

A STRAIGHT TICKET

Likely to be Named by the Convention.

A CAUCUS TONIGHT.

Executive Committee Meeting this Morning—Meet Again this Evening to Decide on Democrats' Proposition.

It looks this afternoon like the Populist State Convention will put out a straight electoral and State ticket tomorrow.

The Populists say they are not willing to form a combination on electors alone, but insist on complete fusion.

There will be a fight in the convention on the question of fusing with Democrats on electors.

The Populist Executive Committee will pass on the question at a session which begins at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Populists proposition which was published in the Press-Visitor yesterday created a sensation, especially among the visiting Populists. No one had any idea that Senator Butler had taken such an advanced step. Many Republicans were loath to believe it.

A prominent Populist stated today that the proposition gave the Democrats the choice of taking either the Senator or Governor. It was optional with them as to which office they should choose. The Congressional division gave the Populists the seventh district and the Democrats the sixth.

Chairman Manly gave his answer to Senator Butler last evening, but no reference was made to fusion on State and Congressional matters.

The following resolution passed at the meeting of the Democratic Executive committee Monday gave Chairman Manly the power to make reply to the Populists:

"Whereas, The chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee has presented to the chairman of the Executive committee of the People's party, a resolution of the committee adopted July 31st,

"Now, in furtherance of the efforts of this committee to secure the united vote of the silver advocates for the Presidency,

"Resolved, That the chairman of this committee is authorized on behalf of this committee to offer in writing to the People's party, through its Executive committee, the following plan for a joint electoral ticket, to-wit:

"That a joint electoral ticket shall be made up to be composed of six Democrats and five Populists, to be chosen by their respective organization.

"That said Executive committee of the People's party be requested to notify this committee of its action on this proposition.

"That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the chairman of the Executive committee of the People's party."

Some Populists Kicking. The Populists were not at all pleased with the Democrats' answer. They think that some answer should have been made to the plan, which was submitted providing for fusion on State and Congressional matters.

"That is the only logical course to pursue," said one Populist, "and the Democrats can't expect us to carry a part of their burden on our shoulders."

There is a strong fusion tendency among all Populists. Captain Buck Kitchin and a number of them are for fusion with Democrats. Mr. Kitchin was asked last evening if the Populists would not unite with Republicans on State matters.

"No," he spoke out. "Don't talk to me about fusing with the Republicans."

There is a large element of Populists who are opposed to any combination being formed with Democrats. One has only to talk with a Vance county Populist and he finds a Republican at heart. They are all denouncing Senator Butler.

Mr. Rowland, of Vance was talking for the benefit of a crowd last evening. "Butler never was a straight Populist," he said, "Vance will fight him if no other county does." If Butler prevails Thursday, then I'm a Republican.

What the Delegates Say. F. D. Koonce, of Onslow, who was

defeated for Congress several years ago is yelling for fusion with the Republicans. "If our people fuse with the Democrats tomorrow I will walk out of the convention and go home."

Senator Westmoreland, of Rowan, came in at noon. He favors fusion on electors with Democrats. "I think that is as far as we should go."

Little Billie Bryan, of the Arrington committee and Hoola Boom fame, wants fusion with the Republicans. "We can't go back on the record of the last Legislature, not even the Arrington committee."

Rev. Thomas Babb: "There is nothing for us to do but cooperate with the Republicans. I think that Senator Butler is playing with the Democrats. The convention would not tolerate his proposition for complete fusion with Democrats."

Republicans May Fuse Anyway. A prominent gentleman who is well posted stated today that the Republican program at the committee meeting Monday would be to take the Populist nominees for the offices left vacant on the Republican ticket. He said this would force fusion on the Populists.

It is the opinion of a great many people that Senator Butler and his committee never entertained or submitted a proposition to the Democrats with a sincere view of co-operation. "Senator Butler submitted terms," said a leading Democrat today, "which he knew would not be accepted, in order to bring the charge of insincerity against them during the campaign." This idea is entertained by many Democrats.

Populists Pouring In. Populists are pouring in the city from the interior districts. Badges and buttons are conspicuous by their absence, but a Populist does not need a badge to identify him so long as he wears beard. There are at least several hundred delegates here so far. The early trains brought many and the noons were crowded. These are only the advance guard. Tomorrow morning the great mass of reformers will strike town. Among those who came today were Solicitor H. F. Sewell, Walter R. Henry, Editor Chick, of the Hickory Mercury, State Senators Fowler and Westmoreland.

