

ONE of the greatest "reforms" promised by every "Fusion" candidate, during the last campaign, was a change in our election law, in order (as they alleged) to secure "a free ballot and a fair count." A stranger visiting our State last campaign and hearing the "reform" speakers denouncing our election law, would naturally have thought that our elections were a farce and a mockery, and that the will of the people was entirely suppressed. And yet it was under the operations of that same much-abused law that the last election was held, and who will now dare to say that the will of the people was then suppressed? Yes, the very best answer that could have been made to all the denunciations of our election law was the result of the last election, at which the democratic party had control of the election machinery and had all the opportunity that it afforded for fraud, and yet that party allowed itself to be overwhelmed by defeat!

Every "reform" candidate waxed eloquent in his denunciations of our election law, and promised the people that if he was elected he would pass an election law that would be the fairest and best ever known. Well, the people believed this promise and elected a large majority of the "reformers" to the Legislature, and they passed a new election law. But is it the "fairest and best ever known?" Let us see.

In the first place three registrars (instead of one) are to be appointed, and three poll-holders (instead of one), only one of whom is to be a democrat and the other two are to be republicans and populists. Our much abused democratic election law gave the democrats two poll-holders and exactly the same number (two) to their political opponents. This gave an equal number—two and two—to the dominant party and its opponents, but our "reform" legislators did not think this fair and so to make it fairer they give the dominant party two and the minority one!

By whom are these registrars and poll-holders to be appointed? By the man—by the clerk of the superior court in each county. And yet our democratic election law was denounced because the registrars and poll-holders were appointed by the board of county commissioners. Will any fair-minded man say that this is an improvement on the old law?

But the strangest "reform" of all is the way in which the clerk of the court must appoint these registrars. He is not allowed to appoint any registrar whom he may think will be the fairest or most honest, but he is required to appoint such registrars as may be recommended to him by the Chairmen of the State Executive Committees of each political party! Yes, the registrars at every precinct in North Carolina (although appointed by the clerk of the county) are to be selected by three men, who live in distant parts of the State and know nothing whatever about the registrars whom they recommend. For instance, the registrars at Bear Creek precinct, in this county, will be selected by the chairmen of the State executive committees of each political party, who probably do not know a man in that township or even ever heard of the township. And yet this is a "reform" to restore to the people the "right of local self government"!

Each State chairman is required to take an oath faithfully to discharge the duties devolved upon him by this new election law, and is thereby constituted "a Commissioner of Elections"—a new office never before known in this State. But while the democrats, republicans and populists can have registrars and poll-holders yet the prohibitionists cannot. Yes, this new election law does not recognize the prohibitionists at all, nor allow them to have anything whatever to do with the management of our elections. This glaring injustice to the prohibitionists was called to the attention of the "reformers" when the election law was under consideration in the Legislature and they deliberately voted down an amendment, which would have given the prohibitionists the same rights as were given to the other parties. The prohibitionists of North Carolina are as honest, as patriotic and intelligent as any other persons and are entitled to as fair a representation in our elections as any other persons, and it was an outrage and gross injustice that our "reform" legislators refused to let them have registrars and poll-holders just as they allowed the other three parties. The editor of the

Record happened to be in the Senate Chamber when this new election law was under consideration and wrote the amendment (which was offered by Senator Adams) to give the prohibitionists the same rights and privileges as were given the other parties, and the "reform" senators voted it down. Our prohibition readers will please remember this.

Under this new election law more power and authority is given to one man than ever before given by any previous election law—and that man is the clerk of the superior court. Not only does he appoint the registrars and poll-holders (as before mentioned) but he also can establish, alter or create the places of election, a power heretofore given to the board of county commissioners. Wherein is this an improvement? The election returns also are to be made to him and he also adds up the number of votes given for each candidate and proclaims the result, thus one man takes the place of the former board of county canvassers, which was composed of one poll-holder or registrar from each precinct in the county.

All tax payers, whether they be democrats, republicans or populists, are interested in having the best government for the least money. For nearly twenty years the democratic party had control of every department of our State government, and its speakers and papers have asserted in every campaign that it had given our people the best government at the least expense. This assertion was denied in the last campaign by the "Fusion" speakers and papers, and they accused the democratic party of extravagance and unnecessary expenditures. Which were right—the democratic or "reform" speakers and papers? The people by their votes decided that the latter were right and entrusted to them the power and duty of reducing these expenditures and giving us a still better government at a still lower cost.

Now, have they done this? Have our "reform" legislators provided the people of North Carolina with a better government and at a less cost? Let us see.

1. In the first place, they have increased taxation instead of reducing it. Our last democratic Legislature levied a tax of 22 cents for general State purposes, and this "reform" Legislature increased this tax to 24 cents.

