

**VOTE FOR THE FRIEND OF THE MASSES.**

On next Tuesday the people will either win or lose in the great battle of ballots. What the result will be no one can foretell, but don't depend on the other fellow to do the voting, but let every man go to the polls and cast his ballot, after having fully made up his mind how he should vote. Some of the campaign leaders are making wild claims for their candidates, but none of them are based on facts. For instance, Mr. Bryan says he does not concede a single State to Roosevelt or Taft; on the other hand, Mr. Taft's managers have figured it out that Mr. Taft will be elected by a large majority over both Roosevelt and Wilson. Last Sunday's New York American gives Mr. Taft only forty-two electoral votes, and figures it out that Wilson will have an overwhelming majority. The large headlines in the American startled us for a few moments until we had read the entire article, then we saw that the American was simply talking wild and that its article was not based on facts. For instance, in figuring on the popular vote of each candidate in North Carolina, the American gave Taft, in round numbers, 89,000 and Roosevelt only 30,000. Every man, woman and child in North Carolina should know that Mr. Roosevelt will poll more votes in this State than will Mr. Taft. Mr. Roosevelt will come nearer to polling one hundred thousand votes in this State than Mr. Taft will to polling 80,000. If that is all the American knows about the Presidential situation in the country, then its pre-election figures are not even worthy of consideration. The straw vote published in last Sunday's New York Herald showed Wilson ahead, but losing ground, Roosevelt second and gaining ground, and Mr. Taft third and gaining a little.

There is a large silent vote, that many believe will be cast for Roosevelt. The politicians and the trusts are against Roosevelt, but the masses are for him, and we say again, don't leave it to some one else to do your voting for the monopolies, the trusts and the reactionaries are all against Roosevelt because they know they can not make a tool of him. All these interests will be at the polls to vote against Roosevelt. If you are for Roosevelt and the reforms he advocates, then be at the polls next Tuesday to cast your vote for him and try to get all your friends to do the same. Roosevelt is advocating reforms that you will not get by voting for either Mr. Wilson or for Mr. Taft. One of the great reforms advocated by Col. Roosevelt is an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law to put trusts in the hands of receivers if they do not obey the law. Mr. Taft has failed to make the trusts obey the spirit of the law that is now in force, and Governor Wilson, while claiming to be against the trusts, has failed to inaugurate any reforms, or even suggest any reforms, along this line in his State, which is the home of more trusts than any doze other Staes in the Union.

When you go to the polls on next Tuesday vote for the man who promises to be a friend to the people, and for a man who was a friend to the masses when he was President—vote for Hon. Theodore Roosevelt.

**A DEMOCRATIC PAPER SAYS ROOSEVELT WILL LEAD.**

The Times, a Democratic paper, published at Altoona, Pa., which is supporting Woodrow Wilson, states in a recent issue that if straw votes indicate which way the political wind is blowing, Colonel Roosevelt will be far in the lead in the voting on November 5th. That paper says that in Pennsylvania Roosevelt is a more than two-to-one favorite over Governor Wilson, and a five-to-one favorite over President Taft.

The Democratic papers in this State have been claiming Wilson will carry Pennsylvania, but their claims are only for buncomb. Roosevelt continues to grow in popularity, and many predict a landslide for the Colonel next Tuesday. If you favor a square deal to every one, be sure that young to the polls next Tuesday and cast your vote for Roosevelt.

**COL. WATTERSON'S ATTEMPT TO REMAIN REGULAR.**

Colonel Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, advises the voters to seek relief through Democracy. The medicine which Colonel Watterson is now advising the voters to take is, in our opinion, one of the bitterest pills that Marse Hen-

ry himself has ever had to swallow. It was only a few months ago that Watterson had a row with Wilson. There is nothing in common between the two men. They not only have no affection for each other, but represent different ideas. Watterson has not been boosting Wilson during the campaign, and his eleventh hour support is probably for the purpose of remaining regular so he may have some influence in party councils in the future—providing there is any Democratic party in the future.

The National Association of Manufacturers, with general offices in New York, has sent out a series of questions to manufacturers throughout the country in an effort to get their views concerning the various candidates for President.

A Philadelphia manufacturing firm, employing a large number of workmen, received the questions several days ago, and it declared in effect that the best interests of the manufacturers of the country, together with the best interests of the people as a whole, will be conserved by the triumph of Roosevelt at the polls next Tuesday. This firm stated that free trade would ruin its business and that a "conservative" administration would cause business to "go to sleep." This firm further stated that it believed only the election of Roosevelt would check that onward march of Socialism.

The trusts and corporations are taking much interest in the Presidential race, and in Wilson and unless the masses exert themselves and vote for Roosevelt next Tuesday the State and country may take another dose of Cleveland panic, soup houses and four cent cotton.

President Taft stated some days ago that Mr. Roosevelt's following was on account of his remarkable personality. That is true only in part. Colonel Roosevelt is advocating reforms that will benefit the masses. The masses have confidence in Colonel Roosevelt and believe that he will carry out his policies if elected President. The voters are tired of broken promises, and they not only believe in certain reforms, but they want to vote for a man in whom they have the utmost confidence to carry out those reforms.

Next Tuesday is the day you should stand at Armageddon.

**WITH THE EDITORS.**

Wonder what North Carolina industry Mr. Simmons thought he was benefitting when he voted for a duty of sixty cents a ton on coal?—Durham Herald.

Everybody says that times are good. Elect Governor Wilson President and how long will it continue? Can you afford to take the risk?—Union Republican.

Mr. Williams, of Minnesota, Champ Clark's campaign manager and convention leader at Baltimore convention announces his connection with the Progressive movement and will loyally support Roosevelt and Johnson.—Burlington State-Dispatch.

