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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is now proper to refer to Senator Pritchard as Skinner's financial panorama.

Write to your members of the legislature and urge them to repudiate goldbugs for Senator.

United States Senators and Congress men should do more work in Washington and less wrangling when at home.

'Old Nick' and Mark Hanna must have had a hearty laugh when they read Col. Pritchard's latest string of promises.

Col. Bryan Tyson is in favor of running the per capita circulation up to \$50. Between Tyson and Pritchard give us Tyson.

We are now inclined to believe that Maeco is really dead. Gen. Weyler is doing some pretty big talking down in Cuba, at any rate.

The legislators will only go to work to it, there will be no need of a fight and day rush along about of March.

A Missouri man who sold his wife a few days ago will probably be a calamity howler. Wives sold at that price before silver was dead.

Change wants to know what we do with the constantly changing number of hoodlums. They are placed in the penitentiary on the balance of the criminals.

A man who runs the furnaces in a school can't regulate the heat so he'll not make the members sick, usually does, some one should be elected to look after that end of the business.

Coming from the way subscriptions and letters are coming in, we approve of the course of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, and we are proudly grateful for such evidences of approval.

When Col. Pritchard comes for a fight with his next batch of promises, we will probably agree to vote for a man to make old shoes a legal tender, divided England and Mark Hanna's object, and by 'independent action' if they do make a kick.

Within the past two weeks twenty banks, some of them very large, have closed their doors. Total assets \$21,354,779. Thus it is that the McKinley wave of prosperity over the country and 'confidence is restored.' Yet some Northern legislators are trying to re-elect Senator Pritchard, who is likely to help continue this disastrous state affairs.

It appears that there is a fight between Senator Butler and Congress-Skinner for leadership. Every one recognizes the ability of the two, but we don't want any leaders. There has been too much leadership already. The people want workers, not leaders, advisors, not drivers. Leaders responsible for present complications.

Just because a man occupies a position he should not attempt to rule the roost.

PRITCHARD MAKES MORE PROMISES.

After coming to Raleigh and finding matters anything but favorable to him Senator Pritchard made public the following letter, said to have been written to Col. Harry Skinner on December 10th, last:

'I appreciate your position on the senatorial question. It is in keeping with your reputation of being square and keeping faith. I do not attempt to influence you. You know that I am a staunch friend of all reforms contemplated in the Populist movement, and you may assure such members of the legislature as are inclined to vote for me that I will vote for silver by international agreement or independent action, 16 to 1, and will take pleasure in voting to amend the national banking act so as to permit farmers to borrow money upon land and staple 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 say I would not vote for free silver or anything else when simply introduced as a rider or obstruction to the passage of any protective tariff or other remedial legislation bill.'

Now that is a considerable come down from the high horse Mr. Pritchard rode during the latter part of the last campaign, while he was tooting the McKinley gold bug horn. But what does it amount to? Can't he change again on short notice? He started out in 1896 as a free coinage man, 16 to 1. Before fall he was fully converted to the gold standard theory. By the 10th of December he was writing to Col. Harry Skinner that he was a free coinage man by international agreement, which is as remote as the success of the flying machine, which shows that he was as weak as branch water but before he could write a half dozen words he was a full fledged silver man again, by 'independent action.' Then, in less than a minute, if he was writing rapidly, he even adopted Col. Harry Skinner's Sub-Treasury idea, to 'amend the national banking act, so as to permit farmers to borrow money upon land and staple crops.' We presume that this touched a tender spot in Col. Skinner's corporosity and flattered him so that he has come to Raleigh and is using all his lung power in behalf of Mr. Pritchard twenty hours a day.

The people of North Carolina are tired of treachery and foolishness. They have been trying to abate the evils, and do not propose to take any backward steps. Once more we serve notice that this paper will expose Senator Pritchard, his methods, and those so called Populists who are working to re-elect him under the plea that they have made some sort of pledges. All pledges became void when Senator Pritchard began to crawl from the position he took in the financial question two years ago, when he was first elected Pritchard may get a few bolters, but the Populist party can't be delivered, neither can the influential leaders.

