

EDITORIAL COMMENT

SENATOR SIMMONS AND MARION BUTLER.

Marion Butler challenges Senator Simmons to a joint debate.

Senator Simmons properly declined to even consider worthy of notice a challenge from a man of the type of Butler. Mr. Simmons branded him as a traitor to his State and placed him on a par with Benedict Arnold.

Butler stung by the truth of Mr. Simmons's charge set up a howl and threatened to get a hall in Raleigh at his own expense, and there in one of his characteristic hot air blasts denounced Senator Simmons.

It is true that Mr. Butler is at the head of the Republican party in this State.

Of course, Senator Simmons is not going to associate with Butler in a debate. Four years ago Butler challenged Senator Overman, but of course Mr. Overman did not answer his request.

We quote the language of Mr. Simmons in which he denounced Butler in a recent speech:

"What Butler chiefly desires to discuss is whether he is the matter of the bonds betrayed his State. That is not an open question. The evidence of Butler's treachery to the State is as conclusive as the evidence of Benedict Arnold's treachery to the country. If Benedict Arnold were alive and here and wanted to debate the question of whether he had betrayed his country, no one would debate the question with him. Why, then, should any North Carolina Democrat debate with Mr. Butler the question of whether he had betrayed his State? The evidence of treachery is as conclusive in one case as in the other. It is a settled question and not a matter of debate."

The following is a statement dictated to a representative of the press in Charlotte by Senator Simmons when he had read the letter of Butler in the Greensboro Daily News:

"I have said repeatedly and say now that no decent Democrat would hold a joint discussion with Marion Butler in the light in which he now appears before the people of the State."

"The people of the State have passed judgment of outlawry."

"And so far as his statement of purpose to hire a hall to denounce me if I did not accept his challenge I only want to say that I will regard his denunciation as a badge of honor."

"A few days ago I denounced Butler in the papers of the State as a liar and a scoundrel and that was the end of it with me so far as he was concerned. I have not changed my opinion of him since."

Senator Simmons is making a great campaign in the State. It is said that his speeches in this campaign have a fire in them and a ginger, and a snap that stirs the people wherever he goes.

Why didn't they desire a joint canvass? Because they had no way of making any showing for their side?

What was their objection to the joint canvass? They were not certain how well Redding could get along with Tige's old, old speech?

Why did they dodge a joint canvass? They wanted to tell some tales that they knew would not bear telling in the presence of the democrats.

Why did they not want a joint canvass this fall? They were afraid the insurgents would show up in Randolph county as they are doing elsewhere.

Why didn't York want a joint canvass? He knew some of the democratic candidates and hearers would be sure to recognize Milton's speech of four years ago.

Why didn't they agree to a joint canvass? Because to begin they run their campaigns on noise and vituperation, and such will not answer democratic speeches?

Why did the republicans refuse to make a joint canvass? Because the big democratic majority in the rock-ribbed republican state of Maine sent cold chills down their spinal columns.

Why did they refuse to make a joint canvass? Because they knew the democrats would spring the question of their nominating so many disappointed democratic office seekers, and this would lead young republican voters to vote the democratic ticket a few years as the quickest and surest way to get an office through the republican party.

MIKE TO PAT.

Mike Gives a Long Spiel This Time in Which He Tells of Many Questions That Are Agitating and Aggravating the Republicans

Dear Pat: I forgot to say "Honorable, Patrick Doogenshield," like Charlie Ell does his kinsman, but you'll forgive me, wont you?

"Mad as a Hornet Nest."

But what I wanted to write about is this: That old carpet-bagger is mad agin, that is, he is worse off, he was born mad, an cant git well, but he's not not quite so well as usual. People make it awful tough for him anyhow. He cant keep his mouth shut, and if he would he'd keep out of a lot of trouble.

He was writing a little squib about another paper forgittin its motto, "Principles not Men." I've been looking over his paper to see if he had any motto, and he haint got none. But if he'd take the title of his paper an knock off the "dolphin" in the middle word, an the "prin" the third word, it'd have it fine, jist fine. Yes, he ran from West Ferry grumby an somebody said from other places. Somebody says the Baltimore man dont believe in mottoes, not even the "Golden Rule."

This letter is to be a short one, an so I'll say it quick. The carpet-bagger tries to make a great ado about other people's abusing his men, but he is the foulest mouthed abuser that ever lived. You jist read one number of his paper, an you'll see more abuse in it in one issue than you'll see in any other half dozen papers in the State, other Republican papers not excepted. I know of no other Republican that uses as much abuse in ten issues as he uses in one.

