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WASHINGTON LETTER.

ADMINISTRATION IS AGAINST CHICAGO TICKET.

Two St. Louis Conventions Now Attract Attention. To Be a Queer Campaign. Secretary Turner Claims Bryan is a Populist.

JOURNAL BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17th. The administration has spoken. It will not support Bryan and Sewall. Who or what it will support is still a problem to be solved. President Cleveland and several members of his Cabinet are strongly in favor of putting up a gold Democratic ticket, and, for once, the silver Democrats are all wishing that Mr. Cleveland may have his way. They believe that a gold Democratic ticket would add largely to their chance of winning in several close states, because it would be supported by gold Democrats who would otherwise vote for McKinley and Hobart. Republicans say they are indifferent as to what the gold Democrats may do, but it is an open secret that they are pulling every available wire to prevent the putting up of another gold ticket.

The two conventions which will meet at St. Louis next week are attracting a great deal of attention in Washington. It is virtually settled that the silver convention will endorse the Chicago platform and ticket, as it was called for the purpose of taking independent action only in case neither of the old parties adopted a silver platform. When the Democratic convention adopted a silver platform and nominated a silver ticket it left little for the silver convention to do but to endorse that ticket and platform.

While it is reasonably certain that the Populist convention will either endorse Bryan and Sewall and the Chicago platform or nominate the same men on another platform, there is just enough doubt about it to add interest to the convention and to attract some of the shrewdest politicians in the country to St. Louis, for the purpose of trying to influence the action of the convention. The silver Democrats will be there to urge the desirability of uniting all who favor the free coinage of silver in the support of one ticket, and the gold men, both Republicans and Democrats, will be there to try to persuade the Populists that the only way they can keep up their party organization is to nominate a ticket of their own. Of course both of these arguments are based upon the self-interests of those who make them, but then politics, like most of the games in which mankind engages, is chock full of selfishness.

This is likely to be a queer campaign in more ways than one. According to Senator Faulkner, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign committee, the work of that committee is to be both for silver and gold, just as the Democratic candidates for Congress may desire it to be speaking on the subject, Senator Faulkner said: "We will take it for granted that the Democrats of each district know what they are about, and we will not question their selection. It will make no difference to us what the platform may be upon which the candidates are selected." In order that there might be no misunderstanding of his meaning, Senator Faulkner was asked if the committee would furnish gold standard literature, if it was asked for by a Democratic candidate for Congress. He replied: "If he asks for such literature, and we have it, he will get it."

There is always fun to be extracted out of a political campaign by those who know how to get at it. The knowing ones are now laughing at the announcement that Postmaster General Wilson's sound money views make it impossible for him to accept a nomination to Congress from his old district. That is one way of putting it, but, according to West Virginia Democrats it wasn't the sound money views of Mr. Wilson which made his nomination to Congress impossible, but the very pronounced silver views of a majority of the Democrats in his old district.

The Populists generally regard the platform adopted by the Democratic convention and the nomination of Bryan as a great triumph for their principles, and in order to impress that idea upon members of his party Secretary Turner, of the Populist National committee, has issued a signed statement, urging the Populists to unite in supporting the Democratic ticket, and the platform, which he says is to all intents and purposes a Populist platform. He also says that Mr. Bryan is a Populist, and calls attention to his having acted with the Nebraska Populists for the last two years. After noting that Populist principles have captured the Democratic party he adds: "All Populists in these United States should rejoice that their principles have taken such a hold upon the American people that one of the great political parties of the nation has been compelled to adopt those principles and nominate a ticket pledged to carry them into execution."

BRYAN'S TRIP A TRIUMPH.

Greeted by Crowds in Nebraska. Rainy Weather Does not Keep People Away.

SPECIAL. LINCOLN, Neb., July 17.—W. J. Bryan's trip from Kansas City was a triumphal march, and would seem to indicate a tidal wave. Though it rained heavily, large crowds greeted him all along the route. He spoke at Kansas City for a few moments.

Among the things he said when the train was about to leave Kansas City was: "We are going West in a few minutes and I wish your kind assistance. We will go East next year." A delegation from this city met him fifty miles out. He was given an ovation tonight.

Bradstreet's Report.

