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PULP, LOGS AND LUMBER.

About the only industry left in the mountains, with breath in it, by the present republican panic, is the wood pulp mill at Canton and some tannic acid plants scattered over the tenth district, and radical "bush-whackers" are seeking to make the people believe the democratic party would destroy these if it should again be placed in power. The demagogues are howling about free lumber, free logs and free wood pulp saying it means dire disaster to our mountain people, and have refused a joint campaign with the democratic candidates, in order that they may have free scope to lie in. Anybody with a thimble full of sense knows there is no argument in what they say. It is ridiculous to contend that logs, lumber, or pulp can be shipped from Canada or Mexico in competition with these industries in Western North Carolina. The lumbermen of this section, W. N. Cooper and others, publicly stated more than once that their business could not be injured by putting the products of their mills on the free list. Yet unscrupulous republicans are going over the district trying to deceive the people, by telling them that a vote for Mr. Crawford means a vote to put lumber institutions, acid plants and the big pulp mill at Canton out of business. They are either grossly ignorant or have decided to lie wilfully about these matters, inasmuch as wide latitude is given them by their cowardly action in declining to meet democrats face to face.

It is well known that the paper trust had planned to increase the price of print paper last fall, at least thirty millions per annum. President Roosevelt, in two messages to Congress, advised putting all forest products on the free list, especially wood pulp, and Stevens, a Republican, introduced a bill for that purpose. The minority joined in a petition to the speaker to discharge the Ways and Means Committee and put the bill on its passage. But instead, a special committee was appointed to inquire into the alleged paper trust and report to Congress. On investigation it was found, on evidence of sworn witnesses, that the price of print paper had been increased, from \$38 to \$50 per ton, and that the elements entering into the production of paper had not materially increased in price, notwithstanding those who represented the paper trust swore that there was no agreement or combine. The trusts themselves, after Congress adjourned, went into court and plead guilty to indictment for forming trusts. The Democratic Convention favored it and declared in favor of putting everything on the free list.

All pulp wood is, and has always been, on the free list and is cheaper here than in Canada, so this relieves the people who own timber in the woods. The pulp mills in Haywood county do not make pulp for sale, but use it in the manufacture of paper in their factory at Hamilton, Ohio; hence they are not in competition

with free pulp. They do not make what is known as print paper, but high grade finished book paper. We understand that print paper means the paper upon which newspapers are printed. If this be true, this industry can not be affected by democratic platform pledges.

Honest republicans know the democratic position is correct and will refuse to endorse the attempt of demagogues to misrepresent conditions as they actually exist. Furthermore, if putting wood pulp on the free list is a crime, President Roosevelt ought to be indicted, for he recommended that course in two messages to Congress only last year. Just as well keep history straight.

Congressman Crawford's speech on the Vreeland-Aldrich currency, in the House of Representatives on Thursday, May 14, has been given wide circulation and does him great credit. Everyone who is permitted the opportunity should read this speech carefully.

The democrat (?) who objects to supporting the ticket, from constable to president, this year is of the curious kind who would kick about almost any old thing in politics. There is nothing to divide real democrats this time and all should unite in making the victory overwhelming.

The ring majority in Henderson county two years ago was not large and can be wiped out this time if democrats fully make up their minds to "get busy." There is considerable unrest among the country republicans of the county, on account of high taxes and kindred evils. A "house cleaning" would be healthy and the time is ripe for it.

In reviewing the political situation to date the Charlotte Observer, of last Sunday, says: "Democrats are getting together as never before in years, and everywhere there is found a marked movement back to the party alignment by men who have long been outside. It is well agreed that a general situation like this must worry the republican managers very considerably." Indeed it does.

The republican ringsters have named their county ticket, in accordance with the usual custom once every two years, and the poor, deluded and oppressed taxpayers are expected to fall in line. But a goodly number declare that the pill is a little more than they can stand. They say the county finances are getting in a deplorable condition and a house-cleaning is necessary to set things straight.

Republicans feign the belief that because this is presidential year they stand a better chance of electing their candidate for congress than if it was an off-year. They evidently forget the results of the contests in this district in 1902 and 1904. The democratic majority in 1902, an off-year, was 183; two years later, with Roosevelt running for president, the democrats carried the district by a majority of 688. Two years later it was 924; this time it will go a good deal above that. No doubt about it.

"Soup houses for the poor are some of the signs of the republican alleged prosperity," remarks the Raleigh News and Observer. Yes, and the rusty, empty dinner pails, "busted" banks and kindred evils.

