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TOM WATSON IS UNRULY

He is On the War Path in the Far West.

HOT AFTER SEWALL.

Demoralizing All the Fusion Plans of the Populists in the West and Said to Have His Eye on North Carolina.

It appears that the Hon. Tom Watson, Populist nominee for Vice-President, is on a rampage, and is bent on making things lively if Mr. Sewall does not come down off the ticket. The Atlanta Constitution of yesterday gives the following account of his antics in the west:

The managers have slated Watson to speak in the State campaign every day next week. In the meantime he is lifting his voice in the west, and making hay for the Populist crib while the lamp holds out to burn. Watson is bent upon a work of destruction. It was his mission when he left Georgia two weeks ago. Upon the plea that he had an engagement in Texas to speak at a great laborgathering Watson left Georgia. It was the idea of those in charge of the State campaign that he would return immediately, but not so with Watson and not so with H. W. Reed, ex-national banker and chairman of the national finance committee.

Watson's speech was delivered in Texas. He caused a sensation by the emphatic denunciation of Sewall. It was while in Texas that Watson was notified by the letter of Senator Marion Butler that he had been named at St. Louis as the candidate for Vice-President. The tone of awful solemnity in this formal declaration from the North Carolina Senator seemed to embolden Watson and off he went on through Kansas and up to the native heath of Bryan.

The people—the modest, peace-loving Populists of the West—wondered at the sudden appearance of the Populist from Georgia. It is said that Senator Allen has discouraged his coming, as he knew it would interfere with the programme of fusion already fixed on by the Populists and Democrats. Other leaders on both sides feared the complications that would result from the visit of Watson.

Watson has made his appeal to the middle of the roaders. He told them to stand firm with him and with the Southern Populists in the refusal to fuse unless Sewall was withdrawn. He called on them to stand to him, as he was the only true leader of the party.

The efforts of Watson have not been without effect. Fusion that was established in Nebraska is threatened. The Democrats declare that Watson is willing to knife Bryan in the back to secure the withdrawal of Arthur Sewall. The Georgian is pouring his ammunition into all the Western fusion States. He is now in Colorado. Mr. Watson has set about to undo what the Populists of the West have already done. He is urging the middle of the roaders in all the Western States where fusion has been accomplished to repudiate any former action and stand for the candidacy of Bryan and Watson electors alone.

Mr. Watson is expected back in this State today. That he will not be here, however, is assured. He has engagements to speak in Georgia almost every day this week, but it is thought that he will remain in the West and tote his own skillet for the present.

In connection with the above the Washington Times of yesterday says:

The work of the middle-of-the-road Populists in several States of the West in causing extreme anxiety at both Populistic and Democratic headquarters in this city, and the managers of both branches of the Bryan campaign are worried for the effect on the prospects of the leading candidate.

The particular feature of the news from the Western States that is proving so worrisome to the party managers is the constant reiteration of the statement that middle-of-the-road Populists are at work trying to destroy the effect of fusion by holding independent State conventions and naming electors who are pledged to vote for Tom Watson.

In Several States. Committee man Durbin, of Indiana, has received a telegram from Indianapolis stating that a middle-of-

the road convention is to be held in Indiana. Chairman Payne has received a letter from Washington stating that a similar convention is to be held in the Pacific coast State, and that two-thirds of the Populists of Washington are to participate in it.

Added to this is news from other states, where the Democrats know too well that every free silver vote in the State is needed to elect Bryan. Fusion agreements which gave them the greatest apparent confidence that the States would choose Populistic electors are in danger of being swept aside by the middle-of-the-road Populists.

Governor Waite, of Colorado, is leader of a movement to organize against fusion in Colorado, and he is said to have nearly completed a deal with the Republican machine, which if it is successful, will threaten Bryan's chances of success in that State.

Then there is Texas. Populists and Republicans have agreed upon a plan of fusion that promises to place the State safe in the McKinley column, according to the prediction of many politicians of sound judgment.

Kansas has held a middle-of-the-road convention, and Illinois and Iowa are preparing to do so.

May Defeat Bryan.

The Populist leaders claim that these conventions represent the protest against the attempt of the silver machine to swallow their organization and shelve their candidate for Vice-President, Tom Watson. Under no circumstances, they say, will Bryan's managers be permitted to carry out their scheme of running their candidate at the expense of the Populist organization without such a protest as will endanger the success of the whole silver campaign.

These middle-of-the-road conventions, they declare, mean that Mr. Tom Watson knows his business, and that he will have no stone unturned between now and November to make his power as the Populist candidate felt.