SPECIAL. NEW YORK, July 17.—Bradstreet reports the merchandise markets dull. Little disposition to engage in new enterprises. Merchants in city and country are purchasing with great care. Bank clearings are three per cent lower than last week. Failures show an increase of forty one in past week. Stock speculation is dull, prices slightly better after slight liquidation.

Among the favorable features are the relatively encouraging reports concerning trade at nine business centers, together with improvements in quotations of wheat, corn, oats and pork. Firm price for print cloths, leather, lumber, sugar and wool.

Vanderbilt is Improved.

SPECIAL. NEW YORK, July 17.—Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition is reported as being much better this evening.

AN AMIABLE SETTLEMENT.

NO SAYS LORD SALISBURY REGARDING THE VENEZUELAN CLAIMS.

SPECIAL. LONDON, July 17.—Lord Salisbury laid before the House of Lords, today, the papers on the subject of arbitration. He said the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain were not complete but were amicably advancing. Regarding Venezuela, he said, the first thing was to get at the real facts, and when this was done by the Commission, in whom all concerned had full confidence, he felt that the many diplomatic matters which would follow would not be very difficult of adjustment, but even if there was, those difficulties would be overcome by arbitration.

BASE BALL.

National League Games Played Yesterday.

SPECIAL. CLEVELAND, July 17.—Cleveland, 13; Boston, 7.

PITTSBURG, July 17.—Pittsburg, 8; Philadelphia, 7.

LOUISVILLE, July 17.—Louisville, 7; New York, 10.

Where They Play To-day.

Boston at Cleveland.

Baltimore at Cincinnati.

Philadelphia at Pittsburg.

New York at Louisville.

Washington at Chicago.

Brooklyn at St. Louis.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

CLUBS.	W.	L.	P. C.
Cincinnati	53	24	688
Baltimore	47	24	662
Cleveland	47	24	662
Boston	41	33	562
Chicago	43	36	544
Pittsburg	39	34	524
Brooklyn	35	39	473
Philadelphia	35	40	467
Washington	31	37	455
New York	30	41	423
St. Louis	20	55	367
Louisville	17	52	246

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

Flat Dispositions on Controversy Show this Country to be Fine Not Relinquishing any First Claims.

SPECIAL. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—The efforts of the United States and Great Britain to agree upon a general arbitration treaty, for the settlement of all controversies through an establishment of a permanent tribunal, as well as the progress of diplomatic negotiations towards solving the Venezuelan problem, as set forth in the thirteen communications have been made public by the State Department, tonight, while they constitute the first authoritative disclosure upon these great questions, since President Cleveland's famous Christmas message to Congress, it will be found that previous reports of the negotiations have been fairly well outlined by previous dispatches, that little substantial progress towards a general arbitration treaty is disclosed by the documents.

An outline in part of the proposed proceedings is laid down and views of the two governments is so explicitly stated, that future discussion may be confined to a discussion with few divergencies of method. The further fact is made apparent that the United States has not relaxed its vigilance in demanding just settlement of the Venezuelan boundary question and has rejected the British proposals for arbitrating that dispute, under terms involving a surrender of any part of Venezuela's claims.

MONROVIA, N. J., July 17.—The report that the celebrated cartoonist Thomas Nast was dead was denied promptly by his publisher tonight.

FUSION ALMOST CERTAIN.

REPUBLICANS AND POPULISTS MEET IN RALEIGH.

Hardly a Question that Fusion Prevails. Russell, Fritchard, Butler, Pearson, State Treasurer Worth, Otto Wilson, Holton.

SPECIAL. RALEIGH, N. C., July 17.—An extremely important meeting of leading Republicans and Populists is in progress here tonight, to see what can be done towards arranging for State fusion. There is every reason to say that arrangements will be perfected.

Republicans say all their people and a majority of the rank and file of the Populists now are in favor of fusion.

Senator Butler and Fritchard are present. The former is the Populist State chairman.

Judge Daniel L. Russell, Republican State Chairman Holton, Congressman Richmond Pearson, Speaker Zeb Vance Walser and other prominent Republicans, as well as the State Treasurer Worth, S. Otto Wilson and other leading Populists are participating.

