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GOVERNOR AYCOCK STATED IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS THAT UNDER, AND THEREFORE BY IMPLICATION IN CONSEQUENCE OF FUSION RULE "LAWLESSNESS WALKED THE STATE LIKE A PESTILENCE."

CRIME STALKED AROUND AT NOON-DAY, SLEEP LAY DOWN WITH ALARM AND THE SOUND OF THE PISTOL WAS MORE FREQUENT THAN THE SONG OF THE MOCKING BIRD.

HOW STANDS THE CASE TO-DAY GOVERNOR? HAVEN'T THE ACTS OF THREE RED SHIRT LEGISLATORS AND MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF YOUR OWN BENEFICENT RULE PASSED INTO HISTORY SINCE YOU PROCLAIMED THE FOREGOING?

WHEN YOU ARE CAVORTING OVER THE STATE WHOOPS DON'T YOU HEAR OF MORE CRIMES BEING COMMITTED IN NORTH CAROLINA THAN EVER BEFORE AND DO YOU CONTINUE TO ATTRIBUTE THESE FUSION RULES

HEARING THE WINDMILLS. "CRIMES SEEMS TO BE GREATLY ON THE INCREASE IN THIS STATE NOT A DAY PASSES THAT THE NEWS-PAPERS DO NOT CHRONICLE A HOMICIDE, A BURGLARY OR SOME OTHER SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE LAW."

Wilmington Messenger (Democratic).

HOW WILL YOU VOTE? Have you made up your mind how you will vote in the coming election? Take your tax receipt for 1903 (if you have been able to pay the price for it) and compare it with the amount of taxes you paid under fusion rule and then see if you can find any just cause why the Democrats should have increased your taxes. Will you vote for a party that increases your taxes in order to pay political debts? If not, then no. The democratic party has burdened the farmer by raising taxes and increasing the valuation of his land and have created new offices and increased salaries for the Democratic politicians. It has increased the number of Superior Court Judges and Solicitors from twelve to sixteen, when twelve have done, and could now, easily do the work, notwithstanding the great increase in crime under the present administration. They have increased the State debt over four hundred thousand dollars and the present administration cost the tax-payers of the State the enormous sum of \$2,201,604.31, during the year 1903. Where is any relief to come from the Democratic party when, even after having increased your taxes, they are sinking the State deeper and deeper in debt for future generations to pay.

GLENN SHOWS THE WHITE FEATHER. Some days ago Hon. I. M. Meekins, Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, spoke in Clinton and he took Mr. Glenn, democratic candidate for governor, to task for his unjust abuse of Roosevelt and said he would give \$500 for an opportunity for meeting Mr. Glenn in joint debate on the issues, and especially on his charges against Mr. Roosevelt. Friday the two candidates met at the breakfast table in Greensboro. Mr. Glenn referred to the offer, as though he did not believe Mr. Meekins would back his offer. After breakfast Mr. Meekins wrote Mr. Glenn a challenge to meet him in joint debate at the rest of Glenn's appointments, enclosing a certified check on the Greensboro Loan & Trust Co., for \$500. The challenge was handed Mr. Glenn, but he returned the check to Mr. Meekins saying that he declined to accept the challenge. Now who's afraid? Who has shown the white feather? Now if Mr. Glenn's charges against Mr. Roosevelt are true why did he decline to meet Mr. Meekins? The echo answers why.

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PARKER NOT A JEFFERSONIAN

Hon. Thos. E. Watson in his letter of acceptance says: "Much abuse has been heaped upon me because more time was devoted by me to denunciation of Parker than of Roosevelt. The reason is obvious on a glance. Roosevelt is a straight Republican, who declares boldly for Republican principles defiantly, denouncing existing conditions. To attack him is a short easy job". "He is not attempting to win Jeffersonians by a sham adherence to Jeffersonian principles."

