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THE ONLY WAY TO BETTER THINGS.

Our good friend, the editor of Everything, of Greensboro, is of opinion that the Democratic party of North Carolina is in grave danger.

We repeat expression of the earnest hope that it will not. Dissatisfaction within the Democratic party is not to be denied, but the Republicans cannot carry the State this year except by a miracle.

Our friend Fairbrother and The Observer would like to accomplish the same end, to-wit: the complete restoration of the dominant party to a normal state of mind.

MR. HEMPHILL FOR THE SENATE. The Buffalo, N. Y. Evening News suggests for the unexpired term of the late Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, Mr. J. C. Hemphill.

"There has been for some months desultory talk of Mr. Hemphill as a senatorial possibility and, while there has been no serious presentation of his claims to the honor, the suggestion has met with a most gratifying response.

"Who," asks The Evening Post, "of all the great company which has been arrayed before the Legislature for bestowal of the honor that body has to award could go to Washington with such a title to recognition as this tribute (that of the Buffalo paper) from a distant State shows Mr. Hemphill would bear?"

The newspapers, with which he is a great favorite, have bestowed themselves much for a considerable period, with the name of Mr. Hemphill in connection with the South Carolina senatorship in succession to Mr. Latimer.

DESIGNING MR. HEARST AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

There is a growing possibility that President Roosevelt will be before the country as a presidential nominee in spite of himself. This does not necessarily mean that the third-term movement within the Republican party bids fair to succeed.

What would Mr. Hearst expect to gain from a campaign in which, whether with the aid of Mr. Roosevelt's name or not, he drew materially from the Republican party and left of the Democratic party outside the inner South little more than a disheartened remnant?

NORTH RIVER ABOLISHED FOR PASSENGERS.

New York is justly proud of its newly opened tunnel under the Hudson river, and some enthusiasts go so far as to rank the achievement which the tunnel represents above the prospectively completed Panama canal.

The significance of these North river tunnels is obvious. New Jersey will soon rank no whit behind Long Island in providing homes for the multitudes who began to overflow Manhattan Island several decades ago.

Col. Thomas R. Waring, chairman of the Hemphill senatorial campaign committee, taking knowledge of the admonition to "get busy," submits to the chairman of the sub-committee on platform the return greeting: "Got busy." This is laconic but "satisfactory."

ONLY TOO EASY TO GET IMMIGRATION NOW.

What a New Orleans Morning World story terms "a cold-blooded scheme to dump unemployed on this city" has caused some indignation at New Orleans. It appears that the name of a large contracting firm was signed without authority to a letter to Mayor Wells, of St. Louis, stating that the firm needed a thousand men and 10,000 more could find work in the city.

Contrary to my wishes I have been recently connected in the newspapers with Mr. Kitchin's attitude towards the Watta law. It is not of any great concern to me how Mr. Kitchin stood on the Watta law as that act is now firmly established and no one doubts its wisdom and beneficial effect upon the State.

The Observer's Washington correspondent recites this morning grave accusations brought against members of the late Choctaw-Chickasaw Citizenship Court of Indian Territory, of which ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, chairman of the Republican State executive committee of North Carolina, was Chief Justice.

The favorable report of the House committee on banking and currency on the Fowler currency bill, published yesterday, shows it to be an adequate and comprehensive measure. It is the currency bill that ought to pass and the Democrats will make a mistake if they offer opposition to it.

The Democratic State executive committee has been called to meet at Raleigh on the 11th to fix the time and place for the State convention. There is time for Charlotte to get in a great deal of work but no time to spare.

We note with joy that the weather situation has been saved, just as we predicted it would be. At last accounts the Gulf Stream was as strong as when the fight opened, while the ground hog was badly disfigured.

Perhaps by overruling the rules committee, through which he chiefly exercises his sway, Speaker Cannon intended to show that he is not merely the main thing in the House, but the whole thing.

If it is true, after all her sacrifices for her brute of a husband, that the Thaw family is trying to unload Evelyn, she will prove that "the angel child" is, after all, the pick of the push.

Our old friend Mr. Wu has returned, bringing a large retinue and no doubt his usual large and miscellaneous stock of questions. So glad to have him back.

Prince Narayan Enters Cornell. Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 29.—Prince Victor Narayan, son of the Maharajah of Cooh Beha, India, entered Cornell University to-day as a student in agriculture. He came here direct from England where he has studied two years.

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A WORD FROM MR. WEBB.

