

A FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

Butler Writes a Plain Letter to Pritchard.

WAR BETWEEN THEM.

Butler Says Pritchard Has Changed His Views and That He Now Belongs to the Cleveland-Sherman-Carlisle Contingent.

The Progressive Farmer of this week, which will appear tomorrow, will contain the following very interesting letter from Senator Marion Butler:

ELIZABETH, N. C., Nov. 14, 1896.

HONORABLE PROGRESSIVE FARMER:

I enclose you copy of a letter I have written Senator Pritchard today in answer to one just received from him.

Yours truly, MARION BUTLER.

ELIZABETH, N. C., 14, 1896.

Hon. J. C. Pritchard, Marshall, N. C.

DEAR SIR: Yours of Nov. 8th, asking whether or not I favored your election to the Senate received.

Who shall be Senator is a matter to be determined by a majority of the members of the next legislature, but if I were a member of that body I would not vote for any man for Senator who favored the gold standard, or whose position on the financial question (so vital to the welfare of our people) was uncertain or equivocal.

When you were elected to the Senate two years ago you were as outspoken as strong for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 as any one else. You condemned the gold standard as one of the greatest curses to our people and our country, you condemned Cleveland's financial policy, and especially Carlisle's policy in redeeming Treasury notes in gold alone. But today Senator John Sherman, the arch leader of the British gold company, says that his hope of securing the next U. S. Senate for the gold standard depends upon getting Senator Pritchard to vote for the gold standard of Kentucky and North Carolina. It is understood that they want to elect Carlisle from Kentucky and elect you from North Carolina. Therefore I take it that you are no longer for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, but if you are then Sherman and Mark Hanna must be deprived as to your position.

Besides if you have been correctly reported by the newspapers, you have in some of your speeches admitted that you have radically changed your views on the financial question, which question is at all times the most important and vital one in this or any other government, and which is especially so at this time in the United States. Again, you had published in the Winston Republican a few months ago a statement of your great change on the money question. That article, which the editor said he was authorized to publish, and which you have never corrected, stated that you would vote for free coinage until March 4th, next, because you were pledged to do so, but that after then you would be a 'sound money' man.

Thus it seems clear that you have decided to desert the people in this great struggle against the money power, and have gone over to the side of the money changers, who bleed and oppress the people.

There is no longer any half way or straddling ground in this contest. Every man in Congress will have to vote for the free coinage of silver and more full legal tender money for the people, or he will vote with the bankers, bondholders, speculators and gold smelters who live and grow rich by making money scarce and dearer. If this is your position, then as a member of the legislature, who is not himself a gold digger, can you vote for the gold standard? You certainly cannot expect the vote of any Populist, neither can you expect the vote of any silver Republican, for when your State convention passed a resolution approving your course, you had not given public notice that you had changed your views.

Every man has a right to change his views on the money question or other questions whenever he has reasons sufficient for doing so, but he has no right to complain if the people of his state refuse to change their views because he changes his. Having radically changed your

position on the most vital issue before the country today and now holding new views in conformity with those of Sherman and Mark Hanna, you would not represent the sentiments and interests of the people of North Carolina in the United States Senate any more than did Senator Ransom after he changed his views on the money question to conform with the views of Cleveland and Carlisle.

One vote may determine the position of the next United States Senate on the money question. In fact, if you are elected, or any man holding the new and foreign views you have adopted, it will almost surely give the bankers, bondholders and gold trust one majority in that body, and complete control of every branch of the government, and this is probably the reason why that class of men are now showing so much interest and anxiety about your election.

It is absolutely necessary for the people to hold the United States Senate in order to check the further schemes of the monopolists and contractionists. To do this it is necessary for North Carolina to send a free coinage and anti-monopoly man to the Senate. Therefore, I favor the election of a man who holds the same views on the financial question that you held before you changed.

Yours respectfully, MARION BUTLER.

BOTH HELD DEEDS.

The Seaboard Won a Case For Right of Way in Apex.

Mr. S. B. Sturgeon has been occupying a strip of land adjoining the Seaboard's railroad track in Apex. For several years Mr. Sturgeon has lived on the property unmolested. Some months ago the Seaboard officials decided that they needed a well at the particular spot which Mr. Sturgeon claimed as his own. But Mr. Sturgeon gave the employees of the road who went to dig the well to understand that they were not wanted about the premises.

The railroad entered suit for possession of the property. The case came up in court last week and two deeds to the property were displayed in court. Mr. Sturgeon exhibited a deed by which he had come into possession of the property in return for money considerations. The railroad also held a deed. They produced their charter which gives them the right of way for 100 feet on either side of their roadbed. And there is where Mr. Sturgeon lost his property.

