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## Political Possibilities for North Carolina.

Washington Correspondence Winston Sentinel

North Carolinians can be seen putting their heads together every night in the quiet paces about the Metropolitan Hotel. Populist and Republican fusion is the principal topic, with incidental allusions to the senatorial and congressional fights.

In the first district represented by M. Branch, it is generally thought that he will be re-nominated, but that he will have to fight a fusion candidate. It is not known yet who this will be. It is not thought that Harry Skinner would run on a fusion ticket. He may run as an Independent Populist or something of that kind, although many believe that he will stump the State with a free hand, and, in case of a Republican Populist Legislature being elected, will contest for Ransom's seat against Butler.

Mr. Cicero Harris representing that great paper, the Charlotte Observer, hustles in and take a peep at the hotel register, catches off a few lines of his hieroglyphics, casts his eyes around, sizes up the whole business in a minute and out he goes. The Observer is back there by night the next day and Queen's news stand tells me that it sells more copies than any other paper south of Richmond. Sitting over to the left is Joseph Braffelt, Esq., a man who usually keeps his eyes open for pointers. But here comes John B. Hassey and he carries himself with that dignity that tries to overcome the self-consciousness that he is a snake in the grass. He receives no cordial greeting. Few North Carolinians lower themselves to speak to their betrayer. He certainly feels mean, for he has lost the once firm step and hopeful eye. Later on comes Storer, of the Richmond Dispatch, and Aseby, of the Times. Storer seems to be a Simmons man. They both interest themselves in North Carolina matters.

It seems to be pretty well decided here that it will be better for the Republicans and Populist to fuse, as far as the Democracy is concerned. However congressionally and senatorially speaking, it is tit for tat. But one thing is certain: Fusion will put Tom Settle in a hole and carry others with him.

Looking at this senatorial fight in the light of present circumstances it is generally thought here that the next legislature will have to elect two Senators. Senator Vance it is thought will resign, even if he survives the present illness. It is also believed that if Vance resigns Ransom will withdraw from the race for re-election. In that event the fight would be for two new Democratic Senators and the following names are mentioned: Ex-Governor Thomas J. Jarvis, Justice A. C. Avery, Speaker Lee S. Overman, Collector F. M. Simmons, Chief Clerk Josephus Daniels, Congressmen John S. Henderson and S. B. Alexander, Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, Hon. Chas. M. Stedman, Col. J. S. Carr, Ex-Gov. T. M. Holt. Barring the choice of the Governor and considering the power to poll votes, it is thought that the legislature would select within four men, that is if they were candidates: Jar-

vis, Avery, Daniels and Simmons. But all this is talk—talk of slate makers and slate breakers—talk of hot-heads and sap-heads. Gush! However, a few little pointers can be gained as to the result of North Carolina's in Washington putting their heads together.

## Why He Was Single.

A wealthy old bachelor of this city has recently been very much reproached and harassed by his relatives and friends because he would not marry. He recently went out to dine with a kinswoman who lives in a suburb and she, being influential with the minister of the little church which she attended, determined to have the preacher prove to her relative, who, by the way, is a religious minded man, that the scripture recommended marriage unqualifiedly.

Consequently, at church the next Sunday the preacher proceeded to prove to his own satisfaction and to that of the lady relative that marriage was ordered and ordained by God, and produced all the scriptural proof he could to sustain his position. The old bachelor in question sat near the front of the church and noted closely all that was said.

After the service his friends gathered about him and taunted him, endorsing all the preacher had said. The old bachelor called for a Bible. One was handed him and without any delay whatever he read aloud the following verses:

"I say, therefore, to the unmarried and widows. It is good for them if they abide even as I."

"Art thou loosed from a wife (i. e. unmarried) seek not a wife."

"He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord; but he that is married careth for the things of the world, how he may please his wife."

As to maidens. "He that giveth her in marriage doeth well, but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better."

For other authorities on the subject he referred them to 1st Cor. vii. He staggered the preacher and all of the good old deacons, who did not expect to find the old capitalist such a thorough student of the good book.

A Times special from Birmingham Ala., says Rev. A. S. Warner, the leading colored divine in this State, and other representative negroes, have called a convention of the race for March 21st, in this city. The convention is called in accordance with the resolution of the National colored convention held in Cincinnati last November. The object is to discuss the emigration of the race to Africa. The men who issued the call stand with Bishop Turner, who says Africa is the natural home of the negroes and the sooner they are returned there the better. General interest in the subject has cropped out in this State recently and something practical is expected from the convention, although the recent colored conference at Tuskegee decided contrary to the scheme of Bishop Turner.

There are 25,530 negro schools now in the South, where 2,250,000 negroes have learned to read, and most of them to write. In the col-

ored schools are 238,000 pupils and 20,000 negro teachers. There are 150 schools for advanced education, and 7 colleges administered by negro presidents and faculties, and of these presidents three were formerly slaves. There are 154 negro editors, 250 lawyers, 740 physicians, and there are now educating themselves in European universities 247 negroes from the South.

## Prejudice against Corn.

It is useless to shut our eyes to the fact that there is a strong prejudice against corn, which is by no means confined to Europeans. Among city people in the North corn never forms a staple article of diet. It appears on the breakfast table occasionally in the shape of bread, muffins or cakes, forming one of the side dishes which go to make up the meal. At all other times it is simply ignored. This is the real reason why production and consumption are so out of proportion. Instead of going abroad for markets, we should endeavor to create them at home.

The same prejudice against corn exists in Australia, where, however, it is partially explained by the fact that it formed the staple diet of the convicts when that land was a penal settlement. But in this country there is no such excuse for the neglect of an article of food which is not exceeded in the yield per acre by any other crop.

## Ouida.

The novelist Ouida does not, it seems, develop in real life into the personality that she is usually accredited with. "an impossible creature—half adventuress half angel and startlingly beautiful." On the contrary, she is a decidedly plain looking woman, of about fifty, "who, overdresses shockingly." She drives out on the fashionable thoroughfares of Florence every bright day, a garish picture against the turquoise blue satin of her brougham, in an orange colored batiste, much trimmed with lace and a black guipure mantilla. Her "bleached" flowing untidy hair is crowned with a broad-brimmed hat of tulle and lace. Her passion is for dogs; after that, for laces and stilettos, of which two she has a valuable collection.

The Northwest Lumberman (Chicago), says: "Evidences are accumulating that the lumber business of the entire country will, within a short time, develop new life. The general business of the country is improving, and the lumber trade will correspondingly increase its activities. Slowly but surely the industries which consume lumber are resuming operations."

The Senate has lost a full month in tariff legislation by the delay of the Senate Committee. For this action the Democratic majority of the body is fairly responsible, and it is only the truth to say that it is regarded by the country as inexcusable. —Times (Dem.)