2. Our democratic Legislature had each year, on an average, the sum of \$59,758.55, and our "reform" Legislature cost \$72,604.66, an increase of \$12,846.11.

3. The appropriations made by this "reform" Legislature were over one hundred thousand dollars greater than the appropriations of our much abused democratic Legislature.

Now, these three statements are facts which cannot be denied and we commend them to the careful consideration of those tax-payers who wish for "reform and retrenchment."

The interest law that was enacted by our late Legislature is claimed by our "reform" friends as one of the best measures adopted by that body, and while we may readily concede this to be true yet it may not even then be of any benefit. The persons who most need relief from a high rate of interest are the people who are now paying that high rate. The persons who are now in debt are the ones who most need relief. And yet these persons are not at all benefited by this interest law, because this law expressly states that it "shall not apply to existing contracts." That is, a man who has heretofore given his note at 8 per cent interest will have to pay that rate. The law only applies to contracts hereafter to be made. So that the practical operation of this new interest law will be to make it still more difficult for a poor man to borrow money hereafter, and does not help a man who is already in debt. It is like telling a man who has fallen into a deep pit (from which he is unable to extricate himself) that if he will get out you will then help him not to fall into so deep a one again.

The Record will be pleased to publish a statement from any one of our "reform" legislators showing how much they have reduced the salaries or fees of any sheriff, clerk, registrar or any other officer. The people are anxious to know how much they have been relieved in this respect.

WHAT a mockery and travesty on "local self government" for our "reform" legislators to pass a law that gives one man (the Judge of the district) as much power in the selection of county commissioners as is given to all the people of any county!

A STARTLING sensation has been made by the discovery, this week, that our late "reform" Legislature passed a law which will very seriously cripple all business transactions and most effectually put an end to giving and receiving mortgages. The law is in these words: "That all conditional sales, assignments, mortgages or deeds in trust which are executed to secure any debt, obligation, note or bond which gives preference to any creditor at the maker shall be absolutely void as to existing creditors."

According to the literal reading of this extraordinary law no man, who is in debt, can buy anything and give a mortgage to secure its payment!

Of course, if the courts so construe it, this law will work untold hardships on the debtor class of our people, and should never damn the legislators who passed it. What construction the courts will give it is now unknown, and lawyers are divided in opinion. Of course while this uncertainty exists no merchant, or anybody else, will sell anything on a credit to any man who is in debt.

Now, have our "reformers" given "relief" with a vengeance?

Even the *Progressive Era*, in this week's issue, admits that the late "reform" Legislature cost several thousand dollars more than its democratic predecessors, and also that the appropriations were "rather too liberal" and that it is "equally likely" there was some "extravagance."

And the *Heart* even admits that "some important legislation was left undone."

So it would seem that all the democratic charges of extravagance, &c., are not "campaign lies"!

With any honest man content that it is fair and just to make a poor country doctor pay the same tax (\$10 a year) as the rich city doctor? Is it right to make a lawyer, whose income is only \$200 a year, pay the same tax as another lawyer whose income is \$2,000 a year? What honest man will say that this is right? And yet this is exactly what our "reform" legislators have done!

Going to the Republicans.

We have never had any doubt but that Marion Butler and the other populist leaders would eventually become republicans. We cannot think, however, that the honest masses will follow them. As a "straw" to show which way the wind is blowing, we copy from the *Charlotte Observer* the following communication:

While the newspapers are praising the fact that Senator Marion Butler, of our Noble Order, has decided to sit on the Republican side of the United States Senate chamber, perhaps a conversation which I had a few weeks ago with a Republican leader will prove a rebuke of Gilbert to those deluded stars who would almost kiss the ground trodden by Marion Butler. The conversation referred to was as follows: "I can give you a piece of information, which I do not any longer consider a political secret, as long as the campaign is over and co-operation is complete. When Lige Harris was here last summer he told me that he was present in the same room with Marion Butler, Harry Skinner and one or two Republicans at Raleigh, when the outcome of fusion was freely discussed. Skinner and Butler were both very free to say that they expected to wind up in the Republican party, and that there was no other choice for them. They said they were willing to go over to the Republican now, but they could have no influence in that party unless they brought a following with them, and therefore, they would wait awhile until they got such a hold on their followers that they could bring a goodly number of them into the Republican party."

To some of the Populists of the State this bit of conversation may not be news, but I trust that those men who joined the Populists during the last campaign under the honest conviction that the party would give the relief so many of us need will bear with amazement that they are being led, but, and sent into a party which for years has been notoriously corrupt, and whose control of North Carolina affairs is the only stain upon that State's fair name. After learning this bit of inside information there should be no longer any surprise exhibited in Senator Butler's selection of a seat on the Republican side of the United States Senate chamber, and it should be put down in black and white that Marion Butler's vote will always be cast with the Republican members of the Senate when the supremacy of that party in the Senate is at stake.

