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The truth comes to light more and more every day. Marion Butler is behind it all. He is the king bee and the others are mere gnats and flies.

It was Representative Landis, of Indiana, in a recent 4th of July speech who expressed sympathy for the sons of the rich because they never have a chance to be anything.

It is a dangerous proposition not to entrust the people with the selection of their own agents and public servants. The people can be trusted and they should see to it that they make the selection and that no one makes the selection for them.

"I don't know the Adams mentioned," said Mr. Taft before leaving Washington just before the recent State Convention. "The truth is that I am going to North Carolina upon the invitation of my old friend, ex-United States Senator Marion Butler."

The Federal Judges in North Carolina refused to play second fiddle to Marion Butler, so says Tom Pence in his Washington correspondence of the News and Observer, in referring to the refusal of Judges Boyd and Purnell to go to Washington, at the invitation of State Chairman Adams, to escort Secretary Taft to the State.

When a bad man is indicted in the courts his favorite method of trying to obtain sympathy is in an effort to convince the public that he is imposed upon. When his misdeeds are exposed and uncovered, he calls it abuse. So it is with some politicians when you expose and uncover the corruption and misdeeds of republican rule.

Marion Butler was in Greensboro during the recent Republican State Convention, but did not get in the "lime light." He did not attend the convention but remained in his room and was consulted at every step by the Adams faction. The Greensboro Record says "Perhaps Marion Butler is not going to have anything to do with running the Republican campaign in this State, but if not why should he have remained up until 4:30 yesterday morning in conference with Chairman Adams, Rollins, and other leaders? It was this hour when they left Butler's room at the hotel."

Mr. Taft should have remained to see the fight for spoils in the recent Republican convention. It would have been interesting for him to have seen one delegate's pistol drawn on another. And in another part of the Hall a delegate was attempting to use a piece of scuffling. We quote as follows from Mr. Taft's recent speech at Greensboro:

"I submit to you, Republicans of North Carolina," said Mr. Taft, "that you can have no prospect of success and do not deserve success unless you show in the nominees of your conventions and in the men whom you put forward to lead you, that you fully recognize the obligation that you are under as a party to give to the people of North Carolina an opportunity to choose able, honest and worthy men for public offices. You must convince the voters at the polls that you are not an office-seeking party."

Salaries Instead of Fees.

The Courier is unalterably opposed to the fee system as a rule for public officials. We believe in salaries for Solicitors as well as for Judges. We believe in salaries for county officials especially in large counties. The fee system is so inviting that men with large business interests are in some places scrambling for nomination, but we are rather

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inclined to the opinion that these efforts are made more for the sake of holding office than for the fees attached.

The Wilmington Messenger editorially says:

"The fee system for county officers goes out of existence in Guilford county with the close of the present fiscal year. Beginning with December 1st next all the officers of that county will be paid by salary and fees will be turned into the county treasury. We wish we could say the same thing as to every county in the state. The salary system we think far preferable to that of fees. Men should be paid so much for the performance of the duties of their office and if they do not perform them honestly and faithfully they should be turned out and others put in their places. There should be no reward for faithfulness or over zealousness in performance of duty. The fee system as a manner of recompense for the execution of the duties of office is all wrong. The State should establish the salary system. Of course it would have to be graduated and we admit at first there would be some trouble in establishing a basis; but the system is right and if adopted would be found to work well. Especially pernicious is our fee system in the magisterial department. We should have no judicial officers whose official perquisites or means of making a living depend on the amount of costs they can squeeze out of the litigants or defendants under the criminal law who voluntarily come or are brought into their courts. This system in the manner in which it is conducted in some of the counties of the State is a travesty on justice and a blot on our judicial system.

"This change in Guilford county is under an act of the legislature known as the Gordon law, being a bill passed by the last legislature which was introduced by Representative Gordon, of Guilford county. It is a significant fact that the Democrats of that county are so pleased with his record as a member of the last legislature that they have renominated him to represent the county in the next."

We heartily favor a law providing for putting the principal offices in Randolph county on a salary. It will be a saving to the taxpayers. Let the fees be collected and an itemized sworn report turned over and examined, audited and approved every month. Let us have better business methods in the management of the public business.

Money and Elections.

The people of North Carolina have not been without their faults and politics has not been perfect. But, with rare exceptions, money has not tainted nominations or elections. The people have sometimes made mistakes and voted for unworthy men because they were deceived. But they have never fallen so low as to permit money to have a dominating power in the selection of their candidate. The time will never come when they will do that, but as we have grown richer we need not shut our eyes to the fact that the evils which curse other sections will find a foothold here. The worst of these dangers is that, wherever there is division among the people, the corporations wishing to buy elections, will throw the weight of their influence against the candidate who cannot be controlled or cajoled and in favor of the more pliable candidates.

