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SENATOR PRITCHARD

Confined to His Room, Gives Expression of His Views

ON THE ACTION OF BUTLER'S CAUCUS

HONORABLE AND PATRIOTIC AC- TION OF THE MINORITY.

Harry Skinner Adds a Few Words— Butler Only Adds Another Mistake to the Many Committed.

Special to THE TRIBUNE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Yesterday's snow storm was followed today by a blizzard of unprecedented severity. Senator Pritchard remained at his hotel under the imperative advice of his physician. He was in bed tonight when the newspaper statement of the action of the majority faction of the Populist caucus in Raleigh last night was read to him. Speaking of the matter, he said to the Tribune representative:

"It is the legitimate outcome of the policy presented by Senator Butler since last spring in regard to co-operation. It is the first tangible movement he has made in the direction of an alliance with the Democrats. Doubtless it will now be his open policy to accomplish this end. He has taken advantage of existing conditions to precipitate the movement from what I know of Populist sentiment in the State, I am clearly of the opinion that he will not succeed. In my judgment nine-tenths of the rank and file of the party are in sympathy with the honorable and patriotic action of the minority faction. There is nothing in the situation to disturb Republicans. They will do their duty and will invite the active co-operation of Populist members of the Legislature without regard to Senator Butler's dictation in the enactment of legislation to the welfare of the State."

"Without more specific information Senator Pritchard declined to discuss the matter further at this time.

"If the statement in the afternoon papers is true," said Mr. Skinner, "Mr. Butler has simply added another mistake to the many he has already made. The country is safer in the hands of the minority faction of the Populist caucus, which is sustained by the great majority of the Populists in the State and nation than it would be in the hands of a boss of Butler's pretensions and determination."

J. B. H.

He Knew His Head Would Come Off.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Secretary Carlisle has accepted the resignation of Edward J. Donovan, Collector of Internal Revenue at Boston, to take effect February 15th. There has been a good deal of speculation as to the cause of this resignation, but the Treasury Department is informed that the reasons were personal. Mr. Donovan has resigned to take charge of a brewery company. He was nominated in March, 1894, and took the office April 30th next following.

It is stated by the Massachusetts delegation in Congress that Mr. Donovan resigned his office in the Collector's office by dismissing all the Republican employees and a number of Grand Army men as well. He is reported to have believed that the Massachusetts Republicans would demand his official resignation as soon as the McKinley administration came into power, and it is therefore said to be determined to forestall this action by a voluntary retirement.

Zabalza on the Move.

Havana, Jan. 28.—Col Zabalza with his column left San Jose de las Lajas in the province of Havana, for the purpose of making a reconnaissance. In the afternoon the column met the command of the troops of Castillo and other leaders, who received the troops with a heavy fire of musketry. The rebels were deployed and the positions they occupied of the retreat of the troops.

Col. Zabalza ordered a cavalry charge upon the rebels resisted with remarkable strength, but they were finally driven away, leaving in the field thirty of their dead, all of whom had been killed by the machetes of the rebels. The troops had six men

Gen. Weyler, according to the report of his movements, is at the mouth of the Matanzas and Santa

Provincias.

Arrested for Murder.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—Arthur Palmer of Mamaroneck, N. Y., was arrested by Captain O'Mally and Detective Gocking of the St. Louis force at the Planters' Hotel this afternoon. Palmer is a handsome, well dressed man about forty five years old and has been at the hotel for a week, registered as Paul Jones.

The arrest was made on a long distance telephone message from Sheriff Johnson of Westchester county, N. Y. who said that Palmer murdered his mother, brother and sister nine days ago and fled to parts unknown. The sheriff telephoned that Palmer had been traced to St. Louis and could probably be found at one of the hotels. During his stay at the hotel Palmer kept closely in his room. When on the ground floor he would find a secluded corner in the library away from the crowd.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon Police Captain O'Mally and Detective Gocking located Palmer at the Planters' Manager Cunningham pointed him out sitting in a corner of the library. When told that he was a prisoner Palmer collapsed and had to be helped to the patrol wagon. He was in such apparent helplessness that officers did not press him with questions.

