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POPULISTS MAKE DENIAL

Assure Butler They are Not for Pritchard.

3 REPUBLICANS BOLT

This Has Been Butler's Day—Addison and Barker, the Only Populists Who Won't Say They are Against Senator Pritchard.

In the Caucasian which appears tomorrow there will be an article headed, "A Slander on the People's Party." The article is written by Senator Butler and it is one of the sensations of the hour. It will no doubt cause the Pritchard forces a good deal of anxiety.

At 3:30 this evening Senator Butler said: "I do not concede the election of Senator Pritchard by any means." His views are expressed in the Caucasian article which appears herewith:

"There appeared in the News and Observer this morning (Wednesday) just as the Caucasian was going to press, a list of sixteen Populist members of the legislature (six Senators and ten Representatives) who, it is claimed, will bolt the People's party caucus to support Mr. Pritchard for the Senate. Col. Harry Skinner is reported as authority for this list. We do not believe the list is correct; in fact we know it is not correct. Several whose names are in the list have informed the Caucasian that it is false as far as they are concerned. Therefore we repudiate this charge made by Col. Skinner as a slander on these members as well as on the party. It has not been possible for us to see all of those who Col. Skinner says will bolt, therefore we will not at this time publish the names of any—in fact we can not believe that any of them would bolt his party. But if there is any one who intends to bolt he ought to have the courage to get out of the party now and not sit in any further caucus.

"In the brief time we have had to interview them we are unable to give the exact statements of those who make denial, but 14 of the 16 state that they did not authorize any statement. Most of this number were emphatic that they would abide by the action of the People's party caucus. The two who would make no denial of the charge are Senator G. L. Hardison, of Craven, and Senator Barber, of Lincoln.

"This charge was a slander on the People's party. We regret exceedingly that there is any truth whatever in it.

"A resolution was passed by the joint populist caucus last night that every member would abide by the caucus action. Certainly any one who did not intend to abide by the caucus action in all matters should and would have withdrawn then. But it is generally understood that Col. Skinner is using every effort to get members to bolt. If his purpose is to disrupt and split the party no true populist will help him, but will condemn his course."

In the republican caucus last night, three republican members of the legislature failed to rise when the motion was put to endorse Senator Pritchard for re-election to the Senate by a rising vote. Mr. Claude Dockery asked that he be excused from voting, because under certain circumstances he would be forced to violate the resolution. As is well known, Mr. Dockery's father, Col. O. H. Dockery is a candidate for the senate and in the event that his election becomes possible Mr. Claude Dockery will support him. Ex-Congressman Brower and another member failed to stand when the rising vote was taken. A republican said this morning, Brower wouldn't stand up if Christ should command him.

Republicans say that the defection of these three republicans does not effect Senator Pritchard's chances in the least. It is claimed by Pritchard's friends that the Senator will have a good majority to spare with the populist vote.

Senator Butler and his associates have not closed their work. Sena-

tor Butler stated this morning to friends that he did not believe Pritchard could be re-elected. The Senator has never stopped his campaign against his colleague and today his forces were at work as on yesterday. The fact of the defection of the three Republicans has given the anti-Pritchard populists renewed hope. Senator Butler will control the Populist caucus.

Congressman Skinner says there are twenty-seven members who will support Pritchard, but this is denied by the Butler crowd.

It is apparent that some of the Pritchard populists will bolt the populist caucus. The number is variously estimated. Butler is making his fight to keep the populists from bolting. The populists will caucus again tomorrow night when the senatorial matter will undoubtedly come up.

This morning the democratic members of the legislature held a short caucus. Col. John S. Cunningham was unanimously nominated for speaker of the house. Capt. A. E. Walters, placed Mr. Cunningham in nomination in a graceful and well-timed speech. The senatorial matter was discussed and the sentiment was that the democrats should support a populist for Senator, who would be acceptable.

At the populist caucus of senators today the following committee appointed to name the chairmen of the different committees which the populists are entitled to: J. W. Atwater, J. B. Alexander, E. F. Wakefield, T. E. McCaskey and G. E. Butler.