The true way to defeat the opening wedge of money in politics is to defeat any candidate in whose interests large sums of money are being spent. Put this in your pipe and smoke it: The railroad, insurance and other trusts do not put up their money to nominate or elect any candidate who is not known to them to be ready to serve their interests when it comes to conflict with the interests of the people.—News and Observer.

Handlman Street Work.

The machinery for macadamizing the streets of Handlman arrived there Friday and Mr. Dennis Hall, a contractor of High Point, who will superintend the work, will put the crusher in operation and set the force at work at once. He will push the work as rapidly as possible.

The Torrens System.

Ancient the need for a better system of land and real estate registration a great many of the state papers are discussing favorably the Torrens System.

The Torrens System proposes that the state examine the title and guarantee it once and for all and register it. After a deed under this system has been secured it is a positive guarantee from the State of the owner's right to the land and it may be transferred then as easily as a state or municipal bond or a share of stock. If this system is adopted it will end all confusion of titles and eliminate the necessity for constant investigation and accompanying cost.

Postmaster General Cortelyou was to have been at the recent Republican State Convention at Greensboro. George could not attend and wrote a letter in which he told about "CLEAN POLITICS." This is the man who raised so much money as a corruption fund in the campaign two years ago. He collected from the insurance companies, from the combines, the aggregations and the trusts, immense sums of money. Everybody knows the record of this man; yet he talks of clean politics and fundamental principles upon which the Republican party is based.

The Republican State platform neither in 1904 nor in 1906 says a word about the bonds Russell and Butler want to collect. It didn't dare to offend the holders of these repudiated bonds.—News and Observer.

CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS.

Saturday night Herbert Shoe, of Concord, was mysteriously shot at the passenger station at Salisbury. His condition is serious.

Dr. A. P. Staley, of High Point, was made secretary at the recent State Association of jewelers.

Hon. S. P. Graves was nominated last week for solicitor to succeed himself in the eleventh district.

Treasurer Hughes of a Building and Loan Association, at Spartanburg, S. C., has embezzled \$50,000. This shortage covers a period of nine years.

High Point trolley line to Greensboro is to be built; it is said that work is begun.

The Southern Car Company, at High Point will increase its capital stock to \$150,000 and materially enlarge the plant.

R. W. Bland, Chairman of the Chatham board of County Commissioners died Saturday at his home at Pillsboro. He was fifty-eight years old.

Secretary Loeb says President Roosevelt will not accept the nomination for President at the hands of the Republicans in 1908.

It is rumored that the Norfolk & Western and Pennsylvania railway companies are making an effort to secure the Winston-Salem Southbound road now being built from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro. The first named road is controlled by the Pennsylvania and they have for years desired to extend their line South from either Winston-Salem or Durham. Though not verified the report is generally believed.

An interesting story is being circulated to the effect that the Republican Bosses at Greensboro decided to throw District Attorney Holton out and put Ex-Chairman Rollins in. A. H. Price, of Salisbury, has also been mentioned as his successor.

The report of Collector of Customs Keith, of Wilmington, says exports from that port during the fiscal year aggregate \$18,460,917. This is an increase of nearly a million dollars.

George Shaver has been sentenced to six years in the South Carolina penitentiary for marrying a girl under the statutory age. Shaver eloped with Pearl Mossell, of Asheville, a few days ago.

River steamer "Daphn" loaded with rosin belonging to S. O. Middleton, recent candidate for Corporation, and plying between Wilmington and points on Northeast river was wrecked last week.

Some unknown parties dynamited the town hall at Kernersville, Forsyth county last week completely wrecking it.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the bank of Thomasville last

week, it was decided to erect a handsome home for that institution. The building will be stone front and three stories high. A semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. was declared.

Attorneys for Bob Small, under sentence to hang in South Carolina, have been granted a hearing before Gov. Heyward for commutation of sentence. The date is set for July 24th.

Mr. Joseph E. Blair, of Huntsville, Ala., and Miss Sallie Campbell were married at Grenada, Miss., last Wednesday. Mr. Blair is a son of Prof. F. S. Blair, of Guilford College, who attended the wedding and returned the first of last week.

Mr. W. L. Trotter left yesterday afternoon for Piedmont to spend a few days. He carried with him a funnel shaped fish net, with which he said he expected to have some fun catching fish while there.

It is reported that 4,000 were killed Friday in a battle between the Brazilian troops and Revolutionists. The latter have mobilized a large army.

Mr. Dee Allen and others interested in the extension of Milt Jones' railroad to Wadesboro and to Winston-Salem through High Point. Spent Friday at Thomasville in the interest of the projected road.

Correspondence to the State press says gentlemen are in High Point contemplating moving a large manufacturing plant there from the eastern part of the state. The Company is capitalized at \$150,000.

