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THE Chicago Times-Herald, an independent paper that always supports the republican national ticket; and the Chicago Tribune, a thick-and-thin republican paper, both warn the republican congress of the danger in the Crumpacker bill. Politically, the south does not fear it. The democrats know that it would help their party.—Raleigh News and Observer.

This shows both the weakness of the "Crumpacker bill"—otherwise Mr. Crumpacker's house resolution—and by sequence the unhappy prospect of the "democratic party." The Raleigh organ of democratic machine politics correctly diagnoses the situation when it says "all wise men deprecate playing sectional politics." It also exposes the line of political tactics that characterizes the element it represents when it says the "Crumpacker bill," which it regards as calculated to excite racial and sectional antagonism, is a measure calculated to "help their party." Why would it help their "party"? Because it would enable them to revive the dying fires of sectional and social prejudice in other words to play sectional politics. By fanning those flames the democratic party has kept itself alive in the south—and destroyed itself as a national party. Its influence in the nation is nil; the nation has gone on in progressive lines of far-reaching development, while the "democratic party" of the Raleigh News and Observer and its ilk has continued its "wake" over a long buried corpse. Let it go on with this performance, what cares any man but the politicians who find "capital"—otherwise, political office and a chance to plunder their state or their county—in this distracting riot of prejudice. There can be no harm in this agitation by politicians, with its object understood and public interest turned to the five issues that involve the welfare of every American citizen. It will be unprofitable to the politicians when they can use it no longer as a means to secure or retain political power for themselves. And then it will die and peace will return to the south, and the south will return to its proper place in the management of the nation and the choice of the policies that shall make every portion of it prosperous. Greedy as the democratic politicians are to find an opportunity for further sectional or racial agitation, there looms no prospect of an excuse for a continuance of that kind of politics. The intelligence of the entire country is against it. All reasonable and decent people, regardless of section, are weary of it.

PUBLIC VS PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

WHAT are the cures for the abuses of popular government, or of public ownership of public utilities? Do they lie in syndicate government—in feudalism—or in private ownership under contract with the public? The abuses of a representative government are the product of an inattentive citizenship. A community that takes little interest in the selection of the officers who conduct the affairs of its government or which is not vigilant in demanding from them capable service is sure to suffer from this neglect. The remedy in such a case however is not in resigning public control of affairs, for then the same public inattention will admit abuses even more difficult to remedy. The remedy in popular government is continually with the people. They possess the power to replace inefficient servants with efficient ones, and the interval of bad government can be but brief, without the consent of the community. A public office administered by a representative chosen from and by the people is continually under their inspection. With public vigilance there is little opportunity for abuse. The system is in the interest of the public. All its opportunities for service and revenue remain a public possession. The service being a public necessity, if no profits are possible from the office beyond the service, outside of the system of public government and public ownership would give the service, except by philanthropy. "Private ownership," like political ring rule, works under cover; its plans are matured in private, its object is its own aggrandizement, not within the limits of a salary for service performed as an agent of the public, but to acquire through its relations to the public the utmost possible increment from the public to itself. It does not represent the public in rendering public service, but regards the public as its source of profit. Its object is to increase its own wealth by getting the utmost possible out of the public wealth. Its interests are constantly opposed to the public's interests—the public wishing the utmost possible service for its money, the syndicate wishing the utmost profit from its investment. That it may be to the interest of the capitalists to foster public confidence and increase public patronage by liberal service is true, but in any conflict of interest between the two that side which controls the public utility and sells it to the other side will naturally care for its own interests. It will also utilize the power of a created monopoly to render itself secure against popular revolt, protest or opposition. The same attention from the people that will secure proper service from private ownership of a public utility will insure better service from public management of this utility, with the

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added benefit to the people of reserving to themselves the profits that are the ole inducement for private capitalists to embark in a public undertaking. In municipal government party politics—the only trained and skillfully organized politics—should not be given control. Political parties are not organized on the policies that operate in town affairs and men should be selected for the municipal offices on their merits solely as those best capable of doing the work of the several offices. In a town the size of Asheville men capable of good service in every department of city government can be found, who, selected regardless of their party connections, will be wholly enlisted for the public interest.

QUIT IT!
ONE theory seems to be that by continuous public attacks upon the city's credit the city will be forced into a position conformable to the desires of those whose personal interests demand that it shall adopt a certain policy. The devil has been accused of using similar tactics to work the undoing of human souls. Certainly the procedure is well worthy of him. Such methods may be effective but they are shameful, and whoever resorts to them should be made to feel the weight of the indignation of an outraged community.

