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ratic aid in electing a senator. DOMESTIC and the mother superior and of the nuns are thought to have in the flames-There is talk l between Colonel Loud, of Sa-, and W. J. Holden, of Chicago ng out of a quarrel over immigration colonies in Georgia from the northwest -- At Woodville, Tex., a negro on trial for assassination is being protected by a company of state free but free negroes.' In short, when troops-The New York legislature he did not keep slient he ridiculed and convenes-The opposition to the Cuthe senate-The Omaha Savings bank, which suspended Saturday, gives bond to pay creditors in full in fou.' wounded by a boiler explosion near Sistersville W. Va-Governor Altgeld of Illinois, yesterday pardoned nineteen ous criminal John McGrath, the terror next March. The editor stated that he of the Chicago police; he also commut- had a letter from Senator Pritchard on ed the seniences of the Meadowcrafts, this question and that he was stating convicted of receiving deposits in their his position. bank after knowing it was bankrupt -Mr. Palmer, of the Cuban junta in position by the state committees of New York, receives a letter from Ger, both the populist and the republican eral Lacret, whom the Spaniards claim parties last summer and that ie why to have killed some time ago-Ku- there was no co-operation on senator Perry county, Kentucky; he opens fire

on them, killing one and wounding another-The postmaster at Norfolk, Va., is found to be a defaulter and one. of his bondsmen is made postmaster temporarily-The free silverites of Nebraska hold a convention and are addressed by Hon. W. J. Bryan-Arthur B. Jack, of Virginia, who has been with the Cuban insurgents, returns to his home; he says the Cubans are in good condition; they need artillery: Maceo is surely dead; Spaniards practice fearful cruelties on the Cu-N. Y., for New England-Near Pickens, S. C., the son and daughter of

number of witnesses are summoned to testify against the Three Friends in the libel suit in the federal court, including eight newspaper men-The house ways and means committee take up the wool schedule and hear arguments from producers and importers croller Eckles gives the Manufacturers' Record a statement showing the healthy condition of the banks cours in South Carolina-The Columbian iron works, of Baltimore launched their third torpedo boat built for our navy-The man Jack who turns up in Baltimore as from Cuba, is an imposter, having just been turned out of a Florida prison-The inventor of the rotary engine sells the right for the United States for \$3,100,-

Gladstone unveils the memorial window to Armenian martyrs in the Hawardin church-The bubonic plague is on the increase in India.

FOREIGN.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Norfolk's Postmaster Found to be a Defaulter One of His Bondsmen Acting as Postmaster Temporarily.

Norfolk, Va., January 6 .- During the past week, Postoffice Inspector Clumm has been engaged in examning the books of the Norfolk postoffice The by the announcement that he had discovered that W. W. Degge, the postmaster, was short in his accounts to the Wakefield, Thirty-first district. House extent of \$5,840, and that Mr. H. H. H. E. Hodges, Beaufort; C. J. Yar-Trice, one of his bondsmen had been borough, Caswell: T. H. Rountree, ality and furnish full information remade temporary postmaster, with ex- Gates; W. R. Dixon, Greene; Frank Postmaster James W. Long assistant, Brown, Jones; R. L. Abernathy, Linthe latter succeding General E. M. Hen- coln; C. C. Fagan, Martin; C. M. Babry. General Henry's accounts are all bit, Pamlico; J. D. Parker, Perquimans;

age and Mr. Degge gave them a mort-ments but fourteen of the sixteen state The inspector says that only the post- they did not authorize any such statemaster is involved. He says that he ment. Most of this number were emhas never discovered in six years ex- phatic, they would abide by the action Degge took every cent possible. Degge's of the people's party caucus. Two condsmen agree not to prosecute him would make no denial of the chargeand they say they do not desire the Senator Hardison, of Craven, and Sen-

this morning fire broke out in the chap- course, infant Jesus, setting fire to the graper-ies and floral ornamentations, and in an instant the whole was a mass of Pritcherd was indersed last night Men flames. The alarm was given by a sacristy nun, but the fire spread with such rapidity that nothing could be done to save the building. Seven nuns were smothered in the smoke. Another Senator Pritchard denies that he even tinguish the fire. The convent and school are a mass of ruins. The total pupils had gone home.

