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Philosophy Of The Nude Eel

Memories of '28

Dr. McDonald was so anxious Tuesday to make Stokes voters understand that he stood on the Democratic platform, that he repeated his declaration thrice. When a person is so persistent in explaining to you that he is your friend, you may usually know that he is not. Otherwise his conscience would not goad him so. If our history serves us correctly, the good Dr. was also proclaiming his Democracy in 1928 when he with McNinch's group were working to humiliate the Democratic party in North Carolina and hand it over to Hoover. Since the Hoover he and his compatriots handed us has proved to be such a hot brick, he now compares his "taxation philosophy" with the New Deal and tries to justify his punk theories here with a comparison to the New Deal. If the New Deal's big tax program SHOULD prove abortive, the New Deal has the power to issue new money as long as printing presses run. But if McDonald's "schemes" which he tells us he can use to cover a 17-million dollar deficit in the N. C. revenues, go bad, it will be too bad for the farmers. Only ad valorem on real estate and land could fill the hole made by the wild experiments of our Illinois "professor," as states are not allowed to issue money even to cover deficits.

They Fall For McDonald

The danger in Dr. MacDonald's "philosophy" is its SPECIOUSNESS. A past master in the art of argument, he comes gentle, astute, suave, with words oftentimes coated with sugar. Many a listener falls for him without reasoning why. Only those who know that his statements are sometimes not backed by facts and that his theory of taxation is fraught with a threat to the fiscal well being of the State, are able to resist his hypnosis. A highwayman who approaches you with a fierce countenance, flourishing firearms and hurling abuse may be dreaded less than the smooth stranger you take on to ride with you who charms you with his rhetoric and then slips a stiletto under your fifth rib.

Why the duPont League fights Roosevelt so hard when he has made their industries pay again after the destruction of 30-31-32, is as much a mystery as why merchants are so obsessed against the sales tax when it shows them good profits.

The Invisible Sources Of Taxes

The Chicago philosopher, who has come among us to run the State, says there is a man in the State worth 20 million dollars who draws an income of a million a year, but who pays no taxes to the State. This is a shocking picture for us who have to pay our penny sales taxes from the cradle to the grave. The only trouble with this ghost story, like most ghost stories, is it is short of the truth. The truth is that the federal government takes \$600,000 of that million for its uses, while the State also collects its income from him. But before all this, the corporation who issued this stock to this man, had to pay its franchise and other taxes. This is not all. After putting in the bank what money Washington and Raleigh leave the fellow, he must give in for county taxation.

This source of "invisible wealth" which is held up to inflame the prejudice of the common people, is close akin to the Bowman Gray spook, which evaporated with the light.

The Whoopee Of The Nude Eel

Hundreds of sons and daughters of the daddies of Stokes, Surry, Rockingham and other counties are employed in Winston-Salem, and it is not all surprising that many of them have succumbed to the siren song of the brilliant Chicagoan who is here to run the State. It is a fine thing to be on the band wagon when the trombones and the violins begin to play. Quite another thing it would be to have to get down and go home to help pay the ad valorem taxes which the machine took off the farm, but which an abortive tax philosophy in its desperation levied back.

Auld Lang Syne.

The Winston Journal is a fine newspaper, and very ably edited, but we have never understood why it usually balks when it comes to supporting the regular Democratic ticket. It may be that the New Jersey complex finds compatibility with the Illinois complex, neither of which complexes are friendly to plain and safe North Carolina Democracy. Both fought shoulder to shoulder in 1928 to put over Hoover and succeeded. Now why shouldn't they renew their comradeship in arms, while both to still the beating of their hearts stand repeating "I am for Roosevelt and the New Deal." So are thousands of others who went Republican in 1928.

Choosing Between Evils

Some things might even be worse than the sales tax whose terrible ravages on the innocent people are so graphically pictured to his audiences by Dr. MacDonald. Every time you buy, from the cradle to the grave, the Dr. says you must shell out the pennies. When the vicious machine (which is of course only the Democratic party) took off every cent of State tax for roads and schools and then levied these penny tributes on every citizen (thousands of whom had never paid taxes before), the crime of the machine consisted in keeping the schools and roads running and saving the honor and credit of the commonwealth. If the machine had left this State tax on land and real estate, the levies of the pennies would have been of course unnecessary.

Is It That Way All Over The State?

