GHTY-SIX VOTES BOTH HOUSES.

Majority of All the Members in Favor of His Re-Election.

ree Candidates and a Close Vote.

UGGLES AND TRIUMPHS JETER C. PRITCHARD.

VOTE COUNTED AND AN NOUNCED.

The Legislature Will Meet in Joint Ratify the Choice Indicated resterday.

day did not result in the actual by deciding that he should succeed If for the term of six years, begin- that body. on the fourth day of next March thes of the Legislature was as fol-

omptly at twelve o'clock Lieutenantrnor Reynolds called the Senate to and announced that the hour had arrived for going into the election of a formality, nominating speeches beorthwith.

ritchard, and spoke as follows:

PEECH OF SENATOR SMATHERS.

ng on the 4th of March next, I rise in discussion. members of this body and the the Hon. Zebulon B. Vance,

Ini ed States Senate, has gained a Judicial district.

For the next two years he work

the age of 17 ye rs he stood on the of 1895 and 1897 are indebted for their that he could not support any one for sof the Nalachucky river without a election.

ceed, he determined to start out and battle against life's waves.

He learned that there was a man at Bakersville, in Mitchell county, that wanted to employ a printer, and with the great Iron mountain that divides trod by the wild bear and deer than by suffrages, insisting upon tariff

They reached Bakersville in due time, they ever obtained control and young Pritchard soon secured a contract all the branches of the government, they with the Rev. W. C. Bowman to run the would reduce the taxes and put the people printer's department of the Bakersville In- on the high road to prosperity. They obdependent, a paper aft rwards known as the tained control of every branch of the gov-Roan Mountain Republican. Young Pritch- er ment, and enacted the Wilson-Gorman ard soon became a half owner and associate tariff bill, but the expectations of the

made his debut in politics. For at an \$262,000,000 of bonds, and to that extent early age he imbued the principles of the increase the National debt, which had the Republican party and commenced fight- effect of plunging the country into an almost ing for the people of North Carolina to unprecedented panic. It was this disap maintain local self government and for a pointment that caused so many to leave the free ballot and a fair count.

sion and Take a Vote Which that he carved out his political destiny, satem nt. I disagreed with Senator a sub elector on the Republican ticket, His views in this subject are well known. and again in 1882.

alle the balloting in the Legislature cognized, and in 1884 he was nominated will not vote for a free silver amendby the Republicans of Madison county ment put upon another bill as a rider.

net result of the balloting in both ant Governor on the Republican ticket, by remaining in the Republican party than kiah Gudger, who made the canvass for cratic promise. the Hon. Thos. M. Holt, candidat- for Our Populist friends, as a matter of tchard, 86; Thompson, 42; Dough- Lieutenant Governor of the State, will gratitude, should never for one moment be remembered as one of the most consider the question as to whether Senbrilliant canvasses that was ever made ator Pritchard is a free coinage man or for that office in the State. It was this not; for although the Populists only had canvass that gave to Jeter C. Pritchard about forty thousand votes, five Popua State reputation.

In 1890 he was elected President of the ed States Senator. Without fur- North Carolina Protective Tariff League, which was organized under his inspiration and leadership. He also took an active part in politics that year; and al Smathers (Rep.) of Haywood was though not aspiring to a nomination for nized first to nominate Hon. Jeter any office, he accepted the nomination in his county for the House at the urgent request of his political friends for the sake of party harmony.

He was nominated by the Republicans PRESIDENT AND SENATORS: This of the Ninth District for Congress in 1892. the day and hour fixed by law for his opponent being the Hon. W. T. Craweneral Assembly of North Carolina ford. Tney, too, made a j int canvass, occeed to the election of a Senator with immense crowds to hear them. present her in the Congress of the When the spreading was over, both sides ed States for a term of six years be- proud of their man, claimed the victory licans in the State of North Carolina, the

ed position a man who, I am sure, Senate to fill out the unexpired term of demand the re election of Jeter C. Pritchard

