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CAMOUFLAGE MURPHY TO BITE THE DUST.

Quite a number of the most prominent business, professional and influential men and women of Salisbury and Rowan county are now earnestly at work to see that Walter Murphy, who aspires to succeed Hon R. L. Doughton as representative in the lower branch of congress from this district, is kept at home and Mr Doughton is given the nomination. Being in personal contact with the people of Salisbury, many sections of the county, and, having received communications from various parts of the district, it appears that the desire to defeat Mr. Murphy is not only quite general but earnest and insistent. As previously stated no one save Murphy would be the beneficiary should he be elected, he is merely knocking for a two-fold job: he wants, regardless of his lack of fitness for the position, to satisfy a morbid, insatiable and egotistical ambition to occupy a position that will make it possible for him to get revenge, domineer in an autocratic manner over his fellow citizens and the public welfare, not that he might improve conditions, raise mankind to a higher level, serve the State loyally, advance its cause, or even do a man's part in defending the nation against its enemies. He is actuated by greed and a desire to have a good time at the public's expense. Secondly he wants to down prohibition and serve the brewers and distillers. He has fought prohibition with all the devil-inspired cunning that he could command during the past fifteen years, is still at it and, judging by his record, he expects to continue to do so. Those who know Murphy understand thoroughly that deception is his long suit, that he is a professional politician of small ability, revengeful and narrow-minded, in short a dangerous man to put in a position of honor and trust. No patriotic American would think of putting our troops under the command of German officers, it would defeat our cause, yet that is just exactly the kind of a deal Murphy hopes to hand out to the prohibitionists. The distillers are just now particularly anxious to get as many Murphys in congress as possible. They need his kind, for the prohibitionists are now nearing a glorious harvest and the efforts of many years are about to culminate in a nationwide victory. The brewers and distillers are desperate, their great offensive is on, and they will soon gloat over our defeat if enough Murphys can be elected to the next congress when this matter will be taken up for consideration. Are we ready to make the sacrifice? Or shall we keep Webb, Simmons, Doughton and the entire old loyal guard in command?

We need patriotism in times of peace as well as in times of war, and, although patriotic societies have existed in Salisbury for more than thirty years, Murphy has never seen fit to encourage their efforts in any way. While the Junior Order, the Patriotic Sons of America, the labor unions and others were making a fight to prevent our country being filled with alien enemies, by putting a head tax and a literacy test on our

immigrants, where was Murphy the patriot? What effort has he ever made to guide the ship away from the rocks and into a safe harbor? Absolutely none, nor did he encourage those who were in the fight. In fact, only since patriotism has become popular, has he discovered that he was a patriot, presumably to get a job, or save his neck. Spasmodic patriotism is a poor variety and we should not trust those who slip it on for the occasion very far. The time to head off Bolsheviki, the Sinn Feiners, I. W. W.'s and the camouflage Murphys is now, at the primary, Saturday June 1st. We cannot afford to take any risk, and regrets are useless.

REGISTRATION TRICKS.

If you want to vote in the primary June 1st, see that your name is properly registered. We are informed that in some parts of the county registrars are going from house to house and registering only those who will vote for Murphy for Congress and avoiding those who wish to vote for Mr Doughton. This is a typical Murphy trick and should not only be nipped in the bud, but every man who believes in fair play and a square deal should see that he is properly registered and that Mr Doughton gets what is coming to him. This is the kind of tricks that is putting unprincipled men in office and gives us so much bad government. Let's stop it.

The time for candidates to make announcement of their intention to seek office came to a close Saturday night. All who wished to enter the race are supposed to have done so, democrats and republicans. It will soon be up to people to determine who shall and who shall not serve them during the next two years. This is a very important matter and voters ought to carefully weigh the merits of each candidate with a view to selecting those who will serve all the people best. The man who wants to boss, who wants to be an autocrat, who will forget the people as soon as he is elected, should be emphatically turned down. Those who wish to send off to get men and women to fill offices and pass orders against the wishes of a majority or without the least consideration of the people's wishes, should be required to stay out of governmental positions. Now is the time for the people to assert themselves in order to preserve their rights and retain their position as free men and sovereigns. The candidate who is not willing to ascertain and do the will of the majority is not in harmony with our form of government and it is a risky business to put him in a position of authority. Let it be understood henceforth that the voters of this county are citizens, not subjects; rulers not slaves and are prepared to maintain their rights. If we neglect these important matters then our rights will grow less and less year by year and—instead of a government by the people, of the people and for the people, we will be under the heel of autocracy as fully as if we lived in Germany. Be a patriotic voter.

If you should get a Sample copy of The Watchman read it and pass it on. If you get more than one hand them out to your neighbors and friends.

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FIFTEEN YEARS FOR WHISKEY

MURPHY'S RECORD OF DECEIT AND DUPLICITY. 15 YEARS WILLFULLY WRONG.

How he Twisted and Slandered a Minister, Obtained the Speakership and Hopes to Break into Congress.