According to the testimony before the campaign contributions investigating committee, Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, returned thousands of dollars of campaign contributions sent to him in 1904. Senator Beveridge must have religion.—Statesville Landmark.

**HOLTON AT THE BAT.**

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try in North Carolina." The Corporation Commission, through its Secretary, Mr. Maxwell, positively declined to assist them in their efforts, which brought from the Association assembled at High Point on February 14, 1912, a resolution of denunciation of the Corporation Commission and calling upon all good citizens of the State to join them in their "protest against the position taken by the Corporation Commission." These resolutions were signed by A. E. Tate, of High Point, and B. F. Huntley, of Winston-Salem, both Democrats.

These are only instances of where the Corporation Commission of North Carolina has turned a deaf ear to the demands of the State who pay the taxes out of which this Commission is paid to do this work.

This caused Mr. Norman Johnson, the general counsel for the Merchants' Association to say in a public speech in Raleigh last July that the Corporation Commission "was like an owl, the more light you give them the blinder they get."

Mr. Lockhart, a Democrat, at Madison, two weeks ago, charged the Governor of the State with dereliction of duty in not securing for the people of the State relief from these unjust discriminations. He said that the Southern Railway Company, had time and again forfeited its lease and that

if the Democratic State officials, including the Governor, had discharged their duties they could have forced these railroads to recognize the right of the citizens of the State.

The Democratic State platform in 1906 declared that this great injustice "should be corrected by such means as are available within the limitations set by the Constitution of the United States." Yet, notwithstanding this declaration upon which the Democrats carried the State, not a single effort was made to bring about this result, nor has the Democratic organization since that day repeated this declaration but has contented itself with ignoring the demands of the people in this respect, while its Senators have opposed the only measure that would give the relief demanded within the limitations prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, to-wit, the Heyburn amendment.

As an excuse for this do-nothing policy, Mr. Stephenson says: "It must be remembered that the rate discrimination that we are suffering from is interstate, and that the State Legislature has no right to regulate interstate commerce." This being so, we would then naturally look for action on the part of our Senators and Representatives in Congress. Notwithstanding the fact that the Democratic organization has a solid delegation in the Senate and House of Representatives not one word is said nor act performed indicating that they are representing the people of North Carolina in an attempt to secure better rates.

Mr. Stephenson further says: "When the Republican county candidates say that if they are elected they will abolish freight rate discrimination, they are either dissembling or else are speaking without an adequate knowledge of constitutional law."

They can help elect a United States Senator who will not oppose the only remedy offered to relieve the people along this line. They can regulate the exorbitant rates practiced upon the people of the State where the shipments are made from and to points within the State, and this is a great evil as we could show if we had space. One instance from our own city will suffice. The railroad companies charge the farmer for transferring a car-load of ingredients of fertilizers from the depot in Winston-Salem to Spach's siding on Southside, a distance of two miles, \$16.00, after the freight has been paid on this car from Wilmington to Wilson.

This is only one instance of how our railroads deal with the people of the State within its borders, which is exclusively under the control of the Legislature and the Corporation Commission. I am told that the railroad companies in North Carolina have not materially changed their rates in the State for thirty-five years notwithstanding the increased amount of freight and the improved facilities for handling the same.

Mr. Stephenson indicates that he has evidence that certain large corporations in North Carolina are at present receiving rebates from the Southern Railway. If he has this evidence, if it is a matter of interstate business, then it is his duty to report to the authorities before he condemns them for not enforcing the law. But a more effectual remedy would be for him to read Section 2563 of the Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina, which provides for the forfeiture of the charter of a railroad company for giving rebates, and then report the same to the Attorney-General who is such a faithful servant of the people that he will act at once.

If Mr. Stephenson would look over his candidates he would find that he is attempting to send to the Legisla-

ture to represent the people the representatives of the gas plant and an agent of the insurance companies. He should remember that all these public service corporations in North Carolina when they get their agents in the Legislature pool their interests and engage in log rolling. A prominent Democrat of the State

said on last Saturday that the railroads and trusts and other big interests in North Carolina had more candidates for the State Senate on the Democratic ticket this year than ever before. What they want is to control the Senate and thereby prevent legislation. It is not legislation they want. All they want is to be let

alone in their present methods of dealing with the people in North Carolina.

Respectfully,

A. E. HOLTON.

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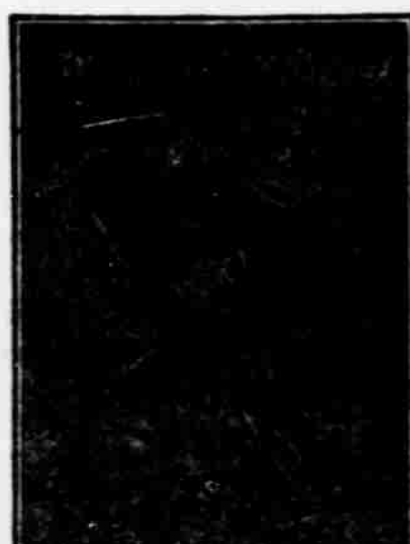
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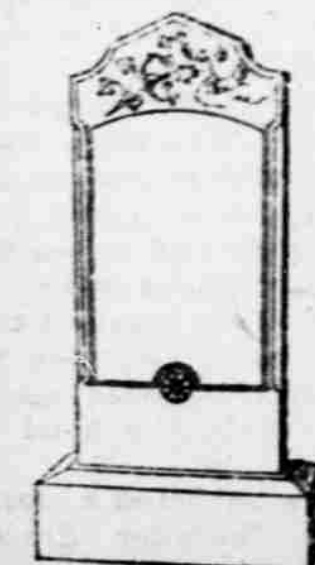
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