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ROTTEN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

We publish in another column an article clipped from the editorial columns of the Waynesville Western Carolina Enterprise.

That paper charges that certain county officers of that Democratic county have been using their official positions to make contracts with themselves and to otherwise put money in their own pockets in violation of law. The Enterprise calls attention to Section 3572 of the Revisal of 1905, and shows that their conduct is in direct violation of the law, and that they are guilty of a criminal offense. The Enterprise warns them to stop their unlawful conduct and threatens to publish their names and demand that they be indicted by the grand jury if such corruption in office is not stopped.

We think the Enterprise would be justified in publishing their names without giving such warning. Even if there were no laws on the statute books prohibiting such conduct, it would be the duty of a public journal to denounce men who would in this way betray the people by committing what is nothing less than an act of treason against the tax-payers.

It may be that these county officers are ignorant of the law, and that they have been misled into such treacherous conduct by seeing more prominent Democratic officials guilty of similar conduct. When Democratic county officials see a Democratic member of the Legislature, who is acting as attorney for a railroad corporation while serving in the Legislature; when they see Democratic Congressmen and other prominent Democratic officials taking fees as attorneys from public service corporations or trusts, whose official duty to the city, county or State will come squarely in conflict with the interests of such trusts and corporations, and a Democratic organ like the Raleigh News and Observer says nothing about such base and dishonest conduct on the part of Democratic officials, it is natural for the smaller Democratic pie-counter fellows to follow the examples of the bigger members of the party machine.

Such conduct on the part of public officials is an act of "treason" against the people of the town, city, county or State. Such "traitors" should be indicted and convicted, if there is a law covering their treachery and betrayal. But it is not a part of the machine Democratic "good government" to expose, denounce and punish Democratic treason.

A TRUST-OWNED LEGISLATURE AND ITS LAST ACT OF PERFDY AND DISHONOR.

When a bill was pending before the last Democratic Legislature to enact the Texas anti-trust law, the editor of the Raleigh News and Observer laid on the backs of the members of the Legislature its "boss" party lash-whip with considerable vigor. In one editorial while that measure was pending in the Senate, that paper said:

"Upon the action in the Senate in this one measure depends the record of this General Assembly. It is up to the Senate to make a record that will protect independent concerns, prevent destruction of competition, and prevent the continued sway of trusts and monopolies. The people look to the Senate with hope to keep the pledges made in the platform and on the stump and to justify their faith in Democratic promises."

Thus we see that the party organ, in the closing days of that Legislature, made a definite threat that the Legislature would be finally judged by its action on that one measure, and notice seemed to be served that that paper would denounce all who dared to vote otherwise. That paper knew that unless the Democratic Legislature passed that measure, it would show that it was not in favor of curbing trusts and preventing the destruction of competition, and that

a failure to pass that law would condemn the Democratic party as violating its pledges made in their platform and on the stump by their candidates. In short, it winds up by saying that the Legislature must pass that measure "to justify the faith of the people in Democratic promises."

The Senate Committee on Judiciary pulled all the teeth out of the Texas anti-trust law, and, to quote the words of the News and Observer "guttled" it. That paper, in an editorial following the action of the Senate Committee, says:

"In 1907 the heart of the House bill was cut out in the Senate. In 1909 the guts of the House bill were cut out. This time if the amendments to the House bill which seem to meet approval, are adopted then there will be neither heart nor guts nor teeth."

"Adopted with these amendments the Anti-Trust bill will be a spineless, boneless, gelatinous, vicious affair, neither fish flesh nor fowl."

The bill thus severely denounced by the Democratic organ was all that the Democratic Legislature would pass. Therefore, according to this Democratic authority, we now have another Democratic anti-trust law in which there is "neither heart nor guts nor teeth."

This is pretty expressive, though not very elegant language, but it is what the leading Democratic organ says, and our readers are entitled to know how such an organ views this last measure of "Democratic perfidy and dishonor."

SOME PERTINENT INQUIRIES.

