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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Chief Justice Supreme Court.—T. T. Hicks, of Vance. Associate Justices Supreme Court.—E. W. Timberlake, of Wake; Harry Skinner, of Pitt. Members Corporation Commission.—G. M. Hoover, of Davidson; J. H. White, of Madison.

Congressional Ticket.

* First District.—Second District.—R. H. Norfleet, of Bertie. Third District.—George E. Butler, of Sampson. Fourth District.—R. A. P. Cooley, of Nash (Ind.). Fifth District.—David H. Blair, of Forsyth. Sixth District.—Iredell Meares, of New Hanover. Seventh District.—J. J. Parker, of Union. Eighth District.—Chas. H. Cowles, of Wilkes. Ninth District.—Sam'l S. McNinch, of Mecklenburg. Tenth District.—John G. Grant, of Henderson.

* Convention not held.

County Nominees.

Senate.—R. L. Snyder, of Raleigh. House of Representatives.—O. G. Ellen, of House's Creek; J. H. Arnold, of Barton's Creek; D. H. Staniel, of St. Mary's. Clerk of the Court.—John W. Harden, of Raleigh. Sheriff.—W. C. Johnson, of White Oak. Treasurer.—Everett T. Banks, of Swift Creek.

Register of Deeds.—Carl W. Hunt, of St. Matthews. County Commissioners.—F. W. Mahler, of Raleigh; J. W. Underhill, of Little River; C. H. Collins, of Holly Springs. Coroner and Surveyor.—To be named by Executive Committee.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S STRONG AND FORCEFUL LETTER.

We publish in this issue of The Caucasian President Taft's letter to Congressman McKinley reviewing the work of the administration. It is a clear, comprehensive statement of the great achievements of the Republican administration, which shows that this administration has accomplished more during its first year than any other administration in the history of the country.

Every voter in North Carolina, and especially every Democratic voter, should read every word of this strong, forceful and fascinating document. It is fascinating for the great truths which it states, about the progress of our wonderful country. In short, this strong and forceful statement from the President is a conclusive argument as to why a patriotic American citizen should support the Republican ticket.

The Charlotte Observer, in commenting upon this letter, says that it is the strongest paper that has yet emanated from President Taft.

A CRAWFISH GOVERNOR—A SPINELESS ATTORNEY GENERAL—AND A TOOTHLESS ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Where is the anti-trust law with teeth which Governor Kitchin promised? Where is his Attorney General with the backbone to enforce the law? Where, Oh, where!

The fact is the people have been betrayed. What we have gotten is a toothless anti-trust law, a spineless attorney general, and a crawfish Governor. Read in another column the miserable record of brazen hypocrisy and broken promises of the Kitchin administration.

If this bold treachery is condoned, it will encourage other hypocrits of the Glenn and Kitchin stripe to attempt to work other confidence games upon the brave and patriotic people of the State.

The editor of a weekly paper in North Carolina has prominently posted in his office glaring headlines on the morning of the last Presidential election,—but before the votes had been cast. It reads:

"The people have spoken and Bryan is our next President." "That," said the editor, "is a sample of News and Observer 'facts.'"

PENSIONS FOR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.

A number of Democratic speakers are attempting to claim for themselves and their party a monopoly of interest in the welfare of the Confederate soldiers. How much sincerity there is in these loud professions made on the stump to capture the vote of the Confederate soldier can be judged by the fact that the Democratic party in this State has done much less than the State was able to do and should have done for the Confederate soldier. Indeed, our State has done much less than most of the other Southern States but even if our State had done as much as or more than any other Southern State, the truth is that no State system of pensions for Confederate soldiers will ever give what the crippled, suffering, and destitute heroes of the civil war deserve and need for the support and comfort of their declining years.

Recognizing this fact, Senator Butler offered an amendment to the pension appropriation bill in Congress in 1898, to extend the provisions of that bill equally to the soldiers who fought on the Southern side in the civil war. The force and justness of the arguments which he submitted in a speech in support of that measure appealed so strongly to the Republican Senators of the North, that it is believed that the measure would have become a law had it not been for the violent and united opposition of the Democratic Senators from the South.

A number of these Democratic Senators made speeches protesting vigorously against the proposition, declaring that the Southern soldier, though poor and needy, was yet too proud to accept a pension from his Government. They even went to the extent of personally appealing to the Northern Republican Senators not to vote for Senator Butler's proposition and telling them that they would consider it an insult to be offered the pensions, and that the Southern soldiers would spurn such pensions if they were offered them, and besides, that the Southern States were amply able to take care of these soldiers.

