

## CENTRALIZATION OF POWER

Republican Congress Sells People's Birthright.

It will be some time before we know the good or bad effects of the railroad rate legislation and the meat inspection and the Panama canal bills. There is not much doubt that the two first named bills will have to be passed soon by the supreme court before we know where we are at. So far as interest that legislation, the voters at the next election will have to vote blindly. The railroads evidently believe that they have not much to fear from rate regulation, so far as any reduction of rates is concerned, or the price of their stocks would not be so strongly maintained.

The beef packers profess to be more than satisfied with the meat inspection bill, as they may well be, considering that a Republican congress so kindly put the cost on the American taxpayer. Regarding the building of the Panama canal, no one but the engineers will know the progress that is being made, and all the people of the United States will be sure of it that the annual bills will be paid for by them and that the cost will be increased \$40,000,000 or more by the decision of the Republican congress that all the supplies must be bought of the tariff fostered trusts unless the president decides the price charged is extortionate. That, of course, the president will not be called upon to decide for the trusts and combines will keep just within what might be looked upon as extortionate. Thus all the proposed reform and remedial legislation that has been heralded with such a strenuous flourish of trumpets and beating of tom-toms dwindles down to a mess of pottage for the people. They may not have sold their birthright, but it looks vastly possible that the Republican leaders have mortgaged it for them and that the trusts and corporations expect to foreclose in due time.

The congress has taken a most radical position on placing in the hands of the president the prerogatives of power and has declared for centralization in the federal government of sovereignty more than the old Federalists under Hamilton urged or desired. In the hands of a patriot the increased power of the president may do no harm and may be of service in controlling congress and the bad elements of his party, but if a tyrant or an ambitious creature of corporations should be elected chief magistrate and should desire to perpetuate his public service it would be quite difficult to depose him by constitutional methods.

The president now has the army, the navy, the militia, the officeholders, a vast swarm of them, at his beck and call. He has power to secretly inquire into the doings of corporations that operate outside of one state. He has all the machinery of the federal courts, the attorneys and United States marshals, whose deputies might be increased without end, to indict and punish such as might not bow submissively to his sovereignty will or disorganize assessments that might be levied against such corporations and individuals as might intentionally or carelessly have broken or evaded the law. Even many of the federal judges would not be independent of him or at least enough would be found to enforce the law with an eye to their own advantage.

Such in brief are the conditions that now confront us through the constant subservience of a Republican congress to an executive clothed with vast power. It commenced with McKinley under the absurd scare of the war with Spain and has been gradually growing until it has become a menace under Roosevelt. The latter may be a patriot, though most people doubt it and think him consumed with ambitious projects. He has declared he will not be a candidate for a third term, and for their own ultimate salvation the people must take him at his word.

### A Trip For the Big Sticks.

President Roosevelt is to visit Panama in state. The ship chosen to carry the president is the new 10,000 ton battleship Louisiana, and she will have two other big ships as escorts. Why would it not be a good plan for President Roosevelt to take all the available ships of the United States navy and on the same trip visit Santo Domingo, Venezuela and any other Latin republics where they need looking after and make them "pay up and look pleasant" or set upon them with the whole bunch of big sticks and compel them to do the "decent" thing? He could bump the heads of Guatemala and Salvador together and force Honduras to a lasting peace or annex the whole outfit. That would clean up the whole mess at once, and the president could fight it out with the senate afterward at his leisure.

### The Plundering Express Companies.

As the new law for regulating railroad rates includes express companies, which on a smaller scale are greater plunderers than the railroads, now is the time to go after them. If you have been overcharged or you can show their charges to be unreasonable, gather the evidence and make formal complaint to the chairman of the interstate commerce commission at Washington, and the commissioner will proceed to investigate and regulate their charges. But before reforms are instituted there will be a desperate fight in the courts to prove the law unconstitutional, and the whole fight in congress may have to be gone through with again, as the Democratic programme was not fully followed.

