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DEMOCRATIC "GOOD GOVERNMENT"

It seems that we have seen something somewhere and at some time about Democratic "Good Government" in North Carolina, and as the rule was so perfect under their administration that the reigns of the government should not be turned over to the Republicans. Yes, we heard all this, but must admit that we took it with a few grains of salt, and as time went on, we have been forced to increase the dose, until we fear we will soon have to buy it by the sack. In other words, Democratic government continues to grow worse instead of better. During the past few weeks we have noted many incidents that were of no particular credit to that party. It was only a few days ago that several policemen in a certain town in North Carolina were discharged for imbibing too freely of corn juice, and of a product that didn't belong to them. A Wake County magistrate has been twice arrested for public drunkenness. The actions of a chairman of the highway commission in a certain county had to be white-washed in order to keep him from being guilty of a misdemeanor and also subject to impeachment. And in this connection we might mention that when the Democratic Legislature attempted to destroy local self-government in Sampson County by appointing four Democratic commissioners, so they could control the affairs of the county, that some of them began trading with the county for profit and that their administration of affairs was so obnoxious that it helped the Republicans increase their majority in that county from seven hundred to eleven hundred! It was only a few days ago that the superintendent and protector of the Lenoir County Home shot two defenceless women simply because they fretted him. Only last week a guard on the road force in Guilford County shot down a negro without any provocation whatever.

Now, these are only a few of the misdeeds of the party that have happened only recently. If there was need to go back further, we could continue the list almost indefinitely, but from the incidents we have mentioned the public can easily observe that Democratic good government has a little odor to it.

THE PARTY OF "SOBRIETY"?

A magistrate in this city has been arrested twice within two weeks for public drunkenness. We publish the fact as a matter of legitimate news and not through any desire to hound the man. But how many columns do you suppose certain Democratic papers in the State would have written about the affair had the unfortunate official been a Republican? Some of those red-shirt sheets would have yelled incompetence and drunkenness and declared it a disgrace to the Republican party of the county and State and incidentally would have made mention that the Democratic party was the sober party and the only hope for sobriety and decency in North Carolina. But as the shoe is on the other foot, they are saying nothing about it.

While we are on the subject we might mention the fact that several of the policemen of an eastern town were discharged only a few days ago for drinking too much whiskey. They didn't get it from the blind tigers directly, but helped themselves to the supply in the station house that had been seized from the violators of the law. It seems that the business had been going on for some time, but no how was raised about it until they got hoggish, making the demand greater than the incoming supply. No, these policemen are not Republicans.

President Taft will visit Denver this week and the leading suffragettes of that city have asked the entertainment committee to recognize the suffragettes of Denver by appointing feminine members on the committees of entertainment, but such appointments were refused. Then they asked that twenty-five minutes of the President's time be given them at the Woman's Club, but a flat refusal was given them by the committee and the suffragettes went away freely expressing their anger. If the members of that committee ever run for office in Colorado it is safe to predict that they will not get the votes of the suffragettes.

NOT DUE TO THE TARIFF.

If certain papers will persist in discussing the tariff we hope that in the future they will be careful to base their arguments on facts and not on fiction. As an example of fiction we reproduce the following from the Richmond Times-Dispatch:

"A representative of the National Association of Clothiers declares that the weavers of ready-made clothes will pay \$120,000,000 more for their garments this year than last. The new tariff law has intervened. The super-added charge hits principally the men of the countervailing majority of them. There is no question here of a tax payment toward the expenses of government."

If some of the Democratic editors would only read the new tariff bill themselves they would observe that the tariff on woolen goods was not changed in the last tariff bill, and, in fact, hasn't been changed for ten years. We will say it just once more: If the price of clothing has advanced, it is not due to the tariff bill. The tariff bill may have its failings, but that does not give the Democratic papers license to misrepresent facts when discussing the measure. If the clothing manufacturers have formed a trust for the purpose of extorting the people, then the Sherman Anti-Trust Law should be called into service, and if it should fail to accomplish the end, then try brushing the dust off the North Carolina anti-trust law and let it get into action—why not?

THE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

The National Bankers' Association held in Chicago last week passed resolutions against the Postal Savings Bank and against the guaranty of bank deposits. We believe that the bankers have a mistaken idea in supposing that the Postal Bank would injure the other banking institutions in the country. We do not believe the Postal Bank would injure other banking institutions from the fact the Government would pay only 2 per cent on deposits while other banking institutions pay 4 per cent and would naturally hold the business they now have. The Postal Bank, however, would be of great benefit to those who do not now deposit in any bank, and to the country people who do not find it convenient to go to the cities to deposit their small savings.

