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A REACTIONARY SENATE.

Collier's Magazine says:
If Governor Wilson is elected President, and his party stands behind him, the Democratic record will be a splendid one, and the party will remain long in power. If, however, the peanut politicians and the special agents of the money power in Congress block Mr. Wilson, the result we fully believe, will be that he will stand as firm as Cleveland, and after a bitter contest in the Democratic party, the Bull Moose party will be swept into office in 1916, and swept in by the votes of Democrats, who will be as ready to join the new party, if their own party acts badly in its great opportunity, as the Republicans have shown themselves since the fatal days of June.

This is the vision of a true seer. Wilson is apt to be elected, and is apt to be backed by a loyal Democratic House. The danger of betrayal, as the party was betrayed by Gorman when the Wilson bill got to the Senate, will be from a reactionary Senate. Here is where "the peanut politicians and the special agents of the money power" will be concentrated. "Hold the Senate and save us" will be the slogan of Wall Street.

This is one reason why, after ex-Gov. Aycock's death, this little paper with its thimbleful of influence, threw its support to Chief Justice Clark.
Simmons has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. He has been reactionary on nearly all his votes. He admits 11 votes against the Democratic minority. He voted against free lumber, against reciprocity, and (the first time) for Lorimer. He and Bailey have voted together, constantly, and Bailey has been repudiated by Texas.

Kitchin lacks the backbone his friends thought he had. He talked before nomination and election about putting trust magnates behind prison bars, and then left the State anti-trust law with less teeth in its jaws than before his inauguration.
Clark is a man of conviction. He has been consistent in his advocacy of the planks in his now famous platform, for decades. He was one of the men picked out by Bryan years ago as of presidential calibre. He is a genuine friend of the poor man. Simmons and Kitchin have already proven that they cannot be trusted in great crises, or under great pressure of powerful interests. Every man in the State knows that Clark would not fail in a time of testing. But the interests are against Clark.

Clark, aside from this main consideration, is the greatest living North Carolinian. He would give the State a prestige in the nation such as it had in the days of Ransom and Vance, or before the war in the days of Badger and Mangum.

GRAVE OPENED AGAINST ORDERS.

The Watauga Democrat and the Statesville Landmark were commentarily recently on a criminal's grave in the mountains on which no grass grew, while it was growing on graves all around it. We recall their comment as our eye falls on a story in a religious paper, of the death of an infidel lady who died in the city of Hanover, Germany, in the year 1782, and left this inscription to go upon her tomb: "This sepulchre, purchased for all eternity, is not permitted to be opened." "One day," the story goes on, "a little green twig pushed its way through a crevice in the horizontal granite slab" (which had been bound down by iron clasps) "and, possibly feeding upon the very dust of the one who had defied God, worked its way upwards; till it became a great beech tree." Photos are given of the tree, (still pressing the loosened slab against the church wall,) and were taken by Mr. E. A. Marshall.

"PROFESSOR" AND "DOCTOR."

Taft's campaign is being managed by Barnes, of Albany, one of the worst types of political bosses of our boss-cursed country. Playing second fiddle to Barnes is Hilles, former private secretary to the President. Hilles is small potatoes and few in a hill. His main work is nosing through Wilson's books, and distorting his paragraphs. Hilles constantly refers to Gov. Wilson as "Prof" Wilson. That is smallness in its essence. Norman Hapgood, editor of Collier's Magazine, pays his respects to this sort of silly jockassery as follows:
Now for some of the attacks being made on Wilson. Some of them, it must be said, are unworthy because they are trivial, and others because they are insincere. Continually calling Governor Wilson "Dr." strikes some people as smart. It strikes me as third rate. The man who went through the great fight against plutocracy at Princeton, and then won a progressive program in New Jersey, is Gov. Wilson, or Mr. Wilson, or Wilson, and any attempt to jeer at him because he is a student will become more sickening the more it is repeated.

HYPOCRISY?

Some of his enemies are calling Judge Clark an "old hypocrite." We do not think that is warranted by his record. He has been consistent in practicing what he has preached for, these many years. The charge of hypocrisy comes from the Simmons organs, but is Simmons any sincerer than Clark? Did not Simmons, when he thought Bryan had frazzled out, say that he was tired of following the Nebraskan to conquered defeat, and then when Bryan turned out to be the hero of the Baltimore convention, did not this same "old Furnifold," as his followers affectionately term him, hop upon the bandwagon with a hip, hip, hooray! and laud Bryan to the skies? Is that sincerity?

Guess we didn't "fall to the pair"—Clark and Ward—any more suddenly than you fell from the sinfulness of fighting Wilson to ardently supporting him, esteemed Observer. How does crow taste, Wade?

Theodore Roosevelt's Chicago "Confession of Faith" in Outline.

