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LET'S HAVE HONEST ELECTIONS.

In speaking of the Australian ballot system and fair elections in North Carolina, the Greensboro Telegram says:

"The Democrats being in a large majority have nothing to lose by having fair elections, and if they pass such a measure they will win the esteem and approval of all who believe in purity and honesty in politics."

So far so good. We are glad to see that one by one our Democratic contemporaries are being converted. But before we give them the right hand of fellowship we want to know if they are going to stay converted.

We would like to ask the Telegram if it would still be in favor of honest elections in this State were the result in doubt. It says: "The Democrats being in a large majority have nothing to lose by having fair elections."

We fear the Telegram has left a sliding plank in its platform of conversion, so if the result were close a little cheating in elections would be admissible and still stand on the platform. We would like to hear the Telegram, and other Democratic reform papers in the State ring clear on this point.

The election law passed by the Fusion Legislature was a fair one, it gave equal rights to both parties, but the Democrats by the abuse of their rights got into power in the State and enacted an election law that would perpetuate them in power in the State, and to clinch the matter passed a law to protect their election thieves in North Carolina.

Now we will say to our converted contemporaries that if you want to go the whole cloth, advocate the enactment of a fair election law, the repeal of the law to protect election thieves and let us have honest elections in this State. And when this comes to pass, if we are beaten we will take our medicine without a word—will you?

The News and Observer says that the Legislature kept within the State's income in its appropriations, and will have over \$8,000 left in the treasury. Representative Murphy, of Buncombe, said on the floor of the House Monday, when a bill was up to increase the salary of some clerk, that they had already appropriated more money than they had in the treasury.

These conflicting statements should be reconciled in some way. Mr. Murphy was a member of the Finance Committee, a member of the Appropriation Committee and also a member of the Committee on Salaries and Fees. Mr. Murphy was in a position to know. Where did the News and Observer get its information?

The Legislature of 1905 came to a close Monday. "Of all glad phrases neatly turned, The gladdest is this, They have adjourned."

And the people all over this State can now breathe a sigh of relief, not that their burdens have been removed (for they have been increased) but for the thought that the voters will never permit another such body to assemble in Raleigh to make the laws of this State. At the next election the voters will rise up in righteous indignation and throw off this yoke of Democracy that has voted away their rights and taxed them to death for the support of the Democratic party.

The inauguration of President Roosevelt last Saturday was witnessed by the largest assemblage that has ever attended the inauguration of a President. A well known Washingtonian, in speaking of the class of people that went to see Mr. Roosevelt inaugurated, says:

"It was the finest looking, the best dressed, the most prosperous, the most intelligent assemblage of American citizens who were ever congregated in this town, and I don't think the equal of it could be seen in the capital of any other nation on the globe."

For several months past charges and counter charges have been made against the State Labor Commissioner. The charges were made to the last Legislature against Mr. Varner and the way in which his office had been conducted, and an investigation was asked for. But the legislature has adjourned and there was no investigation. And why? If Mr. Varner is guilty of any act unbecoming to his position then he should be discharged; if the charges are not true, the fact should be proven.

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Whatever may be said about the News and Observer, it can't be denied that it is always found on the side of morality, temperance and Democratic doctrine.—Lenoir Topic.

Is it on the side of morality to vote for a man who, only a few days before had been indicted for being drunk and disorderly? Is there any temperance in the Ward bill? Did the Democratic platform declare for the Ward bill?

"This Legislature will not go out bragging about the surplus that is left in the treasury."—Durham Herald.

Just wait until the next campaign and these Democratic politicians will be going over the State telling the tax-payers how much money they saved the State, and the strangest of all, some of the people will believe them.

"Physicians in New York have discovered a man who is entirely without brains. There's nothing for him but chloroform or appointment in some Federal commission."—Washington Post.

We object to any man who voted for Parker being given a federal appointment under a Republican administration.

