

The Hickory Press.

PROTECTION! INDUSTRY! ENTERPRISE! PROSPERITY!

HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1896.

NUMBER 35

VOLUME 28.

MONTANA MINER'S VIEW.

Shows the 16 to 1 Proposal Would Result in Certain Ruin.

HELENA, Neb., Aug. 19.—Henry Knippberg, manager of the Hecla Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., Glendale, Mont., has written the following letter to a friend:

"MY DEAR FRIEND: Your esteemed favor of the 9th inst., is at hand. The proposition of free and independent, unlimited coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 when the commercial value is 32 to 1, is dishonest and must result in ruin. To say or claim that by legislative action you can create values is an assertion that history, experience, and common sense contradict. If the assertion be true, then the law of supply and demand is a fraud, and our world has been for 6,000 years doing business of a false basis.

If this assertion be true, then we have at last found the key that unlocks the door, and henceforth by order of Congress, signed by the President of the United States, water shall run up hill; the law of gravitation shall forever be suspended; sowing and reaping is a lie, every man shall reap without sowing; idleness and idleness shall bring plenty and happiness; reputation is honorable and integrity is a fraud.

This whole 16 to 1 question is based upon a deception. I do not know of a single nation on earth that claims that it was a nation by our action could or can make the commercial value of silver go up to \$1.25 per ounce. This assumption is patented by the silver party of the United States.

HENRY KNIPPEBERG.

NAMED FUSION ELECTORS.

Democrats Nominate a State Ticket at Pueblo.

PUEBLO, Col., Aug. 20.—Colorado Democrats expressed their choice for candidates for the several State offices today, subject to the action of a conference committee of eleven of the most prominent Democrats of the State who are to endeavor to arrange a fusion with the People's and Silver parties. The names of the candidates for the offices appointed the Democrats will be those named by the convention to-day for the positions.

On Presidential electors a fusion ticket was nominated, consisting of one Populist, one silver Republican and two Democrats. The full ticket nominated is: For Governor, Alva Adams, Pueblo, Lieutenant Governor, James M. Ellis, Denver; Secretary of State, G. H. S. Whipple, Leadville; Auditor, W. A. Rowan, Ouray; Treasurer, Olney Newell, Denver, and Attorney General, Albert L. Moses, Crede. If fusion is not effected the full ticket will stand.

At the Second District Democratic Congressional Convention this evening John C. Bell, Populist, of Montrose, was endorsed for renomination, subject to the action of a conference committee of seven, the policy pursued by the State Convention being followed.

Sue Against The Southern.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 21.—W. H. Deaver, of Asheville, brings suit against the Southern Railway to test the legality of hauling express on Sundays in North Carolina. The suit is based upon the section of The Code which provides that no railroad shall permit any cars to run on Sunday save such as are to transport United States mails, either with or without passengers, and those exclusively for live stock, fruits, vegetables and perishable freights. Sunday is construed to be between sunrise and sunset. The Southern Railway will handle no express save perishable articles on Sundays until this question is settled. The penalty is \$500 for each train in each train through which the railroad runs. It is stated that under literal construction of the act dead bodies cannot be shipped that day.

The State Liquor Dealers' Association has been in session at Fayetteville this week with a large attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Frank O'Donnell, Asheville, president; S. T. Smith, Raleigh, first vice president; T. H. Scoggins, Durham, second vice president; F. W. Ortman, Wilmington, secretary and treasurer; E. V. Denton, Raleigh, corresponding secretary.

BENT ON DUBOIS' DEFEAT.

Populists and Democrats Agree to Fuse in Idaho.

BOISE, IDAHO, Aug. 20.—After two days, continuous session the Populist and Democratic Conventions have agreed upon a fusion programme. The State now presents this condition of affairs: Of the 28,000 voters, at least 25,000 favor Bryan and Sewall. About 12,000 of these are silver Republicans. The silver Republicans offered to agree on a State ticket composed of all silver parties and send all silver speakers East for Bryan. The fusion ignores the Bryan Republicans and gives the Legislature to the Populists.