The conversation here recited is given almost as it occurred, it being part of a political conversation held between myself and a Republican leader at the time of the public printing of "Fusion" before the late Legislature, otherwise known as the "Fred Douglass Memorial Association."

Miss Alice Turner, living near Axton, Henry county, Va., fell into a well a few days ago, which is 64 feet deep, and escaped unhurt. The most remarkable part of it, however, is that she succeeded, unaided, in climbing out.

Providing for their Families. The "reform" members of the late Douglass Legislature pretended to be very anxious to relieve the people, but they considered themselves and their families as the people and therefore gave them, and them only, all the relief that they could, by grabbing all the offices in sight. Last week we published a list of the offices grabbed by the "reformers" for themselves, and now we copy from the *News and Observer* the following list of offices grabbed for their wives and daughters:

- Ralph Fortson, son of Senator Fortson; page, \$1 a day.
- Frank Huffman, son of Senator Huffman; page, \$1 a day.
- D. B. Starbuck, son of Senator Starbuck; page, \$1 a day.
- R. B. Daboy, son of Senator Daboy; assistant enrolling clerk, 75 a day and mileage.
- Frank Hamill, son of Senator Hamill; page, \$1 a day.
- J. E. Moore, son of Senator Moore; page, \$1 a day.
- Miss M. H. Hester, daughter of Senator Hester; typewriter, 25 a month.
- Miss S. M. M. Carter, daughter of Senator Carter; typewriter, 25 a month.
- Miss G. E. E. E. E. E., daughter of Senator E. E. E. E. E.; typewriter, 25 a month.
- Miss J. A. J. Daboy, wife of Senator Daboy; typewriter, 25 a month.
- Miss L. C. Campbell, son of Representative Campbell; assistant enrolling clerk, 25 a day and mileage.
- H. G. Eason, Jr., son of Representative H. G. Eason; clerk to the committee on election of justices of the peace, \$1 a day and mileage.
- John G. W. W. W. W. W., clerk to the committee on election of justices of the peace, \$1 a day and mileage.
- W. B. L. L. L. L. L. L., clerk to the committee on election of justices of the peace, \$1 a day and mileage.
- H. C. S. S. S. S. S. S., clerk to the committee on election of justices of the peace, \$1 a day and mileage.
- J. C. C. C. C. C. C. C., clerk to the committee on election of justices of the peace, \$1 a day and mileage.
- N. B. W. W. W. W. W. W., clerk to the committee on election of justices of the peace, \$1 a day and mileage.
- M. B. R. R. R. R. R. R., clerk to the committee on election of justices of the peace, \$1 a day and mileage.

"Like Master Like Man". From the *Charlotte Observer*: "Come, 'em out!" said a clerk of the lower house of the late adjourned Legislature to another clerk who was taking the vote on a ye and nay proposition. The suggestion was made within the hearing of the *Observer*, who was sitting at the reporters' desk "out of the way." That was one way of disposing of the troublesome minority in the Legislature. One way of disposing of bills which it was desired should not pass, was to steal them, and one way of getting through bills which had been tried and failed was to take them from the table, cross the entries on them, and put them on their passage again, and yet another method of legislation was to present for ratification and enrollment bills which had passed second reading but which had never passed third. Hence the frequent inquiry in Raleigh, already adverted to by our correspondent there: "Did the Legislature really pass that bill or was it passed by the clerks?" The stream cannot rise above its fountain. Like master like man. The clerks of that infamous body cannot to reason be expected to be any better than the men who made them clerks.

The Arrington Committee Adjourned. From the *Wilmington News*: "Yesterday the Arrington committee, which is at present in a state of suspended animation, presented a record of proceedings and a list of expenses to the State Auditor."

Chief Justice Campbell, Clerk Hanser and Advisory Counsel W. J. Peck were prominent in the delegation that went up to draw the poll books, &c., for the gang.

Auditor Furness looked over the accounts. He refused to pay Phillips and Bryan's accounts on the ground that they contained unnecessary expenses. He paid Hanser's account (four days at five dollars) and Hanser got a twenty dollar warrant. Campbell didn't put in any bill.

The triangle departed with a disappointed look on their faces—all but Hanser. He was strictly in the bandwagon.

For the present their absurd "expenses" accounts are held in abeyance. Phillips, of Pitt, and Bryan, of Chatham, both left for home in the afternoon.

Campbell is still at the Park Hotel.