In reply, Mr. Butler showed how meagre was the provision made by each State for the Confederate soldier, and also showed that today the taxes paid by the people of the South went equally with the taxes of the people of the North to pension the Northern soldiers, and that they were back in the Union, under the Stars and Stripes, to stay, that every one knew if a call was made for volunteers, as in the case of the Spanish war, that no Northern State would respond with more soldiers than would the South for our common flag, and that this being so, there was no excuse for spending a dollar to support the man wounded or maimed on the Union side any more than to support the soldier on the Southern side. Indeed, he proved that the Southern people were right in that fight; that is, that they had a constitutional right to secede, and that while that right did not exist today, that it was simply because the constitution has been amended by bayonets. He quoted abundant Northern authority to show that the North had long held to that interpretation of the constitution. Besides, he quoted President McKinley, and numerous other statesmen, North and South, paying equal tribute to the courage, valor and patriotism of the soldiers of the South along with the soldiers of the North, all agreeing that each one fought for what he conceived to be his highest duty, and that he was as honorable and patriotic in the stand he took as the other, and that the heroism and valor shown in that memorable conflict by the soldiers on both sides was today the common heritage of our common country.

In spite of these facts and arguments, which no one could refute, the Southern Senators continued to violently and unanimously oppose the proposition. This caused a number of the Southern Senators who were in favor of the proposition to go to him and explain that they were placed in a most awkward position, because if they voted for his amendment they would be trying to force on the South what the Democratic Senators said they did not want and would spurn if offered them. In short, the amendment was defeated solely by the solid Democratic opposition to it.

Those who desire to see the amendment and to read the speeches made by Senator Butler and by the opposition, can find the same in the Congressional record (Vol. 32), beginning on page 1074 and following for

a number of pages. That debate began on January 26, 1899, the amendment that was then debated had been previously offered by Senator Butler on December 20, 1898.

If the Southern soldiers who were willing to accept a pension from the Federal government will send Republican Senators and Congressmen to Washington, who are in favor of doing more for the soldier than feeding him on "chin music taffy" during the election, the Southern soldiers will find the Northern soldier and his Senator and Congressman ready to join hands with them and place them on an equal footing that will mean substantial support and comfort for their declining years.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

Before the great jury of the people the Democratic party, in North Carolina stands indicted on charges that should, to use an expression of its proprietor, Josephus Daniels, send it to the penitentiary for three hundred years and an eternity in shame.

In the Legislature of 1907, a committee was appointed to investigate the conduct of some of the State officers. The report, which was suppressed, showed that not alone had the law not been complied with but had been openly violated. An important office, that of the Insurance Department, which handles thousands of dollars, the people's money, was shown to be utterly lacking in system and no accurate account kept of the handling of these large sums beyond a note book that the Commissioner kept in a vest pocket.

A more glaring instance was that of the State Shell Fish Commissioner. That officer rented an office from himself "at a sum four times its real value" to quote the report; he purchased supplies from himself, O. K.'d his own vouchers and paid himself; he rented a vessel from himself and paid himself as commissioner. All these facts were brought out and yet no action was taken—except that it was suppressed and the delinquent official retained in office.

The Governor of the State himself was involved. When the old "Governor's Mansion" was sold, the sum of \$30 per month was allowed the Governor to rent rooms. For over twenty years the State has provided its Executive with a fine residence and yet the Governors have continued to take from the public treasury this sum of money, disguising it under the head of "servant hire" for which there was no authority by law. And even when the matter was shown to be wrong, the then Governor, Robert B. Glenn, insisted on taking it and did receive it, knowing it to be a wrong thing to do.

In spirit, at least, to judge by the proceedings in the case, the Democratic government of North Carolina has aided and abetted in thwarting justice and assisting indicted men to escape the hangman's noose. In the Asylum for the Insane at Raleigh, a poor unfortunate ward of the State, Nalle by name, died. From the appearance of the body, it was plain that the man had been beaten to death; this poor ward of the State, who should have been pitied and cared for, was instead cruelly robbed of the miserable life he had by those who were paid to care for him. Some of the attendants were arrested, but upon being arraigned before the court, to the surprise of every fair-minded man, the State employed a well known Democratic lawyer, paying him the sum of \$250 of the people's money to secure the acquittal of those charged with his murder.

By this act, the great State of North Carolina was apparently placed in the position of defending the alleged murderers of her unfortunate ward. Why was this done? It was done because the Democratic government was afraid to let the real facts as to the conduct of what should be its noblest charity becoming known to the people. The blood of poor Nalle cries aloud from the ground for vengeance. Will the people of North Carolina heed the wail of this poor victim of Democratic mismanagement?