The Populists secure the Congressman, the Democrats the Governor and they alternate on the balance of the ticket. This necessitates nomination of separate electoral ticket by Bryan Republicans. This will make the State the center of one of the greatest contests in the history of the West, as the leading silver Republicans have offered their services during the campaign to insure the reelection of Senator Dubois. The McKinley men, including Senator Shoup, are especially jubilant tonight at the prospect of defeat of Senator Dubois.—The Post.

CANVASS OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

Republicans Will Undertake to Find Every Supporter of McKinley.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Republican managers will endeavor to find out every Republican who intends to vote for Bryan, and every Democrat who intends to vote for McKinley. This immense task will be undertaken by the 20,000 organizations of the National League of Republican Clubs. The actual work will begin next week, although the officials of the national headquarters of the league have been preparing for it for several months.

It is expected that this canvass will cover every county in the country, and that when it is completed the Republican managers will know exactly where they stand on both the money and Presidential candidates. As a starter, 10,000 letters of introduction will be mailed to-morrow. The letters are expected to begin arriving about two weeks. A force of clerks will be put to work on these, and they will be tabulated as soon as they arrive. As the canvass progresses reports will be made to the National Executive Committee.

Hoke Smith Will Go.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 22.—Hoke Smith is to retire from the Cabinet on or about Sept. 1st, his resignation having been tendered and accepted, and it is expected that Assistant Secretary John M. Reynolds of the Interior Department, the well known lawyer of Bedford, Pennsylvania, will be promoted to succeed him.

Secretary Smith declines to talk about the matter, but there is every reason for believing that the statement just given is substantially correct.

Secretary Smith retires of his own volition and because, having learned that neither the President nor any other member of the cabinet will support Bryan and Sewall, he feels that it would be embarrassing for him to remain in the administration, inasmuch as he proposes to carry out his promise to support the party nominees, though he cannot approve the party platform.

His personal relations with the President and all the members of the Cabinet are most agreeable. Secretary Smith had not intended to make the announcement of his retirement from the Cabinet just yet; but the fact that he was closing up his administration with the Interior Department, making no engagement beyond the present month in connection with his official business and having his personal effects packed for shipment to his home in Atlanta, brought out today the definite news. Secretary Smith will be very glad to be out of office for personal and financial reasons. He will become the foremost Democrat in his State by his retirement from the Cabinet at this time and he will get a much larger income from his practice and his newspaper than he ever had before. He will take the stump for Bryan and Sewall, although he will continue to oppose the free coinage of silver, and he believes that the Democratic party will come around to his position on that question.

All Under The Same Roof.

POPOCRATIC, POPULIST AND SILVER COMMITTEE ARE ONE.

On Senator Faulkner's Invitation They Do Business in The Same Rooms in Washington—Handicapped by Lack of Funds—Government Clerks Nail Speeches.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Chairman Butler of the National Populist Committee has been taken into camp by what is left of the Popocratic National Committee in this city. The Populist Chairman has been here for two or three days, making the welkin ring with his protestations that all the energies of the Populist organization should be devoted during the present campaign to electing Bryan and Watson, leaving Sewall to the tender mercies of the Democratic voters in those States where the Pops are few and far between and in which they have no political organization. Mr. Butler declares that under no circumstances will Mr. Watson be abandoned by his Populist friends in any State. He says that Watson will not be embarrassed by being officially notified of his nomination, and therefore it will not be necessary for him officially to accept or decline.

The Popocrats and Populists have nothing in common in this campaign. Chairman Butler says so far as the Popocrat business is concerned, and he is very enthusiastic in expressing the opinion that Watson will get the solid Populist support. Having thus defied the Popocrat campaign managers, Mr. Butler placed himself in close communication with Chairman Jones of the Popocratic National Committee and engaged in a friendly conference with him this morning, so protracted that the Populist Chairman was compelled to accompany the Popocratic Chairman to the train when he started for Chicago to establish the main Popocratic headquarters of the Campaign committee. Then Mr. Butler called on Senator Faulkner and accepted the invitation of the latter to establish his Populist Committee in the city at the old Wornley Hotel as headquarters of the Popocratic committee. Later in the day the Executive Committee of the Silver party, in session here, accepted a like invitation from Senator Faulkner, and the Populist and Silver organizations are now sheltered under the protecting wing of the Popocratic committee.