The last Legislature refused to pass a law making it unlawful for a judge or a mayor of a town or a justice of the peace "to try cases while he was intoxicated."

The same Legislature refused to pass an effective law providing for the punishment of bribery at elections.

The same Legislature refused to pass an effective law prohibiting the use of whiskey in free Democratic blind tigers on the day of election.

Is it possible that the Legislature had the same reasons for refusing to pass these laws as it had for refusing to pass an honest and effective anti-trust law?

It is known to everybody that the Democratic party, not only resorted to the use of whiskey and frauds in the last election but that it had a larger campaign fund than that party has ever had before in the history of the State.

Where did the Democratic party secure the large campaign fund which it used to try to corrupt the voters? What big special interest is the Democratic machine in a deal with that would in the last campaign put up more money than these or other interest have ever before put up for campaign purposes in the history of the State?

MR. SIMMONS AS DEMOCRATIC AUTHORITY.

Senator Simmons is out in a long interview criticising Speaker Champ Clarke and Mr. Underwood, the Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, as not being good Democratic authority. He accuses them of leaning too much toward President Taft's tariff policies, and holds himself as the only simon-pure reliable Democratic standard-bearer and authority.

Mr. Champ Clarke, in the last Congress, stood by the Democratic platform and voted for a protective duty on lumber. If the Democratic platform can be considered as a guide to what Democratic policies are, then it would seem that Mr. Clarke has made a better Democrat record than Mr. Simmons.

Mr. Simmons, in his interview, goes on to make a stump speech about the evils of "high prices and the high cost of living" and charges this up as a crime for which the Republican party is responsible. It will be remembered that Mr. Simmons delivered one or more speeches in Congress along this line when the last tariff bill was being considered, and he and other Democrats demanded that there should be an investigation of the causes for high prices, so as to fix the crime for the high cost of living upon the Republican party and a protective tariff.

When the Republicans acceded to their demands to appoint a committee to investigate the causes of this crime and who was responsible for it, Mr. Simmons was put on the committee as one of the Democratic representatives. As soon as Mr. Simmons was given an opportunity to investigate this "crime against society," he took "cold feet" and arose in the Senate and begged to be excused from performing this duty because his health had suddenly failed. (See Congressional Record, 61st Congress, second session, page 3439, where our brave, patriotic Democrat is standard-bearer Senator ran from his duty.)

It is noticeable that the majority of the Democratic press have not agreed with Mr. Simmons, but have stood with Speaker Clarke and House Leader Underwood. There is, however, one paper in North Carolina that has come out as the bold champion and defender of Senator Simmons. That paper is the Greensboro Daily News.

That paper, in replying to the criticism in the Democratic press of Mr. Simmons' course, says:

"What is any Senator Democrat or Republican, who is a thoughtful man and capable of leadership, drifting away from when he follows his convictions and courageously stands by them in the face of chaotic clamor?"

It will be seen that the Greensboro Daily News agrees with Mr. Simmons, and that Speaker Clarke and Leader Underwood are guilty of indulging in "chaotic clamor." Senator Simmons could not have written these words any better for patting himself on the back. He must be pleased in getting endorsement of "his patriotic courage" from this quondam Republican paper.

The News, however, does not pretend any longer, we believe (except in private letters to Republican subscribers) to claim to be a Republican paper. It is now posing as an "independent paper," and as such is doing its manful duty as the personal organ of Senator Simmons and Mr. E. C. Duncan.

The editorial in the Greensboro Daily News, in defending and praising Senator Simmons as the exponent of pure Democracy, closes with this sentence:

"How can a man stand with a party when he does not know where the party stands? Is Mr. Howard Taft the Republican party? and is Champ Clarke the Democratic party?"

Thus we see that this Simmons and Duncan organ, not only takes its fling at Speaker Champ Clarke, but also at President Taft.

Two noble leaders with but a single thought—Simmons and Duncan!

HUNGRY DEMOCRATIC PIE SEEKERS, WHITE AND BLACK.

