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The insatiable appetite of the Gudger family for pie seems exceedingly hard to appease. And if they cannot be accommodated in one party they flock to another. When Hezekiah failed in his fight for the Collectorship he began to waver and soon into the radical party he landed. Here is his brother, Jim, grasping for everything in sight and hob-nobbing with Pritchard at the same time. Pritchard appoints Gudger's son to a position under a republican administration while the father is asking the democrats to nominate him for congress. It looks suspicious.—The Hustler, July 2, 1902.

CAMPAIGN ISSUES.

It is our purpose to take up, one by one, the various issues on which the democrats and Bryanites propose to make their fight in this campaign. "Imperialism," which was made the paramount issue in the Kansas City platform, comes first on our list.

The talk about "imperialism" started in connection with the war with Spain. That war was brought about just as much by democrats as by republicans; in fact one of the faults that democrats used to find with McKinley was that he did not begin the war earlier. As a result of that war, the authority of the United States was extended over the Philippines by the terms of the treaty of Paris. This was ratified by the senate, but the necessary majority could not have been obtained if it had not been for the exertions of W. J. Bryan of Nebraska who worked for it. In consequence of this treaty, the United States became legally, as it was already morally, responsible for the maintenance of order in those islands. The Filipinos entered into a conspiracy to assassinate Americans, and though the plot failed, a horde of natives under the leadership of Aguinaldo started a rebellion and made war against our troops. Our government of course took prompt steps to put down this insurrection and establish order: this was its bounden duty. On account of this, the silly charge of "imperialism" was made. The wildest kind of talk was indulged in. The character of William McKinley was aspersed; he was accused of trying to make himself emperor. A sudden stop was put to this part of the charges by the tragedy at Buffalo last September, when the country showed its affection and respect for its president in such an unmistakable manner as to silence even the yellow journals. Since then the "imperialism" as a campaign issue has been at a discount. Democratic orators still resort to it sometimes, but a campaign cry which began in scurrilous personal attacks on President McKinley will not be readily credited by the people.

In any case, there is nothing in the word to scare rational men. Chief Justice Marshall, one of the greatest jurists this country ever produced, was not afraid to speak of the American empire. Thomas Jefferson the founder of the democratic party, said that our constitution was well adapted for extensive empire. Wherever American institutions go, liberty will go with them. The Filipinos will enjoy more real freedom now than at any previous time in their history. The conduct of the administration towards those islands is deserving of the greatest praise: good men, able, honest and courageous, have been placed in charge of affairs and

our government has declared in the plainest terms its appreciation of the fact that its authority over those islands is a trust which must be administered not so much for our own benefit as for the benefit of the governed. We cannot recall a single instance in which the administration has failed to act up to this high principal. We cannot mention a single step which it has taken, since the treaty of Paris was ratified by the aid of Colonel Bryan, that could fairly be censured by the best friends of the natives. If this be "imperialism," the democrats are welcome to make the most of it.

JIM'S LITTLE ROMANCE.

In his recent speech at Robbinsville, J. M. Gudger, who claims to be the democratic nominee for congress from this district, made the following brilliant contribution to the sum total of human knowledge:

"The high protective tariff fostered by the republican party for more than a third of a century has made of the manufacturer a millionaire and the consumer almost a pauper."

We hate to worry the Honorable Jim and to mar the magic of his eloquence by intruding uncomfortable facts into a discussion which, so far as he is concerned, has hitherto been almost entirely a picturesque romance, but we should like to call attention to the difference between what the condition of the consumer is now and what it was when the democrats under Cleveland got in their deadly work. The democrats then controlled both branches of the national legislature as well as the executive department. There was a fine chance for them to show what they could do in the way of reforming the "robber tariff." Before they had been in power very long the people of the United States, especially the poorer classes, found themselves face to face with ruin. Since the republicans, have been in power, the country has prospered wonderfully, and the poorer classes are better off than at any previous time in the history of the nation. This doesn't agree at all with the Honorable Jim's remarks, but it is true all the same.

Those persons who expected to score off the administration by raising the "trust" issue seem destined to be disappointed. The evident sincerity of President Roosevelt in his treatment of this matter, and the strong common sense with which his speeches abound, afford a welcome contrast to the vague denunciations of the Bryanite orators. There are two facts which are becoming increasingly evident every day to the American people, and they are, first, that the "trust" problem is not going to be settled by incendiary speeches, and second, that the president is likely to come nearer to a solution than any of his partisan critics.

J. M. CAMPBELL, claimant for the democratic nomination to congress from this district, has filed an appeal against the extraordinary proceedings of the now famous convention at Hendersonville. Mr. Campbell does not seem to approve of some of the leaders and managers of his party, in fact, he calls them "machine thugs." The description is picturesque. Republicans have frequently expressed the same idea, though in milder language; but this time it is a democrat who says it.

SOME of our "anti-trust" democratic contemporaries are now publishing editorials which are "made by a trust," and are doing this without giving the proper credit. It must be admitted, however, that the editorial columns of some of these papers gain in decency what they lose in originality.

