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Hands Of Esau, Voice Of Jacob.

Election day is only 120 days off—four months, and control of State and Nation will be fixed for two critical years.

It is, from any point of view, an important election. In North Carolina we will elect one United States Senator, ten Congressmen three Justices of the Supreme Court, ten Superior Court Judges, two Corporation Commissioners, twenty Solicitors, one hundred Clerks of Court, a General Assembly, and the county officers in one hundred counties.

We cannot be indifferent to an election that involves the control of the legislative and judicial departments of our Commonwealth. We can not be indifferent to an election that involves the control of both houses of our National Congress.

And yet all of these, and no less, is involved. There was never a more important election.

Some good men are saying that on account of the war we should have no campaign. What does this mean but that the democratic party shall refuse to defend its record—shall remain silent while a thousand gumshoe republicans whisper all manner of misrepresentations abroad? What does this mean but that we shall give the children of evil—who love darkness rather than light—the chance they have long sought, to whisper all manner of false rumors over the State.

The Democratic party must must live in the light—it must set forth its record. It can meet its critics only in the open—as it ever has. A silent campaign is all that is desired by those who can not maintain their cause in the open.

The fact that we are in the midst of war is an additional argument for an open campaign. We must know how every candidate stands. There is but one issue before us—the issue of loyalty to our flag. But in a silent campaign the tongue of sedition, of back-biting, of disloyal pacifism will go unchallenged. What more could the German vote ask? Men will whisper in all manner of evil along the by-ways of the state. And—in a silent campaign—they will be unanswered.

We do not believe that our republican leaders mean to have a really campaignless year—all they desire is that we shall have no public discussion, in order that their whisperings may not be answered.

Things are better in politics for being cried out from the rooftops. Pure politics demands the light—the light of public discussion.

The Republican National Chm. has recently been caught in the act of trying to raise one million five hundred thousand dollars for his campaign this present year. If he means to have no campaign, what will he do with all this money? We leave off just the speaking feature of the campaign? Will the Republicans agree to spend no money in North Carolina? Will they agree to circulate no literature in North Carolina? If not, why should the Democrats agree to send out no speakers? If they will not agree to lay down their weapons, why should we?

The proposal coming from Republicans, is easily understood. They have never been able to put up a strong speaking campaign; they are wanting both in speaking and in speaking material. Of course they want a silent campaign. It is their only hope.

It is to be recognized of course, that the interest in the war will eclipse interest in party; but it should not eclipse interest in country. It is just as important

Battle Front Etiquette.

Steel trench hats should not be raised upon the arrival of a big Bertha.

Arriving German shells have the right of way. Always stand aside for them.

Spats are no longer de rigueur in trench service, and may be done away with altogether.

It is considered a serious social error to ask for a finger bowl when dining on chow in the trench.

Loud and boisterous comments are considered bad form when out on listening posts at night.

It is not necessary to have a formal introduction to a Boche before transacting war business with him.

It is not necessary to purchase a hat box for your steel helmet, and in place of a bathbrush carry a cake of sand soap.

Calling cards are seldom used at the front. It is much better form to engrave one's name on the bayonet and present it to the Hun in the customary manner when visiting in No Man's Land.

Week-end parties are practically abolished at the front. When the enemy accosts you with the cheerful greeting "kamerad" make it plain to him that he must remain your guest for the duration of the war.—Trench News.

Lame Shoulder.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles. All that is needed is absolute rest and a few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it.

as it ever was that the Supreme Court of North Carolina be Democratic; it is just as important as it ever was that the Legislature of North Carolina be Democratic; it is just as important as it ever was that the Superior Courts be officered by Democrats; it is just as important as it ever was that our counties be administered by Democrats, and it is more important than it ever was that the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States be composed of men true to the heart in their fidelity to the President of the United States.

He has only a narrow party majority in either house, and he has no assurance of unfaltering support from the Republicans. In fact, those led by Roosevelt are only waiting the opportunity to give him a vote of no confidence. In the first year of the war they threatened it three times.