The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer, in an editorial under date of March 20th, says: "Several North Carolinians who want jobs under the Democratic organization of the House are here waiting the arrival of the members of the delegation. One Democratic darkey from the State is among the number."

We had thought that all of the Democratic darkeys in North Carolina were provided for by the Democratic machine as school teachers. It is well understood that any negro who wants to be employed by the Democratic machine to teach a school must be a "Democratic nigger," and we had supposed that they were all provided for in this way. It seems, however, there is at least one Democratic nigger who has to come to Washington to look for a job, and we trust that there will be places enough to go around for the hungry white Democratic office seekers as well as the one negro who is here waiting for a loaf.

DEMOCRATS DID IT.

The Raleigh News and Observer, in a more or less flippant editorial about how Lorimer was elected to the Senate, says:

"Witnesses now testify that Taft helped to elect Lorimer. So did the trusts—particularly the lumber trust. It is a thousand pities that any Democrats helped."

It will be seen that this Democratic organ, while expressing regret that any Democrats helped to elect Lorimer, neglects to state that the majority of the votes which Lorimer received in the Legislature were Democratic votes. If Mr. Lorimer had not gotten more Democratic votes than Republican votes, he never could have been elected to the Senate. Therefore, if the trusts were behind the election of Lorimer, then the trusts controlled more Democrat-

ic votes in the Legislature than Republican. And besides, when the vote was taken in the United States Senate as to whether or not Lorimer was entitled to keep his seat, he would not have been retained had it not been for the votes of the Democratic Senators, including Senator Simmons of North Carolina.

THE DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATURE GAVE MORE THAN A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE TRUST.

The Charlotte Chronicle, in an editorial making a suggestion to the Legislature, says:

"It was the American Tobacco Trust that saved not only the credit of the State, but an extra session of the Legislature. Yet the present Legislature adjourned without having voted a resolution of thanks to the Trust."

The Union Republican, commenting upon this suggestion of the Charlotte Chronicle, says:

"But the Legislature was careful not to pass any anti-trust legislation that might put the trusts to some inconvenience. It was gratitude manifested in a more acceptable way—to the trusts."

The Union Republican states the matter briefly and accurately. The trusts had nothing to ask of the Democratic Legislature of North Carolina except to be let alone. Government is organized to protect the weak against the strong. The strong can take care of themselves, and if they are let alone can rob the weak. The trusts wanted no vote of thanks, but they wanted to be permitted to do as they pleased, and this permission has never been more emphatically given to great trusts than by the action of the last Democratic Legislature.

Legislature, as having been owned completely by the trusts, may not be considered as partisan Republican charges, we quote the following from the editorial columns of the Raleigh News and Observer:

"The oil trust and tobacco trust are perfectly well satisfied with the Senate substitute, just as they were two years ago with the Bassett-Blow substitute."

No Republican paper has said or can say anything worse about this Democratic Legislature than is said above by the Democratic organ.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message which was read in both Houses of Congress yesterday at noon was the shortest document ever sent by a President to any opening of Congress. The message deals only with the reciprocity agreement with Canada.

If the Democratic Congress takes up the tariff, or any other measures, they will do so on their own initiative.

Congressman Theron Akin who was elected as an "Independent Democrat" from New York, has chosen his seat in Congress on the Republican side of the house.

This is further evidence going to show that when a Democrat has any independence about him it does not take him long to see that the Republican party is the right party with which to join hands for the common good of the country.

They might exhibit the different brands of Democrats at the next State Fair, but the only trouble about the proposition is, that they might want to get off the platform before the Fair is over.

WITH THE EDITORS.

It must be that trusts and sheep-killing dogs are friends of the Democratic party. The recent Legislature refused to pass a law against either.—Albemarle Chronicle.

Mr. Woodrow Wilson having dined with Mr. Bryan may expect to be under suspicion of having borrowed ideas, which he may hereafter promulgate.—State Dispatch.

The Democrats believe in sending our money out of this country to buy goods from foreign countries. Republicans believe in keeping our money at home and patronizing home industries, and building up our own country. Say, Mr. Reader, which party do you like best?—Clinton News Dispatch.