The jury decided that the property rightfully belonged to the Seaboard.

Fortifying Impregnable Points.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 16.—Having made the Victoria and the Esquimaux harbors impregnable, the British war officers are now taking another step toward making the Esquimaux one of the strongest strategic points in the Empire. Not only that, but it is intended to fortify every impregnable point along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The North Atlantic fleet will be strengthened. The object of fortifying the railroad is to render co-operation between the two seaboard practically certain in case of war. When the changes are complete five thousand men will be in service.

Floods in the North West.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

PORTLAND, Ogn., Nov. 16.—For the past 48 hours the rain has fallen almost incessantly in the northwest and streams are running the banks full. In many places they have broken over the banks and flooded the country. The river here is fifteen feet above low water, and is rising at the rate of two inches an hour. Railroads and telegraphs are interrupted.

Latham, Alexander & Co.'s Estimate.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, Nov. 16.—Latham, Alexander & Co. have issued their estimate on the cotton crop for the current year.

The average of 2,240 replies from correspondents makes the crop 8,022,000 bales.

Attempted to Blow up a Hotel.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

HONOLULU, Nov. 16.—At seven-thirty this morning an attempt was made to blow up the hotel Highland Roxbury with dynamite. The hotel is a four story apartment house. The chimney of one of the upper stories was badly wrecked. The hotel was damaged, but none were injured.

SOME PUBLICATIONS.

Made and to be made by the Experiment Station.

The first annual report of the supervising committee of the experimental farm at Southern Pines, is of great interest. It will be recalled that the work there is on an extended scale, embracing fruit and vegetable crops, and occupying about sixty acres and eighteen crops on trial with separate fertilizing ingredients and combinations. The first report contains twenty-two half tone photographic cuts representing different steps in preparing the land from the virgin forest for cultivation and the preparations of the several crops with the different fertilizers. Most valuable results are expected from this work, which will be of service to horticulturists and fruit growers in almost every locality. Copies of this report can be had by applying to Dr. H. B. Battle, chairman, Raleigh, N. C., but as only a limited edition has been printed the copies can only be sent to parties specially interested.

The experiment station at Raleigh has recently issued several publications of marked interest, all tending to immediate utility and interest of practical farmers. One, "Poultry Keeping for Profit," is very complete and the suggestions made likely to come before any poultry keeper in actual every day operations are treated in a common sense, but detailed way. The bulletin is very fully illustrated with cuts and descriptions of breeds, chicken houses, brooders, incubators and miscellaneous appliances. Another publication just issued is, "Parasites of Poultry," an addendum to the just mentioned giving cuts of twelve parasites most commonly found. Another publication which the station has in preparation is entitled "Home Vegetable Garden," and will also be of great value. As all the other publications of the station, the subject will be treated in a comprehensive way. It is expected that this work will be ready in about two weeks.

Funeral of Mr. Thomas S. Howie.

Saturday night at the residence of his son, three miles and a half from Raleigh, Mr. Thomas S. Howie died at the advanced age of 84 years. He was smoking Saturday in a room alone, when, it is supposed, a spark fell from his pipe burning him badly. He died shortly afterwards. Mr. Howie had been a consistent member of the Methodist church for many years, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the residence and a large concourse of people attended, including many from Raleigh. The deepest sympathy of the many friends of Capt. Thomas Howie in the city are extended to him in his bereavement.

Will Pritchard Succeed Pritchard?

The movement to re-elect Pritchard United States Senator has good footing among the Populists, it reports are true. It is stated that Council Wooten, Populist member of the last legislature, is making a tour of the eastern counties interviewing Populist members of the legislature as to Pritchard. He says Frank Brown, Populist of Jones county, is all right for Pritchard. The Senator was at Salisbury a day or two ago and when told of Senator Butler's declaration that no gold man could be elected Senator, asked if Butler had referred to him by name.

Death of a Son of Hon. R. M. Furman.

News was received here today of the death of Austin Furman, the thirteen year old son of Hon. R. M. Furman, which occurred at Asheville Saturday evening. The death resulted from a sudden illness and the first news that Mr. Furman had of it was on Thursday last when he was summoned by telegraph and left for Asheville that afternoon.

Mark Barber's Second Trial Begins.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, Nov. 16.—The second trial of Mark Barber, the first woman sentenced to electrocution for the murder of a recent lover, began this morning.

Consistent With Estimate.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NOANWICH, Conn., Nov. 16.—The Greenville cotton mills have resumed, employing five hundred men.

A Carpet Company Resumes Work.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

THORNTONVILLE, Conn., Nov. 16.—The Hartford Carpet Company has resumed operation, with four hundred men employed.

THE BREACH WIDENING.