THE GREAT FROST KING

HOLDS HIGH CARNIVAL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Baltimore Has Seven Inches of Snow. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 28.—Sleighbells always a novelty in Baltimore and today thousands took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the unusual sport about seven inches of snow fell yesterday evening and last night, the most severe storm of the present winter. In fact, there have been few heavier snowfalls in this city than that of yesterday since the blizzard of 1888.

Ice has fastened itself in the waters of the rivers and Chesapeake Bay and is giving trouble to the shipping interests. Several vessels are locked in by the ice. Twenty one passengers from the Ericsson Line steamer General Cadwallader, bound from Philadelphia to Baltimore, arrived here last night by train from Elkton. The General Cadwallader left Philadelphia Monday night and became imbedded in ice in the canal between D laware City and Chesapeake Bay. Her propeller was broken by heavy ice, but the General Wistler to the assistance of the disabled steamer yesterday and towed her to Chesapeake Bay.

The passengers, excepting three women, made their way to Elkton, some having to walk the distance of six miles, and came here by train. Complaints were made that the General Cadwallader was short of provisions and that at one meal was served after Monday night. The women passengers remained in Chesapeake City. Owing to the ice and necessary repairs to the canal locks no Ericsson line steamers will leave either Baltimore or Philadelphia until further notice.

Three steamers belonging to the Shriver line, which runs vessels between Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, are reported frozen in at the mouth of the Susquehanna river. The iceboat Annapolis started down the bay this morning in an attempt to reach the bonded vessels and tow them into clear water. A number of oyster vessels have been temporarily abandoned, their crews making up on the ice to the shore.

The merchants' Exchange reports that no foreign vessels are expected to get up the bay today.

A great deal of destitution in all parts of Baltimore has been brought to light by the cold snap, and every police station is being overrun with men, women and children in search of food, clothing and fuel. Many cases of distressing want have thus been discovered.

Reports from western Maryland counties indicate the heaviest snow storm and the lowest temperature of the winter.

Commander Allibone All Right.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The complaints which reached the Navy Department regarding the offensive attitude of Lieut. Commander Allibone, of the cruiser Columbia, towards the men under him have not been deemed by Secretary Herbert of sufficient gravity to lead to a court martial, and in a letter to the Chief of the Secretary has expressed his determination to take no further action in the present instance. Captain Sands, Chief Engineer and Lieutenant Commander Allibone have been privately reprimanded for filing some of the boilers of the Columbia to trim the ship.

\$30,000 LESS RECEIPTS

This Quarter Than Corresponding Time Last Year.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Postmaster General Wilson has made public the statement of postal receipts for the quarter ended December 31st, 1896 as compared with the corresponding period of 1895 which shows a decrease of about \$30,000 and is to be taken as an indication of business depression.

Beautiful Snow.

Piscataway, N. J., Jan. 28.—Ten inches of snow.

IT'S A "PLUM DAISY"

Buncombe County Criminal Court Promises to Be Interesting.

THE ASHEVILLE DEMI-MONDE AGAIN

THE HOUSES WERE PULLED BY MAYOR COCKE

In Consequence of Judge Ewart's Charge to the Grand Jury, Made at Last Term of Court.

Special to THE TRIBUNE.

Asheville, N. C., January 25. THE TRIBUNE is a "plum daisy," "best paper in the State" are a few of the many encomiums heaped upon the new Republican Raleigh daily. Today the temperature dropped from 50 to 17 degrees, and it bids fair to be the coldest day of the year.

Buncombe Criminal Court convened this morning, Judge Ewart presiding. The docket is the largest in the State, there being over 350 cases, four of which are murders.