The Senator From Buncombe States the Wadesboro Incident Just As It Occurred—Substance of the Conversation Was Correctly Reported—Kitchin's Position on the Watta Law Given, in His Own Words—He is Trying to Carry Favor of Both Sides, the Temperance and the Liquor People—The Present Campaign Made "One of Innocendo and Insinuation" by Kitchin, Says Mr. Webb.

To the Editor of The Observer: Contrary to my wishes I have been recently connected in the newspapers with Mr. Kitchin's attitude towards the Watta law.

I was at Wadesboro on last Saturday and was in the lobby of the National Hotel along with 30 or 40 other people listening to Mr. Kitchin talk about himself. He got into a colloquy with a newspaper correspondent and was complaining as usual, and among other things said that The Charlotte Observer had misrepresented his position on the Watta law.

In his speech in Wadesboro, Mr. Kitchin emphasized his candor and fairness, and time and again alluded to his frankness and desire to conceal nothing. Judging from the reports of all of his speeches, it would seem that his principal aim has been to have his audience believe that his chief desire is to appear without dissimulation, or evasion, and to make to the people a full and frank statement of his position on all public questions.

Now I submit to a fair-minded public, that Mr. Kitchin's statement as to his position on the Watta law made in 1904 is more frank and straight forward, it is a statement of the politician who would curry favor with both sides. It is a plain and unmistakable attempt to ride two horses going in different directions at the same time.

I submit further that Mr. Kitchin has not in this campaign been treating the people with candor and frankness when he states in his speeches everywhere that he favored the Watta law in 1904. His position in that year, according to his written statement, is as follows:

"A majority of the people of this State should demand the privilege of voting upon his problem for themselves. I would not refuse their demand. As the temperance question has in our State been considered a proper one for towns and counties to vote upon their demand should have the same privilege."

It is true that he said in general terms that he "heartily" favored the Watta bill, but to show that he realized that he was differing with the party on this question he says further in his statement:

"I recognize that some good men do not agree with me in this position and I respect the high motives that actuate them. The spirit and intent of the Watta law was the abolition of the liquor traffic in the country districts of North Carolina by legislative enactment without a vote of the people, and this was approved by the Democratic convention of 1904 on the ground that the country districts were without police protection."

The Republican platform, on the Watta law spoke as follows: "We favor a law which submits to the qualified voters of the several counties and incorporated towns of the State, at their request, the question of whether they shall or shall not be permitted to make and sell intoxicating liquors."

Where did Mr. Kitchin stand in 1904—with the Democrats for the Watta law or with the Republicans against the Watta law? Let his platform, above quoted, speak for itself.

REPLY TO KITCHIN'S STATEMENT.

I went to his office and asked him about it. I know that he is taking no part in this contest.

I am not, and never have been, Mr. Craig's campaign manager. I have never taken any trip for him, and the only trip that I have made that I would not otherwise have made regardless of his candidacy was the trip to Wadesboro to hear him and Mr. Kitchin speak. I live in Mr. Craig's home town, and am and have been his lifelong personal friend.

Mr. Kitchin began a campaign of personalities and has kept it up, and now he would pose as a martyr because he is being met on the plane of his own choosing.

MISS DORA ALLEN SATER WEDS. Mr. DeLeon Green, of Cleveland, O., Meets Her at Washington and the Vows Are Assumed—Ceremony Originally Set For April 2d—The Groom a Native Tar Heel.

Miss Dora Allen Sater, of Charlotte, and Mr. DeLeon Green, of Cleveland, O., were married here at 5 o'clock this afternoon, at Christ's Episcopal church, by Rev. James H. W. Blake. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Luke Seawell, of Charlotte, Mrs. Seawell giving the bride away. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Green left for Cleveland, their future home.

The news of the marriage of Miss Dora Sater, of this city, to Mr. DeLeon Green, of Cleveland, O., which took place in Washington yesterday, will be read with the keenest interest by many Charlotte people.

A Fine Specimen of Poetry From McClure's. To the Editor of The Observer: Having noted with some interest your fondness for high-class poetry, I submit the following as a specimen which, while not in the class with McClure's best, is, nevertheless, worthy of note as having appeared in the February number of one of the leading ten-cent magazines (McClure's).

IN THE MORNING.

I woke up early, when it just was light, and everything was very strange and still! The wind was blowing, as it blows at night: Beyond the trees, the road lay calm and white. Where, all day, noisy wagons roll downhill. The grass and trees looked very cool and green: There were not any shadows there at all; The back yard seemed so very still and clean; And, on the porch, the tubs and washing-machine. Were all a-standing dreaming by the wall.

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