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THE LATE LAMENTED CHAS. F. TOMS

Press Comments Upon the Action of this Petended Convert to Republicanism.

HIS REASONS ARE NOT VALID.

"A Quitter That He May Profit, to Be Despised by Roosevelt and Every Other Man in the North or South."

Toms a Quitter.
State Senator Charles F. Toms, Esq., of Hendersonville, N. C., has sent to Governor R. B. Glenn his resignation as democratic representative of the people, and declares his intention to affiliate hereafter, with the republican party.

Reasons for such motives are always in order, but when we consider the reasons expressed, we find the principal reason back of it purely and simply avarice, and that a hope of reward for the future is actually and altogether the motive.

A quitter: As long as the man lives, this appellation will be applied to him. A quitter for no other reason on the face of the earth than that he, individually, may profit. Roosevelt will despise him and every other man in the northern and southern states. He is a politician without brains, a man who would drink and feed his family at the public trough regardless of being a contributor.

When he says that reflection has led him to do as he does, he is a craven liar. He wants Pap. He is infinitely too lazy to read and judge for himself. He was born lazy and is a traitor to the constituency that has honored him.

Democracy has just now all the argument on its side, and even President Roosevelt is showing his appreciation of democratic principles, and for such a man as this, a half nonentity, to get into the newspapers and pose before the state as somebody, is simply ridiculous.

Had he been sure of his election by democrats in the approaching campaign, this letter would never have been written.—Winston Journal.

After Much Searching One Has Been Found.

There are fifty young men in Raleigh, reared in republican homes, who are democrats. They are taking a course that has the approval of their judgment and they make no fuss about. One young democrat in Western North Carolina has been discovered, after raking the state with a fine tooth comb, to "fine the radicals," and the Subsidized News makes as great a fuss over it as if it amounted to more votes than the republicans will lose by the sentence of corrupt officials to the penitentiary.

Mr. Toms is not the first young man who has gone to the republican party expecting that his departure would create a vacuum. He has a right to go, but why should he feel called upon to inflict the governor with a dissertation of his newly discovered views, practically the same that Mariou Butler and S. Otho Wilson got off when they "jined" the gang? He could have resigned his seat in the senate without his long pronouncement. Wouldn't it have been in better taste to resign and to have hired a hall to air his new views?

Turned States Evidence.

Senator Toms has resigned his seat in the state senate, which is more or less ornamental, because the present senate will probably never meet again, and takes advantage of the opportunity to write Gov. Glenn quite a lengthy document, setting out his reasons for leaving the democratic party. Of course, unless this bill of indictment against the democratic party is pleaded to by the governor, either specially or generally, it will be taken as confessed, so it is up to the governor now to give any good reason he may have, why the rest of the democrats should remain in the party.

When Aaron Burr was leaving church on Sunday in the midst of the sermon, the preacher pointed at him and said: "I will be a witness against you at the judgment seat," whereupon Burr turned around and said: "Yes, in all my practice at the bar, I have noticed that the d—est rascals are they who turn state's evidence."—Greensboro Record.

Must Have His Nerve With Him.

Mr. Chas. F. Toms, of Hendersonville, state senator from the 33d district, has written to Gov. Glenn resigning from the senate and stating, with considerable elaborateness, that he has joined the republican party. We haven't read the letter. Little is short. But we are constrained to remark in passing that while we don't know Mr.

Toms we are sure he is a gentleman of considerable nerve. A man who can join the republican party in North Carolina now, when leaders of factions are flying at each other's throats and charging, with much truth, that the party in this state is dominated by cut-throats and thieves—why, such a man must have his nerve with him.—Statesville Landmark.

He Reasoned Weakly.

The Salisbury Post, referring to the change of political base by Senator Chas. F. Toms, of Henderson, grants that he is exercising a natural right and has "no quarrel with him," but "would have felt better about it if he had not been quite so weak in the reasons he assigns for his apostasy." Apostasy is not a pretty word, but The Post's point is well taken. Mr. Toms has a perfect right to change his political affiliations, but when he came to tell why he did so he reasoned weakly. If he could not have improved on the explanation he would better have left it off.—Charlotte Observer.

Which Faction Did He Join?

Now that Mr. Toms has decided to leave the democratic party his former political associates are curious to know whether he will join the Marion Butler or the Blackburn wing of the republican party. He made no reference to that phase of the matter in his letter of notification to the governor of his going over to the enemy.—W. Messenger.