"With Mr. Parker it is different. He is not a Jeffersonian Democrat, yet he seeks to secure the support of Jeffersonian Democrats. His attitude is thoroughly disingenuous, profoundly lacking in true manhood and leadership". Now read what Hon. William J. Bryan says of Mr. Parker. He says: "My objection to Judge Parker is that he goes before the country on a cowardly and straddling platform that can only appeal to cowards and straddlers. I object to loaded dice."

Again he says: "The nomination of Judge Parker was secured by crooked and indefensible methods. It was a plain and deliberate attempt to deceive the party."

Now the question is will the people be deceived by Parker's straddling platform. Will former Democrats vote for Parker this year simply because they are Democrats? We think not. If they do they will vote not only against their own interest, but that of their neighbors as well. When times are prosperous why make a change?

"SAFE" TO WHOM? The Democratic politicians in order to call attention for their sell out to Wall street, have taken up the cry, "Roosevelt is unsafe", but Parker is "safe".

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Simmons says that the "negro question" is settled. But some of his lieutenants in North Carolina seem to delight in rattling dry bones. Possibly they do not know any better, though if a democratic politician had to handle a real live issue the shock would kill him.

In one of our editorials last week referring to "Hill and the show-girls" the printer made us say "Hill and the show girls". It looks as though the "office devil" must have had a finger in the type.

The leaders of the Trusts say that Parker is a "safe" man. No doubt he would make a "safe" president for the Trusts. They secured his nomination and if elected to the presidency he would have to regard their wants.

MARION BUTLER'S VIEW.

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believe nothing or who are willing to believe anything to get in office, are men who are dangerous to good government, and that patriotic men of all parties should join in defeating their treachery to get into power.

"And they feel that the most effective way to keep this from happening is to vote direct for President Roosevelt."

In 1896 we voted over 2,000,000 votes in the state electing us and we got about 1,200,000 votes. So you can see that the vote will be an important element in this election."

MANY DEMOCRATS FOR WATSON. "While Mr. Bryan will have an influence with many of the democrats, at the same time many of them who do not disapprove of his course in sticking to the democratic organization with the hope that it may be redeemed four years hence, will vote according to their own convictions. They don't have to follow Mr. Bryan simply because he has swallowed Parker to be regular. They believe Mr. Bryan was telling the truth about Parker when he said:

"My objection to Judge Parker is that he goes before the country on a cowardly and straddling platform that can only appeal to cowards and straddlers. I object to loaded dice."

"A man who is weak enough to put his candidacy in their (Hill's and Belmont's) hands before the convention would not be strong enough to resist their influence after election, if he were by any possibility successful."

"The influences back of the Parker candidacy are so intimately associated with trusts and great corporations that the democratic party could not appeal to the masses."

"Hence they see how disastrous it would be to turn over the party to corporate influences that have been loaded with in order to attempt to secure a political victory. They are against Parker for the same reasons that they have supported Bryan. They know that the best interests of the country demand the defeat of Parker and the influences behind him."

"These democrats, though quite independent, and with healthy convictions, are yet still controlled more by sentiment than are the populists. Therefore many of them will not vote at all and many will vote for Watson, though they are very anxious to defeat Parker, and prefer free election of Roosevelt. But of course, there are many Democrats who will vote for President Roosevelt not only because that is the most efficient way to defeat Parker, but also because they admire him."

Also Many Other Democrats for Roosevelt. "Then, too, there is another reason that influences a number of democrats and populists who especially admire Bryan. They know that he is forced to be regular and vote for Parker to be in a position to try to control the next democratic national convention. But they also know that if Parker should be elected that he could use the great patronage he would have at his disposal to control the machinery of the party and dominate the next convention. This would make it next to impossible for Bryan and his friends to win. Hence they see clearly that Parker must be defeated or he and his trust backers will be in charge of the next convention and Bryan and his followers will not have even a fighting show."

"For this reason, these voters, regardless of how they feel toward President Roosevelt, will very largely vote for him. But it is safe to say that most of these voters have a very high regard for the President, personally."

Of course, this class of voters see the situation so clearly that Mr. Bryan's advice to vote for Parker will have no effect on them. This vote will be very large, and its sound is already made up."

