

Tarboro Southerner

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The warmer the weather, the juleper we are inclined. The fields are dry enough to satisfy the most advanced prohibitionist.

The romancing on the political outcome should be confined to the doubtful States.

The knocking off of that fine will not induce the saintly Rockefeller to reduce the price of oil.

If each one of us practiced prohibition, the law would be a use less encumbrance to the statute books.

The Taft chair-man has to be acceptable to the Trusts, the rail roads and other corporations that are expected to furnish the boodle.

"My man Taft" goes to Oyster Bay to have his speech censored by his boss. Under the circumstances this is only proper.

The failure of the Roosevelt Administration to bust the Fertilizer Trust will hardly help the Republicans to break the solid South.

In other words we want a navy that is so big that no one will fight it. Spain once thought she had it in her invincible Armada.

This is the silly season in politics, and what appears reasonable and appeals to his common sense.

More light on the offer to purchase or lease our light plant, would be welcomed. Without more, some may be disposed to treat it as a light matter.

It is reported that Candidate Taft will in his speech of acceptance, favor more tariff revision than the Republican platform calls for. But after all it is Congress that makes tariff laws.

Owing to the republican prosperity the factories here are giving their hands two days in the week to loaf, this is no doubt too much leaf for the full dinner pail they have been told about.

As long as the Trusts can dominate the courts by having their men appointed to the judgeships, the Standard Oil will never have to pay that \$29,000,000 fine more than 29 cents.

The republicans seem to be all at sea for a candidate for governor. They have been trying to get one of the Frazzes to run, but each as it is said declined. Kind of a freeze out so to speak. Such will be exactly the case in November.

All governments have been formed to improve the conditions of mankind. The republicans have and would continue to administer this government to enable the few to accumulate dollars out of the many. The dollar before the man has been the main spring of every act of that party for more than a generation.

The "piazza politicians," whose thoughts center on campaign fund collecting, are laughing at the Republican treasurer's lack of knowledge of the Federal law against corporations "organized under any law of Congress" being allowed to contribute.

Ament the plea for a curfew ordinance by R. J. Salisbury, manager of the colored Y. M. C. A., it is not amiss to remember how Shakespeare describes 12 o'clock; the "Very witching time of night When churchyards yawn and hell itself breathes out Contagion to this world."

BRYAN AND THE CONFEDERATES.

The Hon. Tom. Watson began his campaign for President by charging William Jennings Bryan with having said that he would not vote for a Confederate soldier for speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. Bryan answered his accusation by pointing out that he did vote for a Confederate, Mr. Crisp. The record supports Mr. Bryan. Mr. Watson is not satisfied, however, and has called a witness, Alfred Henry Lewis, who says:

"Bryan said to me of the Crisp-Mills fight 'I don't think I care to face old soldier element along the Platte with the record of having voted for an ex-Confederate.'" Mr. Bryan was in a situation of some political delicacy. He represented a district nominally Republican and containing many men who had served as Union soldiers. For him to support a Confederate soldier was sure to offend many of his constituents. That he should wish to keep their support was not unnatural. Yet he voted for the Confederate in spite of the injury his vote might do him at home. It is difficult to see wherein the incident reflects discredit on Mr. Bryan, or what capital Mr. Watson can make out of it, or how any Confederate can take exception to Mr. Bryan's attitude. Is he to be censured because he understood the possibility that his vote for speaker might result in his defeat at the next election in which his name before the voters?—New York Sun.

PINETOPPS WINS.

A much enjoyed game of baseball Friday between the nines of Pinetops and Saratoga at the former place resulted in a decisive victory for the Pinetoppers; score 15 to 2. A large crowd witnessed the game.

LET US KNOW.

Is there any one who would seek the nomination for a county office in a primary, and not from the convention?

It is important that the delegates to the approaching convention be apprised of such persons. If there are no other candidates than those who have declared themselves in the newspaper columns, it should be as plain as a pikestaff that there is no call for a primary.

The convention would not be justified in putting the expense of a primary upon the announced candidates, when these are willing for the convention to make the nomination.

