

Yesterday's Proceedings in Legislature

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—The text of Governor Ritchie's special message to the legislature on the subject of "trust" legislation is as follows:

To the Honorable, The General Assembly of North Carolina.
It is needless to repeat at this time facts and arguments showing the evil of private industrial monopolies commonly called trusts. Few dispute them, and fewer, perhaps, than their right. Probably the greatest legislative and legal problem of this generation is how to repress them. There is ground for hope that with our present anti-trust law properly amended and effective machinery provided for its enforcement, we can protect ourselves partially from their evil, and perhaps so far as a state can protect her people from them. An opinion has been placed before the people in the press, that the present law cannot be enforced, though nothing was suggested to strengthen or render the law enforceable. I consider that whatever difficulty exists is largely in the machinery for its enforcement. Two years ago many able legislators thoroughly considered anti-trust legislation. All realized the difficulty of the state's coping with the evil against which their efforts were aimed. A bill was considered which by its supporters was thought the best that could be devised. It became a law in all its essential features save one. The last convention of the Democratic party, with knowledge of the action of the legislature, incorporated in its platform the following declaration, and argued that platform the dominant party in both senate and house of representatives:

"Private monopolies should be destroyed. Conspiracies by prospective purchasers to put down or keep down the prices of articles produced by the labor of others, should be made criminal, and all persons or corporations entering into such conspiracies should be punished."

The opportunity has come to make such conspiracies criminal and to prescribe punishment for such conspirators. You are face to face with the duty of obeying the mandate of the Democratic platform. Two alternatives confront you: one to return that duty and have the satisfaction of faithful execution of a just pledge; the other to ignore the instructions of the people, and shoulder the burden of justifying your failure to do their will. You should not fail and will not be going into a record from which no one can be removed from action. Threats and obstructions of legislative bodies rarely, if ever, accomplish any desired purpose.

Failure to make such conspiracies criminal can be justified only in case it can be clearly demonstrated that the action was wrong in adopting such a platform. While the enactment of a law making such conspiracies criminal, has been ordered by the people, it may be assumed that the people did not, and do not desire anything which is essentially wrong or contrary to their interests. The proposition was not a new one. It has been the subject of controversy in the press and generally by the people throughout the state. That it was not inadvertently included in the platform, but was deliberately inserted as a Democratic doctrine, is a presumption should be, and is fundamentally right, as such presumption must, and all persons or corporations entering into such conspiracies should be punished."

The proposition of the proposition is a conspiracy by purchasers to put down the price of an article produced by the labor of others is wrong, is so clear and convincing in its simplicity, that it would seem idle to argue its justice to any American legislative body. Every community which produces more than its people

consume, must suffer the oppression that comes from any artificial depression of the price of its products. A community producing peanuts, cotton, tobacco, wheat, lumber or other article in excess of its own consumption of such article, its unjustly deprived of material wealth, hindered in its industrial development, weakened in its revenues, injured in its educational progress, and crippled in all its social life, by any conspiracy of men or corporation, which puts down the price of such article. The universally acknowledged principle of self defense, applicable to states as individuals, would destroy a conspiracy so damaging in its effect and so general in its blight. The duty of repressing wrong and protecting those who cannot protect themselves, requires the law makers to put the whole power of the state against such conspiracies. I therefore recommend that the general assembly comply with that declaration, because it is right and ought to be the law, and because the dominant party is pledged to its enactment; and I also recommend that the putting down or keeping down by purchasers of the prices of articles produced by the labor of others, in pursuance of such conspiracy, be made criminal.

Fear of the wrath of those who violate a moral principle and who threaten it, the legislature of the State of North Carolina complies with the wish of her majority, to punish the communities already in their grasp, rather than obey the laws, should not affect the judgment or paralyze the efforts, as it cannot nullify the duty of those whom the people have chosen to do their will. As surely as I do assume, that the general assembly will amend the law in accordance with the specific platform utterances, I recommend that the attorney general be given the power and charged with the duty to institute action, civil or criminal, in the superior courts of this state in Wake county, or in any other county of his selection, in any and all cases of violation of any of our anti-trust laws, or any amendments to them. Where such laws are violated most, it may be difficult to have successful prosecutions, on account of the fear and favor which the wrongdoers inspire, and exert in the community. Local prosecuting officers are under great disadvantage, not only from local prejudice and favor, but from lack of facilities and time for needful preparation. If the enforcement of this law is unfortunately left solely to solicitors, and they remain on the unfortunate fee basis, then the fee for conviction ought to be made enough to partially compensate solicitors for the great work necessary in such cases. A district prosecutor naturally shrinks from so arduous a task as the admittedly most difficult one of enforcing a state anti-trust law, and especially of enforcing it under local conditions most unfavorable to enforcement. Under such conditions such hopes another will first test the law against the powerful violator. Nearly two years have elapsed since the enactment of our last anti-trust law, and yet, so far as I can learn, no action has been instituted under it.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that after perfecting, as far as possible, our anti-trust laws, declaring the offenses and prescribing the penalties, it is important and even essential, to confer upon the attorney general the duty of undertaking its enforcement, and of selecting the venue subject to the power of the court to removal in its discretion, for proper cause, and of giving him every proper authority of securing evidence including the compulsory production of books and papers, the examination of witnesses prior to trial, and all other powers appropriate to the discharge of duty in the faithful execution of the law.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. KITCHIN, Governor.

