

The Western North Carolina Times

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Swat the fly.

Fifth breeds flies and flies spread disease.

Is there a little fly in your home? Swat him!

Again we say—Plant a garden.

Also—learn how to smile.

If anybody has ever heard of any legislation which is rottener than the new county auditor law, let him come forward and tell about it.

We hate to have to say it, but the otherwise balmy spring air is loaded down with sad rumors of a bitter estrangement between Henderson county's "representative" (?) and his political creator.

Now, brethren, come forward and say plainly,—as plainly as you can without violating the postoffice regulations and the discipline of your church,—what DO you think of the way Henderson county figured in the Legislature?

Why are the Democrats in Congress so docile under the dictation of President Wilson? The reason apparently is that they are afraid of what the voters will have to say about the tariff-slashing, and therefore are quite to give Wilson a free hand in order that they may dump the blame on him when the day of reckoning comes.

The Times is publishing this week the town and county lists of property to be sold for taxes. These lists are very long, and it takes a heap of time and trouble to set them. This fact will explain why it is that we are not able this week to give as much local and personal news as usual.

According to a statement made Tuesday by Pres. J. H. Patterson of the relief committee, Dayton, Ohio, is facing a desperate problem and urgently needs money and food. At a meeting of bankers and officers of building associations, it was decided to ask the National Government for a loan of twenty to forty millions of dollars, the banks and other business houses agreeing to put up, as collateral, securities worth \$60,000,000.

The property loss in Montgomery county is estimated at fully \$150,000,000. There is need of rations for 100,000 people for an indefinite period.

J. D. Davis, who is an old newspaper man and has an intimate acquaintance with all the ups and downs of the business, thinks that the following story would be intensely amusing if it were not quite so true:

An editor died, worn out with his incessant efforts to build up his community. Among those who attended the funeral were 679 delinquent subscribers, each of whom pityingly remarked:

"Yes, he was a good fellow all right, but he never could save any money."

A prominent citizen died, and a member of the family went to the local newspaper office to read the proof of the obituary notice. There was the usual remark about the deceased being "taken to his last resting place;" but, by one of those typographical fatalities which occur in every newspaper shop, the word which had been written "resting" appeared in the proof as "Roasting".

The member of the family was scandalized. "Look here," he shouted, "this has got to be corrected."

"Oh, I don't know," murmured the editor. "He was three years behind with his subscription. I guess I'll let it stand as it is in the proof."

Wilson, Congress, and the Voters

Breaking the precedents of a century, President Wilson decided to deliver his message to Congress in person instead of sending the document by messenger. A good many Democrats protested against the President's decision, but their opposition failed to budge Mr. Wilson.

Whether Mr. Wilson was wise or unwise in deciding to break the precedents of such long standing, is a question on which opinions differ very widely. But his decision is interesting as showing how far he is drifting from the orthodox Democratic point of view.

Orthodox Democracy consists mainly in sitting still and trying to find excuses for doing as little as possible. Orthodox Democracy regards the Constitution not as an instrument for accomplishing good but as a fetter to restrain action. Orthodox Democracy is on general principles opposed to the idea of a President doing anything that is not actually and explicitly made compulsory by the Constitution.

The Constitution assigns to the Congress the business of enacting laws; it does not in words authorize the President to take a hand in this matter. Yet President Wilson has taken a very important part in framing the tariff bill which the Democrats will try to enact at the special session of Congress this year. And in this respect President Wilson has violated the traditions of Democratic Constitutional theory.

Of course Mr. Wilson is not violating the Constitution. That document does not instruct him to frame a tariff law or any other law; but it does not forbid him to give the Congress the benefit of his advice and counsel. We do not in the least condemn him for so doing; we merely point out that he is violating the traditions of orthodox Democracy. We don't think any the worse of him on that account.

We have no doubt at all that President Wilson has the right to advise and counsel the Congress as much as ever he chooses. But we have not a very high opinion of the kind of advice and counsel which he is giving just now on tariff matters. The proposed tariff legislation (of which he is largely the author) is too drastic; it is calculated to hurt business. But it may serve to shorten the Democratic term of office, and that will be something to be thankful for.