A Kentucky man had a stone coffin made some time ago and directed that he be placed in it after death and that a barrel of whiskey be poured into the coffin to preserve his remains. He died recently and his wishes were carried out. If this becomes fashionable there will be much complaint about grave robbing in that state.

A SPLIT CAUCUS.

The Populist representatives met in caucus at the Capital Friday night, and, owing to some misunderstanding, we presume, about one third of the members withdrew and held a little caucus of their own, and adopted the following resolutions:

'The following members of the Senate and House of Representatives in conference assembled, desire to say by resolution that we enter our solemn protest against the high handed method of gag rule perpetuated upon us by a majority of the Populist caucus Friday night, the 8th inst., and after having listened on our part with great patience to the views of the majority faction, accorded them one and two hours for each speaker without protest or murmuring, when we asked to have time to discuss our side of the question we were unceremoniously told by majority that we could not have but ten minutes each; that after we had appealed to the leaders and members of the majority faction to give us time for a free and fair discussion of the Senatorial question and time to hear from our constituents upon this important question, they absolutely refused to consider the question at any other time and so cut off the discussion by unfair filibustering tactics. Therefore,

Resolved, That we inform our brethren who compose the other faction, that when they discuss the cooperation of this faction, they must assure us by resolution that they are willing

to accord to us a free and fair discussion at some future time, to be agreed upon by both factions. Then and not until then will we consent to sit together.'

[Signed.] T. E. McCaskey, chairman; J. H. Parker, of Perquimans; H. F. Brown, L. A. Abernethy, John G. Harris, C. J. Yarborough, T. H. Runtree, E. F. Wakefield, R. H. W. Barker, J. J. White, H. E. Hodges, George H. Cannon, C. M. Babbitt, J. E. Bryan, J. M. Early, D. R. id Parker, John F. Newsum, C. O. Fagan, G. L. Hardison.

The cause of this was a resolution introduced by Mr. Moya, of Pitt, to the effect that the members of the caucus refuse to support Senator Pritchard. A member favorable to Pritchard made a motion to adjourn, which was voted down, then nineteen members withdrew. The anti Pritchard resolution passed, voted for by the following members, all of them voting for it, except two:

Moya, Roberson, Shaw, Merritt, Walker, Patterson, Alexander, Clark, Mitchell, Maxwell, Usley, Butler, Geddie, Atwater, Earnhardt, Whitener, Schulken, Barrow, King, Hauser, Chapman, Morton, Foster, Johnson, Price, Person, Drew, Ward, Dixon, Craven, Holmes, McBride, Peggason, Crumpler, Terrell, E. T. Person, Lyon, J. A. Reynolds.

Most of the nineteen mentioned as bolters are Pritchard sympathizers, some of them corruptly, and others honestly, believing they are under obligations to keep pledges, which, however, are now void. As soon as we can find out the Pritchard sympathizers for pie only, we will publish a black list of the names and keep them before the people of the State so they can be spotted hereafter.

The Concord Standard Dem., is unjustified in its praise of the new board of county commissioners in Cabarrus. One of their first acts was to have the court house cleaned up and 'fifteen or more bushels of dirt dust, tobacco quids, ambler, peanut hulls and other filth that contains microbes and disease germs, have been removed from the floor.' It must be pretty plain that the Democrats deserved to be turned out in that county.

INEVITABLE RESULTS.

The Washington correspondent of the Tribune, the new Republican daily, quotes Senator Sherman as saying that he differs with Pritchard on the silver question, but is 'personally interested' in his re-election and hopes he will be. Thus Pritchard has the endorsement of the king of Gold bugs, and it ought to be plain that Sherman places no faith in Pritchard's silver pledges, and he is a 'safe man' for any work the money power wants done.