Great secrecy is observed as all say they cannot give details of their plans.

There was at one time much feeling against Senator Butler, and criticism of him by Republicans because they thought he was about to desert them, and use with the Democrats.

But Congressman Pearson says it is discovered that these criticisms were unwarranted, as the reports regarding Butler were untrue.

Senator Butler declares positively that a Democrat will not be elected Governor of North Carolina, this year.

This of course means fusion. Senator Fritchard says that his canvass will begin August 20th, and he positively declines to be interviewed.

MORTGAGE FILED.

The Seaboard Air Line Files Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar Mortgage.

SPECIAL. RALEIGH, N. C., July 17.—The Seaboard Air Line today filed a mortgage in the county clerk's office here in favor of the Baltimore Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company for \$250,000 for new rolling stock.

\$25 BICYCLES!

Can be bought in '97, but at present we desire to call your attention to the following Bicycle Novelties just rec'd.

Ladies' Cotton Sweaters, Ladies' Woolen sweaters, Gents' Golf Hose, woolen, latest patterns; Gents' Golf Hose, cotton feet for summer wear; Gents' Golf Hose, all cotton. Bicycle Seats in the following standard styles: Malesic, Soger, Pneumatic, Garford, Messenger, Automator, (two varieties). Bicycle stands, three varieties; Bicycle frame pullbars, three varieties; The new and popular wooden handle bars, two styles; Bicycle lacing cord, two colors; Cyclometer, in aluminum, nickel and brass, handle grips, in all styles. We also have constantly on hand a full line of Bicycle fittings, tires, rims, valves, chains, spokes, etc., and we are well equipped to do any kind of Bicycle repairing. Also a full line of sporting goods, base ball bats, etc.

At considerable expense we have purchased a famous Eureka Broger & Berger's Celebrated Enameling Oven, and we guarantee to do work with these machines equal to any that can be done elsewhere. Do not send your work North but call on us and save time and money. Respectfully,

F. S. Duffy, Prop.
A. E. Pittman, Mngr.

\$25. Reward. \$25. Reward. \$25. Reward.

We will pay \$25.00 to the person who will bring us a stove that will compare in quality, finish and point of excellence with the

Celebrated Buck's Stoves

WE NOW HAVE ON OUR FLOOR.

We will have as Judges, three disinterested Persons.

We want you to see these stoves and ranges whether you wish to buy or not.

They are the handsomest stoves ever shown in North Carolina, and each is warranted by BUCK'S STOVE & RANGE CO., and Silver Hardware Company to give perfect satisfaction or we will refund your money.

Call and let us show you anything in our line you may need. We guarantee OUR PRICES on anything we sell.

Yours Respectfully,

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SHOE POLISH!

Every enamel water proof Polish for Boots and shoes of every description; It contains no acid, will not rub off or injure the leather. One application a week for men's, one a month for ladies'. Patent Leather Polish. Gump Combination Russett Polish and French Blacking.

Full Line of Boots and Shoes at Popular Prices.

Praff's Shoe Store,
95 Middle St.

Invoice of Choice Teas

Now in our Store.

More than verify our claim of them being the finest importation of

FORMOSA TEAS

In this Market.

They are very Fragrant—as for draw. They are more than choice.

Prices vary from

50 to 75 cents.

Our Special Bargain is a Blend of Tea which we sell with 3 pounds of Granulated Sugar for only 50 cents.

Also a line of

COFFEE

Chase and Sanbons

Extra Fine.

Dunn's Fresh Roasted

Mocha and Java

only 30c.

Maricabo 25c.

FOR SALE!

On Tuesday, July 21st, 1896, at 12 o'clock, in Morehead City, N. C. at the storehouse formerly occupied by B. C. Jones, dec'd, the following personal property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, viz: One Soda Fountain—Tull's make—together with all fixtures and apparatus thereto belonging (original cost \$500.00). One Iron Safe, weight about 1,500 pounds, No. 22 Mosler Safe Co. make, and seven large show cases; all said property in first-class condition and good as new. Said sale is by virtue of certain mortgages and liens duly executed by said B. C. Jones, dec'd and duly recorded.

For further particulars, apply to

H. L. GIBBS,
Att'y. for Mortgagees.

TO THE LADIES.