The Catawba county officer who got drunk en route with his prisoner and was fined for being drunk and down, should be given a dishonorable discharge. We will never have law and order in this State so long as the laws are violated by officers of the law.

In the lower house of the Legislature, Monday, before adjournment, many of the members joined in singing patriotic songs, religious songs and then "rag-time" songs.

Swans also sing before they die. We presume that pressing business engagements prevented Judge Parker from attending the President's inauguration, for it was his intention last fall to be on hand.

The Democratic party may not be dead, but it is disfigured beyond recognition, crippled beyond recovery and disgraced beyond redemption.—Buzz Saw.

How can the Ward bill be called a temperance measure when it does not restrict the sale of whiskey in this State?

Since the Legislature has adjourned the city of Raleigh can now return to the simple life.

The Wardites seem to prefer "white lightning" in small towns. The recent Legislature gave "Jeffersonian Democracy" a black eye.

U. S. SENATE IN SPECIAL SESSION

Loud Applause for Vice-President Fairbanks—President Sends a Message. Washington, March 6.—The special session of the Senate was opened to-day by loud applause for Vice-President Fairbanks when he appeared in the chamber to preside. He at once rapped the Senate to order. In response to a resolution Mr. Allison and Mr. Gorman were named as a committee to notify the President that the Senate was in session, a recess was taken at the expiration of which the committee announced that the President would at once send a message. This was received and considered in executive session, after which the Senate adjourned.

Now that the Ward bill has passed, will its provisions be enforced by State officers?—Union Republican.

With The Lawmakers

The directors of a number of the State institutions were named by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate Monday.

The Jamestown Exposition act finally passed the House Monday, but the appropriation was reduced from \$50,000 to \$30,000.

The salary bills came up again in the House Monday. The salary of the chief clerk in the Secretary of State's office was increased \$200.

The McNinch divorce bill saw its finish in the Senate Saturday. The substitute offered by Mr. Eller, which is a more lax law, was adopted.

The omnibus boards of education and magistrates bills were passed Monday. The Republican members were denied the right to name the members of the board of education for their counties.

A bill was introduced in the House Saturday night to require the sheriff of Ashe county to stay in his office for ten days prior to first day of May each year. This was a strike at a Republican Sheriff, and Representative Coles, of Wilkes, offered an amendment making it apply to the State and thereby succeeding in killing the bill.

Representative Koonce, of Onslow county, has persistently tried to have a bill passed in the House, making it a felony to carry a concealed weapon, but before the House adjourned Monday Judge Winborn arose and addressing Mr. Koonce, he recalled how he believed that some person must have made a violent personal attack on the gentleman from Onslow during the campaign, and that was his reason for trying to make pistol-toting a felony. With this he handed Mr. Koonce a revolver and told him to defend himself. The gentleman who had a fight with Mr. Koonce during the campaign had better steer clear.

A member of the House Monday introduced the following resolution: "That whereas it has been found necessary, in view of the long and tedious discussion on the Ward bill, that a messenger should be detailed for the purpose of taking trips between the capitol and the Raleigh dispensary; and

"Whereas, the distance covered by said messenger would aggregate many miles:

"Therefore, it is resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

"That C. G. Harris, of Company A, Tenth Battalion of Heavy Artillery, the aforesaid messenger, be allowed mileage between the dispensary and the capitol building, such mileage to be computed by the gentleman from Mecklenburg."

Mr. Murphy, of Rowan, was permitted to have the following protest to the Ward bill, spread upon the journal.

Whereas, at this session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, an act has passed, known as the Ward bill, and whereas the aforesaid act is in my opinion a political makeshift and not a measure beneficial to the people of North Carolina being in its effect an abridgment of the rights of the people, a blow to local self-government and a restriction of the right of suffrage and absolutely in opposition to the platform and principles of my party. And whereas such legislation is contrary to the pledges and provisions made by me to my people and absolutely at variance with my interpretation of the Democratic platform. Now, therefore, in the exercise of my constitutional right, I hereby file my protest against such legislation upon the grounds set forth in the premises and upon the additional grounds that said legislation in its effect deprives me of property without due recompense, and further it establishes three grades of suffrage in North Carolina upon the question of prohibition, which I hereby submit is not in accordance with the principles of a republican form of government, and contrary to the constitution and rights of the people.