IN THE SENATE.
The following bills passed their third reading in the upper house: House bill to allow the city of Asheville to buy the auditorium in the event the people so vote.
Renew the charter of the Edgecombe Railroad Co.
Add the state Superintendent of Public Instruction to the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina.

IN THE HOUSE.
The house passed the following measures, among others, on their final reading:
To allow Belhaven to issue bonds.
Amend Sampson road law.
Amend public school law Washington.
Authorize trustees King's Mountain graded school to issue bonds for new building.
Allow Beaufort county to issue bridge bonds.
Authorize Cabarrus county to issue bonds to pay debts.
Authorize Marion to issue bonds.
Authorize Moore county to issue bridge bonds.
Authorize Carteret county to issue bridge bonds.
Allow citizens of Brevard to vote bonds to purchase water sheds.
Incorporate town of Bear Grass, Martin county.
Empower board of medical examiners to grant limited license to certain physicians to practice in designated territory.
Senate bill to amend charter of Carolina College.
Amend charter of Claimont College, Hickory.
Senate bill to incorporate Citizens Savings and Trust Company, Raleigh.
Amend charter of Morganton.

Mr. Dul's View of New Charter

Ex-State Senator Thinks Voters Ought to Elect Mayor, Probably Under Australian Ballot System.

Ex-Senator C. H. Dul's view of the charter was expressed as follows in a paper he sent to the public meeting of the board of aldermen Monday night: Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 8, 1909. To the Joint Committees: Gentlemen: In response to your invitation addressed to citizens generally, it was my purpose to appear and express my views for deeming it unwise to incorporate in the act amending the city charter the two provisions: One for electing the mayor by the aldermen, and the other requiring abutting property owners to pay the whole costs of permanent improvements—streets, sewer and water. So long as amendments incorporating additional provisions of more or less importance are being proposed and discussed, and pending the draft of the proposed act, it would not be just nor satisfactory to pass final judgment upon the labors of a competent and intelligent committee which is entitled to the thanks of the citizens for their thorough and comprehensive work; and I refrain from expressing an opinion upon certain provisions, which have not undergone the scrutiny of both committees.

Many features of the proposed charter are, in my judgment, good; experience may prove others to be equally valuable. While it is of paramount importance under whatever form of charter we operate, to have good, careful, executive management, I do not think this can be accomplished in better degree, nor the public interest be better safeguarded by denying the qualified voter the right to cast his ballot for both the executive head and the legislative officials of the city. Rather, every voter should be encouraged to take a lively and active interest in the city's affairs, which include not only financial management, but its educational, ethical and sanitary uplift as well. The Australian ballot, or a kindred system of election laws, might be inaugurated if desired.

As to the fear of continued bankruptcy and the ex necessitate rei doctrine, which are invoked as an excuse for the proposed assessments for all permanent improvements against abutting property there can be but little question that conditions ought to be much improved under the administration of the mayor, aldermen and a tax commissioner, who will be paid, and held responsible for their services. It does not seem to be just, even under the plea of (supposed) necessity to make the property owner pay all the expense, while other citizens, who with automobiles and other vehicles, use the road, on business or pleasure bent, to perhaps, to a greater extent, than the property owner, go scot free and untaxed. This would be an especial hardship upon property owners in the outlying districts, who, while now paying their proportion of the taxes for indebtedness incurred for certain improvements, are proposed to be burdened for all time to come with the costs of all permanent improvements to be made in their respective localities.

With such retrenchment in the various departments as may be found advisable, with good management generally, with the water works department brought to the point where it might be made a possible source of some revenue, as those who have made a study of the question believe may be done, and with limitations on public expenditures, much may be accomplished, until we can see further.

It, I feel sure, now and now radiorf I feel sure, the purpose and desire of our citizens to co-operate in bringing about a most happy result. Very respectfully,
C. H. DULS.

Hang the Cost.
"You know, George," she said thoughtfully, almost fearfully, as they sat together, on the rustic seat in the quiet eventide. "It seems such a solemn thing to marry. Have you counted the cost?"
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