Of course the Democrats ought to keep their campaign pledges, though it would puzzle anybody to know just what those pledges meant. Their platform, as nearly as we have been able to guess its meaning, made three contradictory statements:

1. That protection is unconstitutional.
2. That therefore some (not all) protective duties ought to be reduced (not abolished) immediately.
3. That is this immediate reduction ought not to be immediate but gradual.

If, in the strength of this strange jumble of declarations, Mr. Wilson thinks he is bound to frame a drastic reduction of duties and jam it through Congress, let him go ahead and do it. It is his duty to do what he thinks right. Also, it is the voters' duty to render their verdict on the matter at the earliest opportunity. And that opportunity will come in the fall of next year. This country isn't going to stand for free trade.

Born in North Carolina

Apparently the most popular thing that President Wilson has done has been his selection of Walter H. Page, a North Carolinian, for the position of ambassador to London.

Mr. Wilson made various efforts to find a suitable man for that position, and for some time his efforts were not attended with suc-

cess. Then, at last, he did what he might just as well have done at first; he appointed a North Carolinian. And everybody is pleased. The New York Evening Post comments as follows:

In choosing Walter H. Page as ambassador to the Court of St. James, President Wilson has selected a gentleman of unusual charm and unquestioned ability. This pleasingly upholds the tradition that a man of letters should represent the United States in Great Britain. That Mr. Page is not known to the English public outside of the publishing world is unquestionably true. But it will not take him long, in our judgment, to win a place for himself in their estimation. A ready and graceful speaker, he has many of the best qualities of the diplomat. More than that he has a most unusual knowledge and understanding of American life. A Southerner of broad views, he has long lived in New York and New England, besides studying with great care Western problems. In the revival of education in the South he has played a noteworthy part, both as a member of the Southern and the General Education Boards. He has steadfastly refused to admit or deny authorship of "The Autobiography of Nicholas Worth" usually attributed to him, although most men would be proud to own it; the same wisdom, philosophy, and emancipation from prejudice which run through this book mark also "The Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths," to which Mr. Page's name is affixed. Finally, that Mr. Page is not reputed to have wealth is a proof that the county is not shut up to being represented by millionaires alone."

The Nation, a well known and influential London weekly has this to say:

"President Wilson has made an interesting experiment. He has boldly reverted to the scholar diplomat as the type of man most qualified to represent the United States abroad. In doing so he has paid a silent but striking compliment to the good sense of the British people. He has assumed that what we most value in an American Ambassador is not his wealth and his ability to lavish it on magnificent houses and huge entertainments, but his personality and his achievements and the extent to which he brings with him the true flavor of American life."

The Nation recalls the fact that years ago President Roosevelt took a similar course in appointing Dr. David Jayne Hill as ambassador to Germany. The German court, which apparently preferred money to scholarship, did not welcome Dr. Jayne's appointment; but London appreciates just those qualities which Mr. Page possesses, and the fact that he is not an enormously wealthy man will in no way decrease his influence with the British government.

A Democrat Has a Grievance

A prominent Democrat of this county has seen fit to find fault with The Times.

His grievance is peculiar. It is this: That The Times did not condemn the new county auditor law as severely as he (the aforesaid prominent Democrat) would like to see it condemned.

The new county auditor law is a Democratic law, and one of the rankest and worst laws which the Democrats ever enacted. And The Times has condemned it in plain and emphatic terms. And yet this prominent Democrat finds fault with The Times because The Times did not condemn it even more severely.

We respectfully submit that we did condemn it in a way that could not be misunderstood. In four different issues of the paper we denounced the law. We described it as a scheme to rob the taxpayers. We said it was bleeding the county. We pointed out in detail the glaring badness of the law. We stated that even Democrats were disgusted with it. We described the law as "brazen iniquity."

And yet a prominent Democrat finds fault with us for not condemning it as severely as it deserves to be condemned.

