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WHY SURRY CHANGED

Of course it is interesting to think about why Surry gave such a small vote for the republican party this year when it is recalled that she gave such a big vote two years ago. Of course these things do not just happen—there is a reason. Naturally every man has his own opinion as to why the change, but some of the reasons we have heard advanced are well worth considering.

Our people may not be educated in the sense of being learned in books, but they have what is even better, a high moral sense and ability to appreciate efficiency in office and honesty in all dealings between man and man. Let them once get it in their minds that a man is not doing his duty and the people will not stand for it a minute. It got into the minds of the voters of this county, for some reason, that there was much inefficiency in the management of the public's business. This was proven to them in many ways. Especially was it shown in the tangle that was made in making out the tax books some two or three years ago when a mistake was made that involved several thousand dollars and caused no end of confusion to get it straightened out. Again it was well known that the county has several thousand dollars tied up in the bank tangle at Elkin. In the face of all this, it is well known that the county is borrowing money to meet current bills and making no effort to collect from the bondsmen of the treasurer who are back of him for the amount tied up at Elkin.

And then, there was opposition for the reason that some thought liquor people were not looked after as diligently as might have been done. Some citizens of the county were much wrought up over the failure of the officers of the law to stop the making and dealing in liquor that was thought to exist in some sections.

In trying to account for the way the folks voted much is said about the gambling at the Fair in this city last fall. It is well known that ex-sheriff U. G. Belton raised a terrible racket here when he closed down some of the gamblers at a Fair when he was high sheriff of the county. This year the gamblers get credit for playing a game that was allowed and that raked in more money than is usually lost by people on such occasions. The gamblers seem to have had a game that went beyond the dimes and quarters and fleeced many citizens of many dollars. Of course no one knows how much was lost by Surry citizens to these gamblers, but it is currently reported that several thousand dollars changed hands in this way. It is known that many young fellows just out of knee pants lost to the gamblers at the Fair and that their parents were very resentful that the officers allowed such to be a part of the Fair. Many think this had much to do with creating a sentiment in the county against the officers and their associates in politics.

Naturally there were many things that entered into the change of sentiment that caused the defeat of the men who were so confident of election. But the fact that the people of the county have prospered during the past eight years as never before is, no doubt, the real cause of the change, though on the surface other reasons appear to be the cause. Up to the time when Woodrow Wilson was elected president the people of this county got eight cents for their tobacco, and every republican orator told them that was a plenty, a good price for tobacco. And many believed it. But the people remained poor. They could not build homes or improve their lands or launch out into any kind of new undertaking, for they had no money. The result was that hundreds of our citizens left the country during a period of a few years and moved away to factory towns rather than try to eke out an existence on a farm with tobacco selling at eight cents the pound.

After the election of Wilson the farmers began to prosper and farm life took on a different aspect in all parts of the county. Men who had never had any money before in their lives, became possessed of money and lands, new homes sprung up on every road in the county, new barns and new outhouses and new fields and new roads showed up everywhere. And all this under a democratic administration. And all this

would not have been so noticeable if the republicans, in all the years past, had not dinned it into the ears of the voters on every occasion that their party was the only party under which a people could prosper. Now the voter knows better. Now he knows that he has been misled, and it is because of all this, we are suspecting, that he has voted his sentiments this year and put men of known business qualities at the head of our county affairs.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said, You can fool some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time, or words to that effect. And evidently the folks of Surry are awake to the needs of the county, if one can judge by the way they voted in the recent election.

THE BOYS AND CIGARETTES

A boy not over twelve years of age walked the streets of this city a few days ago puffing smoke from his nose and holding a cigarette in his hand like an old smoker. Another boy saw the sight and remarked that fifty per cent of the boys of twelve years of age in this county are smoking cigarettes. It was news to us, and we suppose the boy making the statement got it from his teachers.

If fifty per cent of the little boys of this nation are smoking, then we are not surprised at the statements we see in print about the wonderful growth of the cigarette business.

We are wondering if the people of this nation are going to stand for this propaganda that the tobacco companies are working that makes new customers for their business of many boys before they get out of knee pants. We suspect that one of these days some far-seeing man will get interested in this subject and start a movement to end the whole cigarette business. Nonsense you say. All right. But just suppose, for the sake of argument, that some preacher or woman introduces a bill in the legislature to make it unlawful to make or to sell a cigarette in the borders of this state. Now if that bill should be introduced in our legislature every preacher and every teacher and every woman in the whole state would vote for it, if they had the chance.

This thing of allowing the boys of the nation to smoke is going to be the undoing of the tobacco companies. The thinking people will not stand for it, and unless the tobacco companies or some other influence, brings a stop to selling cigarettes and tobacco to children it will provoke a campaign against tobacco as certain as time goes on. As conditions are now, we are expecting the thinking men and women of this country to make a fight on tobacco before another ten years goes by.

LIQUOR FORCES LOST

During the past few months the liquor interests of this nation made a supreme effort to get elected to congress men who would make laws to permit of the sale of wine and beer in the old time saloon. They thought this would be the entering wedge to establishing the old order of open saloons.

When the election was held, at once, when only a small part of the returns had come in, the wet forces heralded it over the world that they had won and that they had gained 80 new members of congress for their cause.

Now that the returns are all in it is found that in place of gaining a victory the wets received a crushing defeat. It now appears that the lower house of congress will be composed of 135 wet members and 295 members who are pledged to support the present prohibition laws. To the wet leaders this must have come as a severe defeat, for they made a great effort to carry the country.