The members of the legislature of different political faith caucused separately last night.

Chairman A. E. Holton received the endorsement of the caucus for district attorney of the western district.

The populist and republican caucuses each appointed committees to confer regarding the organization of the legislative offices.

The committees agreed to perfect organization on the basis of two years ago.

The Populist caucus adjourned early. Mr. A. F. Hileman of Cabarrus was unanimously nominated for speaker of the House.

When the proposition from the Democrats was entertained one Populist got up and left. He said that he did not propose to stay in a Democratic caucus.

The Senatorial matter was discussed but little. Congressman Skinner delivered an eloquent speech in favor of Senator Pritchard. He read the letter from Senator Pritchard which was exhibited at the Skinner conference yesterday. The letter was written by Pritchard in reply to one from Congressman Skinner. The part that refers to Mr. Pritchard's financial views is given herewith:

"I am a strong friend of all the practical reforms contemplated by the Populist party and you may assure such populist members of the Legislature as are inclined to vote for me that I will vote for the free coinage of silver by international agreement or by independent action at the ratio of 16 to one, and further, I will take pleasure to vote to amend the National Banking act or system so as to permit farmers, as contemplated by the Sub Treasury plan, to borrow money and land upon stable crops."

"Any statement that I have been or am now a single gold standard man is without foundation. It is proper that I should be frank and state that I will not vote for free silver or anything else simply as a rider or obstruction to a protective tariff or any other remedial legislation.

The democratic caucus last night discussed the senatorial matter, at length. A sub-committee was appointed to wait upon the populists caucus and submit a proposition which was unanimously adopted looking to fusion on senator. The substance of the proposition is: "Confiding in the people's party professions favoring free silver we invite co-operation with populist members of the legislature in the election of an advocate of free silver, opponents of trusts and combines, and an advocate of an income tax, to the U. S. Senate. If the people's party accept the proposition, we pledge ourselves to abide by and perform the agreement entered into."

The populist caucus appointed a committee to take the matter under advisement. The democratic committee was notified that the proposition had been received and would have careful consideration. All democrats in good standing were admitted to the caucus.

At a conference of democrats yesterday it was the sentiment of those present that Maj. W. A. Guthrie should be voted for by the democrats for senator.

Senator Butler prepared a resolution yesterday which was to have been introduced in the Populist caucus, but for some reason it failed to materialize last night. The resolution provided for co-operation between republicans and populists on the basis as observed two years ago, but pledged the populists not to vote for Senator Pritchard. In five minutes after the resolution was first disclosed by Senator Butler, Senator Pritchard was furnished with a copy of it.

The following Senate officers were nominated by the Republican Senators in caucus:

First Assistant Principal Clerk—Auxley, of Trede'.

Third Assistant Principal Clerk—Battie, of Edgecombe.

First Assistant Engrossing Clerk—Hoyt, of Onslow.

Third Assistant Engrossing Clerk—Needham, of Surry.

Door-keeper—Halleburton, of Burke.

Reading Clerk—Watson, of Newbern.

In the House only four officers fell to the Republicans. The House representatives nominated the following:

Principal Clerk—E. O. Masten, of Wilkes.

Reading Clerk—F. B. Benbow, of Yadkin.

Assistant Door-keeper—Abe Middleton, of Duplin.

Assistant Principal Clerk—Alex Berry, of Hyde.

Death of Mr. K. R. Weathers.

At 1:25 o'clock p. m., Mr. K. R. Weathers one of our oldest citizens died at the residence of his daughter Mrs. Thomas A. Jones, 215 West Jones street. Mr. Weathers has been well known and highly esteemed by the people of Raleigh during all the long years of his residence in our midst. He was born January 28th, 1814 and attained the ripe old age of eighty-three years. He leaves five children, Mr. C. M. Weathers of Raleigh, Mr. K. W. Weathers of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. T. A. Jones, Raleigh, Mrs. J. B. Martin, Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. W. A. Sutton of Raleigh, all of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. Announcements for the funeral will be made tomorrow. The tender sympathies of a large number of friends and of the community in general is extended to the afflicted family.