A bill is now before Congress providing for the establishment of a Postal Bank at every money-order office in the United States. In one of his speeches last week the President strongly endorse the measure and it will, no doubt, be a leading feature in the President's message this fall and also in the Postmaster-General's report. The measure will, of course, meet with opposition in Congress, but the friends of the bill will make a hard fight for its passage in the next Congress.

GOVERNOR JOHNSTON.

The death of Governor John Johnston, of Minnesota, takes from the public stage one of the most prominent and popular men in the entire Democratic party. Governor Johnston was a self-made man, and his elevated position did not turn his head. When Johnson was a boy his widowed mother took in washing to help make a living for her children, and young Johnson aided his mother by carrying the "wash" back and forth. He had a struggle for an education, but it was worth the effort, as he made good. Though he was a Democrat, he was thrice elected Governor in a normally Republican State. He was prominently spoken of as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President last time, and if he had lived would, doubtless, have been urged to make the fight against Bryan for the nomination in 1912.

BRYAN AND BAILEY.

Some days ago Mr. Bryan made a speech in Texas on the tariff question, and scored the Texas Democratic platform of 1896, which arraigned the Wilson-Gorman tariff bill,—the Democratic tariff bill, if you please. Mr. Bryan also took occasion to give Senator Bailey a few raps. Bailey on Saturday made a reply to Bryan before a large audience, at Dallas, and showed the "fallacy" of Bryan's argument on the tariff. And still the Democrats think of making the tariff an issue in the next campaign!

The State Democrat quotes M. Dorsey, of Henderson, N. C., as saying that he shall never again vote the Democratic ticket until the party again declares for local self-government, and lives up to this old and original doctrine.

The Democratic machine may declare for local self-government in their platform, but if Mr. Dorsey waits until they live up to their doctrine it will be a long time before he again votes the Democratic ticket.

CLEVELAND'S PRIMARY LAW.

The Democratic politicians in Cleveland County must be getting desperate. The Republicans in that county have been gradually gaining ground and the politicians became so alarmed that they requested the last Legislature to help them hold the county by passing a legalized primary law for Cleveland County.

The Shelby Aurora commenting on the iniquities of the bill says:

"Under this law no party in Cleveland County can nominate a county or legislative ticket by convention or otherwise than by legalized primary, and to attempt to do so will render the offending persons guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$50 or 30 days in prison. Every elector must register before voting in the primary and must pledge himself to support the nominees of the primary and a failure to vote for said nominees will be a misdemeanor. The law authorizes the executive committee of each party to make such rules and regulations as it may see fit to govern the primary 'not inconsistent with this act.' It matters not how objectionable these rules are, there will be no remedy—it is legalized. Every candidate before entering the race will be forced to pay such entrance fee as the executive committee may fix, however large it may be, said fee to be applied to the expense of the primary election. This fee may be so large as to practically exclude from the race poor but deserving men who would make efficient officers. The fee may be governed by the needs of the party. We cannot here enumerate all the obnoxious features of the bill, but a careful reading of the same will suggest them to the readers."

"It was only the small coterie of Democratic politicians who made charges and counter-charges of fraud, etc., against each other during their last primary. The rank and file of that party did not desire the law and hundreds of them will not take part in the primary."

"The Republicans were contented with the convention methods of selecting nominees, but the Democratic bosses now say to them, 'You shall not again nominate a ticket in Cleveland County except by the iron-clad rules we have planned for you. You may not like it, but you must swallow the pill or go to jail.'"

"Gentlemen, how do you like the dose?"

A party that can't survive without resorting to such methods deserves to die and the voters of the State who believe in fair play should show their resentment by voting to relegate those machine politicians to private life. The last Legislature passed a primary law for Halifax County that is almost as bad as the law for Cleveland County. Representative Kitchin admitted that the purpose of the bill was to keep down the Republican party in Halifax County.

The following is taken from a recent issue of the Greensboro Telegram:

"President Taft says that the 'insurgents' who voted against the Payne tariff bill thereby abandoned the Republican party. That's the way to read 'em out. They should take the hint and come over into the bona fide tariff reform party."

Our Greensboro contemporary has gotten his figures mixed. It sounds as though he may have been quoting from one of Bryan's old speeches. The President did say that he thought they should have voted for the bill, but that he was glad to know that they are still Republicans. He further stated that they had a right to favor and work for measures inside their party.

