

INTERVIEW WITH CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLICAN
OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT—DISCUSSION FURTHER WITH POSSIBILITIES.

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W. LUMSDEN, D. C., Feb. 5.—No member of the House is more consistent in attendance at the sessions than Congressman Kitchin. He is among the first arrivals in the morning and invariably remains until adjournment. Nothing escape his attention, and the result is he is up to date. When asked what he thought of the vote in the Teller resolution on Monday, he said:

"Republican tyranny and love for the law were exemplified Monday by the House majority in limiting debate on the Teller resolution—in many respects the most important proposition hitherto before the House to him than five hours. The vote represents the strength of the friends and enemies of silver coinage in the House. Only one Republican voted on the silver side. Mr. Isham, while 130 voted against the silver side—including Mr. Pearson, of the Ninth North Carolina District, whose vote will be a disappointment to many Populists in North Carolina."

You know the leading Populists have stood by him, and in the last campaign their State Committee agreed to help elect him. He was one of the originators of the coalition. The whole vote shows that there is not an element of friendship for silver in the Republican organization. No man who regards it of great importance can be for silver restoration, and at the same time give his time, talent and influence to the upbuilding of the Republican party. Security for silver will prevent giving aid, comfort and power under the guise of co-operation or otherwise to the party now pledged against silver."

"What effect will it have on co-operation in North Carolina?"

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"Do you agree with Senator Jones that there should be co-operation between Democrats, Populists and silver Republicans?"

"I certainly do."

"Do you think that will be effected in North Carolina?"

"It ought to be done, but whether it will be done, considering man's imperfections, no man on our side can tell. There are no organized bolting silver Republicans in North Carolina, as there are in the West. Republicans in many states, though some are at least friendly to silver, are Republicans for the Republican platform and nominees first, last and all the time. There is a large element of Democrats who would be glad to have co-operation with the Populists, upon fair terms, while there are others who consider it the bitterest enemy of the Democratic party. There are some Populist leaders, and I think most of their voters who desire Democratic co-operation, but there are some who bodily advocate Republican co-operation. Outlanders do not understand North Carolina politics."

"Do you think the Populist party will make a straight fight in your State?"

"I think not. I think it will co-operate with somebody, but as I intimated before the voters of all parties are more intelligent and independent than ever before, and I do not think political trials will ever again have the binding effect upon the honest voter they have heretofore had. The leaders of both parties ought to unite the proper elements. If the leaders fail to do their duty I hope the people will not fail."

NEW WAY OF RAISING AND CONSERVING

“COTTON.”

Dr. W. J. McLeod had a lamp so wrong last Saturday night. It burned so big and looked exactly as if nothing would melt it better than to explode. The doctor was just fixing to make a fire and took the lamp and set it in the fire place on the wood—he was afraid to risk himself near it long enough to carry it out doors. After putting the lamp in the fire place it got worse instead of better until, finally, the doctor, in desperation, brought him to his old shop door. This he got and caused both a rivet into the lamp, breaking it into scatters.

The Monroe Encourager says the Monarchs have nothing whatever to do with the negroes. They believe the negro is doomed and the descendant of Cain has no part in the kingdom.

Now We Have.

The character of the old Illinois courts, in which Abraham Lincoln practised, was very primitive, says a writer in the *Century*. In one case a lively stable horse had died soon after being returned, and the person who had hired it was sued for damages. The question turned largely upon the reputation of the defendant as a hard rider. A witness was called—a long, lank westerner.

"How does Mr. So-and-so usually ride?" asked the lawyer.

Without a gleam of intelligence, the witness replied:

"A-ah, sir."

"No, no," said the lawyer; "I mean to be usually walk, or trot, or gallop?"

"Wal," said the witness, apparently searching in the depths of his memory for facts, "when he rides a walkin' horse he walks, when he rides a trotsin' horse he trots, and when he rides a gallopin' horse he gallops, when—"

The lawyer was angry. "I want to know what gait the defendant usually takes, fast or slow?"

"Wal," said the witness, "when his company rides fast, he rides fast, and when his company rides slow he rides slow."

"I want to know, sir," the lawyer said, very much exasperated, and very stern now, "how Mr. So-and-so rides when he is alone."

"Wal," said the witness, more slowly and meditatively than ever, "when he was alone I wasn't along, and I don't know."

The laugh at the questioner ended the cross-examination.

THE WEEK'S BUSINESS.

Dea's Review.

Actual payments through clearing houses in January made a remarkable showing, being much larger than in any previous month, \$6.8 per cent, larger than the same month last year, and 7.1 per cent, larger than in 1892. The fallings in January were smaller than in any previous year of which there is record, and were probably smaller than in any other January since 1891.

The statement by branches of business given this week shows a surprising gain in most departments of manufacture and trade. No failures appear in the woolen manufacture, and in several branches only an insignificant aggregate compared with the fallings of previous years.

Meanwhile the money market is as confused as ever; gold does not come from Europe in large amount only because bankers find it worth while to lead American money abroad, and the commercial balances are heavily in favor of the United States as heretofore.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the week has been the decline in wheat. With exports of 3,004,517 bushels against 1,770,540 last year, and 2,776,840 from Pacific ports against 844,343 bushels last year, the temper of the market has been weaker.

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