There are many important cases, among which are State vs. ex-Sheriff Reynolds, who is charged with embezzling \$48,000, money collected by him as taxes. State vs. Loughran, the member of the Democratic State Executive Committee from the 9th district, charged with bribery of voters. State vs. L. R. R. Co., State vs. L. Mutual Building and Loan Association, State vs. Swan, secret assault.

In State vs. Reynolds Hon. Cy Watson, late Democratic candidate for Governor, appears with T. H. Cobb and J. D. Murphy for the State, while Judge Merrimon and a long array of eminent local counsel appear for Reynolds. Reynolds was for years sheriff of this county, is largely and influentially connected, and the trial elicits great interest, and every inch of the ground will be fought. He is sanguine of acquittal.

The charge of Judge Ewart has created quite a sensation. At the last term of the court he had called the attention of the grand jury to the notorious existence of disorderly houses, and had stated that they could only exist through collusion with the city police. This excited the ire of his Honor, the Mayor, and he made some sarcastic references to the Court, to which his Honor, Judge Ewart, made a rather spicy rejoinder.

The demi-monde, frightened at Judge Ewart's charge to the grand jury, left the city in droves, but after adjournment returned. On Saturday Mayor C. Cocke ordered all houses raided, and his Court has been crowded since. There are those here who are uncharitable enough to say that it was done to forestall action on the part of the Criminal Court.

Upon the question, Judge Ewart had this to say:

JUDGE EWART'S CHARGE TO THE GRAND JURY.

"I congratulate the municipal authorities," said Judge Ewart in his charge to the grand jury yesterday "upon the active steps they have taken against houses of ill fame in this city. At the last term of this Court I had called the attention of the grand jury to this notorious nuisance, and had stated that it could only exist through collusion between the proprietors of these houses and the police. In this I did not mean to convey the idea of corruption when I used the term collusion; but what I do mean, and I reiterate the statement, is that it is impossible for these houses to exist in any city without the knowledge of the police that they do exist, and that whenever the police authorities determine that they shall be broken up, they are broken up."

No sensitive man supposes for a moment that the social evil can be destroyed. But though we cannot stamp out this evil, we can at least prevent it from throwing a mantle of respectability over it, and becoming so open and so serious as to disgrace the community in which they exist."

But punishment in a mayor's court does not release these keepers of disorderly houses from punishment in the State court, and if indicted in this court, as they should be, and convicted, you may rest assured that the full penalty of the law will be meted out to these parties."

We have recently passed through the strain and excitement of a great election, national and State. The public press of the State has teemed with charges and counter charges of the use of money, and the corruption of the electors at the ballot box. It has been charged that in this State, that in this county, money was secretly used in the buying and selling of votes. If this grave charge is true, if it be true that our voters can be bought and driven like sheep to the polls, then indeed have we reached a most lamentable condition of affairs.

The bribery and corruption of the electors of this country means the speedy disruption and destruction of Republican institutions. It is your duty to diligently investigate these charges of bribery and corruption and bring the guilty parties to justice or forever silence these reckless slanderers, who put our good people in the attitude of political Esau who have sold their birthrights for a mess of pottage.

Again, it is charged that voters were intimidated and threatened both before and after the election with discharge and loss of employment because of their

exercising the right of suffrage as they saw fit to do. I can conceive of nothing more despicable, more cowardly, more contemptible than the man who would take the bread out of the mouths of some poor woman, or perhaps little children, in order to force his fellow man to cast a vote against which his judgment and conscience rebelled. The press of this city has published accounts to the effect that a political organization in this city has openly declared the purpose of its members to give employment to no one unless it should be to a man of the political opinions of that organization.

