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MUGWUMP AND ANTI-MUGWUMP

For several weeks—ever since the Jackson Day Dinner, in fact when Governor Ehringhaus spoke to assembled Democracy, the state has been agog. In the course of the speech the Governor used the term "Mugwump" a good-old-fashioned term that has been in use as long as there have been two sides of any question.

The editorial running in the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel sort of started the ball rolling and other editors leaped upon the subject with zest and avidity. The editorial from Sir Sanford Martin's paper follows and after that an interesting discussion of the origin of the term in question by Major Bruce Craven, of Trinity.

A New Doctrine

Governor Ehringhaus has not delivered a speech that has caused more discussion than his address at the Jackson Day Dinner of Young Democrats in Raleigh last week. In that speech the Governor for the third time assailed his critics.

The first occasion was at the meeting of the Young Democrats' organization at Wrightsville Beach last summer. The second was at the meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee at Raleigh in March.

In his last speech, however, the Governor is more severe on his opponents than in any previous utterance. He calls them "Mugwumps," "perverters of the truth," and such like pleasant names. What he must really think of Democrats who cannot see eye to eye with him in all things is indicated by this language.

There are many good Democrats in North Carolina who are sincere admirers of the Governor's ability and personality, and have been ready to accord praise and commendation to him in all cases where they could agree with him.

But at the same time these Democrats deny the right of any man, governor though he may be, to constrain their support for all his actions or to "crib, cabin and confine" the policies they shall or shall not approve.

In his impatience with his critics in the Democratic party, the Governor seems to have taken a position that is at variance with all principles of democracy, the strength and virility of which depend upon differences of opinion, full and frank discussion.

It is said that Senator Simmons once had a machine in this State. Maybe he did. But at no time did he seek to suppress discussion of his official actions or party policies. When head of the party he fought his battles out in the open.

There is grave danger, we fear, that the position of Governor Ehringhaus in his latest political utterance means the creation of a machine which would not only operate to choose the candidates of the party but also to smother and suppress those contests within the ranks upon which the safety of our institutions and the perpetuity of the Democratic party depend.

In a discussion of the Governor's speech, in The News and Observer, Frank Smethurst, managing editor of that paper, makes a point that all leaders of the Democratic party in North Carolina might consider with profit to themselves and their party. He says:

"The Governor is quite right when he says there is a danger confronting the Democratic party and that it comes from within rather than without the party.

"It isn't, as the Governor suggests, the menace of snipers. It doesn't come from the disloyal who spend their time 'manufacturing ammunition for the enemy,' perverting truth, garbling facts, traducing other Democrats, subverting Democratic doctrine.

"The danger comes from those who elect themselves custodians of Democratic truth and censors of Democratic doctrine; who suggest ostracism and penalties for other Democrats whose conceptions of Democracy may differ with theirs; who harbor the illusion that the Democratic party has been accorded an irrevocable franchise to govern North Carolina and that anything the elect may see fit to do is good Democracy and therefore sacrosanct.

"The Democratic party has good North Carolina reasonably good government. The danger confronting the party in North Carolina is that it may come to believe that any sort of government it supplies is good and ought to be swallowed because it is Democratic."

"MUGWUMPS."

Editor: I am busy this year trying to make a living and pay my debts and have firmly resolved to leave politics to its fate, otherwise than by loyally supporting the Democratic ticket as usual, but when a question of etymology arises, my resolve does not apply against a discussion.

of other shibboleths has been greatly abused, and now that an "anti-mugwump" party is being started inside the Democratic ranks in North Carolina, we ought to get the meaning clear.

The word comes from the Algonquin Indian dialect, and is spelled something like "mougwump." The correct pronunciation can be had by walking up to a man who is not expecting you, and punching him suddenly in the stomach and then quickly in the back, and he will pronounce the term for you.

The very unabridged dictionaries say it means "Chief, or leader" but this is not right. I was told some years ago by a genuine full blooded 100 per cent American Algonquin, that it means "Heap Much Man" and was originally used with reference to the warrior in the tribe who by ability and character and fighting propensities ought to have been chief, but wasn't.

It is easy to understand how such a person might be a nuisance to the chief, but in time of stress he might also be salvation for the tribe.

—BRUCE CRAVEN.

Trinity.

LIVE AT HOME GARDENS

The fresh smell of earth in the spring gives a sort of out-door feeling that drives the farmer to the field, the gardener to the garden and the lovers of flowers to the flower gardens.

So much was said for the two past winters about planting food sufficient for each family and to spare that we should not forget at this time. The comments about family gardening were brought forth on account of the necessity of so much welfare work. It was said far and wide that too many people conserved too little food when food was plentiful. And this was true. Many, many people who received federal aid, Red Cross flour and such relief would not have needed aid as early if they had "made hay in the sunshine."