The middle-of-the-road convention in Nebraska next week will be attended by some of the most prominent party leaders of the State, it is expected. The Populists claim that Bryan is going to have a hard time to hold his own even if the Populists stand by him, but that with the middle-of-the-road men out after his scalp, he will be in serious danger of an overwhelming defeat.

This aspect of the situation as set forth by the Atlanta Constitution and the Washington Times was talked of here on the street today and it was stated on authority that Watson is heading for North Carolina and that he will make it his business to unfuse fusion in this State before he winds up his grand march.

ODDS ON MCKINLEY.

A Millionaire's Two to One Offer against Bryan's Election.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 21.—W. F. Norton, proprietor of the Auditorium, says he will wager his theatre and the real estate upon which it was built, all of which cost \$125,000, against \$50,000 that McKinley will be elected. He will also bet any sum in cash from \$10,000 down that McKinley will carry the nation and carry Kentucky. So far he has found no one to accept his offers. Mr. Norton is worth \$2,000,000.

Toshow how the McKinley sentiment is spreading, a poll has been made of Richmond, ex-Governor McCreary's town, which shows 115 Democrats who will vote the Republican ticket. Senator Blackburn, who has been encouraging the silverites to break up meetings addressed by National Democrats, is getting alarmed at the indignation resulting. Colonel Miles, of Nicholasville, said that Blackburn had ordered that gold Democrats should not be allowed to speak, but Blackburn has come out with a qualified denial.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 21.—August Loewenstein, of the Cincinnati Abator company, has offered the following wagers, so far with no taker; \$1,000 even on 35,000 plurality for McKinley in Hamilton county \$1000 even that McKinley will carry Kentucky; \$1,000 even that McKinley will carry West Virginia. by 8,000, \$1,000 even that McKinley will carry Maryland by 3,000; \$1,000 even that Tennessee will go Republican by 15,000.

Manteo Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Manteo Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., meets tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Every member is earnestly requested to be on hand.

REDUCTION OF RATES

Argued Before the Railway Commission Today.

NO DECISION AS YET.

Seaboard and Southern Ask for Continuance—C. F. & Y. V. and Norfolk & Western Argue Against Reduction—Arbitration at an End.

This was a very busy day with the Railway Commission. In addition to the arguments relative to the reduction of passenger rates a number of complaints and cases were heard.

Mr. Evans, chairman of the South Carolina Railway Commission and Mr. Milbon of the same commission sat with the North Carolina Commission having been specially invited to do so. The South Carolina Commission came here in response to Major Wilson's invitation with a view of arbitrating the rate war question. Before they had reached the city however, news was received of the Seaboard sudden determination to call off the cut rates, and thus the arbitration idea came to an end.

At the last session of the commission passenger rates were reduced from 31 cents per mile first class passage to 3 cents. Second class rates were reduced from 24 to 24. The various railroad systems operating in the State were notified to be here today and show cause, if any, why this reduction should not be made.

The Southern Railway was represented by Mr. F. H. Busbee.

The Seaboard was represented by Messrs. MacLae and Day, Mr. V. E. McLee, General Superintendent, and Mr. Wm. Moncure, division Superintendent.

The C. F. & Y. V. was represented by Capt. Day, Judge MacLae, Messrs. Frye and Kyle.

The Norfolk and Western was represented by Mr. Bull.

The Southern and the Seaboard asked for a continuance of the case until tomorrow or some other day on the grounds that they were not ready for the hearing. The C. F. & Y. V., and the Norfolk & Western argued against the reduction. They made the point that the receipts of the road would not permit their making a reduction in rates.

The Commission held the decision in reserve and immediately took up the hearing of the other cases.

The case of Kerner Bros., from Winston, vs. the Southern Express Company, was heard. The company refused to take express matter from the Kerner's without prepayment of freight. The company was represented by F. H. Busbee, C. L. Loop, Traffic Manager and O. M. Sadler, Superintendent. The decision is in reserve.

Sixteen one to fish.

Mr. W. A. Richardson, of the Western Union Telegraph office here, tells a story, which if it came from a less reliable source, would be classed as a fish story, but from Mr. Richardson we accept it without any salt. Some time ago Mr. Richardson procured from the pond at Pullen Park a beautiful gold fish. He was solid gold without any alloy, but Mr. Richardson says that since this financial agitation has been going on the fish has been gradually turning to a silvery hue until now he is a silver fish all over except a bright gold spot under his throat, and as this spot covers about one sixteenth of the surface of his body he is a regular sixteen to one. Mr. Richardson does not altogether like the political coloring his fish has taken on and don't know exactly what to do with the jumbo he has on his hands.