Democratic Machine Subservient to Trusts.

The campaign slogan of the Democrats during the last campaign was their hostility to trusts and their determination to put the trusts out of business in this State, but when the Legislature met, the Democratic majority voted down every attempt to curb the combinations, thus putting themselves on record as wholly subservient to corporate wealth. Every

bill that was introduced which contained real teeth was voted down and the horrors (?) of "trustism" continue to "stalk abroad at noon-day." So far we have seen no explanation from Democratic sources of their failure to enact a trust law "with teeth," but we presume the politicians were expecting a close shave next election and desired to ingratiate themselves into the good graces of the money-changers in order to obtain a campaign contribution. The fact of the matter is, the Democrats have done exactly nothing to curb the trusts in the State or the Nation, and their protestations of enmity to the trusts have been for political effect only. On the other hand, every effort that has ever been made for the regulation of the large combinations of wealth has been made by the Republican party.

Another sin of the last Legislature, to which we have before called attention, was their failure to enact one single law for which there was a State-wide demand. The Torrens Land Grant System was demanded by a large majority of the farmers of the State, yet the Legislature saw fit to grant the demands of the politician rather than the demands of the people for whom they had expressed so much love.

Increased appropriations for the public schools were demanded by a very large per cent of our people, yet the only bill introduced for this purpose was voted down. Mr. Spauldinger offered a bill carrying \$400,000 for the public schools, but the politicians defeated this in order that their own salaries and those of their followers might be increased. In fact, as the Lincoln County Times expressed it, the only thing the late calamity did was to increase salaries, taxes, and offices.

United States Marshals in West Break Record.

During the quarter from January 1 to March 31, the United States Marshal of the Western District of North Carolina arrested 115 persons, and in so doing eclipsed any record made in any quarter in this district for several years. The arrests were made without any serious mishaps, scraps or tussles, and among those taken are characters that have achieved no little fame by their activities in their chosen field of crime.

The exceeding large number of prisoners stored in the jails over the district mean a large number of courts to be held in Asheville, Statesville, Wilkesboro, Charlotte and Greensboro, and mean that many of the terms will be long, considering the fact that many more arrests will probably be made during the spring. Greensboro and Wilkesboro will probably witness courts of the longest terms, as most of the prisoners will be tried in these places.

May Be Walking Ahead for Simmons.

Not a politician in the State can come within a gun-shot of how the race between Kitchin and Simmons stands. Simmons is alarmed and so is Kitchin, even if he has not stated positively that he is going to be a candidate. Probably when he left Congress his idea was if he decided to enter the Senatorial race, to call on Simmons to get into a primary, but the long-drawn out convention at Charlotte left some sores that are not healing and a primary might not turn out to suit him. Both men are afraid of a primary as the matter now stands. In the meantime, Simmons is getting it in the neck for his vote for Lorimer and his attitude on the reciprocity bill. Conditions may change; if not, there is going to be waking head of him.

How The Democrats Have Spilt Upon Local Self Government.

Clinton News Dispatch] One of the meanest and most damnable pieces of rot that ever went South from the city of Raleigh came to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Sampson county Friday, March 24, 1911.

It was a certified copy of an act passed by the last Democratic Legislature appointing twenty-five Democratic magistrates for the term of six years each for Sampson county. This was done in the face of a majority of 1200 votes. Contrary to every principle of justice and right and fair dealing and this act will be and should be condemned and looked upon with utter disgust and contempt by every honest and upright citizen of Sampson county and our State.

People Have no Voice in School Affairs.

Clinton News-Dispatch. Of course Mr. Walter A. Bizzell was again appointed a member of the Board of Education of Sampson county and the Republicans are not allowed any voice whatever in the management of the public school affairs, notwithstanding the fact that they pay about three-fourths of the school tax of the county. That is a sample of Democratic good government and fair dealing. Mr. J. M. Powell, as good a man as there is in the county, was recommended for the position, but was a Republican, and, of course, was ineligible.