The Aspect Regarded as War-Like at Washington.

THE SPANISH MAD.

They Want Their Imaginary Wrongs Righted. The Cubans are Gaining Ground and Driving the Spanish Forces to the Wall.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—In spite of all denials on the part of the government officers, attempts on the part of the Spanish, United States, and English diplomats to smooth over the differences existing between this country and Spain the breach is widening. In the event of the defeat of Weyler there will be all greater tension. The Spanish people attribute the stubborn fight made by the Cubans solely to the interference by Americans. In their characteristic pride and conceit they demand that these imaginary wrongs be avenged by their government. Stripped of half of her power abroad and with revolutions starting her in the face, war with the United States seems to those people the only alternative unless by some unexpected move the Spanish army succeeds in crushing the Cuban patriots. Every report shows that the Cubans are fast gaining ground. With an army of not more than thirty-five thousand they are gradually driving the Spanish forces to the wall. The coward and demoralized Spanish army is meeting defeat after defeat.

THE S. A. L. DEAL.

A Collapse of the Negotiations and Interesting Developments Expected.

A Washington special of yesterday says:

The following statement, relating to the Seaboard Air-Line, was given out this afternoon by the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore:

"Mr. Thomas F. Ryan today accepted and paid the stock of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company covered by General John Gill's option through the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company—between two and three thousand shares. Mr. Ryan also called at the office of the company to close the Hoffman pooled stock option, which expires today, but the committee was not ready to deliver the stock."

Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, who is at the Arlington tonight, confirmed the statement issued this afternoon by the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore that the pooled stock of the Seaboard & Roanoke railroad, controlling the Seaboard Air-Line, held by the Hoffman interest, had not been delivered to him under the forty days contract, and that no information could be obtained concerning the amounts of stock held until the expiration of the option by the pool. Mr. Ryan also confirmed the further statement that he had accepted and paid for the Seaboard stock, covered by General Gill's option, which is between 2,000 and 3,000 shares.

The failure of the Hoffman pool to transfer the stock pooled under the Hoffman option has caused considerable surprise in financial circles and is construed to mean that there is a very bitter fight ahead for the control of the Seaboard Air-Line, which may involve a re-opening of the rate troubles among the Southern lines.

No explanation could be ascertained of the unexpected turn of affairs and Mr. Ryan withdrew, accompanied by his lawyer, Elibu Root, of New York.

The effect, it is said, of this latest phase in the situation is that the control of the property will remain in the hands of the Hoffman interests for the present.

In certain circles the belief prevails that outside interests which seek to control the property are responsible for the seeming collapse in the negotiations.

Attention! Centre Lodge, K. of R.

The regular meeting of Centre Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present, as business of much importance will be transacted. All visiting brethren will meet with a cordial welcome.

R. C. RYAN, C. C.

W. W. WILSON, K. of R. and S.

The Monday Evening club will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Dr. H. B. Battle.

TAKE NO STOCK IN IT.

The Alleged War Scams Discredited.

Washington.

Special to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—There are lots of people in Washington who take no stock in the alleged information received by the administration that Spain has decided, if it fails to like the Cuban insurgents within the next few weeks, to try to lick Uncle Sam. Among them is a naval officer who has had opportunities to know the Spaniards thoroughly. Discussing the matter, he said to a personal friend: "Somebody is tricking the administration by giving it false information, and my impression is that it is being done to prevent Cleveland and Olney following Fitz Lee's advice and doing something that might help the Cubans. The present race of Spaniards are as arrogant cowards as can be found anywhere on earth, and if the United States should demand it, they would rather go down upon their knees in supplication than to attempt to fight us. Spain is a poor country and was growing poorer all the time, even before the draft which has resulted from its attempts to put down the Cuban revolution was started. It has a few good fighting ships, but it needs them all and its rulers do not see where any more are to come from; therefore they have not the remotest idea either of seeking or of accepting war if it were thrust upon them by a country which they know has a Navy that would either sink or capture every Spanish war ship within sixty days of the opening of hostilities. I haven't the slightest hesitation in saying that if President Cleveland were to recognize the independence of Cuba tomorrow, the Spaniards would not dare to resent it, outside of their home newspapers." While most people agree with this officer in believing that the administration is acting upon false information, its action in making preparations to fight, if it becomes necessary, is generally commended; and the commendation would be still heartier if, when everything is ready to fight, use should be made of the preparations by forcing a cessation of the war in Cuba, which is making a desert out of the most fertile island in the world and is losing to citizens of the United States more than \$100,000,000 a year in profitable commerce.

