

THE COMING STRUGGLE

Individualism and Paternalism Will Divide Parties.

A REORGANIZATION OF VOTERS

Republican Reformers Find No Comfort in Their Own Party—A Majority of Citizens Believe in Democracy and Will Rally to the Demand for Equal Rights to All and Special Privileges to None.

Those Republicans who profess to be reformers, but only within their own party lines, are wolves in sheep's clothing. Democrats should beware of them. Their reformatory efforts are with most of them but stepping stones for the advancement of their personal political ambition. An honest Republican reformer can have no place in the Republican party, for the declared principle of the Republican leaders is to "let well enough alone." There is only one Republican reformer that really means business and has accomplished results. Senator La Follette when governor of Wisconsin did things. He enforced the tax laws of the state against the corporations and reformed the method of nominating candidates for office and other valuable reforms, for which the Republican leaders are bitterly opposed to him. There are other professed Republican reformers, but their efforts are ephemeral, and, like Governor Cummins of Iowa on tariff revision, they would sooner stand pat than see the wicked Democrats successful.

To stand pat and "let well enough alone" are the cries of the Republican machine politicians, and every stump speaker sent out by the Republican congressional committee sings those songs and tries to delude the voters into the belief that prosperity would be jeopardized if the reform of the tariff and the control of trusts were attempted.

Reforming the Republican party within party lines has been a failure everywhere except in Wisconsin, and those Republicans who are sincere reformers will of necessity be drawn to the Democratic party to accomplish their purpose. It is therefore important that Democrats in shaping their local campaigns should confine their declarations and efforts to reforms that will draw these independent voters to their aid, and this can be best accomplished by confining their demands to such reforms as are of immediate necessity and meet with general concurrence. On national issues the Democrats demand tariff revision, so that the protected trusts will be compelled to reduce their monopoly prices; reasonable legislation for the benefit of the artisan and laborer, economy in government expenditures, with ample appropriations to execute all necessary government functions; the perfection of the railroad rate legislation, so that rates may be reasonable and just, and the always to be remembered Democratic fundamental doctrine of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

Republican reformers that will not join in striving for such reforms can have no lot or parcel with Democracy. There is certain to be a reorganization of party lines, for those who believe alike are bound to march under the same banner, and those who disagree about fundamental doctrines cannot long work in harmony. The sheep must be separated from the goats, and those who believe in the right of each individual to build his own fortune without government interference or paternalism will be Democrats. Those who believe in a strong centralized government, usurping the independence of the individual citizen, which if persisted in to its natural conclusions must lead to socialism and even anarchy or despotism, are Republicans.

Democracy means that the people shall rule themselves instead of allowing others to rule them and that a man sitting under the shadow of his own vine and fig tree shall have no one to molest him or make him afraid. Republican reformers that cannot join in bringing about such a happy consummation are not reformers, but frauds. What Democrats now need to strive for is to make their own party a unit for necessary reforms, with clean and able leaders, for there is no doubt that a majority of citizens will rally to the success of such an organization.

Republican Inconsistency.

The Republican convention of California, among other planks in the platform adopted, urged tariff revision, "to allow the admission duty free of building material at San Francisco for three years." The Republican majority in congress refused to report the bills for that purpose introduced by Senator Newlands and other Democrats, although urged to do so by the Democrats. Congressman Gillette, whom the California Republicans have nominated for governor, was opposed to tinkering with the tariff even to relieve the suffering of the people whom he is now asking to vote for him. Whether the voters of California will endorse a platform that declares for one thing and a candidate for governor who declared against it will require the votes to be counted to decide. But if consistency is a jewel Mr. Bell, the Democratic candidate for governor, should receive every vote in San Francisco at least.

Need a Boss.

The Republicans of Ohio have declared they want to be bossed by Dick. Well, perhaps it is better than allowing Tom and Harry to also have a hand in it. "From the nature of the beast" the Republican party must have a boss.