The editor of the Southerner is a delegate to the convention, his action in regard to a primary, will be governed largely by those who would be candidates before a primary. So will quite a number of other delegates with whom he has discussed the matter.

It should be apparent to the most prejudiced that there is no sound reason for holding a primary, unless there is some one to hold it for.

Names sent to the editor, will be regarded as confidential or otherwise as the senders prefer.

PROTECTION IS SOCIALISM.

Protectionism, in its last analysis, is socialism. If our President and our Congress have become too meddlesome the cause may be directly traced to the Socialistic protective system. The republican party has created the Socialistic moment, and it will be destroyed by that movement. The Democracy has opposed it, and will throttle it.

REPUBLICAN EXTRAVAGANCE.

The United States Treasury is paying out nearly one million a day more than it is receiving, that is the deficit for the first 17 days of July was \$16,157,618. The last session of Congress appropriated the enormous sum of \$1,008,397,543.56 for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1908, and the session of Congress beginning next December may be expected to appropriate as much for the fiscal year, beginning July 1st, 1909. That would give our present Republican Congress the unique record of being a two billion dollar Congress. Every dollar the government spends is paid in some way by the people, and voters should remember that this year they will pay \$12 in taxes for each member of their families—a total tax of about \$60 for each average family of five persons.

During the last four years of Republican extravagance there has been appropriated \$3,428,000,000 or \$33,900,000 more than the vast expenditures during four years of civil war, so that during that period each head head of a family has paid in national taxes over \$200, and what has he got for it?

Under Republican policies the tax paid by the poor man is as great as the tax paid by the rich man. In point of fact, in some cases the tax paid by the poor man is greater. For instance, when Mr. Rockefeller or any other rich man, buys flannel for underwear, valued above 70 cents a pound, he pays a tariff tax of 36.39 per cent, but when a poor man buys a cheaper grade of flannel for his underwear, valued at not more than 40 cents per pound, he pays a tariff tax of 143.67 per cent. These figures are the actual duties paid on "flannel for underwear" as officially reported by the government for the year 1907. As the present Republican Congress refused to consider any revision of this unequal tax, or the many other like cases which the present tariff law imposes, the high rate of tariff taxes on flannels and everything else that is included in the tariff law still continues.

Yet many business men, farmers and those who have to rely upon wages still vote the Republican ticket, which is virtually to endorse the Republican policy of taxing those with small incomes more than those with large incomes.

Surely it is time for retrenchment or reform, and experience shows that neither can be expected from Republican politicians.

PRIMARY VOTE.

When the county convention assembled in May, the editor of the Southerner offered a resolution that the convention adjourn sine die and a convention be called to nominate a county and legislative ticket. That motion received only 3 votes, while the proposition to adjourn till August 11th, received all the rest, 62.

This is stated, that those who desire to contest for official honors before a primary, should let the fact be known, otherwise even the three who voted for a new convention must conclude that all the candidates have announced themselves and appealed to the convention to make the choice.

If there are any other candidates now is the time for them to speak out.

INDEPENDENCE PARTY.

The Independence party, a creation of W. R. Hearst, has nominated one, Thomas Higgen, of Massachusetts, for its presidential candidate, and John Temple Graves, late of Georgia, but now of the Hearst papers, for vice president.

BRYAN'S REAL WORTH.

The record of William J. Bryan since his first appearance as a public man has been such as to inspire the confidence and win the admiration of men of all classes. Personally, his life has been worthy of emulation in all ways and in every respect. His utterances on questions of public importance have been those of the man who thinks, and who has reached his conclusions after most exhaustive investigations of all obtainable facts. His position on matters of moment is unassailable, his integrity beyond question, and his earnestness unmistakable. Mr. Bryan is a man of more than ordinary ability and what he advocates and stands for is worthy of serious consideration by the people of this country.

Any man who can lead as he has done for the past twelve years, and in all that time in the face of discouragement and defeat, maintain his leadership and retain the loyalty of those who believe as he does, possesses traits of character that mark him as more than a remarkable leader of thought in this great country. A dishonest man, a demagogue, would have fallen and passed into oblivion with his first defeat.—Pittsburg Post.

STOLEN SMILES.

