

**"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!"**

BY BILLY BORNE



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such decent, respectable company. Politics is a business, and government is a science. We have got to affiliate with one of the political parties whether we like it or not, politics runs this country, and always will, and there is no mistaking about it. The American electorate will soon be called upon to render its verdict as to which one of the parties shall steer the old ship of state. During the past three and one half years the Republican party has stood at the helm, which has developed into the most crooked, the most corrupt, and the most disgraceful administration in the history of our great nation, and has shocked the entire world. It has been the same old story of Republicanism repeated, every single, solitary time they are entrusted with our government, they resort to their same tactics, crookedness, corruption and thievery. There are plenty of good, conscientious men affiliated with the Republican party, but they are either misled, misinformed, ignorant or disgruntled, or else they would sever their connection with such a party. The Republican party is and has always been against the masses, the common people, as I speak of them upon whose shoulders the responsibilities of this great nation rests. The Republican party belongs exclusively to the Rockfellers the Morgans, the Mellons, the DuPonts, and the Carnegies, and it is under obligations to enact laws beneficial to them, and detrimental to the masses, and that is a matter of record.

During every campaign you hear uttered from the lips of Republican spell-binders, and the Republican press that theirs is a prosperity party, and the Democratic party is a hard-time party. There was never uttered a bigger falsehood as it is a matter of record that all of the five panics since this nation has been free from the yoke of British dominion and tyranny, they all have occurred under Republican rule. In all of their campaigns they make all sorts of pledges to the farmers, the laborers and on down, but like pie crust, always broken. It is contrary to their platform to render aid to any class, as stated previously it is their policy to look after the privileged few. I am sorry to state that the average individual from the North, East and West rally to their command at the lash of the Republican bosses, which is detrimental to their own welfare, and simply cut their own throats. But thank God the old South as a rule remains true to her ancient fame, and ancestral honors, and will continue in the saddle of old Democracy so long as a star adorns the American flag.

The present administration has clearly demonstrated to be utterly incapable and unfit to run the government. It is a matter of record that the passage of the bonus bill by their own congress was through the efforts of the Democratic party, and was vetoed by their own president; it is a matter of record that the Japanese exclusion act was passed by their own congress; and was vetoed by their own president; it is a matter of record that the tax-reduction act was passed by their congress through the efforts of both the Democratic and insurgent wing of their own party, and was piloted by F. M. Simmons, and was vetoed by their president; it is a matter of record that the passage of the Pension bill, was passed through the instrumentality of the Democratic party and the insurgent wing of their party, and was vetoed by their president; it is a matter of record that the

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