Gen. Wm. Birney, the veteran republican who came out for Bryan and free silver during the recent campaign, tells a story about a Maryland Methodist who replied at a public meeting to an argument put forth against the use of silver by a Methodist bishop, because it had been forever "desecrated" by the use of thirty pieces of it to bribe Judas Iscariot. According to Gen. Birney the Methodist gentleman spoke as follows: "Brethren, the bishop is wrong. He has not examined his bible. Christ used silver coin. Not only used it, but sanctioned its use by others. In the 17th chapter of Matthew, when the tax gatherer demanded his tax, Christ directed Peter to go to the sea, cast in a hook and take the fish that first comes up; that he would find a silver coin in the fish's mouth; that take and give unto them for me and thee. Now, brethren, he could just as easily have had Peter pull out a gold fish with a gold coin in his mouth as a silver fish with a silver coin in its mouth, but he wanted to give the example to his followers for all time to use silver."

It is perfectly well understood in Washington that there are three members of President Cleveland's cabinet—Carlisle, Herbert and Wilson—whom Mr. Cleveland would like to see provided for before he retires from office. They are all poor and they are disposed from education and experience to be better satisfied in public than in private life. Mr. Cleveland hopes that republican squabbles in Kentucky will result in sending Mr. Carlisle back to the Senate from which he stepped to entering the cabinet, and, although Mr. Carlisle has said that he would prefer returning to private life and the practice of law at his home, there isn't the slightest doubt that he would willingly accept the Senatorship or falling that, and probably in preference to that, a seat on the bench of the United States Supreme Court. It is pretty generally believed that Secretary Herbert will shortly resign and be appointed to a pending vacancy in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and that Mr. Wilson will be given some sort of a judicial appointment later. When these things were first talked about,

prominent silver men declared that the silver majority in the Senate would refuse to confirm the nomination of any member of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet to any position, but that was during the excitement of the campaign. It is quite certain that neither Senator Morgan or Senator Pugh of his state, would object to Secretary Herbert, and they would probably be glad to see him provided for. Mr. Wilson is personally popular in the Senate, as well as everywhere else, and even Mr. Carlisle has staunch personal friends among the silver Senators who would be more likely to help him than to fight him.

The Chrysanthemum Show.

The ladies in charge of the chrysanthemum show wish to return many thanks to Mr. W. B. Grimes for the free use of the rooms. Also to Mr. Charles Johnson, superintendent of the Electric Light Company, for the lights, and to Mr. Alex. McPheeters, Jr., for the water supply, and to all the ladies outside of the King's Daughters for their valuable assistance and donations. It is requested that any articles sent away from the rooms, such as buckets, dishes, etc., be deposited at the store of W. H. Hughes on Fayetteville street, so that proper owners can get them. The lady who lost a tan kid glove can get it by applying to the same place.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.

Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., Bankers and Brokers, 30 Broad street, New York.

[By Private Wire.]

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March, 7 78 7 81 7 74 7 78.

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New York Stock Market.

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Manhattan,

Rock Island,

Southern Preferred,

St. Paul,

Tennessee Coal and Iron,

Western Union,

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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

Wheat—December, 74; May, 82.

Corn—December, 25; May, 28.

Oats—December, 19; May, 24.

Pork—December, 6.75; January, 7.15.

Lard—December, 3.90; January, 4.10.

Clear Rib Sides—Dec., 3.72; January, 3.85.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

November,

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January-February,

February-March,

March-April,

April-May,

Closed steady.

HANNA MAY ACCEPT.

Opinion in Cleveland That He Will Accept the Treasury Portfolio.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 16.—The opinion is gaining ground that Hanna may accept the treasury portfolio. It is said today that he might not refuse the portfolio in case it is tendered him.

Fire in Grand Central Depot.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, Nov. 16.—A fire originated in the main packing room of the Grand Central depot today. Many packages of unknown value were destroyed. Part of the elevated railway platform was consumed. For the time it appeared that a portion of the depot would go.

Mr. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, was in the city today.

There was a rush at King's drug store this morning for seats for the "Star Course" attraction on the night of the 20th inst. The box sheet was opened at 9 o'clock and many people were present as early as 8 o'clock.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Fort-Ponri of the News Plastered on Paper-Points, and People Pertinently Picked and Fittily Put in Print.

There are 14 inches of snow on Roan mountain in this State.

There are now 165 convicts in the penitentiary. The chief work has been brick-making this year.

There are now 270 students at Shaw university, colored. Several are from foreign countries.

The next session of North Carolina Annual conference of the Methodist Church, South, convenes at Kinston, December 9th.

The white Baptists in this state east of the Blue Ridge, have this year built eighteen churches and are building twenty-two others.

The Charlotte News declares that "Butler needs somebody to do odd jobs around the house in Washington. Otho Wilson may be elected to the Senate."

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