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CLEVELAND'S POSITION.

Believed in New York That He Will Go with the Sound Money Democrats.

The New York World of yesterday says:

There is no longer any doubt regarding President Cleveland's position in the national campaign. All the President's close political friends in this city and nearly all of his appointees to office are out for the sound money Democratic Presidential ticket.

This was practically decided upon last evening at a meeting of the executive committee of the State Democracy held at headquarters on West Twenty-third street.

It was announced at the meeting that the Reform Democratic State Convention had issued a call for a convention, to be held at Syracuse August 31 to elect delegates to the Indianapolis convention which is to nominate Democratic candidates for President and Vice President and adopt a sound money platform.

A resolution was offered and promptly adopted to elect delegates to the Syracuse convention and not to the regular party convention, which is to be held at Buffalo.

Many prominent Government officials were present when the State Democracy Executive Committee took this action, and they supported it. Last year the State Democracy sent delegates to the regular convention, which was held in Syracuse, but they refused to accept the ratio of representation allowed them by the convention.

The official action of the State Democracy in favor of supporting the third ticket will not surprise the members of Tammany Hall. They have expected that their old foes would refuse to support the regular national and State tickets, and would also take part in the organized bolt.

Reform Democracy's Call.

The sub-committee of the State Committee of the Reform Democracy issued the call for the State Convention.

When the State convention meets at Syracuse it is more than likely that only delegates to the Indianapolis convention will be elected. However, many of the leaders of the third-ticket movement are in favor of the Syracuse convention naming the electoral ticket.

It is thought that nominations for Governor and other State officers will be referred to a committee with power to select the candidates.

A special train will take the delegates and alternates direct from Syracuse to Indianapolis.

The executive committee of the Shepard Democracy of Brooklyn met at the Clarendon Hotel, that city, last night. All declared for sound money except two. Twenty-five favored a third ticket. The general committee will meet Friday.

PRESIDENT SPENCER

Set the Machinery in Motion at the Salisbury Shops for the First Time.

On their return trip from Greenville, S. C., where they had been at the hearing of the railway injunction case before Judge Simonton, President Samuel Spencer, Vice-President's Andrews and Baldwin, Mr. Reuben Foster and other officers of the Southern stopped at Salisbury early Wednesday morning to see the new shops, which are nearly completed.

A pleasing incident of the short stay there was the setting in motion of the new machinery for the first time by Mr. Spencer. The head of the great Southern system pulled the throttle to the steam engine, which put the machinery in motion. Everything worked as smoothly as a new clock. The gentlemen spent some time inspecting the new shops, which are the next largest in the South.

The settlement, where the shops are located, which is out some distance from Salisbury, has been named Spencer.

Military Appointments.

The Governor has issued the following military commissions: Chas. H. Banks, of Edenton, N. C., Captain Co D Second Regiment infantry, to rank from August 20th.

J. C. Bond, of Edenton, N. C., First Lieutenant Co. D, Second Regiment, to rank from August 20th.

R. N. Hines, of Edenton, N. C., Second Lieutenant of the same company and regiment to rank from August 20th.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

CHRISTIANA, Aug. 21.—Prof. Andrew will make another start to reach the north pole in a balloon next fall.

TO SWEEP THE STATE

Bryan to Speak From the Rear End of a Train.

SEPTEMBER THE TIME

Watson Coming Also—Chairman Manly is in Correspondence with National Committee About the Visit.

Chairman Manly is very much encouraged with the situation as it is. The letters which he has received during the past few days have been very gratifying indeed to the new chairman. The organization has been perfected in every part of the State and matters are now in working order.

It is definitely settled that Hon. W. J. Bryan will visit North Carolina during the campaign, said Chairman Manly of the Democratic Executive Committee this morning. "I am in correspondence with Mr. Jones of the National Committee relative to the trip, though none of the details have been arranged so far. Of course we would like to have Mr. Bryan visit us at the time of the State Fair, but his coming will in all probability be about the fifteenth of September or later."

