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DID YOU EVER TRY TO COMPREHEND THE SUB-LIME INTEREST A POLITICIAN HAS IN THE VOTER'S WELFARE?

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## TO THE STUMP

### Said Wilson Will Take Stump This Fall.



WE DO not often predict entertainment for our readers unless we have what we deem a sufficient reason. But we are not at all in doubt about the gayety of the nations this fall. In fact never in the history of the United States has there been booked, by Fate, such a campaign as will be pulled in the United States.

In the middle west there is doubt in many districts, and President Wilson it is understood will take the stump and go out to show why the democratic congressmen must be returned. In the meantime the stand pat republicans will be looking for material to boost their cause, and beyond all this Teddy, who has already assailed the policies of Wilson will be found figuring with the Bull Moosers.

The campaign will not only be bitter, but it will be interesting and it will be the most furious of any campaign ever held in America. The tariff must go to court in many states. It is indicted for false pretense while its defenders insist that it is guiltless. Teddy wants to get his party in motion for the next presidential campaign, and that he and his retainers will make dismal music of all kinds cannot be doubted. It will be a sublime spectacle to see President Wilson out asking people to return congressmen to Washington. It would seem that if they had made good and the Wilson policies were all right it would be unnecessary for him to take the stump. But it is said he will take the stump—and that means that the best all parties have in the shop will also take the stump. So our readers may look out for the most entertaining time they have experienced in all their lives in the way of things political.

In the Tenth district the republicans in North Carolina think they have a fighting chance and they will perhaps run Mr. J. J. Britt, and he is a good man—an able man and clean. In the Fifth Mr. Holton will run, but they are not counting on a victory. But it is worth while to note that the tariff and the Wilson policies are really going to be passed on—and he has been in office less than two years. This is hardly a fair shake.

### Guilty Of Treason.

Judge Parker is quoted as saying that Roosevelt was guilty of treason when he proposed to send troops in defiance of law and let the people impeach him for it afterward. We commented on this a few weeks ago, and while we didn't think the Colonel was guilty of treason we say we thought such a man as that had no place in the councils of the country. To defy the laws; to take all the power of a King of the Seventeenth century—well, if that isn't worth thinking about what is?

### Closed.

The insurance investigation has closed. It has been proven beyond any doubt, if the printed evidence is all of it, that the fire insurance companies in North Carolina are giving people insurance as low as possible.

It costs something to run an insurance business, and especially when there is no law against keeping combustible material all over the premises. They say in Germany they hardly ever have a fire and insurance costs about one twentieth what it costs in this country.

### The Trust Bill.

President Wilson insists on the trust bill going through, and when it does it is said that it will hurt many a business that is not oppressive in any way. The interlocking directorates and a few things will cause much loss and do no good. In some cases it is wise—in others unwise.

### Landmark Improves.

The Statesville Landmark improves its mechanical plant—but it can't improve the intellectual works. A perfecting press has been installed to get the paper out on time—to serve the growing list of satisfied subscribers. Glad to see such progress. Judge Clark has always made an interesting paper.

### Well, We're Glad.

Solicitor Hugh M. Dorsey, who was said to be a candidate for Governor because he successfully prosecuted the Frank case, comes out in a signed statement and says he will not be a candidate. We are truly glad of this. If it had gotten to be that Governors were made of successful prosecuting attorneys it would be time to call a halt.

## FIGHT IN DANVILLE

### The Post Office Scrap Getting Very Lively.



IT SEEMS that Danville is always up against something in politics. We may yet be obliged to start a paper there in order to straighten things out as they should be straightened. Maybe DeCroix will do the job. Just now the people are up in arms about the post-master. Mr. Lawson—we think in the old days they called him "Bud"—but perhaps Andrew Jackson is his name—was endorsed and his name sent to the Senate.

Lawson is competent and capable, and no charge sustained has been made against him. But it didn't suit the politics of the state to give the place to Lawson because ex-councilman Michell, or he may still be councilman wants the job—and Michell, in the old days, was a "power" in politics on the North Side.

Swanson and Martin, who should be statesmen instead of post-office peddlers, have held up the nomination. The indignant citizens—headed by such square men as the Honorable Eugene Withers, have proposed an election. They claim that if Lawson is not the choice of the democrats of Danville then they will withdraw his name. But even this, it is said, does not suit Senator Martin.

