

ON THE EVE OF BATTLE

WHILE this paper is Democratic in politics, it does not hunt political rows, nor does it allow such to creep into its columns if it can be avoided. It believes that the best government is the best politics, and the less bitterness entering into the differences of opinion assures the best interest of our citizenship. We believe that if we cannot win upon merit we should not win at all. The vote held or gained by vile vituperation against your opponents does not stand for much, while the one held or gained by his own reasoning powers when shown the advantages of what you present and offer him counts for much.

We reproduce the following editorial from the Winston-Salem Journal of August 12th, because it presents so fully and truthfully the claims of Democracy upon the people of North Carolina, without stooping to disgusting abuse of other parties:

"Two weeks from today the clarion call to duty will be sounded and the marching orders will be given to the invincible hosts of North Carolina's Democracy. On Saturday, August 26th, Hon. T. W. Bickett, Democratic candidate for Governor, will open the State campaign in Asheboro. Standing, as we are on the threshold of what promises to be the most aggressive and successful campaign ever waged by the Democratic party in North Carolina and the Nation, it is well that we ask, 'Watchman, what of the night?'"

"To one who is fairly well familiar with conditions, the outlook for Democratic victory was never more encouraging than now. In the first place, the people of North Carolina have never experienced greater general prosperity than they are enjoying today.

"This is primarily an agricultural State. The farmer runs things on election day. And the farmer of North Carolina was never better satisfied with general conditions than he is today. The products of his farm are bringing better prices than he has received in years. On yesterday the New York market report, referring to the price of cotton, said: 'There is every reason why any man—who could obtain only thirty five dollars a bale two years ago—should sell all he has now at seventy dollars a bale. It seems like a dream.' Reports received yesterday from the principal cotton market of this State, declared that this year would prove one of the best years ever experienced. A few days ago The Journal called attention to the prospects for unusually high prices on the leaf tobacco market next fall. Already reports show that tobacco is selling for one hundred per cent more in South Carolina than it sold for last year. Corn is selling for a dollar per bushel on the Winston-Salem market, and wheat has just jumped to one dollar and thirty cents. The prices of hogs and cattle will be higher next fall than they have been in years. In fact, so prosperous are the times that the North Carolina farmer is in position today to find a ready and profitable market for everything he can produce.

"Therefore, the farmer is going to think long before he yields to the entreaties of those who are demanding a change. He wants no change.

"In the second place, the Republican party has no issue, either State or National. True, the G. O. P. spell-binders tell us that present prosperity is temporary and that we are 'living in a fool's paradise' as a result of the traffic in war munitions. By this they hope to fool the people. They know that their statement won't bear the white light of truth. They know that statistics of the Bureau of Commerce show that during the first twenty months of the war, down to March 31st last, 'munitions exports were only a fraction over one-eighth of the agricultural exports, less than one-eighth of the total exports of manufac-

tures and just six per cent. of the \$5,514,000 which constituted the twenty months' total.

"Messrs. Linney, Butler, Reynolds and the rest have attempted to raise the issue of extravagance. But their efforts have been weak and pitiful and their arguments are so groundless that they have failed to interest, much less convince, the thinking people of the State. While the State is spending more money today than formerly, it takes more. And the people are getting value received for every dollar of the public funds expended. As the immortal Aycock proclaimed to the world many years ago, sometimes reasonable progress and wholesome advancement may demand that the Democratic party give North Carolina an expensive administration, but an extravagant administration never!

"Early last spring the Republican leaders began a crusade against the public school system and with reckless abandon hurled charges of wastefulness at the head of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Whereupon, Dr. Joyner gave to the North Carolina press an itemized statement, showing where and when and how every dollar of the public school fund had been spent. He showed how that new schoolhouses have been built, longer school terms provided, better teachers employed at higher salaries, rural libraries installed and public high schools established in every county in North Carolina. In other words, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction turned on the light, full and fair, so that he that had eyes might see. And since that memorable statement was given to the public no thoughtful citizen of North Carolina has any attention to charges of wastefulness in the expenditure of the public school funds.

"At present the Republican leaders are attempting to make 'high taxes' the issue and in some quarters are scathingly denouncing the State Tax Commission for its laudable effort to equalize taxation by raising the assessment of taxable property in certain rich counties. But no sooner is this issue raised than the Republican leaders are confronted with the cold fact that the per capita tax in North Carolina is less than in any other State in the Union. And their daily organ, even, refuses to follow them in their denunciation of the Tax Commission.

"Finally, the people of North Carolina are a people who have not yet lost the faculty of memory. They remember the Butler of other days. If they would forget they cannot. They remember the campaign of 1896, when Butlerism and Republicanism were married the first time. Nor have they forgotten the dark years that followed in the wake of that unholy wedlock. And so long as good citizens control the elections of this Commonwealth the black and baneful history that was written in that unhappy period of our people's life shall not be repeated in North Carolina.

"The champion of justice, the defender of constructive progress and the friend of permanent prosperity; the foe of ignorance, the opponent of special privilege and the enemy of industrial stagnation—thus does the North Carolina Democracy enter the campaign of 1916. Backed by a record of sixteen years of glorious achievement, it faces the future with supreme confidence and unflinching faith in the intelligence and sense of gratitude of the people of this great State."

Valuable Town Property For Sale.

For purpose of division, I will offer at public sale, on the premises, on Friday, Sept. 22, 1916, at 12:00 o'clock M., that property on 3rd street in the town of Plymouth, known as the Joseph Tucker property, consisting of two houses and lots, the lots each fronting about 50 feet on said street, running back 200 feet. This property is centrally located and in a most desirable residential section of the town.

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