

In as much as the Republican party managers and the Republican newspapers find themselves in a position where they are unable to approve their record or defend their course; they have been flooding the country with statements to the effect that the Trusts are furnishing the Democratic Congressional Committee with funds for use in the present campaign. While these statements are amusing in themselves, yet, for the benefit of a few people who belong to that class, that permit others to do their thinking for them, and through their partisan bias are led to believe anything that a Republican paper may say to be as true as Holy Writ, we submit the following:

First. The Trusts are determined, if it lies within their power, to elect a republican majority in the next House of Representatives.

Second. Should the next House be Democratic, the foreseeing manipulators, who control both the trusts and the Republican party, know that a Democratic House would pass a tariff bill taking away from corporations, who manufacture in this country and sell cheaper abroad than at home, the Trust fostering schedules in the present Dingley tariff law. In other words, they would put all Trust made goods that have an absolute monopoly, on the free list.

Third. This anticipated legislation by a Democratic House would go to a Republican Senate that would refuse to concur in a bill of this kind.

Fourth. The question then arises "can the Trusts that were brought into existence by the policy of the Republican party and have been protected by the same political organization, afford to have a Democratic House of Representatives elected this fall that is pledged to take away from them, by tariff revision, the special privileges they now enjoy? The Democratic party, if success attends its efforts in November, is politically and morally bound to accomplish the very thing that the Trusts most fear. In the event of Democratic success, and the party should fail to carry out the anti-trust legislation they have pledged themselves to do, they would not deserve to elect a president in 1904, and in fact should not.

Is it not true that the creature loves its creator better than its despoiler.

It is evident that Mr. Pritchard will have to do some tall explaining in regard to his pension record when he gets on the stump. He has not only secured the passage of a bill pensioning deserters from the Confederate army, but he made a speech and voted against the first Confederate pension bill passed by the Legislature of 1865.—Citizen.

Governor Aycock, the greatest North Carolinian since Vane, speaks here on the 30th. Let everybody come and hear him.

When it comes down to the real fact of the matter, it is plainly evident that the Republican party is trying to carry water on both shoulders. Some of them say that the party is for tariff revision; others say that it is for tariff revision at some future time, and that time is very indefinite; while others assert that the tariff must be absolutely let alone. Between all these views, the party is revision and anti-revision at the same time, and on both sides of the fence at once. But the Democrats are unanimously for tariff revision, and they are consistently so. They even went so far as to unite in a formal invitation to the Republican majority in the past session of Congress to join them in legislation that would destroy the monopoly of the Food Trust, and withdraw protection from all trusts which sell American goods to foreigners cheaper than to our own people, when they laid all partisanship aside and by so doing agreed to remove it from the pale of partisanship up to the higher plane of American principles. The Republicans completely ignored the proposition. They are, therefore, undeniably and absolutely responsible for the continued extortions of the trusts. It is a responsibility they cannot shrug; a responsibility that they cannot run away from; a responsibility they cannot overcome though they fill the land with cries of prosperity, which is a prosperity of trusts from now until doomsday.

The fact that North Carolina Republicans are going about picking up all disgruntled Democrats and all commercial Democrats and putting them on their ticket, hoping thereby to make a respectable showing when the votes are counted, shows the desperate straight to which they are driven. The only trouble with the plan is that it doesn't set well on the stomach of those who are Republicans for principles rather than for pie. Good, honest men of no party are fond of supporting mongrel and hybrid tickets put out by designing bosses and no one can blame them if they don't. Asheville Citizen.

Hotel Lythia, situated near Wilkesboro, was destroyed by fire last week. The property was owned by J. E. Finley, and his loss is estimated at \$5,000, without insurance.

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Participation in Politics a Sacred Duty.

To take an active interest in politics is not only a citizen's privilege, but is his sacred duty. What right have I to shirk the primary and convention and leave to my neighbors the duty of maintaining for me and my children the blessings of liberty and good government? In time of war we look with contempt and abhorrence upon the man who skulks and refuses to fight in the hour of the country's peril. Shall we forget that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and that peace has her warfare, which tax the courage and fidelity of the citizen? The excuses which men make for their failure in this great and important duty are numerous but we will have time to consider only a few. Some men say that politics is a dirty business and that they will not have anything to do with it. This sentiment we hear only too often, and that too, among good men. God save the State and nation where such sentiment becomes dominant. Then indeed would politics become a business and doubtless a very dirty one; with the men of character standing apart, wrapped in their robes of righteousness and carelessly watching the spoliation of their country. If it is a dirty business it is the fault of these very men who, instead of going about speaking of the evils and corruption of the politicians, should do a man's part in correcting the evils and stamping out the corruption. But, say some, we would be in the minority, and be outvoted by those who are in it only for what they can get out of it. This is not true certainly in North Carolina. I am one of those that believe in the saving morality and common sense of the people, and am certain as long as the people of North Carolina take an active interest in their politics, corruption can not permanently exist.—A. M. Scales at Greensboro.

When a political organization is controlled by the Trusts, and that organization is in control of the Government, then that government ceases to be of the people or by the people; but of the suffering millions by the luxuriant few. Look at the situation in the mining districts.

Come and hear Aycock, the cleanest and ablest speaker in North Carolina. Tuesday the 30th.

George B. Hiss, Republican candidate for Congress in the Ninth district, has declined to meet Mr. Webb, the Democratic nominee, in a joint discussion, and therein, in our opinion, he acted wisely, as we are told that he has never yet made a speech in public. Wonder what he'd do if elected to Congress.

Come and hear Governor Aycock and Commissioner Patterson on the 30th. It will be a treat.

The Asheville Citizen says that the Rev. Ki Budger has been appointed wet nurse or George B. Hiss, Republican nominee for Congress in the Ninth, by Senator Pritchard, who will make the rounds with him.

Come one come all and hear Aycock and Patterson next Tuesday. The 30th is the day.

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