238 Students at Wake Forest.

A correspondent writes from Wake Forest College as follows: The week ending Sept. 19th, shows a total enrolment of 238 students. They represent North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Sixty-six counties in North Carolina are represented. Wake of course leads in numbers, having 21 men here. They continue to come in almost every day.

Capital Lodge I. O. O. F.

Capital Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F., meets tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

W. W. WILSON, N. G.

WORDS WELL SPOKEN.

A Level Headed Citizen has Something Sensible to Say About Raleigh.

A few days ago the PRESS-VISITOR took occasion to comment editorially upon the growth of Raleigh and its advantages as a pleasant residence city. It is with pleasure and gratification that we publish below the following letter elicited by the article from one of our most prominent, progressive and useful citizens:

"I want to congratulate you on a clipping which I cut from your paper several days ago. It is articles of this sort about our town which will do us good. We have a beautiful city, capable of being made one of the best towns in the State. It is now on the upward grade, and if our papers will occasionally give us nice and accurate articles like that which appeared in your paper it will help our city very much, and I believe that the paper which does it will be appreciated by our citizens. I am glad to say that the PRESS-VISITOR has always taken a lively interest in the improvements going on in our midst. Let us all pull together and thereby advance the material prosperity of Raleigh as much as we can; for, in doing so, we at the same time advance our individual welfare. One great mistake which a good many of our people make is that they are not willing to help each other and they have a disposition to antagonize and pull down a neighbor rather than to applaud his success and assist him by words of encouragement. Let us all pull our shoulders to the wheel and talk Raleigh and push Raleigh as much as we can."

There is much of wisdom and good common sense in the above, and we hope it will be taken to heart by all our citizens. Raleigh has the strong men and the energy, and if they put their shoulders to the wheel and pull together as above suggested, we shall have occasion to be more proud of our goodly city than we have ever yet been.

TO BE SENT TO THE ROADS

The Suspected Pickpocket Arrested Here, Gets Thirty Days.

Mayor Russ has decided to send the suspected pickpocket, who was arrested here the night of the Bryan speaking to the roads for thirty days. John Johnson is the name the man gives. It is rather difficult to get any evidence against him and the most that can be made out of the suspect is thirty days on the roads on a charge of vagrancy.

The Norfolk Ledger says: "The Sheriff of Northampton county, N. C., arrived here yesterday evening to take the four white men accused of pocket-picking on the Seaboard Air Line train back to North Carolina for trial. The men agreed to go with him at first, but after consulting an attorney they decided not to go without requisition papers, and the Sheriff returned to his State to secure them. While here the North Carolina officer gave the information that the two men captured at Garysburg, N. C., who formed a part of the gang, had furnished bail bonds of \$400 each from a store they carried sewed up in the lining of their clothes and "jumped." They paid a man \$15 to carry them ten miles in a wagon.

Richmond detectives had some little trouble securing the pictures of some of the crooks arrested in the State last Friday.

In Ashland, where three of them had been gathered in, two gave some little trouble. It took three shots to get one, and the other turned out to be the notorious Denver Ned.

Ned cried like a baby and worked the Ashland folks so easily that he was let go.

It is said that Ned worked successfully at the World's Fair.

There were two women with the gang that started out on Candidate Bryan's trail from Chicago.

They were said to be Fannie St. Claire and Lilly Armstrong, who are known to be "cappers." They are both handsome women, and would spot "marks" and give away easy points for "pals."

Chief of Weather Bureau Here.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, of Washington, D. C., arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. Mr. Moore, who kindly dispenses us with weather is on an inspection tour of the central stations, with a view of thoroughly equipping them. Mr. Moore has assured Mr. von Herman that the Raleigh office will be thoroughly equipped as soon as it is located in the Fisher building. Additional men may be required to do the work. Mr. Moore remained in the city today, the guest of Dr. Battle and Mr. von Herman.

SILVER-POPULIST FUSION

Electoral Ticket From Three Parties.

DEMOCRATS GETS 5.

Populists Get Five and B. F. Keith Gets the Other Elector—Democrats Accept the Populist's Counter Proposition.

The deed is done. Populists, Democrats, Dr. Mott and B. F. Keith have pulled themselves together on one platform, from which Otho Wilson and other well known nightingales can chant favorite songs.

Here is the fusion ticket which was agreed upon this morning at 1:30 at the Park Hotel.

