

REPUBLICAN "ECONOMY"

(By Richard Linthicum.)
 Republican propagandists have led the public to expect heavy reductions in expenditures as a result of the trappings growing out of the Disarmament Conference, and a consequent heavy reduction in taxation. Republican claims of economy have been refuted by facts and figures almost as rapidly as they have been made, but the claims continue nevertheless. Here are some of the most recent instances of how the administration is economizing: For the fiscal year of 1923 the expenditures for the navy were \$333,000,000. For the fiscal year of 1924 Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt is asking for \$375,000,000, and is reported as saying that the late President Harding approved these figures. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, according to report, will present a building programme to the next Congress calling for an expenditure of \$300,000,000. The Langley Park Barrel bill, otherwise known as the Building bill, made no appeal to the last Congress, but was not without a bust of friends. Attention is called to the increase in rural estimates and the \$300,000,000 Pork Barrel bill only because claims of Republican economy persist. A fact is all that is needed to offset a false claim.

TREAT AID TO PEACH GROWER

For the first time this year the United States have furnished two inspectors from the State Department of Agriculture and two from the Federal Department of Agriculture. In previous years there has been an attempt to show the advantage of grading and standardization not only with peaches but other farm produce also. This year a new line of work has been pursued. Inspectors employed by the state division of markets are given thorough training in the fundamentals and technique of inspection work and then licensed by the federal government. Upon inspection of the cars, a certificate is issued giving the grade of the produce, the condition of the car and this certificate is taken as prima facie evidence in both state and federal courts. This inspection is explained by the marketing workers as an inspection made to determine or certify to the grade and gives the grower a basis on which to sell his produce. Each grade has certain requirements and when a grade is certified as U. S. No. 1 grade, then everyone knows that this certification by the inspector means that the peaches come up to the requirements of the U. S. No. 1 grade; and that the variety is firm, mature, well formed, free from growth cracks, cuts, skin breaks and worm holes and must be perfect peaches in every respect.

STATE'S PROGRESS IS EASILY SEEN

The Manufacturers' Record comments on the praise given North Carolina by a financier who lately made a tour of the state under the caption "Enough to Stun the Pride of Any Red-Blooded American." It says: "A number of eastern bankers recently made a tour of North Carolina, studying its agricultural, manufacturing and other interests. Among these financiers was W. T. Reed, of Boston, Reed and company, of Boston, who on returning home wrote enthusiastically about what he had seen and learned in North Carolina. He praised the state for its small foreign born population, less than one-seventh of one per cent. He praised it for its high birth rate and for its large percentage of white population as compared with the negro population; for its schools and its colleges; for its university and its churches and its roads and for its low rate of taxes, as compared with New England states. In the course of his letter Mr. Reed said: "I went to North Carolina wholly unprepared for what we saw. We had the instinctive feeling, which most Northerners have regarding the lack of stability and dependability of things Southern. What we saw was a revelation to us and we have returned thankful for the opportunity which we had and full of enthusiasm for the State of North Carolina. It is not going too far to say that some of the things which we saw brought a lump into our throats for the work which is being done by North Carolinians is enough to stir the pride of any red-blooded American. We went South, then, with many prejudices and some doubts and we came back absolutely sold."

HARMON BUNDY DEAD

Harmon Bundy, a highly esteemed citizen of Trinity township, Randolph county, died last Friday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Woosley, and the burial followed in the cemetery at Trinity. Mr. Bundy had been in ill health for several years, suffering with stomach complications. He was 69 years of age and was well known in his community. He was married twice. His first wife, who was Miss Mary D. Bolling, died in 1890. In 1891 he married Miss Susie Johnston, who survives with three children by his first wife. These are Earl Bundy and Mrs. Myrtle Mendenhall, of this city, and Mrs. Elsie Trogdon, of North Wilkesboro. He also is survived by a brother, Shubal Bundy, of Concord, and a sister, Mrs. Marian Lam, of Jamestown. The funeral services were attended by a large number of friends and relatives of Mr. Bundy.

NORTH CAROLINA MOST TALED ABOUT OF ANY STATE

The Atlanta Constitution had an editorial recently based upon the latest editorial in the Manufacturers' Record on the progress of North Carolina. "It is a fact," says the Constitution, "that while industry—particularly the textile—has advanced more rapidly in North Carolina than in any other state in the South, the agricultural interests of North Carolina are keeping pace with the procession, so much that periodicals all over the country are citing illustrations of successful cooperation, the wisdom of breaking the one-crop shackles, the correct system of balancing production, etc. Hence it is, while North Carolina's progressive legislative policy has placed the State in the very front ranks of American commonwealths in highway construction, enlarged institutions, local civic improvements, and so on; and while industry, through the liberal encouragement given to hydro-electric development, has increased more rapidly, in proportion to population than any other State, the farming interests have developed along with all of these progressive tendencies—and to such an extent that North Carolina agriculturally is getting to be as much of an example of successful planning and execution, as North Carolina industrially, or educationally, or otherwise."