We are not willing to believe that all of the nineteen so called 'bolters' will vote for Pritchard. But suppose they do. They will only weaken the Populist party nineteen votes, they can carry nothing with them but the contempt of all honest people. The addition to the Republican party will be about equal to the addition to the British army when Benedict Arnold deserted the cause of American Independence. For every legislative traitor developed in this fight, if there be traitors, the People's party will get a thousand good citizens, all with more influence and ability than those who desert their principles for Mark Hanna's money or for Republican patronage—one and the same—for the man who goes through this fight untaunted will be worthy of confidence.

If the Republican leaders alienate the sympathy of Populists, as they will do if they buy the election of Pritchard, he can't be elected any other way, then the party will become a greater stench in the nostrils of honest people than the Cleveland democracy, and it will be beaten in the State. The infamous bargaining is known and if the plans are carried out the penitentiary doors ought to be thrown wide open and all concerned driven in like sheep.

SWORN ON MOORE'S POEMS.

'Here is you! Broke I borrowed some time ago,' said a brother magistrate who stepped into 'Squire Maxwell's office this morning.

'I didn't know it was gone,' said the 'Squire in surprise. He stepped over to the judicial table, picked up a small black volume and found on the back the legend, 'Moore's Poems'

'Well, I'll be blessed, he remarked, laconically, as he laid it down, 'here I've been swearing people on this thing for a week, thinking it was a testament.'

And the 'Squire looked into the distance as he remarked: 'It doesn't matter, nobody knows the difference, anyhow.'—Charlotte News.

DEAL WANT'S RELIEF.

Congress is busy restoring 'confidence' by passing private pension bills. Why not pension everybody and be done with it. We wouldn't need any Congress then.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW

Why Sheriff Sims, of Cabarrus, a Populist, appointed a Democrat to the position of tax collector.

Why Col. Harry Skinner, who split his coat for a silver man at St. Louis, is now splitting his throat for Pritchard, a gold man.

Why Col. Walter Henry, who split his vest for Bryan and silver at St. Louis, is now writing long high sounding words pleading for the re-election of Pritchard.

Why Col. G. Ed. Kestler, who was a middle of the reader at St. Louis, has been in Raleigh during the past week tearing his hair for Pritchard.

Why Col. A. J. Swinson, another middle of the reader, is now in Raleigh pleading for Pritchard with tears in his eyes.

Why Col. H. E. Hodges, of Beaufort, is such a strong Pritchard man.

Why several men 'of, for and by principle' are wending their way in non committal style around about Raleigh.

Why the re-election of Pritchard is more important than the keeping up of friendly relations between the Populist and Republican parties. (The money power can explain that if it will)

Why certain men who never before cared so much about 'keeping pledges' are now so anxious to keep pledges that ought never to have been made, and which are now void.

FINANCE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday-school needed money, and Mr. Smart, the Superintendent, had a new way of getting it, says the London Tit Bts.

He proposed giving each boy half a crown. At the end of a month the principal, together with what it had earned, was to be returned to him.

The scheme was good, but it didn't work quite as Mr. Smart had anticipated.

The fourth Sunday found the Superintendent ready to audit the profit and loss account, and he commenced with Johnnie's class.

'How have you done, Johnnie?'

'My half crown has earned another one,' said Johnnie, with the air of one having an option on a halo.

'Good!' said the Superintendent. 'Not only is Johnnie a good boy in helping the school, but he shows business talent. Doubling one's money in a single month requires no common ability. Who can tell but what we may have another budding Croesus among us! Johnnie, you have done well. And now, Thomas, how much has your half crown earned?'

'Lost it,' said Thomas.

'What! Not only failed to earn anything, but actually lost!' said Mr. Smart. 'How was that?'

'I tussled with Johnnie,' was the reply, 'and he won.'

THE WAVE.

That wave of prosperity which was to sweep over this continent, as soon as McKinley was elected President, does not materialize to the shoemakers of Lynn, Mass., as they expected it would. They were wheeled into voting for him on that prospective watery hallucination. But when McKinley's majority was finally fixed, Lynn contributing 3,000 to it, the shoe manufacturers of that city threw off the restraint which held them back from the exercise of their natural instincts and feelings toward the working people, and they proceeded to cut, instead of increase the wages of their men. The outcome has just been shown. The municipal elections were held in Massachusetts on the 15th. One of the most interesting results has been shown by the competition of the count in Lynn where W. L. Ramey, a silver Democrat and Populist, was elected Mayor by a majority of about 1,940. McKinley's majority in that town was 3,000! And there will be more of such landslides during the next four months, and the four years to come, in 'goldbug' territory.