Bill Taft has lost just 2 1/2 pounds, which makes room on the band wagon for Joe Foraker.—Louisville, Herald Rep.

Luther Burbank is to enter politics. We are sorry to hear this somehow. Luther is about the only grafter in this country who isn't already in politics.—Washington Herald.

COLONEL COMMENTS.

Capt. Jones, after his company had boarded the train for home after the encampment, was handed the following letter from his colonel:

On train, July 22, 1908. Commanding Officer, Co. A 2nd Inf. Sir: Express to your command my appreciation of the good conduct military spirit shown on train, going and coming from camp, and their part in making the trip, both for the officers and for themselves, most pleasant, without an accident or unfortunate occurrence.

RAILROAD AND LIGHTNING.

During a severe storm Charles F. Ayres, a former policeman of Charlotte, was struck by lightning and seriously, perhaps fatally, injured. Ayres was sitting on his front porch and was hurled to the floor unconscious. He was recently badly injured in a railroad wreck, was using crutches and wore a steel brace on one leg, which was smashed at that time. It is thought that this brace attracted the current.

AUTOMOBILES USEFUL.

An automobile, Sunday run over a cat and killed it. If the automobilians would grow in popularity and usefulness they will try their death dealing machines on the dogs.

KITCHIN ON FIFTH.

W. W. Kitchin, Democratic nominee for governor will address the Confederate veterans at their reunion here on Wednesday, August 5th. This be Mr. Kitchin's first speech in the county. Every one is invited to hear him. He is one of the foremost, if not the foremost, speakers in the State. He will begin his address at 12 o'clock.

WHAT IS A TRUST.

Gradually, thanks to the occasional elucidation of the courts, we are getting nearer to the proper conception of a trust.

The most recent light turned on the question is found in the decision of a St. Louis judge who holds that a combination formed to control price by all the steam laundries of that city is not a trust, because it does not take in the washerwomen.

In other words, as long as there are washerwomen and home laundries to compete with the concerns that do washing by steam, it is impossible for the latter to form any sort of a combination that can within the meaning of opposing laws, be denominated a trust.

This materially clears the skies. Our impressions as to the qualifications of a trust have been altogether too vague and indeterminate. But we are being enlightened.

We may take from the St. Louis judge's view that there can be no beef trust while we are at liberty to fatten and slaughter the last old home raised steer; that existence of an oil trust is illogical and absurd; while the gas meter works and sperm candles may be had at two for five.

"Steam laundering is only a method of washing," says the St. Louis court, "and as there are other methods, the steam laundry companies are not effecting a combination in restraint of trade by agreeing upon a schedule of prices."

The use of sugar is only a "method" of sweetening coffee; there are other agencies which might be employed. Think, therefore of the injustice which has been done the united sugar refineries by classing them as a trust!

Boiled down, we have it that while there remains any sort of competition, there can be no monopoly. Our great commercial combinations must have enjoyed the Missouri decision.—Atlanta Constitution.

SAY IF YOU WANT A PRIMARY.

Primarily to hold a primary there must be some one to hold it for. Thus far, no aspirant has intimated that he would prefer a primary to a convention. So there you are.

WHISTLE AGAIN.

The personal organ of the Taft family, the Cincinnati Times-Star, acts very much like the boy whistling to keep up his courage while passing by a grave yard when it says: "The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and William Jennings Bryan has again received the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. Why shouldn't republicans be happy?"

OUR CRACK SHOTS.

By order of Governor Glenn each company of the Second regiment is allowed to send two men to the camp of the Third regiment next week to participate in the rifle practice. The team to be selected to represent North Carolina at the Camp Perry national rifle match will be composed of five men from each regiment.

Capt. Jones has not designated the two who will represent the Edgecombe Guards. There are some good shots in the company and we expect that they will render a good account of themselves, not only at Wilmington, but at Camp Perry.

UP AGAIN.

Judge Neal in Wake Superior court dismisses the receivership of the company publishing the Raleigh Evening Times, the paper being restored to the former management, with the full consent of creditors, with John C. Drevry president of the corporation, and J. V. Simm, business manager. The old Times, the former Times was good, we wish the present Times to be even better.

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