The Charlotte Observer is supporting Mr. Bryan because it believes he is standing squarely upon the Denver platform. So are we, and for the further reason that he is the democratic nominee. The democratic party is bigger than any one man in it.

James S. Sherman has delivered his speech accepting the republican nomination for Vice-President. It was in brief a me-too utterance, approving the Roosevelt administration, the Chicago platform and Secretary Taft's Cincinnati speech. He says the real issue is whether Roosevelt's policies shall be endorsed.

Just to think that genial Judge Fred Moore is dead. We cannot realize it. Few men of his age had a more promising future. And his past life was one series of successes. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved family and friends. Judge Moore was a devoted husband and father, along with his many other commendable traits.

"Nay, verily, Pauline," says Judge Pritchard, in speaking of the Butler interview regarding the gubernatorial nomination. He evidently believes that a "bird in the hand is worth two in a bush." Mr. Pritchard is not the kind who is willing to lead a forlorn hope and says the circuit judgeship suits him all right. A wise man.

Hon. T. W. Bickett, democratic nominee for Attorney General, will join Congressman Crawford on the 25th instant in a preliminary canvass of the tenth district. It was the vote of this district which nominated Mr. Bickett and he should be accorded a cordial welcome. He is one of the strongest campaign orators in the State.

The unusually hot weather recently has been very oppressive, especially in the south and some portions of the west. It has been the means of filling the mountain resorts with people and Hendersonville has received her full share. Even here, the heat seemed rather oppressive at mid-day, but the nights have been cool and pleasant.

It is, "Judge Murphy," Governor Glenn having selected J. D. Murphy, esq., of the Asheville bar, as Judge Fred Moore's successor. J. S. Adams, W. R. Whitson and other Asheville lawyers applied for the honored position and there may be a lively contest for the nomination in the fifteenth judicial district convention soon to be held, the appointment being only until the people shall decide whom they prefer. But we must call him "Judge Murphy" in any event. The Hustler congratulates.

Judge Pritchard says Mary Ann Butler intended no harm in his recent interview advocating the Judge for governor. Certainly not. And it has done no damage to anything or anybody. But this same Butler came pretty near putting Mr. Pritchard out of the United States Senate in 1897 and did, (so they say,) knock Judge Ewart out of the box two or three years later.

Roosevelt continues as "master of ceremonies." Taft and Sherman are mere puppets in his hands. A pitiable plight for them to be placed in, — to say the least.

John Russell asked for pie and the ringsters gave him a lemon. That's what he gets for straying away from his real friends and old associates.

Rev. William Spurgeon, of Cardiff, Wales, a cousin of the renowned Charles Hadden Spurgeon will lecture tonight at the Auditorium on, "An Englishman's View of Brother Jonathan and His Country." Judge Blythe was well pleased at the good attendance last night. You can hear things at the Chautauqua worth taking away with you.

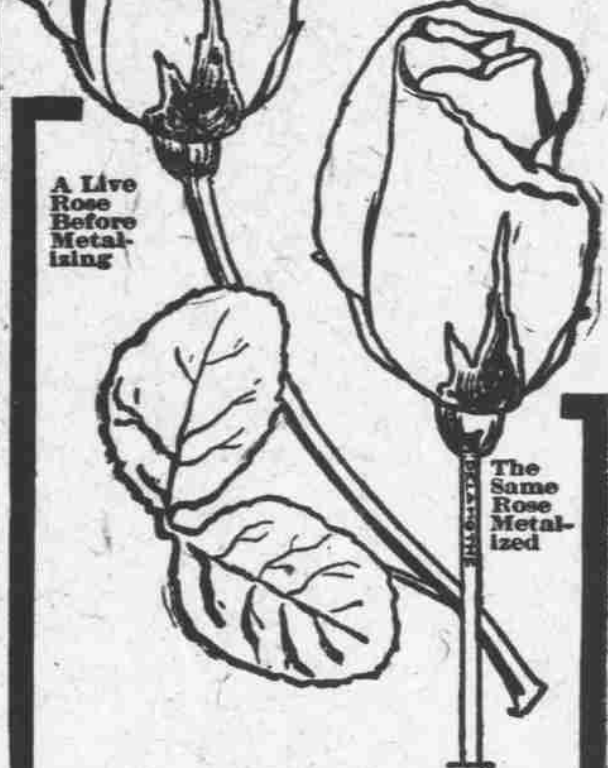
Dillon-Conder

Miss Maud Dillon and Mr. Frank Conder, of Asheville, were married last night in their home city.

Mr. Conder is connected with the Southern railway and has made many friends in this city, who wish him success in his married life.

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