"The declaration is true, in substance, and I am sure that I am sure cannot and will not be countenanced by the law abiding citizens of this city and county. Besides, if carried out, it is a violation of the criminal law, and subjects those who carry out this threat to indictment and punishment. We all remember the burning and scathing words of the eloquent Bryan, the great leader of Democracy in the memorable campaign just past, when in a burst of eloquence he exclaimed: 'The man who would by threats or menace, drive the poor employe to cast a vote against conscience sake' were base flattery to call a coward.' The man who would drive from his humble place in the field, or factory, the laborer or operative who chooses to exercise the God given right of suffrage, and cast that ballot which his conscience and judgment dictates, merits the scorn and detestation of all brave and honorable men."

"I charge you that if any citizen in this county has been threatened with or discharged from employment on account of any vote he may have cast in the recent election, the man who so discharged him is guilty of a violation of the criminal law, and it is your sworn duty to indict him."

Judge Ewart added that he had heard said that justices of the peace have not been making returns of fines in their courts. If, he said, the grand jury found this charge to be true it was the duty of that body to indict the guilty ones.

The political pipet is commencing to boil. For Collector of the 11th district we have W. R. Rollins, ex-Sheriff John G. Gran and Chas. J. Harris of Jackson county. Either of the three will satisfy Western Republicans.

For U. S. District Attorney J. M. Moody is the only applicant. For the Marshalship is mentioned W. S. Hyams and ex-Sheriff Grant of Henderson county. Now the C. B. Moore is settled in the U. S. District Court clerkship, H. S. Haskins is to be the postmaster of this city. If Judge Norwood resigns the vacancy will be filled by the appointment of either P. A. Cummings or John A. Hendrix of Madison county. Hon. Geo. H. Smathers would, doubtless, be appointed if he would accept it, but it is said he does not wish the place.

Populists here are generally pleased with the election of Senator Pritchard.

Snow, Fog and Heavy Sea.

Long Branch, N. J., Jan. 28.—Reports from up and down the New Jersey coast show that the prevailing snow storm is the heaviest experienced in several years in this latitude. Outside the wind is strong. Besides the snow, the weather is so thick with fog that the strongest marine glass cannot penetrate it deeper than a hundred or so yards. An uncommonly heavy sea is running at Atlantic Highlands.

The surf is riding over the board walk at Astory Park and washing sand up in ramps.

Fire! Fire!

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 28.—The wholesale grocery house of Leavitt, McConnell & Co., in the Schultz block, was entirely destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock this morning. The fire was caused by a heater in the basement. Adjoining buildings were damaged, but saved by the fire department. Firemen claim there was a lack of water pressure. The losses are: Leavitt, McConnell & Co., \$6,000, insurance \$20,000; Emil Schultz, \$25,000, insurance, \$10,000.

Killed by Burglars.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 28.—At an early hour this morning Virgil Moore, a well to do grocery man of this city, was called to his store by the ringing of a burglar alarm. He surprised four white men in the act of pillaging the place, but when ordered to throw up their hands, they opened fire on him at close range, inflicting wounds from which he died later. One of the robbers was wounded, and left a trail of blood through the snow to the bank of the Tennessee river.

The Plague.

Bombay, Jan. 28.—The official report issued shows that there have been 4,375 cases of the Bubonic plague and 4,775 deaths from the disease in the city of Bombay, and 694 cases and 664 deaths from the plague have occurred at Karachi. There have been 61 cases and 60 deaths at Poona, and a few cases have appeared at Kathlawar, Suret, Kutch, Baroda and other places.

A Family Freezes to Death.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 28.—A special from Little Rock, Ark., says that a family named Morton, consisting of father, mother and three children, froze to death last night in their home near Mount Ida, Montgomery county. Ark. That section of the State has suffered a lower temperature during the past few days than ever before.

Charged With Bribery.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 28.—President R. E. King, R. O. Brewer and J. E. Lathern, members of the Board of Aldermen, were indicted by the grand jury this afternoon. King is charged with bribery and Leathern and Brewer with attempting to secure money for their votes in the board.

Suspension of Navigation.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 28.—The heavy ice in the Ohio has caused a total suspension of navigation. All the upper and lower boats have tied up in the canal.

