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WASHINGTON LETTER.

SENATOR HILL'S DOUBLE ACT.

Populists Pleased. Bismarck's Letter Small And Watson, Campaign Figures, Knights of Labor Government Need Distribution Question.

JOURNAL BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25. Senator Hill's attempt to carry silver on one shoulder and gold on the other, in the New York gubernatorial campaign, is the most talked about political event of the week. It pleased Republicans very much and it has unquestionably added to the certainty they feel of carrying New York. It has deeply offended both wings of the Democratic party and the Populists, and the opinion has been freely expressed by experienced politicians that it will spoil whatever political future Senator Hill may have had.

The Populists are rather pleased at the action of the Democratic National Committee in closing the Washington branch of its headquarters, which had been established for the purpose of disseminating Bryan literature among the newspapers, and concentrating the work at Chicago. They consider it a recognition of their contention, which they have stuck to from the first, that the battle has got to be won or lost in the middle western states. The Democrats only say that the change was made because it was found to be more convenient to have the matter prepared in Chicago, owing to their plates being all made in that city, but it appears to be well understood that an abandonment of the silver campaign in the east, so far as the Democratic National committee is concerned.

There are people who doubt the wisdom of the Bryan managers in making such conspicuous use of Bismarck's letter to Gov. Culbertson, of Texas, expressing the opinion that independent bimetalism will be a good thing for the United States. They say that most people who are posted on the money question know that Bismarck was responsible for the demonetization of silver in Germany and the placing of that country upon a gold basis, and that the gold men will soon make that fact known to all the voters in this country, and that it will be certain to arouse doubts of Bismarck's sincerity by showing that he advised us to do what he would not allow Germany to do.

Chairman Butler, of the Populist National committee, says the report that the Populists had made a formal demand for the withdrawal of Sewall in Watson's favor has no foundation. He said further: "We are doing all that we can to unite the silver forces, and would be glad to have them unite on Mr. Watson for Vice President, but we have not presented the matter as a demand."

"You pay your money and you take your choice," Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, stated in the most positive terms while he was in Washington this week that his State was certain for McKinley by a majority of not less than 12,000, while Judge John Brannon, of the same State, whose opportunities for obtaining political information ought to be just as good as those of Senator Elkins, was equally positive in asserting that the State would be carried by Bryan.

It is claimed by the Secretary of the Democratic Congressional Committee that the checks drawn to the order of Mr. Hayes, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Knights of Labor, which have come very near to causing a sensational scandal, were drawn for legitimate purposes—in payment for printing done for the committee by the K. of L. printing office in Washington. He says there were two checks, one for \$1,000, and one for \$800, and that he has no knowledge of any other payments to officials of the K. of L. by the Democratic committee.

North Carolina is not put in the McKinley column to any marked extent since the news of the fusion between the Democrats and Populists of the State reached Washington. Senator Butler is credited with having brought about this fusion, which seemed an improbability a few days ago.

One of the most unique suits ever brought in Washington is that of a well known firm of Michigan seedsmen brought against the Secretary of Agriculture to prevent his entering into contracts for the purchase of seeds for free distribution, under the act of Congress providing therefor. In asking the courts to step in and stop the Secretary of Agriculture from buying seed for free distribution the counsel for the Michigan firm of seedsmen say it would injure the business of their clients for the government to give away seeds and claim that it will be a violation of the Constitution of the United States. The free distribution of seeds by the government is not a new thing by any means, but this is the first time that its right to do it has ever been questioned.

Secretary Edgerton, of the Populist National Committee, has shown that the McKinley men haven't a monopoly of electing a President on paper, by making public a table which makes Bryan's election as certain as the table of Congressional Governor made the election of McKinley. Secretary Edgerton's table shows that in 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 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AS TO JUSTICES.

How Must They be Voted For. State Party Chairmen Greatly Puzzled.

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—Republican, Democratic and Populist State Chairmen are considering the question of how the Justices of the Peace shall be voted for.

Are they township or county officers? If the former will there have to be a separate box for them, or will the ticket be changed in each township? The election law provides for only two boxes.

Bank Officers Arrested.

NEW ORLEANS, September 25.—William P. Nichols, President, and John B. Deblanc, cashier, both of the Bank of Commerce, which failed, were arrested, today, on a charge of violation of the State law, by receiving deposits after they knew the bank was insolvent.

Trading on Exchanges.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Trading, today, showed an improvement on the Produce and Stock Exchanges owing to a greater activity among the commission houses.

Says McKinley Will Win.

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—Judge Russell is here. He advises that bets to any amount can be laid on McKinley's carrying North Carolina.

He declares that the Democratic State committee in arranging electoral fusion, bolted the State convention.

Railway Commission Meeting.

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—October 6th is the date for the final hearing before the Railway commission of matter of the reduction of the railway passenger rates.

