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## ONE OF BURKE'S CITIZENS GIVES REASON FOR CHANGE.

Mr. McKesson, a Republican for More Than 30 Years Denounces Hughes.

C. F. McKesson, in Charlotte Observer.

Republican for more than 30 years, a Blaine elector in my younger days, proud of the glorious history and wonderful achievements of my party, I have done what I could in a humble way to uphold its principles and policies. In common with thousands of Republicans, I am sorely disappointed in the speaking tour of Hughes. He seems to have entirely lost sight of the dignity and responsibility of the great office he resigned, and the greater one to which he aspires. No presidential candidate of which I have any knowledge ever made so weak, so fruitless, so evasive a campaign as he is making. His speeches are only a "deluge of vociferous common place." At best he is a "common scold," and has not aroused the least enthusiasm, or uttered a single suggestion of constructive statesmanship. If he ever had any statesmanlike ideas, they are now in a sterile state of frosty fermentation. Many of the leading Republican and Independent newspapers give him only a half-hearted support, in fact they give a very chilly endorsement. The State Journal of Ohio, the ablest Republican paper in the State, is fighting him vigorously. The New York Daily Post, one of the great dailies, in writing of Wilson's speech of acceptance, uses this strong language: "Beside it, Hughes' speech sinks to smaller dimensions than ever. If Mr. Hughes cannot rise to its breadth of vision and its power, his will be a difficult position indeed."

In his attempt to discredit the Adamson bill he is artfully attempting to deceive those who do not read or is thrusting a poisoned dagger into the Republican party, for he knows that more than half those in congress voted for the measure. Joseph Cannon, the greatest Republican in America, voted for it—Congressman Britt, of the Tenth district, who is worthy of public trust and confidence, voted and spoke for it, and is standing bravely by his record. Senator Lafollett of Wisconsin and Cummins of Iowa, two of the most prominent of Republicans, are both dynamiting Hughes for his denunciation of this bill. Arthur Capper, the Republican Governor of Kansas, owns a paper published in Topeka called Capper's Weekly and has heretofore been supporting Hughes. In a recent issue of that paper, we find the following criticism of the railway managers who wanted a strike: "They are the chief organized enemy of organized labor, have cleaned it out in their shops and wherever they could, and now have only the trainmen's union to deal with. If they can destroy these unions they will have the labor situation just where they want it. The New York Herald strongly opposed to the Wilson administration says: 'Wilson deserves great credit for his stand in urging the passage of this bill which averted a national calamity.' Hughes has never been the friend of the farmers or other toiling masses. When Governor of New York he vetoed bill after bill intended to promote agricultural interests. One of \$5,000 for the Agricultural College; one of \$6,000 for farmers' Institute work, and yet he approved a bill for increasing the salaries of a lot of State officers—the lowest of which was alrea-

dy \$5,000. All of them raised from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Hughes was evidently correct when he said he was 100 percent a candidate." His talk of Wilson turning Republicans out of office and putting in Democrats is entirely unworthy of a presidential candidate. Of course Hughes knows, as everybody else knows, that all parties in power has done this. Senator Vance, of blessed memory, in speaking of this custom finely said: "The horse that pulls the plow should have the fodder."

Hughes' stock in trade is criticism of Wilson. Reckless in statement he declares that Wilson was "weak and vacillating in his international policy;" that his diplomatic communications were nothing but words." Hughes knows that the world knows that those communications had such compelling force and singleness of purpose as to put a stop to German submarine warfare. When pressed by the public to tell what he would have done had he been in Wilson's place, he only replied in glittering generalities. His answer is an abortive attempt to "hold with the hounds and run with the hare." Would he have engaged us in war with Germany? If so, why is it that a large German element, who fly the American flag beneath the folds of the German are his noisiest supporters? Has he a secret alliance with that contingent? The evidence points strongly in that direction for it boasted that it defeated Roosevelt and elected Hughes. Oh! but he rings the changes on Wilson's Mexican policy, and here too he fails to tell what he would have done. Would he have waged war with Mexico, or would he now have the American army on the border for defense, cross into Mexico and sacrifice the blood and lives of our noble soldiers in order to protect the coal mines and oil wells of one Bill Hearst and others of his like? All of them are howling for Hughes. If the American people really believe what Hughes says, and want war with Germany and Mexico, then they should vote for him, and this notwithstanding the fact, that a few weeks before his nomination, Roosevelt called him a "pussy-footed leather duster."