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SENATOR BUTLER'S VICIOUS AT-TACK ON PRITCHARD.

Butler Opposed to Another Populist Senator-Three Republican Members Oppose Pritchard-Pritchard's Denial of Ever Opposing Free Silver-Butler Contradicts H. L. Grant-Butler Wants No D-mocratic Aid in the Senstorship

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., January 6.-Senator Butler this afternoon sprung a surprise on the republicans. It causes a big sensation. He says Pritchard does not

win. Butler's editorial is as follows:

"In nearly every speech in the last ampaign Senator Pritchard gave the public to understand that he had changed his views. He is reported, not only by the newspapers, but by those who heard him speak to have used expressions like the following: 'I have changed my mind about the free and of 16 to 1. I now think it would '- disastrous. I favor it if we can get it by nternational agreement. I stand flatfooted on every plank in the St. Louis platform-financial plank and all. Again he is reported in a speech in Metropolitan hall, Raleigh, to have used the following language: 'Free silver people want free whiskey, free trade and free silver and everything belittled free silver, which is only one of the first steps to financial reform. country who expresses such views? Besides, the leading republican paper that Senator Pritchard had changed the sound money platform of the national republican party; but that he would vote for free silver till the 4th of

"The above was understood to be his would give us the governor, but our state committee by unanimous vote refused to support Senator Pritchard or any man holding such views even in return for governor. So the two committee co-operated as far as they could and let each party put up its own candidate for the senate. It is now reported that Senator Pritchard is ready to change his position again, Colonel Skinner has a letter from him which he is showing to some of the members of This means that Senator Pritchard puts tariff and 'other matters over and above the financial question. When a rider is put on any bill a cording to whether he thinks it of more or less importance than the other ques-

afford to vote for Senator Pritchard, occupying this position, even if he had not changed last summer. In the sec vote for a man for senator who has flopped around as he has, no matter what he pledges now. The people's of the south-A mysterious lynching party has vigorously and justly confinancial question. There are dozens of prominent men whose course and changing positions have been what his has and every populist in the state has condemned their course as unreliable and unsafe. No populist can maintain himself or his party unless he takes the Any populist who is satisfied with his course need never to have joined the people's party, because he would have been at home in either of the old par-

> "We warn each populist who believes in his principles and loves his party their homes, after having obtained to consider these matters before he proper certificates and passes. In all makes the fatal blunder-a blunder that will be fatal to his party if his party is held responsible for his acts.

"The list of those populists who are reported as ready to vote Pritchard is as follows: Senate-J. F. Newsome, First district; J. M. Early, Third "1"trict; G. L. Hardison, Eight district; George H. Cannon, Tenth district; R. H. W. Barber, Twenty-ninth district; E. F.

not making public Mr. Degge's defalca- J. J. White, Randolph. In the brief time we have had to interview these we The sureties made good the short- are unable to give their exact state-

government to do so. One of the sure-government to do so. One of the sure-ties said that he hoped Degge would be was a slander on the people's party. three others of the rebels were killed and seven were wounded. The garri-Degge says he cannot explain the We regret exceedingly that there is any and seven were wounded. The garrishortage, except on the ground of negli- truth whatever in it. A resolution The trial of the case of Louis Somewas passed by the joint populist caucus | illan, the natur and never gamples. He lives induestry and it is a mystery to his friends what last right that every member would zen who was arrested some time ago and it is a mystery to his friends what last right that every member would on the charge of being a rebel and conhe has done with the money. He has abide by the caucus action. Certainly spiring against the Spanish governa young wife and two children. He any one who did not intend to abide by is 33 years o age. He was appointed by Mr. Cleveland in April 1894. Both Trice and Long, who now occupy the and would have withdrawn then. But charge brought against Somellian is Trice and Long, who now occupy the positions of postmaster and assistant, temporarily, are republicans in politics.

Skinner is using every effort to get members to bolt. If his purpose is to members to bolt. If his purpose is to disrupt and split the party no true poparal sentenced to imprisonment for life, will appear as counsel for Someillan.

