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CARR A "REGULAR" DEMOCRAT—VICIOUS DEFENSE BY J. S. MANNING.

His Personal and Political Character Unjustly Assailed in the Most Bitter Attack Ever Made on a Candidate for Office in North Carolina and That, Top, Within His Own Party—Gen. Carr's Services to His Party Reviewed—If He Was "Regular" Enough to be Proposed by the Party in the State for Vice-President, is He Not "Regular" Enough to be Senator.

To the Editor of the Observer.

For the past two weeks Gen. Carr has been subjected to and is now the subject of the most bitter personal attacks that I have ever known any candidate for office to undergo from his party associates. Although born in the State, and having passed his life for more than half a century within its borders, and since his manhood been prominent as a manufacturer and business man, devoted to the State, devoted to his Church, conspicuous in the development of the educational and material interests of the State, sustaining at all times the character of an honest, upright Christian man, yet now when he has grown gray in the service of his State and the Democratic party, the over-zealous friends of his opponents are actively and insidiously circulating false reports against him, maligning him with all sorts of immoralities as false as they are wicked. I have too much confidence in the people of our State to think they will believe any such false rumors. The people are just, and I leave it to them to properly resent such methods of attack upon the character of a well-known and philanthropic Democrat of our State.

These tale-bearers do not even stop with assailing Gen. Carr's private character, but they are as bitterly attacking his political character. Though the senatorial contest is, and can be, only between Democrats, and hence among political friends, yet in many sections these same parties assert that there is but one Democrat who is worthy to ask the support of Democrats in the senatorial primary. The head and front of the offense to these men by Gen. Carr, Governor Jarvis and Col. Waddell is that as tried Democrats they aspire to the United States senatorship; they then become disorganizers of the party organization, relying upon Republicans, Populists and political sore-heads.

Is Col. Waddell not a regular Democrat? For years he represented a Democratic district in Congress. In 1891 he received a handsome vote in the Democratic legislative caucus for United States Senator. At present he is the Democratic mayor of Wilmington. Who that heard him in the campaign of 1898 and listened to his burning eloquence doubts the "regularity" of his Democracy?

Is Governor Jarvis not a regular Democrat? Speaker of the House of Representatives, Lieutenant Governor, Governor seven years, minister to Brazil and United States Senator, pray when did

he cease to be a "regular" Democrat?

Is Gen. Carr not a regular Democrat? What does it take to constitute a regular Democrat? Wherein does he fall short save only that he is not and never has been an office-holder? For 30 years he has been an active working Democrat—never skulking, never complaining, never holding one single office. For years he has served on the State central Democratic executive committee, and he is now a member of that committee. Every year he has opened his purse and given liberally of his means and time advocating the principles of Democracy in private and on the stump. In 1892, Vice-President Stevenson made a tour of the State. Who was it that took charge of him and his special train, under the direction of the State committee, paying the bulk of the expenses? Julian S. Carr. He is a Democrat, who has expended in his party's cause, and in his party's service many thousands of dollars. At that election the then State chairman said in substance that to Gen. Carr was due perhaps more than to any other one man that glorious victory. In 1894 he was the same liberal contributor. In 1896 nearly all the men of wealth in the nation turned their backs upon the Democratic party. Not so with him. Nobly did he respond. When Wm. J. Bryan came to North Carolina Gen. Carr took charge of his train, conducted him through the State and paid the bulk of the expense. But yet some of these parties are charging that Gen. Carr is now and has always been hostile to Bryan. Well do I recall that our then State chairman told me of his liberality, saying that but for him he could not have had any campaign in the State worthy of the name. In 1896 his check book was again at the command of organized Democracy. Not only has he always helped the State campaign fund, but he has helped his county and district campaign funds, and those of other counties. Capt. B. H. Bunn said to me the other day: "I shall never forget Jule Carr's liberality. When I ran for Congress, being then in his district, he said to me, 'Don't spend a cent in Durham. If anyone wants anything refer him to our county chairman, and I'll take care of him and the county.'"

In 1898 the Democrats of Durham county were in a desperate condition. Many feared the party would split in twain. Gen. Carr undertook the work of organizing and reconciling the party forces. He accepted the chairmanship and for several weeks prior to the election virtually laid aside his business, riding over the county, seeing this and that man and succeeded in restoring harmony, and carried the county by the largest majority it has ever given and laying the sure foundation for other successes. What the campaign of 1898 cost him, none save a few most intimate friends know.

In the campaign of 1890 he was hard at work for his party; appeals were made to him from

many counties in the State that were in the doubtful column for legislative candidates; the great object next to the adoption of the amendment was the control of the General Assembly—both houses; he contributed to them with his usual liberality, contributing also to the State committee. Several counties were thus saved by his timely help. He consulted me; as a member of the State executive committee, and I recommended this course to him for the good of the party's cause. I know what he gave and I am prepared to say that his contributions were liberal and most worthily bestowed. Never until the last few weeks did I ever hear it said that Gen. Carr has been stingy towards Democracy.

When did Gen. Carr cease to be a regular Democrat? Was he one in April? The State convention sent him as a delegate at large to the national Democratic convention. It met in July. The North Carolina delegation, unsolicited by him, decided to present, and did present, his name to that convention as a suitable man for the Democrats of the nation to nominate for Vice-President. Why is he not a regular enough Democrat now to vote for as United States Senator?

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Durham, N. C., Oct. 6th, 1900.

Simmons and Klutz Next Monday.

The Hon. F. M. Simmons and the Hon. T. F. Klutz will speak here next Monday. This means two strong speeches and they should be heard by our people.

Clendenin-Barrier.

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