e of Representatives will vote to In 1878, soon after Mr. Pritchard moved The record of Mr. Pritchard in the Ret the sentiment of their constitu- to Madison, he began the study of law- publican party has been distinguished by will be named to succeed himself, working on the farm during the day and extraordinary efforts in behalf of the peohat man is the Hon. Jeter C. Pritch reading law at night. Without even a ple and his course has excited the admiraormerly of Madison county but now preceptor to instruct him, he continued his tion of all the people in North Carolina, studies from year to year until he obtained and his influence keenly felt by his oppo-President I deem it proper at this a license to practice law in 1887, and at ponents. He has been true to friends and faithtire of my speech to briefly give a once began the practice of law, and it was aphical ske ch of the life of this only a few years before he took his position county in 1878, that county was very close pect, the Senatorship in this contest.

people of these United States to defeated for Liuetenant Governor, in through the influence of Mr. Pritchard, the the Old North State and wonder 1888, and for Congress in the Ninth dis county gave nearly 1,000 majority in the last every free man to shake that spir t of chard will be his own successor. trict in 1892, never faltered. He had an election. r C Pritchard was born in Wash- abiding confidence in the ultimate suc-(now Uricoi) county, Tennessee, cess of the Republican party; and while y 12th, 1857. His father, who was some despaired and fell, faint and weary, Confederate soldier, died soon by the wayside, Jeter C. Pritchard he surrender of Vicksburg. Missis- marched at the head of the Republican record of Mr. Pritchard during the past ten at Mobile, Alabama, and was buried column, with such brave leaders as Rusmbirious to make the best provis- bidding the Republican hosts press for-

It any one man more than another is people of North Carolina a farm most of the time, but when entitled to the credit of the success of sixteen years of age he managed co-operation in 1894, it was Jeter C. short speech seconding the nomination t a few months schooling at Mar Pritchard. After the election in 1892, of Mr. Pritchard. Creek Academy. This, together his three years experience as a ter, enabled him to get a fairly good ation for a boy of his age.

with his keen eye he detected the ad vantage of co-operation, and it is to him that the large majority of Republicans and Populists in the General Assemblies ceived, concluding with the declaration

the voyages of their lives are bounded in

shallows and miseries. Mr. President, a great opportunity is offered to Nor h Carolina. No man ever entered the halls of Congress of the United people of the United States are today turned to North Carolina, and the qu sof sending a man to the United States Senate who will help frame and enact a tariff law that will yield a sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the general government, stop hard times and maintain the honor and integrity of the na-

Mr. President, when the Republican

immediately after the war, it found an indebtedness of \$2,600,000,000 Under wise tariff laws, enacted and ,ma ntained by the Republican party, the National debt Tennessee and North Carolina between was rejuced to \$585,000,000 at the close him and his objective point, he, in com- of Harrison's administration. Although pany with a boy friend, with 15 cents Grover Cleveland was President during and a small quantity of cold rations, start- four years of this period, the United ed on their cold journey across this great S ates Senate was Republican and the tedge of mountains, a distance of 35 siles, sariff laws remained unchanged. During while at that time the path of their journey all these years the Democratic party across the moun ain was more frequently went before the people asking for their reform, and claiming that people were not realized. In four years, It was in Mitchell county where he under this bill, the President had to issue

Democra ic party and go to the Populists. He made his first canvass in Mitchell Mr. President, it is objected by some county for the Republican party in 1876, of our Populist friends that Mr. Pritchard and then again in 1878, and has ever is not a good enough silver man to resince battled for the cause of Republican ceive their support. Speaking for myself, I wish to say that I am not in favor In the fall of 1878 he moved to Madi- of the tree and unlimited coinage of silson county, and it was in this county ver. Candor compels me to make this In 1880 he canvassed Madison county as Pouclard on this subject two years ago. If re elected, he will vote for free coinage By this time his merits were fully re- of silver as an independent measure, but

and elected a member in the House of | After the platform of the Republican on of an United States Senator, it Representatives; was re-elected in 1886 party was framed at S. Louis, although Mr. ad the question of the succession to and took a leading part of the General Pritchard did not secure what he desired at now held by Hon. Jeter C. Pritch- Assembly of 1887 with such men as for the white metal, he decided, as a good Ewart, Pearson, Overman, Crawford party man, to stand on the party platform. and other distinguished gentlemen of He does not believe in political secessio ; but in fighting under the party standard. In 1888 he was nominated for Lieuten- He believes that more can be accomplished His joint canvass with the Hon. Heze by going outside of it to accept a Demo-