Robeval. Que. January 6.—At 6 o'clock ulist will help him, but will condemn his colored for life, will appear as counsel for Someillan. Colored Fondeivela, commanding at course."

el of the convent here, caused by a Three republicans-Dockery, Brower lighted candle near the cradle of the and E. V. Cox-are men whom Pritch-

Senator Pritchard denies that he ever were smothered in the smoke. Another mun was badly burned in trying to exspeeches last year. He and Harry tonight in the Spanish casino, at which, school are a mass of ruins. The total loss is \$75,000 with about \$12,000 insurance. The school was closed on account of the holidays and most of the cus is intact. Skinner said that of the and their regret at the attacks of the

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST. other men named will actively, earnestly and honorably support Pritchard and that the latter's re-election is certain. Republicans are worried about Skinner's much talking and think it

At the populist caucus tonight it was decided that A. L. Swinson, of Golds- The Two Houses Meet in Their Bespective brought many farmers and manufacboro, should be enrolling clerk of the legislature, and Brown, of Oxford, was

Your correspondent tonight interviewed a large group of populists who are for Pritchard. Senator McCaskie says he is the man who called the caucus yesterday afternoon and that Hiles man had nothing to do with it. He say. Skinner did not know the caucus was being held until he was sent for. He says he is for Pritchard, but is inside the caucus and is no bolter. Representative Hodges says he does not car; for the blacklist. Fagans says he will stand by the decision of the caucus and is for Pritchard. It is said that White, Parker, Brown, Rountree, Newsom Early, Abernethy and Harris of Hyde are for Pritchard and that the latter will bolt. Some of these populists deto this senatorial business. Hardison old. was elected by the republicans. Hodges declines to say whether he will bolt or not. He is a Pritchard man. McCaskey

caucus tonight. It is learned that at the populist caucus tonight Senator Butler denied H L. Grant's statement that he favored a democrat for senator or was trying ulist support a man for the highest and to lead the populists into the demomost important legislative ofnce in the cratic camp and said a free silver republican must be elected. He evidently in the state editorially set forth the fact ators, as it might interfere with matters four years hence. Does this mean and would in future stand squarely by Mott or Dockery? This is the comment

says as matters stand tonight the

Pritchard men have the majority.

There was no test vote at the populist

The democratic caucus tonight elected a steering committee composed of Senators Parker, Abell and Justica and Representatives Nelson, Person Walters, Cunningham, Duffy and Dixon. State Chairman Manly urged that the state organization be kept in good working shape; that funds be raised and the secretary kept here. (By Southern Press.)

aleigh, N. C., January 6.-Senato statement: "Report having been circulated to the effect that the policy I clerk, J. W. Watson; engrossing clerk, have advocated with reference to the J. Buchanan election of a senator whose record on finance question is unassailable will necessitate democratic support to secure his election, or that I am in any way encouraging, seeking or countenancing support of democrats "- accomplish that result, is absolutely false and without a show of foundation in

At the populist caucus tonight, Butler and Skinner both spoke. Their speeches were conciliatory. Butler urged that the various elements of the party get in line. The senatorial matter was informaly discussed. There were no personalities. Butler never mentioned Pritchard's name, but Skinner indorsed Pritchard and said he ought to be supported. All those populists who were blacklisted today as Pritchard men are said by their friends to be ready to support him. Some say they will bolt the caucus. The populists will hold another caucus tomorrow night and will then reply to the democratic proposition regarding the senator. It is announced by the Pritchard populists that the senatorial matter will not be settled before the 15th inst. They also declare tonight that the Pritchard men have a majority in the populist caucus.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

ond place, no populist can afford to Another Stringent Order From General Weyler-Insurgents Near Havana-The Trial of Another American Citisen Havana, January 6.-Another edict