NOMINATION OPPOSED

Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee

CARRYING THE WAR INTO "AFRICA"

OPPOSES THE NOMINATION OF A GOLD STANDARD DEMOCRAT

But the Candidate Was Defended By Both the Republicans and the Democrats.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—For more than an hour the Senate this afternoon discussed in executive session the nomination of Wm. S. Forman of Illinois to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and fully confirmed him by a vote of 41 to 15. The opposition was based almost entirely upon Mr. Forman's conduct in the recent campaign.

Senator Jones, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee said he opposed the candidacy of Mr. Forman with much reluctance, but he could not permit his attack upon the regular ticket of the Democratic party to pass unheeded, especially as they were brought to the attention of the country by the appointment to such an important position of the man who had made them. Remarks along similar lines were made by Senators Berry and Stewart. Mr. Chandler antagonized the nomination because the nominee was a Democrat, who stood on a platform declaring for the single gold standard and free trade.

Mr. Forman was defended by Senators Cullom and Hale, Republicans, and Messrs. Mills and Palmer, Democrats, all of whom spoke of his high character as a man and his eminent fitness for the place. They argued that the vacancy came about in the ordinary course, and no violence had been done any man or any party in placing Mr. Forman in office.

The roll call showed that silver Democrats, the silver bolting Republicans and the solitary vote of Mr. Chandler formed the voting opposition.

Other nominations were confirmed by the senate as follows: Charles B. Howry, Mississippi, Judge of the Court of Claims; Frank Dyer Chester, of Massachusetts, United States Consul at Budapest, Hungary.

Postmasters: Alabama, C. C. Collier, Blozkin; Louisiana, F. M. Mumford, St. Francisville; Mississippi, Belle Knox, Clinton; Mrs. Jennie Curtis, Thibodaux.

HOUSE.

Several interesting, and at times humorous and acrimonious, political speeches were unexpectedly precipitated upon the House today, during which the publication of the Indian appropriation bill began on Monday last, was concluded, and the bill passed, with some material changes, all reducing the scope of the measure.

Mr. Wadsworth (Rep., N. Y.), chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, had called up the bill making appropriations for the Agricultural Department for the year 1897-'98, and following Mr. Sherman's course in the management of the Indian bill, yielded the floor to Mr. Grosvenor (Rep., Ohio). That gentleman used the opportunities thus accorded him to defend the false charges of Governor Altgeld, made in the latter's speech at the banquet given him last week to mark the close of his gubernatorial term. These related to the great increase in the votes of several States at the November election, Ohio being one, which Altgeld said was largely fraudulent and which had defrauded Bryan of a victory which he had fairly won. Mr. Grosvenor said the increase was in both the Republican and Democrat votes and had no taint of fraud in it.

Mr. Grosvenor was followed in the same line by other Republicans; and then Mr. DeArmond (Dem., Mo.), took the floor.

After briefly alluding to ex-Governor Altgeld's charges, he read from newspaper publications shortly after the election to show that there was some ground for them, so far as Ohio was concerned. He intimated that Altgeld would soon have the privilege of replying to the speeches of the Ahenian representative (Grosvenor) on the floor. He turned his attention to Secretary Morton, using as a basis for his remarks the recent bulletin issued by the agricultural department showing the illiteracy and poverty of the States which voted for Bryan as compared with those of the McKinley States, and denounced it as a slander upon the men whom the Department of Agriculture was supposed to particularly represent. He appealed to the Republicans to find a place for the Secretary in the museum as a curiosity of modern political life and administration. In conclusion, he quoted Gray's lines:

"Full many a whim of purest ray serene,
The dark, unfathomed dreams of Mor-ton bear;
Full many a wheel is formed to whirl unseen,
And waste its fleetness 'neath J. Sterling's hair."