BURSTING BANKS, VS. GOVERNMENT BANKS.

Millions of dollars of the rich and poor are tied up in bank failures that happened in Chicago in the last few days. In a great city like Chicago all that stands between many and want is a small sum deposited in a bank, says the Missouri World.

Real estate is so high there the laboring people cannot own their homes. Neither can they as a rule rent a house with a garden lot, so as to be able to raise a garden and keep a cow. Friends in distress there are none in the great cities. Appeals for help are so common that those who could and would help if the calls were only occasional as in the rural districts, must steel their hearts against them. The average city wage-worker has his household goods in rented rooms, and has some money in bank. This is his all. Now the great National Bank of Illinois at Chicago, suspends as also does

the Dime Savings Bank of that city. Winter is just setting in and employment may not be constant. Some in fact have little employment in the winter season. They can't get their money, what are they to do? If the banks were run by the government there would be no such thing as bank suspensions. Now and then a government bank might meet with heavy loss but others would be profitable and upon the whole the business would pay big. If in some city there should be a sudden demand for a large amount of the deposits, money could be supplied from other banks. There could be no such thing as a bank failure or suspension. Another thing, government banks would come pretty close to doing away with taxes.

WE'LL ALL WAIT.

The election of the Advance Prophet of Prosperity does not seem to have the effect of stopping the failures throughout the United States. Banks, corporations, mercantile concerns, manufactories, and everybody else seem to be tumbling into the dirt in the same old ratio as they did before this 'advance agent' got here. We suppose it is possibly due to the continuation in office of Mr. Cleveland, and when Mr. McKinley gets full control there will be a change. At least we will hope for the best and pray that everything may not go to pieces before the 4th day of March.

No true American feels for one instant anything but the kindest towards Mr. McKinley and all hope that the Republican party will be able to carry out all its promises. Those who fought for the free coinage of silver and W. J. Bryan fought only for the good of the country, and if the Republican party can bring about that, then there will be no objection on the part of the followers of Bryan. We will patiently wait for twelve months anyhow and see what the outcome will be.

McKINLEY'S LEADERSHIP.

His Masterly and Magnificent Conduct of the Campaign.

About 9 o'clock in the evening of the election, while the 'landslide' to McKinley was being reported vaguely, but persistently, a wealthy gentleman named Garret A. Hobart telegraphed to Major McKinley, 'Congratulations with all my heart on the glorious achievement under your magnificent leadership.'

The enthusiastic congratulation turned out to be a little premature, being based on the rumors started by some one not over 1,000 miles from Republican headquarters. But it was none the less touching in its simple truth.

The leadership of McKinley has indeed been magnificent. He has led the way from the State Capitol to Canton. He has, under the direction of Mark Hanna, led the way to the table, and from the sitting room to the front porch, from which he has harangued his hired pilgrims with his ably edited and carefully memorized speech on the absolute necessity of electing him president.

McKinley led the country into the trap laid for it by the tariff barons in 1890. He led his followers that year into the depths of despair. He led the crowd of hungry office seekers, who repudiated their former views and concealed their present views, or lack of them, in order to feed at the public crib.

In this campaign Major McKinley's leadership has been unquestioned. Who doubted that he was exercising his own will and judgment when he declined to state his views on the currency until a complete set were furnished him with his nomination? It was, no doubt, his masterly leadership that made him resent the attempt of the people to get him to say one word on the subject of the trusts, who owned a controlling interest in him.

For the extraordinary meekness with which he allowed Mark Hanna to alter his ideas and supply him with ready-made opinion no other term can be more appropriate than 'magnificent leadership.'—Kansas City Times.

ON WITH THE DANCE.