has been issued by General Weyler undemned the democratic party for its | der which all owners, managers and inconsistent and flopping course on the overseers of estates and farms in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Mantanzas shall within eight days from the date of the edict appear before the mayors of the fortified towns nearest to their homes and prove their ownership of estates or the capacity in which they are employed thereon. same stand towards Senator Pritchard. | Owners of estates will be required to show their receipts for the last taxes paid by them and statements will have to be made of the number of hands employed on each plantation. Should the mayors result in the finding of statements submitted to be correct, the persons summoned to appear will be allowed to return to cases where the authorities discover any irregularities in the statements the person subjected to examination will e obliged to remove at once to the fortified town nearest their home. At the expiration of the eight days allowed for complance with the terms of the edict persons found without credentials issued by the mayors to the towns and to proceed according to the instructions issued to them. All foreign residents of the three provinces named who are employed in agricultural or industrial pursuits, either as owners, managers or overseers, must prove their nationgarding the persons employed by them exhibiting their police documents. All livestock found roaming the country will be seized by the authorities until its ownership can be proved and all cattle owners are notified that their stock must be kept confined and that certificates of ownership must be shown to an official authorized to examine it during the passage of troops through the provinces. A party of insurgents under com-

mand of the leader, Enrique Penalver, made an attack last night upon the town of Arroyo Narajo, close to the city of Havana. They were stoutly resist-ed by the local forces, who repulsed them and prevented the sacking and

Guanabacao, has issued an order for the enforcement of the edict issued on ing a clause prohibiting the removal of objects of domestic use to this city without a special permit in writing issued twenty-four hours in advance of their removal of their r January ist by General Weyler, addtheir removal. Any person violating

sixteen populists he named as for Pritchard there are only three who ever equivocate and that he has five more ready to take their places. He says

THE STATE LEGISLATURE!

THE POPULIST-REPUBLICAN LEG-ISLATURE CONVENES.

Halls and Organize-Hileman Elected turers to the ways and means commit-Speaker of the House-The Two Bodies Elect Their Other Officers-The Governor Notified of the Bodies Being Ready for

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., January 6 .- At noon, Satterfield, principal clerk of the last house, called the house to order. It is a good looking body. Rev. Dr. Levi Branson offered the opening prayer and prayed that laws to prevent intemerance might be enacted. Reading Clerk Stanford, of the last

house, called the roll of the members. These came forward in "blocks of five" and were sworn in by Associate Justice Montgomery. The thirty democrats sit on the speaker's left, all together in a section. Four of them were in the last legislature-Nelson, McKenzie, Gallop and Duffy. The youngest member is clare that the caucus has no power as | Ferguson, of Haywood, who is 24 years

> There are eight colored members, two each from Edgecombe and Halifax and one each from Granville, Northampton, Wake and Vance. Schulken nominated Hellman for

speaker. Charles E. Cook seconded the nomination on behalf of the republi-Dr. B. F. Dixon placed John S. Cun-

ningham in nomination. Nelson seconded the nomination of Cunningham and said he was a typical free silver, income tax and anti-trust man. The republicans smiled broadly at

hese remarks. Hancock, of Craven, seconded him. Other officers elected are principal clerk, E. O. Masten; reading clerk, F. B. Benbow; doorkeeper, D. T. House; assistant. Abe Middleton, colored; en-

grossing clerk, D. F. Scarborough, Governor Carr was notified that the house had organized and was ready for The senate was called to order at

noon by Lieutenant-Governor Doughton, to whom Senator Smathers presented the gavel. The following officers were elected: Principal clerk, Hill E. King; doorkeeper, T. N. Halliburton; doorkeeper, D. G. McCarthy; reading

The governor was notified of the organization of the senate.

Reception to the Governor-Elect. (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., January 6.-Governor-

lect Russell writes a letter to Presi-James McKee, of the Capitol Club, accepting its tender of a reception to himself, Mrs. Russell and friends, and names the evening of inauguration day, January 12th, as the

Governor Caswell's Cup. (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., January 6.-Governor Carr was presented by John D. Whit-

ford today with the cupand saucer used by Governor Richard Caswell at his inauguration 120 years ago. A Fraud Baltimore, Md., January 6.-Arthur B. Jack, a young man who has been with Gomez's army in Cuba since last May, acting as a newspaper correspondent part of the time, arrived here

last night en route to his home in Virginia. The Cuban troops, he says, have plenty of food, such as it is, consisting of meats and fruits, but their chief anxiety is about artillery, which is of great importance to them. They have an abundance of small arms and ammunition and have a good supply of dynamite, which they use very effectively in exploding mines and blowing up railroad trains. He says there is no loubt of the death of Maceo, and states that he was present when the body of that general was buried in the moun-