We are not through with that

unsavory law yet. We shall, from time to time, have a good deal to say about it; and we don't expect to be altogether lady-like in our remarks. But we think that the language which we have already used is fairly forcible. We said it was a scheme to rob taxpayers. We said it was brazen iniquity. We think we made our meaning entirely plain. The Times is in the habit of measuring its words and saying exactly what it means. It doesn't have to "throw a fit" in order to express its ideas.

As a matter of fact, the complaint of the prominent Democrat is testimony to the exact truthfulness of the statement we made several weeks ago that Democrats are disgusted with the law which their party has enacted. The prominent Democrat whom we have mentioned is evidently disgusted,—very much disgusted,—with the law; for, after we denounced the law as robbery and brazen iniquity, he said that we had not condemned it as strongly as it deserved.

We wonder what he expected us to say. If he can suggest any stronger words, the columns of The Times are open to him,—provided he keeps within the limits prescribed by the postoffice department.

A SNAP.

For sale at a bargain, 8 room cottage, all modern conveniences, beautiful lot, good barn, nice lawn. One of the nicest houses in Hendersonville. Two four room cottages, good location, will pay in rents 10 to 12 per cent on investment.

Also stock of general merchandise, good location and a good business. Inquire at Times office for further particulars.

ELECTION NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the provisions of the charter of the town of Hendersonville North Carolina and chapter 72 of the Revisal of 1905 an election is hereby called to be held on Tuesday after the 1st Monday of May, 1913 at the Town hall in Hendersonville under the law regulating such elections at which time and place there shall be elected a mayor and three commissioners for said town to succeed the present mayor and three commissioners whose term of office expires on said date.

The tickets to be used in said election shall be printed or written on white paper and shall be 2 1/2 inches by 3 inches in size. John G. P. Livingston is hereby appointed registrar for said election and L. T. Williams and J. M. Stepp are hereby appointed judges for said election, whose duties it shall be to hold said election and make report thereof in accordance with the provisions of the law.

By order of the Board of Town Commissioners, March 20th, 1913.
R. H. STATON Mayor
C. S. FULLBRIGHT Secretary

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND FOR PARTITION.

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as commissioner by a decree of the Superior court in the case of S. O. Edney against Dollie Edney and J. W. Edney dated April 7th 1913, I will sell at the court House door in Hendersonville at 12 o'clock noon on May 10th 1913 at public auction to the highest bidder for cash for the purpose of partition between the parties interested, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the township of Edneyville, County of Henderson and State of North Carolina and known and designated as follows, viz:—

Beginning at a poplar, Coston's and R. Edney's corner, and runs with their line S. 35 deg. E. 104 poles to a pine known as the I. R. Sawyer corner; thence with the Davis line N. 45 deg. E. (var. 5 deg.) 62 poles to an old corner now down—some oak saplings marked as a pointer; thence North with said Davis line (var. 5 deg.) 12 poles to a stake and pointers; thence S. 50 deg. W. 2 poles to Winston Edney's corner; thence with his line N. 38 1/2 deg. W. 28 poles to a pine Winston Edney's corner; thence 3 1/2 deg. W. 52 poles to a black oak now down; thence N. 37 deg. W. 49 poles to a forked maple at the branch and with its meanders to the beginning—Containing 48 acres more or less.

This 7th day of April 1913.
McD. Ray,
Commissioner.

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Little Miss King, size 8 1-2 to 11 \$1.75
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Little Lady King, 2 1-2 to 5 \$2.50 & 3

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Winston Union-Republican. Congressman Mann, the Republican leader in the House, makes the announcement that the Republicans will not offer serious opposition to the Democratic tariff revision bill. It would not do much good, anyway. The Democrats have the votes to do about as they please, and it would hard-

ly be worth while to try and put them in a hole when the chances are many that they will do that themselves without anybody's help.
For Sale.—S. C. Rhode Island Red and Fawn and White Indian Runner Duck Eggs. Mrs. J. A. Frazier, City. Phone 192.

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