Queer Process of Reasoning.

A man who joins the republican party in North Carolina with the idea of escaping from factional fights employs a queer process of reasoning, to say the least. If any party was ever torn up by factional disorders to a greater extent than the republican party in North Carolina today we would like to know when and where it was.—Winston Sentinel.

Sounding the Gaw-Gaws.

The republicans are sounding the gaw-gaws and beating the tom-toms over the accession of Mr. Toms to their ranks. We like to see the republicans enjoy themselves occasionally. We have no doubt they will give him a front seat, with a big slice of pie.—Durham Sun.

Can Get Along Without Him.

If State Senator Toms, of Henderson county, wants to leave the democratic party and join the republicans it is his own affair. No doubt the former will be able to get along without him.—Greenville Reflector.

Just Watch Him.

Senator Toms, formerly a democrat of this state, has gone to the republicans. He has written a letter in which he says that the democratic party is wrong. Just watch him when the republican offices are handed out.—Clarkton Express.

Going to Kick Both Wings.

Some of the democrats are worrying themselves over which wing of the republican party Mr. Toms will fly with. What's the use? He's gone over and his affiliations do not disturb us in the least. We are going to kick both wings, anyway.—Durham Herald.

Waited Until It Was Dry.

In the eyes of some men the chief sin committed by Mr. Toms consisted in resigning an office.—Daily Industrial News, Republican.

But Mr. Toms waited until the office went dry before resigning!—Shelby Star.

A Good Riddance.

If Mr. Toms had the idea that the information of his withdrawal from the democratic party would cause Governor Glenn to order a dose of laudanum he was sadly in error. On the contrary the governor just gave him one of those "Good riddance" smiles and drove on.—Charlotte News.

There was no Request.

The governor's letter to Mr. Toms must have been somewhat disappointing for he told the young senator "That owing to the circumstances he would gladly excuse him." There didn't seem to be a bit of regret crouched in his answer either.—Charlotte News.

Will Seize Them by the Forelock.

If young Mr. Toms is as wise as some of the republicans now think him to be he will seize time by the forelock and ask for a piece of radical pie, now the while "Prodigal's return" love feast is in progress.—Charlotte News.

What Plume Is He After?

"No future in democracy," intimates Charles F. Toms. What particular plum on the republican tree has Monsieur Toms in view?—Asheville Citizen.

JOHN RUSSELL GOES OVER.

Tired of the Party That Has Not Given Him a County Office, But Says Toms Letter Did the Work.

J. N. Russell announces his conversion to republicanism. He is reported to have been at the anxious seat for several years past. Even two years ago he made a quiet canvass among some of the leading republicans in order to ascertain whether he might receive the republican nomination for sheriff. Four years ago he worked for Moody for Congress. Mr. Russell is very anxious to be sheriff of Henderson county and has little choice as to which party elects him. We hope that the republicans will treat our retiring brother according to his deserts. He is a brave man to repudiate all that he has done and said and stood for in a long life, and to embrace republicanism with all it means in North Carolina.

He announces that Charlie's letter convinced him of the error of his life. He was easily convinced. Is it a great pity he could not take it all back and live his life over again. Let us look a little further into this Russell affair. The following letters tell their own story:

Fletcher, N. C., Dec. 4, 1904.

Mr. M. L. Shipman, Raleigh, N. C.:

Dear friend I would like to see you before you left H.ville but the morning after Election I drew by coat and went to work and has been after it ever since I have not been at H.ville yet it looks like Hendersonville Township and Mills River went back on us. If they had done as well as Clear Creek Edneyville and Hoopers Creek we would have beaten them but however we can only look to the near future but the bigger they beat me the stronger it makes me a democrat * * but I hope to live to see another Election so if we can get the right man for tax collector (Mr. Russell was a candidate for the office of Tax Collector—Editor) and get the Australian ballot I think that we will lick them * * Well M. L. If you can get me a good job this winter I will accept of it and will sure remember you for it will there be any job that I can do in the Legislature that will pay me.

Hoping you good success in your change but sorry to loose you

Yours Truly

J. N. RUSSELL

THE SECOND LETTER.

Fletcher, N. C. Jan 24 1905.

Mr. M. L. Shipman Raleigh N. C.