Governor Bickett's proposal contemplated not a silent campaign but no campaign at all. There is a big difference. It meant that the status quo should be preserved. But the Republicans rejected this with scorn, and they have put out their ticket everywhere they have a chance. They come proposing that we leave off only the public discussion. It is rather shrewd. It is plausible enough to take in the unwary. But the people of North Carolina understand—the hands of Esau, but the voice is the voice of Jacob.

In this coming campaign the people shall know how the party leaders stand. It will be fought out in the open. That is the only manner in which a man or party with a good cause can afford to fight.

The Republicans know they can not carry this state in an open campaign, they cannot stand the light of public discussion. In the disguise of patriotic interests in the war they are conspiring to take control.

"To your tents, O Israel."
News and Observer.

The Glory of Womanhood.

(Charity and Children.)

The modesty of a generation ago is fading away. The bare mention of this fact will provoke a smile and stamp the one that gives it expression an old fogy, but this very fact proves the assertion to be true.

Talking recently with a charming woman who has only one child, a little boy of ten, she made the significant remark that she trembled for her child on account of the immodesty of the girls with whom he will come in contact. That was a fearful indictment of the girls, but who will dare deny it?

Wrightsville Beach is a close rival of Coney Island. Not all the young women who visit the popular resort have forgotten their modesty, to be sure, but some of them have. The costumes that are worn by some of the girls were not designed to cover, but to expose. Indecency had become so flagrant that the authorities of the village took the matter up and made it unlawful for a woman to appear in the garb that, with a certain set, had become popular.

It is reported that the law was defined, and the needless premeditated exposure still causes the judicious to grieve. The girls seem determined to appear with as few clothes on as their personal safety will permit.

The question arises why this curious fascination to the girls themselves of exposing their persons to the gaze of men? What pleasure do they find in it? What is the motive underlying it all? We do not pretend to answer that question, for we do not know.

But we do know one thing and that is that the girls who persist in outraging every sense of decency have lost that finest treasure of womanhood, namely, maidenly modesty. They do not charm the men—they simply amuse and entertain them. Admiration and respect do not enter into the emotion at all.

A modest woman is still the object of men's highest admiration. The girl whose cheek is never mantled with a blush, may be vivacious and attractive and may receive more attention than her modest sister, but the latter receives and holds the respect and honor of all right minded men.

Girls themselves will be the greatest sufferers from this lowering the tone of our social life their own indiscretion produces. They are unwittingly making bitter the cup that in the future years they must drink. The men pay the lightest penalty of social impurity, the women the heaviest.

The girls themselves are not wholly to blame for the murder of modesty. Their foolish mothers, ambitious for the social success of their daughters, sacrifice the higher things for the sake of the lower. They encourage their girls to do and say things in order to get in the social swim, which, if they had good sense, they would know that it comes at too high a price. It is better to be a wall flower with the fragrance of modesty, than a weed in the midst of the garden without it.

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British and Canadian Subjects in U. S. to Register.

The Democrat is in receipt of the following telegram which will be of interest to many of its readers. It was received from the British Consul at Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C.
July 31, 1918

Publisher Democrat,
Boone, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

In the interest of the cause of the Allies will you kindly publish as soon as practicable telegram from General W. A. White, head of the British and Canadian recruiting service in this country, as follows:

New York.
July 25, 1918

Donald MacRae,
Wilmington, N. C.

The exchange of ratification of the recruiting conventions between the United States, Great Britain and Canada will take place in London July 30th. The 60 day period for all Britains and Canadians between 21 and 40 years of age, inclusive, will commence July 31, and end Sept 28th. Britains and Canadians of 20 years of age and those between the ages of 31 and 44, both inclusive, will be required to register on a date to be fixed by proclamation by the President.