Electors at Large: Locke Craig, of Buncombe, Dem.

R. B. Davis, of New Hanover, Pop.

First District—Theo. F. White, of Perquimans, Pop.

Second District—H. E. Freeman, of Wilson, Pop.

Third District—C. R. Thomas, of Craven, Dem.

Fourth District—W. S. Bailey, of Nash, Pop.

Fifth District—William Merritt, of Person, Pop.

Sixth District—B. F. Keith, of New Hanover, Silver party.

Seventh District—Theo. F. Klutz, of Iowan, Dem.

Eighth District—Tyre York, of Wilkes, Dem.

Ninth District—R. D. Gilmer, of Haywood, Dem.

By this arrangement the Democrats get five electors, the Populists five and the Silver party one.

The Populist central committee after being in session several hours submitted a proposition through Chairman Avera, which is the same as the one agreed upon.

The Populist proposition as reported was discussed for several hours and finally accepted with one dissenting vote. Col. Paul B. Means voted against the acceptance of the proposition. There was some kicking against giving the Silver party one elector. The point was made that Jim Southgate's free silver Prohibition party was stronger numerically in this State than the Silver party and that the Prohibitionists were more entitled to representation than the Silver party.

Chairman Manly, however, has been in correspondence with Mr. Keith, chairman of the Silver party in the State, relative to giving that party an elector for some time.

A sub-committee consisting of Clement Manly, Chairman, Thomas J. Jarvis, J. R. Webster, F. M. Simmons and E. J. Hale was appointed after the proposition had been accepted to meet the Populist committee and arrange details in selecting electors. There was a desire on the part of both committees not to choose any one who would prove objectionable.

The two committees went into joint session at 12 m. and at 1:30 agreed on the ticket as printed above.

This Morning's Sessions.

The Democratic Executive committee reconvened this morning about ten o'clock at Democratic headquarters. The resignations of those Democratic electors who received a "frost" at the joint committee meeting last evening were received and accepted.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Democratic State committee, without any dissent, recognizing the unselfish party spirit which has prompted Messrs. W. C. Douglas, J. H. Small, F. D. Winston, A. L. Brooks and Thos. W. Strange to place their resignations as electors in the hands of this committee, and

WHEREAS, The said committee desire to signify their unqualified confidence in the ability and loyalty of these gentlemen as well as to retain for the party their most valuable services, therefore

Resolved, That the chairman of this committee request the gentlemen named to continue their canvass of the State of North Carolina in the interest of the Democratic party.

The central committee was given power to act in case any electors should resign, or if an unexpected hitch should occur in the fusion arrangement of last night.

It was agreed that Chairman Manly should issue an address to the voters of the State. The address will be explanatory of the fusion arrangement on electors.

Mr. L. W. McAllister, member of the First district resigned, and Thos. G. Skinner was elected in his stead.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Cotton Closed 20 to 21 Points Lower than Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.

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

MONTHS.	OPENING.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSING.
January	8.39	8.39	8.26	8.26
February	8.45	8.45	8.31	8.31
March	8.49	8.49	8.35	8.35
April	8.50	8.50	8.39	8.39
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October	8.16	8.15	8.07	8.07
November	8.20	8.20	8.07	8.07
December	8.33	8.33	8.18	8.18

New York futures opened 6 to 9 lower, remained steady at the decline until the government bureau report was announced, which being considered more favorable, depressed prices causing a further decline of 10 or 12 points. Market closed at the lowest point of the day, 20 to 21 points lower than yesterday.

New York Stock Market.

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

Missouri Pacific.....194
Union Pacific.....204
Rock Island.....204
St. Paul.....274
General Electric.....274
Tennessee Coal and Iron.....204
Manhattan.....264
American Tobacco.....62
Burlington and Quincy.....674
Western Union.....84
Louisville and Nashville.....40
United States Leather.....56
Southern Railroad.....74
Southern Preferred.....214
Chicago Gas.....604
Sugar.....111 1/2
Reading.....—
Des. and O. Feed.....—
Acheson.....—
D. L. & W.....154
Jersey Central.....1004
Eric.....—
Silver.....—

Liverpool Cotton Market.

September.....439 s.
September-October.....434 s.
October-November.....431 s.
November-December.....426 s.
December-January.....424 s.
January-February.....428 s.
February-March.....428 s.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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

Wheat—December, 62 1/2; May, 66.
Corn—December, 21 1/2; May, 24.
Oats—December 16 1/2; May 19 1/2.
 Pork—January, 5.35; May, 7.05.
Lard—December, 3.55; May, 3.85.
Clear Rib Sides—October, 3.17; January, 3.50.