'Five hundred dollars wouldn't go very far towards the education of the children of the State, and we suggest that it be spent upon the ball.' This is a statement made by the Charlotte Observer and copied in many papers. It was made in view of the fact that the Governor elect has sensibly decided to dispense with the usual inauguration 'clap trap.' The ball has always been paid for by private contributions. But the State has been in the habit of appropriating \$500 for the inauguration. The point we desire to make is this, that \$500 will run four schools four months; and four schools four months will reach 200 children. This may not be going very far; but it is better than going into 'clap trap.'—Biblical Recorder.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs From Reform Papers. Senator Chandler says four fifths of the American people favor free silver. Then to think and talk silver isn't treason after all.—Courier, Council Grove, Kan.

Some one has aptly said that the advance agent of prosperity has played a trick on the country by advertising a show that is not to appear.—Farmers' Tribune, Des Moines, Iowa.

Party leaders who seek to get control of affairs by the corrupt use of money do not believe in a government by the will of the populace, or popular will.—The Popocrat, Hamburg, Ill.

If the government stamp on paper substance is more valuable than gold in the shape of an interest bearing bond just make it equal with gold by a non-interest bearing bond. See—Labor's Tribune.

Banks are breaking and failures are multiplying. What is the matter with confidence? The Leigh cotton mills have shut down after an unbroken run of more than a hundred years.—Progressive Home.

We hold that the question of who shall issue the paper money is of far greater importance than that of free coinage of silver, for we know the nation prospered without either gold or silver.—Labor's Tribune.

When 200,000 armed men fail to put down an insurrection (?) in Cuba, it looks a little like it has assumed the magnitude of war, but old Fatty wouldn't believe it unless he was drafted and had to hire a substitute.—Morgan's Buzz Saw.

A bank teller, who was the tool of other parties in wrecking a concern at Minneapolis, finds it very convenient that one of the gang is governor of the state and invested with the pardoning power. It's a great scheme to hold the offices inside the band of law breakers.—Chicago Express.

There is no other organization in this country which has the audacity to attack fraud and vile politics as does the Alliance. In reform ideas and true push this order stands alone and will always remain at the head. It is the only organization that is hated by those who live off the toil of others and well may it be as it unmercifully hammers down the doors of their fortress.—Pa. Alliance advocate.

A man who is out of employment and in debt, has advertised in New York to sell himself into absolute servitude for one hundred dollars; will do any ordinary work, or after being insured will take his life to give his owner the insurance. The struggle for existence is too great. Forty years ago he could have been blackened and sold on an auction block in Kentucky for \$1,000 cash any day. The price of men has gone down.—Chicago Express.

Glasgow, Scotland, is a city twice the size of San Francisco, but after January 1st, no more tax will be levied upon the property of the city, which will hereafter raise all necessary revenues from the profits derived from operating public utilities, such as light and water plants and street railways. In addition to this profit the public enjoys better and cheaper service than is furnished in any city where corporations enjoy a monopoly of such utilities.—Tulare Valley, Cal., Citizen.

A STRANGELY HUMOROUS SITUATION.

He had been dining out. His hat was very much over on one ear, and his neckwear looked sadly disarranged. Every time the conductor came near him he addressed him as 'Shay, old feller,' much to that worthy conductor's disgust.

Pretty soon he broke out in boisterous laughter. He swayed to and fro. He doubled over till his head touched his knees. Then he tried to rise. At this moment the conductor came forward.

'Sit still,' he said; 'you're all right. I'll let you off when we get to your street.'

'Th-that ain't th' point,' said the ebriated one. 'I don't want to get off. I'm just laughin' at a thunderin' good joke on you. That's all.'

And he roared again.

'What do you mean?' demanded the conductor.

'Mean good joke on you,' said late dinner out. Then he pointed steadily at the car stove.

'See that stove?' he asked.

'Yes, I see the stove,' replied the conductor. 'What of it?'

'Z-it's where ze joke comes in,' he coughed the lusher.

'In what way?'

'Why, ze fire's gone out without paying its fare! See!'

And he howled until the conductor daubed him up by the collar from a collapsed heap into which he had fallen.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.