During the great campaign of 1903, when most of the good people, men and women, were striving to rid the town, county and State of the bar room, the still and the curse of drunkenness, the prohibitionists and christian people of the town published a small sheet known as "The Reasoner" and the opponents largely composed of distillers, barkeepers, etc., conducted a sheet known as "Items," the latter, as is commonly admitted, was under the editorship and control of Walter Murphy. Among the articles appearing in The Reasoner was one by Rev H. L. Atkins, then the beloved pastor of the First Methodist church, in which he classified some of those who were opposing prohibition. In reading Mr Atkins' article it is clear that he did not state that "all" opponents were in one of these classes, but endeavored to show the reputable citizen who his colleagues were that he might see that he was in bad company and owed it to himself and the best interest of mankind to come out from among them. However it didn't matter to Mr Murphy what the intent of the pastor's article was if he could but twist and distort it, so as to use it for his own cause, and by thus twisting and distorting the article, and by ignoring the real substance of it, he proceeds to lambast and ridicule one of the truest of men and one of the most earnest and devout servants of the High God. Read it and see what Murphy will stoop to.

The following appeared in Items, Vol. 1, No 7, under date of October 20, 1903, Walter Murphy, editor:

"Mr H. L. Atkins, the pastor of the Methodist church of Salisbury, in an article appearing in the last issue of 'The Intolerant' has this to say about the men of Salisbury who are opposed to prohibition to the extent of voting against it, classifying all such persons under the following heads:

1. The Saloon men and distillers.
2. Most unfortunate men who are heavy drinkers.
3. Almost every sot in town.
4. Every harlot in the city is opposed to prohibition.
5. So far as known all the gamblers oppose the movement.

The above is a libel on men just as good, just as pure, just as honest, just as intelligent, just as moral, and of much more service to this community, than Mr Atkins. It is unfortunate, that a man clothed in the livery of the most high, and one whose mission should be to preach the gospel of love and charity should go so far as to forget himself in his enthusiasm for a cause he has espoused, as to call the good citizenship of Salisbury, either barkeepers, sots or gamblers, because they honestly disagree with him as to the merits of prohibition. Mr Atkins makes an assertion, the only inference from which can be drawn, is that

those who vote for saloons are to be classified under one of the five heads he mentions. Such an inference, is what the public mind accepts. Now if his intentions was what his words mean, then his communication deserves the utmost censure, and is unworthy of a man who calls himself a Christian minister. Still these assertions and those of a similar character are the most effective weapons, that the general run of hydrophobic fanatics use in their arguments. There are men in Salisbury, good men, honest citizens, men of character and virtue, sober high minded gentlemen, who are opposed to prohibition, yet Mr Atkins calls these men, sots, gamblers, associates of harlots, barkeepers or distillers. You cannot make a man a good citizen by calling him a thief and a liar and you cannot make friends for prohibition by calling these men sots and gamblers.

There are scores of our citizens who do their own thinking and whom no amount of vilification, abuse and threats emanating from any source of bigoted fanaticism can deter them from using the elective franchise as their reason dictates. If we were to reply to the article in the spirit in which it was written the probability is that something bitter would be said, but as we try in all things to be temperate we will dismiss it with this statement. Mr Atkins has lived here four years he has broken bread in our homes he has gone in and out amongst our people and if his opinion of the citizenship of our town are as he stated them in "The Reasoner" (3) then there will be few tears shed when he departs from our midst in December next.

It would have been foolish indeed for any one to have claimed that all the opponents of prohibition were barkeepers and gamblers." It would have been false, and if true, there would have been no use to attempt to get recruits from such a source. Mr Atkins knew this and it was believed, which is the basis of all preaching, proper to show the possible convert his condition and associates that he might see the need of getting on a higher level. Murphy was opposed to lending a helping hand, but rather swung on to their heels and tried by all the devil's inspired ingenuity at his disposal to keep mankind in the slough of despond. He is at that work today and wants more power that he may yet drag the whole population down to the level he considers proper. Shall we give him the means to do it? That's the big question for the citizens to answer at the primaries June 1st.

How Murphy Tricked the Prohibitionist in the Last Legislature.

Here is a communication from R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, that shows Mr Murphy's conduct in the last legislature while speaker of the house of representatives. It also shows how a professional politician will talk to get an office and how he will act after getting it:

Raleigh, N. C., May 21, 1918.
Col T. E. Vanderford,

Salisbury, N. C.
I am hoping that the democrats at the primary on June 1st will defeat Mr Walter Murphy and nominate for Congress, Mr R. L. Doughton.

Mr Doughton's record on prohibition, as a citizen and as a member of Congress, is straight. He has always worked and voted with the friends of prohibition. While Mr Murphy's record as a citizen and a member of the Legislature has shown that he was in favor of the liquor traffic.

A review of his Legislative record at the General Assembly of 1917 is convincing. I was told by Mr A. D. Ward of New Bern, who helped him to secure the speakership of the House, that Mr Murphy said, as Speaker of the House, he would be neutral on proposed temperance and prohibition legislation. Mr Ward also said to me that he was surprised at Mr Murphy's activity to defeat prohibition after such a promise.