This being ended, the committee rose, and at 5:10 o'clock the House adjourned. During the day M. Grout (Rep., Vt.) reported the appropriation bill for the District of Columbia; Mr. Thomas (Rep., Mich.) gave notice that on Wednesday

next he would ask the House to consider the report of Elections Committee No. 3, on the contest of Cornell vs. Swanson, from the Fifth Virginia district, and Mr. Powers (Rep. Vt.) presented the report of the conferees on the bill to enable the purchasers of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad to form a corporation.

Venezuela Matters.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Justice Brewer of the Supreme Court today practically confirmed the report that Chief Justice Fuller and himself had been selected as arbitrators on behalf of Venezuela in the matter of the settlement of the boundary line dispute between that country and Great Britain. The formal signing of the treaty has not yet been done, but Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Senor Andrade, the Venezuelan minister, have been in daily conference, and it is understood that the Convention is now ready for signatures. While these conferences have been in progress, various matters of detail, it is said, have been considered and determined on by the parties to the controversy, one of which was the choice by Venezuela of Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer as its arbitrators.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT A MAN

J. B. MELVIN THE MAN SHOT AND DUD- LEY SHAW THE SHOOTIST.

Shaw Surrenders—Coroner's Inquest.

Special to THE TRIBUNE.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 28.—J. B. Melvin was accidentally shot and killed this morning at Delta, thirty miles from here. Dudley Shaw had been showing Melvin a pistol, and was putting it on the shelf, when it discharged. The bullet went into Melvin's temple, coming out at the back of the head, killing him instantly. Melvin leaves a wife and one boy, who live in Wilmington. Shaw surrendered. Shaw was a clerk in the store of Melvin's uncle, near where the tragedy occurred. The coroner's inquest is to be held.

H. W. P.

Parliament News

London, Jan. 28.—In the House of Commons today Sir George Baden Powell asked the government to inform the House of the date upon which the report of the Pacific Cable Commission would be presented. Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that no date for presenting the report to Parliament had as yet been fixed, as the report would first be made the subject of confidential discussion by the Colonial Ministers. Mr. R. W. Hanbury, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, stated that the government had not yet decided upon the question of extending the Halifax and Bermuda cable to the West Indies.

Tugs Stranded.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 28.—The tugs Jones and Blanche went to the British steamer Ardriehig, stranded on Fryling Pan Shoals this morning, but the tide was not high enough to get the vessel off. This afternoon thirty hands went to lighten the steamer of her cargo and tugs will pull on her tonight at high tide. The steamer is reported to be lying easy and in good condition.

"Vive Russie!"

Paris, Jan. 28.—Count Muraviev, the newly appointed head of the Russian Foreign Office, arrived at Paris this morning. A large crowd of persons assembled at the station to await his coming and greeted him with cheers and cries of "Vive Russie" which made his appearance.

More Spanish Denials.

London, Jan. 28.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Central News says that Premier Canovas has made a formal denial that any negotiations for a new commercial treaty between Spain and the United States are in progress, as has been alleged.

Snow Storm Cuts a Figure.

New York, Jan. 28.—The heavy snow storm was a factor in the dry goods market operations today and the attendance of buyers, in both commission and jobbing circles, was slim. The general situation is without change in either cotton or woolen goods.

Favors the Ratification of the Arbitration Treaty.

London, Jan. 24.—The British Foreign Arbitration Association has cabled to Washington a petition to the United States Senate in favor of the ratification of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty.

An Ohio Town Badly Damaged.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 28.—Fire this morning destroyed almost the entire business portion of the town of Onterburg, 50 miles north of here, on Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Railway. Loss, \$75,000.

Catholic Clergy Manifesto.

Dublin, Jan. 23.—A manifesto, largely signed by the Catholic clergy, has been issued in denunciation of the recent course of the factors of the Irish party and declaring that the Irish national party has now reached its lowest state of efficiency.

Too Busy.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—Owing to pressure of public business, Premier Laurier has declined the invitation of the Washington's birthday celebration committee of Chicago to speak at a banquet to be held there on February 23rd next.