Mr. Bryan will very likely speak at three points in this State and make a two days' tour from one end of the State to the other, delivering short speeches from the rear end of a car platform. The itinerary will include most of the larger towns in the State. Candidate Bryan will deliver one of his speeches in Raleigh. He will also speak in the west and east, but the points have not been selected as yet.

Chairman Ayer says that he expects Thos. E. Watson, of Georgia, the Populist nominee for Vice President, to visit this State during September. Mr. Watson will make several speeches.

Suppose Bryan and Watson should meet here together?

CONFEDERATE RELICS.

An Interesting List of the Collection in the Richmond Museum.

In the PRESS-VISITOR of a few days ago an interesting article was published from the Richmond Dispatch giving a description of the Confederate museum at Richmond, and enumerating some of the portraits and other articles there. The Dispatch gives the following complete list of other articles in the museum from North Carolina:

There is a large frame filled with important dispatches from President Davis to Governor Ellis, as well as letters of condolence to Mrs. Ellis on the death of her husband. This was given by Mr. Ed. Strudwick.

A North Carolina State bond, framed, was given by Mrs. Wingo, of Richmond.

A memorial from the soldiers of Cleveland county, N. C., of the North Carolina room of the museum has been nicely framed. It contains this glorious war record: Out of a voting population of 1,000 in 1860, Cleveland county gave the Confederate army 2,600 men.

There has been given a large picture of the Confederate ram Albatross.

A beautiful flag that adorns the walls was given by the Edgewood school girls to the Guilford Guards Company B, Twenty-seventh North Carolina State Troops.

A lovely panel made by Miss Emma Whitfield is one of the prettiest things in the room, and contains the war record of North Carolina, wreathed in lovely flowers.

There is a large ebonyed case, which has been made moth and dust proof, which ensures the safekeeping of all relics sent. In it are small pictures of General Junius Daniel, General Pender, and General Pettigrew, with sketches of each of these gallant soldiers; a roll of the Confederate dead of North Carolina in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond; an address on the life and character of Major-General Stephen D. Ramseur, by Hon. William E. Cox; an oration on the life and character of General Lawrence O'Brien Brien Branch, by Major John Huges; the memorial address of Major Graham Daves, of New Bern, N. C., on the life and services of General James Johnston Pettigrew; also that of Captain H. A. London on the life and services of Brigadier-General Bryan Grimes, and a sketch of Major Thomas W. Mayhew, of the Thirty-third Regiment, North Carolina Troops.

Mrs. C. W. McLean sends buttons cut from the coat of General R. E. Lee; also, a lock of General Beauregard's hair, given her by him during the war.

Mrs. Courtney Jenkins, of Richmond, has given us a sprig of cedar from a tree near the spot where the gallant Colonel Charles F. Fisher, of the Sixth North Carolina Troops, was killed.

The Confederate uniform worn by William E. Tucker while guarding the wagon that contained the Confederate money when President Davis was captured hangs in one end of the case, and near by is a picture and a sketch of Stewart B. Maloney, a young man from Washington city, who gave his life for his adopted South.

Miss Lizzie E. Moore, of Edenton, N. C., sends Confederate money in memory of her family, which is that of Judge Augustus Moore.

A sword found in Fayetteville on the morning of the skirmish with General Sherman was presented by a soldier at the late reunion.

Mrs. Cady, of Hanover county, Va., gives us a copy of "Les Miserables," and one of "Pollard's History of the War," with other relics left at her house by soldiers of Gen. Branch's Brigade. Among these relics is a Bible bearing the name of Reuben Eocart, of North Carolina.

Pictures of the Confederate monuments at Raleigh, N. C., and Newbern, N. C., have been sent; also a sword that was worn by Zachaeus Ellis, of Massachusetts, in the war of 1812, and afterwards by his son, Captain Charles Ellis, of the First North Carolina Battalion, Heavy Artillery, Confederate States Army.

A pen staff made from a piece of the flagstaff of Fort Sumter has been sent, as have leaves from the secretary's book of the Soldiers' Relief Society of Newbern, N. C., and a wooden canteen which was carried by Mr. Smith, Company C, Forty-seventh North Carolina Regiment.

