

MR. MCNINCH'S PLATFORM.

Mr. S. S. McNinch, Nominee of the Republican Party for Congress in the Ninth District, Outlines His Platform on Which He Will Stand For Election This Fall—A Strong Advocate of the Ship Subsidy and Protection—Deplores Prejudices of the Past and Expresses Belief That An Awakening is at Hand.

Mr. Samuel S. McNinch, president and treasurer of the Charlotte Brick Company, and one of the city's leading business men, has issued, at the request of friends, the following statement of principles and policies on which he will appear before the voters of the Ninth District, to solicit their support on the Republican ticket for Congress:

To the Editor of The Charlotte Observer:

In answer to several inquiries as to my views on different subjects of governmental policy, and in particular on the ship subsidy proposition, I have to say that if sent to Congress from this District, it will be my aim and serious effort to represent all the manufacturing and business elements, believing that the farming interests are so interwoven with the manufacturing interests that if I help the one the results can only be beneficial to the other.

By way of expression, I would feel it my duty to respond to the wishes of the cotton interests, going the full limit of my endeavors to secure that need of protection as well as such revision of the cotton schedules from time to time as may be desired by the different milling propositions, hoping to be helpful to that industry of our Southern country which I conceive is the basis of almost all our prosperity. Surely the farmers know that their interests and the interests of the mills are interdependent, and that their joint prosperity means the life of the merchant class, and all the artisans and mechanics.

South Needs Protection.

With the proper extension of governmental protection to our Southern cotton mills as against the foreign labor, notably so at this time, the Japanese laborer, who works for from nine cents to thirty cents per day; with our shipping industry, which is practically dead, revised by means of ship subsidy, so that our merchant marine would be the equal of any on the globe, causing cheap freight rates to all of the markets of the world, thus giving added demand for our cotton and cotton manufactures as well as other products, I can conceive a most happy and normal condition of society in this Southland of ours, so long ill treated and so unfortunately served after that great calamity our civil war. Led by our passions and prejudices from our best interests, we have been in opposition to those progressive policies, which in a short time have built up the greatest nation on the globe, and have proved a blessing to other sections of our common country. The policies our Southern representatives have nearly always been since the civil war, in direct antagonism to the government in control at Washington and consequently we have been unable to demand our share of the benefits of protection, in order to quickly build up our country as was done by the representatives from the other sections. The race condition of course caused this, but that situation in our affairs has long since passed. Foreign trade aided by a subsidized merchant marine will vastly benefit us all.

Merchant Marine.

It is necessary to foster our merchant marine, just as we stimulate our crops with commercial fertilizer.

I can conceive that the time will not be far distant when the intelligent farmer can reasonably expect from twenty to thirty cents per pound for his cotton, and when his lands would be worth \$100 or more per acre; I can conceive of that splendid prosperity which exists in sections of the North and West, which, when I first traveled through it some years ago, made my heart sad to realize how very poor the South was as a whole, and especially so in the farming sections. I can conceive that almost every available patch of land from the mountains to the seashore would be forced to give forth, because of intelligent, ambitious, profitable effort, a bountiful store of cotton, wheat, corn, oats, live stock, fruits and all the products of husbandry, whereas, today, as most of us know, our farming interest is not greatly successful, and it is largely because of ill-rewarded labor and a condition of poverty, which is not productive of ambitious and well-directed effort.

I can conceive under proper conditions of an extensive activity in our mines, quarries, etc., if that stimulus of a proper merchant marine, giving life and activity, to all our possibilities, is accomplished.

If our Southland, with its extensive Atlantic and Gulf seaboard, was properly cared for by Congress, and it will be done only when our people send Representatives to Congress who are in sympathy with the progressive element of the nation, the Republican party, there will be numerous harbors, with extensive dry docks for shipping, coming and going, all over the world, as busy bees, actively laying-by the comforts and necessities of life. Our Southern harbors, compa-

ratively speaking, are dead now, and can only be awakened with proper effort. That very awakening means prosperity to our farming element, as it calls for a multitude more of people to be fed, and with it a ten-fold increase of our manufacture of cotton, our main staple, which, as we know, by right should be, and will finally all be manufactured at home. Surely we must broaden our markets by all means possible; we cannot continue to feed on one another for a much longer time, and if, perchance, we do this, it will make the poor poorer and the rich richer.

The Panama Canal, close by our seaboard, close by our cotton fields, will be utilized for all that it is worth. Are we to stand idly by and see other nations profiting to our detriment and great loss in not using our opportunity? Surely our people will think for themselves and demand through their Representatives a ship subsidy and all of its accomplishments, as well as a tariff, for the protection of our Southern manufacturing interests as against the foreign labor.

Should Right-About-Face.