A Member of the Butler Regime.

I never bet for fear of losing my money, of which I haint got much, but if I did bet, I'd bet the best mule in the county against a one-eyed sheep-killin dang that the carpet-bagger who edits the Bulletin is a direct descendant of the ring-leader of that crowd which issued them fraudulent bonds Mary Ann Butler wants to collect from the State, an I'd bet a brand new two-hoss wagon against a worn-out baby carriage that he located in this State under the direction of Mary Ann Butler to help try to carry the State for his crowd, so as to collect them bonds.

So when he tries to throw mud at other men an keep them an everything muddy you may know what he wants. He wants to attract the peoples' attention away from what he and his crowd is a doin. Now you can go on and git fooled if you want to, for lots of people do git fooled. Jist like Mr. Hardin, the Republican candidate for governor of Ohio. He let Boss Cox, of Cincinnati, nominate him, an that in the face of the fact Boss Cox had said two days before the convention that he couldnt be elected. Then when Harding went into Northern Ohio, the Republican leaders told him not to brag on the Taft administration, for it was in a worse muddle than the party was in Maine jist before the last election there. So Mr. Harding axed em what was the matter with Taft, an they told him that Taft had promised the people one thing about the tariff, an as soon as he got elected had given em another thing.

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Gets Information from Almanacs.

Now, I know another thing they're either been readin, or else the two postmasters (at Asheboro and Randleman) who trained em told em what was in it, that's Bloom's Almanack, for they are not printed in any other publication. They cant hide their trainin, either, for whenever I've heard em speak this fall I've seen the tiger's ears stickin out from one of em, and the other hrd the O. K. mark made with an official stamp used in the postoffis at Asheboro. All the candidates had to be endorsed by the ring before they could git campaign money through Butler, and so they're marked "all endorsements guaranteed," an the stamp looks jist like them that bankers use on the back of checks.

What is it that has to be guaranteed?

(1) That they'll vote jist like Butler tells em. He's standin between em and the money they're to git from the national Republican campaign fund. This money comes from the surplus of insurance companies (laid aside for widows an orphans) as it did when Teddy was elected president. (2) Then it comes from the licker trust, an that is why the local self-government plank was put in their State platform. Thousands of good Republicans worked with the Democrats for prohibition. Will they vote with the party and for men who fought prohibition at every step? Let 'em say, but if these men git licker back in the State agin by bringin in the party that tried to defeat prohibition, they can keep it here, so far as Mike Doogenshield is concerned. I've got no use for it, not even for snakebites, and so voted for prohibi-

tion to help them that was for work in for it. Now's a good time for you Democrats to find how true an sincere some men is who stood with you, an who urged you on in this great prohibition fight at a time when their own party was fightin prohibition with all its power. We fought to git it, and we'll have to fight to hold it.

Expresses Heartfelt Sympathy.

I'm no narrow Democrat. I'd jist as soon belong to another party if it was as good as the Democratic party an the Democratic party in this county had such leaders as the Republican party has always had. It's never been a matter of name with me, but it's a matter of gittin the best government. While I have little sympathy for the men who have been in the lead in the Republican party, with a very few exceptions, yet I know there is lots of good honest men raised up to vote the Republican ticket, an now they think they have to do it. With them I have a good deal of sympathy, for some of em attack because they dont want to be called turn-coats. Then I have sympathized with some of their leaders who were chosen in the private meetings of their county executive committee jist because they couldnt bear the Democrats.

But while I sympathize most with honest Republicans in the way they are treated by their party leaders, there are men in the party who have voted the tickets all their lives, an I know they have offered for office. But now the postoffis at Asheboro and Randleman are filled by two men who went over to that party for no other purpose than to git what the Democratic party had refused to give em—an office. Some-how or other it would be good readin to me if both these men would publish a statement in the Bulletin statin frankly that they never threatened to sue any of their party leaders because they failed at one time to get an important office. Ramor has charged one of em with it, an it will be no harm, if both are clear, to both publish an affidavit to that effect. But while ex-Democrats hold all the important offices in the gift of the Republican party what is it worth for a man to be a straight Republican? Nothin! If he wants to git an office he had better vote the Democratic ticket ten or twelve years, an then let his leaders he'll come back an vote with em if they'll give him sich and sich an office.