WALTER MURPHY. We concur in the above:

M. B. Pitt, R. A. Stokes, John R. Humphries, George Turner, J. A. Lockhart, Jr., S. A. Woodard, Gideon Hasten, George Warburton, Felix E. Alley, M. F. Morphew, E. M. Koonce, W. T. Sledge, T. C. Harrison, Joseph A. Hall, V. R. Cheson, R. B. Etheridge, Mr. W. T. Joyner. Murphy stated that the signatures were entirely those of Democratic members.

Explosive in a Letter. Lexington, N. C., March 7.—While stamping a lot of letters in the postoffice yesterday afternoon, Postmaster J. G. Waiser was slightly injured and greatly frightened by the explosion of the contents of one of the letters when it was struck with the stamp. Mr. Waiser received an injury in one eye by powder burn, and his face was blackened by the explosion.

Voice of the People.

This column is open to our readers through which to voice their sentiments on any timely topic. We will be glad to receive communications from any of our readers. Make your articles reasonably short and to the point.

Editor Caucasian:—I see compulsion is to be used in education and other ways. Compulsory laws, etc., brings on hatred, hatred brings on crime and crime is the last stage of mankind, as Judas. Man in this stage can use no reasoning power. His mind is lost to reason and brotherly love, one man for another. It seems to me the Democrats are right here now in full force; by their acts we know them; they are doomed to reason by hatred; they seek peace, but there is no peace. It seems that a worldly lust of the wrongs of this world is going on at a mighty fast rate. The people should stop and think that we are all human beings and the best for the people and not let compulsory run into crime, and crime be the last of an educated people.

B. J. ARCHBELL, Gold Rock, N. C.

Sitanic in Cumberland.

Editor Caucasian:—It is real amusing for a country man to stand off and watch the antics of our town politicians. It beats the mischief to hear them moaning over the hardships of the poor old farmer in old Cumberland. Why, bless your dear life the very fellows who a few years ago fought every move made by the Farmers Alliance to better their condition, and some of them even tried to get their charter annulled are the same hypocrits who are now calling meeting and making great pretences that they love the dear farmers so much. But we farmers have them spotted and they can't fool us. There is a continuous warfare in the old town of Fayetteville as to who will be boss, and some of their names have appeared so often in that little hide-bound Observer that it has become a stench in the nostrils of all good citizens of the county. They "cuss" over prohibition—some are wet and some are dry (by force of circumstances), and the truth is, there are about fifty "blind tigers" in town, some among the lowest and some among the highest of its citizens, and yet they are not satisfied. Every mother son of them says it is the dear people they are working for, when, in fact, they don't care a continental for the people, but are seeking through this nefarious scheme to fool the country people that they may get some office. They are not only growling over the whiskey, but keep up a continuous howl over the country affairs, and even the affairs of their municipality—everybody, but the fellow doing the talking, is a rascal—and, be-gosh, we country folks think he is, too, and upon the whole they are all a set not able to run their own internal affairs, and yet they would attempt to dictate to us our policies. We country people are just sitting off laughing to see what a set of ignoramuses they are. Why, they ought to come to us for advice. We manage our own business, and actually feed and clothe them, and yet they are not content—can't even get along after we furnish them with food and raiment, and still some little jackleg, who has assumed the title of captain or colonel, will bob up with tears in his eyes as large as horse-apples, and send out word to we farmers to meet at the court-house on a certain day and "less organize." But we farmers don't meet; we have meat a home and no thanks to these political ringsters, who have always been our worst enemies. We think it would pay the city folks to just sweep before their own doors; rid the town of the dirt and smoke and either be dry or wet, and then we would consider a proposition from them.

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