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned on the first day of January, 1923, purchased at a tax sale, conducted by J. A. Brady, ex-sheriff and tax collector for Randolph county, at the court house door, Asheboro, N. C., the following described real estate in said county and State of North Carolina, 106 acres of land in New Hope township, Randolph county, known as the Charles Mason estate. Adjoining the lands of Whit Cranford's heirs, Gilmer Russell, et al, listed in the name of Charles Mason estate. Taxes for which said sale was made for the year 1921. Time for redemption of the aforesaid real estate will expire the first day of January, 1924, and in default of redemption the undersigned will demand a deed as provided by law immediately after expiration of said time allowed for redemption as aforesaid. The amount of costs and tax for the said land was \$13.22, the purchase bid being \$13.75. JAMES TALBERT, Purchaser. 4t-9-6 Senator Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, will be a speaker at the Davidson county fair, September 26.

TREATING 'EM ROUGH

(By Richard Linthicum.)
 The Republican party as at present organized and controlled seems to be doing everything in its power to relieve itself of the colored voter. In addition to the appointment of C. Bascom Slemp to be secretary to the President and the re-appointment of Col. C. O. Sherrill at the White House, both of which appointments are offensive to the colored voter, and in addition the controversy over the negro hospital at Tuskegee, the representation in the next Republican National Convention from the South, composed largely of negro delegates, has been greatly reduced. In 1921 the Republican Committee adopted a rule providing for one district delegate from each Congressional district that had cast 2,500 votes or more in the election 1920. It is now figured that this apportionment would cut down the representation from a large number of southern states. Under the new rule Georgia will lose 8 (a sad blow to Henry Lincoln Johnson), Texas 6, Mississippi 8, and South Carolina 4. Under this rule northern representation to the Republican Convention will be increased by 74 delegates at large. The new rule will lighten the burden of C. Bascom Slemp in rounding up the colored delegates; that is to say, there will not be so many for him to round up. The slogan of the reactionary Republicans, so far as the colored voter is concerned, seems to be "Treat 'em Rough."

A STANDING DEMOCRATIC POLICY

(By Richard Linthicum.)
 Democrats should co-operate with Republicans in making economy in government a standing policy—Washington Post editorial. The Post was the recognized official organ of President Harding's administration. Therefore, it is rather surprising to learn, even by implication, that the Post does not know that economy in government is a fundamental policy and therefore a standing policy of the Democratic party. "Economy" is as much of a Democratic slogan as the phrase "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none". The Post should also know that there can be no economy practiced by a party controlled by special privileges as the Republican

party is now controlled.

If the editor of the Post will turn to Blaine's "Twenty Years in Congress" he will find the statement concerning Democratic economy verified in the following declaration by James G. Blaine, for many years the peerless leader of the Republican party: "During the long period of their domination they (the Democrats) guarded the Treasury against every form of corruption and every attempt at extravagance." We are more than willing to give President Coolidge credit for any actual achievement of his administration, and therefore we cannot pass by without notice of the fact that he has reappointed that grand military hero of the age, the greatest homoeopathic general in all history, Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, to be the physician at the White House, Salutation to Mars and Esculapius. Among the recent callers on President Coolidge was Mr. George B. Lockwood, Secretary of the Republican National Committee, followed by Mr. Lockwood's statement that he thought President Coolidge would be the Republican nominee in 1924. This opinion is noteworthy only as showing the difference between the

methods of the Republican National Committee and the Democratic National Committee.

The latter does not seem to us to carry the prerogative of the delegates to the Democratic National Convention, who alone are empowered to nominate candidates and announce a platform. Senator Reed Smoot of Utah upon his return from Europe hastens to announce that if President Coolidge decides to become a candidate for the nomination of President in 1924 he will be successful. Ever since 1912 when the Republicans carried Utah and President Coolidge's native state of Vermont, these two states have been associated in the public mind, therefore, Senator Smoot's observation was but natural in the circumstances. Utah, however, has reformatted, even if Senator Smoot hasn't. It seems to be settled that George Harvey is to remain as Ambassador to the Court of St. James, which means that the British and American public will not have to rely entirely on the movies for their amusement. You may have noticed that none of the economy plans of the Republicans include a reduction of taxation, except, of course, to the multi-millionaire class.

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