But we don't blame Senator Martin. Who is telling him what to do in Danville? Who is it saying that Lawson cannot be post-master? Wonder if our old friend the Hon. R. A. James has heard that there is a contest on? Wonder if he does hear about it couldn't he influence Martin or Swanson? These are things for the Danvillians to ask themselves. Don't go to Martin—but look nearer home and convince the man on the spot that Lawson is the man and he'll be named before you can say jack-robinson. And this is the sort of pea nut politics that your Uncle Woodrow—with lofty ideals—allows to be put over every day in the week.

### Glad To Get A Letter Like This.

Greensboro, N. C., June 19th, 1914.  
Mr. Al Fairbrother,  
City.

Dear Sir:  
The article titled "Is Blood Money," ought to appeal to every fair minded, humane citizen in this and every other state. I do not know of any reform that could be put into effect which would be more far reaching in beneficent results than this. Our debt to the unfortunate class was clearly defined by the great Brother of mankind, nearly 1900 years ago. In no way, do we disregard this debt more completely than in our penal system. Not only is it a duty we owe humanity, to correct this evil, but it would be good economics.

The State can have no better asset than a productive citizen. The system that says that the man who is convicted of crime shall enter into a life of disgrace and hopelessness, and shall forever remain a criminal, a charge upon the commonwealth and a clog in the wheels of society, can have no defense. As we claim to be living in an enlightened age and to have our civilization permeated with the spirit of Christianity, we should lose no further time in righting this great wrong. Just keep up the agitation until people begin to sit up and take notice.

Yours very truly,  
J. NORMAN WILLS.

### McReynolds.

Attorney General McReynolds is the one man in the cabinet at whom the papers keep throwing mud. McReynolds does not eat trusts alive, but all in all he is a greater trust buster than Wickersham.

### Good Enough.

Colonel Martin of the Winston-Salem Journal has this to say:

"It is announced that the State Convention of the Socialist party will be held in Greensboro on July fourth. Our old friends, Initiative, Referendum and Recall, should have smoother sailing in that meeting than they have experienced in some other gatherings that have been held in the State recently."

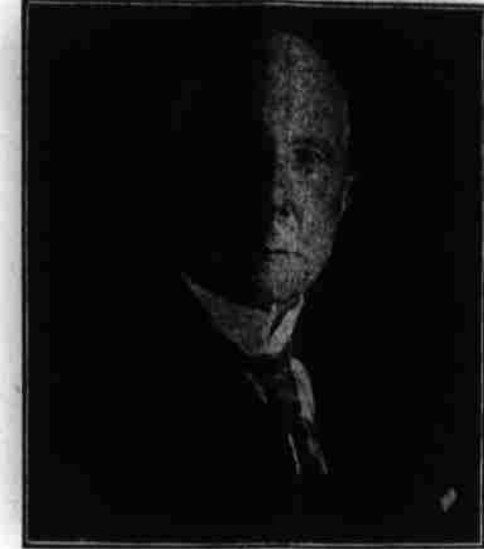
That is hitting the nail on the head the first attempt.

### Big Business.

Senator Simmons thinks the cry of hard times is a bluff. He wants the people to understand that Congress is going to remain at the switch until it passes all the bills the president wants passed.

It may be a bluff, but we do not think it is. There are too many idle men and money isn't as plentiful as it once was. People down here are not remitting to their wholesale friends as rapidly as they should and are asking the favor to give notice. This doesn't look like a bluff. But maybe it is.

## HE DOESN'T LOOK IT



"Well, he doesn't look it"—that is what most folk say when they see Old John D. Rockefeller, the richest man in the world. He doesn't look it—but that makes no difference—he comes when you call him John. It is not his fault that he doesn't look it—perhaps he never intended to be the richest man in the world.

Wonder what the Furies had it in for him for—and wonder why his punishment was given in this world instead of in the next. Old John D. is not a happy man. He has the basket and he has it full, but has been a burden that he would have shaken off when it first started had he known what it was to bring him. It has never brought him happiness, because a self respecting man couldn't remain self respecting after all that has been said about him and proven against him—and if he wasn't self respecting he couldn't be happy anyway.

We like Old John. We admire the bull dog tenacity with which he holds on to his bone. We admire the great system he established. We admire him because he did better than any other man in the world in doing what nineteenth of humanity is trying to do—get all the money possible.

