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MARION, OUR MARION!

He has come and gone! Who? Why, our Senator, Marion Butler. Who else? Why, if he is not the greatest man before the world today it's because the world does not estimate him as highly as Mr. Butler does.

Smart is he? Why yes, just as smart as he needs to be to munch the largest pie in the State.

Can he talk well? You bet your dear life if you want to, you won't lose.

It's true he calls men that he does not like (and that seems to be about everybody) "jumping jacks" and "whippersnappers." If we were as smart as most people, and especially our Populist brethren think Mr. Butler is, we would use words that have real meaning according to the dictionaries. But then we suppose they are good words, and of course the new issues of Webster and Worcester will have the words with the terms defined as per North Carolina's Senator.

He said too (listen school boys and girls) "They make you and I pay the tax." Of course, though, the text books in your schools may be adjusted to fit.

The Senator thinks we newspaper men are hired or sold to the trusts etc. Surely we would not be such fools as not to sell out to somebody. The Senator seems to have an eye to the money that can be made out of the thing. Yes, he pulled his ropes well for a \$5,000 job and thinks we should do something of the kind, forgetting that with true men principle is above money.

The honorable Senator gave the newspapers quite a scathing, yes, he laid it on often and heavy and borrowing Sam Jones' expression, "It's the hit dog that hollos," virtually admitted that a stone from THE STANDARD man had hit the biggest growling dog in the kennel.

The Senator says that the bought agents of monopolies and combines even have to talk against them, the pressure is so strong. We suppose he does not mean to say that he is one among the bought ones that must talk against them. He has been making a good bit of fuss except when the Dingley tariff bill was being discussed and the Democrats proposed to put all articles on the free list on which there is a trust. Just then we did not hear of Mr. Butler's making the usual row.

But Mr. Butler says it is not the tariff that makes trusts, it is the demonization of silver, but before

Mr. Butler got through he let up on the free silver somewhat and declared for gold or silver just so it should be enough, but declared that both were too dear and that he wanted our money made of the cheapest stuff, paper, yes, greenbacks.

So the tools of monopolies talk against monopolies, says Mr. Butler. Mr. Butler talks against them. The Democrats would burst the trusts by placing trust articles on the free list so that the world would be open to compete and a trust would be impossible, but where was our noble Senator then.

The Dingley bill is the highest and most trust-ridden tariff bill ever passed by Congress (will Mr. Butler or anybody else dispute it?) D. D. Mr. Butler record his vote against it? No! Now if we were half as suspicious and ill-accusing as he is, and cared as little what we say as the right Honorable Senator we would say with thundering emphasis that he is in full accord with the trusts and the combination; but we do not say so, for we do not really believe so. We can hardly believe that Mr. Butler is as bad a man as he makes others out to be whom we believe to be better than he is.

His explanation of trusts and how they are formed and how they operate is very good and the editor of this "little paper" understood it word for word, but he does not understand why Mr. Butler expatiates most about it when there's no voting going on to down the trusts.

Mr. Butler seems to think everybody is fooling everybody except that Mr. Butler always tells the truth and never fools anybody and especially the Populists, for they can't be fooled. We have heard before that "you can't fool a Populist." It might be well enough, on that account, for us all to become Populists, hardly on any other account.

The Senator was loud in his challenges to anybody to tackle him, but if any of us had felt ourselves his equal in repartee, mixed up with badinage, balderdash and sacrilege, it would not have been right to weary him. The Senator was tired, Oh, so tired! He has been working so hard for two whole years. Yes, we all remember how he did work to keep Mr. Pritchard from being elected to the Senate after a most positive bargain that if the Republicans would help to send Mr. Butler to the Senate, the Populists would help to send Mr. Pritchard for the long term when the short term had expired. Yes, that was a hard time Mr. Butler had.

Tired, of course he is tired! But no matter how tired, he came rushing in when he thought he saw Joe Caldwell and Joe Daniels about to creep into the same bed.

The Senator is not much opposed to getting into the fusion bed with somebody, even if it includes the "brother in black," but its time to shout and rave when he thinks the Observer man and the News and Observer man are about to lie down together.

The Senator said the Charlotte Observer was in favor of trusts, monopolies and things of that kind and that he could prove it. After leaving us to wonder about that proof till he discovers about the railroads, churches and colleges, including their presidents as, all belonging to the money monopolies, he returned with his logic that was astounding, perfectly astounding. He said its editor was in favor of the gold standard, and, by Mr. Butler's assertion that the gold standard and

not the tariff caused the trusts he had the chain of evidence complete. Of course the Observer stands proven to be a friend to trusts, we suppose, in the minds of such of Mr. Butler's hearers as he made believe that Jao. P. Allison, S. B. Alexander, Gen. Hoke, Gov. Carr and others had entered into a secret, wicked, treacherous bargain to rob the people by the 99 year lease.

Mr. Butler got quite religious at times, especially when he told how the wicked Democrats were crying "nigger" and we wondered if our Marion should not turn preacher. But he shook our faith in his biblicism when he said they put a mark on Cain, that everybody would be on the lookout for him so that he could not kill any more of them. We think if Mr. Butler will read again he will find that Cain was the one afraid of being killed and that the mark was put on him for his protection only.

But Mr. Butler is a great man, of course he is. He got to the United States Senate and will probably be able to hold his forces in line to get there again. And as for smartness there is no doubt but that he has that. He can stir up more suspicion and destroy more confidence between man and man than all the smart men and find the least that is right and the most that is wrong.

He said, too, that in our last legislature the trusts bought just enough Populists to carry their point and stopped right there, that the trusts knew just when they had bought enough. It sounded just like the trusts stopped buying because the supply was sufficient and not that there were no more property for sale. This seemed the "most unkindest out of all."

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