If the people are in favor of the income tax passed by the Wilson administration, and which forces the rich, as never before, to pay their proportionate share of the government expense, then they will vote for Wilson; if against it, vote for the "pussy-footed leather duster" Hughes. This hope of repealing the income tax, Hughes regards as "a straight flush" in his political game. If elected he would win all the stakes on the table, for the rich would no longer pay, and they and Hughes

"Would sit down to dine,  
Quaff to each other in sparkling wine,  
From goblets of crystal and green,  
Then happy and gay, they would load  
ly say:  
'What fools the people have been.'

If Wilson had been largely instrumental in no other achievement than the enactment of the Federal reserve banking act, which has liberated the country from its vassalage to the great New York banks, he would be entitled to re-election. The money barons of Manhattan are solidly against him, but that alone should make the rest of the country stronger, more earnest and unanimous for his return to power.

Up to the present the "pussy-footed" has not approved or condemned the act. Reader! do you know why? The answer is simple: he knows the people are for it, he knows his monied masters are against it, and he fears to excite

their wrath.

No man can read his speeches and tell what he stands for, except that he stands for the money kings of America, and against the interest of the "toiling masses." He was, when Governor of New York, allied with the big monied interests and corporations and against the welfare of the people, and if elected president, he will be the subservient tool of the same crowd.

The people of the South are as loyal to the flag and to the union as are the people of all other sections of our common country. Notwithstanding the fact that the plow-shares of war seamed our hillsides and valleys with terrible scars, that every Southern home was a sacrificial altar, and the lintels of the door posts of nearly every Southern hamlet were sprinkled with the blood of our first born, we thank God that those scars have long since healed on all our hills and valleys, and in all our hearts and homes, and that the men of the North and the South and their children are living together in the bonds of peace and brotherly love. The men of the South, as deeply and tenderly as the men of the North appreciate the patriotic sentiment of those who wore the Blue and the Gray:

"Each did the duty that he saw;  
Each wrought at God's supreme design;

And under love's eternal law  
Each life with equal beauty shines,"

And yet in the face of these blessed truths Hughes is attempting to stir among the dead embers and arouse a spirit of sectionalism by crying to his audience, "The South is in the saddle." This vicious spirit alone should turn thousands of Republicans North and South against him. Any man who attempts to stir up bitterness between the different sections of his country is unworthy of public confidence.

When we think of the great Republican party—the party that enriched and glorified the annals of our history—the party—greatest in initiative and achievement—the party of Lincoln, Grant, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Blaine, Conkling, and a great host of immortals—and then think of the shifty dodger Hughes as its candidate, we really feel that, for a season at least, 'the scepter has departed from Judah.'

When the people know the people know the facts, and they will know them, being more enlightened and independent of party dictation than ever before, they will flock to the standard of the man who by his great diplomacy and wisdom has kept our nation out of war, has been largely instrumental in the passage of laws which have brought national prosperity, widespread approval, and the assurance of a more glorious future. He is no veiled prophet; Hughes is nothing else. He never acts the part. Hughes had done little else, since the presidential bee months ago stung him as he sat in the chair of an Associate Justice in the Supreme court. Wilson is frank, open, candid; Hughes is neither, but with the studied art of the Demagogue he wraps authority and power in mystery in order to magnify them. Pretending that he did not want the nomination, recent events prove that he was a most "willin' Barkie" and this too in the face of the fact that months ago he went before a notary public and registered an oath that under no condition would he accept the nomination. What has become of this oath?