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But Gov. Wilson regards them as private messages which should not be given to the public without the consent of the writers. Ordinarily a candidate for office considers that such messages may be regarded as a legitimate part of the campaign literature, but Gov. Wilson cannot be persuaded to take that view of the matter. Whenever a letter or telegram is given out, unless the writer gives full consent to its publication, it is stipulated by his secretaries that the signature must be cut out.

TWENTY THOUSAND OF THEM.

Up to date something like 20,000 letters and telegrams have been received at Sea Girl. In the little cottage adjacent to the Governor's mansion, converted into a campaign headquarters, a score of secretaries and stenographers are at work from early morning until twilight with the huge mass of correspondence that seems to grow larger each day. If the letters were of the ordinary type of political congratulation the task of answering them with stereotyped forms would not be so difficult, but they are not of that sort. Nearly every message has in it a note of intimate personal interest which requires such a reply as only the Governor can give, and he is very insistent about courteous treatment of his correspondents. During the first two weeks following the nomination he gave instructions that all of these personal letters must be turned over to him to be disposed of personally.

THE PRINCETON GROUP.

Another large group consists entirely of letters from Princeton men and they came from every point of the inhabited globe.
In another classification are letters from individual college men not Princetonians, and these too make up a particularly interesting collection of good literature. Men in all professions, college presidents and school teachers of all grades, pour out their heartiest congratulations to the "schoolmaster of New Jersey."

Then there comes book after book filled with letters from Republicans. Next to them one finds the letters from persons of all classes offering aid and suggestions. Two large files are full of suggestions on the tariff. And the letters, almost without a single exception, are in terms of friendly feeling and express a desire to give assistance rather than to criticize.
Another characteristic of the messages is the common expression of religious sentiment. A very large percentage of the letters and telegrams state that the writers have prayed for Gov. Wilson's nomination and breathe a prayer for his continued health and strength to carry to completion the great work he is called upon to perform. Nearly every writer expresses assurance that he will be elected.

Many of the letters conclude with the injunction, "Do not take time to answer this." But these letters are acknowledged the same as all others.
A surprisingly large number of letters have been received from women—wives and mothers—who express a pronounced interest in his nomination, not as a matter of political rejoicing but because of what they feel it means to the betterment of American civilization.

In fact the letters of congratulation show unmistakably that the country at large is looking upon Woodrow Wilson's success at Baltimore not so much in the nature of a partisan triumph as the inauguration of a new era of cleaner politics and a higher morality in American life.

LITTLE NAMESAKES.

One book bears the label, "Boys." In it are found nothing but letters from fond parents who have named their baby boys "Woodrow Wilson." Most of these little claps have come into the world since the Baltimore Convention. About a dozen letters were written during the convention to inform the Governor that the christening had been

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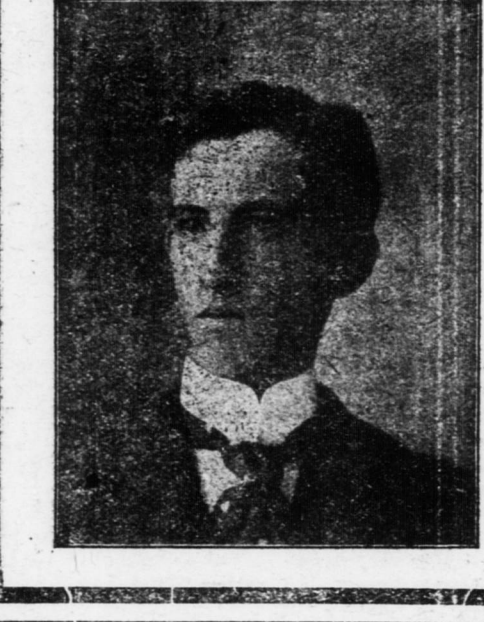
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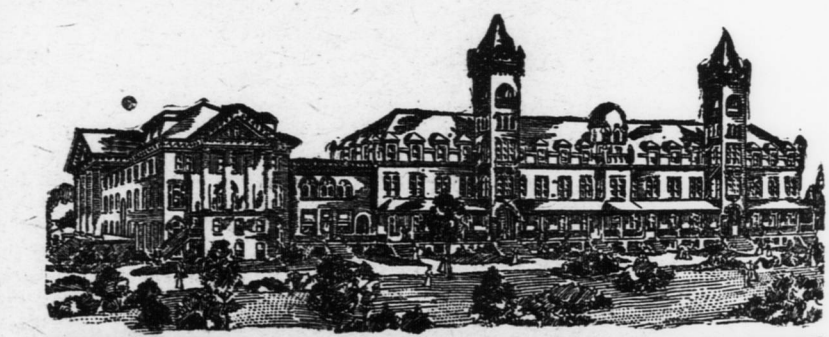
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