

# Watauga Democrat.

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### Banner Elk Letter.

Mr. EDITOR: I would like to say a few words to the Democrats of this county and State.

Last week Wm. T. Jerome, Attorney General of N. Y., said in a speech at Buffalo, that "the Democratic party had been for years disgraced by its so called conservative leaders, and it is time for a change." In the same week at Bryan's Chicago reception, John Temple Graves, of Atlanta, Ga., said: "What the country needs is a definite Democracy that listens to no whining conservatism, that is just the thing the people want. If Democracy is right, I deny that it can be too radically right. It does not hurt any honest thing to call a spade a spade, and not a toothpick.

Certain self-conscious Republicans are sore over the record of their party, when it comes to justice to all men, and don't like for the truth to be told; and they huddle with a few soft-shell Democrats and whine about the exposure that is so just. Then they all get together and assume to dictate to the campaign stump speaker what he must not say, and to the country newspaper editor what he must not do. If these gentlemen don't do as they say just what these conservatives are going to do for them. Will one of these sore head republicans or soft shell Democrats please tell the dear people where they ever amounted to anything good, or where they have always succeeded in doing the wrong thing? I deny that the short comings of the Republican party can be placed before the people in language too strong, so it is decent. Of course, these conservative Republicans do not like to see the javelin of truth hurled into their political anatomy; it makes them sick, and it ought to.

Then comes in your soft-shell Democrat, and says all this don't do any good. I assert that it does do good! Might as well tell a preacher of the gospel that preaching Christ doesn't do any good. I say if the Democratic party is right, it cannot be too radically right. Conservatism prevented Samuel J. Tilden from taking his seat as President when he was duly elected, and known to be by all honest men; and ever since that time Democracy has been on the down grade. Republican bribery has brought the change, and just look where we are today! The dollar above the man! William Travis Jerome is not a conservative; W. J. Bryan is not a conservative; John Temple Graves is not a conservative; John Sharpe Williams is not a conservative; Joe Folk is not a conservative, and in the name of God, where can you find five bigger or better Americans?

Conservatism means a sacrifice of principle to policy and expediency—that's all; and I thank God that I am not a conservative.

PHANTOM.

In this issue we publish an article over the signature of 'Phantom' in which he severely scores what he is pleased to call "sore-headed Republicans" and "soft-shell Democrats," for their conservatism in the present campaign and does not fail to give ye little country editor a lick, by saying that he is dictated to as to what he shall or shall not publish. The two first mentioned, if there be any of them, can answer for themselves, but the DEMOCRAT wishes to plead not guilty of the accusation. This paper has always had ideas of its own, and from years of experience we have learned that there has never been a vote gained by abuse, nor a vote won by any other than cool, conservative means, and "Phantom", should he indulge in a bit of retrospection, would be of the same opinion. He glories out the fact that W. J. Bryan, with a number of other leading Democrats throughout the nation, is strictly non-conservative, forgetting so soon how outraged he claimed to be at the radical speech delivered by Mr. Bryan in New York, saying: "Bryan has played hell, just as I expected him to do." "Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel" but 'Phantom' possesses none of thy graces.

The article referred to is inserted at full advertising rates, and we presume the author deems it fully worth the price. Our readers can decide for themselves whether or not it is calculated to save the country, politically.

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### Hardin Guilty in One Court, Special to Winston Sentinel Sept. 12, says:

The case of United States against R. H. Hardin, charged with violations of the internal revenue laws and with making false reports, was given to the jury at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At a late hour last night the jury retired without having agreed upon a verdict. Judge Boyd's charge to the jury was a clear and comprehensive review of the evidence in the case, and of the law with reference to the charge against the defendant. There are six charges in the bill of indictment.

Greensboro, Sept. 12.—The jury in the Hardin case this morning returned a verdict of guilty in the court charging defendant with negligently and designedly permitting James Ledbetter to operate an illicit distillery, for the purpose of defrauding the government of taxes on whisky manufactured.

Motions to set aside the verdict, and for a new trial were made and will be argued later. Judge Boyd has not announced sentence. The verdict was returned at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

L. E. Davis pleading guilty to first two counts in indictment against him, charging defendant with filing false claims for expense account. Sentence in this case has not been announced.

For several days this week, says our Washington Correspondent, the Interstate Commerce Commission has been at work on a very important hearing as to export cotton rates under the new railroad rate law. There were present at this hearing representatives of all the Southern Railways, those of many of the steamship lines and cotton growers from various points in the South. The custom has grown up, through many years, of making railroad rates from the cotton fields to the ports depend on the amount. Under the new law a railroad rate cannot be changed without thirty days notice to the Commission, whereas it has been the custom to change export rates on cotton with twenty four hours notice or less. Opinions seem to be equally divided as to whether or not the suspension of the thirty days notice clause would be a benefit or an injury to the cotton shippers. Arguments were advanced on both sides, and it was alleged that under existing conditions the railroads were able to make "midnight tariffs" and thus favor some shipping at the expense of others. Junge Clements, who is acting Chairman of the Commission, said that the matter would be taken under advisement and a decision rendered at some future time.

The grand Jury of Gaston county found a true bill for murder against John Y. Kincaid who shot Will Brown at Besmer some months ago. It will be remembered that Kincaid killed Brown at the railroad station while the latter was starting on a wedding tour with his bride. Kincaid says that Brown had ruined his sister.

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The conviction is that any rascal can escape punishment if he has money enough or influence enough. It is strange that, under these circumstances, the lynching mania obtains so universally? The remedy is to be found in a radical reformation in our system of criminal procedure in our courts.—Telescope.

### Betrayed Himself while Asleep:

At Sibley Iowa, the 10th inst. Charles Rocker was sentenced to life imprisonment. Two years ago August Schrolder was murdered by whom no one knew. Some months later Charles Rocker a farm hand married the widow of the murdered man. Recently while talking his sleep Rocker told of poisoning his wife's first husband even telling where he purchased the poison. Mrs. Rocker informed the county attorney and an investigation followed which resulted in imprisonment for life. There was no evidence against him until he told the whole story while asleep.

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