In such a rural state as North Carolina with plenty of idle land lying within easy reach, there is little excuse for such a food shortage as has existed the past two winters. Many people have gardens—yes, but too late many people wished for the vegetables that rotted in the gardens while they danced grasshopper-like through the summer. Others who copied the busy ants and stored food for winter only found it necessary to ask for clothing.

This is not the canning season, certainly, but it is the gardening season. And now is the time to sow and plant many things that will be in sufficiently abundant amounts for both table use and for cans against another hard winter. North Carolina is fertile—abundant and in most sections vegetables and fruits grow easily. Especially true is this of the Piedmont section where there is a long season. If we are wise as the ant, we will sow now, reap in summer, and can for winter.

JAMES ADOLPHUS YORK

In the passing of James Adolphus York, last week, Randolph county lost one of her most valued and beloved citizens. Not for his "much speaking" was Dolph York, esteemed and beloved, but for his honor and honest, his quiet, unassuming manner, his loyalty, to his church his friends and his country. Those who knew him best, loved him most. Truly his children have lost a patient, kind and considerate parent, his neighbors, associates and acquaintances, a friend. In business, and every activity, Dolph York was fair. His acts and kind deeds, were not paraded but were, as seed, sown in good ground, were multiplied, in the minds and hearts of those who were recipients of his kindness and consideration. In his daily walk through life as in the case with all human beings, there were dark days, but he was able to push aside the curtains, and see the sunshine, which permeated the lives of those, with whom he came in contact. As a soldier, who served in the Spanish America war, he was courageous, and he won the reputation of being a good comrade and soldier. He served his country faithfully and well in war, as well as in peace. The memory of Dolph York, is imprinted in the lives of his fellowmen, who join in mourning his death.

Goodrich To Use Newspaper Ads In Promotion Of Sales

More than 2,000 newspapers will carry Goodrich tire and battery advertising this year, according to present plans, it is announced by S. B. Robertson, vice president and general manager, tire division, The B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio.

"Newspapers will again in 1934, as for many years past, form the backbone of the Goodrich tire and battery advertising and merchandising program," Robertson declared.

Advertising on this year's Goodrich schedule will be built around company product innovations, including a continuation of the campaign on the Safety Silvertown tire with the Life-Saver Golden Ply.

Among other new products, recently announced which are to be stressed are the Gold and Black tube, the Seal-O-Matic tube incorporates the layer of plastic gum rubber inside the tube wall, which flows into any hole that may be driven into the tube without allowing the tube to lose air.

An innovation in Goodrich advertising in this year's campaign will be the use of color in a large number of newspapers.

E. F. Arnold, energetic county agent of Fitt county, reports that 1,322 cotton contracts and 2,600 tobacco contracts have been signed and approved to date in that county.

From The Back Seat

I had considered discussing Literature and things today; but instead, let's talk about something serious. I mean serious things are always the most amusing. And this is well, to be a funny column . . . Well, sometimes.

Anyhow, one often hears it said that we Americans are a lawless people. Now that is a base slander. Because we really do have more laws and more fool laws—than all the rest of the Family of Nations put together.

Further, it is charged that Americans have no respect for law. But this, too, is a base canard. Now "canard" is a French word, meaning (if I remember my French; which I do not. Because I never did have any)—meaning a duck. Though why lies should be called ducks I can't imagine; unless it is because quacks are untruthful.

But to resume: We Americans have a tremendous respect for law. A respect so intense that we pamper our laws, make company out of them, and persistently refuse to put them to work.

The real national game of these United States is law-making. And the great national delusion is that somehow passing nice, shiny new laws and having them printed in big yellowish-brown covered books will have its effect.—What could possibly indicate a greater respect for law than our simple trust that every statute is self-enforcing?

Why, Congress has passed a law directing the Secretary of Agriculture, or somebody, to bring back the "price level" of 1926.—Nobody knows exactly why 1926; at least, nobody has known until now. But I will explain. It is because this act was written by a numerologist. If you add the digits of 1926 they make 18, which is six times three. And it is well known, of course, that three is the luckiest of all lucky numbers. Obviously, six threes, or twice three times three, must give us all the luck there is.

Setting aside as irrelevant trifles the facts that the "price level" of 1926 wasn't much good anyhow, and that by doubling half the prices added to make up the average, and halving the rest, we might restore the "price level" without bringing back any single individual price to what it used to be; and finally—and of still less importance—that neither the Secretary of Agriculture nor anybody else could possible bring back any price level at all, no matter how he tried. . . . Well, setting all that aside, what is there left? Not very much, I'm afraid.

Of all silly persons, the silliest is the so-called Idealist. That is, one who deliberately shuts his eyes to obvious facts, and ignores impossibilities, and stubbornly declares that this or that "ought to be so." And makes that declaration a reason for passing a law to make it so.