Old John got the goods and carried them home. And he keeps some of them—and millions he lets go. He has helped many people. His charities have been wide—but nobody has any charity for Old John. So far as we know we are his only friend in North Carolina, and we insist that he has a clean bill. He made the dough and he is entitled to it. He has been worth while, and we regret to see it stated that he grows weaker—that his candle is about burned. When he passes young John will perhaps be harder to deal with than Old John. Young John seems to have the situation well in hand—and if he goes after a billion, just for the fun of the thing, nothing can stop him. The old man put wheels on the money horse—and young John knows how to ride it. Get up!

### The High Cost Of Living.

According to the Raleigh papers Police Justice Harris has announced that hereafter the man who appears before him found guilty of drunkenness must pay \$25. This is an increase of over fifty per cent, and shows that the high cost of living is interfering with our personal liberty.

### Danville Drunks.

Danville for a prohibition town didn't do so badly—might have done worse, but should have done better. For the year ending April 30th, report just made public, there were 2,401 arrests made and about two thirds of them caused because of whiskey. That is to say, 678 were for drunkenness; 279 for disturbance and many other violations of law that a sober man would hardly do. An average of two drunks a day isn't much for Danville.

### Violating The Laws.

A Raleigh concern which had an alluring offer has been indicted for using the mails fraudulently. Just what defense the concern will make is not known. One farmer who was to have a job as superintendent of "icing cars" and who never got his job and who claims to have paid in \$2,000 for stock is one of the witnesses against them. In these days the man who attempts to use the mails for a graft game had better never be born. For Uncle Sam soon gets him.

### Not Constitutional.

The Kentucky tobacco pooling plan has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court. The idea was to hold tobacco and demand a certain price—but the court held that you can't do that. Sort of a "con-spiracy"—and while this is the land of the free and the home of the brave there are some things prohibited.

### Durham And The Blue Laws.

Durham has much sport every year or two about the blue laws. Just now there is agitation. The members of the council are about even and the chances are the question will not be settled until it is fought out at the polls.

## VERDICT FOR IVIE

### King, Of Leaksville, Assessed \$1,500.



LOOKS like the latitude and longitude of the freedom of speech were being established at last. It has before been mentioned in these columns that Mr. D. F. King, of Leaksville, handed out a few columns of specifying adjectives addressed to his neighbors in particular and mankind in general, and the particular persons mentioned didn't propose to stand for that kind of abuse. Inserting his views in a paid advertisement which was printed in the Leaksville Courier, the editor of the Courier was also made a party to a suit, and King and Betts, the editor, were sued for some great amount of money.

It was a hard fought case. Eminent lawyers appeared on each side; Senator Ivie bringing the suit. After much consideration the jury found that inasmuch as Betts inserted the dope as an advertisement and afterwards retracted in his newspaper, he hadn't damaged the defendant—but that King had damaged him to the amount of \$1,500—and the story is that defendants will go to a higher court.

King had it in for the lawyers. Unlike the democratic platform there were no "glittering generalities" in his talk—it was specific charges and directed to the man for whom it was intended. Another case against King comes in our court next month—A. L. Brooks suing him for a large sum for defamation of character. The next time King "writes a piece for the paper" is would pay him to employ a censor and let him tell him what to blue pencil. Paying fifteen hundred dollars a column for giving expressions to your views shows indeed that the democratic administration has not reduced the high cost of living.

### Burns Dismissed.

The national police association in annual meeting the other day dismissed Burns as an honorary member. Burns had roasted them alive and they retaliated in this way. Burns may have made a "bust" in the Frank case, but he didn't make a bust in the dynamiting cases. That was a wonderful piece of detective work. Thomas Edison, the world's greatest wizard, now and then makes a model and throws it away. Burns is human and a human sleuth, and he makes good most of the time. He is our greatest detective, and because he got some black on his hands in Atlanta, is no reason for attempting to discredit him.

### The Dryest Yet.

Next Wednesday, which is the first of July, the new prohibition law of West Virginia goes into effect. Prohibition carried by 90,000 majority and the people are behind the law. But it is a hummer. It prohibits making whiskey even for your own use; it will not allow clubs or druggists to handle it; it makes it unlawful to give away whiskey and you'll be sent up if you advertise it in a newspaper or post a handbill telling the glad particulars of the latest blend.

