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HON. THOMAS M. HOLT.

A biographical sketch of the subject appears in the Charlotte Observer of last Sunday by Rev. W. P. McCorkle. This sketch is no array of the author's fancies spread as flowers on the grave of an imaginary hero, but a just tribute to one whose modest virtues forbade the display of encomiums that send men high on the ladder of fame during life. Had he wanted notoriety, he had but to make a small bid for it, but it was the ambition of a patriot that sought only the fullest measure of usefulness as a goal for higher and more worth the reaching than any greatness of name. He served the State in both branches of the Legislature, both as private and as presiding officer and as Governor and every sphere marked him fit for a still higher.

We clip from the sketch the following:

THE COMPROMISE OF THE STATE DEBT.

Among the important measures which he was largely instrumental in securing, may be mentioned the establishment of the system of county government which delivered the counties of the "black districts" of the State from the rule of ignorance and venality under which so many of them had been bankrupted; the building of the Western North Carolina and of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroads; the establishment of the Department of Agriculture, which has done so much to prevent the sale of spurious fertilizers to our farmers, to diffuse a knowledge of scientific agriculture through the State and to advertise the resources of North Carolina by the exhibits at Boston, Atlanta, Raleigh, New Orleans and Chicago; also, the inauguration of a scheme which has resulted in the establishment of three great industrial schools of which our Commonwealth is justly proud; viz: The Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, and the two Normal and Industrial schools at Greensboro. Largely through his influence, moreover, increased appropriations were voted to the common schools of the State, to the University, to the State Hospital at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro, and to the Orphan's Home at Oxford; and it was in pursuance of the policy which he had uniformly advocated that the Institution for Deaf Mutes was established at Morganton. But aside from his services

in behalf of these great public interests, perhaps the chief title of Governor Holt to the grateful esteem of his fellow citizens rests upon his valuable services rendered in effecting the compromise of the State debt. A part of that debt was secured by a lien on the State's interest in the North Carolina Railroad. Through the receiver of the railroad company, Hon. Samuel E. Phillips, the matter was in the hands of the Federal Court. All thought that the road must go. It seemed a certainty that the lien was to be enforced and this most valuable property of the State sacrificed to the greed of bond grabbers. Just at this juncture Col. Holt, with a few influential friends, voluntarily undertook a journey North to see the parties owning the bonds secured by the lien. After all negotiations had apparently failed and after long delay and unspeakable vexations and perplexities, these gentlemen, led by Col. Holt, succeeded, by reason of their influence in business circles, in compromising the debt, thus saving to the State property valued at more than five millions of dollars.

A TRUE PATRIOT.

Nor was it only in official life that Thomas M. Holt showed himself a true patriot. He desired to see the sons of North Carolina educated to glory in the heroic memories of the past, and it is worthy of mention that the noble monument and statue of Maj. Joseph Winston, which adorns the Guilford Battle Ground, was his individual gift. He counted it, he said, among the happiest acts of his life to present that memorial to the Guilford Battle Ground Association. Indeed his whole life bore evidence to the truth of the statement in the speech which he sent to be read at the presentation of the statue to the association July 4th, 1895. "If I know my heart, I desire no other earthly lot than to be able to add my mite to the furtherance of the happiness of the whole people and the glory of North Carolina."

But what is all public greatness if the private home life does not show the purity of their source. The biographer relates facts in testimony of his purity, gentleness and devotion to his life companion, his firm but fatherly bearing to his family and employees, his charity to the needy, his devotion to the church and his triumphant faith in death. Governor Holt died April 11, 1896, at the age of 64 years, 8 months and 16 days.

MANLY'S OPINION.

"You asked me what I thought about the deal of last week between the Republicans and Populists," said Chairman Manly yesterday.

I cannot say how long the people will let the action of the managers stand. It is believed that in the Populist party there is a powerful element and a strong hand that will stop this sacrifice of their rights and repudiate such trading and trafficking of their votes.

I notice by the Press-Visitor of the 11th, an alleged interview with Mr. Holt, Republican chairman, in which they claim the State by 75,000 majority, and says further, that the Democratic party stole 30,000 votes last election. Such boastful statements are ridiculous. There is no basis on which such calculations are made. The small majority of fusion of last year affords no such basis for such boastful statements, certainly. These statements and charges of Republicans are either the idle vauntings of men who have a pocketful of Hanna's money, or started for a purpose. Look at the facts; 35,000 Democrats who did not vote in the last State election will vote this year. Of the 12,000 or 13,000 former Democrats who voted the fusion ticket in 1894, many have become disgusted with the trading and sales now going on between their leaders and the Republicans over the spoils of office, and the utter and flagrant abandonment of the cause of financial reform. These men will this year vote the Democratic ticket. We will get out our full vote, and with these occasions we will elect our ticket, State and Nation, by a safe majority.