> lists have been elected to Congress by Republican votes-more than the Populist party has in the State of Kansas, the birth place of Populism, which casts 160,000 votes for that party. This being so, the Populists should not hesitate to give their support to the election of Mr. Pritchard, although his polition on the money question may not meet with their approval in every respect, especially as the right of local self government to gether with a free and fair ballot, which was the fundamental issue of co opera tion, was restored to the people of North Carolina largely through the efforts of Mr. Pritchard.

Mr. President, the 55,000 white Repub-100,000 or mor-colored voters of the State, ace in nomination for that high and In 1894 he was elected to the United States and about one half of the Populist voters

to the United States Senate. ful to promises. When he moved to Madison who, with only two years service in as one of the leading attorneys of the 12th politically, having been rep esented in the Legislature for several successive terms by

hal reputation and caused the eyes Mr. President, Mr. Pritchard, although a Democrat. And now, in large part

The county of Mitchell, which formerly gave small Republican majorities, in which his influe ce was felt, rolled up 1,200 mai rity at the last election. In short, the years has been tntimately associated with sell, the Settles, Dockerys, Motts, Boyd, the struggles and triumphs of the Republican widowed mother being very poor, and other distinguished Republicans, party. With this grand record, I submit his candidacy to the intelligent members of ossible for the maintenance and ward, boldly declaring that the par y was this Senate, confidently believing that wis of Jeter, bound him out at the age elve years, as a printer's apprentice. He served in this capacity up er C. Pritchard in 1900 metals and by the General Assembly as history. Mr. President, we know our by the Populists were equally bound to support him to carry out in good faith the have good government in the Old North by the General Assembly as history. Mr. President, we know our port him to carry out in good faith the have good government in the Old North by the General Assembly as history. The leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the his own successor, and his course in the leadership of the minority of the leadership of the leadershi He served in this capacity un er C. Pritchard in 1890, was equal to that United States indicated by the action this chem. different masters for about three of Thomas B. Reed in the 53d Congress. day of the chosen Representatives of the

Mr. Person (Rep.) of Edgecombe made a

earnestly, forcibly and impressively. He lofty in character, honor and worth or sacrifice these virtues at the behest was not abashed by the fact that he was as the mountain upon whose crest the and dictation of any man.

spoke seconding the nomination of Mr. Pritchard as follows:

SPEECH OF SENATOR WAKEFIELD. MR. PRESIDENT: I am a plain, blunt | Are with thee in thy rest."

man, and speak my sentiments. But in speaking them I do not desire to af front any of my fellow Senators. I am reminded of one of the old prophets. Ezekiel I believe, who when contem plating the providences of the great God, spoke of them in the similitude of States who attained a higher or greater a wheel in a wheel. The Populist party, distinction in two years service than it is true, has principles which may Jeter C. Pritchard. The eyes of the fitly be represented by Ezekiel's wheel within a wheel; but whatever has been accomplished in North Carolina by the tion is, will the honor be accorded to her Populist party has been done by de Jeter C. Pritchard, told of his services to pender ce upon the great outer wheel- the State in the United States Senate, Col. Sutton of Cumber land arose o a point the principle of co operation.

of all parties. Cæsar had his on the fame. He said that there was a chapter banks of the Rubicon. Arnold Wink of history that had never been recorded, ness with the declaration that the hour lereid, the Swiss patriot and martyr, referring to the trials and struggles of had arrived for the ballot for United States had his when he charged the Austrian the Republican party in North Carolina Senator. party took control of this government, phalanx, of whom the doet has said:

"Make way for liberty, he cried; Make way for liberty, and died."