COMMENTS.

There is no use for a democrat to stay away from the polls because it is an off year.

Butler and Adams are juggling with figures for the purpose of misleading and deceiving the people.

Republicans are funny. They talk about saving the country when the country has been saved despite them.

The tariff is responsible for the big crops for the last ten years, but the weather is responsible for depression in Wall Street.

The increase of the appropriations to public schools gives us better schools, longer terms, better houses, and better teachers with better pay.

If the Republicans desire to make the improvement in the schools an issue, we shall not object. The issue is invited. Turn on the lights and the majority will be larger than ever this fall.

Republicans, in their platform, declare for increase of Confederate pensions, yet they are condemning the Democrats for having paid twice as much to the old soldiers as was paid by the Republicans when in power.

Where can a more partisan politician be found than English while he was County Superintendent? Did he not make political speeches during fusion? Was he not so partisan as to recommend the appointment of mixed committees?

Marion Butler is working to increase the Republican vote in the state and thereby reap benefits by influence with the administration at Washington. Senator Simmons thinks that Butler's activity will lose his party 5000 votes in the state.

Many people favor a re-establishment of the whipping post as a punishment for the offenses of cruelty to dumb animals, and for mistreatment or abuse imposed upon a weak and dependent woman. Judge Moore at Guilford Court declared for such punishment for these offenses. Many agree with him.

The Republican shrinkage in Maine from a majority of 36,000 two years ago to less than 6,000 majority in the recent state elections shows that the voters are tired of Republican machine politics, and many of them, as in Massachusetts, demand tariff revision. The working men have discovered that the tariff does not protect them.

Because it is an off year is no reason why Democrats should not go to the polls. Butler is in charge of the Republican party in the state. He controls its "every step." He is working for some motive; it is not fun he is after. Butler is making a systematic canvass of the State. He is going into all the counties in the east.

North Carolina has been liberal to the Old Soldiers; and every statute providing for their maintenance and support in their old age and decrepitude, is a Democratic statute. When the provisions were first made for them, the Republicans antagonized and opposed; now some of the Republican orators are saying that we are not doing enough for them.

There is an intimate relation between the Roosevelt administration and the Wall Street bankers. Secretary Shaw has loaned large quantities of gold without interest to the Wall Street bankers to satisfy the cry for the yellow metal. With one hand they smite the trust and with the other, hand millions over in loans to trust magnates, to assist them in their efforts to rob the plain people for the trusts.

Inevitable disaster awaits any party with Marion Butler at the helm. His methods of politics are of the smooth order, but they are to meet temporary exigencies. This is one reason he is at the lead in this State. If by any of his tricks he could possibly get the state into Republican hands, the Republicans would register at least 50,000 negroes at the next election, and the heel of the negro would be on the State again.

The most disgraceful period of our state's history, we have been brought to believe, was in the period of 1868 and 69, but to one who has taken the pains to investigate the period when Russell and Butler ruled, conditions were even worse than during the wreck and ruin of carpetbagism. Why should any good man desire to place that party again in power in this State? The same men now control the Republican party as did in days of yore, and if that party were again given charge of the affairs of this State, the disgraceful conditions which prevailed when they were in control in the past would be repeated.

SMALL INCOMES SUFFER

The Trust Fostering Tariff Responsible.

THE COST OF LIVING INCREASED

The Advance in Prices Has Reduced the Purchasing Power of the Dollar 45 Per Cent—Reduction of Tariff on Trust Products Will Afford Relief From Trust Taxation.

The greatly increased cost of living under the trust protecting tariff system weighs most heavily on those least able to bear it. Those with incomes that do not increase as prices advance in fact have less income, because their dollars will not purchase as much as they formerly would. On July 1, 1896, the wholesale cost of all necessities per capita to the American people was \$72.45. This year on the same date it was \$105.21, an advance of 45 per cent. These figures are purposely taken from the Republican campaign book, page 128, so that no Republican can question their accuracy.