When you'll have to admit that it really means, "I think it ought to be"—Though it's possible I may be wrong. And, right or wrong, what possible use is it to say it ought to be, if stubborn facts reply "It can't be done." So what? Why, pass a law, of course; and then go home satisfied.

None of our thorough-going reformers ever stops to ask whether a new law can be enforced—or what has happened to last year's laws. Most of the laws originally enacted to satisfy somebody's urge for morality lie dead in the books—or are used only, like the unsavory Mann Act, as means of blackmail. Too, we are hearing today, even more than ever before, that absolute and irrevocable power ought to be given to executive officials, because (a) they won't use that power and do it fairly. Granting that the present officials would (though I wonder if any man lives who can be trusted with irresponsible power) — who knows how long it will be before somebody else has the job? Office-holders change, but laws stay on the books. A law that might be abused by anybody, in any circumstances, is a bad law.

If we would all take a more practical attitude, and think just a little bit about the possible effects of proposed laws before urging their enactment, we'd have fewer statutes. Before approving any bill, no matter how noble its purpose, we ought to ask:

Can it be enforced at all? Who will enforce it—and can he be trusted? Can all the men who come after him? (And there are bound to be some poor sticks.) If it were enforced, against you and me, would we like it?

Too many laws are directed against the man around the corner—like the late and unlamented Volstead Act. Any law about which folks say, "I don't need it myself, of course; but Bill Jones does"—any such law is very, very bad. Because what folks mean when they say that sort of thing is really: "I don't intend to pay any attention; but I'll make Bill be good." What right have we to as Bill Jones to respect a law which we don't obey? If all of us had welcomed Prohibition for our own selves; if everybody had stopped drinking, or buying liquor; if the man who drank had been treated by his friends like the man who stole—why, then Prohibition might have worked.

I doubt if any law intended to regulate people's private morals can ever be enforced; but I know perfectly well—and so do you, every last one of you—that no law intended to correct other people's faults (but not our own) can ever be worth passing.

It is the saddest, and silliest, and most diabolically amusing thing in the world, this habit of making laws for other folks. Behind the "idealism" which inspires people to suggest

such laws is always the notion "I know what's best for you all, darn you. Give me the power and I'll make you happy if it kills you." Because every reformer who wants absolute power given to any executive is thinking in his heart: I'm crazy to use this power. You can trust me to use it right.—It's funny. Why don't you laugh? —POATE.

The Open Forum

GREAT INTEREST IN PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

Editor Courier: Great interest is being taken in the Pilgrim Holiness church.

Throughout every service the manifestation of God's spirit is so wonderfully felt. Souls are seeking God and many happy finders.

Our good pastor, Rev. Mrs. J. B. Fulp, and her faithful husband are leading us on to victory. We thank God for these good people.

Four interesting prayer meetings were held last week. The attendance ran as high as forty in one prayer meeting. It is great to hear the young converts witness for their new-found Saviour in these meetings. Special singing in almost every service.

You are welcome to the little white church on the hill.

—MRS. L. F. STUTTS. Asheboro, April 23.

OPPOSES SALES TAX

Editor Courier:

It is common talk among the people that the last legislature was the craziest, rottenest bunch ever assembled in Raleigh, that any ordinary bunch of drunks could have done better. This is being said in regard to the passing of the sales tax, sign board, tourist camp, egg law and others. There are rumors that the president of R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co. as well as other corporation heads were in Raleigh all the time, footing the bills, trips to Florida, wild parties and what all else. I do not know the truth of these remarks. I wish I did. However, knowing some of these representatives personally, I have more confidence in them than to believe they were connected in all this, but I am forced to admit that some of these laws are wild indeed. For instance, the sales tax law completely missed the board in taxing the people who own the property of the State, or the people who make the money in this State.

They freed our money-making corporations from paying school tax and put the burden on our bread earners, a big portion of them boys and girls owning no property, just stepping into the bread line to help make a living for the family. A boy or girl making two dollars a day or six hundred a year in spending same would pay a sales tax of \$32.00 yearly. Counting one-third the sales tax of ten per cent and two-thirds at three per cent. This is too much tax for a boy or girl possibly under age, with no property in the world and with no privileges except to help support the family and to help pay the tax for some rich corporation that make millions yearly. Our boys and girls must be treated better than that,

Chosen A Sponsor Miss Lucy Clyde Ross, student at High Point College and daughter of L. F. Ross, of Asheboro, has been chosen as one of the 12 sponsors of the big Tri-City ball, set for May 1 in the Greensboro auditorium. The dance is being sponsored by the Inter-Club council, composed of six cotillion clubs, two from each club. Miss Ross is one from the Coterion club, High Point.