### A Counterfeit.

That photographer who is offering to sell pictures of "Roosevelt in Repose" may be able to impose on some people, but those who know the president will refuse to purchase such counterfeits.

## DAVIDSON NOTES.

Veterans Hold Reunion—Estimated Increase in Taxable Property—Other Items.

The A. A. Hill Camp, United Confederate Veterans met in annual reunion at Lexington last week. About 200 old soldiers enjoyed the day. The officers elected are: C. M. Thompson, major commandant; C. A. Hunt, Sr., first lieutenant; C. W. Trice, second lieutenant; F. C. Robbins, adjutant; H. H. Hartley, commissary; James Smith, treasurer; and Rev. Geo. L. Leyburn, chaplain.

The A. A. Hill Camp has enrolled about 300 members though this number has been cut down during the year by death. The following members died during the year: W. Kepley, R. A. McCrary, H. W. Turner, Wm. Morris, G. W. Snider, J. T. Sink, B. F. Hayden, Samuel Leonard, Peter Cross, A. W. Clodfelter, Sr.

The estimated increase in taxable property in Davidson will reach \$400,000 this year. The total valuation will be in the neighborhood of \$5,554,663. The increase in the town of Lexington will be about \$60,000.

The Lexington Drug Company has secured the services of a new pharmacist in the person of Mr. E. J. Braswell, of Statesville.

Mr. L. Everhart has closed out his interest in the tobacco firm of R. Everhart and Company, to his brother, Mr. R. Everhart, and has purchased a wood working plant at Taylorsville.

### A Disappointment.

We are not in politics, but so far as the doings of politicians have to do with good government and the righteous administration of affairs, we shall always feel free to speak. For months the best elements in the vicinity of Greensboro united, regardless of party affiliations, to secure the appointment of one of the very best citizens of the community as postmaster. We refer to Mr. Cyrus P. Frazier, whose nomination was sent in by the president months ago, but which was held up in the Senate for investigation. Without giving Mr. Frazier the opportunity of showing himself to be a man worthy of the position in every respect, his case was allowed to hang fire until after the adjournment of Congress and now Mr. R. D. Douglas is appointed. This is the game of politics. A good man is slaughtered and the will of the majority of the best people of the community is ignored for the sake of a political mess of pottage. By every token Mr. Frazier should have been postmaster, but he was simply a good, plain citizen and not a politician. When will such official services ever be delivered from the thralldom of politics.—N. C. Advocate.

There is nothing so pleasant as that bright, cheerful, at-peace-with-the-world feeling when you sit down to your breakfast. There is nothing so conducive to good work and good results. The healthy man with a wealthy mind and body is a better fellow, a better workman, a better citizen than the man or woman who is handicapped by some disability, however slight. A slight disorder of the stomach will derange your body, your thoughts and your disposition. Get away from the morbidness and the blues. Keep your stomach in tune and both your brain and body will respond. Little indiscretions of overeating can be easily corrected and you will be surprised to see how much better man you are. Try a little Kodol For Dyspepsia after your meals. Sold by Standard Drug Co. and Asheville Drug Co. Asheville, N. C.

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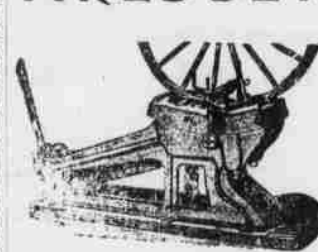
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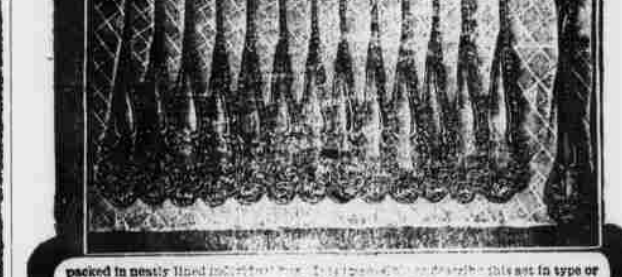
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