It therefore now takes \$1.45 to buy what \$1 would purchase in 1896. If the cost of living for the average family of five persons in 1896 was \$500, it now is \$725, but if the income has been stationary and is still but \$500 it will purchase 45 per cent less necessities, so that in fact the income measured in necessities is but \$275. Those who have small incomes, that have not increased with the cost of necessities, are therefore 45 per cent poorer today than they were in 1896. These calculations, which are based on Dun's Index Number and are reliable as showing prices in proportion to consumption, indicate the growth of trusts and combinations protected by the tariff, which protection enables these combines to advance the price of their products to the point where foreign goods can be imported and pay the tariff duties.

If the tariff was revised and the duties on trust products reduced those combines would be forced to reduce their prices in proportion to about the percentage the tariff rates were lowered or the foreign products would be imported and the trusts would lose the sale of the amount of such imported goods. The Republican claim that imports of the lower priced foreign goods would ruin the trusts and throw their employees out of employment will only fool those people who are anxious to be deceived. The proof of this is established by the acknowledged fact that many trusts are selling their products cheaper abroad than here and therefore can afford to reduce the price to our own people as well as they can to the foreigners.

The Democratic plan of dealing with the tariff and trust problem is to gradually reduce the tariff on trust products, so as not to violently disturb the business of those gigantic combines, but give them a chance to conform their business to the changed conditions that a reduction of the tariff would entail. For instance, the duties on steel trust products could be reduced 50 per cent, which would make the duties average about 25 per cent instead of about 50 per cent, as under the present law. The tariff duty on other trust products could be reduced in like proportion and in a few years would be brought down to the revenue basis, where just enough foreign goods would be imported to provide the necessary revenue for the government and thus through competition keep the trust high prices in check. Under the present system we have these vast aggregations of capital, such as the steel trust, making enormous incomes on their watered stock, which is a tax upon all the people of the United States and is robbery of the man or woman with limited incomes that do not increase as trust prices advance.

The Republican leaders having decided that no tariff revision shall be attempted if they control the next congress, it remains for those independent Republican voters who believe in tariff revision to control trust prices to join with the Democrats in electing congressmen pledged to reform the tariff and members of the legislature who will only vote for United States senators also so pledged.

Railroads and Campaign Funds.

Wall street men say that E. H. Harriman made \$10,000,000 out of his Pacific railroad pool and that his success was largely due to the passage of the railroad rate bill in a form that suited him and his associates. If the amendments proposed by Bailey and La Follette had been adopted Mr. Harriman would not have succeeded as well. The Allison amendment suited the scheme of the pirates to a dot, and there was a rumor some time ago that Mr. Harriman had much to do with the president's sudden desertion of Tillman and Bailey and his flop to the Allison-Harriman camp. There need be no more fear about campaign contributions now. Teddy touched the button when he went over to Harriman, and now Harriman is in a position to requite the favor by putting in a million or two for the campaign. The Tillman anti-corruption bill seems to have been killed in the house with a view to the present situation.

Deserves Reward.

The Republican federal officers of Arizona are trying to ingratiate themselves with the administration by calling a convention to be known as the statehood party, and one of the chief pleas will be to "stand by the president," whose policy of joint statehood was "unilaterally opposed" by the late Republican territorial convention. Such devotion ought to be rewarded.

LADIES! READ THIS.

