealers, and by Berliner, Strauss & Danzer, and Alman, Sumner & Co., neckwear manufacturers. Loss, $250,000. About three hundred persons, principally girls, were employed in the factories, but all escaped harmless.

WASHINGTON'S WILL.

The Safe Containing it Broken Into.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Last night burglars entered the County Court clerk's office at Fairfax Court House, Virginia. They blew open the safe, leaving its contents, consisting of the records, strewn all over the floor and partially burned. The will of George Washington, father of his country, was deposited in the safe, but the document was found undisturbed when the clerk came to the office.

Keep the Fair Open on Sunday.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 6.—A joint resolution was introduced in the senate this morning asking the Illinois Congressmen to have the World's Fair legislation so modified that the exposition may be kept open on Sunday.

Charleston Physician Dead.

CHARLETTON, S. C., Jan. 9.—Dr. J. P. Chaseal, one of the most prominent physicians of Charleston, died suddenly at his residence here last night, aged 70 years.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Eleven inches of snow fell in New York Friday.

Mrs. Langtry is rapidly recovering and expects shortly to be able to start on a trip on her yacht, the White Ladye.

Fierce storms, accompanied by heavy snow and intense cold, are doing immense damage to life and property everywhere, both in this country and in Europe.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says that almost a riot was caused in Nankin recently by missionaries providing a Chinese boy with a glass eye to take the place of one he had lost.

It is said at Cincinnati that one result of the Smith heresy trial is a practical boycott of Lane Seminary, in which Dr. Smith is a teacher. Figures show that it now costs about $12,000 to graduate one pupil.

Maurice Bernhardt, son of the actress, Sarah Bernhardt, has challenged the editor of the periodical Vie Parisienne, on account of the publication of an article which, Maurice asserts, reflects slanderously upon his mother.

President James A. Leech of the City National Bank of Louisville, announced that William Pope, the defaulting teller of the bank, has been captured in Starke, Florida. Pope absconded nearly three years ago, taking with him about $70,000 of the bank's money. The man captured was not Pope, however, a Jacksonville, Fla., telegram says.

THE SHERMAN SILVER BILL

ARGUMENT IN THE SENATE TO REPEAL IT.

The First Move to Carry Out the Pledges of the Democratic Platform Begun—The Law Denounced as a Cowardly Makeshift.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—In the Senate, at the close of the routine morning business, the joint resolution, introduced December 21 by Mr. McPherson, authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend all purchases of silver bullion under the act of July 14, 1890, was taken up and Mr. McPherson addressed the Senate, taking for his text (which he sent to the clerk's desk and had read) the plank in the last Democratic National convention denouncing the Sherman bill as a cowardly makeshift and declaring that it must be repealed.

In the House today the District of Columbia appropriation bill occupied the earlier hour. It passed.

Interest in the proceedings of Congress this week centres in the prospective treatment of the anti-options bill in the Senate. The bill is now in a critical position, and it is the judgment of a large number of Senators that it must be passed within a few days or must give way to other matters, as the patience of the Senate is well nigh exhausted.

CAUSED AN UPROAR.

Chaplain Peck's Petition in the Colorado House.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 6.—The Senate is still unorganized, three days having been spent in fruitless balloting. Dean Peck's prayer in the House caused an uproar that shook the building. He said:

"We shall pray especially for the majority of this House. We hope that they will be better than the last Legislature, or else that they may not have a majority of one. We are told to pray for our enemies, and we do so, so far as they need our prayers, and we hope all party lines may be covered up; and we pray for the Populists and Democrats, and we hope that they will be resigned to their fate. We thank God for allowing us to live in this country, and we hope now that all the offices are filled there will be harmony. May God bless us all."—N. Y. Sun.

THE CENTRAL OF GEORGIA.

An Attachment Issued Against Its Property.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—F. W. Huiderkoper, and Reuben Foster, receivers of the Richmond and Danville railroad, have obtained from Judge O'Brien of the Supreme court an attachment against the property of the Central Railroad and Banking company of Georgia, in a suit to recover $1,213,405 for money laid out and expended for the use of the Central railroad in discharging accrued interest of the defendant's mortgage bonds and in paying other debts of the defendant between December 1891 and April 1892.

BLAINE WAS NEAR TO DEATH.

But He Has Rallied and May Live Some Time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Mr. Blaine has rallied in a remarkable fashion, and the physicians report him this morning as "resting easily." Yesterday all day his death was looked for momentarily. Today his end seems indefinitely postponed.

Tumble in Beer in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—Every time a man threw a nickel on a St. Louis bar today he got four beers. The saloon keepers said they would meet the liberality of the breweries in the matter of "war prices" and go them a little better. The breweries made no further reduction in prices today, but a big cut is looked for soon.

LIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

—There is talk of another bank being started at Winston by the retiring stockholders of the First National.

—The Rocky Mount Argonaut office was totally destroyed by fire Thursday night. The presses were saved, though in a somewhat damaged condition.

—Mr. A. C. Branch, who died at his home in Wilson, Wednesday, left an estate worth $400,000, of which has been made in legitimate trade since 1872.

—It is whispered around among North Carolinians at the Washington hotels that Mr. Koonce, who ran for Congress against Representative Grady, has about made up his mind to make a contest for the seat.

—Gastonia Gazette: Last Saturday a colored boy gave to Wade Millen, 12 years of age, a torpedo which Wade went to beating with a stone. It exploded and drove a fragment of the tin into his neck, severing the windpipe and the jugular vein. He died in a few minutes.

—The State Board of Health will meet in special session in Raleigh on Tuesday, January 24, to consider particularly our present health laws, with a view to amendment by the General Assembly, and the threatened invasion of Asiatic cholera, which is regarded as more than probable next spring or summer.

—Shelby Aurora: Mr. R. R. Haynee, a successful merchant near Henrietta, has moved to Charlotte, his future home. He began life with limited resources, but is today worth $50,000. He owns thirty-five houses and lots which he rents to the operatives at Henrietta, much real estate and stock in Henrietta mills.

—On Jan 3rd, Ronda Academy, Ronda, Wilkes county, was totally destroyed by fire; cause, defective flue. The piano was the only thing saved. Cost of academy, $2,500. Prof. G. P. Harrill, the principal, will spend the next thirty days in raising money in North Carolina and elsewhere to aid in rebuilding the academy.

—Congressman elect-Settle, of the Fifth district, in speaking of the contest on the part of Captain Williams, said he looked upon the matter with supreme indifference because he would be allowed the same amount, $2,000, by the government to defend the case as would Williams in the prosecution. This amount, says Settle, would aid him wonderfully in getting the district organized for a political battle two years hence.