In connection with this same institution, only a few weeks ago a poor crazed woman in Raleigh, who had attempted self-destruction, was denied admission on the grounds that there was "no room," and in consequence she had to be placed in the common jail, without medical aid or nursing, and among crimi-

nals. This in face of the fact that within the past few years five hundred thousand dollars—one half of a million—has been expended on these institutions, supposedly providing ample room for years to come. Where did the money go?

The State owns a controlling interest in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. It appoints the executive board and officers, thus providing easy berths and free passes to its favored politicians. Recently there was a scandal in connection with this railroad and some of the officials had to retire. Why? And why were not the facts in connection with the management or mismanagement of the people's property given to the public?

That there is something radically wrong with the management of the State institutions is shown in the recent investigation of the State Hospital for tuberculosis at Montrose. A young physician of Greensboro, who had been active in the crusade against this dread disease and who had made it his life's work, brought serious charges against the management. Instantly the State officers at Raleigh flew with alarm to the rescue. A half a dozen of the big, heavy-weight lawyers of the State were appointed to defend the management. The young physician appealed in vain to the Governor of the Commonwealth, to instruct the Attorney General, who is paid for just such work, to assist him in the bringing to light the real facts. No, the State administration did not want the light turned on, and after struggling vainly, the young reformer was battered down by the high-priced lawyers, paid by the people's money to keep the truth concealed.

It should have been the duty of the Governor to accord every aid in bringing the facts to light and if anyone was delinquent to have them punished, if innocent, to have these grave charges taken from them. Only the guilty fear the truth.

There is much more that can be said. If the Republican party secures control of the next Legislature, it should order a rigid, fair and impartial investigation into these facts. It is a duty that is owing the people, which has been denied them by the Democratic parasites who have so long been held in office that they think they can defy the law, the will of the people, justice and right with perfect impunity.

Turn on the light!

A DARK LANTERN MIDNIGHT REPORT THAT HAS DISAPPEARED.

Where is the secret report of the dark lantern committee appointed to investigate the management of the A. & N. C. R. R.? It is said to have disappeared at one time.

That committee found the management of that State railroad so disgraceful and rotten that they closed the doors and not only shut out the newspaper reporters, but also shut out the light of day. They used barrels of Democratic whitewash, but the thing was so black and rotten that they were at last forced to make a secret midnight report; but that report, though secret, is known to have been so full of dynamite and to have smelled so bad, even in the dark corners of the archives of the Capitol in Raleigh, that it was permitted to be officially disappeared, no doubt at the dark hour of midnight.

The people of the State who have been denied the privilege of knowing what is in that report would at least like to know why it was ever allowed to leave the Governor's office. While Governor Kitchin is trying to explain his broken anti-trust promises, he might also explain, if he knows, something about that secret report and why that "public" document was never given to the press.

"WHICH DEMOCRACY DOES NOT, AT PRESENT, ESPOUSE."

The Charlotte Observer, in commenting on the Republican State platform says:

"Its declaration for local self-government in North Carolina must favorably impress every believer in the fundamental Democratic principle which North Carolina Democracy does not, at present, espouse."

This is a truth known to all men. The question now arises, what does Democracy now stand for?

It is a significant fact that wherever there are more schools and the people are reading and thinking the most, that there the Democratic party is growing smaller each day. Truly ignorance and prejudice are the only hope of the Democratic party!

WHY MAINE WENT DEMOCRATIC.

Our Democratic friends have been jubulating overmuch that the State of Maine has gone Democratic. Let us stop for a moment and look at the facts and conditions that have existed in Maine which caused thousands of men who have before been voting the Republican ticket all their lives, and this year felt it their duty to vote the Democratic ticket for the first time.

In the first place, Maine and Massachusetts, and all New England, for a number of years, were able to buy from us in the South our raw materials at a very cheap price. New England manufactured these raw materials, and then sent them back to us and sold them at an enormous profit. The people of the South were each year getting poorer by selling a part of the great heritage of their wonderful resources for much less than they were worth to New England, and when we bought them back we paid not only the freight on the raw materials from the South to New England, but we paid for high-priced labor in New England that manufactured these goods, we paid an enormous profit to the manufacturer, and we also paid the freight back to the South; thus New England was getting rich under the American policy of protection, while the South was each day getting poorer.

For a number of years past this condition has been gradually changing. The South has waked up to the value of her enormous resources, and have begun to develop and manufacture them ourselves. Thus the South has been, and is each day, getting richer under the beneficent influences of protection. When New England could no longer buy our raw materials as in the past, she was left with nothing but her rocky hillsides, and even with her wonderful Yankee ingenuity she was not able to make money out of these rocks. Then it was that she began to look to Canada and abroad for some place to again buy raw materials, and thus the cry has been growing stronger and stronger each year in New England for the kind of sugar-coated free trade called Reciprocity.

