

This is a Democratic Year

Washington, Nov. 1.—With election day drawing near, the Republican situation in many sections looks desperate and in many others hopeless.

The Democrats on the other hand are approaching the final struggle with calmness and confidence.

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That under an executive order of President Harding, a midnight raid was made upon the officials of the bureau of engraving and printing, and that men and women who had won those positions through merit were cast into the street, with a suspicion amounting to the charge of dishonesty against them, which has been disproved, but brought them no redress.

That this administration has been characterized by Daughertyism, Nat Goldsteinism, Laskerism, Fallism and other isms, resulting in scandals that constitute offenses, political and moral.

That the civil service has been trampled under foot and supplanted by the spoil system, and that in some instances it is charged that appointments have actually been bought and sold.

That special privilege has been entrenched in matters of legislation and that the administration has turned its back upon the masses of the people.

That without exception every piece of beneficial legislation passed by this congress had the support of Democrats, and much of the bad legislation passed would have been still worse except for Democratic amendments, which won the support of the small progressive element among Republican legislators.

That the one boasted achievement of the administration—the disarmament conference—has resulted in no benefit whatever. No ships have been scrapped, no money has been saved and no desired result achieved.

That the present congress is not only inefficient but incompetent, bankrupt in leadership, principles and politics.

That the present administration is the only one in the history of the country that went upon the rocks in its first year.

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HON. O. MAX GARDNER, EX-LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF STATE, SPEAKS AT GASTONIA

In a strong campaign speech at Gastonia last Friday Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, stated in the offset that he intended to "call a spade a spade."

Mr. Gardner spoke in part as follows: "It has never been my custom to make bitter partisan speeches. There are many high class citizens who are Republicans in North Carolina, for whom I entertain wholesome respect and whom I am pleased to call my friends.

"His name is Marion Butler. He is up to his accustomed biennial efforts to stage a come-back in the state.

"He said in his Newton speech that he was ashamed of North Carolina because of its devotion to the ideals of Woodrow Wilson. Isn't that gall for you? It was not alone the state's love for Woodrow Wilson but its lack of faith in Butler that resulted in a majority of 80,000 for the Democratic party two years ago.

"In his recent speech he poured out his accumulated wrath upon what he terms the iniquity of the Democratic machine. It was the Democratic machine that foreclosed on Marion and bankrupted his ambition.

"I would never think of using such an ugly descriptive word myself. It's hard to tell whether Butler hates Watts, Simmons and Joe Daniels as much as he loathes Kohloss, Morehead and Frank Lanney.

"Personally and politically I am glad Butler is canvassing in the state, he is the best vote getter in North Carolina for the Democratic party, and the perennial blight in the bosom of his own brethren.

"Let us see. In 1920 the Republicans of North Carolina had a political primary and Hiram Johnson carried the state by an overwhelming majority. Did Marion Butler as a delegate in the Chicago convention obey the mandate of the Republican voters?

"Now, Marion, tell us whose machine got in motion when the amiable Mr. Harding, for whom we all have sympathetic respect, was nominated? You was there. It is fresh, you know. Who was chaffer for the steam roller in Chicago? O Marion, as you love your state and country, tell us! Did you see anything resembling a machine in Chicago? Did you see the steel trust machine, the packers machine, the powder trust machine, the wool trust machine, the sugar trust machine, the fertilizer trust machine, and the medicines machine? Were you present in the way, small hours of the morning, Marion, about 2 o'clock, that the machine was set in motion?

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about it until they came back from the hotel to the convention, and you were told to stand up and deliver—and deliver you did. Now, ain't you ashamed of yourself? Go wash the dirt and grease from your own lean hands before you challenge the sanitation of the Democratic party in North Carolina.

Democracy Well Organized.

"Yes, the Democratic party of North Carolina is organized, highly organized, and possessed of brilliant leadership. It is so well organized, Marion, that never again will you be permitted to occupy a high place in its progress or history.

"Of course we have our party differences and intense party contests, but when one Democrat defeats another he does it at the ballot box and not behind closed doors and in dark rooms. The people of North Carolina have abiding confidence in the Democratic party because it is the one 'machine'—if you please, Mr. Butler—that in 1900 Aycock crowded with the precious treasure of North Carolina childhood, and which Glenn, Kitchen, Craig, Bickett and Morrison have never lightened, but extended and enlarged as each in turn has gone ever forward towards the tedious heights that lead to the nal uplands. It is the one 'machine,' Mr. Butler, that has never grown old, that has never decayed, that has never broken down, that has never collapsed, that has never quit serving; because, Mr. Butler, it is the machine of progress, laden with the golden riches of abundant service to North Carolina and to a great and growing civilization.