This afternoon the Populist Statesman from Honeycutt township, N. C., was seated in his new quarters dressed in his customary solemn black, with a jaunty blue catching cap covering his long thick hair and talking as earnestly as ever about the impossibility of the Populist endorsing any course except that of deep devotion to Tom Watson and his cause. Senator Butler is about all there is of the Populist party and has absolute control of the work of its National Committee. He expresses confidence in his ability to bring about fusion in every State on the basis of votes for Watson wherever the Populist have a majority, and professes to believe that Watson will be elected. It is worthy of note that in all the work and all the talk that is being indulged in by the politicians and campaign managers in Washington, Candidate Sewall is not considered. The Popocrats devote all their energy to Bryan and the Populists to Watson. Mr. Sewall and the State of Maine do not appear to be factors in the contest.

The Silver party having established headquarters in the Wornley building with the Popocrats and Populists, the committee are preparing to pool their issues in the free silver campaign. So far as the Popocrats and Free Silver committees are concerned, their work will be devoted largely to sending out literature, while Senator Butler will devote himself to carrying out his apparently nebulous plan of bringing about fusion in the various States on the basis of Tom Watson's Vice-Presidential candidacy. The three committees are handicapped, however, by the same cause which is a lack of funds.

Owing to the fact that candidate Bryan has announced far and wide that this is to be a campaign of the poor against the rich, or for some equally powerful reason, the Popocratic committee have not as yet been able to collect any cash beyond what has

been contributed by candidate Sewall and the few wealthy men who have been selected as members of the National Committee, largely because of the fact that they are wealthy. The publication of an alleged letter of Chairman Jones to a friend in Chicago expressing his annoyance and disappointment at his failure to collect contributions, was widely talked of today, but no one at political headquarters was able to state whether or not the letter was genuine.

This is important, however, as it is a matter of general knowledge in Washington that Chairman Jones has been from the beginning very much worried at the poor prospect of liberal campaign contributions and the certainty that very little cash would be forthcoming was one of the chief reasons why he was opposed to the establishment of committee headquarters at Chicago. The business men of that city, like those of other cities, are engaged in the sound money movement and have nothing to contribute to the free silver cause. Mr. Jones felt that the campaign could have been run much more economically from Washington, where he and the other National Committeemen have homes and where the committee could have been managed on a less sectional basis than elsewhere. So far the committee has had no occasion to spend money except for the mailing of campaign literature, and this has been carried on at small expenditure. When the stump orators begin to demand their pay, however, and it becomes necessary to counteract the effect of Mark Hannon's work, which will soon begin to make itself felt, the Popocrat managers will soon need money, and lots of it, and they are unable to see how they are going to get it.

The work of sending out speeches and other literature is being carried on at a minimum of expense. The majority of the speeches being sent out were delivered in Congress and are thus available. They are as a rule printed at the Government printing office, where a discount is given and the work of folding and mailing them is being done by the voluntary labor of enthusiastic young Popocrats, most of whom are employees of Uncle Sam. A small army of these officeholders are at work every evening at Senator Faulkner's headquarters in their eagerness to assist the Popocratic campaign managers. This has become so conspicuous that the question has been raised whether or not it is a violation of the Civil Service law for these Government clerks to spend their evenings doing political work and thus according to President Cleveland's celebrated civil service order are offensive partisans. The Popocratic managers indignantly repel the insinuation that this sort of voluntary campaign work could be a violation of civil service rules, and chiefs of bureaus in the various departments said today when the matter was brought to their attention that, in their opinion, the Government had no right to criticize the manner in which Government clerks spent their evenings. The Secretary of the Civil Service Commission also said that this kind of political work on the part of Government clerks did not, in his opinion, constitute a violation of the Civil Service law. It would hardly be possible to muster such an army of volunteers in Chicago as can be recruited in Washington from the Government departments, and Senator Faulkner and Representative McMillin, and others of the committee officials say that they will protect these employees of Uncle Sam if any carping Republican dares to question their right to devote their services after office hours to the good of the free silver cause.