If, today, a vote was taken in all New England on the square question as to whether or not those States favored the present system of protection by which the South is growing rich, or if they favored changing that system so as to give them that measure of free trade which they called "reciprocity," New England would vote overwhelmingly with the Democrats for reciprocity. The only thing that deters them from going solidly with the Democratic party today is because they do not want to go to an absolute free trade basis, and they know that that is where the Democratic party would land if it should control the next Congress and elect Champ Clarke, who is an avowed free trader, for President.

For the reasons just given, Maine will not vote for a Democratic President two years from now, but it voted Democratic this year as a kind of protest against protection which is making the South get rich faster than New England.

There is another condition in Maine that had a great deal to do with the election, and that is, the growing protest among prohibitionists at the failure in that State to enforce the prohibition law; also the growing sentiment in that State, as well as over the whole country, in favor of returning to the fundamental principle of local self-government, the corner stone of a republic in which the people are to rule.

These are the facts and conditions that caused the Republicans of Maine this year, in their desire to protest against their party, to go to even the extent of voting with the party of reaction and negation. We submit that every Republican voter in Maine who thus cast his vote, for these reasons, voted intelligently. Therefore, we submit that if the people of North Carolina are as wide-awake and as independent and if they will this year cast a vote as intelligently as the people of Maine, that North Carolina will go Republican this fall for exactly the same reasons that Maine went Democratic.

A PARCELS POST SYSTEM.

No one measure ever enacted by Congress has brought more pleasure, comfort and profit to the great masses of the rural population of our country than has the establishment of free rural delivery. It has not only been a great convenience and

a saving of time and money to enable the farmers to receive their mail, but it has resulted in the farmers receiving much more mail, especially daily papers and magazines. It has also had a wonderful effect in starting the movement for good roads. In short, it has aided materially to the value of every farm in the United States.

One of the next most important measures that will bring similar blessings to a large number of our people in rural communities and small towns, as well as cities, is the great system of postal savings banks, which was established by the last Congress. The beneficent effects of this system will not only be to encourage children as well as men in saving money that is now wasted, but it will add materially to the progress and prosperity of our country, and supplement in a most material way the beneficent influence of free rural delivery.

There was also pending in Congress when the last session adjourned, several bills for the establishment of a system of parcels post. This system, when established, as it will be if the great progressive Republican party stays in power, will be the third great step in the uplift of the farmers and wealth producing element of our nation.

The Democrats in the last Congress opposed the establishment of postal savings banks. They will oppose the establishment of the system of parcels post, just as they always oppose every great reform or any new measure for the development of our country and the advancement and uplift of our people. Indeed, that is the traditional history of the Democratic party, in this State.

It is well known that the Democratic party opposed the great plan of internal improvements, which was championed by Governor Morehead and carried forward with such success in his administration. The Democratic candidate in that campaign opposed internal improvements and denounced it as an unconstitutional scheme. After the system of internal improvements was started and became popular, then the Democratic party dropped in line and declared that they had always been in favor of such a measure. In short, the record of the Democratic party is to oppose any form of progress, but it always drops into line after the thing has been done.

Let those who want to see a parcels post established, and other great reform measures along the same line for the advancement and uplift of all of our people, cast their votes for the party that has the wisdom and the courage to face every problem and condition and to solve it wisely for the welfare of the whole nation. This is why the Republican party has become to be known as the party of progress and prosperity, and why the Democratic party is known as the party of reaction and negation. This is why the Republican party, with its record of achievement, and its great constructive policies looking to the future, appeals so strongly to the young men of North Carolina and of every State in the Union.

The young men of North Carolina are today coming to the Republican party by the thousands, and they will continue to come and place our old State in the column of the great national party of progress and prosperity, and when they do no State in the Union will become richer and greater faster than the Old North State.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS SQUANDERED ON PET DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEYS.

Attorney-General Gilmer, during the term of his office, looked up the number and the size of fees which had been paid to special counsel for the State to assist the Attorney-General in recent years, in order to use the same as an argument before the Legislature as to why the Attorney-General and his assistants should be paid better salaries and permitted to do all of the work, and at the same time save many thousands of dollars each year.

It is said that when certain politicians heard of what Attorney-General Gilmer was doing that they rushed to bring pressure on him to keep quiet and not let the facts get out, because if they did it would be sure to ruin the Democratic party.

This question of enormous fees to numberless Democratic pet attorneys is only a drop in the bucket of the long story of Democratic incompetence, mismanagement and misrule. It is time for the people to see the books and to also have a chance to look for that rotten A. & N. C. midnight report.