Our revolutionary sires, the patriots of Mecklenburg (and I am glad that their descendants are on the floor of this Senate Chamber today) had their's when they met at Charlotte on the 20 h day have to decide between a new era of succeed himself. of May, 1776, and declared: "That this prosperity and the pall of darkness that country is, and of right ought to be, a has hung over the country during the free and independent nation.'

Today the Populist party in North force and fervor. Carolina is on trial, and the burning Mr. Utley (Pop.) of Wake made of a United Stat s Senator for the term question is, shall it keep faith with its a stirring -peech seconding the nomina-allies, who have stood by it so nobly in the formula of Dr. Thompson. He was un-Jeter C. Pritchard in the United States the past; or shall it break faith, and sparing in his denunciation of political Senate, has arrived. thus become an ingrate?

When I came to the city of Raleigh at the opening of the Legislature, I came a co operationist, I have been one since 1894. I came here pledged to the and Republicans; came here believing the nomination of Mr. Doughton. that the contract entered into, as I understood it, by both parties, two made a speech seconding the nomina vears ago, would be faithfully carried tion of Mr. Pritchard and appealed to piedge for free silver, would be elected publicans. dissenting vote.

I cannot speak for my fellow Popu lists, but for myself I will say, when I made the campaign in my district I promised my peop e that I would vote for the joint caucus nominee of the Populist and Republican parties. Upon arriving here I found the joint caucus to be a nullity-a nonentity. I consider myself then, Mr. President, sub he hearts of my constituency, fivout of six of whom are Republicans. and I am satisfied that my action will votes. He would support Pritchard for meet the approval of my Populist Senator. riends, since I told them in my can vass that I would vote for a Republi can under a pledge for free silver. I

look behind, upon a government of the operation that he had ever seen. people, by the people and for the peo

He, as well as the other leaders of the Aluanca and the Populist party in North arolina, have always aught that the han the ties of the party cau cuses. The Republicans have marched tion of thieves. oyally to the ballot box in result of which we have gained two grand victories. Those victories car ried with them grand results to the Populists as well as to the Republicans, giving to the farmer one United States Senator, five Congressmen, one half of the State officers, fifty eight members of the General Assembly of the present session, and one half of the county offi cers throughout the Sate, without

Mr. President, it does seem to me. that it would be selfishne s gone to seed for the Populists to demand, or even ex

An attempt has been made by threats and otherwise, to coerce men and deny them that liberty and freedom of con science that burns within the breast of liberty that moved our Pilgrim fathers to brave the mad waves of the Atlantic. hat they might find a refuge where they could worship God according to the d ctates of their own consciences; to smother that God given inspiration that was in the bosom of cu forefathers which nerved them to edd the march less deeds of Concord Bunker Hill. The Republican party was bound by Divisions have grown up in the allied

question that some seem to have for gotten. It is its geographical relation. We must look to the interest of our en ire State. All sections must be repre sented-from the sandy beach on the west. There is a precedent that must didates. The Republican party had kept this State. not be ignored. The honest people of all its pledges to the Populists. are calling for a man to succeed the Populist party was at the parting of ard in the United States Senate to reach ad, but bold and self-reliant, with a heart and a glowing ambition to suc
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a minority, but was all the prouder that he was a Democrat.

Mr. Wakefield (Pop.) of Caldwell Well may it be said of him:

"Sleep, for thy name is cherished By the bravest and the best; And freemen's hearts and woman's love

Co operation has given to the East one Senator, the Hon. Marion Butler, a Butler, Clark, Geddie, Hardison, Lyon, Populist of whose record we are all Maxwell, Mitchell, Moye, Merritt, Mcthis call from the West by electing a Robes n, Shaw, Utley and Walker-18. Republican-a man in every way worthy to wear the mantle of Vance. ringer, Justice, Parker, Ray, Scales-7. That man is the Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard, of Madison county, whose nomina tion I rise to second.