The Crop Bulletin Last Week.

The weather during the week ending Saturday, September 19th, 1896, was favorable for the work of gathering crops, but was not such as to cause any improvement in the outlook. The temperature rose steadily during the week, and the last days were almost as warm as any experienced this summer, with maximum temperature as high as 100 degrees. The weather turned decidedly cooler on Sunday. Some good local rains occurred this week on the 13th, 15th and 16 which were heaviest in the eastern portion of the State. The largest amounts were 3.65 inches at Warrenton and 2.95 at Weldon. Over large portions of the State the drought still prevails, many wells and creeks are dry, and at places there is some difficulty in obtaining water.

The weath was perfect for picking cotton: the crop is opening very fast, and is probably nearly all open, picking is proceeding rapidly. Never before has the crop been gathered so early. The hot weather this week caused some more premature opening, and the final yield will be as low as previously estimated. Corn is dry and now being gathered. An early frost would probably injure a little tobacco still left in the fields. Potatoes and pea nuts are being dug. Both crops are not as good as promised a month ago. Potatoes are fair; pea nuts on stiff lands nearly a failure. Turnips very poor stand generally, but best in northern portion of eastern district. Very little fall plowing for wheat and oats has yet been done.

Sanctification in Cumberland.

Crumpier, the sanctification preacher, has been getting in his work in Cumberland during the past week or two. The Fayetteville Observer says a gentleman who was at the meeting last Sunday night says there was most remarkable demonstration, 600 people, wildly excited, numbers crawling about on hand and knees, going into trances, etc.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

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

A sound money league has been organized in Norfolk and we note that our former townsman, Mr. E. A. Jones has been elected one of the Executive Committee.

Mr. D. T. Johnson gives you a grain of wisdom in his new advertisement today about purity in food. You can always find the purest and best and freshest at his store and at lowest figures. Read his new advertisement today.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is billed to speak at Kinston, Thursday. A grand rally of Democratic clubs is to take place there on that day and extensive preparations are being made for the occasion.

Messrs. Page and Marshall of the Oak City Laundry give a new classification of mankind and of steam laundries in their advertisement today. Don't fail to read it.

Those displays of new fall suits and other handsome novelties in the windows of Messrs. Berwanger are strictly up to date and very attractive. They attract the attention of every passer-by. The arrangement of the display is very artistic.

There will be a called meeting of the Ladie's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the new rooms. All members are requested to make a special effort to be present for the transaction of important business.

Mrs. Vitruvius Royster has returned from New York where she selected a most attractive and up to date line of attractions for her popular millinery establishment. Her many patrons and friends should look for her new announcements in these columns.

Whether it is foul or fair weather it makes no difference on the trade at Whiting Bros. for they carry a stock suitable for all seasons. Today's rain made trade in shoes, rubbers, umbrellas, etc., lively for awhile at this popular establishment. Read their new advertisement in tomorrow's issue.

There is a coterie of old bachelors at the Yarboro, who have summered and wintered there undisturbed for many a summer and winter, and who will be turned out to grass on October 1st, when the Yarboro closes doors. It is rumored that these relics of single bliss, gone to seed, will at that time be placed on the matrimonial market, and it is hoped by their friends that they may be taken in out of the wet by some of those compassionate ministering angels who may find pleasure in bestowing a benediction on them in particular and mankind in general.

LT. GOV. MASON HERE.

Encouraged With the West—Thinks Adams and Doughton will Be Elected.

Capt. T. W. Mason the Democratic nominee for Lieut. Governor, who has made such a brilliant and active campaign in the west was here today for several hours en route home. No man has done more for Democracy in this campaign than Capt. Mason. He has aroused the people at every point where he has spoken and nothing but good reports are received from the places he has visited.

Capt. Mason speaks very encouragingly of the situation in the west. He thinks the Democracy has made great gains in all the mountain counties and especially in the ninth district. Capt. Mason thinks that both Mr. Adams and Mr. Doughton will roll up a good majority.

Mr. E. W. Pou met Uncle Strowd at Hutchinson's mills yesterday and what he did for the old man was A. P. Mr. Pou is enthusing the people wherever he goes. Yesterday his hearers were nearly all Populists, but they were cheering him when he finished speaking.

Mr. Pou and Mr. Strowd draw large crowds wherever they appear. Raleigh should greet them in great numbers.