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FRIDAY, June 3 1910.

The Republicans will hold their state convention in Greensboro this year.

The few Democrats who voted the National Republican ticket in the last election have every reason to know now that their judgment was not as good as the aggregated judgment of the millions who stuck to the Democratic party and are not responsible for an administration that millions of men in the Republican and Democratic parties now heartily condemn. Follow the judgment of the majority. Stick to the party.—Wilmington Star.

The above is well spoken and deserves the consideration of those Democrats who voted the National Republican Ticket.

CHICKENS will come home to roost. Former Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire, a standpatter on the tariff, went abroad some time ago. When he returned he brought with him a raft of stuff on which there was a heavy duty, all of which was not to his liking, and he undertook to smuggle the things through and got caught. All it cost him was \$2,000, besides the duty, which was \$1,500. They have great governors in New Hampshire.—Greensboro Record.

If all those who voted for the high tariff could have the same experience no doubt the law would be changed immediately.

The present indications are there will be no opposition to Hon. E. W. Pou, to succeed himself as candidate for Congress from the Fourth congressional District. The people of the District are acting wisely by keeping Mr. Pou as their Representative. He has made an able and efficient officer, always keeping the best interests of his people and the country at large in view. Mr. Pou is held in high esteem by his colleagues in Congress and should the next House be Democratic he will hold second place on the most important committee in the House. He will be in position to render even better services than heretofore. As long as he continues to serve the people with the ability and fidelity as has characterized his course in the past, the people can make no mistake in continuing him in the service.—Nashville Graphic.

We thoroughly agree with Bro. Linske in the above. And even though opposition should arise the only wise course for the people of this district to do is to return Hon. E. W. Pou. It is an undoubted fact that the longer a man serves in Congress the more influence he has and the more he can do for his district.

FORCE OF HABIT.

Ship subsidy long ago became an established policy with every enlightened nation except the United States, which need it worse than any other.—Charlotte Observer.

The broadness of this statement is explicable only on the assumption that the Observer, in its boasting of North Carolina, has become so habituated to considering a part of the whole that it unconsciously applies the same process of reasoning to other subjects. Of course, the Observer would not deliberately and knowingly make a misstatement of facts, and, of course, it knows that France and Japan, which alone pursue an "established policy" of ship subsidy in any proper sense of the term, do not constitute "every enlightened nation except the United States."

Great Britain, we take it, is entitled to be classed as "enlightened," but ship subsidy is not an "established policy" with this greatest among the maritime nations of the world. Less than 4 per cent of the total English shipping receives government aid in any form, and such aid as is given is not subsidy in any proper sense of the word, but is

granted as compensation for carrying the mails and other services rendered or to be rendered the British government.

Our North Carolina contemporary we think, would hardly call Germany unenlightened and yet ship subsidy is no more an established policy with Germany than with Great Britain. It is true that the German government does extend a measure of aid to certain lines operating between home

ports and points in East India and Africa, but these lines are essential to proper communication between the mother country and her colonies, the subventions granted are small, and in each and every case the government receives a quid pro quo. The fact is that, with the single exception of France, there is no nation on the face of the globe which grants one red cent of subsidy, subvention or government aid of any kind to that kind of shipping which constitutes the great bulk of its merchant and marine and handles the greater part of its carrying-trade—the rusty, blunt-nosed tramp steamers whose keel furrow the waters of every ocean; and the French merchant tonnage is no greater today than it was twenty years ago when subsidy first became an "established policy."

These United States not only do not need subsidy "worse than any other nation," but they do not need it at all. What they do need is to unshackle trade by removing the wall of High Tariff and to bring some measure of sanity into the country's navigation laws. If such steps will not avail to upbuild an American merchant marine, nothing will.—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

It seems to us that the argument of the Pilot is indeed sensible—and doubly so when it is remembered that their location is such as to give them an inside view of the matter.

JUDGE MANNING SHOULD STAY ON THE BENCH.

There has been more or less discussion in the press of the State for several months regarding the Associate Justiceship of the Supreme Court now held by Judge Manning, who was appointed by Gov. Kitchen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Connor to go on the Federal bench.

The only excuse we can see for discussion, is the laudable ambition of Judge William R. Allen and his friends to put that gentleman on the supreme bench in place of Judge Manning. Of Judge Allen's learning, ability and judicial fitness, Judge Manning's most ardent partisans will frankly admit. But an admission of Judge Allen's ability, detracts in no way from Judge Manning's standing as a learned jurist and a talented gentleman.

He has "made good" on the bench, and has perfectly justified Gov. Kitchen in elevating him to this exalted position. No sounder nor nobler opinions have been written by a member of our strong court.

The Governor needed no justification for appointing Judge Manning, but it he had needed any, the fact that the Democratic convention of his district nominated him for superior court judge in 1894, it seems to

us, is amply sufficient.

If Judge Allen is defeated, it will in no wise reflect upon him, because he is already holding one of the most honorable positions in the gift of our people—a seat on the superior court bench. On the other hand, if Judge Manning is defeated, it will be a very serious reflection, not only upon him, but would also be a slap in Gov. Kitchen's face, in rejecting his appointee.

We repeat that the result of this nomination is of small consequence to Judge Allen, but is of the supreme importance to Judge Manning.

Judge Manning is an able, upright and honorable judge, and has every legitimate claim on the nomination for associate justice, and we believe the honest Democracy of North Carolina will confirm the Governor's act in putting him on the bench.—Moore County News, May 17th.

NOTICE

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Senate from the Seventh Senatorial District, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries to be held on June 25th, 1910. W. M. PERSON.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Hugh Davis, convicted at January term 1909 of Franklin Superior court for secret assault and sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years. This May 26th, 1910. W. M. PERSON. Attorney for Hugh Davis

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Willis Young, convicted at April term 1907 of Franklin Superior Court of an attempt to commit arson and sentenced to the Penitentiary for seven years. This May 26th, 1910. W. M. PERSON. Attorney for Willis Young

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