A fancy dagger has been lent by a lady to whom it was presented by a Northern Democrat at the beginning of the war, with these words: "For coming conflict."

At one end of the case hangs a pretty uniform of Major John W. Hughes, of the Seventh North Carolina Regiment, and a sketch of Capt. N. C. Hughes, assistant adjutant general of Gen. Pettigrew's Brigade which were sent by a friend.

Among the small things is a hat ornament worn by a member of the twelfth North Carolina Volunteers, a flower from the Texas star at the tomb of President Davis, the sword of General Bryan Grimes, a key used in the Confederate army by the signal service to translate cipher dispatches, a ring cut out of a rubber button, and the commission of Lieutenant R. Pryor James, adjutant of the Twentieth North Carolina Infantry.

The sword of Colonel John V. Jordan has been sent; also, a pipe made out of a piece of wood by a Confederate lieutenant on the eve of a battle.

There is the flag of the Thirty-third North Carolina Regiment, with the obituary of Col. Joseph Saunders, and near by is a small piece of homespun, woven in North Carolina during the war.

At the time of the re-union Charlotte brought a large hornets' nest, the city named being the famous Hornets' Nest of Cornwallis's disabled, and from the lower counties of the State came at the same time some of North Carolina's native pine and long gray moss (the tillandsia), with which the North Carolina Room is now tastefully decorated.

Another box of articles will be sent in from Raleigh next week, and all who wish to contribute any articles should send them to Mrs. Armistead Jones, President of the North Carolina Monumental Association, and they will be properly forwarded.

McKinley Reads the Proofs.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CANTON, O., Aug. 11.—Mr. McKinley spent almost the entire day in reading and correcting the proofs of his letter of acceptance, and about completed the work. McKinley said that he had hoped to make his letter brief, but had been impelled by circumstances to discuss every issue with thoroughness.

The original draft included about eight thousand words, but it will be much longer.

W. T. Lewis, Commissioner of Labor Statistics during McKinley's administration, was McKinley's most prominent caller today.

CHAM AYER REPLIES.

Maj. Guthrie Doesn't Want to be Restricted in Discussion of the Issues With Mr. Watson.

Mr. W. A. Guthrie arrived here today from Durham. He went direct to Populist headquarters and was in consultation with chairman Ayer most of the afternoon. Mr. Guthrie is just from Edenton, where he spoke Wednesday at the congressional convention. Maj. Guthrie says that Harry Skinner's nomination for congress was unanimous, and moreover that he received the endorsement of the Republican Congressional Committee which was in session there the same day. Mr. Theophilus White was nominated as elector. The Senatorial convention also added to the gaiety of the town that day. Mr. Winborne was nominated as one of the Senators and the other was left vacant.

Maj. Guthrie will open his campaign Tuesday at Roxboro. He will speak for Bryan and Watson and dwell at length upon national and State affairs.

Chairman Ayer received Chairman Manly's reply late yesterday afternoon accepting the former's invitation for a joint discussion between Messrs. Guthrie and Watson. After consulting with Major Guthrie today, Chairman Ayer made answer to Mr. Manly's last communication, in which he states that Major Guthrie cannot consent to any restriction of campaign issues, but that he invites a free and full discussion upon all subjects and insists that both speakers be allowed to discuss any and all issues, if they see fit.

There was some suggestion of limiting discussion to certain subjects in Chairman Manly's reply, and to this Chairman Ayer dissents. He states that Maj. Guthrie and Mr. Watson are members of opposing political parties, both canvassing for the same office, and that necessarily their speeches must be on a different line.

As to the suggestion by Mr. Manly for a joint challenge to Judge Russell for a three-cornered canvass, Mr. Ayer gives his consent. The man Holton at an early date. The negotiations are still pending and it is presumed that the present hitch will be smoothed over.

HE POINTS TO HISTORY.

Mr. G. B. Afford Stands Upon the Record of Our Forefathers.