tains, eighty-three miles from where he was killed. Mr. Jack is impressed with the belief that the Cubans will win their struggle for freedom. They are fighting desperately, he said, and are daily receiving accessions to their numbers. In speakng of the reported cruelties of the Spanish soldiers, he said pumbers of ases came under his observation where children of insurgents had their eyes Jacksonville, Fla., January 6.-Th young man, A. B. Jack, now in Baltimore, who is quoted as saying that he had been in Gomez's camp since last was arrested in Jacksonville in October and tried and convicted on the charge of obtaining meals under false pretenses. Jack was sentenced +- sixty days confinement in the county jail and was compelled to labor on the public roads. At the expiration of his imrisonment, which was in December, Jack left Jacksonville for some northern point. He was connected also with the force of Spanish spies that infested this city in October. Instead of having returned from Cuba. Jack has just been eleased from a Florida convict camp.

Another Torpedo Boat Launched. Baltimore, January 6 .- The third of the series of torpedo boats to be built at the Columbian iron works for the United States government was launched this morning. The first was launched about three months ago and the econd about six weeks ago. The trio have not been named, but are known respectively, as torpedo boats Nos. 3 and 5. Their contract price was \$97, 500 each. The three boats, which are off the same design and size are to form parts of a fleet of sixteen sea-gostructed in ship yards in different parts comprise three 18-inch white head torpedo tubes on her upper deck, trained to fire at any angle, and three one-pound rapid-fire guns. She is estimated to be capable of a speed of twenty-four and a half knots per hour.

Would-Be Lynchers Repulsed

Lexington, Ky., January 6.—A second attempt was made yesterday morning to lynch L. C. Combs, of Perry county, Several weeks ago the ku-klux tried to do him bodily harm, but he escaped Yesterday morning they came again, forty strong. He fired on them, killing one, who was left behind, and badly

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS. Importers and Producers of Wool Hs .

and Means Committee, Washington, January 6 .- The hearing on the wool schedule of the tariff

Their Inning Before the House Ways

tee room today. The first speaker was John G. Clark of the Washington county (Pa.) Wool Growers' Association. He spoke strongly of the effects of the free wool clause of the Wilson law, which, he declared had prostrated the business in the

One hour was given to Judge Wil-liam Lawrence, the president of the National Wool Growers, Association, to present the request of that body. The statement was an exhaustive review of the wool industry under different tariff rates during the last half century. He said the Wilson law had stopped onethird of the wool growing business and closed one-half of the mills in thi The schedule asked by the Wool

Growers' Association was 12 cents a pound on all merino wools, 24 cents or washed and 36 cents in scoured Australian, unwashed wools to be consid-The wool growers desired that the "skirting" clause of the present law be dropped. If this were done, it would give employment to thousands of American wool sorters and keep \$1,000.

000 annually at home, which now went

As a plan to prevent a flood of imports pending the passage of a bill, Judge Lawrence suggested that congress pass at the present session a bili declaring that all articles imported after the first day of the first session of the fifty-fifth congress be subject to the rates of duty of any law passed by that congress, when the new rates are L. Wood made the same remark. an advance, bonds to be given by importers for such payment before goods can be withdrawn.

Mr. Theo. Justice, of Philadelphia, dealer in all grades of wool, spoke for the consumers who, he said, had been injured by free wool. He advocated igher and specific duties. G. C. Moses, of Bath, Me., an importer and manufacturer, said that if the course advocated by Mr. Lawrence was

adopted it meant death to the manufacturer and would restrict importations. He had too much confidence in prohibitory duty as suggested by Mr. Lawrence. Such a tariff would close the mills of this country and force merchants to buy their cloth abroad. He understood that the committee intended placing a specific duty on wool. He As far as wool was concerned, a specific duty could not be adjusted to operate fairly, as the conditions of wool coming from different countries differ-Delegate Catron, of New Mexico, and J. W. Smith, of Laytor, Utah, wanted specific dues on woo and one that would raise the price to about 15 cents.

CAUGHT BY THE FLOOD.

Perilous Position of Wood Choppers in the Mississippi Bottoms-Great Devastation Done-Trains Blockaded.