THE most important fact which the tariff agitation has so far elicited is that the majority of people in this country prefer to "let well enough alone."

UNION MEETING.

Saturday Aug. 30. Union meeting met with Pleasant Hill Baptist church 11 a. m. Devotional exercise conducted by Rev. J. L. Brookshire opened by reading Psalm 103. Prayer by Rev. G. S. Jones. After singing the hymn "Take time to be holy" the meeting was called to order by Brother C. T. Brevard conductor. The first subject taken up was "Our duty to the Associational High school" address by Rev. G. S. Jones, 12 m. adjourned for dinner. 1:30 p. m. The need of spirituality in the churches. Address by S. C. Sitton, prayer by Rev. W. H. Davis followed by an address by Rev. W. H. Davis. 2:20 The question whether we shall have a missionary in the bounds of the Carolina Association or not. Speech by Rev. W. H. Davis. On motion Revs. J. L. Brookshire, W. H. Davis, E. Allison and G. S. Jones were appointed as a committee to decide the question and to make the necessary correspondence with the state board. On motion our next Union was appointed at Refuge church. On motion the body tendered its thanks to the conductor, Bro. Brevard, for his faithful work in preparing programs, selecting speakers, etc., and requested a continuance of the same. The association then adjourned till Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

Sunday Aug. 31—Devotional exercises opened by reading John x, conducted by Rev. R. P. Corn. The meeting was called to order by the conductor. The first subject was "How to use Sunday School Helps." Address by Rev. W. H. Davis, followed by Pinckney McCall and Rev. E. R. Nelson. Second subject, "Education." Address and some explanation with regard to special school tax and the building of a new school house in Pleasant Hill District. Remarks were made by J. R. Wilkie and T. F. Shipman. 12:00 m. dinner. 2:00 p. m.—Song service; afterward the subject of "THE YOUNG PEOPLES UNION." Address by C. T. Brevard, followed by Rev. W. H. Davis. Question box opened. No questions put in. On motion the body tendered its thanks to the people of Pleasant Hill for their services and kindness shown them. On motion adjourned.

C. T. BREVARD Conductor, W. C. WILKIE, Sec.

NOTICE—SALE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE.

Under and by virtue of a power contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Betsy Allen to P. J. Rickman, dated January 6th, 1900, and recorded in Book 14 at page 147 of Mortgage Records of Henderson County, on the land hereinafter described to secure an indebtedness therein named, to-wit: \$40.00, with interest from and default having been made in the final payment of the same, I will on Saturday, September 6th, 1902, at the Court House door in the town of Hendersonville, within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale at public outcry, and sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the following described tract of land lying and being in the county of Henderson and Township of Hendersonville, adjoining the lands of Joseph Ste p, Sam Shipman and others, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake in Cases' line and runs S. 16 poles to a stake; Thence N. 77 deg. E. 16 poles to a Dogwood; Thence N. 48 deg. E. 20 poles to a Black Oak; Thence S. 84 deg. E. 61 poles to a stake; Thence S. 12 poles to a Spanish Oak; Thence to the beginning. The object of this sale is to satisfy said debt, interest and costs. This August 2nd, 1902. T. J. Rickman, Mortgagee, Per A. L. Holmes, Atty.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage, with power of sale, dated March 13th 1899, executed by H. C. Stokes and wife M. Isabel Stokes to T. M. Smith and N. E. Smith, to secure certain indebtedness therein named, said mortgage being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Henderson County in Book 11 of Mortgages at page 398, and default having been made in the payment of the same, we will, on Monday the 22nd day of September, 1902, within the legal hours of sale, at the court house door in Hendersonville, N. C., offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy amount due on said mortgage, with interest, cost and expenses added, the land described in said mortgage to-wit: Lying and being in the County of Henderson and known and designated as follows, viz: Adjoining the lands of Jonathan Newman and others it being a tract of land conveyed by deed

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NOTICE OF LAND SALE.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a mortgage deed made and executed by Benjamin Underwood to secure a note for the amount of forty dollars upon which there is a balance of \$11.70 which note was due and payable on the 19 day of August 1900, and default having been made in the payment of the same, when the same became due, NOW THEREFORE pursuant to the terms of the said instrument we will offer for sale, and sell at public outcry at the Court House door in Hendersonville, N. C., on the 4th day of October 1902, all the land described in said mortgage deed which is duly recorded in Book 13 at page 222 of the records for such instruments in Henderson County, which lands are described as follows, viz: "This is a piece or parcel of land bought from Catherine Cressman and a deed made to Benjamin Underwood Recorded in Book 28 page 440 of the records of Henderson County for deeds said tract of land containing 3 acres." The object of said sale being to satisfy said debt, interest, cost and expenses. Terms of sale CASH. This the 3 day of September 1902. Per Russell & Baldwin. Mortgagees. M. C. Toms Assignee. Toms & Rector, attys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

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