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An egotistical ass is in nowise a statesman.

A politician's word of honor is like a bursted bubble.

A man who does not think right cannot act right.

Because a man wants an office it is not a sufficient reason to give him one.

A man may be a "good fellow" and yet totally unfit to represent a free people anywhere.

A man should vote for public officials with the same care he would select a man to be entrusted with his own private business.

The nearer starved the wolf the harder he will fight for food, and the more undeserving a politician the bigger lies he will tell to get an office.

Acknowledgement of an invitation to attend the annual Mecklenburg Fair, to be held in Charlotte, October 16 to 19, is hereby made. It goes without saying that on this occasion large crowds will attend this fair as Charlotte and Mecklenburg never do things by halves. They have never yet fallen down on their visitors and they will not do it now.

The present degenerate spawn cannot longer deceive an intelligent people by labeling itself Democracy. There is not one single feature of the once proud Democracy exhibited in the present Rowan machine. The few good men to be found on the ticket would have long since been thrown overboard if the members of the machine had had the nerve to have done it.

If, under the circumstances, no other candidates for the office of Sheriff of Rowan appear, the good people of Rowan owe it to themselves and to the county to vote for the man who is most capable and most worthy to fill the office. This is nothing short of a duty to the country and public welfare and it is both good Democracy and good Republicanism. J. O. Houston is by many odds the more suitable one for the position.

It may be good politics, but to our mind the most contemptible and most unreliable and unsafe citizen is the fellow who employs all manner of means to defeat, before a primary, some fellow known to be unworthy, denounces the boss and his methods, and after the primaries, takes the stump to help elect said unworthy and bends every effort to bring about a successful culmination of the boss' nefarious schemes. He is not as good as the man he opposed, he is entitled to less respect in every way. He would sell his brother's birthright for a mess of porridge.

The gift of W. F. Snider of the old Snider home place, corner of Main and Kerr streets, to the city of Salisbury, to be used as a city hospital, was an act of unusual generosity in North Carolina. It is a gift that will grow in public value and greater appreciation as the years come and go, it will not only be of great benefit to many within a few years, but it will be a blessing to generations unborn and an inspiration to all who can to make such offerings for its maintenance as their means will permit. Mr. Snider deserves the highest praise and credit for his

generous munificence and the city should see to it that a building suitable to the spirit and purpose for which it has been given is erected, not alone for the good such an institution will be to the public, but as a monument to the man who has made a city hospital possible.

There are people amongst us who do not seem to know what hypocrisy and demagoguery are. We think they are very important matters and that all should thoroughly understand them, and hence, be able to avoid such as may practice them, as all honest, sincere men will, when acquaintance reveals those who are given to the use of such methods. It is especially important that the youth of a community should not be taught to look upon a hypocrite and a demagogue as a man of superior virtue and unusual honor and high character. Such conditions are hurtful and in the long run will do much more harm than good. It will have a tendency to lower the morals of the community. As such boys become older they will either adopt the detestable traits as meritorious or else their consciences will be greatly shocked when they learn the truth, and once deceived they will forever view with suspicion those whose egotistical effrontery and diabolical cussedness leads them to profane an altar, sacred or otherwise, with an effort to appear different from that which they really are. But there are so many deaf, blind willing slaves to rotten society, political bosses and sordid gold, the hope for a better, nobler era seems useless.

The extravagance of the Penrose ring in Pennsylvania in the erection of the new State capitol at Harrisburg appears to be a part of the campaign in that State. Four million dollars was appropriated a few years ago, but this was expanded by politicians into thirteen millions. It is said that the architect will receive the modest sum of over half a million for his services, while an artist gets a quarter of a million for mural decorations. Chandeliers cost only two million, and the safes were secured for a million and a half. Those who seek to deny the charge of ring rule and extravagance in Pennsylvania would do well to touch lightly on the capitol proposition.—Charlotte Observer.

Not for the purpose of drawing improper comparisons, but merely to show how politicians generally do things, and politicians are pretty much the same everywhere, especially those who persist in building something known to be contrary to the wishes of a large majority of the tax-payers. Every man who has ever built anything knows full well the original estimates are seldom sufficient to complete the work, consequently if there is any one thinking Rowan will not be put to a greater expense than \$18,000,00 for a new jail, they had just as well prepare to think different. The fact of the great haste being made to have all the contracts made now lends strength to the idea that there is something in the building of a new jail more than the pretended need of such a building. Let the people see that a board is elected in November who will refuse to make this waste of public money, and, if any has been improperly spent see that those who commit the wrong are forced to shoulder the burden as individuals. Let the people vote right and there will be no graft in Rowan.

POWER OF THE RANK AND FILE.

The London Times thinks that Mr. Bryan has injured his chances for the nomination for president on the government ownership of railroads question unless he can control the Democratic machine, and in that case "Mr. Roosevelt's name alone can be evoked on the republican side to secure another republican victory."

The Times is mistaken in its idea of the power of the democratic machine to carry an election. That machine is more powerful in securing nominations than in carrying elections. The machine often rides roughshod

over the majority of the people of its party in nominating its men, and the time was, especially at the South, when it could force its candidates so nominated on the people, but that time has passed. The people have begun to think and to act for themselves, though the wire pullers have not yet fully learned the lesson that is being taught them, and after one or two defeats due to obnoxious bossism these wirepullers will learn that it is best for the party that the masses should be given a hearing in the matter of making nominations.—Wilmington Messenger.

Nicely said. One would almost think the writer had reference to conditions in Rowan this year. This is why we speak of the present Democracy as the "so-called democracy," but we would probably be more correct if it was called the "machine," a thing to be manipulated at will by a boss a thing in which there is no heart, no brain and consequently no principles, a mere grinding out of voters, like a job press, simply to furnish so many printed slips with the names of the bosses' machine-made candidates thereon. The final question is: Are you one of that tribe that can be marched up to the polls, like a dog with a bone in his mouth, to put in a vote under such conditions? Prove your patriotism and good wishes for the welfare of your country by voting for the best men regardless of parties.

A MAGNIFICENT DONATION.

Gift of Public Spirited Citizen Makes the Hospital Certain.

A meeting was held at the opera house last Thursday night to discuss ways and means to establish a public hospital here. The following letter, addressed to the Mayor, was read, and this of itself is sufficient to remove the hospital plan from the realm of doubt:

My Dear Sir:—I take this occasion to inform you that I hereby agree to donate to the city of Salisbury my house and lot on the east corner of the intersection of Main and Kerr streets, and being known as the "Snider Home Place." This property is given by me to the city of Salisbury with the only condition that it is to be used exclusively as a City Hospital, and should it ever be converted into any other use, or discontinued as a City Hospital, that the same shall revert to me or my heirs.

With best wishes for the success of the enterprise, I am,
Yours Faithfully,
W. F. SNIDER.

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After reading the letter, which made a most profound impression upon the audience, Rev. R. J. Murdoch offered prayer. The mayor spoke of the need of a hospital and told of his observations of institutions of a similar nature in other cities. Brief talks were made by Rev. F. J. Murdoch, Rev. Leo, Senator Overman, Drs. H. T. Trantham, W. L. Crump, John Whitehead, J. B. Council, J. M. Flippin, I. H. Foust, Capt. Richard Henderson, Jas. Moyle, H. C. Trott and others.

The mayor has written to an architect to come here and make plans for needed additions and alterations in the building. Later a board of managers, etc., will be chosen, a canvass of the city will also be made for donations.

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