Counsel for Harry Thaw in New York will abandon plea of insanity, Thaw having said he preferred death to life in an insane asylum.

Nine new streets in Greensboro will be macadamized, the citizens owning property on the streets bearing half the cost.

Capt. Dreyfus, who was condemned some five years ago for betraying French Army secrets has been restored to citizenship and will again enter the military service of France.

W. A. Hennessee, who for years has managed the cafe of the Union News Company in the depot at Greensboro, will go with Hotel Elwood in High Point as manager, succeeding W. H. Plummer, Jr., who will go to the Everett. The Everett is owned by E. E. Pugh formerly of Progress.

High Point is contemplating an exposition for next year, and in all probability the appropriation will be secured from the business men and aldermen.

Joseph S. Hiatt, who has been clerking in the C. R. Thomas Drug Store at Thomasville, has resigned, and will enter the Methodist Conference this fall.

Geo. W. Cobb, collector of custom at Elizabeth City died July 4th.

The new steel bridge over Mordem's Creek, one mile from High Point, has been completed and turned over to the Guilford commissioners.

A. H. Sloan has passed all examinations and has been sworn in as midshipman at Annapolis Academy as appointee from the 9th North Carolina District.

Geo. H. Brown, of Statesville, took the oath as Collector of internal revenue for Western North Carolina Monday, succeeding H. S. Harkins.

Dr. C. B. McAnnally, of Madison, one of Rockingham county's best physicians, died in a hospital at Richmond, Va., Monday.

The engagement of Miss Annie Green, of New Berne, to Gov. Stokes, of New Jersey, was announced Monday. Miss Green is a daughter of Clerk of U. S. Court, Geo. Green, of New Berne.

Ashley Horn has been elected president of the State Farmers Convention to succeed C. C. Moore of Charlotte.

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METHODIST WEEK.

Meetings to be held in Asheboro, beginning Sunday.

Dr. S. B. Turnant will preach in the M. E. Church next Sunday at 11 and 8 o'clock.

On Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock the 3d. quarterly conference for that church will be held. Official members are requested to be present promptly at the hour named. A full meeting of the official board is desired. The conference will be a short one.

At 10 o'clock so soon as the quarterly conference is over, the Randolph County Methodist preachers' meeting will convene. This embraces all pastors, Superintendents or local preachers in this county. The session will last the remainder of the day, and at night a public meeting will be held. All the Methodist people, and all others who will are requested to attend this first open meeting held by the preacher's association.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the District Conference will convene. All preachers of the M. E. Church, South in the Greensboro District and 110 lay delegates besides are members of this conference.

Then on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, there will be held four, three days' mass meetings, under the direction the county preachers association at the following churches: Mt. Shepherd, Pisgah, Zion, and Old Randolph. There will be present at each place each day 5 or 6 preachers and laymen to address the people.

Dr. S. B. Turnant will preside over the conference. Let us treat the conference with indifference by failing to go out as is sometimes the case in towns where they are held. But let us go out and fill the church at each session. There will be preaching at 11 o'clock and at night while the conference lasts.

Resolutions.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His divine providence to call from our Sunday School ranks Albert Newham at the tender age of 18 years.

Resolved 1. That we tender our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Resolved 2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the COURIER for publication.

Resolved 3. That as it is our loss it is God's gain as he bidden on earth to blossom in heaven.

R. K. BRADY,
GENTLE TEAGUE,
J. H. TYSON,
Committee.

Brown-Christo.

Married: At 9 o'clock, A. M. on last Sunday, Mr. J. T. Brown and Miss Loretta Christo were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. J. R. Comer, of Asbury, officiated. The bride and groom left on the 11 o'clock train for Rockingham, accompanied by Mrs. S. L. Brown. They will be at home after July 20th., at Steeds R. F. D. N. C.

COUNTY CONVENTION

The Democratic convention for Randolph county, to nominate candidates for the general assembly and for the various county offices, is called to meet in the court house in Asheboro on

SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH, 1906

At 11 o'clock A. M. The primaries are called to meet at the various voting precincts on

SATURDAY AUGUST 11TH, 1906

At three o'clock P. M. and instruct for such nominees as they may desire, and to send delegates to the County Convention; and also to nominate justices of the peace and constable.

By order of the committee.
E. MOFFITT, W. J. SCAMMON,
Sec. Chairman

This July 4, 1906.

The Republican State platform endorses the Russell administration by declaring that the fusion of the Republicans and Populists brought about good things. This makes it necessary for the Democratic speakers to contrast the State administration under Russell with that under Aycock and G-110.—News and Observer.

Greensboro to Thomasville.

Work was started Thursday at High Point on the electric railway connecting Greensboro, High Point, and Thomasville. The contractors have seventy-five hands, eighteen mules and twelve scrapers at work, and the work of construction will be rapidly pushed.

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