Death of Father White.

Rev. Father James B. White, of the Catholic church, died at St. Vincent's hospital, Norfolk, Va., Monday morning.

Father White served his church in Wilmington from 1871 to 1876 as assistant to Father Gross. In 1876 he served his church in Raleigh, N. C. Later he had charge of the Catholic church at Asheville, N. C. While at Asheville his health gave way, compelling him to seek treatment at St. Joseph's hospital, Baltimore, in August, 1895. Last year he went to St. Vincent's hospital, Norfolk, for treatment, at which place he remained until death relieved his sufferings.

Father White was 70 years of age at the time of his death.

A Farewell Dance.

A farewell german was given last evening at the Governor's Mansion by Miss Eleanor Carr, who left this morning for Washington to attend school. The following couples were present and participated in the dance:

Mr. Richard Busbee led with Miss Fannie Hoke; Gerald Kendrick with Miss Florence Boylan; Charles Allen with Miss Maude Latta; Dalan Stronach with Miss Adelaide Snow; George Syme with Miss Loula Hawkins; Duncan Cameron with Miss Theodore Marshall; Will Battle with Miss Elsie Haywood; Lehigh Skinner with Miss Marguerite Snow; Maj. Telfair with Miss Dortha, of Goldsboro; George Badger with Miss Jane Stronach; Fab Haywood with Miss Elsie Busbee; Will West with Miss Susie Tillinghast; Allan Higgs with Miss May Crow; Mr. Tom Simpson with Miss Ethel Norris; William Davis with Miss Hallie Morson; Manly Baker with Eleanor Carr; Charles Holladay with Miss Nannie Clark, of Tarboro; John McKee with Miss Mary Norris; Jas. McKee with Miss Sarah Cheshire; Al Thompson with Miss Pattie Lewis; Hugh Morson with Miss Annie B. Carr; John West with Miss Busbee; Phil Busbee with Miss Rosa Battle; Edwin McKee with Miss Janet Hawkins.

A SHORT SESSION TODAY

The Members of Both Bodies Took the Oath.

HILEMAN IS SPEAKER.

Col. J. S. Cunningham Received the Democratic Vote—Many People Present—Legislative Officers Were Elected.

There were as many office-seekers at this session of the legislature as were ever known. All the morning the hall of the house was packed, and members were hard to distinguish. The galleries were filled with spectators, 25 ladies among them, when at noon A. P. Satterfield, principal clerk of the last House, called the body to order. Then one could see the faces of the members. It is a good looking body. Rev. Dr. Levi Branson offered the opening prayer. He prayed that laws to prevent intemperance might be enacted.

Reading clerk John D. Stanford, of the last House, called the roll of members and these came forward in "blocks of 5," and were sworn in by Associate Justice Walter A. Montgomery. Each took a double oath, to support the State and the United States. Speaker-elect Hileman was in the third block. He is a farmer of Cabarrus, and last session was chairman of the House finance committee. When Cherokee was called there was deep regret that Hon. "Hoola Boom" Campbell was missing. Mr. Dewese takes his place and wears the celebrated "Cherokee beaver" this term. The 30 democrats sit on the speaker's left, all together in a section. Four of them were in the last legislature, Nelson, McKensie, Gallop and Duffy. The youngest member is Mr. Ferguson, of Haywood, who is 24. He is permanent secretary of the democratic caucus. One member brought his private Testament and was sworn in on it.

D. B. Long was made temporary doorkeeper. The next business was the election of a speaker. A. F. Hileman was nominated by Schulken and seconded by Hancock and Cook. John S. Cunningham was nominated by B. F. Dixon and seconded by Nelson. The vote was Hileman 88, Cunningham 28, B. F. Dixon 1.

E. O. Masten was elected principal clerk; F. B. Benbow reading clerk; D. T. House doorkeeper; A. R. Middleton, colored, assistant doorkeeper; D. F. Scarborough, engrossing clerk.