MR. BOARDMAN'S STATEMENT

THE Asheville Citizen did not do a service of value to its owners by its attack on Mr. Boardman, the city's consulting engineer, because of his remarks before the board of aldermen last Friday night in opposition to private ownership of the Asheville waterworks and the very excellent paper he read on the subject. The Citizen calls attention to the fact that Mr. Boardman is, or was in 1897, president of the corporation that owns the waterworks at Tampa, Fla. and says that "Mr. Boardman seems to be able to not only favor municipal ownership when he is employed by the city as consulting engineer, but to also favor private ownership when he is one of the owners." Mr. Boardman is a man of wide experience in waterworks construction and management. He has built and operated systems in a number of cities. In addition to these qualifications that eminently fit him for the position he holds in connection with the Asheville city water department, Mr. Boardman is a man of unquestionably high character. The effort to cast reflections on his motives in advising the city as to its interests

regarding the control of its water system was unwarranted, and a gratuitous insult both to Mr. Boardman and to the city. The intention was plainly to prejudice the public consideration of the statements made by the consulting engineer—plain statements of clear facts fatal to the success of the proposition to turn the city waterworks over to private ownership under the contract submitted by "a private corporation."

THE DRIFT OF THINGS

The piece of macadam road between Gastonia and Dallas has been a continuous sermon all winter on the value of good roads. At this end and at the other end were miles of mud but on the macadam road itself even in the worst of weather all was a trotting grade and smooth going. What an advantage it would be if all sections of the county were traversed by such roads!—Gastonia Gazette.

Senator Jeter C. Pritchard, elected as the best representative of the better element of the republican party of this state, has proven himself a broad-minded and cultured gentleman. He realized that as a senator of the United States he was an officer of the nation, and he has risen to the full stature of a national statesman, and reflects credit upon the Commonwealth that sent him forth. He has retained the impression that he is the representative not of a political party, but of the people of North Carolina. He has done all that could be done for the state, and has resisted all infringements upon her rights. He has demonstrated that a great man rises above partisan meanness and takes to his heart the interests of all his people. It now remains for the people of North Carolina to show herself no smaller of soul than the man who represents her in the councils of the nation, and closing her ears to the clamor of politicians for reward for services, re-elect the man who is greater than such peanut politics.—Southern Pines Bulletin.

ASHEVILLE TOWN TOPICS

ONE commodity vitally necessary to human life—air—should be absolutely free and another—water—should be supplied at exactly what it costs to obtain it. The farmer gets water during his lifetime for the cost of digging a well plus the labor required to lift the water to its required height. If in a city of 15,000 inhabitants the cost of constructing a water system be \$200,000, the initial outlay will evidently be \$13.34 for each individual, or \$53.36 per family, a very reasonable sum, if it had to be paid in cash. But suppose the money needed can be obtained at 4 per cent per annum. This would be a total interest of \$8000, say 54 cents a year for each individual, \$2.16 cents per family of four. This, plus their share of what it costs to look after the system and collect the dues, is just what the citizens should pay for their water, and should form a basis of rates. As a general proposition it may be stated that the water meter is the foe of health. After you have been considering the question of "enormous burdens of taxation," and "A million dollar public debt," the figures given above may interest you. Consider, further, the conditions 20 years or 40 years hence, with the increased population the city will then have, and the consequent decrease per individual of the cost of caring for the water system. Water should never, under any circumstances, be a source of revenue to anybody. But if the people of the city, who must raise money for various purposes by taxation, decide to make the consumption of water the basis of distribution of the burden (a basis of doubtful wisdom) it is still not a proposition involving the buying and selling of water, strictly speaking, although it might affect the consumption of water. Whenever it becomes necessary to add to the initial outlay, or investment, by enlarging the water conveying facilities upon a certain street, that street should of course pay for it, for there must have been an increase of the total value of improved property upon that street. But is it just and equitable that you should be called upon to help defray the expenses of exchanging a three-inch for a six-inch pipe simply because your neighbors have built new houses upon their vacant lots, thereby increasing the demand for water? It is an equitable division of the burden in proportion to the increased population of the neighborhood in which you live; this is an invariable rule. Such, in the opinion of Topics, is the

whole water problem, briefly stated.