The candidates for office are not making much of a canvass among the many delegates. They are busy talking fusion. The Populists committee's proposal for complete fusion with the Democrats as printed in yesterday's Press-Visitor was a stunner to many of them. Some few tried to discountenance the story, but it's absolute authenticity cannot be denied. It is of interest to watch the pro-Republican fusion Populists. They do not ask for terms, and they care less. Fusion is what they want.

Many candidates for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction have turned up. Among the number are John Graham of Warren, Prof. N. C. English of Randolph, C. A. Mcbane of Catawba, Prof. Moody of Guilford College, N. C., and Rev. N. B. Cobb, of Raleigh. It seems reasonably sure that a candidate will be named and that the resolution adopted by the Republican State Convention will pass unopposed.

A. S. Peace has a good following for Secretary of State as does several other candidates, but Hal Ayer seems to be the man who will receive the nomination.

Maj. Guthrie has an all day smile and the opposition to his nomination for Governor, which is being carried by G. Eddie Kessler, is of a decidedly infantine character. Father Worth has what the boys call "a lead pipe cinch" on the Treasury nomination.

It is said that Col. O. H. Dockery will receive the Populist nomination for Governor. This is stated on good authority. Senator Mewborne and others are also mentioned.

Populist Executive Committee Meeting This Morning. The People's Party State Executive committee held a meeting this morning to arrange for the working of the convention.

It was agreed to hold a general caucus at 8 o'clock tonight in Metropolitan Hall, which all delegates in the city are specially requested to attend.

If there are any contests from any counties, the contestants are requested to appear before the executive committee at room 95 at the Park hotel tomorrow (Wednesday) morning at 9 o'clock.

At the caucus to be held tonight, some announcements of special interest to Congressional delegations

will be made. These delegations will be requested to elect one member each for the following committees:

- 1. Committee on Credentials, Committee on Permanent organization, Committee on Platform, Vice President from each Congressional District.

The delegates to the State Convention will meet by Congressional Districts at 9 a. m. tomorrow at the following places to select members of the several committees:

- 1. District at county court house.
- 2. " " " " " "
- 3. District at Metropolitan Hall.
- 4. " " " " " "
- 5. District at House of Representatives.
- 6. District at House of Representatives.
- 7. District Senate Chamber.
- 8. " " " " " "
- 9. Office of Rail Road Commission, S. OTTO WILSON, Chairman Local Committee.

Another Meeting This Evening. The proposition of the Democratic Executive Committee submitted by Chairman Manly last evening offering co-operation on the electoral ticket with the Populists on a basis of six Democrats and five Populists was discussed at length during the session of the committee this morning.

It was decided to postpone final action until 5 o'clock this afternoon, when another meeting of the committee will be had.

Silver Men to Confer Tomorrow. B. F. Keith, of Wilmington, Chairman of the national silver party in this State is at the Park.

Mr. Keith was asked if he came here to attend the Populist convention.

"No," he said. "There will be a conference of a dozen or more members of the silver party here tomorrow. It will be attended by Dr. Mott and myself also. Mr. Keith said the object of the party was to get all the silverites together. He says he will support Bryan and Sewall, but hopes to see a fusion between Democrats and Populists on electors."

The State Convention will meet in Metropolitan Hall at noon tomorrow. The Convention will be called to order by Senator Butler who is Chairman of the State Executive Committee.

A Railroad Mystery Solved. A section of the Carolina Central division of the Seaboard Air Line, near Wilmington, N. C., has attracted much interest among railroad experts for some time by reason of peculiar noises made when trains passed over it. The section is about six miles long, and the passage of trains over the rails was accompanied by a squeaking and grinding noise, the cause of which has only been recently discovered. On account of the mysterious sounds this section of the track had the reputation of being haunted among the residents of that section of the State.

Recently Vice-President St. John, of the Seaboard Air Line, had the track carefully examined by experts and it was found that owing to defective measurement when constructed the gauge was slightly out of standard, and that the rails were not in exact line with the balance of the track. The six miles have been relaid, and since then the noise has ceased.

Reduced Rates North via the Southern Railway. Tickets will be on sale August 10th and 11th, final limit twelve days from date of sale via the Southern Railway as follows:

Raleigh to Washington and return, \$12.80; Raleigh to Baltimore and return, via Norfolk and Baltimore and Norfolk Line steamers, 7.85; Raleigh to New York and return, via Norfolk and Old Dominion Steamers, 15.85.

