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WHY THERE IS NO CHOICE BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR THE U. S. SENATE.

A subscriber writes a communication for The Caucasian, beginning by saying that he believes it is best for the State and the country for a Republican United States Senator to be elected, but he then proceeds to discuss the Democratic candidates and gives reason why he prefers one candidate over another.

We do not publish the communication because the subscriber admits that he knows it is best for the country to elect a Republican Senator. This being true (and we believe that every man who loves his State better than he loves any party should take the same view), then it is a needless waste of time to discuss the relative merits or demerits of the Democratic candidates for the United States Senate. If one of the candidates was as pure a statesman as was ever born, and at the same time a man of eminent ability, we would not favor his election to the Senate, because, first, as long as he stays with the Democratic party, he shows that he has false ideas of government which, if put into practice, will spell stagnation and hard times.

In the next place, no matter how good a Democratic candidate may be as an individual, he cannot be elected without keeping in power at the same time the extravagant, incompetent and oppressive Democratic ring in North Carolina—a ring that has increased our debts, piled up bond issues and increased taxes—a ring that has horribly mismanaged the public school system in such a way as to make the boys and girls of North Carolina have the poorest or next to the poorest chance of any of the boys and girls of any other State in the Union—and a machine which denies to the people the fundamental principle of local self-government. We would not be in favor of electing a man even like the late Senator Vance to the Senate, if, at the same time, we had to curse North Carolina with the same Democratic State machine that now dominates and oppresses the people of this State. Besides, when you send a Democrat to Congress, he must go into a Democratic caucus and there be bound by the false theories and dangerous policies of the panic-breeding Democratic national organization.

WHERE THE TROUBLE LIES.

The Wilmington Baptist Association, at its recent session held at Richlands, in Onslow County, issued a very strong and emphatic statement condemning the failure of the State Government to properly enforce the prohibition law. The statement is as follows:

"Talk is cheap. Aaron could talk, but Moses did the work. The temperance question is talked to death. Something has got to be done. Talk will not settle it; it rather keeps it unsettled. Resolutions will not settle it. What we resolve to do must be done. While we are fuming and fussing and discussing and sometimes cursing over the subject, the devil is rolling off the liquor jugs at every station and the express company is running an open saloon at every railroad office in the country. The Southern Express car bar-rooms and cigarette tobacco trusts playing hell from sea to sea and from Canada to Mexico, not to speak of the uttermost parts of the earth. What the country needs is a man, and one or two others to help him. Prohibition will prohibit when you put a man at the head of it and behind it, one to pull and the other to push. The curse of Merax is upon us, cowardice or

false humility or downright laziness is damning us. We are whining and grumbling and growling when we ought to get down to business, and put the liquor seller out of business."

Many members of this church organization no doubt know where the trouble lies. They know, in the first place, that the Democratic machine leaders care nothing about prohibition one way or the other. They know that that party picked up prohibition as a campaign issue, simply because they thought it was popular at the time, and because they had worn out the cry of "negro" and "imperialism" and had no other "paramount" for that campaign.

The Democratic party passed what is known as the Watts and Ward laws first, and they did this because they thought it would be popular to appear to be taking a step toward prohibition. We have reason to believe that the Democratic leaders at that time did not intend to ever go any further toward prohibition, but their Watts and Ward laws were such a fraud and caused such a protest against such sham measures that they were forced to go further.

Thousands will remember that when the Democratic party was making prohibition its chief issue, that one or more high Democratic officials campaigned the State either with a bottle of whiskey in his grip, or begging for a drink or for his bottle to be re-filled at some town, when it was empty. Much more along this line might be said, for the facts are known to more than a few in different quarters of the State.

Members of this religious organization know that to-day no honest effort is being made to enforce this prohibition law. It is difficult to enforce a prohibition law, even when the party in power honestly favors it and when every effort is honestly exerted to have the law obeyed.