Thomas Jefferson was perhaps the most profound and most far-seeing statesman this country

## Attacking the Democratic Verdon.

In this campaign the Republicans are concentrating their fire on the Public School record of the past sixteen years. This is the record to which Charles B. Aycock gave his very soul, and while the recital of its glories was burning on his lips, he "walked with God and was not." If this record does not clothe North Carolina in immortal honor, the life of Charles B. Aycock was a tragic failure, and his activities were a fraud upon the people of the State.

Of necessity large sums of money have been spent in the making of this record, but none has been mis-spent. Growth is not extravagance. Miserliness is not economy. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."—Attorney General Bickett.

## Cure for Cholera Morbus.

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has ever produced. He uttered a well-nigh divine truth when he said, "All men are created free and equal." Under the powerful and far-reaching force of that truth crowns have crumbled, thrones have tottered and every American citizen, however humble or lowly, now knows that he is an integral part of this nation, and has a voice in its affairs. Wilson by his achievements for the honor and glory of our country, for the peace, happiness and best interest of all its people, has imparted new life and force to the great truth uttered by Jefferson.

An old French philosopher said "Doubtless God might have made a better berry than the strawberry, but doubtless He never did." And so I think of Wilson even though I voted against him.

Wilson has taken the best thing of human government, and woven them into the reason and principle of his administration.

His sterling strength of character, his devotion to well regulated liberty in all the great crises and vicissitudes of his presidential career, awaken a deep sense of admiration in patriotic American hearts. During the flood of censure poured upon him by political opponents, the money kings of Wall Street, the great corporations, purchased and venal newspapers and magazines, he has been true, firm and unyielding to the best interest of the great masses, cheering the votaries of law, and order, peace and prosperity and preparedness.

Like the flaming sword that guarded the gates of Paradise, his lofty patriotism, his superb statesmanship, will ever be beacons to illumine the path of our national ship to a haven of safety.

C. F. M'KESSON.

Morganton, Oct. 3.

P. S.—Of course it pains me to be out of harmony with many warm political friends of this Presidential issue, but I am deeply persuaded that the peace of our country depends on the defeat of Hughes. Many of my friends may think me lacking in judgement, but will, I know, give me credit for sincerity. There are some whose party loyalty is so based on the hope of a government job, that I shall accept and welcome their criticism.

## High Prices a Blessing.

Charlotte News.

The statement appeared a few days ago in an exchange that the present tremendous high price for the staple commodities may be a blessing disguised for the American people in that they would be driven back to a more economical process of living. That is, indeed, a legitimate speculation. There is no question about the fact that the average household in this country is too extravagant. Prodigality does not alone exist with the well-to-do but even in those families where there is something of a struggle for a livelihood, things are thrown away that our forebears would have been delighted to possess. The little essentials are disregarded. An improper value is attached to them. What were once luxuries are becoming the things that we refuse to get along without. Our tastes are exorbitant in their demands. The pace we are setting is too swift. If the high prices at present prevailing for the bodily essentials, for the food that we are putting in our mouths, has the ultimate effect of forcing us to assize the essentials more rigidly, they will, indeed, have become a blessing to the American people.

There is yet another aspect, however, of this question which permits us to interpret present prices, and notably is this true in the south country. Extravagantly high prices for food and feedstuffs will undoubtedly drive our producing forces to a more economical species of farming. Diversification is a gospel that needs yet to be preached in this southern land. Within the past few years we have been getting over to its side, but with nothing like the avidity that should have been practiced. There is yet too great a tendency to raise whole plantation of cotton and then buy the corn the stock eat in the west and get our own meats from the same source of supply. Farmers of North Carolina have no business asking any other section of the United States to put a particle of food in their own mouths or feedstuffs into the mouths of their cattle and stock. North Carolina soil will grow every bit of it. North Carolina climate will permit the growing of it all. And North Carolina genius and thrift and enterprise, when properly directed can match its powers with any on the top side of the globe. All that is needed is for the farmers once to get on the right track and then the problem will begin to solve itself.

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