

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST.

SENATOR BUTLER'S VICIOUS ATTACK ON PRITCHARD.

Butler Opposed to Another Populist Senator—Three Republican Members Oppose Pritchard—Pritchard's Denial of Ever Being a Slaveholder—Contradictions in Grant-Butler Vain Democratic Aid in the Senatorship Matter.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 6.—Senator Butler this afternoon sprang 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 campaign Senator Pritchard gave the public to understand that he had not changed his views. He is reported, not 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 unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. I now think it would be disastrous. I favor it if we can get it in international agreement. I stand flat-footed on every plank in the St. Louis platform—financial plank and all.'"

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It is learned that at the populist caucus tonight Senator Butler denied H. Grant's statement that he favored a democrat for senator or was trying to lead the populists into the democratic camp and said a free silver republican must be elected. He evidently does not wish to have two populist senators, as might interfere with matters for years hence. Does this mean Mott or Dockery? This is the common talk.

The democratic caucus tonight elected a steering committee composed of Senators Parker, Abell and Justice and Representatives Nelson, Person, Walters, Cunningham, Duffy and Dixon. The government is in a bad way. The state organization is kept in good working shape; that funds be raised and the secretary kept here.

(By Southern Press.)

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

THE POPULIST-REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE CONVENES.

The Two Houses Meet in Their Respective Halls and Organize—Hillemann Elects Speaker and House—The Two Bodies Elect Their Other Officers—The Governor Notified of the Bodies Being Ready for Business.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 6.—A noon, Saturday, 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 intemperance might be enacted.

Reading Clerk 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 legislature—Nelson, McKenzie, Hall and Duffy. The youngest member is Fenelon, of Haywood, who is 24 years old.

There are eight colored members, two each from Edgecombe and Halifax and one each from Granville, Northampton, Wake and Vance.

Schulken nominated Helman for speaker. Charles E. Cook seconded the nomination on behalf of the republicans.

Dr. B. F. Dixon placed John S. Cunningham in nomination. Nelson seconded the nomination of Cunningham and said he was a typical free silver republican.

The republicans smiled broadly at these remarks.

Hancock, of Craven, seconded him.

Other officers elected are principal clerk, E. O. Masten; reading clerk, F. B. Benbow; doorkeeper, D. H. House; assistant doorkeeper, J. H. H. House; engrossing clerk, D. F. Scarborough.

Governor Carr was notified that the house had organized and was ready for business.

The senate was called to order at noon by Lieutenant-Governor Dougherty. The senatorial caucus was held at the state organization; that funds be raised and the secretary kept here.

The following officers were elected: Principal clerk, Hill E. King; doorkeeper, T. N. Halliburton; assistant doorkeeper, D. G. McCarthy; reading clerk, J. W. Watson; engrossing clerk, J. Buchanan.

The government was notified of the organization of the senate.

Reception to the Governor-Elect.

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Raleigh, N. C., January 6.—Governor-elect Russell writes a letter to President James McKee, of the Capitol Club, accepting its tender of a reception to himself, Mrs. Russell and family, at the residence of the governor-elect, Saturday, January 12th, at the date.

Governor Caswell's Cup.

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Raleigh, N. C., January 6.—Governor Carr was presented by John D. Whitford today with the cup and saucer presented 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 August, acting as a newspaper correspondent, returned to his home in Virginia. The Cuban troops, he says, have been ordered to leave the island of Cuba and to return to their homes. He says that he has seen a large number of small arms and ammunition and has a good supply of food. He says that the Cuban troops are in a state of disorganization and are blowing up railroad tracks. He says that he has seen a large number of small arms and ammunition and has a good supply of food. He says that the Cuban troops are in a state of disorganization and are blowing up railroad tracks.

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Three republicans—Dockery, Browne and E. V. Cox—were taken from Pritchard and were taken last night. Men have been sent for to come here and try and influence Cox to support Pritchard. He is free a silver republican. Senator Pritchard denies that he ever antagonized silver or ridiculed it in speeches last year. He and Harry Skinner were in conference tonight. There was a swarm of republicans at Pritchard's room. He declares his caucus is intact. Skinner said that of the sixteen populists he named as for Pritchard there are only three who give equivocal and that he has five more ready to take their places. He says

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