DIDN'T READ THEM OUT.

A MILLION DOLLARS A WORD.

The late E. H. Harriman left his entire fortune, estimated at \$100,000,000, to his wife. The will consisted of one hundred words, and each word meant a million dollars for Mrs. Harriman. His widow is said to be the richest woman in the world. Hetty Green will now almost die with envy.

The Democratic politicians are planning to name half their ticket next time from the advocates of local self-government and the other half from the same old ring, in an attempt to catch the voters "gwine and a-coming," but the voters will not be so easily fooled.

A writer in McClure's Magazine for October says that the hook-worm came from Italy, and we are told by others that we are also indebted to Italy for the new disease in the South known as pellagra. We would now like to pay back to Italy all of our indebtedness.

Greensboro is great on novelties. A man and woman, prisoners, were married in the police court in that city a few days ago just a few minutes before the time set for their trial.

HAVE SEEN THE WARNING.

Some of the Democratic papers in the State are entertaining serious fears because of the outlook for Republican success in North Carolina. The Charlotte Chronicle, for one, has seen the "warning in the skies" and is handing out some advice to its brethren. The following is an excerpt from an editorial in a recent issue of the Chronicle:

"Sooner or later the Democratic party must return to the original purity of the principles of local self-government. It has strayed too far, and has seen the warning in the skies. Give the Democrats a local self-government platform and North Carolina will once more send a solid Democratic delegation to Congress."

The Democratic machine in this State must give the people something more than a platform before they can again send a solid delegation to Congress, or even hold what they have. There are thousands of independent Democrats in this State who have lived on promises in the past that will not be easily fooled in the future, for they have learned that the machine makes promises simply for the purpose of getting their votes and then disregards the wishes of the masses as soon as they get in office. By their deeds ye shall know them, and that is where the Democratic politicians fail to shine.

In his speech at Des Moines Monday President Taft announced that he would urge the establishment of an inter-State commerce court of five members to consider appeals from rates fixed by the inter-State Commerce Commission. He will also recommend to Congress legislation to prevent one inter-State railroad from owning stock in a competing line. Legislation to prevent the over-issuing of stocks and bonds and the watering of stock will be strongly recommended, the President's proposition being that no stocks or bonds shall be issued except by permission of the inter-State Commerce Commission after an inquiry has been made into their necessity.

In discussing the anti-trust law, President Taft declared that he knew no way in which a distinction could be made between "good" and "bad" trusts, as he regarded all combinations to suppress competition and to maintain a monopoly to be in the same category.

The New York Sun (Democratic), discussing the manner of men who represent the South in Congress, is distressed over "the hopelessness of endeavoring to uplift the South through the medium of incompetent and unworthy agencies." The Sun is very plain spoken in regard to its Democratic brethren in the South. But the South will soon come into her own. In fact, North Carolina now has three Republican Congressmen, and prospects are bright for the election of Republicans from other districts in the near future. When the South sends Republican business men to Congress then the South will get the recognition at the hands of Congress that is due her.

We can't understand why the News and Observer is now so profuse with its praise of the late E. H. Harriman. At one time Harriman was the meanest railroad man in the United States, from the News and Observer's view-point. Now the News and Observer thinks Harriman was a great man. Why this change of heart—or, at least, why this change?

After they discover the South Pole and get over the shouting, or quarrelling as the case may be, we suppose the next thing in order, some fellow will be trying to discover the Democratic party.—Clinton News-Dispatch.

There will hardly be any rival claims for the honor even if some one should stumble across it.

Zeke Bilkins says he will hunt some big game while in India, as we have nothing but blind tigers in America, and he is too tender-hearted to shoot them. The Major will, doubtless, have some fine sport on his hunting expeditions, which he will later write-up for the readers of The Caucasian.

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Thinks Glenn Needs Office.

Houston Post.]

As the friend and adviser of North Carolina, we are impelled to give the native State of Andrew Jackson some advice. It ought to pull Bob Glenn back and keep him at home, even if it is necessary to give him an office to keep him quiet. We are firmly convinced that Glenn's chief trouble is the officeless condition in which so chronic a feeder at the public crib finds himself after a lifetime of enjoying the emoluments of politics. And Glenn is evidently determined to make a nuisance of himself unless he gets back.