Tell all the young Republicans, an all that's votin from principle, that their party leaders dont reward faithfulness in party service, but they put a premium on party treachery by given the best places to "renegade Democrats." Watch and see if the two new recruits dont git an office before Taft's administration closes. These two men have been votin the Republican ticket a long time, but they claimed to be Democrats, and now you watch and see if they dont get an office. If you want their names say so, and I'll give em in next letter.

Now let me tell you another thing in jist as plain English as an Irishman can use. When them five men decided not to allow the old-time jist canvasses of the candidates in this county they had in mind to do something rotten. It is leakin out jist that way, too. I care nothing in about how much they squeal at what I'm goin to say, an more than that, if its not true it will not hurt. It's the "hit dang" that howls, and if one of em howls agin you may know I hit him with this brickbat which I am goin to throw a certain way, and it will not hit a single person who's not in the way.

Four Things That Are Worth Your Consideration.

There is (1) a man who has never contributed a farthing to the up-buildin of Randolph county that wants to make his living here off the county. Now, that is one-fifth of the interest they have in this campaign, and with that exception that the same feller may want to fill some minor office (that is, jist simply draw a salary), that is all the so-called patriotism he has. He came here for that purpose. When he fights the new court house for which he severely abused the Democrats for not building before they started it, he has been requested to state what amount of taxes he pays to help do sich things. When he abuses men like Cox, Carter, Watt, Birkhead an the three men we're nominated for county commissioners it is absolutely fair to ax him sich a question. Now, if he'll figure out jist what part of the court house expenses he will have to pay, no matter how long it takes an publish with proofs in his paper he'll get a check from Mike Doogenshield refundin it. He didnt want a joint canvass because he wanted his crowd to make misleadin statements about this as well as other questions. They had to take to the bushes. They couldnt stand their records in a joint canvass, an he knows it.

Then (2) two other of the five men is not runnin for office. They are jist patriotic, but if their ticket

is elected you'll see what the bargain is. They will house the county money. That's three-fifths of the interest them five have in this election.

Thirdly, one of em came to this county, as we've often said we believed, by order of the State leaders who distribute pie and to run things in Randolph. But an intelligent Democrat tells me that I may have been mistaken in thinkin that was all that brought him, for his kinsman whom he has brought down here to speak, and to whose name he prefixes "Honorable," may have sent him down here to run off a bright young Republican lawyer, who wanted to practice law and refused to take an interest in politics while the present leaders were following Butler. That's three-fifths.

Fourthly, no one can say as to the other one of the five, but it's safe to say that at the present he's out of a job, and livin on promises. We understood he had a job in the postoffis, but for some reason he didnt keep it. So I think he's livin in hopes. Now that is a brief statement of the interest of them five leaders. I'm no politician, an dont know which way the election will go, for I don't git reports from the field. But if the people were to make sich a slip as to elect the Republican ticket, you jist keep this statement, and I'll pay you a quarter for every man I've named it on if you'll pay me a quarter for every one I hit it on in this guess.

Their "Youthful Plans" to Be Knocked Sky-High.

If you don't hear any of em squeal you may know I haint hit nobody, an I'll take it all back. But you mark it down in your book, and see if I miss it.

Let me tell you jist one thing more. I couldnt understand to save my life why the Republican party nominated them two young boys if it had any idea of carrying the election. Do you remember that I told you sometime ago about a conversation that took place in Asheboro? Them two boys jist ax well go home and help their papies sow the wheat crop, for they aint in it. They'll be swapped off with every chance that can be found. So there they are—pledged to vote for everything Butler tells em to vote for, an yet put up to swap off. An then we warn Democrats against their dear, dear friends, the enemy, on election day. If the Republicans can throw their force (let it be promises or the dough) towards electin a clerk, a sheriff, and the mity Holton, whose honor in the courts they've had to guarantee in every issue of the Bulletin they'll do what they've planned to do. They figure it out that if they can jist git the clerk of the court, the sheriff and the solicitor, they'll git hold of things, an come in all round two years hence. Now, go ahead, boys, an if you'll watch out jist on the very line I've told you'll knock all their plans sky-high.

How did I find out all this? A little birdie told me. They've been so bitter, and so hot-headed that they talked too far. Maybe they've nominated some ex-Democrat who forgot an told one of his nabors their secrets before he thought of himself. Maybe one of them new recruits lives in Asheboro an he always finds out things, and he dont care who he tells. But didnt I tell you sometime ago that I would tell you something that was talked on the streets of Asheboro? You jist keep this letter till November 9th, and let me know how much I've misseed the mark. I'll swallow all the mistakes of my judgment.