Dear friend I kindly want you to look after Mr. C. F. Toms in regard to Tax collector's matter it is rumored through the country that he is in favor of a repeal of the act which I hardly think he could be as I think and many others do is the only chance to get the County Democratic. When the matter comes before the committee see that it is killed in the committee room. It seems quite strange to me that some who profess to be good Democrats signed Rhoads petition (Mr. Russell then wanted to be tax collector—Editor.)

be sure and have Bery Hill appointed Justice of the peace Write soon and give me all the news

Yours Truly

J. N. RUSSELL

This is, indeed, strange reading when compared with Mr. Russell's recent production, evidently prepared by the individual he asked Mr. Shipman to watch during the session of the legislature. He wanted Mr. Toms to have a guardian at that time and maybe he thinks so still and has gone over to the radicals to look after him, knowing that Charlie Frenchie is out of Shipman's reach now. Verily we have fallen upon strange times and some people are not what they seem.

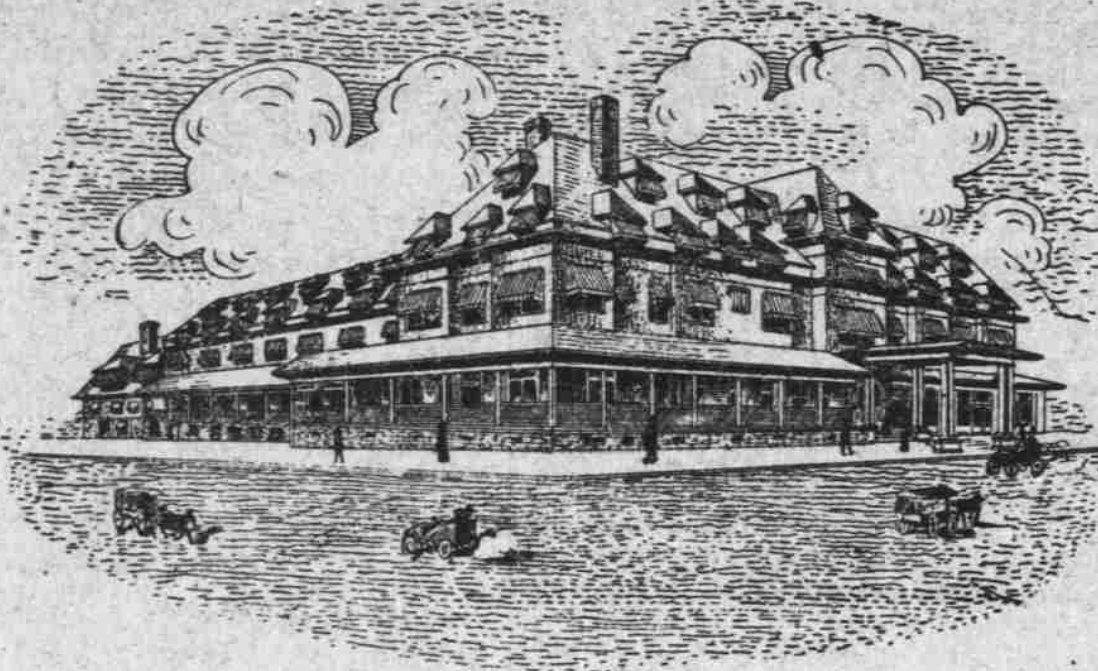
It pours the oil of life into your system. It warms you up and starts the life blood circulating. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Justus' Pharmacy.

For Sale at Auction.

At Hotel Gates, Friday the 11th, at 10 a.m., a large lot of floor matings, carpets, furniture, odds and ends of all kinds, window sash frames, and building material.

C. E. Brooks is attending the grand lodge meeting of Odd Fellows at Goldsboro. J. D. Dermid has charge of the tax collector's office at the court house in the absence of Mr. Brooks.

THE HOTEL GATES



Mr. A. A. Gates, Proprietor

The Hotel Gates, in which every man, woman and child of Hendersonville feels a personal pride, is bound to be one of the foremost factors in bringing this town to the attention of tourists of the north and the south. Mr. A. A. Gates, a man of long hotel experience, who has been manager for the widely known Mansion House for the past twenty years, is one who believes in advertising on a large scale, and he will start immediately to let people of this country know that nowhere in the south is there a city possessing more advantages for the health seeker, the seeker after pleasure, or the sight-seer, than right here in Beautiful Hendersonville.