St. Louis, January 6.-Early this norning the steamboat B. H. Pike anded here sixty wood choppers that had been picked up from tree tops and house roofs in the low lands north of Louisiana, Mo., yesterday. Two hundred wood choppers employed by local lumber concerns were at work on that prairie lands bordering on the Mississippi lying directly north of Louisiana. The place has been studded with tents: The men and their families have camped there for the past month. The Mississippi had been rising rapidly, but no mmediate danger was expected. Early Tuesday Salt river, directly north, rose three feet, breaking over its banks and flooding the low lands Joseph Lowler, of St. Louis, a section foreman, foresaw the danger, but arrived at the wood choppers camp too late for them to escape. He was astr de a horse. Following him came the roaring of the waters. There was a rush for the point" and those fortunate enough to have cabins sought safety on the roof. The narrow strip of high land was covered with shivering hu manity. The night was well advanced Bon fires on the highlands kept the choppers from freezing until daylight when they were rescued with skiffs and rafts. The B. H. Pike picked up many of them. At Reading switch, four miles north at the mouth of Salt river, the whole land for miles around is under water The St. Louis, Keckuk and Northwestern railroad tracks were submerged There is danger of the railroad bridge

across Salt river being swept away. This morning two expeditions left Louisiana—one north and the other south—on a searching pedition for flood victims. Mayor hart leads in the movement and has started a fund to

defray expenses. Three St. Louis and San Francisco passenger trains are held near St. Clair, Mo., by a washout. One of the trains was due in St. Louis yesterday morning, another last night and the third this morning. The Frisco officials are unable to tell when they will be able to bring their trains into St Louis, but they expect to do so some time tonight. More than 900 feet of track have been

washed away by the rise of Meramad river. A large force of men have been at work day and night since the washout repairing the break, which is fifty niles from St. Louis. The Missouri river and its tributaries, the Osage and the Gasconade, are falling, as is also the Mississippi above Grafton, Ill. The Illinois and the Mississippi below Grafton are still rising.

Atlanta, Ga., January 6,-The state ailroad commission heard arguments today on the application of the railcent. cut in rates on fertilizers. This 1st. If it is allowed to stand, the roads of the country. No. 5, which was in the state will lose \$200,000 in revenue. launched today, is built of steel of the regular navy requirements, is 160 feet stand this reduction and that the eflong and 16 feet broad, with a displace- fect of it will be to take it out of the ment of 142 tons. Her armament will salaries of the employes and the train showing. It had been stated that the farmers would get the benefit of the reduction, but not a farmer has been heard from. All the testimony in favor of the reduction came from the manufacturers and the middle-men. The roads claim that the benefit to the farmers would amount to only 3 cents per acre. It is probable that the order will be rescinded with the understand-ing that all salaries will be re-ad: justed in the spring.

New North Carolina Postmasters. Washington, January 6.-The president sent to the senate the following nominations of postmasters for North Carolina: Duncan D. McIntyre Laur-inburg; Mary Green, Warrenton.

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

POLITICAL EXCITEMENT.

PLENTY OF IT AND OF ALL KINDS IN RALEIGH.

The Republican Caucus Snubbs Holton Pritchard Populists Blacklisted-Pritchard's Silver Pledge Angers Some Republicans-Resolutions of Democratic Caucus on the Senatorship-The Senatorial Contest Becoming More Exciting-The Populist Caucus-W. E. Harris Release From the Penitentiary.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., January 6. Last night there was plenty of politcal excitement. The republican caucus was in session until 1 o'clock. The anti-Holton republicans got in their work on him. It was his prerogative as state chairman to call the caucus to order, but instead of this a senator did that duty. Holton chafes under this. He was by a vote indorsed as state chairman Last spring the Pritchard people gave it out that they intended to "punish" Holton. Last night's work was part of the punishment.

The paper here today published a 'blacklist" containing the names of certain populists who yesterday were in the Pritchard populist caucus; that is pledged themselves to vote for Pritchard for senator. Yourcorrespond ent saw two of the men named at the office of Senator Butler's paper and they were denying the charge, saying Babb, who is a Pritchard populist later, said the list was all right but incomplete. Congressman Skinner and M

A republican representative says that the pledge given by Senator Pritchard in his letter to Skinner, to vote for free silver in any shape, and also for an amendment to the national banking law is raising a storm among the ultra republicans and that a dozen of them vere on the point of revolt. He further said that the giving of any such pledge might, with a little management, have been avoided.