Editor Press-Visitor:

Feeling the great responsibility now resting on all patriotic citizens to understand the true source of American liberty, I beg leave, through your columns, for a few words more. There is no such thing as liberty without truth—truth undefiled is light which came from God, exemplified fully before man, through our Lord and Savior Himself, on which we stand as a nation and all American institutions have stood. We can see by a brief examination of our history since the Christian Reformation brought about by Martin Luther, that every great principle which underlies us as the greatest nation on earth spring from that reformation—the freedom of worship, which embraces freedom of speech and press, came through Lord Baltimore, Roger Williams and other persecuted Christians since 1492. I beg you, my friends to inform yourselves before casting your ballot in November next.

Roger Williams, after being exiled from Salem, Mass., was for fourteen weeks wandering in the wilderness among the Indians in midwinter for preaching the freedom of the soul. Hon. A. H. Stephens says in his United States History of Willingham, Constitution for the government of his settlement at Providence; that said Constitution, written by Williams himself, evinced statesmanship of the highest order.

Williams said himself: By God's merciful assistance I was the procurer, of the purchase, not by money nor payments, the motives being so shy and jealous that money could not do it, but by that language, acquaintance and favor with the natives and other advantages which it pleased God to give me.

Who is the true American citizen? I would say he who is patriotic conservative and adheres to the fundamental principles. We can not build a new building on the same foundation while the old one stands, neither can we make a new foundation under the old building. If this is a republic we have a foundation, which underlies it. Our fathers were the architects.

They were governed by such rules

of architecture as was handed down from their fathers who were namely: Luther, Baltimore and Williams. No other foundation for a government of the people and by the people has ever been discovered by man. No man can be an American patriotic citizen who would remove this foundation on a mere unfounded belief. Allow me to assert here, that the proposition to enact into the laws of this country the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of all other nations, under the circumstances now existing is a departure from the fundamental principles or truth on which this government stands and can not be considered other than dangerous, even anarchistic. What are you to do with this charge.

Continued vigilance is the price of liberty. All blessings for the good of man have come through precaution and great sacrifice.

Give us the true foundation, without which we could not stand.

The same truths which guided Luther, Baltimore and Williams as was handed down to Jefferson and Hamilton. Those were the principles developed in the declaration of Independence of 1776, and all along the line by our fathers and engrained in our fundamental laws by Jefferson and Hamilton. They say in the establishment of the mints the amount of silver to be put in a dollar was a commercial problem and virtually to be come at by an agreement with other nations. This was the construction of the founders.

Who can now truthfully say, "I have the truth stamped in my heart," and can cast his ballot, to stamp on a piece of paper, as an International coin, a lie when weighed in the balances of well established Christian nations of the world. A lie can not be the truth, therefore nothing good can stand on a lying foundation. No nation need expect to stand as a Christian civilized nation, who departs from Christian truths. May God send us such missionaries as we now need, is my prayer.

G. B. ALFORD.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Cotton Closed 17 to 27 points higher than Yesterday's Closing Prices.

New York, August 21.

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

| MONTHS. | OPEN- ING. | HIGH- EST. | LOW- EST. | CLOS- ING. |
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| January, | 8 35 | 8 44 | 8 33 | 8 44 |
| February, | 8 41 | 8 51 | 8 38 | 8 48 |
| March, | 8 47 | 8 56 | 8 42 | 8 52 |
| April, | 8 46 | 8 57 | 8 40 | 8 56 |
| May, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| June, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| July, | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| August, | 8 27 | 8 44 | 8 27 | 8 44 |
| Sept'mb'r, | 8 20 | 8 34 | 8 20 | 8 34 |
| October, | 8 34 | 8 45 | 8 27 | 8 42 |
| Novemb'r, | 8 30 | 8 40 | 8 24 | 8 37 |
| December, | 8 34 | 8 45 | 8 33 | 8 41 |

New York futures opened 7 to 20 points higher, declined a few points, but advanced again closing finally, barely steady, irregular 17 to 27 points better than yesterday. The market was very excited today. No rain in the southwest. The sharp advance in Liverpool caused surprise. The market is now more than 1c higher than last year, when a crop of 6,000,000 vs 6,500,000 was predicted.