Mr. Anderson (Rep) of Henderson spoke of the early trials and battles of and said that in two short years he had of order in the House of Representatives There is a pivotal point in the history laid the sure foundation of enduring When Jeter Pritchard linked his fortunes with the Republican party it required courage of a high order. Speaking of of order, and declared nominations for a the Populist party, he said that it was United States Senator to succeed Jeter C. like a stone cut out of the mountain Pritchard in order. Immediately thereupon without hands, that had crushed the clay feet of the Democratic idol and had Representative V. S. Lusk of Buncombe broken its head of gold. The Populist arose, was recognized by the Chair, and proparty, he said. was now where it would ceeded to nomin te Senator Pritchard to present administrat on. He spoke with MR. Speaker: The much discussed

> opponents, and in a cause that had a chance of success would have aroused have heard the announcement from that enthusiasm.

Mr. Parker (Dem.) of Alamance; Mr. Ashburn (Rep.) of Surry,

out and that a Republican, under a the Populists to keep faith with the Reto the United States Senate without a Mr. Atwater (Pop) of Chatham, having been a leader of the Populist

party from its birth, thought that it would not be proper for him to fail to testify his devotion to the principles of the party and his admiration for Dr. Thompson. His speech was brief, but to the point. Mr. Yeager (Populist) of Washington seconded the nomination of Mr. Prich-

ard. He said that when some men get out of a hole they forget that they were ject not to a second caucus, but to ever in it. There were Populist Senators present in the chamber who would not have been there except for Republican

SPEECH OF MR. GRANT.

Mr. Grant (Republican) of Wayne said that they who made history knew it believe that the highest duty of any best. When he conceived the idea of His dear mother scarcely able to keep the public man is to carry out the wishes co-operation with the Populists, he wrote family together. of a majority of the people whom he a number of letters to prominent Repub licans throughout the State, broaching apprenticeship to learn the printer's And just here, Mr. President, I re the subject to them and requesting an trade. call that the lamented Polk, who, just expression of their views. The first before he crossed the mystic river, said favorable response he received was from up thus and to have risen thus from a hat "when he mingled with its dark Jeter C. Pritchard, who kave the clear

were entirely different from those with Grant a tauner, Blaine a school teacher, which western Republicans are familiar Garfi ld a canal boy, and seter C. Pritch-It was not necessary to speak of them in ard a poor printer. detail, but he spoke of Democratic frauds When a young man we find Mr. Pritchdemands of the people are more sacred against the ballot box, declaring that the ard in Bakersville, Mitchell county, with-Democratic party was raising up a genera- out a penny; but fortune was kind to

Speaking of the understanding between ed man who placed him at the head of a two campaigns, and have deposited the Republicans and Populists regarding large printing business. their ballots for Populists throughou the Senatorship, he declared in the most In the course of time he moved to Madihe length and bread h of the State; as a positive terms that there was a definite son county where he was married. Here agreement that Butler should succeed Ran- he read law by night and by day he cultisom for the long term; that .Pritchard vated a small farm. should succeed to the unexpired term of At this time Madison county was Demo-Vance, and that the Populists should vote cratic by a large majority. Republicans with the Republicans at this session of the were casting about for a leader, and recog-Legislature to re elect him for a term of nizing the worth and ability of young Pritchsix years. Raising his hand impressively ard, turned to him to espouse thei cause. he said: "If there is a God in heaven, what He went forth without money and won Mad-I state about this is the truth."

was in favor of the free coinage of silver, gain in the Republican majority, until now mentioning the much needed legisla that as a delegate to the National Conven- she rolls up more than a thousand strong. tion that has come through co operation at St. Louis he occupied the same posi- Jeter Pritchard made a brilliant fight for tion; that he voted with a m jority of the the Republican cause in the ninth district North Carolina delegates for the Teller sub against Mr. Crawford, one of the most titute for the financial plank of the plat- astute Democrats in North Carolina. He is form, nd when that was lost he accepted grown to be a star of the first magnitude, the judgment of the party as expressed by and our hearts have swelled with pride as the Convention. He could not do otherwise | we have watched his ascendency. than remain in the Republican par y. The It has been the custom of the people of position of Mr. Pritchard was substantially North Carolina to have one Senator from tie same as his own. The course of Mr. the east and one from the west. It is a cus-Pritchard in the Senate had been honorable, tom whereof the memory of man remembut by reason of slanders most foul he had bereth not to the contrary. We now have found it necessary to make statement after an honored Senator from the east. Repubstatement to vindicate his position.