Senator Butler States His Position. "So far as I am concerned, I propose voting for President Roosevelt. With the great masses of the people I admire his high courage, sterling honesty, lofty patriotism and rugged independence of character. He has sound, progressive ideas, and he does wholesome patriotic things. He is the people's ideal of the typical American citizen."

When asked what he thought were the distinctive features of the President's administration that would appeal most strongly to the public, Mr. Butler said: "First, it took the highest kind of patriotic courage and wisdom to use the good offices of his great position to adjust the disastrous differences

between labor and capital in the anthracite coal strike. Few men would have undertaken it. Yet with what skill he averted a great national calamity by a peaceful settlement. This has had a wonderful sobering effect on both labor and capital, and has given to the whole country hope and assurance for the future. It is hard to appreciate the important and far-reaching effects of this timely and whole-some lesson."

Second. Again, might not the great Ishman Canal be still simply a hope and a dream had not the President's courage and wisdom acted at the right moment to thwart enemies on the Isthmus and a powerful combination of influences at home which had so long successfully opposed the canal? Now this great means of national defense is a certainty, and it will mark a new era in our industrial and commercial development."

Third. The fearless and impartial enforcement of the law generally has impressed everyone, and especially the enforcement of the Anti-Trust law, while at the same time capital's every right has been protected and conserved in the fullest manner. The same is true with respect to the rights of labor and the producer. There has never been a President in the White House who has been more brave, and just in guarding the rights of the nation's breadwinners."

Fourth. President Roosevelt has not only sustained, but greatly increased our prestige among the nations of the world. Our government maintained the integrity of China. It is to President Roosevelt that the country owes its commanding position to protect and enlarge the important commercial relations between the United States and China with all its immeasurable probabilities. And it is due to him that we stand today as the most potent power in the world for determining the result of the war between Japan and Russia. Besides he has performed the greatest service for promoting peace among nations by saving and vitalizing the Hague International Court of Arbitration and the great aid growing American Navy are the greatest arguments and inducements for the peace of the world."

"These are only a few illustrations, but yet the people would re-elect him for these things alone."

The American People Alert.

"The American people, who would preserve their government, cannot afford that President Roosevelt, who has shown such courage, wisdom and patriotism, shall be defeated when there is such opposition arrayed against him on account of these very qualities and deeds. And I am one of the people who feel that way."

A Striking Contrast.

"Besides, the contrast between what the President and his administration has accomplished and now advancing to completion, and what Mr. Parker and his associates promise they will do if placed in power, even if every promise be accepted as a verity, (even if we should forget the sad conditions under the Cleveland administration), is enough to call for a rousing verdict for the re-election of President Roosevelt."

"Surely there can be no one who desires to exchange present conditions for a return to the depression and paralysis, resulting in hard times to the people, and bond issues on the part of the Government, which existed under the Cleveland administration, and yet, the election of Parker, if he should inaugurate the Cleveland policy, as he promises to do, would certainly result in similar conditions."

An Astounding Argument.

"But this danger to the industries of the country is met on the part of the Parker campaign manager with the curious proposition, that the American citizen can safely vote for Mr. Parker, because if he should be elected, he could not possibly have but one house of congress in sympathy with his policies, and therefore, no damage could be done. This is unquestionably the most illogical and absurd argument ever yet advanced by any individual or party, as an appeal for support."

"But conceding to Mr. Parker his own proposition, that if elected he could not carry his policies into effect, and could therefore do no harm, yet it is possible that the country could be benefited by having a negative administration! And besides, would not a negative and inert administration at least stop the progressive and prosperity producing policies inaugurated and now being carried on by President Roosevelt? I am one of the people who do not desire to see such a deplorable condition befall us."

"Why should the American people take any chances? Why not let well enough alone, and, indeed, why not at the same time continue the present wholesome, progressive, patriotic policies which have resulted in prosperity at home and increased prestige and honor abroad?"

"These conditions can only be maintained and guaranteed by the defeat of Mr. Parker and the policy for which he stands."