New York Stock Market.

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

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| Missouri Pacific..... | 16 |
| Union Pacific..... | — |
| Rock Island..... | 63 1/2 |
| St. Paul..... | 23 1/2 |
| General Electric..... | 75 1/2 |
| Tennessee Coal and Iron..... | 56 1/2 |
| Manhattan..... | 58 1/2 |
| American Tobacco..... | 58 1/2 |
| Burlington and Quincy..... | 73 1/2 |
| Western Union..... | 32 1/2 |
| Louisville and Nashville..... | 44 |
| United States Leather..... | 18 1/2 |
| Southern Railroad..... | 18 1/2 |
| Southern Preferred..... | 51 1/2 |
| Chicago Gas..... | 10 3/4 |
| Sugar..... | — |
| Reading..... | — |
| Des. and Cst. Food..... | — |
| Atchafalpa..... | 14 1/2 |
| D. L. & W..... | 9 1/2 |
| Jersey Central..... | — |
| Erie..... | — |
| Silver..... | — |

Liverpool Cotton Market.

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| August..... | 4.11 b. |
| August-September..... | 4.38 s. |
| September-October..... | 4.32 s. |
| October-November..... | 4.39 s. |
| November-December..... | 4.28 b. |
| December-January..... | 4.29 b. |
| January-February..... | 4.28 b. |

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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

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| Wheat—September, 55 1/2; December, 59 1/2. |
| Corn—September, 22 1/2; December, 24 1/2. |
| Oats—September, 17 1/2; December 17 1/2. |
| Pork—September, 5.95; December 5.95. |
| Lard—September, 3.40; Dec. 3.00. |
| Clear Rib Sides—September, 3.27. |

A PROPOSITION MADE.

Butler Proposes Terms Which He Knows Can't Be Accepted.

The Richmond Dispatch, of today contains the following from its Washington correspondent, from which it will be seen, if true that Mr. Butler is throwing out a bait for fusion in North Carolina which he knows the Democrats can not accept if they have a vestige of self respect left:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The indications now are that the statement in this correspondence yesterday, in effect foreshadowing the elimination of Watson as a combination vice-presidential candidate, is already substantially established. The all-day caucusing yesterday between Chairman Jones, Faulkner and Butler developed a deal that virtually disposes of Watson, and proposes a political deal in North Carolina that will create a more than ordinary political sensation in that State.

As the story is pretty authentically related, Butler refused to entertain the Democratic electoral fusion proposition in North Carolina until the question of congressional and State fusion was settled. To Messrs. Jones and Faulkner he is reported to have said there were three revolting elements in the State. There were Fusion Populists, Silver Republicans, and Fusion Democrats. Together and united these elements can sweep the State. Divided, either on the State, congressional, or electoral tickets, the State will be lost to silver.

To meet this exigency he submitted a complete ticket, ignoring all political antecedents—embracing the Populists, Republicans and Democrats, and making silver and the election of Bryan the supreme and the only issue of the campaign. He assured the two Democratic leaders that there were a large number of influential Populists in the State who would not support electoral fusion with the Democrats, even at the expense of defeating Bryan, and that the one certain way to overcome the difficulty was a complete ticket headed by a Populist for Governor, a fair division of the congressional ticket, the electoral vote of the State to Bryan.

The proposition is favorably entertained is more a matter of inference than authorized statement. Following it were numerous friendly and satisfactory caucuses, including Senator Butler's chummy and spectacular trip to the railroad station with Senator Jones, who left in the afternoon for Chicago. The single hitch in the proposed deal, it seems, is the extent of the recognition to be given the silver Republicans.

Butler insists that Dr. Mott shall be suitably recognized, in addition to the nomination of Dockery as Lieutenant Governor on the Populist State ticket. Mott is a candidate for United States Senator to succeed Senator Pritchard, and Senator Butler, urgently backed by the national silver committee, through Committee man Stevens, is supporting his candidacy. Silver Republicans in the State are not numerous, and if any concession is made to that element it will be the nomination of young Mott (who practically bolted the St. Louis convention) for Congress in the Eighth District.