Dear Topics: Two young men, being of a rather unforgiving and thoughtless turn of mind, conceived a novel idea of evening up with a friend who had unintentionally misrepresented, to no harm, a plan of theirs. With the inventive attitude of geniuses and with wrinkled foreheads and starting countenances they originated the idea of addressing a card to the above mentioned friend which would bear expressions of their scorn and contempt. On mailing the aforesaid postal they were detected by a vigilant clerk of the mailing department who suspected evil designs and wrong purposes. Calling them to a halt he demanded if their knowledge of existing postal rules was so limited that they thought that slander was not permitted. With trembling voices and guilty faces each tried to lay the ignoble deed on the other. The clerk said: "Who do you think runs this mail business anyhow?" They answered: "We thought a private corporation; but if you insist on enforcing the law it must be a municipal enterprise."

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS

Governor Aycock has pardoned Edward F. Linton of Onslow county, who was serving a 12-months sentence for assault with a deadly weapon. He also pardoned Glower Kenney of Granville county, serving a 10-months sentence for assault.

Work on the new auditorium at Raleigh will begin within the next thirty days. The entire interior of the old academy of music will be torn out and rebuilt. The contract will call for the completion of the work by August 15.

Clarence, the five year old son of Ridley Sheppard, near Brick church, Guilford county, was so badly burned Thursday afternoon that he died that night. He was playing around where brush was being burned when his clothing caught fire.

The power at the Narrows, the development of which the Whitney Reclamation company is now engaged in, will give to this section the greatest power developed from a river in the United States with one exception—Niagara. And the difference between the Niagara power and that of the Narrows is 4000 horse power. Fifty thousand horse power has been developed at Niagara and the Whitney company is preparing to develop 46,000 horse power. The magnitude of operations of this company cannot now be realized and the Sun hopes to publish shortly a statement of the extent of the work connected by this company.—Salisbury Sun.

WAYNESVILLE MATTERS

Waynesville, March 25.—Your correspondent has called the attention of several prominent lawyers—among them ex-Congressman Crawford and Solicitor J. W. Ferguson—to "B. S." article in Sunday's Charlotte Observer, in which the opinion was expressed that no voter would be disfranchised this year on account of failure to pay his poll tax, for the reason that the amendment does not take effect until July 1. They think "B. S." is right. Every few days additional mistakes made by the last legislature are brought to light. The members of that august body were too brainy. Next time the common voters of North Carolina should select common men with common, ordinary every day sense to represent them in the general assembly. They should steer clear of men "better fitted for congress" than the state legislature. Those "wise" lawyers who dominated the last legislature did not fail to create offices for themselves but they did fail to pass any great number of good laws which stand the test of the Supreme court. Hon. J. R. Thomas and wife and Mrs. J. M. Moody are spending a few days in Washington. Capt. Alden Howell and his two daughters, Misses Anna Dee and Aldine, returned yesterday afternoon from a lengthy stay in Tampa, Fla. They came back by Charleston, where they visited the exposition. Mr. Chambers, an Asheville liveryman, was in town today. Rev. F. L. Townsend has returned from Spring Creek, where he conducted a quarterly conference. The people of Waynesville, regardless of party, hope to see Hon. G. S. Ferguson get the nomination for judge of this district. Mr. Ferguson is an eminent lawyer, a Christian man, a public spirited citizen and is esteemed by all his neighbors. There is nowhere in the district a man better qualified to fill this exalted position and certainly none in the democratic party are more deserving of recognition. The Asheville Citizen must have a strong corporation back of it, judging

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from the free copies it is sending out. About a month ago 50 or 60 names were put on their Waynesville list as trial subscribers. This large number of people are still getting the paper and many of them are wondering if a bill for same will be presented. There will be Good Friday services at Grace church at 10:30 a. m., 1:30 and 7:30 p. m. on Easter day. The first celebration of the holy communion will be at 7:30 a. m. The midday service will be at 11 o'clock, and evening prayer at 8 o'clock. At St. Mary's chapel, Micadale, Sunday school as usual on Easter day, and service at 8 o'clock. The annual parish meeting of Grace church will be held on Monday (March 31) at 4:30 p. m. Rev. G. J. Hutherland of this place will conduct the following preaching services at Sylva this week: Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock; Friday morning at 10 o'clock and from 12 to 3 in the afternoon; Easter Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and Easter Monday at 9 o'clock a. m. Mr. Sutherland will preach at Balsam tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock and Thursday morning at 7. He will also preach at Cullowhee Friday evening, Saturday evening and Easter Sunday morning.

FOR RELIEF OF IRELAND

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the purchase of estates and after the expenditures of that amount the commission will await repayment by the buyers before purchasing further. The bill is permissive, not compulsory. The Irish members, by their remarks on the measure, showed they regarded the bill as a step in the right direction, but in no way meeting the demands of Ireland. The bill passed first reading. There is one thing to be said in favor of music. It never comes out at the little end of the horn. Biltmore Firewood. Phone 700.

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