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else they be slaves, tax slaves for life, paying taxes on properties owned by some one else, properties that make millions for the few rich who refuse to be taxed. Many a farmer has saved four or five dollars on his property tax, only to have three or four boys and girls in the family start paying a sales tax of \$25.00 to \$50.00 yearly.

The last legislature, who was going to reduce taxes, instead they heaped them higher, and on every member of the family young and old. They then cut the school teachers and highway employees all to take the school tax off the rich and the corporations.

The people will not vote for a man who favors a law so unfair as the sales tax, also they have their opinions of the few billy goats, tools of the rich, who go around arguing for sales tax and bleating phases such as show us something better. We all know that anything would be better for the average people.

—CARL A. TEAGUE. Staley, April 11.

SOPHIA, RT. 1, NEWS

Sophia, Rt. 1, April 23.—We have been having heavy frosts in this section recently and ice was seen at several places on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Eliza Edwards and Miss Cora Edwards spent Monday afternoon in Greensboro shopping and visiting friends.

George Stewart, of Asheboro, spent the week end with his family here. Among those of this community who have been ill but are recovering are Walter Farlow and Mrs. Colbert Beeson.

Visitors at Mrs. Eliza Edwards Sunday included Miss Sue Williams, Miss Alice Oruraker, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Petty, of High Point, Mrs. George Stewart and three children, Johnny Stout and Sherbert Miles.

The many friends in this community of Shubal G. Farlow were grieved to learn of his sudden death. Mr. Farlow is a former resident of this community but some time prior to his death, he made his home near Asheboro.

Mrs. Eliza Williams spent one day recently in High Point.

B. F. Ridge is recovering from a recent illness. Miss Cora Edwards visited Mrs. Harvey Farlow one day last week. The members of the Glenola Baptist church have built several new Sunday school rooms to the church recently.

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Heavy Deliveries Of Buick Cars Is Noted This Month

Flint, Mich., April 23.—Retail deliveries of Buick automobiles during the first 10 days of April were greater than during any similar period in the last two years, W. F. Hufstader, general sales manager of the Buick Motor company announced today.

Moreover, sales figures reveal that Buick dealers in 157 cities throughout the United States sold more cars in the first quarter of this year than they did in all of 1933.

"Buick's steadily growing sales volume is most gratifying to the management not only from the standpoint of the company's current business, which is at the best level it has been in more than two year, but also as an indication that a definite upward trend is being experienced in all lines of business," Mr. Hufstader said. "Increased new car buying, particularly in the Buick price range, is strong evidence that business recovery is sweeping the nation."

During the first 10 days of April, 2853 new Buicks were delivered to customers, the sales statistics show, the largest 10-day total since the third period in March, 1932. The figure compares with 1937 new car deliveries in the first 10 days of April last year, a gain of more than 100 per cent.

Deliveries in the first April period this year also exceeded the best 10-day period of last year—the last day of June, 1933, when 2274 were delivered. "Total Buick deliveries since the first of the year," Mr. Hufstader said, "are 14,840 as against 11,069 from January 1 to April 10 last year."

"The fact that Buick dealers in 157 cities throughout the country already have exceeded their total 1933 sales volume is indicative of the extent to which the country has come back," Mr. Hufstader said. "The same sales figures show that dealers in nearly 200 other towns have sold from 50 to 100 per cent as many cars in the first quarter of this year as they did in all of last year with the probability that many of these dealers soon will pass their total 1933 volume."

One thousand short leaf pine seedlings were planted on a section of poor, washed mountain land in Cherokee county recently as a field demonstration in reforestation work, reports the farm agent.

ALL DAY UNITY MEETING APRIL 29

The Church of God, colored, of Asheboro, is making arrangements for an all day unity meeting to be held Sunday, April 29th. One of the most interesting things on the program will be the missionary march which will begin at the tabernacle at 12:30 o'clock, this march will cover the main streets in Asheboro. There will be a band, singing and waving of banners.

Bumper Tourist Crop Tourists turned depression's tide in Florida during the past winter. It is estimated that during the season there were 1,500,000 visitors in the state and that they spent \$300,000,000 during the season. Real estate dealers reported the greatest movement in real estate the past winter than in eight years.

The Federal farm loan banks made loans totaling \$9,206,556 in North Carolina for refinancing farmers' indebtedness between June 1 and March '31 of this year. Loans in the four states served by the Columbia bank reached \$43,605,770, with Tar Heel farmers asking for the smallest amount.

Wilson county farmers have purchased 15,000 pounds of lespedeza seed cooperatively this season.

Mystery of the Haunted Spanish Tower. Exciting story of a crime supposed to have been committed by a ghost. One of many fascinating features in the American Weekly, the magazine which comes with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN, issue of April 29.

KILLS EVERY ITCH GERM

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