"In conclusion, Mr. Butler, it is the machine that has got your goat."

REPUBLICANS FAIL

Catalogue of Republican failures since their accession to power.

They have failed to keep up our merchant marine.

They have failed to keep their promise to labor.

They have failed to keep their promise to capital.

They have failed to keep their promise to the farmers.

They have failed to keep their promise to the business men.

They have failed to protect the country against criminal trusts.

They have failed to put business into government.

They have failed to restore peace and trade with Mexico.

They have failed to restore justice of the department of justice.

They have failed to restore commerce of the department of commerce.

They have failed to restore labor of the department of labor.

They have failed to bring about any effective adjustment of foreign relations.

They have failed to obtain any settlement of our foreign indebtedness, amounting to more than \$11,000,000,000.

They have failed to lower the tax burdens on the people generally.

They have failed utterly in their conduct of the executive department it being but a succession of wiggles and wobbles.

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Prominent High Point Couple Married.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Odelle Peacock and Everett Marsh which was solemnized in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday, October 16.

Miss Lillian West and Mr. O. E. Brown were married October 24, the ceremony being performed by Justice of the Peace Leach, of Sengrove.

HOW TO GET BACK THE "JOY OF LIFE"

LIFE isn't worth living if you're so weak and run down you can hardly drag yourself around.

If the rich red blood, full of health and vigor, were pumping through your veins, the joy of life would come back soon enough! Gude's Pepto-Mangan has worked this magic for thousands—it will do the same for you.

Take it for a short time and see how your health and strength improve. Your druggist has it—liquid or tablets, as you prefer.

Gude's Pepto-Mangan Tonic and Blood Enricher

C. A. LEWALLEN WRITES AGAIN

Mr. Editor: We often boast of our great free government, as a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

We may boast of our great free government and the liberties and independence transmitted to us by our forefathers. Yet we are permitting our liberties and our independence to be taken away from us by the enemies of free government.

We seem to have forgotten that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Unless we as American people become awakened to our perils as well as our privileges the time will soon come when we can no longer boast of a government of the people, for the people and by the people, but it will be a government of the money kings, by the money kings.

The election and seating of Newberry will never be forgotten. We are not objecting to the use of a reasonable amount of money in a political campaign when it is used legitimately.

But the man or the woman who are influenced by money and sell their vote for the sake of getting coin is a traitor in just as true a sense as Judas Iscariot or Benedict Arnold;

and the man who goes out with the boodle and offers to influence people against their sentiment by offering and paying them money, are conspirators against free government, and the man who buys or offers to buy votes, and the man who sells or offers to sell his vote should have their citizenship taken away from them; and they should have a mark placed upon them so they may be distinguished from honorable, law-abiding citizens.

It has been alleged that the Republican hoodlums paid as high as sixty and seventy-five dollars per head for votes in Randolph county two years ago. We believe every political party should be required to furnish an itemized statement of all campaign funds, showing where they came from and what they were used for.

I am a Democrat and believe in the great principles of a democracy and in the Democratic party. But if the Democratic party can not win without following corrupt practices I say let her go down in defeat. But we believe there are enough people who believe in a government of the people, for the people and by the people, to carry us on to certain victory.

C. A. LEWALLEN.

Curbstone Merchandising.

It would be possible for any one to set up a box on a curbstone corner and sell you many articles that are sold in drug stores.

You would not care, however, to risk your life and health in allowing such a merchant to fill a prescription for you.

Few persons realize that when they buy the service of a compounding pharmacist that they are buying a highly technical service at what is practically a minimum fee; but filling prescriptions alone would be a highly unprofitable business.

Drug stores could not exist on that alone, and you would be deprived of the service of these skilled pharmacists if it were not that drug stores carry a tremendously large stock of related articles. These are sold on a small margin of profit necessarily because competition is keen in this line of business.

It is to your distinct advantage to purchase from drug stores the things that are found ordinarily in their stock.

A SHABBY HOUSE OR A SHABBY MIND

Haven't you been in houses where lovely flowers stood all about, and everything was spick-and-span, and the library table was strewn with papers and magazines of the trashiest description? Is it a good thing to have the furniture of the house the best that money can buy, and to furnish the mind with silly and disreputable things in the way of reading?

Better by far have a shabby house than a shabby mind. The shabby furniture can be burned or sold, but what can be done for the shabby mind? Use The Youth's Companion to furnish your mind, and wherever you are—in plain but immaculate rooms or amid splendors and palaces—you will be at home. Try The Companion for a year and see.

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