SEVERE BLIZZARD IN ENGLAND.

Heavy Snow Storm Blocks Traffic and Much Damage is Done.

London, England, April 4.—England and Wales are in the grip of a severe blizzard to-day which has crippled traffic and all systems of communication, and has already caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage. The blizzard was accompanied by a terrific northerly wind which caused great suffering. The storm was most severe in the Welsh mountain where the drifts are piled many feet high.

Scores of villages and towns are cut off from the outside world. Wires are down and roads are impassable. Railroad and tram traffic is practically at a standstill. The worst damage to stock was done in Cumberland and Westmoreland counties and it is believed that thousands of sheep and lambs perished in the cold.

All of the northeast Kent is cut off owing to the heavy fall of snow which blocked the roads and the high winds which blew down wires. No loss of life was given in the latest reports.

Former Johnston County Boy in Oklahoma.

Mr. D. P. Parker, a former citizen of Johnston County, passed Raleigh Tuesday afternoon returning to his home in Buffalo, Oklahoma. Mr. Parker was called to his old home in Johnston on account of the death of his father. Mr. Parker is practicing law at Buffalo, and is the county attorney for his county. In Oklahoma the county attorney takes the place of a solicitor at each term of court in the county. Mr. Parker likes his new home and thinks there are great opportunities ahead of his new State.

Cornell Professor Swallows a Capsule Filled With Pins.

Ithica, N. Y., April 4.—Thinking he was taking medicine, John T. Williams, an instructor in Cornell University, this afternoon swallowed a capsule containing sixteen pins of an architect's compass.

He was not long in discovering his mistake and was at once taken to a hospital where he was operated on and the pins removed. He is at present dangerously ill, but the physicians say that he will probably recover.

Carnegie Will Help Establish a University.

Washington, April 4.—It is reported to-day that Andrew Carnegie will give \$10,000 toward the establishment of a great national university here. The plan is being considered by Mr. Carnegie, Dr. Andrew D. White, former president of Cornell University; William J. Bryan, President Taft and other prominent men.

Speaker Clarke Says He Favors Canadian Reciprocity.

Washington, April 5.—Speaker Clark to-day denied he had intentionally omitted reference to Canadian reciprocity in outlining the Democratic program yesterday. "I have been for Canadian reciprocity 25 years," he said.

SANITARY VALUES PLACED ON VARIOUS STYLES OF TOILETS.

Sanitarians representing North Carolina and other Southern States engaged in crusades against typhoid fever and hookworm disease at a recent meeting in Atlanta, Ga., have agreed on a sanitary valuation for the various styles of privies ordinarily used. As typhoid fever, hookworm disease and the dysenteries are carried in, and scattered with, human excrement, a privy which prevents the spread of these diseases has a high value.

Valuations expressed in percentages: Failure to have any kind of a privy on premises represents 0 per cent sanitary value. The ordinary privy open behind, unprotected from flies, dogs, washing rains, etc., has 10 per cent sanitary value.

The same style privy having a hinged flap in the rear coming down close to the ground is given a sanitary value of 25 per cent.

A privy having a covered seat, a closed hinged door in the rear, and tubs or pails in which the excrement is collected for subsequent disposal, if not rigidly fly-proof, is valued at 50 per cent.

This same style of privy, having a rigidly fly-proof vault under the seat, and water-tight tubs or pails, kept in good condition, is valued at 75 per cent.

A sewer system, with the water closets, and a septic tank arrangement in which oil barrels are used, known as the L. R. S. Privy, are valued at 100 per cent.

By writing Dr. Jno. A. Ferrell, Assistant Secretary to State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C., you may receive free an illustrated pamphlet giving the plans and specifications with a bill of the material for the best and cheapest kinds of sanitary privies.

It is a sad thing when men have neither enough intelligence to speak well, nor enough sense to hold their tongues; that is the root of all impertinence.—Bruyere.

White God's will is our law, we are but a kind of noble slave; when His will is our will, we are free children.—George Macdonald.