In connection with the above rates the following round trip rates will apply:

Ten days ticket Washington to Baltimore and return, \$2.00; ten days ticket Washington to Philadelphia and return, 6.00; ten days ticket Baltimore to Philadelphia and return, 4.00; ten days ticket Baltimore to New York and return, 8.00; ten days ticket Washington to New York and return, 10.00.

For further information apply to ticket agent at Union Station, or the up-town office of the Southern Railway Company.

Gold Democrats to Meet in Illinois. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 12.—Chas. Ewing, of Decatur, Chairman of the gold standard State Democratic Committee has issued a call for a State convention August 27.

BRYAN MUCH REFRESHED

Spends the Day Quietly in Doors.

NO CHANGE OF CH'INN

Jones to Remain at the Helm—Gorman Can't Undergo the Strain—Campaign Committee of Nine to be Appointed.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, August 12.—The corridors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel were crowded with free silverites before ten this morning. The crowd of yesterday was reinforced by many new arrivals, among them ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas, and George Fred Williams, of Boston. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, was also on hand and attracted more attention than any one about the hotel corridor. The report that Senator Gorman will be put at the head of the campaign committee has been officially denied this morning. Mr. Gorman says he cannot bear the strain. Two meetings were held this afternoon, one of the notification committee and one of the national committee. The former was to complete arrangements for the notification tonight. Governor Stone, of Missouri, was formally selected to notify Bryan, a letter from Senator Whitehead having been received stating that he could not be present and requesting that Gov. Stone be selected.

Mr. Sewall spent most of the day at 3th Avenue. He said he had his speech completed. Mr. Bland was also about the hotel and was very popular.

Before the National Committee was called to order there was a great deal of interest manifested concerning the campaign committee of nine which Senator Jones was authorized to appoint.

Mr. Bryan arose much refreshed this morning from last night's rest. He will however probably spend the whole day in the house in order to recuperate as fully as possible for his great speech tonight.

Senator Jones said this morning that he favored Washington for headquarters. It is yet doubtful if a branch will be located at New York. The most noticeable absentees of the committee are Sheenan of New York, French of Connecticut, Wright of New Jersey and Harrity of Pennsylvania.

HARMONY MAY BE HAD.

Ruinous Rate Warfare Was Discussed in New York.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Aug. 12.—The presidents and general managers of several southern transportation lines have had a meeting in New York and discussed privately and for their own satisfaction the unsatisfactory rate situation.

The controversy between the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern States Freight Association has brought about a condition of affairs that is regarded with much anxiety by the southern railroad men generally, and the principal object of this conference was to endeavor to devise a way of putting a stop to the ruinous warfare.

Colonel H. S. Haines, chairman of the Southern States Freight Association; President Samuel Spencer, Henry Fink, receiver of the Norfolk and Western, and other active transportation men took part in today's discussion. A representative of the Seaboard Air-Line was invited to attend the meeting, but no response was received from that quarter, doubtless for the reason that Vice President St. John, of that line, recently issued his ultimatum in the form of a letter.

It is probable that as a result of the present conference, some very effective influences will be soon set to work in the interest of harmony.

California Banks in Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The agitation of the financial question is causing local banks much trouble with the people who wish to deposit silver, and check out gold. Many of the banks refuse to take any considerable amount of silver on deposit. During the month the supply of gold in the banks decreased from fifteen to nine millions.

There are twenty prisoners in jail and they are the only cool people in Raleigh.

TO NOMINATE STROWD.

Populist Congressional Convention to Meet.

IS NO OPPOSITION.

The Middle of the Roaders Wait on the Congressman to Ascertain if he Opposes Fusion With Republicans.

The Populist Congressional convention of this, the fourth district will meet this afternoon at 4.30 in Metropolitan Hall.

A Congressman and elector will be named and organization for the campaign affected.

There is no doubt that Mr. W. F. Strowd, the present representative from this district in Congress will be named. Mr. Strowd has received the nomination on two former occasions but was defeated for election in the first canvass.

It was thought at one time that all the middle-of-the-road Populists would oppose Mr. Strowd's renomination.