Durham is to be congratulated on having a son whose personal merit has obtained for him the political prominence of the nomination for the vice presidency of these great United States, and The Herald is happy that it has the opportunity of giving first to the people of North Carolina Mr. Southgate's formal acceptance of the distinguished honor conferred upon him. Free from adulation we prefer that the clear cut English of Mr. Southgate, published elsewhere in this paper, should speak for itself, as it does, in a manner to command the admiration and respect of all lovers of pure thought and pure English.—Durham Herald.

THE BROWN CHURCH SCANDAL.

Miss Overman Makes a Confession Regarding the Whole Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Mattie Overman, who figured so conspicuously and unenviably in the Brown church scandal has made a confession in which she declares that she is a perjurer and that Dr. Brown is all his enemies represented him to be.

This startling admission of Miss Overman, made after months of silence and after Dr. Brown has taken up a new home in a new field, has reopened the entire case. The woman's confession has been fully considered by the ministers and laymen that form the trial court. Mr. Tunnell has gone before the members of the Ecclesiastical court and has corroborated all that Miss Overman confessed.

The members of the council could listen to the startling story but as a council they could do nothing. Miss Overman's confession was placed in the custody of the secretary of the Bay conference. A resolution asking the Bay conference to take action in the matter was adopted by unanimous vote. The conference will therefore meet without delay in special session. The Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown will be notified of the new turn in his affairs and will be ordered to appear in person or by representative to show cause why the judgment of suspension for an indefinite period from the ministry shall not be made absolute and permanent expulsion. Dr. Brown must answer to the Bay conference or be expelled.

PROGRESS IN VIRGINIA.

The Republican Committee Counts the State for McKinley.

Special to The Post.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 21.—Messrs. William Lamb, Edward Waddill, Jr., Park Agnew, S. B. Carney, George E. Bowden, and J. D. Brady, members of the Virginia Republican Campaign Committee, met at State headquarters to-day. Reports showed that the opening work was progressing finely. The committee believe that the State will go for McKinley and Hobart. There was much activity about the Republican headquarters to-day. One of Col. Lamb's friends said that three of the members of the State Committee elected by the Eighth District convention yesterday and two of the three chosen in the Ninth District are Lamb men. "This gives Lamb at least twenty of the thirty members," he added.

Col. Lamb conferred with some of the Republican leaders. Among those whom he received were W. S. Tyler, the nominee for Congress in the First District, and Congressman Thorpe, one of the nominees in the Fourth District. Some comment has been made upon the fact that the circular sent out announcing that Republican headquarters have been opened in Richmond was not signed by Col. Lamb. On the Colonel's return from Culpeper to day signed the paper, and the original circular was withdrawn.

It was announced from Republican headquarters to-night that Dyer and Gee were out of the race as Republican candidates for Congress in the Second and Fourth Districts respectively, leaving only one Republican candidate in each district. It was stated that the differences between the factions had been settled by the National Committee.

Four Tickets in Colorado.

DENVER, Col., August 23.—A secret conference of leading Populists of the State was held here yesterday. It developed that the sentiment was nearly unanimous against fusion with the Democrats upon the plan outlined by the latter, at the Pueblo convention, they preferring an independent ticket. This course pleases the silver Republicans, who hope thereby to win the State on a straight party ticket. It now seems that four State tickets are inevitable.

Professor Frederick Williams Nichols Crowned of Baltimore, Md., the renowned composer, to whose genius the world is indebted for the soul inspiring strains of the Irish serenade "Kathleen Mavourneen," died very suddenly Tuesday night at Portland, Me.