Mrs. Thomas Johns, sister to Mr. H. C. Eccles, Charlotte, N. C., says:

Four years ago my health completely gave way. I was 48 years old and was prostrated from troubles pertaining to my sex. The doctors said there was no hope for me; I might live a year, I might not live a month. I was confined to my bed for three months, and for about a year would have fainting spells that exhausted me so that I would be confined to my bed after each one, for two or three weeks. None of my family had any hope of ever seeing me well again, nor did my doctor. I was weak and nervous, and in a failing condition generally. Some friends in Charlotte advised me to try Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy. As a drowning person will catch at a straw, I was willing to try anything. I bought half a dozen bottles and took it, but could not see that it did me any good. Still not knowing what else to do, I bought another half dozen, and without any faith in it or anything else, I continued it. Before I had taken the dozen bottles I felt a little stronger. I took the Remedy regularly for one year, taking in all about three dozen bottles, and it has restored me to health. My health is better than it was for years before I was taken down, and I feel that all danger has passed. My nervousness is cured. It has been two years since I stopped the Remedy, since I needed it. I cannot say too much in its praise. My doctors said my trouble was cancerous, but I think now it was change of life.

MRS. THOMAS JOHNS.
Auburn, N. C., Sept. 23, 1902.

Republican State's Evidence.

The Whiteville (N. C.) News Reporter makes this observation:

"The Republicans are claiming and trying to convince the public that their party, in North Carolina and the South generally, is composed of as intelligent and capable men as are found anywhere. Would it not be better for them to first convince the National Republican administration of this fact?"

How are they to convince the administration? Haven't the North Carolina Republicans all turned State's evidence against each other to the administration? Upon the evidence, Secretary Taft came to North Carolina and substantiated the witnesses. The Star is afraid the case of North Carolina Republicans would be thrown out of court.

The Duplin (N. C.) Journal gives the proper advice when it says:

"Republicans should take the advice of the Tar Heel, the weekly Republican paper, published at Greensboro, the headquarters of Radicalism in North Carolina, and vote against 'bossism, Butlerism, graft and ring tricksters, and wire-pullers, Butler-Pettigrew bond collection scheme.'" When the Weekly Tar Heel gives such advice, it's time to stop and consider where we are at."

Blair-Kennett.

At West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, last Wednesday, Mr. Walter E. Blair and Miss Mary H. Kennett were married. It was one of the most beautiful marriages ever witnessed in that city. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Blair left for Florida and other southern points. The bride is a daughter of Rev. W. C. Kennett, of Liberty. The groom holds a position with the Southern Real Estate Co., of Greensboro and is a brother of Robt. M. L. Blair, of Aredhale, who was the groom's attendant.

Briefs From Bombay.

Farmers are busy preparing for sowing wheat. The school is progressing nicely. Prof. J. H. Robertson arrived last Thursday from San Francisco with some new students who entered school at this place Monday. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wallace visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wooley, Saturday and Sunday. J. H. Harrison is visiting relatives in this community. We are always glad to have Mr. Harrison with us. Rev. B. F. Fincher filled his regular appointment at Oak Grove church last Sunday. He preached an able sermon.

Long-Jordan.

On Wednesday, October 24th, at the home of U. B. Jordan, at Troy, Mr. Thos. Long, of Thomasville, and Miss Evelyn Jordan were happily married in the presence of many relatives and friends. Rev. K. C. Horner officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Long are well known in Asheboro and number a host of admiring friends in this city. They spent Thursday in Asheboro enroute to Thomasville, where they will make their home.

Democrats Must Be Up and Doing.

The activity of the Republican party in North Carolina stimulated by the national Republicans who declare for forcing the negro into Southern politics, despite the objection of the Southern voters should be a solemn warning to every voter in North Carolina. The States spellbinders declare they are not favoring the negro as a voter, nor a social equal, but the national party whom they serve, are appealing to the northern negro to stand by the thousands of colored people in the South who have been disfranchised, and the Republicans party, who freed them will restore them to citizenship.

The State politicians declare their party decent and are deceiving the people by drawing their attention from the ultimate result of their return to power in North Carolina, but read the declaration in their national hand book and after weighing the facts, we fail to see how a liberty loving, loyal Southerner can support such principles.

Every Democrat should go to the polls and cast his vote to perpetuate the peace and protection in our Southern homes by placing in office those who care for the name of our Southern women.

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