Mr. Butler does not expect to do much campaign work owing to the demands of his business engagements. He may get out in some of the Western or Middle Western States later in the campaign, but in any event he will not make many speeches."

BROKE INTO HIS HOUSE.

S. Le Quinn, of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of chronic constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. "They're guaranteed to cure." 25c. at all druggists.

WATSON'S SPEECH AT NEWTON.

(Continued from 1st page.)

good humor, and I trust you are. However widely we may differ on other things, on this we are together; we are all white men and we would die for the white man's supremacy."

"Mr. Roosevelt dined Booker Washington. I shouldn't have done it if I had been he. If I'm President I won't do it. But you know how Roosevelt stands; I have told you how I stand; tell me now how Parker stands?"

"You are the sovereigns and you have a right to know. I am the only one of the candidates who has thought enough of the people to come down among them and tell them face to face where I stand. Judge Parker is silent on this subject; and whenever he speaks out he differs from Roosevelt in nothing, except he would like to have Roosevelt's place."

He woke the house into thunders of applause when he said, "Oh, if I had more time so that I might reach the people, Parker would have to get out the way, the gold Democrats would rally behind the Republicans, and the great Jeffersonian Democrats behind a man who is not afraid to fight!"

The Democrats, he said, are, as usual, making great thunder out of the negro. "If they should wake up some morning and find the negro who they would feel like the old cow that had lost her cud."

And yet Grover Cleveland, as Governor, signed the bill providing for mixed schools in New York, thus making social equality or ignorance inevitable for the poorer classes. "When I asked Mr. Parker, through the Associated Press, in papers which he must have seen, whether he would do the same thing, he did not answer and he has not answered yet. When he writes to a negro, how does he head the letter?"

"Sir?" No. "Dear Sir?" No. He heads it "My—Dear—Sir," the words in which one gentleman, one friend, addresses another.

"Mr. Parker is an Eastern Yankee. I am a Southerner." Here Mr. Watson raised his voice to its height, leant out over the crowd, and the scene was thrilling: "Southern in blood, Southern in ancestry, Southern in sentiment and in deathless devotion to the best interests of the South!"

"Why will you vote against a Southern man who tells you flat-footedly before the election that he is with you, and for an Eastern Yankee who will not speak out except to a negro, 'My—Dear—Sir?' I am with you on the race question, and I'm a Jeffersonian Democrat from my head to my heels, and if you are a Jeffersonian Democrat you must vote for me, or—"

"The rest of the sentence was drowned by applause, not so much, I took it, of the sentiment as of the oratory."

THE POPULIST PLATFORM. After he set forth the reforms of the banking system proposed by his party, he continued: "What Jefferson said, what Jackson said, what Bryan said, I say. But the Democrats don't dare say it now—they have sold out to the national bankers."

"I am preaching the same doctrine now that I preached when I used to come to North Carolina to help our venerated chief, L. L. Polk. It fills me with sorrow that he is not here to welcome me. He loved me as a son, and I him as a father, and with his dying breath, in Washington, he blessed me."

During his discussion of the income tax, said he: "Theodore Roosevelt could swallow Parker's platform without batting his eye, and Parker could walk barefooted over Roosevelt's and never get a splinter in his foot."

"Let the people own the railroads," said he. "That's good Jeffersonian Democracy." Henry Clay said, when the first Morse telegraph wires were being strung, that the government ought to own the telegraph. The telegraph ought to be a part of the postal system.

"Oh, but you say. 'He's wild.'" "When I stood up in Congress and advocated that the mails should be distributed to the country people, I was laughed at. Now 40,000 men are employed in the rural free delivery of mail, and \$27,000,000 expended. I have offered to give \$1,000—and I'm able to do it, thank God—to any one who will show that I was not the originator of the rural free delivery of the mails."

He cited the Congressional Record for February, 1893.

No one can understand how impressive it was when he said, concluding this subject, "After I had been counted out and was not to be a Congressman any more, I remembered—you, and now, since you have the opportunity, are you going to remember me?"