To many people the straw vote as affects Stokes county, showing a large majority for Dr. MacDonald, is rather surprising in view of the fact that it is common knowledge that the overwhelming sentiment in this county is either pro-Hoey or pro-Graham. The mystery involved in the situation might be best explained by an examination of the registration books, which are not marked for political complexion of registrants; a roll of each twelfth voter compiled by a visiting statistician could not help but contain the names of many Republicans, all of whom are well known to be for Dr. McDonald (before the primary).

Pause

Dr. McDonald's political philosophy, however enticing, is not yet ready to be adopted by the hard-headed citizens of Stokes county who are afraid of drastic experiments in civil government. The palpable danger to the State's financial safety and the certain heavy taxation on LAND and REAL ESTATE that would inevitably follow a political misadventure staged by even a well-meaning but inexperienced chief executive, makes us rather bear the ills we may have than fly to others we know not of.

The rocking that many sections felt Tuesday was not an earthquake, but was the reverberation from Republicans laughing as Dr. McDonald lambasted Democrats at Danbury.

FARMERS SHOULD REDUCE ACREAGE

KIRBY SAYS STOKES FARMERS MAY RECEIVE MORE THAN \$340,000 FROM THE GOVERNMENT — THE DANGER OF NOT REDUCING.

The farmers who in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Program reduce their tobacco acreage to seventy per cent. of their base will probably get more per pound for the tobacco they do raise, than the men who say they cannot afford to reduce. Making this thirty per cent. reduction in the tobacco acreage and putting in soil conserving crops, at least equal to the acreage taken out of tobacco, qualifies the grower for five cents a pound on

Entertainment At Dillard School

An entertainment by Gray McGee's Stokes County Band was held at Dillard School last Friday night. The large crowd which paid to witness the performance had many hearty bursts of laughter over the acts of Bill Jones and Henry Mangum playing as colored comedians. The latter also gave an excellent impersonation of the comic cartoon character, "Popcye." The music, which was greatly appreciated by everyone present, was made by Gray McGee, Charlie Collins, Roy Palmer and Costas Collins.

An added attraction was furnished by Laura Lee Durham, ten year old acrobatic actress of Westfield. The spectators were thrilled by the almost unbeliev-

KING NEWS.

Mrs. Wiley Jones underwent a tonsil operation in the New Clinic here Friday. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mack Kirby, of Greensboro, is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Pulliam, of Winston-Salem, were among the visitors here Saturday.

Justice J. Stedman Garner attended the state meeting of the association of Magistrates at Salisbury Friday. Mr. Garner states that about one hundred magistrates attended the meeting.

able feats which she performed and contributed generously when a hat was passed to collect money for her

Visiting the Apple Blossom Festival

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Christian, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. N. E. Pepper and Beverly Christian left today for Winchester, Va., to visit the Apple Blossom Festival, the celebrated annual jubilee at the head of the beautiful Valley of Virginia. While there they propose to visit the great Confederate cemetery at Winchester where thousands of Southern soldiers are buried, among them Col. Rufus K. Pepper who when mortally wounded at the second battle of Manassas in June 1862, was in command of the 21st N. C. regiment. He left Danbury in 1861 with a company of Stokes volunteers.

N. Y. CO. BUYS ROGERS ORE BANK

AMERICAN STEEL COMPANY INVESTS IN STOKES IRON ORES—WAS USED IN CIVIL WAR TIMES, AND IS OF FINE QUALITY.

The American Steel Co., a New York corporation, has bought the Rogers ore banks, near Gaston, Shelton's, 21-2 miles north of Danbury.

This property, which was owned by the heirs of the late Col. J. M. Heck, is known to contain heavy deposits of iron ores paying out \$5 per cent. magnetite. This ore was manufactured into ingots during the war between the States in a number of furnaces up and down Dan river, par-

Lawsonville News.

Rev. O'Brien filled his regular appointment at Snow Creek Sunday.

A good many of the people of this place attended the funeral of Miss Lizzie Rhodes at Smith Chapel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stevens were the week-end guests of their parents, Mr. Watt Stevens.

Mrs. Tom Hall, of Madison, spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Lawson.

Regularly at Clemmons ford and Danbury.

H. M. Joyce of Danbury, who was for many years agent for the Heck interests here, engineered the deal by the New York company, who, it is surmised, will early develop the mines.