The Omnibus Prohibition bill that had the united support of ecclesiastical, moral and civic organizations throughout the State, was introduced in the House by Mr Gardner of Yancey, January 29th, House Bill No. 802, and referred to the committee on the Liquor Traffic. The official printed reports of that committee carried only twenty-seven names, but when the committee met for the hearing on February 9th four others, namely, Grant of New Hanover, Cox of Currituck, Farish of Forsyth and Barnes of Johnston, also appeared on the committee, who were appointed by Mr Murphy after the committee was published. Three of these—Grant, Cox and Farish were active in the committee for the defeat of the bill, and Mr Barnes left the committee before the vote was taken. After the hearing the committee went into executive session, but Mr Murphy remained. This committee, appointed by Mr Murphy seemed determined to take immediate action, although members of the committee opposed it on grounds that they had not read the bill and wanted more time; and Mr Beasley of Union, the chairman of the committee, used his influence to delay a vote. After the motion was made to take the vote, a member of the committee, Mr T. E. Holding of Wake, asked that the motion be withdrawn so that he might offer an amendment that he had prepared. This was refused.

When we recall that this committee carried thirty one names, some appointed after the printing of the committees, when this committee in former Legislatures, carried less than eighteen names, and when it is recalled that the four last named were against the measure, and that Mr Murphy, the Speaker, remained at this hearing and other hearings of the committee on the Liquor Traffic, it looks very much like the committee was packed.

On Feb. 15th Mr Page introduced in the House, Bill No. 1161, to Create the Office of Prohibition Commissioner. The committee considered this on Feb. 23rd. Mr Murphy was on hand at this meeting and had much to say, after which the committee voted to report this bill unfavorably.

On March 2nd, the Anti Advertising bill had passed the Senate and was sent to the House. On March 3rd it received a favorable report from the House committee on Propositions and Grievances and that day took its place on the House Calendar, four days before adjournment it died under the thumb of Speaker Murphy.

On March 3rd the committee on the Liquor Traffic reported back to the House Senate Bill No 1157, a bill to stop clubs from keeping and storing liquor, &c. This bill also died at the

hands of Speaker Murphy. In the last four days there was plenty of time to consider these measures, and on more than one occasion, the Speaker suggested adjournment as the House had nothing before it.

It is assumed that thirty six States will ratify the National Prohibition Amendment. This amendment provides the "Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." Therefore it will be up to Congress to pass legislation that will enforce this amendment and it is all important that Congressmen should be friends of the prohibition cause.

Yours very truly,
R. L. DAVIS,
Superintendent Anti-Saloon League

It will be seen by the above, after promising to be neutral, Mr Murphy violated the confidence of those who supported him and did all in his power to obstruct and killed the efforts of those who want to make prohibition really effective. Weighed in his own scales no one need be further deceived by any statement such a man may make.

Senator Simmons is not for Murphy.

Walter Murphy, who is a candidate for the nomination for congress in this district, has been stating that Senator Simmons is for him, but this is a mistake, in fact we do not know of any prominent official that is endorsing his candidacy, instead, those who have made statements at all are against him and deplore the very ugly campaign he is conducting, at least such is the general impression in and around Salisbury. In reference to Senator Simmons' attitude the Washington correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, under date of May 18th, says:

Senator Simmons issued a statement here today which shows that he will keep hands off in the congressional campaigns in North Carolina. The senator says he will take no part in the primary contests for election to the house of representatives.

The statement of Senator Simmons follows rumors that the friends of certain candidates in North Carolina have been claiming that the senior senator had aligned himself in these congressional contests. Senator Simmons mentions no names and would not discuss in detail these rumors. The brief statement issued from his office says:

"In view of certain rumors that have come to him with reference to his attitude toward certain Democratic candidates for Congress, Senator Simmons authorized the statement today that he was not taking part in any of the congressional primary contests in the state."

It will thus be seen that this is merely another attempt by Murphy to deceive the public by trying to make it appear Senator Simmons had enlisted under his banner, but the senator has effectively shown different. This brings Murphy's camouflage record down to date. Deception seems to be his long suit.

North Carolina) In the Superior Court, Rowan county. Before J. Frank McCubbins, clerk.

Lula Harris and husband, Peter Harris vs. Em. Holsbrooks, H. C. Mullen and wife, Mary McMullen, John Holsbrooks et al

To John Holsbrooks: You will notice that an action entitled as above is pending in the superior court of Rowan county for the purpose of selling lands for partition and division in which proceeding you are an interested and proper party, and have been made a defendant in said proceeding.

You will take further notice that you are required to appear before J. Frank McCubbins, clerk superior court for Rowan county, at his office at the court house in Salisbury, on the 22nd day of June, 1918, and answer or demur to the petition and complaint of the plaintiffs and petitioners, in this action, or the petitioners and plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said proceeding.

This, May 11th, 1918.
J. FRANK MCCUBBINS, C. S. C.
John L. Reudleman, attorney. 5-22 41