He said this with his hands outstretched to the people. The beauty of it was all in the way in which it was said and done. There was not a ripple of applause, but tears were on many a cheek. It was the man's wonderful presence.

That was a splendid flight of oratory on the employment of children in factories: Now the South, with all its chivalry and humanity, winks at this thing, and the North, protecting its own children by statute, invests its capital in Southern mills where it can employ Southern children. "And we bow down to the Christ who loved little children, and have been taught to love Him because He cared for the helpless!"

He described how the bill to prohibit the employment of children in factories was pending before the Georgia Legislature; how he was wired to come from Louisiana and speak for its passage.

I hadn't made a public speech in six years. It was the first chance I had had to speak a word for humanity. I went as fast as the trains would carry me, and I spoke as best I could. Hoke Smith spoke for it. One Republican made a speech against And yet a Democratic Legislature got right in behind that Republican and followed him as the little pigs follow the big pig to the plum orchard.

REPUBLICANS FINANCING HIM. "Talk about their paying me," he said, coming to the current charge that his campaign is being financed by the Republicans. He bent forward again in that indescribable manner and said with emphasis: "If they can pay for such work as I'm doing, they must have lots of money to spend."

The applause and laughter were tremendous, when, after having led up to it he said: "There are too many kinds of Democrats. It's like driving a talky team in the sand bed; you can raise any quantity of dust, but you can't go anywhere."

After the Populist party had been betrayed by fusion, said he, "just as basely as Christ was betrayed," the Democrats came around to the Populist view. "We didn't want to fire on our flag. We did not want to abandon the field because they had come in," and for that reason the Populist party lay quiet for eight years. But now the Democrats have gone over to the enemy.

"We don't need," said he, "two parties that stand for the corporations and not for the people. We want a party that will stand for the people and, by the grace of God, we'd have it!"

"The boys are coming back to the flag," he said. In the meeting in New York recently the house was rocked with applause when he referred to the "dear, dear South," and the Yankee band played Dixie. In Texas and half a dozen other States enthusiasm ran high.

"And this movement," he concluded, "will go on until our principles are enacted into law, until our reforms are put into practice; it will go on until the corrupt partnership between the two old parties has been crushed, until the rule of the corporation has ended. This movement will stop when we have once more enthroned Jeffersonian Democracy, when popular sovereignty is once more our king, and before this king we will bow in loyal devotion as we cry, 'O King, live and rule forever!'"

The scene at the close of the speech was remarkable. The people crowded about Watson to shake his hand, and many of them were crying. There was no reason why they should be so moved, except that it was in the air. I have heard Bryan, Gun-saults, the Dixons, and other great speakers, but this beat the band. The fragmentary quotations given here cannot do justice to the speech and the stenographers made a total mess of it.

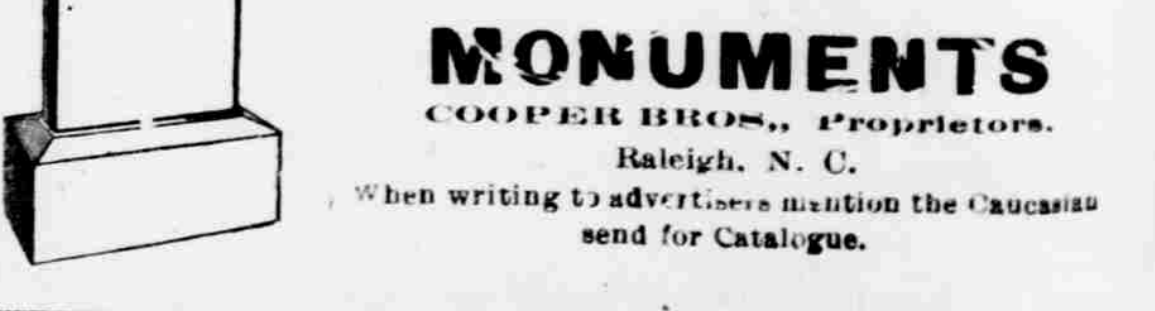
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