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Wilson's Dilemma.

Of course the many important duties pertaining to the office of President of the United States makes that position much honored under the most favorable circumstances' but the President-elect Wilson will find a peculiarly complex condition of affairs confronting him when he sets foot in the White House next March.

In the first place, it is unquestionable conceded that he got the nomination of his party through the mighty power and influence of William Jennings Bryan, and as a matter of course Bryan is going to feel that Wilson should continue to recognize obligations to him and follow his advice in all matters of Governmental policy. Bryan was the dominant figure in the convention, dictating the platform, and gave direction to the campaign. In each of his unsuccessful runs for the presidency he polled more popular votes than Wilson received when he was elected. So, naturally, Bryan expects to keep the ear of the President throughout the term and shape the legislation of the National Congress.

On the other hand, there are Speaker Clark and Oscar W. Underwood. Mr. Clark justly charges that Bryan blighted his chances for the nomination, and Underwood cannot have so soon forgotten that Bryan accused him of infidelity to his party. Surely Clark and Underwood will most bitterly resent the idea of Mr. Bryan's acting as political guardian for the President while the former is not even officially connected with the administration. Clark and Underwood will be members of the President's political household, and they will oppose the dictation of an outsider who is not in sympathy with them. This situation will present to the President a most perplexing problem--one which he cannot possibly solve with a tolerable degree of satisfaction to all concerned.

Then there are the "Spoils of War," amounting to \$33, 000, 000, to be distributed in 11,000 notwithstanding fourth class postmasters; and there are countless thousands of office-hungry Democrats crowding to the pie-counter, as famished men rush to a feast. Not more than one in five thousand will "land his job," and the defeated "bone-hunters" will raise a howl, beside which the lamentations of Jeremiah will pale into insignificance. These disgruntled "outs" and their friends will attempt to wreck vengeance on Wilson and his administration in some way; for every Democrat is by temperament an office-lover, and to be turned away from the pie-counter empty-handed while others are getting fat jobs invariably drives a Democrat to desperation and political crime. There are not near enough jobs

the trouble for the new President.

Moreover, President Wilson will have to deal with a new party hopelessly divided, not alone in leadership, but also in both principle and policy. There is a great conservative element in the Democrat Party, and this element will oppose the destruction of the protective tariff. They have mildly opposed the calling of an extra session of Congress, and they have to be reckoned with when that session convenes. They are honest enough to admit that they are afraid of their own platform. They argue that the American people are now enjoying a period of prosperity and peace and that it is well enough to let well enough alone. They hark back to the dark days of Cleveland and the Wilson-Gorman free trade regime. They are going to oppose the radical or Bryan Democrats at every turn, and this is the darkest cloud on the Wilson horizon. These factions are as irreconcilable as darkness and light. If he listens to Bryan and follows the radical wing of his party he will precipitate a most disastrous business panic; and if on the other hand, he turns his back on the party platform and heeds the advice of the conservative wing of his party he will lay himself open to the charge of party perfidy and political dishonor. If he avoids the Scylla of radicalism he will fall into the Charibdis of party infidelity.

Therefore we say that the new President will enter upon a herculean task on March 4th, and that he is in a dilemma, from which no human wisdom, tact or diplomacy can serve to extricate him. Well may he retire to the tranquil island of Bermuda to meditate upon the ordeal through which he must pass as best he can; but, no matter which horn of the dilemma he decides to take, he must lead his party to certain defeat.

Our Plan.