Bill to Tax Bachelors. WILMINGTON, Wis., March 22.—A bill to tax bachelors and establish an "Old Man's Home" when the tax fund had reached \$50,000, was introduced in the House today by Representative Walleck.

The bill defines bachelors as single men of thirty two years or over who have never been married, and exempts men who have reached sixty five, who are physically unfit, or who can prove to a board of unmarried women over sixty years that they have proposed marriage at least three times to marriageable females and been refused each time.

Killed by Lightning. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 23.—Lightning today struck the residence of Jeptha Williams, a farmer of Monroe county. Williams' ten year old son, sitting before the grate, was killed and his clothing torn from his body. Mrs. Williams, standing near by, was hurled against a wall and killed. Williams was rendered totally blind. A two-year old child, playing near its father, alone escaped unhurt.

McKinley Against Free Silver. ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 21.—Gov. McKinley and his party will be the personal guests of Henry M. Flagler, of New York, the Standard Oil millionaire, upon their arrival tomorrow.

In Thomasville yesterday a letter was received by Gov. McKinley from a humbled or more citizens of Georgia—Democrats and Republicans alike—pledging him the solid vote of Georgia in the National Republican Convention, and assuring him of a fighting chance to get the electoral vote of that State, provided that he will decline himself an advocate of free silver. The letter also intimated that the Republican national platform of 1896 might contain a silver plank. When this letter was read aloud to Gov. McKinley, he was indignant. He roared back, burst his hands in his trousers pockets and shouted: "If the Republican party should decide to free silver I would decline to serve as its candidate and I would quit the party forever!"

Senator from Free States.

A writer says that the only man who ever represented three States in the United States Senate was an Irishman, Gen. James Shields. Shields was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1810, but came to this country in 1826, settling in Illinois. He studied law, rose rapidly in his profession, was chosen to the Supreme Bench of Illinois, served with honor in the Mexican war, and was made a Major General by brevet for gallantry at Chapultepec. In 1849 he was Senator from Illinois, serving a full term. Early in the fifties he moved to Minnesota, and had lived there only a few years when he was sent to the Senate to fill an unexpired term. He served through the war of secession and was twice elected, and then went to Wisconsin to live. In 1870 he was a member of the Legislature of that State, and was appointed a United States Senator to fill a term unexpired from Illinois. He had a home of that year in California.

The Arrington Committee.

The Arrington investigating committee held another session on last Wednesday. Composed in the absence of the absentees, Phillips got drunk as usual and became back-biting, of a vulgar, mangy dog get Phillips and a meeting was held. Bryan was elected Chairman and adjourned the meeting over. Mr. Arrington gets her spine changed to snipe.

Mr. Campbell, the member of the House from Currituck county, remarked to some one that one of the things he was going to do was to break up the head of some of the "reform" men before I have through. He troubles with Campbell is that he hasn't been able enough to tell the difference between a newspaper man and a horse and on several dress occasions he gets hurt.

Disgusted and Coming Back.

The Review is in a position to know that the rank and file of the Populist party in this county are thoroughly disgusted with the work of the fusion Legislature and are yearning for the restoration of the independence of the Populist members to secure the promised reforms which they were sent there to make. Many of these also supported the fusion ticket in this county last fall and say they will come back to the Democratic party.

It May Be as Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ky., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures but with all his good results. About a year ago he began to use Electric Balm and found relief. Electric Balm is especially adapted to cure all Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One who will prove our statement. Price only 50c for large bottle. At G. R. Pilkington's Drug Store.

Fell a Half Mile.

A reliable citizen of Watanga, county was in this place a few days ago and told the story of a Watanga man who fell over half a mile. He said it was during the recent snow and the man came and got up on the mountain to feed some sheep. The snow had crusted over and when he started back he lost his footing and commenced falling and sliding, first going through a fence, then against a cow, which he hit, and finally landed in a neighbor's wash-pail. He positively asserts that the distance was a over half a mile, and with the exception of a few little bruises the man was unhurt.

For seven years or more Mrs. W. D. Londer, of Quincy, Ky., was subject to severe attacks of cramp colic. Mr. S. R. Morse, a druggist of that place, recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which has effected a permanent cure, saving her much suffering besides the trouble and expense of sending for a doctor, which was often necessary. For sale by Bynum & Headen, Pittsboro, N. C.

A severe rheumatic pain in the left shoulder had troubled Mr. J. H. Loper, a well known druggist of Des Moines, Iowa, for over six months. At times the pain was so severe that he could not lift anything. With all he could do he could not get rid of it until he applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm. "I only made three applications of it," he says, "and have since been free from all pain." He now recommends it to persons similarly afflicted. It is for sale by Bynum & Headen, Pittsboro, N. C.

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