Candidly, the only fears well-posed Democrats have about the result in this State is the success of well-known schemes on the part of the Republicans to debauch the ballot box, with the money being supplied and to be supplied by Mark Hanna and his syndicate of gold-bug monopolies. But let our people understand the truth. The charge of Democratic fraud is false and made to divert the public mind from these Republican fraudulent purposes and practices. A deep scheme seems now to be laid by Republican politicians. The rackets, frauds and most corrupt practices

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will be attempted by them and are now waiting. Look out for the votes of negroes under an alias name, registering minors, and voting ex-convicts. In the registration they propose to do their deviltry. By such fraudulent methods the Republicans hope to count 25,000 or 30,000 votes. But they are sowing where they will never reap. The people of this State understand this. And I can say to our enemies, beware of trying the scheme. If such deviltry is attempted it will not be successful. The Democrats of North Carolina do not propose that a handful of white men shall so manipulate that part of the negro votes of which they will have absolute control in this State as to debauch the ballot and cheat the white people of the State out of their votes by effecting them with false and counterfeit ballots. Democrats have never been more in earnest. The party will cast this year more votes than ever before in its history. This statement is verified by information from every part of the State."—Raleigh News and Observer.

HOW SHALL WE VOTE?

EDITOR STANDARD:—If representatives of a party can equivoque and shake hands with a political enemy, would a private loss his political man on election day by trading or voting to suit himself? SIMON.

We think it probable that in no campaign since Simon has been a voter would he have asked this question, but in this one, the question seems admissible, and we want the ability to clear his mind and our own. But the cream cannot be pure without a pure fountain and we think we are in less danger of shame and confusion within ourselves if we stick closely to the lines marked out by the conventions. We believe that the Democracy of Cabarrus has never been truer to herself than she has been this year. If any error was committed in the nomination, we think that error did not appear at the time and should not appear now. Let us elect every one of them and if not every one, just as many as we can. No one probably deplores more the action of our State Representative Committee in proposing fusion with another party than we, but the ticket is, we think, far ahead of any other in the field and they are the men our representatives have named. Let us elect every one of them.

As for our national ticket, no matter what may be our views on the financial question, we can't afford McKinleyism. A monetary change might bring evil, McKinleyism has done it, or we are of blunt conceptions. The action of our executive committee may be viewed without alarm. Their powers are only recommendatory and they can take down no one whom the convention has put up. It is only by resignation that the ticket can be interfered with and we believe that danger not great. Nor do we believe that fusion is necessary. We believe that we can win this year from top to bottom with a full vote and no trading or fusion. If not we would probably lose anyway, and as individual voters it would be most comforting in triumph or defeat to feel that we did not stoop to anything unmanly, even if we think representative characters did.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

We insert today the construction of the three chairmen of the three executive committees in the State relative to the new inexplicit and tiresome election law and would call attention to the same as being a brief and comprehensive construction and guide through what might give rise to individual differences and contentions.

Stockholders and Directors Meet.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders and also of the directors of the Concord Southern Railroad Company, held at the office of W. M. Smith in Concord, N. C., on Tuesday, 29th of September, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested are requested to be present. J. W. CANNON, ELAM KING, J. NO. P. ALLEBON, D. R. HOOVER, W. M. SMITH, Directors of Concord Southern Railway.

THE SITUATION.

The discussions during last week were about all that the public mind could well take in. The hearing was unusually good and free from disturbances, while the enthusiasm was quite as much as intelligent voters usually display. These speeches were in a great degree courteous and unprovoking. It is a campaign peculiarly complicated in minor relations, with sharp lines only on the one grand issue of finance. This has assumed such proportions as to justify electoral fusion in the minds of many whose superior knowledge, political sagacity, and unquestioned patriotism make us who denounced fusion two years ago and would have spurned such a proposition, now stand aghast and wonder what next. Walls we have a feeling of gladness that the spirit of our opponents is not exasperating there is much that should not go unnoticed that Mr. Watson could not devote due attention to and yet present his own views as he has matured them.

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Major Guthrie told the negroes last Saturday to cultivate friendly relations with their white neighbors and vote with them, but to watch both the old parties. Said he: "They will sell us out into slavery worse than the slavery before the war." What condition could the old parties put the negroes and the Populists into that the masses of those old parties would not themselves be in? We would like to know. By the way, if there is to be any buying and selling Mr. Guthrie's party seems to be the only element on the market. It is an open secret that the Populist leaders have stood ready to fuse with either one of the old parties and the only delay was for the highest bid in the bidding of candidates on the ticket. The Populists in the main are as Mr. Watson said last Saturday the element of the Democratic party that got out of heart and left us just when we needed them most. Now they stand aloof from us while they agree with us on more essentials than they can get anywhere else and it is but natural that we would like to have them with us, and we are happy to say many of them are stepping across the line in that manly dignified manner of following their convictions and would spurn the idea of purchase in any form.

We think Mr. Guthrie made a dismal failure Saturday when he raised the expectation of our Populist friends sky high with his proposal to read the record against Mr. Watson about the Alliance business. The record did not have one word of bearing against Mr. Watson, and only gave him a good chance to show that he had done all he was asked to do by Marion Butler, Robert Vance and other leading Alliance men. If the folloes of the leaders proved detrimental to the Alliance, shame on a man that will try to lay the blame on him who helped them to get what they thought was for their advantage. In this little thing we think Mr. Guthrie showed the spirit of an ingrate and it must rebound against him in the minds of fair and reasonable men.

The speech Saturday night by Mr. Watson was one of unusual vehemence and power. We only wish that Mr. Fritchard would give him a chance to show up his errors and gaudy theories of last Thursday night. If there is a tendency among our mill men, as we have heard to accept Mr. Fritchard's statements as conclusive in favor of McKinleyism, we beg that they suspend their judgment for due consideration before they pledge their votes to McKinley.

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