And when people come, the Hotel Gates is prepared to offer them accommodations, in winter as well as in summer that are second to none found anywhere.

This fine hotel, with its wide verandas of over 300 lineal feet, or nearly 7,000 square feet, its beautiful dining room, 45x80 feet, its ballroom, 45x80 feet, delightfully cool in summer and steam-heated in winter, will be operated as an all-the-year hotel, as is Battery Park and Keilworth Inn.

Here are a few interesting figures and facts connected with the Hotel Gates:

There are 138 sleeping rooms.

There are 30 rooms connected with baths, and more rooms will be connected in the fall.

Every room has a telephone.

The telephone exchange and its operator will be in main lobby.

The guests may telephone from their room to any city reached by the Bell people.

The Hotel Gates is five stories high, with an enormous basement.

Floor space is nearly 200,000 square feet.

The verandas are 300 feet long and 20 feet wide.

The dining room is 45x80 feet.

The ballroom 45x80 feet.

The main lobby 50x50 feet.

The guests writing room 28x30 feet.

The parlor 25x40 feet.

There are over 700 electric lights.

The basement is fitted up with four modern sample rooms for traveling men, with entrance from both inside and outside the hotel.

There are many finely equipped lavatories and bath rooms in basement.

The dining room will seat over 300 people at one time.

There is an enormous lobby on each floor.

The carpets used are the finest Wilton Velvet, Axminster and Body Brussels.

The fast electric passage and baggage elevator is fully equipped with modern safety devices, so that an accident is impossible.

The Galivan Construction Co., of Greenville had the contract for the work, and W. M. Keller, superintendent of construction is to be congratulated upon the thorough manner in which he has supervised the work.

The result is a testimonial to the energy and pains-taking interest Mr. Keller has bestowed upon the work.

M. Rich Bros. Co., of Atlanta, furnished the carpets, over six competitors.

The Barr Hardware Co., of Greenville, installed the steam heating apparatus, with Mr. J. M. Russell as their representative here.

R. S. Smith, of Asheville, is the architect.

J. W. McIntyre, of Hendersonville, installed the plumbing.

The muresecoing was done by the firm of Grimes' Bros., a well known local concern.

The painting, both interior and exterior was done by W. A. Garren, and is a testimonial of his ability.

The Hotel Gates, with its bright red roof, its hundreds of windows, its many pointed gables and peaks, is a prominent object in Hendersonville. The cupola, 30 feet above the roof, and reached by means of the electric elevator, affords one of the finest views of our grand scenery to be had anywhere.

When the guest enters the grand lobby, with its highly polished floor, its

scores of lights, its beautiful leather-covered mission furniture, he is entering a modern hotel in the fullest sense of the word, where his every comfort and wish will be observed by a corps of trained servants, with a management back of them which knows how a hotel should be run.

The grand lobby will present a most pleasing appearance, with its handsome furniture, the wood-work enameled white with the walls a delicate tint.

The guests waiting room and parlor both have handsome fireplaces, and are finely furnished with mission furniture.

The bed rooms are all outside rooms, are well furnished.

A most enjoyable feature will be the music furnished by the Belding Orchestra, who have created such a favorable impression by their work at Kennelworth Inn, Asheville, during the past winter.

J. B. Seawell and son, John F. Seawell, brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gates, have purchased the laundry and ice plant formerly owned by Jesse J. Beale, and will operate it in a strictly modern manner. The plant will also include a cold storage plant which will be highly appreciated by the resorts near this city.

This laundry and ice business is more than a local concern, but will reach out into territory far outside of this city, for business, and will be highly appreciated by the guests of the hotel.

In fact, the Hotel Gates will compare, in the building itself, its appointments, its furniture, its management and its service, with that of any hotel in the country, and Hendersonville is now able to offer hotel accommodations, in winter as well as in summer, that will compare with those offered by any city in the country.

Mr. Gates has about made arrangements with the Claude Brown Company to furnish a high-class livery service to the Hotel Gates. This well known company, whose great barns are within sight of the Hotel Gates, has purchased probably the finest hotel bus outside of New York City in which to convey the hotel guests to and from the depot, and in fact, its service will be on a par with the rest offered by the Hotel Gates, which is simply the best.

The Hotel Gates will open June 1st. On June 15th will occur the grand opening, when the citizens of Hendersonville will be invited to call and inspect the hotel. Mr. Gates will have a special car from Greenville, for his friends there, and many well known people from Asheville and other towns will be present on that occasion.