This date will probably be about August 30, and 30 days after registration men of these ages will be liable to service in the U. S. Army. In short, all Britons and Canadians between the ages of 20 and 44, both inclusive, in the U. S. will be liable for draft on or after Sept 29th, unless they have enlisted or been medically rejected one of the recruiting depots of the British and Canadian recruiting missions before that date. Gen. W. A. White information regarding terms of enlistment, pay, separation, allowance etc, may be obtained by application to

DONALD MACRAE,
British Vice Consul,
Wilmington, N. C.

Why No Yellow Jackets.

Says the Wilkes Patriot: Our neighbor, The Yellow Jacket, of Moravian Falls, which has been published almost uninterruptedly for going on twenty-four years has been compelled to omit several issues lately on account of inability to procure white paper. This publication, what has a nation-wide circulation, uses large quantities of roll paper, which it has made to order at the mills. Early last February the editor of the Yellow Sacket placed an order with the Lord Northcliff mills at Betwood Newfoundland, for a year's supply, which was made up and ready for shipment but there is no telling when it can get through. This has been a serious hardship to Mr. Laws who has sustained and will sustain thousands of dollars of loss if he cannot soon secure roll paper. Mr. Laws leaves this week for the North where he will try among the various paper mills for a small shipment to last till his regular supply can be got through.

The Joy of Living.

To enjoy life we must have good health. No one can reasonably hope to get much real pleasure out of life when his bowels are clogged a good share of the time and the poisons that should be expelled are absorbed into the system, producing headache and indigestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets will move the bowels, strengthen the digestion and give you a chance to realize the real joy of living. Try it at once.

War Taxes in Carolina.

The war taxes we pay on mail are collected and turned into the federal treasury by the postoffice authorities. But 97 out of every hundred dollars of direct war taxes paid in North Carolina during the year that ended June 30, were collected by the Internal Revenue authorities.

The total so collected was nearly 70 million dollars, which is nearly three and a half times all the state, county and municipal taxes we pay in this state. It is a huge sum: Who paid it?

Twenty million of it was paid on individual and corporation incomes, and on excess profits in business enterprises. Mainly it was paid by the rich people of the state, and they are very few in number. The taxes they paid on excess profits will be added, of course, to the market price of the goods they sell to the public. The users of tobacco the world over, will at last pay most of this war tax on excess profits.

Very little of the income tax total was paid by our wage earners, because very few of them, if single, earn \$3.50 a day and are busy every work day of the year, and just as few of them, if married, earn \$7.00 a day and lose no time in the run of a year.

And as for our salary people, barely three per cent of us in North Carolina receive \$32,000 a year.

And very little of it was paid by the farmers, because very few of them enjoy a net taxable income of more than \$2,000 a year. The average income of farmers in the United States in 1910 was only \$724.00. If it were two and a half times larger in these days of prosperity, they would still escape federal income taxes; and the country over 399 out of every 400 farmers did escape such taxes in 1917.

The balance of 50 million dollars of revenue taxes in North Carolina this year was paid for stamps by our tobacco manufacturers—or mainly so. Less than one dollar in the hundred came from taxes on inherited estates, admissions and dues, public utilities, document stamps, insurance policies, and the like.

—U. N. C. News Letter.

Write a Letter.

Write a letter to a soldier when you haven't much to do. It will brace some homesick fellow who is feeling pretty blue. Oh, our boys are lion hearted, and they'll whip their weight in snakes, but they have their lonesome moments when their heart is full of aches; there are hours when they are longing for the homes so far away, and the girls they left behind them, and the parents old and gray; and a letter full of sunshine makes the melancholy shiek—therefore get your pen in action with a demajohn of ink. Write a letter to a soldier ere you go to bed tonight, some poor chap is waiting for the letter you don't write. It will take you fifteen minutes such a letter to compose, and then you'll hear from a soldier when he's billed to meet his foes. Make it bright and breezy, full of courage smiles and snap, show the confidence you're feeling in the outcome of the scrap, and some soldier boy will bless you as he takes his little gun, and prepares to shoot the gizzard from a lewd, immoral Hun.—Walt Mason.

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