There goes with it a state superintendent to look after its enforcement, and if ever a prohibitionist saw his dream come true it has materialized in the West Virginia law. Such a law as that will be worth looking at. It will pay all real reformers to keep an eye on West Virginia. Because if the law stands—if people observe it and respect it, it means actual prohibition.

In our state newspapers are allowed to flaunt three and four column wide advertisements in the faces of the thirsty; clubs are allowed to handle it as personal property; you can give the stuff away and druggists in many towns let physicians prescribe hundreds of gallons of it each quarter.

But in West Virginia it is iron clad. It is a prohibition law in earnest, and from the fact that the law passed by 90,000 majority it looks as though the sentiment was there to see to its enforcement.

### Mad Dogs.

They are having a mad dog scare here and there and everywhere. The average dog that snaps and runs is not a mad dog. Now and then there may be a case of hydrophobia—eminent scientific men say there is no such thing—but whether there is or not, vagrant dogs should not be allowed to run at large—and cities should furnish drinking places for dogs. The want of water often causes a dog to act queerly—and we certainly owe it to our dumb brutes and beasts to furnish them water to drink.

The powers conferred on the Inter State Commerce Commission by the recent decisions of the Supreme Court certainly solve the railway question. That Commission has all the power it is looking for—and then some.

## IT IS A BAD LAW

### Commissioners Should Not Give Authority.



ONE shudders when he reads of the atrocities of the long ago—when he thinks how Tamerlane mixed men up with mortar and put them into stone walls—and one shudders when he reads of the manner in which all the investigated prisons are conducted—but he lets it go at a shudder, and thinks no more of it. At Wilmington recently some convict guards were indicted for whipping prisoners, and the printed story was that commissioners had passed a "resolution, which, while not specifying in so many words is construed to give the guards the right to whip the convicts when such treatment is needed." The right to whip 'em when such treatment is needed—and it might be that some brutal, burly black-guard is to be the judge. All guards are not brutal—many of them become so.

Why didn't the commissioners say it in so many words? Why beat around the bush and say that a prisoner—a convict, might be whipped, if it suited the guard to whip him. The legislature should pass a law that no guard has a right to whip any prisoner. If the prisoner does anything wrong let a prison committee determine and go about it in an orderly manner. Let us have a law that will define as murder, as it should, the act of a guard killing a convict by shooting him in the back when he is making his escape.

A law like that is more needed than the referendum and recall. But the commissioners can say whether or not a guard can whip a prisoner—beat him almost to death, if his dander is up—and escape punishment. That's a pretty law in a civilized world. The state seems to want to take these poor devils and treat them worse than any other live stock is treated. If a guard beats a horse like he beats some prisoners he is arrested for cruelty to animals. But not so if the poor devil is wearing stripes and is denied his liberty.

The other day from Asheville came this telegram, printed in the papers:

"Governor Craig, who is spending some time at Asheville, stated today that at the approaching session of the General Assembly he will recommend that all State convicts be taken from highways and railroads and be leased for road-building purposes to those counties which are willing to pay reasonably for their services. Mr. Craig says that a thorough study of the question has convinced him that it will be best to discontinue putting convicts on State highways gratuitously, allowing them to work the roads of those counties that are willing to pay for them."

Those men who are to labor are entitled to their wage—in all fairness, and in all candor. They are in prison for one of two things only—to protect Society from their depredations or to punish them for some crime committed against the law.

They are not there to enrich the state. We have no moral right to spread our drag nets and take up offending members of Society and make human slaves—to put them in stripes and work them on the roads and put the money they earn in our pockets. It is the custom—and the custom used to be to put a man in jail if he kissed his wife on Sunday—but we have grown broader than that. Let us hope the legislature that meets this winter will do something for humanity and not so much for lawyers and politicians.

### Lost Its Suit.

The big suit against the railroads where the government claimed something like \$700,000,000 worth of oil lands because oil is mineral and because oil was found on the lands after patents were granted for it, a clause saying mineral lands could not be given away was lost by the government. The railroads won and it was clearly a case where they should have won. To give a railroad lands to do a certain thing and then take them away after the railroad had done its part—well, Uncle Sam some times seems greedy. The truth is he never should have given the lands away, but after he gave them away he should have stood the loss like the average dead game sport when he lays it all on the red and loses.

### Held Good.

The state of Wisconsin passed a law that requires the contracting parties to a marriage to have a certificate from a physician standing to the effect that they are sane and all right. The Supreme court has held that the law was constitutional, but few people will get any benefit from it.