Our Labor Unions.

The information given out at the last Board of Trade meeting about so much labor being donated absolutely free to the new hospital, prompted W. A. Smith to get on his feet and ask "What about this little town of ours, gentlemen?" Yes, indeed, what about it.

The ladies of the Hospital Association, unaided, have secured donations of land, rock, and labor and are by no means through.

The labor unions are deserving of the very highest praise for their efforts. The masons will lay the foundations, the carpenters will build the house, all without a cent of compensation. The rock has been donated, and will probably be brought to the hospital lot free of charge.

The ladies are now looking after the actual building material, when they will go ahead and we will then have a hospital in reality. Dr. Kirk has had the plans drawn up, at his own expense, and when arrangements have been made for the lumber, building operations will commence.

Why take a dozen things to cure that cough? Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar allays the congestion, stops that tickling, drives the cold out through your bowels. Sold by F. V. Hunter.

For Corporation Commissioner.

To the People of North Carolina:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination as Corporation Commissioner by the State Democratic Convention.

I pledge myself, if nominated, to do all in my power to establish:

1st. Passenger fares at two cents per mile.

2nd. A reduction of freight rates to a point which will leave the railroads fair and reasonable dividends on the actual value only of their property, after excluding watered stock and bonds and exorbitant salaries.

3rd. Taxation of railroads upon the same valuation upon which they are entitled to earn dividends.

I respectfully ask the support of all who favor these reforms in the interest of the public.

JACOB A. LONG.
Graham, N. C., April 21, 1906.

Have you pains in the back, inflammation of any kind, rheumatism, fainting spells, indigestion or constipation, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes you well, keeps you well. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets, Justus' Pharmacy.

See that your druggist gives you no imitation when you ask for Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar, the original Laxative cough syrup. Sold by F. V. Hunter.

Congressional Convention.

Notice is hereby given that a convention of the democratic party of the Tenth congressional district will be held in the city of Asheville at 10 o'clock a.m., on Saturday, June 30th, for the purpose of nominating a democratic candidate to represent said district in the 60th congress, to elect an executive committee and transact such other business as may be properly brought before it.

The various counties of the district will hold their primaries and conventions in accordance with the democratic plan of organization to elect delegates to the district convention. Each county will be entitled to one vote in the congressional convention for each fifty votes cast in the last election for the democratic candidate for governor and one additional vote for fractions of twenty-five.

It is earnestly desired that each county in the district shall be fully represented in the convention. By order of the democratic executive committee.

Respectfully,
M. L. SHIPMAN, Ch'mn.
B. H. KIRKPATRICK, Sec'y.

—Asheville Citizen.

Had a Clean Call.

"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Stickle, of Miletus, W. Va. "Persistent use of the Salve completely cured it." Cures Cuts, Burns and Injuries. 25c at The Justus Pharmacy.

Congressional Committee Meets.

The democratic congressional executive committee of Tenth congressional district, in pursuance of the call of Hon. M. L. Shipman, chairman, met in the office of Hon. Marcus Erwin, at Asheville, at 1:30 o'clock, May 5th. On roll call of the counties of the district all were present either in person or by proxy.

After organization, M. L. Shipman in the chair, B. H. Kirkpatrick secretary. The chairman stated the purpose of the meeting was to fix the time and place for holding the congressional convention for the purpose of nominating the democratic candidate for congress for the coming election. On motion of Hon. J. C. Mills, Asheville was fixed as the place. On motion of B. H. Kirkpatrick June 30 was fixed as the date, convention to assemble at 10 o'clock a. m.

It is therefore ordered that the county chairmen of each county in the district will hold their county primaries or conventions as they may decide upon, conforming with the plan of organization and elect delegates to this convention, each county entitled to one electoral vote for each fifty popular votes cast for the democratic candidate for governor in the 1904 election and one electoral vote for every fraction of said fifty votes over 25 votes.

This May 5th, 1906.
M. L. SHIPMAN, Ch'n Ex. Com.
B. H. KIRKPATRICK, Sec'y.

A torpid, inactive liver can produce more bodily ill than almost anything else. It is good to clean the system out occasionally. Stir the liver up, and get into shape generally. The best results are derived from the use of DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Reliable, effective, pleasant pills with a reputation. Never gripe. Sold by F. V. Hunter.