In our last issue, we intended to give our plans for a three hundred thousand dollar bond issue for sand clay roads in Alamance County, but for some reason the "Devil" took the outline of our plans from the desk without our knowledge and placed it for reading matter, which it did not make consequently we fear that such a blunder has defeated the object of our plan. What we intended to say was this: Vote an issue of \$300, 000.00 dollars fifty years, five per cent bonds, non taxable to Alamance County citizens. Let the work to our own people, provided the price is reasonable, and we believe it will be lower than outside contractors, and provided farther that they will take pay in this issue of bonds. Employ a local civil engineer to do all surveying and to see that the grade is cut to the survey. When the road is properly graded the work of the putting on of the sand can be done under the supervision of a competent road superintendent. This plan will remove the cause for employing engineers that have the greatest name, to waste our funds as was done in many places in the spending of the two hundred thousand dollars in the building of what Macadam roads we have, and also remove the opportunity for graft between contractor and engineer. Burlington and Alamance County has taken a sufficient course in this class of experimental work, the time has come when it must stop.

When the highway commission is selected to build these roads, select men who have plowed, cut sprouts by the day, built fence, dug ditches, made rails and moved dirt, in other words men who know what it takes to earn a dollar by the sweat of their brow, and you will have men that are experienced in the real duties of life rather than men who have

Select a local trust company as trustee for these bonds--its all folly to run nor for everything we use or buy. Let us make an effort here and now to be a resourceful and self-sustaining people.

The legitimate expenditure of this amount will build two hundred miles of road that will last just as long as the last stone that we built. And when the sand clay has washed away we still will have the grade that re-move the hills, and all that will be left of the macadam roads, the cost of the sand clay road is only one third that the macadam.

If this interests any one for the improvement of the roads named in last week's issue, let us hear from you.

BURLINGTON.

We have already made known our views on the present plan of city government for Burlington, but we are more impressed than ever with the seriousness of the situation when we hear some of the best business men of Burlington declare that the annual loss to the city, as result of careless, irresponsible management as the plan now affords, the sum seven thousand dollars or more annually. This same party did not leave us without hope, but named the same remedy, we have already suggested, and he further said that a commission form of government could not be secured without some diligent work on the part of the people that are really interested in the future success of Burlington.

Its folly to talk of selling the water and light system, for the sale means and increased rate to the consumer, and a profit to the owners. The thing to do is to decrease the cost of production and increase the sale rate to the consumer until the two meet, and if the plant is properly handled, the cost of production will be sufficiently decreased that the rate will not have to be increased very much.

We have property to the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars listed for taxation in Burlington and its reflection upon our intelligence suppose that we can pay eight men twenty-four dollars a year each to run a business of this magnitude successfully, by giving their time for a few hours out of two nights in each month.

Here we are with a floating indebtedness of over forty thousand dollars and still on the increase. What shall we do about it? Just set still and "cuss" the board of Aldermen for following the brilliant example of their predecessors. This problem is up to the property owners of Burlington in a real stiff manner, and its a matter that must be taken hold of by the head and not by the tail, if we ever hope to stem the swelling tide of disaster. The question is will the city act in the Legislature or wait until two more years, pass swiftly bye.

Military Men To Carry On A Store.

Washington, Dec. 1 -- A co-operative store for the members of the army, navy, marine corps, national guard and revenue cutter service will be opened in Washington tomorrow. Already 1000 subscribers have been obtained to the effort to reduce the high cost of living. The establishment is the kind to be opened in the United States for members of the of the services named. At first only uniforms furnishings and equipment will be sold, but it is planned to deal eventually in all sorts of wares.

The New York society woman who wears a watch on her dancing slipper does it so that she can keep time.

Football coach, Haughton of Harvard, receiving \$10,000 a year wonder if he condescends to associate with the \$2,000 professors?

The free American people, unshackled from all party affiliations have declared themselves, and that declaration has been heard from coast to coast. He alone who votes for what he sincerely believes to be for the best interest of his country is a patriot of the most noble type, regardless of the party for which he casts his ballot; but he who votes for the party only, and wholly ignores the interest of his country, is a slave of the voluntary type.

It is for us to see that our country stands firmly and we should therefore, rather sacrifice our party than our country--the model country of the entire world. I loved my party much, but I love my country more. Six Bull Moose preserves were established last Tuesday in the United States and we, Pennsylvania can be proud to lay first claim on the Keystone state, the signal state of all great movements, the movements for humanity.