Mr. Rowland of Vance who is a straight middle of the roader said today that Mr. Satterwhite of Vance was in consultation with Congressman Strowd this morning to ascertain his position in regard to certain matters. Our support of him will rest altogether upon his reply.

Mr. Rowland stated that if Mr. Strowd did not favor a continuance of fusion with Republicans on the same basis as in '94, he would have the opposition of every delegate from Vance and Franklin counties, as well as others in the convention this evening. Mr. Rowland said that he felt sure that he would get a favorable reply.

Mr. Bailey, of Nash, will in all probability obtain the nomination for elector. He is most prominently mentioned.

Republicans Try Again.

The Republican Congressional Committee met again this morning in attorney T. R. Parnell's office. The opposition to naming a candidate at the present time received new recruits during the night and the committee adjourned to meet again at the call of Chairman Johnson. Those who were present today were Johnson, Millikin, Jones, Waddell and Deveraux, who is proxy for Nichols.

Jones, of Chatham is prominently mentioned for the nomination now and he may obtain Nichol's strength. The committee will be called next week, so Chairman Johnson says. They are waiting on the Populists to act.

BRYAN-WATSON CLUB.

President Beckwith Appoints Vice Presidents from the Wards.

There was a meeting of the Bryan and Watson club last evening at the Mayor's office. Owing to the storm, which came up soon after the hour of meeting, there was not a very large attendance. The club transacted some business before adjourning.

Mr. Beckwith, the President of the club, appointed the following Vice Presidents:

- A. M. Powell, first ward.
- S. W. Brewer, second ward.
- E. S. Scarborough, third ward.
- Wesley N. Jones, fourth ward.
- Alexander Stronach, Jr., outside east.

Plummer Batchelor, outside west. By request of the county chairman, Mr. J. N. Holding, the working committee and other important committees will be appointed at some future time.

Mr. Beckwith will put the club in close touch with the county and State organization.

Plate Glass Works Closed.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 12.—The factories of the plate glass pool, known as the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., has been closed owing to the unsettlement of business, caused, it is claimed, by the free silver agitation. Six thousand men are thrown out of work.

Iowa Silver Men Getting Together.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. OTTUMWA, Iowa, Aug. 12.—The Democratic State convention held here today promises to be lighttp attended. At a conference of Democrats, Populists and free silver Republicans, it is held that the scheme for fusion has been completed.

CY WATSON ACCEPTS

An Invitation to Accompany the R. & G. Relief Association to Littleton.

The Raleigh and Gaston Relief Association has played a trump card. The managers have invited Hon. Cy. Watson, Governor Carr, Mayor Russ and Ben Facy to accompany them on their trip to Littleton, and they have all accepted the invitation. Mr. Watson telegraphed this morning that he would surely be present. Mr. Watson will make an address to the crowd, which will be unusually large.

The train will be well filled before leaving Raleigh. Everybody should take advantage of the trip, as it will be a gala occasion. The excursion will leave here Friday morning at 6.30 o'clock.

The committee on arrangements consisting of W. A. Taylor, J. S. Riddle and W. A. Cole have issued large circulars announcing that Cy Watson, Governor Carr, Mayor Russ and the other prominent guests will be present.

Among other things the circular says: all white people who have one dollar to invest in health and pleasure and are not too proud are invited.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, August 12.

Cotton quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 56 Broadway, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, over their special wire:

MONTHS.	OPENING.	HIGH EST.	LOW EST.	CLOSING.
January	7.61	7.69	7.41	7.41
February	7.64	7.74	7.45	7.45
March	7.69	7.78	7.50	7.50
April	7.71	7.71	7.57	7.57
May				
June				
July				
August	7.82	7.93	7.67	7.67
Sept/Oct	7.49	7.63	7.31	7.31
October	7.51	7.65	7.37	7.37
November	7.51	7.64	7.36	7.34
December	7.57	7.68	7.39	7.39

New York opened near months 4 points down, distant months 2 points up, advanced slightly, but eased off again closing finally 16 to 18 points below yesterday, easy.

Lains in Texas and in Arkansas caused the decline. Sales 240,700 bales.