Gov. Carr was notified that the House was duly organized and ready for business.

At the hour of 12 m. Lieut. Gov. Doughton rapped his gavel and said: "Senators-elect, it becomes my duty under the constitution to call the Senate to order. Senators from the first and second districts will please come forward, present their certificates and be sworn in."

It took just one hour to go through the form. The president then declared the Senate duly organized and stated that the first business was the election of principal clerk. Senator Atwater, of Chatham, nominated Hill E. King, Senator Abell nominated John A. Narron. Mr. Hill received 40 votes, and Narron 7. Mr. Hill was declared elected. For doorkeeper T. N. Halleburton and N. L. Waystoff were nominated. Mr. Waystoff received 6 votes and Halleburton received 40 votes. He was declared elected. For assistant doorkeeper D. G. McCarthy and L. E. Howerton were placed in nomination. The votes were McCarthy 46, Howerton 7. McCarthy was declared elected. For reading clerk J. W. Watson and J. O. Brown were nominated. The vote was Watson 38, Brown 8. Watson was declared elected.

For Engrossing Clerk, J. Buchanan and D. S. Lovelace were placed in nomination. Mr. Lovelace received 7 votes and Mr. Buchanan 40 and was declared elected.

Speaker Doughton then announced that the officers declared elected would come forward and qualify. Senator McCasky then introduced the following resolution:

"That a committee of three on the part of the Senate to act with three on the part of the House be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready to receive his message, also to notify the House of Representatives."

Senator Smathers presented a gavel which was received by Speaker Doughton on the part of the Senate.

GOV. RUSSELL ACCEPTS

An Invitation to be Present at a Reception Given by the Capital Club in His Honor.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 6. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

MONTHS.	OPENING.	HIGH-EST.	LOW-EST.	CLOSING.
January,	6 87	6 91	6 83	6 87
February,	6 94	6 97	6 90	6 95
March,	6 99	7 04	6 96	7 02
April,	7 06	7 11	7 04	7 09
May,	7 13	7 18	7 10	7 15
June,	7 19	7 23	7 17	7 22
July,				7 25
August,				7 28
Sept'mbr.,				6 98
October,				6 95
November,				
December,				

Closed steady, sales 121,200 bales.

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

New York Stock Market.	
Sugar	1104
American Tobacco	771
Burlington and Quincy	741
Chicago Gas	744
Des. and Cst. Feed	—
General Electric	331
Louisville and Nashville	484
Manhattan	884
Rock Island	664
Southern Preferred	264
St. Paul	744
Tennessee Coal and Iron	204
Western Union	834

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:	
Wheat—May, 81; July, 76.	
Corn—May, 24; July, 26.	
Oats—May, 18; July, —.	
Pork—January, 7.55; May, 7.80.	
Lard—January, 3.80; May, 3.95.	
Clear Rib Sides—January, 3.85; May, 3.95.	

Liverpool Cotton Market.

January	3.60
January-February	3.58-59
February-March	3.58-59
March-April	3.58-59
April-May	3.59-60
May-June	3.59-60

Closed firm, sales 12,000 bales.

McKinley and Hanna Disturbed at Tea by a Blaze.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 6.—President-elect McKinley and Mr. Hanna were sitting down to supper Sunday night when a terrific clatter was heard outside. "Must be a fire," said Mr. Hanna.

"Must be," echoed the Major. "Shall we go?"

The fire was on the premises of L. A. Murfey, cashier of the Union national bank, near by, and it was Murrey's chicken coop and stables that were burning. All the residents of the avenue assembled, and as they stood in the yard the glare of the flames showed Mark Hanna and Major McKinley in the foreground. The ensemble presented a striking picture.