BRYAN'S LETTER.

He is Busy Preparing His Formal Acceptance.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

BARRYTOWN, Aug. 21.—This morning Mr. Bryan began work on his letter of acceptance. He has changed his route for Albany so as to reach there at 4:05 instead of 6:30 and will leave there at 7:35, instead of ten. He will probably leave upper Red Hook Monday morning in order to reach Winnesook Lodge the same afternoon and will go direct to Albany from the Catskills. Mr. Bryan was shown a morning paper today which reported Croker's endorsement of the Chicago ticket. He said he was gratified to find so many eastern Democrats falling into line. He added that before the campaign closed he expected the co-operation of all Democrats except those whose pecuniary interest may be better advanced by the gold standard. In regard to the statement that Danforth had said HMI was for Bryan, he said today he had heard nothing about it.

The Populists of the eleventh district in convention at Salisbury yesterday renominated A. C. Shuford for Congress. Morrison Caldwell received 26 votes and Shuford 85.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Port-Pouri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Primly Put in Print.

Branson's Directory for '96 and '97 is complete and now on sale.

Both the Lincolnton and Oak City Laundry have adopted the cash system and will hereafter be run strictly on that schedule.

Wake Forest College opens next Wednesday. The prospect is that there will be an attendance of 300. A number of students have already arrived.

Dr. J. M. Templeton, H. J. Dowell and other delegates of Wake are at Greensboro in attendance of the national Prohibition party, which convenes there today.

The "Kong Tong Major" is a musical composition by Col Fauntleroy Taylor, which will be used in the campaign. The selection has been highly commended by musical authorities.

The Populists of Rockingham county yesterday endorsed Will Kite him, Democratic nominee for Congress in the fifth district. It is said that the Populist of Caswell and Person will also endorse him. This means Settle's defeat.

BUTLER ON COCKRAN.

He is Caustic in His Comments on the Latter's Speech.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Senator Butler discussed Burke Cockran's speech at length this morning. He was quite caustic in some comments. He said the speech would be a boomerang. Cockran attempted to array the wage earner against the farmer, the wage earners' interests, he says are identical with the farmers'. Both long since agreed that the cause of their trouble was the bad financial system.

McKinley's Letter of Acceptance.

A special from Canton, Ohio, to the Washington Times of yesterday says: Maj. McKinley worked from 9:30 this morning till 4 this evening on his letter of acceptance. Major McKinley made many changes and corrections on the proof sheets, sometimes cutting a whole sentence, and in other places adding a paragraph. The letter will be finished by the end of the week if Major McKinley does not have too many interruptions. He does not expect to publish his letter before the end of the month, so he feels that there is no reason to be in haste about finishing it.

Birthday Fete by the "Wife-Saving Circle".

The ladies composing the Wife-Saving Circle of the King's Daughters, Mrs. W. B. Kendrick, leader, will give a "Birthday Fete" on Tuesday evening next, 25th inst., at the store building on Fayetteville street formerly occupied by Alfred Williams & Co's bookstore, at which delicious refreshments of many kinds will be served. In addition to these the ladies have arranged with the electric street car company to give a "Trolley Ride" during the evening, which will be free to those patronizing the "Fete." The admission fee will be as many pennies (or amount in silver) as those entering are old, each, and pretty little boys, together with neat invitations will be circulated, as a receptacle for the pennies, or other change, representing the age of visitors. The cause is a most worthy charity, and the ladies managing the affair hope to see a large number of their friends, and the public generally, on hand. A "good time" is promised all. Remember the date—next Tuesday evening, from 6:30 to 11 o'clock.

Has Hoke Smith Resigned?

The Washington Times of this morning says it is rumored in Washington that Mr. Hoke Smith has resigned as Secretary of the Interior. It says Mr. Smith had a long interview with Senator Faulkner yesterday at which it was agreed upon.

A new shoe store, will be established here in the near future. The new enterprise will be located at Mosely's old stand, which is being rebuilt and renovated. Mr. Sam Norris and other enterprising business citizens of Raleigh are behind the enterprise.