The failure of prohibition has always been due to two causes: First, the passing of such a law where public sentiment had not been educated up to a point to properly support the measure; and second, the want of honest and sincere purpose to have the law enforced. This is why we have always thought that more temperance could be secured by simply placing prohibition upon each county or locality when it was ready for it, that is, when public sentiment would help to force officials, whether they were in sympathy or not, to carry out the public demand. Besides, we believe eternally in the fundamental principle of local self-government. Indeed, no law of any kind can ever be enforced unless it is supported by healthy public sentiment. To those who favor temperance we say, put not your trust in politicians, but in the people.

THERE'S A REMEDY.

The Lincoln Times, in an editorial, says:

"The Democratic machine carried Maryland last week in the State primaries. Already charges of wholesale frauds, corruption and bribery have been made against the machine and indictments are predicted. They can catch the election thieves everywhere but in North Carolina. Here they practice their game unmolested."

The Democratic government of this State not only does not prosecute the ballot-box thieves, but a Democratic Governor not long ago declared that he would use every cent of the people's taxes, if necessary, to defend their election thieves if any one should attempt to prosecute them under the law.

The remedy is for the good citizens who believe in the enforcement of the law and the stopping of high taxes and bad government to vote to repudiate the Democratic ring by a majority so big that the Simmons ballot-box stuffers cannot steal it.

WOULD HELP THE NEWSPAPERS AND EVERYBODY, EXCEPT THE EXPRESS COMPANIES.

The Southport News, in a recent editorial, says:

"In another column we are quoting from a letter by Arthur Brisbane on the rural editors and the parcels post.

"The letter is so apropos of the present time and conditions that we ask our readers to peruse it with care. We have for many years advocated the parcels post; now it is soon to be a medium between the countryman and the markets of the world.

"The country merchant can no longer keep a handful of goods as a 'stock' and make the country customer confine his needs to

it. On the contrary, with the parcels post established, the country merchant must keep an up-to-date stock, and must advertise the same, if he wants to keep up local trade. Otherwise the city merchant will get the rural trade and keep it.

"The Government has already found the parcels post where it has been established a success; and Postmaster-General Hitchcock is also very enthusiastic on the subject, as well as on postal savings banks.

"It is now up to the country merchant to reap the reward by preparing for the new order of things which will soon face him right here. Get a good stock of goods and—advertise it."

This is all well said, but there is one pertinent thought that should be added. A number of concerns would now advertise their goods in the daily and weekly papers, but the goods would have to be shipped by express to the purchasers who would telephone their orders or send them by mail, and the express rates are so high that no one can afford to use the express unless they are able to be robbed. This is why the express companies oppose the cheap and quick parcels post.

WHY THE DEMOCRATIC RING OPPOSES THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

The Charlotte Observer in a recent editorial quoted what some citizens had said in a petition favoring the Australian ballot as follows:

"By this method the individual ballot can be more freely cast in elections for issues and for officers upon issues of vital concern."

The Observer, commenting upon the above language, says:

"That is exactly the truth, and for that very reason it will not be adopted in North Carolina for many years to come. There is no possibility of intimidation or coercion under it."

The Observer might have added that there is also less opportunities counting. The ballots would be pre-filled and could be recounted. With this law, the Republican vote would have been at least 20,000 votes more as counted in the last election. If the people will repudiate the Democratic machine at the next election by a majority so big that they cannot steal it all, then the next Legislature will adopt the Australian ballot, stop extravagance and bond issues, give free text-books to the children of the public schools, and much more.

Every farmer who is forced to sell a bale of cotton for ten cents a pound this year is losing \$25 a bale at least. If he is forced to sell cotton at nine and a half cents, he is losing \$27.50 a bale, for a fair price would certainly be fifteen cents a pound or more. If farmers were receiving fifteen cents a pound for cotton, it would not hurt so bad to pay the increased taxes which they will be forced to pay on account of the extravagance and incompetence of the Democratic State machine. The time has come for every man to look the facts straight in the face and think what can be done to remedy the same, or at least to prevent a recurrence of such a calamity. If you want to keep taxes from going up and stop cotton from going down, then put the Democratic machine out of power in North Carolina and don't send any more Democratic Congressmen to Washington.