Some time ago, it will be recalled, he came to Texas on a mission which the people respected, and they were prepared to extend him the hospitality of the State with their accustomed generosity. Indeed, they did. But he slandered quite a number of Texas communities and undertook to take a finger in the Legislature pie, with the result that many Texas people are inclined to regard him as too fresh.

Now, the muck-raking Tar Heel is on the Chatauga circuit emitting gusts of hot air about moral conditions in the great cities and predicting that the avenging hand of God will destroy the cities because of their wickedness. The newspapers are promptly putting Bob down as a small-fry demagogue and sensationalist who is merely trying to say strong things in order to fatten his income.

North Carolina statesmen are not given to notoriety courting a la Bob Glenn. They are as a rule men of ability and dignity. They know the world is full of unpleasant things and that civilization is working steadily to improve conditions with a reasonable hope of success. They do not deem it necessary to appeal to the morbid tastes of people who are happier when hearing about the repellent things which make up the record of human imperfection. And Bob Glenn is a distinct shock to those who have been used to this admirable type of North Carolina politicians.

We do not doubt that the self-contented people of the Old North State feel humiliated at Glenn's antics, but they will find it impossible to silence him unless they find another office for him and it would be worth while to do it under the circumstances.

NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE GIRLS.

Girls Give Thrilling Account of Their Experience.—Negro Now in Jail.

Statesville, N. C., Sept. 22.—Henry Gibbs, a young negro, was placed in jail here late this afternoon, charged with the serious offense of attempting to criminally assault two white girls near Elmwood, nine miles east of Statesville, this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock.

The girls tell a thrilling story of their experience with the negro, and the negro practically admits his guilt.

Death of A. G. Thornton.

Fayetteville, N. C., Sept. 17.—A. G. Thornton, a prominent and wealthy politician in Reconstruction days, and who, by military authority, married Elsie Hargrove, a colored woman in 1866, and has since lived as a member of that race, died at his home here to-day. Thornton's marriage, the only one known between the races in North Carolina, after being allowed by military authorities of this district, was legalized by the constitutional convention of 1868.

Thornton was eighty-five years old and is survived by his widow and five children. He will be buried from a leading negro church.

Violated the Law.

A Raleigh item says that the escape of the wife murderer, Charles Foddrell, from this county, is especially galling to the authorities of the State, as there is a statute against sending life convicts away from the penitentiary, but in his case this law was grossly violated. When any law is broken some one is responsible. As yet there has been no report of any one being held to account for Foddrell being sent out from the penitentiary and his subsequent escape.—Union Republican.

To Build Interurban Trolley Line.

New York capitalists were in Salisbury Saturday consulting with business men of that city in regard to building an interurban electric car line to connect Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, Salisbury, Concord and Charlotte and a number of intermediate towns. A franchise has already been secured for the road through the counties of Rowan and Cabarrus.

"Wets" Win in Bristol.

Bristol, Va., Sept. 20.—In the Corporation Court of Bristol, Va., to-day Judge Kelley rendered his decision in the long-fought local option contest case, in which he declares that the "wets" won the election held some time ago. He will on Wednesday take up the matter of considering applications for saloon licenses. The town had been dry two years.

Charged With Infanticide.

Carrie McNally, a sixteen-year-old colored girl, of Mt. Airy, has been arrested on the charge of infanticide.

Young Man Kills Himself.

Harrison Mayberry, a young man who lived near Statesville, N. C., accidentally shot and killed himself Saturday afternoon.

Latest News from the Gulf Storm.

The daily papers this morning (Thursday) state that at least fifty-five persons lost their lives in the Gulf storm this week and that the property loss will run into the millions.

Entire Family of Six Killed and Their Home Burned.

Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 22.—An entire family of six persons were murdered and the body of all but one of the victims were burned with their home at Hurley, Buchanan County, Va., early to-day. The motive was evidently robbery, as the owner of the house, an aged woman, known as "Aunt Betty" Justis was generally supposed to keep a large sum of money about the place.

Mrs. Justis, her son-in-law, George Meadows, his wife and their three children were the victims.

Jailed as a Horse Thief.

Joe Leathers, a negro of Neuse Township, Wake County, is in jail on the charge of stealing a horse from Mr. D. M. Green, of Neuse.

Mrs. Ella M. Harrison, a former resident of Raleigh, died in Washington City yesterday (Wednesday). The remains will be brought to Raleigh for burial.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous to life. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure, etc.—are the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidneys poison the blood which will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, head ache, back ache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and better health in that organ is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. Swamp-Root corrects inability to hold urine and scaling pain passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest because of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone. Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

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