Bradstreet's Weekly Review.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Bradstreet's in its weekly trade review says Eastern jobbing circles are feeling an increased confidence, with more doing in some staple lines, noticeably in the East, and in a few Southern cities.

There is little expectation of a general revival before the election. Savannah, Augusta and Memphis report increased business. Money rates are easier.

The general tendency of the price of staples is higher. Bank clearings have increased.

Sentence Commuted.

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—Gov. Carr commuted a life imprisonment of the sentence of Frank Harvard, who was to have been hanged for arson, at Salisbury, tomorrow.

THE CRUISER WINS.

Cruiser Raleigh's Crew Beats That of Battleship Indiana.

QUARANTINE, S. I.—A race between boat crews of the cruiser Raleigh and the battleship Indiana was rowed in the Narrows. The course was straightaway to the anchored squadron off Tompkinsville. Passing Fort Wadsworth the Raleigh's cutter was four lengths in the lead and rapidly gaining.

The crews seemed to be fairly well matched, but the Indiana men were handicapped with a very inferior boat. Off Stapleton the Raleigh crew led by fifteen lengths, but an energetic spurt on the part of the Indiana men reduced the lead to twelve lengths, which was held until the line was crossed.

As the two crews passed between the lines of anchored warships, the crews mounted the rigging and cheered lustily while the siren of the Raleigh split the atmosphere with piercing shrieks.

BASE BALL.

National League Games Played Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—Washington, 8; Boston, 6.

CLEVELAND, September 25.—Cleveland, 7; Louisville, 10.

PHILADELPHIA, September 25.—Philadelphia, 13; Brooklyn, 4.

NEW YORK, September 25.—New York, 3; Baltimore, 10.

ST. LOUIS, September 25.—St. Louis, 5; Pittsburg, 6.

Where They Play To-day
Louisville at Cleveland.
Baltimore at New York.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Pittsburg at St. Louis.
Boston at Washington.
Chicago at Cincinnati.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

CLUBS.	W.	L.	P. C.
Baltimore	90	38	.703
Cleveland	79	44	.642
Cincinnati	77	50	.606
Boston	78	57	.582
Chicago	71	57	.555
Pittsburg	66	62	.516
New York	63	67	.485
Philadelphia	62	67	.481
Washington	59	72	.446
Brooklyn	57	78	.428
St. Louis	59	90	.392
Louisville	58	92	.389

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, September 25.	OPENING.	CLOSING.
December Wheat	54	57
January Pork	5.75	7.15
January Hbe.	5.55	5.75
October Lard	8.75	8.75

FUSION CONTRACT.

STATE CHAIRMEN OF THREE PARTIES AGREE

How State Electoral Vote Will be Divided. Changes to be Subject to Dictation of Chairmen, if Such Occur.

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—The Democratic, Populist and National Silver Party and State Chairmen signed an agreement, that for the purpose of uniting the votes of the said three parties for their mutual Candidate for President, W. J. Bryan, and to adjust the complications arising out of the nomination of two candidates for the Vice President, it has been arranged that the three parties vote for the electoral ticket recently arranged, composed of five Democrats, five Populists and one Silverite.

And that all of the eleven electors, if elected, shall cast their votes in the electoral college for their mutual Candidate for President W. J. Bryan, and for the candidates for Vice President, of their respective parties.

If for any reason it shall become necessary to make any change, or changes, in any of the electors before named, such changes shall be made with the consent of the Chairmen of the respective parties to this agreement.

Back an Unbeliever.

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—Back Kitchen declares he has no faith in electoral fusion.

Carlisle Returns.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 25.—Secretary Carlisle has returned from his vacation and is again attending to his official duties.

Consul Lee's Health.

RICHMOND, Va., September 25.—It is stated that American doctors have advised Consul Fitzhugh Lee to spend October in this country.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL opened at unchanged prices for spots and futures the tone "prices favor buyers" and spot sales only 8,000. NEW YORK opened firm at an advance of 6 points and has pursued a declining tendency all day finally closing steady at 16 for January a net decline for the day of 5 points.

WHATEVER merits cotton may have statistically is lost sight of in the heavy receipts which are assuming large proportions and there is no likelihood of a falling off any time soon.

For the near future I think the market will gradually decline, though I think on a material decline that spinners will support the market and that planters will not market so freely. Both of which if they occur will have sustaining influences.

NEW BERNE market has been firm at 8 1/2 to 8.55.

Yours truly,
J. E. LATHAM.

I OFFER MY ENTIRE STOCK OF BICYCLE SUNDRIES

At Prices Lower than ever Before.

I have a few more of the '96

Search Light Lanterns!

That enjoy the same rank among Bicycle Lanterns that the "Columbia" does among Bicycles, which I will sell while my present stock lasts at

\$3.75 EACH ON DELIVERY.

Also a few second hand new Bicycles low for cash or on easy terms.

EVERYTHING for the CYCLIST.

WM. T. HILL,

District Agent for Columbia and Hartford Bicycles.