Farmers are to-day getting a better price than formerly for their tobacco. Why does not the Raleigh News and Observer charge that President Taft is responsible for this, in having the Tobacco Trust dissolved under the Sherman anti-trust law? But one thing is certain, and that is neither the Raleigh News and Observer nor any one else can charge that Governor Kitchin is in any way responsible for this happy result.

We are glad to see that our contemporary, the Lincoln Times, has doubled in size and comes out in a neat and attractive eight-page paper, and that it does this in the celebration of its fifth anniversary, and at the same time it promises the people a better paper than ever before. We are glad to bear testimony to the fact that the Lincoln Times was already one of the best weekly papers in the State.

Under Democratic rule taxes go up and cotton goes down. Every Democratic voter now knows that this is an ugly fact. If any one wants to know why it is so, then let him read Butler's Raleigh speech.

SNAP SHOTS.

(By J. F. Click.)

Populists who voted for Bryan because of his platform and truthfulness, must, if consistent, vote for Taft now, since Bryan says Taft is on his platform.

It will take a awful big lying to convince farmers—sensible ones—that an increase of taxes and a decrease in the price of cotton, both at the same time, is to their moral, financial, or political interests.

Certainly the State would be safer financially, and the people much happier, but what in the world—and it full of good lawyers—would become of Simmons, Aycock, and Kitchin, if the could not hold office and draw a salary?

No poor man need ask for the Democratic nomination for Senator. It now takes a heap of money and advertising to "fluence" papers and local ward-healers all over the State. For they, like these office-seekers, are in politics "for revenue only." As proof, ask three of the candidates—after the convention.

All our Presidents are put down as belonging to some "church," except Mr. Jefferson. He is not credited with having any kind of religion—even professedly. But this would not be so bad, however, if the party that claims him as its head had any, or would even practice religion a little bit.

Farmers are the worst imposed upon of any class. They have less representation in offices of honor and pay of any class. Even in the Agricultural Department, generally men from towns—party workers, get the positions of pay and honor. But it seems many farmers are content to simply be "hewers of wood and drawers of water."

Now listen for a howl. Agriculture is the foundation upon which every other business must depend. It should be the surest and strongest. Politicians want to encourage farm-taxes and sending theorists around to follow the example of our State farms. Haven't the bank account sufficient. Instead of increasing taxes and sending theorists around to towns and paying them big salaries to (?) encourage and (?) teach farmers how to farm, why not say to every farmer that every acre from which he gathers a crop, shall be released from taxes.

The good roads question is a big one. Everybody wants them. But how, when and by whom is the question. Farmers have been fooled by politicians so much that they look with suspicion on everything they champion. They don't know how these men by riding from town to town on trains or automobiles, and holding their meetings with townspeople, can really know the condition of the roads, or what it will take to build them. "A burnt child dreads fire." They fear some, they know are more concerned about getting good paying jobs, than they are getting good roads.

Those Democratic Taxes.

Clinton News-Dispatch.]

Say, beloved, have you been around to the sheriff's office and inquired about the amount of tax you will have to pay this year? Well, we happen to know one man whose taxes last year was about \$65 and the same man with the same property will have to pay \$110 taxes this year. He will have to pay \$65 for county and State and \$45 for Democratic good (?) government. Rats!

Asheville and other cities of the South are to be represented in moving pictures by the Vitagraph Motion Picture Company of New York. The idea is to have a view of ten cities in the South on one film 1,000 feet long, giving 100 feet for each city.

WITH THE EDITORS.

If people could eat cotton the Democrats would have fulfilled their promise to reduce the cost of living.—Albemarle Chronicle.

If Woodrow Wilson is the only Moses the Democrats have to lead them out, the chances are they will remain in the Wilderness for 10, these many years.—Clinton News-Dispatch.

Disipation and vice running rampant. Drink and drunks upon every corner. The law and order league in the tall timbers? Who are to protect the weak and helpless.—Burlington State Dispatch.