Pritchard was in the republican caucus last night indorsed by a rising vote. He failed to get one vote, however, for Claudius Dockery, son of Hon. Oliver H. Dockery, asked to be excused duty on wool, but he objected to a Pritchard, stating that circumstances might arise which would make it im possible for him to vote for Pritchard State Chairman Manly called the democratic caucus to order last night. The caucus after a two hours' discussion unanimously adopted the follows hoped that this would not be the case. ing resolution, which it sent to the popbers of the legislature, in caucus assembled, confiding in the professions o the populist party that it earnestly advocates and desires the free coinage of both gold and silver at the present ratio and the reformation of the financial system of our country, and being sincerely desirous of the financial reform set out in the platform of the democratic party at Chicago, do declare: 1. That we invite co-operation with the populist members of the legislature to the end that a consistent, unswerv ing and earnest advocate of the free coinage of silver and opponent c trusts and combines and an advocate f an income tax be elected to the

United States senate. 2. That a committee of five, two senators and three representatives, be appointed to confer with a committee to e named by the populist party members, to arrange all details and that this committee make known at once this action to the populist caucus. 3. That should the populists favorably respond to this proposition for co operation, we pledge ourselves to abide by and perform any agreement entered nto by our ommittee,

The committee, composed of E. Abell, E. S. Parker, B. F. Dixon, J. H McKenzie and J. L. Nelson, presente the resolutions to the populist caucus. The latter caucus appointed a committee to confer with the republican caucus and the very same committee to confer with the democratic caucus. Senator Butler's paper was held back and did not appear until today. In a signed editorial he says: "The Caucasian and Senator Butler are for the election of a populist or a silver repub lican for senator whose loyalty and devotion to the cause of free silver cannot be questioned." This is a direct slap at Senator Pritchard. The republicans, who are wildly anxious to get populist votes, are today denouncing the democrats as "groveling in the dirt" in their proposal to the populists to co-operate on senator. Congressman John E. Fowler, popu list, said to me today: "I don't think the senatorial question is settled. There

are some tactics yet available to defeat Pritchard. I think we can either elect a populist to the senate or else put those who refuse to vote for him in such a hote they can't go back to their constituents," Pritchard was smiling today and the republicans declared Butler was "hack-

Senator Butler in a signed article in his paper today calls President Cleve land a "monarchist." The senator in another editorial says the editorial two weeks ago in which Tom Watson was termed a variegated fool, was written by Associate Editor Hal Ayer. He has written the latter expressing his disapproval of the editorial and saying that when he replies to Watson's letter t will be over his own signature. The Caucasian comes out strongly i support of state aid to the university Ex-State Senator J. B. Fortune, republican, who is here, is an ardent Pritchard man, and said today regard ing Harry Skinner, Pritchard's populist lieutenant: "What Skinner did yes terday means he will-go to the senate when Butler's term expires four years hence. I predicted this twelve months ago. Every republican will now get to work to elect Skinner to the senate" The number of persons seeking office at the hands of this legislature was the greatest ever known.

The alleged cruelty to a convict on a chain gang in Rowan county is to be investigated Yesterday a white man, W. E. Harris, was released from the penitentiary here. Hs was sent up for five years for stealing \$500 at Wilmington. He reof fine family who wished to screen the latter. There appears to be no ground for this idea. A fakir who was traveling with a circus here several weeks nere and Harris got this There are people who believe Harris conceals his name for other reasons. He is now circulating stories about barbarity to state convicts, a charge made once years ago, but absolutely disproved by official investigation. The populist caucus of the legisla-ture was called to order by State Chairman Ayer last night. The report in The Caucasian says: "The republi-cans gracefully conceded the important position of speaker of the house to the populists," Ambrose Hileman, of Cabarrus, being chosen speaker. Con-gressman Skinner made a talk and openly advocated the election of Pritoh-

ard as senator. He read Senator Pritchard's letter, (which wassummar. ized last night.) The Caucasian says:
"His address and the reading of the
letter were both heard without creating any comment or the slightest commotion of any kind." Mr. scoville is to have charge of the Yarboro house, it is learned.

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