Surely the great wealth gathered together in the North and West does not mean that the people there are any better than we are. They lack our advantages of climate and soil; they cannot produce cotton, the basis

such as farming, merchandising, etc., we will very quickly rue the condition arising. It has been long proven that the South cannot prosper on agriculture alone. I believe as a fact that our manufacturing must be done at our doors, and in doing this manufacturing here under favorable conditions from government, such as secured for other sections, extensive prosperity will come from it to our citizenship, bringing happy homes and contented firesides. Our farmers have had a taste, and only a taste, of higher prices. They cannot much longer be held in leash by the conditions, expectations and requirements of the past, because they are rapidly learning what the Republican party policies will give them, provided the Representatives of the South can demand from Congress a proper participation in the progressive, patriotic, prosperous, governing control.

I know that the laboring man cannot much longer be held in satisfactory condition of mind with his present environment, and that there is no hope for him except the manufacturing industries in the South are put upon their feet in the most favorable situation possible. All other sections of the nation, except our own, have been pretty well cared for, and the South could have been, but for the fact that the policy of our Southern people has been to send

had served on my Republican friends that I could not accept, I said: "Maybe this is an opportunity, which, while changing my plans, I should undertake, hoping thereby to be able, even though unsuccessful in the contest for election, to broaden our people and aid in starting them forward on their natural, normal course in life, the patriotic, progressive, ambitious, energetic course, free of partisan prejudice, kindled by the sacred past."

Some newspapers have chided me because of the seeming change of political faith. I have not cared for that. I have been used all my life. In my small endeavors, to advance the interests of my community, to be often-times misunderstood, cursed and discussed. I have gone ahead without hesitation, desiring only to know the right "To him that knoweth to do good and oeth it not, to him it is sin." This applies not only to myself, but to all other men who participate in public affairs. The fact is, in our local municipal election and almost entirely so in the county elections for years the Republicans have made no contest. The primaries have been made open and all of us went in for a fight for our friends, or, as we thought would best benefit our local affairs, and all of it was free of partisanship. Republicans have always voted in the local municipal primaries as they wished, and they were welcomed, the only obligation being that they were expected to support the men they voted for, or in case they lost out, to support the men with whom they contested. This is a known fact without dispute.

I never made a Democratic speech in my life. I have made speeches for prohibition when the issue was up. Since the days of Cleveland, when he was discarded by the Democrats, as my personal friends know, I was never in full accord with the Democratic party, and they will give me credit for this fact. I have often been chided by my friends because of it, but my friends put up with me, knowing that I was always loyal to them, and that I was exceedingly independent in all my actions and thought. I love my friends. Who doesn't? The criticism of my partisan and political enemies is a reminder of the old, old days of my sea pirate ancestry, roving the North Carolina seas. It savors also somewhat of the Scotch Clans who could always fight their nearest neighbor, if half an excuse was given. I cannot help but enjoy it all. It runs through my veins for two thousand years. But if I get into the minds of the people of our Ninth District that I want to help them, their wives and children—all the devilry being brewed to distract their attention will be unavailing. When this at random letter has been fully discussed, I will furnish even more later on.

S. S. MCNINCH.

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of our main industry—but as for us, we can produce everything that they can. Certainly if we measure these situations by fair comparisons we will not admit that there are any better or abler people on earth than ourselves. With this as a clear-cut proposition, must we not admit the whole truth, that our attitude in the past towards Republican politics, which has built up the greatest government on the earth in a few years, was wrong, and that it is time for us to about-face before it is forever too late.

The truth is, there is no better stock of people on earth than this Southern mixture of ours. It is proven by the events of the past here and in Europe. Ours is the stock that has accomplished, and we can and will always control when we try to do so, if our efforts are wisely directed without prejudices.

An Awakening Coming.

I know that the awakening is here, but it is hard for some to understand and still harder for some of us to act. I myself have experienced this, but from the assurances received from many within the last few weeks, I know we are close to our old-time usefulness. The full realization of this awful situation, through which we have been going for years, may be yet a little while off, but I know—yes, I know,—that our people are awake, and like a giant that has slumbered, when aroused, there will come a reckoning, which I fear will carry our people too far, when they have fully realized the wrongs and how they have been led so misguidedly in the past.

Poverty may hold the mass in leash for a while longer because no one can think independently while pinched by want, but when despair, with full realization, does come, let us beware of the extreme.

Must Not Blame Race Prejudice.

Note well my expression here, which to make more clear, the mass of the people must not be led by race prejudice when there is no occasion. The time will come that, when in their recklessness, if the race prejudice is flaunted longer in their faces without proper occasion, that he who continues to do this awful thing without good excuse will find more measure for the deed than can be estimated at a cheap figure.

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