Yes, his was to be a short letter, an so I'll quit, though I didnt tell it all. I've got another little conversation to give out next time. But in the meantime you ax every honest republican what he thinks of his party leaders refusal to meet their opponents on the stump, an say what they have to say before all the people. Tell em that the republican candidates attended a democratic speakin in Tabernacle township, the democrats invited em every one to speak, an they wouldnt do it. Their bosses wouldnt let em. If there is no speakin bizness goin on among em, why dont they come out in the open with it? Ax Tige if he didnt git all the jist discussion he'll ever want when he tried it sometime ago. Ax Milt the same. Ax Holton if he can stand Hammer. If he says he can, tell him to show it, if he's got any man in him at all. Pin em down, Pat, an let em squeal. It always tickles me to hear em squeal.

Your brother,

Mike.

Why did they decline to make a joint canvass? They were afraid that the two young boys might make a poor answer about some of their political bargains: (1) as to where the county money is to be housed; (2) as to whether they will issue court house bonds or levy a special tax, since they have abused the democrats for not doing it; (3) if they mean to repeal the prohibition law.

Mr. Way Writes About Court House

We publish below a letter which has been received by Mr. W. J. Miller from Prof. J. M. Way, who was formerly the popular and efficient County Superintendent of Public Instruction in this county.

Although the letter is addressed to Mr. Miller as a private communication, Mr. Miller entertains a hope that Mr. Way will not object to its making it public.

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 12, 1910. Mr. W. J. Miller, Asheboro, N. C. Dear Mr. Miller:

Let me congratulate the democratic administration that built the new court house for the very small cost you have expended. If I were you I would, in defence of the public servants who had in charge the building of it, ascertain the size, cost and conveniences of a few others, and let the people see for themselves just what the county commissioners have saved the county.

I have visited every county in this State and a good many counties elsewhere, and wherever I have seen a new court house I have generally tried to visit it and find out something about it. This is due to the fact that I stayed in the court house nearly six years, and have not lost interest.

If these county commissioners had let out the building of the new court house at Asheboro in the usual way, I am satisfied it would have cost \$50,000 to complete and furnish it. I have been through one that I considered just about equal in value to yours, with the exception of tile floors and waterworks, and I was informed by a business man in the town that \$60,000 in bonds were issued to pay for it.

As to your method of financing it, it would be useless for me to put my judgment against that of the splendid business men who built your court house, but it is safe to say that if bonds had been issued those bonds would have run their entire time, let that be twenty or thirty years, and during all that time the county would have been paying interest. According to the financial statement of the county, this year's taxes will leave a very small debt to be paid. If the debt were not paid in less than ten years it would be far better than issuing bonds, for I presume your Randolph county people are getting the interest the county pays, whereas if bonds were issued the interest would very likely go to the other State.

Of course this letter is a part of what we call free advice or commendation, of which there is a great deal. But it is from one who knew and felt the need of better and more decent accommodations for those who were forced to attend court. Women used to sit around on cold days in the lobby of the old court house, and it was a shame for such to be necessary. This one improvement in the waiting room in your new building ought to commend itself to all fair minded people. Let those who criticize the commissioners, if there are such, state what their plan would have been. That would be the best test to place on them. It is easy to criticize; any fool can do that, but it is not so easy to plan a great enterprise.

Wishing the Democratic ticket the great victory it so much deserves, and hoping it will be as great as the one in Maine.

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. Way.

Col. Wood a Strong Man.

The nomination is a strong one, Col. Wood being an extremely popular man, and his friends declare will be a tower of strength on the ticket. Col. Wood's introduction to the people of Union occurred in the memorable congressional convention held in Monroe in 1902. He was one of the tellers of the convention and his voice rang clear after hundreds of ballots had been taken and the convention had been in session all night.—Monroe Journal.

Why did they run from the idea of a joint canvass? Because at least their editor is not honest, or else he is two-sided. In his paper of August 25th, he said: "Their record will be laid bare and they will be challenged to show cause why they should not be removed from power." If he pretended to speak for the organization, then in the name of common sense, how can the democrats show cause to a set of challengers who are on the run. Bring your men, if you are sincere and our men will show cause.

Why did not the republicans want a joint canvass this year? Because when they began their abuse they were likely to be told publicly about the effort of their county superintendent N. C. English, when they were last in power in this county, to put one negro on each public school committee in the county; the township committee being the rule then.