BUSINESS MEN WANT GARNISHMENT LAW

The business men of this state will ask the next legislature to make a new law to be known as the garnishment law. It is a way to reach the man who has no property and declines to pay a debt. In this state, for many years, there have been thousands of men who own no property, but receive good wages. They made debts and when they fail to pay, as is the case at times, as with all other classes, there is no way to collect from them. The man who lays by some property can be reached by the law, but one of these wage earners who spends all he makes each month is the big problem to the man who must do business with him. And so the legislature will be asked to make a law that will permit something like an attachment to be run against his wages and in this way make collection from him.

Beyond question it is a just cause and the wonder is that such a law was not made years ago.

MISSIONARY TO CHINA HERE

Rev. D. W. Herring, missionary to China, was a visitor here this week to see his sister-in-law, Mrs. R. J. Galloway, and while here made an address to the Ladies Missionary society of the First Baptist church, at the home of C. H. Haynes on Rockford street, Monday afternoon, at which place the society met.

The visit of Mr. Herring to this city is of more than passing interest for the reason that he married in this town when a young man, more than thirty years ago. He was just out of college and ready to go to China as a missionary when he met and won the hand of Miss Maggie Nutt, sister of Mrs. R. J. Galloway. Together they went to China and remained several years and took high rank as useful missionaries. After some years in that country they returned home on a visit and while spending some time here in Mount Airy Mrs. Herring was taken sick and died.

Mr. Herring went back to China alone and again took up his life's work. Later he married a lady who was in China as a missionary from Australia. They have spent many years in useful work in that country and are here now on a vacation.

Mr. Herring is a man of more than ordinary ability and is now a distinguished looking white haired old man who has given a long and useful life to China. His health is good and he looks to be able to yet give many more years to uplifting that country.

GOVERNOR MORRISON AND THE RAILROADS

Governor Morrison has a plan on foot for the state to buy and own and operate a number of steamships to ply between northern cities and seaports along the coast of this state. Thus he would get for our people a cheaper freight rate. The plan has appealed to the people as a way to get relief from the high rates of freight charges that are supposed to be oppressive.

Now it would be a great thing if some way could be found to save freight, but if we could ship by water and eliminate the railroad what would become of the sections where there are no water routes? Of course water rates are cheaper and always will be than where a right of way must be maintained.

What our leaders need to do is to find some just and equitable basis for freight charges and quit any seeming knock of the railroads. We need the roads as badly as they need us, and to try to find a way to cut out the railroad gets us nowhere.

Any plan that suggests a knock of the railroads is popular in this country, and that is one of the big troubles that must be eliminated before there is any satisfactory settlement of freight rates or any kind of rates. So long as the general public is hostile to the roads there is constant friction, and ever will be. Just how and why every man got it into his head that the railroad is a big soulless corporation that you can beat and be proud of it, or give a verdict in court against and feel that you have rendered humanity a service, is more than we know.

It seems to us that the railroads need to spend a big amount of money, if that will do the work, showing the people of this country that they are not the enemy of the country. They need to establish more friendly relations and in that way and that alone will many of the things that annoy the roads disappear.

ITS NO WONDER

With the people wanting to pay their tax before Dec. 1, so they can save one per cent discount; with the county paying interest on borrowed money instead of collecting the tax; with several thousand dollars tied up in the bank at Elkin and no one being held accountable for the mismanagement; with a tax rate considerably higher than Democratic governed counties of the state; with all this existing its no wonder to any person that a thousand citizens of Surry voted for a change in the November election.

J. Luther Wood Secures Franklin Farm

J. W. White, owner of the Franklin farm near this city, has made a trade with J. Luther Wood of the Rockford township in which they exchange farms. While the community regrets to lose Mr. White and his family, yet they are glad to welcome Mr. Wood who is well known in this city and vicinity, having lived here some years ago and being a frequent visitor here.

Both men will move their families next week.

Mr. Wood has opened up a Farm Loan and Insurance office in the Goldsmith block next door to the Fulton Insurance agency.

THE APPLE HOLE

Far be it from us to refer to the past as the years of the golden age, for they are not. But back in the days of the old apple hole in every garden, there linger some thoughts that are not unpleasant, to say the least. Not so very many years ago in almost every garden in this section one would see what was known as the apple hole—the place where the winter supply of apples was stored away. Long about now, on some clear winter, windy day, the folks would leave off farm work and gather the apples from the trees, sound and dry, and in the garden a pile of leaves would be made and on this pile of leaves a big mound of apples would be piled, in pyramid shape. Then more leaves would cover the apples and over all this a big blanket of dry dirt, and over this some boards or plank would be laid to turn the most of the rain. And this pile of apples was just as sure to keep as the corn in the crib. And then all along in the winter the folks would go to the apple hole in the garden and take out what was needed, sound and dry and as crisp and brittle and juicy as they were the day they were taken from the tree. Some eating, and don't you forget it.

Those were the days of the old limbertwig and neverfall, and while we now have more fancy kinds, we have nothing that can surpass for good eating the kind that was popular years ago before the nurserymen brought out their fancy kinds.

Surry Man Takes His Life

While sitting in his home by the fireside on last Thursday morning about nine o'clock Eli Dickens fired a bullet from a pistol straight into his forehead. His wife had just stepped out of the room and had not stepped off the porch when she heard the report of the gun. He had said nothing to anyone that would lead to believe that he was contemplating such an act, although he had not been feeling well for some time. The deceased lived on a small farm at the foot of the mountain above Lowgap and leaves a wife and several children. He was 47 years old.

Notice To Farmers

The cooperative warehouses of Mount Airy will be closed from Nov. 29th to Dec. 4, observing the Thanksgiving season. Joe Dobson, Manager.

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