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SENATORIAL COURTESY (Written From Raleigh By The Editor)

Folks, we don't know any more about this thing called "Senatorial Courtesy" than you do. After a week in Raleigh we are going to try to pass on to you what we h ve seen and heard. You might call this the "Legislative Primmer."

Apparently, when the people elect a man, especially a State Senator, that ends the responsibility of the people. They can go back to work and the Senator attends to their legislative problems in the State Capitol. This electing a man gives him priority on all matters of State and local importance. The people have nothing more to do with it.

These Senators believe, it appears, that on election they have the inborn, innate and absolute power to use their own judgment and pass

laws which they approve.

The will of the people, a beautiful and exciting phrase during the election, is a joke, apparently, after the election. Lets take the Roanoke Rapids experience in Senate Bill 242 as an example. There are those who might say this is an exception and how we agree with them, although

perhaps not in the same way.

We see a clear cut, wide path of duty before us and we are determined to follow it. While others may have decided to follow the road which leads to political fame or hopeless oblivion, we seek the highway of honest and sensible development. We view this mishap as but another of the many obstacles thrown in the path of those who would build a city by those who would destroy for the sake of a spirit of vengence or despair.

Citizens of Roanoke Rapids, do not despair. There are those who pray for us in this fight to protect our homes and jobs. There is **One** who will eventually answer those prayers. "The Mills of the Gods Grind Slowly, but they Grind Exceedingly Fine." There are those who with courage, honesty and sincerity, will lead us out of the Slough of Despond into the levels of Hope and on to the Peaks of Happiness.

This "Senatorial Courtesy" is but a timeworn and shallow precedent, handed down from stage-coach days. Its abiding principle is based on the ancient shibboleth that "The King

Can Do No Wrong.

In short, a senator, duly elected, in that small and compact body of fifty, where a virtual veto power is sustained over the large and cumbersome machine called the House, has powers of which a Napolean might be envious. Used rightly, one can be a great power for good. Used wrongly, that same person can threaten, weaken, destroy and annihilate—a person, a group, an entire community.

For the rule is-on local matters such as ours we take no part, we listen to no reason, we do

Now For Some Wood Sawing

By Albert T. Reid



not decide. Whatever the local Senator desires—that is well with us. His word is the law. There is no alternative.

What an opportunity for a good man. What a tragedy when one has evil in his heart?

And the people, we see them now, thousands of men, women and little children, with their lives, their futures, yes, even their daily bread and butter, dependent on the action of men who would trade, barter, close their eyes and ears to logic and vote for or against, regardless of merit, because "Senatorial Courtesy" so demands.

The day is not far off when the business man and woman, the laborer and the employer, the professional and the ditch digger, will shear these so-called "representatives" of such antiquated and un-Democratic powers.

FARM AND FACTORY

There is a rapidly growing belief among farmers that the ultimate solution of our agricultural problems is going to come from a much more direct relationship between agriculture and industry than exists at present. For many years industrialists and scientists have been pointing out the necessity for a closer tie-up between farm and factory. Mr. Henry Ford has for years been preaching and putting into practice his idea that, instead of concentrating production in great industrial centers, big industries should have numerous small factories, each producing some part of the finished product, so located that industrial workers could also be agriculturists, having their own land to fall back on for subsistence whenever industry was slack. This has always seemed to us like a sound solution of the problem of the industrial worker, but it does not go far toward solving the major problems of the farmer.

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