Dauntless Expedition Landed.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 6.—A dispatch received here from Key West states that the Dauntless has successfully landed its expedition in Cuba. The expedition, it is said, is the one that the Three Friends attempted to land when pursued by a Spanish gunboat and left at No Name Key, from which place it was taken last Friday by the Dauntless. The cargo, it is said, consisted of 400,000 cartridges and 1040 rifles, some dynamite, one 12 pound rapid-firing Hotchkiss gun, medicine, etc. Fifty men also were carried to Cuba by the vessel.

Mahony For Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Dec. 6. Congressman Mahony, of Buffalo, was at the Fifth Avenue this morning en route to Washington. He said that he thought Senator Cameron's resolution favoring the independence of Cuba would pass the Senate. It is understood that he will make a strong speech for Cuba at the proper time.

Mr. Money Coming Home.

HAVANA, Jan. 5.—Hon. H. D. Money, member of the United States house of representatives from Mississippi, who arrived in Cuba a few days ago, will return to the United States tomorrow on board the steamer sailing for Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Money refuses to talk about the results of his visit.

Tobacco Assignment at Winston.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WINSTON, Jan. 6.—J. E. Coles extensive leaf tobacco dealer has made an assignment.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

For Pourri of the News Featured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Poked and Pithily Put in Print.

The box sheet for "Our Flat" will be put on sale at King's drug store this evening.

The Euchre Club was entertained last evening by Miss Jane Andrews at her home on Blount street.

The annual meeting of the Capital Club will be held this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the club rooms.

Mrs. H. H. Landis can accommodate eight desirable boarders at 110 Park place, North Blount street. Location excellent.

Governor Carr offers a reward of \$150 for Jeff Davis, colored, who is wanted in Halifax county for the killing of one Spain on Xmas day.

The Hon. Patricio DeStewart, Cuban Envoy to N. C. and grand snark of "de fort" ward, was conspicuous among those present on the floor of the house today.

Mr. W. J. Jones is prepared to accommodate six members of the legislature with board and lodging. Residence on the corner of Davie and Blount streets.

A pair of gold spectacles with a gold chain attached has been found and the owner can get them by applying to Mr. C. M. Ballentine at Johnston and Johnston's coal yard.

The position of master car builder at the Seaboard shops in Portsmouth held by Mr. D. W. Ballentine, has been abolished. Mr. Ballentine has been appointed chief foreman of car builders. The change, it is said, carries with it a reduction of pay.

Mr. J. P. Hays has his graphophone again at the store of Mr. J. Hal Bobbitt. It was very popular when here before and every body should drop in and hear the latest and most catchy songs of the day. The graphophone will be on exhibition all this week.

Attention is called to the announcement elsewhere of the Raleigh Gas Company. This Company is composed of some of our strongest and best business men and their reputation for fair and square dealing with the public is fully established.

The graded school children have made a good beginning of their libraries. They have contributed themselves 304 books, besides a lot of magazines, which will be bound. The Murphey got the start of the Centennial, and has collected 235 books to the Centennial's 74. But the children at the latter school are expected to catch up, and they expect to do that tomorrow, or come at least very close to the Murphey school's number.

Yesterday the North Carolina commissioners to the Tennessee Centennial Exposition held a meeting and elected Theodore F. Davidson permanent president and Henry W. Miller secretary. A committee was appointed to memorialize the Legislature and ask from it a suitable appropriation. Thomas R. Robertson and Graham Daves are made a permanent committee on the historical relations of Tennessee and North Carolina. H. A. Whiting and B. W. Miller are made a permanent committee on railroad exhibits and transportation.

Mr. Thomas Holt Dying.

We deeply regret to note that Mr. Bruce Wright received a telegram this afternoon stating that Mr. Thos. Holt, son of the late Gov. Holt was dying at Chase City, Va., where he has been some time for his health.

An Actress' Suit for Divorce.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Grace Vaughan, a soubrette actress and singer, filed a suit in the circuit court today asking for legal separation from A. H. Jennings, son of a wealthy Cleveland, (O.) man, to whom she was privately married four years ago. She continued two years on the stage, and when she returned to her husband for support he dragged her and put her in a private asylum for the insane, from which she escaped after seven months.

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