Cotton has dropped below the 10 cent mark and a few more sessions of a Democratic House will bring it down to the Cleveland 5 cent notch. When Democracy rules, the country suffers. Past experience verifies the claim.—Union Republican.

Farmers are talking a back-home movement with their cotton after having it ginned. After fifteen years of unparalleled prosperity they are in position to hold for better prices and may gain something by it and may not. But another season like this will put the farmers in as deep a hole as they were the last time they got "a change."—Albemarle Chronicle.

DEMOCRACY AND LOW PRICES.

Failure of Democratic Good Government to Enforce the Laws on the Statute Books.

Editor Caucasian:—We find that many everywhere are becoming very dissatisfied with affairs as they exist at the present in State and Nation. The party to which they have clung for years is still on the down haul, and in every attempt it makes at any proposition it ends in utter failure, to the great dismay and sorrow of its advocates, but always a great financial aid to the authorities in power. It seems that if there was ever a time in ancient days when kings and priests usurped authority, exacted tribute from their subjects and brought the people under constant fright, and fear of destitution, there is a period of similar distress under every Democratic rule. And very much to the regret of all fair thinking people, we see nothing else in sight but another such period, if the Democrats remain in power.

Of course there are great numbers of fair-minded and well-read Democrats in every section who are beginning to see the situation as it really is, and who will act according to their conscience. But we have another class everywhere who sit at the cross-roads store fronts and other public places and endeavor to keep the minds of the illiterate and uninformed stirred up and prejudiced toward their party. They claim that over-production is the reason for the low prices in cotton and good many other equally fallacious arguments. Of course there is policy in war; and these little fellows must toe the mark and be ready to hand out such goods as are sent down to them by the "big fellows." They know if they don't do all they can to promote Democratic wickedness that they will get no pie next campaign.

But in regard to the cotton situation, everybody knows that under Republican rule prices were high whether the crops were larger or smaller. This year the cotton crop is not large, but as soon as the Democrats gained Congress prices fell right down until now it is very little better than half of what it was last year. The reason for all this is the Democratic inability to guide the affairs of Government.

There are plenty of other evidences of their inability. Here in North Carolina they can't even carry out the laws as they are on the statutes. There never was a law so universally ignored as the late prohibition law. Liquor is being sold in every part of the State, and instead of checking it,

it is becoming more common all the while. Taking everything in consideration, the State is in a worse plight now than it was before the law was passed. Crime is on the increase all over the State, which is either the lack of power to carry out the law, or the failure of doing their duty in punishing the guilty. There are very near as many pardons from prison as there are convictions, and crime increasing all the while.

But notice when you will, when a people have to work hard and receive small prices for their produce, and the power on the throne exact high and exorbitant taxes as they are doing now, and will continue to do as long as the Democrats are in power, crime will invariably increase, and that is a deplorable condition for any State to be in.

With the present condition of affairs existing it is beginning to look like one of two things are to be done: one is that Billie J. will have to postpone his election until 1914, or the other is, we will continue on this downward course until eventually we will find the horrible scenes of the days of Cleveland reached. May many people be awakened to a sense of their duty, and come and put an end to such when the proper time rolls around. C. G. CARAWAN, Mesic, N. C., Oct. 14, 1911.

Colonel Roosevelt and the Boy in the Police Court.

Southport News.] Ex-President Roosevelt had what he called a "bully time" when he sat on the bench at the Children's Court in New York one day last week. He told one boy that what he wanted most was a good spanking, and said: "I'd like to give it to you."

We believe that not one of the kids present in that court will ever forget the advice given by Colonel Roosevelt, and we also believe that the seed sown then will find root in more than one boy's heart.

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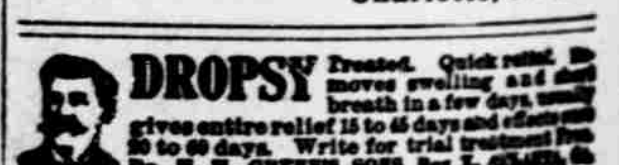
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