the east had been stricken from their have occasion to do so. hands by the joint efforts of the two par- Now all we ask of the eastern people is ties. To continue co-operation he was that you give us your support for our willing to sacrifice everything but honor. we tern man in he United States Senate. There is a phase of this Senatorial Republican party before a single Popu Two years ago Mr. Pritchard declared

The balloting then began and proceeded

For Pritchard-Anderson, Ashburn, Barker, Cannon, Dickson, Early, Grant, Henderson, Hyat, Maultsby, McCarthy, McNeil, Newsome, Odom, Person, Ramsay, Rollins, Sharpe of Wilson, Sharpe of Ire tell, Smathers, Shore, Wakefield,

Whedbee and Yeager-24. For Thompson-Alexander, Atwater, proud. Let co operation now answer Caskey, Parker of Randolph, Patterson,

For Doughton-Abell, Anthony, Bar-Mr. Earnhardt (Pop) was absent on account of sickness.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

It was exactly 12 o'clock yesterday when and cut short the dispatch of routine busi-

The Speaker sustained Col. Sutton's point

MR. LUSK'S SPEECH.

and long expected time for the election

Could the people of North Carolina Chair that the election of a United States Senator was in order, and could this Mr. Justice (Dem.) of Rutherford, House have heard the great outcry for and Mr. Anthony (Dem) of Cleve the favorite son of North Carolina this nominee of a joint caucus of Populists land, made short speeches, seconding would have rolled up, this House would be so unanimous for Jeter C. Pritchard that he would be nominated and elected by acclamation.

This self-imposed work is not to me a

task, but a pleasure. I shall deviate from the prescribed custom in making nominating speeches, by saving that I now present to the House the name of Jeter C. Pritchard as his own successor in the United States Senate.

I will be as brief as possible, because the history of Senator Pritchard is well known

in this State. It is a biography that might well be repeated for the instruction and edification of the rising generation. He is not a native born citizen of North Carolina, but was

born in Tennessee in 1857. His father was a valiant Confederate soldier, who lost his life for the Confederacy. His mother, a noble christian lady, was left with four children to support, one of whom is the subject of this

nominating speech.
Thus was he reared with meagre school advantages and at poverty's very door.

Young Jeter was early put out to an

It is no disgrace to have been brought poor apprenticed printer to one of the waters, he lenged to cast one lingering est, strongest and best reasons for co- first men of this country. His, however, The circumstances surrounding a white phenomenal American enterprise. The Republican in the east, Major Grant said, able Lincoln was a rail splitter; U. S.

him and threw in his path a great heart-

ison county for Republicanism, and each Major Grant said that as a Republican he year has bee distinguished by a decided

licans and Populists put him in office. I The shackles of political slavery, long have never regretted that I cast my vote for endured by Republicans and Populists in Senator Butler, and I trust that I may never

King's Mountain and Yorktown to the every honorable consideration to sup- parties since the last Senatorial election. aiready glorious pages of our illustrious port Mr. Pritchard for re election, and I tell our Populist friends that fusion

list was nominated for the Legislature, for the free coinage of silver, and today and any promise made by a Populist to he stands right where he stood two years support the nominee of a joint caucus ago-just as strong a friend of silver as was a pledge to support Pritchard, and ever. Now, then, my friends, such is the was so understood by all Republicans record of Jeter C. Pritchard, and in him east to the forest clad mountains of the and most Poj ulists voting for such can rests the greatest hopes of the people of

We are on the eve of an era of great the west - the sturdy mountaineers - In conclusion, Major Grant said that prosperity, and only need Senator Pritch-