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Missouri Pacific	16
Union Pacific	54
Rock Island	52 1/2
St. Paul	62 1/2
General Electric	23
Tennessee Coal and Iron	15 1/2
Manhattan	74 1/2
American Tobacco	54 1/2
Barlingham and Quincy	52 1/2
Western Union	57 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	40
United States Leather	43 1/2
Southern Railroad	7
Southern Preferred	18
Chicago Gas	49 1/2
Sugar	98 1/2
Reading	104
Des. and C. & E. Ry.	138
D. L. & W.	104
Jersey Central	89 1/2
Erie	104
Silver	

Liverpool opened 3.64 lower, declined another 1.64, became steadier but eased off again, closing finally fully 6.64 below yesterday, barely steady. Sales, 8,000 bales, raised later on to 10,000 bales; middling spot, 1.32 lower, now 4.11 3/4, receipts 1,000 bales.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

August	4.14 1/8
August-September	4.10 1/8
September-October	4.06 1/8
October-November	4.03 1/8
November-December	4.03 1/8
December-January	4.03 1/8
January-February	4.03 1/8
February-March	4.03 1/8

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—September, 34; December, 38 1/2.
Corn—September, 23; December, 24 1/2.
Oats—September, 15 1/2; December, 15 1/2.
Lard—September, 6.27; December, 6.27.
Clear Rib Sides—September, 3.25.

ALLIANCE ADJOURNS.

All Old Officers Re-elected—Lease of N. C. Railway Denounced.

The State Farmer's Alliance which has been in session in Hillsboro during the past week adjourned today. Most of the delegates came here to attend the Populist convention. All of the old officers were re-elected. Dr. Cy Thompson is President.

A strong resolution denouncing the lease of the N. C. railway to the Southern was passed.

Quite a number of old trees were blown down during the storm last night.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Fort-Pouri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Pictured and Pithily Put in Print.

Not a marriage license issued this week.

There was little or no rain at Cary yesterday, so says Mr. A. W. Moye.

Note the change in the "ad." of Messrs. Royall & Barden. They are offering big bargains just now.

Messrs. Woodliff & Son have a change of advertisement in this issue, which will be of interest to the public.

The watermelon season is about closed. Good melons are getting scarce and the prices are ruling high.

When politicians lose their temper ugly words are used. Be careful and use argument. Do not resort to biligerency.

Attention is called to the new advertisement of Mr. D. T. Johnson. Mr. Johnson can please you as to prices every time.

The executive committee of the Insane Asylum met here today. It is composed of R. B. Cotton, of Pitt, Dr. Speight, of Edgecombe, and ex-sheriff of Wayne.

The hot spell seems to have made business good for the justice courts, as Squires Marcom, Whitaker, Roberts, Barbee and Nichols were all busy this morning.

Little Tobe trotted in the 249 class at Newberry, Ohio a few days ago, defeating Jim Smith, Toomey, Celebrity and Russia White. The best time made was 2:19 by little Tobe.

Richard Bridgers and Emily Pratt, colored, were sent on to September term of Wake Superior court this morning by Justice Marcom to answer a charge of l. and a. No bonds required.

For carrying concealed weapon, to-wit a pistol, Henry B. Horton, a white man, was sent on to the Superior court under a personal recognizance of \$50.00 by Justice Harry Roberts yesterday evening.

It will pay the readers of the Press-Visitor to keep an eye on our advertising columns. Every day there are changes in which great inducements are offered our patrons to invest their spare nickles.

The Y. W. C. T. U. meets tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 5.30 at Miss Carrie Phillips. All new members are earnestly requested to be present.

The Victor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, twenty-five strong left yesterday for Wilson, where they will take part in the foot and reel races at the Annual Colored Fireman's Tournament. Thomas Burgess is foreman and Charles Winters, assistant foreman.

The Washington Post confirms the report that Hoke Smith has resigned from the Cabinet. His resignation, it is said, was sent to the President at the time Mr. Smith announced in his paper that he would support the Chicago nominees.

The muddy condition of the sidewalk on West Davis Street between Salisbury and McDowell is quite a change from the late dusty one. Soft dirt from adjoining lots was washed out by last night's rain and it should be looked after at once. Nicely repair it, as Mr. S. P. Pennington has the sidewalk in front of his cottages.

Durham Executive Committee Endorses Fusion.

The Democratic Executive committee of Durham county endorsed fusion with the Populist party upon the electoral ticket and passed the following resolution in regard to the matter at a meeting Saturday evening.

"Resolved, That the Democratic Executive Committee of Durham county heartily endorse the resolution adopted by the Democratic State Executive Committee at its last meeting relative to a fusion with the Populists upon the electoral ticket."