The elephants and the donkey are of foreign origin, and every indication points that the moose will thrive exceptionally fine in this their native clime.

B. H. OCKER.
Marion, Pa., Nov. 12.

C. V. SELLARS ART STORE, BURLINGTON, N. C. Carries in stock over 300 different patterns of WALL PAPER No use to order go see it.

Mrs. A. L. Zachary visited Mrs. Harvy Woody Sunday.

Queen Quality Shoes \$3.50 to \$5.00 FOSTER SHOE CO. There's more style, fit, and comfort condensed in a single pair of these shoes than in all the millions of clumsy wooden clogs worn in the Japanese Empire. Just remember America leads the world in shoe-making, and America's leading woman's shoe is "Queen Quality".

There's a suspicion that Europe is less concerned over peace than she is over the pieces. Occasionally a candidate fails to discover which side of the fence he is on till he falls off. Gov. Wilson, a flight to the protection of the British flag gives one some ideas of the seriousness of being elected president. Now the great American Saturday night is safe. The bathtub trust is dissolved.

EVERY WOMAN Who Expects to Buy a Coat For Herself or For the Child Should Read This. OUR BUYER has just returned from the Northern Markets, where he purchased direct from the manufacturers, over 150 Suits and Coats at from 1-3 to 1 2 price. The Suits are of Serges, Whipcords and Scotch Mixtures--colors black, blue, tan and gray. They are all of high grade material, the very best of styles and workmanship. The Suits and Coats go on sale THURSDAY the 5th, and are positively the best values we have ever offered for high grade Suits and Coats. We offer 50 suits that never sell for less than \$15 to \$25, more than 1-2 are strictly \$20 suits--your choice of the lot at \$12.75. We have reduced all other suits in our regular stock from \$2.50 to \$6 on the suit which is a genuine reduction that we expect to move all of them out before Christmas. There is in this purchase Coats for Ladies, Misses and Children in all the newest styles in all wanted colors. The manufacturers needed the cash and we let them have it and got the goods at a price which will be a saving of many dollars to you if you will get that coat from us. Ladies' coats from \$3.50 to \$16.50, Misses \$3 to \$12.50, Children's \$1.25 to \$7. B. A. Sellars & Son Burlington, North Carolina

Freeman Phone 20 Agents for J. Van Lindley's cut floe LOCAL AN Miss Jennie Conn of Oxford spent Sunday, at Durham for a short while. Miss Julia Cates and daughter spent Sunday, at Durham visiting Oxford while at the Chamber of Commerce ordered a cluster of plants to be placed on the S. mer. Miss Elma Rose daughter of B. M. Rose, Supt of Mill Mills, who was commended some days ago by Taylor is improving nicely. Mr. Emmett Petty and Mrs. Petty left Tuesday for Marion. Where they will spend winter. The consolidated Bridge Machine Company have been operation of their plant the old Railroad shops and constructing bridges. The four Picketts gave the Elmo at the Casino. Mr. Pickett. These actors are of wide reputation and will be attended. The crowd that night was large. Rev. A. B. Kendall is preaching a very instructive sermon at the Christian Church. I have not been out you should services during the week. The musical at the Episcopal church was enjoyed by a number. Prof. Blyth and friends Barns of Elton County. Now is the time to select your complete line. Freeman Drug Co. Split, Quit, Hit. Hines, Ala. -- In a letter this place, Mrs. Eula Mae says: "I used to spit up blood, I was tired and sleepless at night. My head ached and I could hardly drag around. I was taking Cardui, this has helped me, and now I feel quite well. Bradley suffered from indigestion, Cardui strengthened the nervous system, and strengthened the womanly nature. That's why Cardui helped Mrs. Bradley and why it will help you. Try it." The Pi Of Alar CAPITAL AN The You could give a receipt from the had made a will, and deposited the vault. And it To have the will choose any lawyer when we are apt WHY NOT UNITED S ALAMA AND TR BURLINGTON