MY E. P. REED'S OXFORDS, HAVE arrived—the finest line in the city—in all styles and colors.

A FULL LINE OF CHILDREN'S Duck Hats and TOM O'SHANTER Caps.

ALSO A FULL LINE OF CHEAPER Grades of Oxford's.

J. J. Baxter

These who handle inferior Bicycles say the Boys who ride COLUMBIA Bicycles are "struck on themselves."

They have cause to be, for they are riding the Standard of the World—\$100.00 to all alike.

Now Pat!

If you wanted the best Bicycle what would you do?

Why I would go to

J. C. WHITTY & CO'S.

AND GET A

"VICTOR!"

What you please, nothing in 500 miles in the surrounding country can beat J. ROSENBAUM in selling Clothing at such low prices.

Come and see for yourself.

Dr. Worthington's Southern Remedy.

FOR COLIC, CRAMPS, DIARRHOEA, DISENTERY, CHOLERA MORBUS, &c.

25 CTS. A BOTTLE.

NO CURE, NO PAY.

PURCELL, LADD & CO., Richmond, Va., Manufacturers.

For Sale by

Davis' Pharmacy,

NEW BERNE, N. C.

N. NUNN & CO.

NEXT DOOR TO POST OFFICE,

Has Cold Soda, Nice Line of Fresh Chocolates and Bonbons, Bananas, Lemons,

Pipes, Tobacco and Cigars.

Lemons 17c. per dozen.

Hot, Cold and Shower Baths

for my Customers at 10c. a Bath.

NEW - BERNE'S

Big Dry Goods

Bargain House!

Great Mid-summer Reductions.

Never before have we offered Staple Dry Goods, summer Dress Goods, summer Clothing, Shoes, Notions and Millinery at such winning prices for buyers as now. The lowest prices quoted in years. Regardless of complaints of dull times, our store has been crowded everyday this season. No other house in the city begins to make such sweeping reductions on fresh reasonable goods.

Extra special reductions on all Summer Dress Goods.

Yours to Serve,

G. A. BARFOOT,

MANAGER.

SPECIAL!

100 CASES FREE SILVER Baking Powder

For Sale at Retail.

ONE FREE SILVER SPOON GIVEN WITH EACH CAN.

F. ULRICH, Grocer.

45 MIDDLE STREET.

FRUIT JARS!

Mason's Improved Fruit Jars,

and Porcelain Lined Kettles.

AT—

L. H. Cutler & Co's.

WELL PAT!

If a four wheel machine is a Quadricycle, and a three wheel machine is a Bicycle, what would you call a one wheel machine?

Why, a Wheel Barrow, to be sure. Very Good.

Now Pat!

If you wanted the best Bicycle what would you do?

Why I would go to

J. C. WHITTY & CO'S.

AND GET A

"VICTOR!"

The hot days are coming with all their sizzling unpleasantness—only one pleasant sizzle among them and that's the Soda Water, the cool, refreshing, healthful drink. Folks are learning to drink soda water all the year round. The gas in it is a good stomach tonic, and soothing to the nerves, to say nothing of the delicious flavors of the syrups.

All Nice Drinks at

BRADHAY'S PHARMACY.

EMBROIDERY-Headquarters!

We are continually receiving new lots of embroideries both in Swiss and Cambric.

Never before has any one firm in New Berne sold as many Embroideries as we have present season and the cause of it can be summed up in four words—right patterns, right prices.

Receive Prompt and Careful Attention at

Davis' Pharmacy.

Reasonable and Satisfactory Prices Guaranteed.

DRINK.....

Porter's Punch.

The finest in the World.

Milwaukee Beer.

The finest on the Market.

Notox.

An invigorating drink for all, especially good for ladies and children. Put up in bottles for 10 and 25 cents.

J. F. TAYLOR,

No. 14 Middle Street.

J. W. Smallwood,

Dealer in

The finest Line of

Staple and

Fancy Groceries

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Fresh goods received daily.

J. D. GASKINS,

School Books and

School Supplies.

STATIONERY,

Books and Booklets, Engraved Cards and Invitations, Sheet Music and Musical Instruments.

Mail orders receive prompt attention.

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