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WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR THE CHARTER

It is axiomatic that the law is but five per cent. of Government, while the administration of the law is ninety-five per cent. In fact in almost every city and state in the United States there are laws and laws that, though not being administered, are practically no per cent. of the government. The first step in the consideration of the new charter is in its presentation to the people for their endorsement or rejection. If you endorse the new charter you enact your own law and become possessed of the five per cent. of government that comes through the law.

Now, you will say, how about the other ninety-five per cent.? It is true that under the new charter you will still select your representatives, (one from each ward, however, instead of all at large, as formerly) and delegate to them the administering of the law, but with the initiative, referendum and recall you hold in your own hands the veto power of any and all acts of your representatives in their administering of the law, or their failure to administer the law. Furthermore, you will continue to be lawmakers, in that you can initiate ordinances, and any ordinance voted upon by the citizens of Hickory can only be repealed by a vote of the people.

"A government of the people, for the people and by the people," is an expression that is in common use on and about election time. The new charter is an embodiment of that principle for all time, for under its provisions the people are 100 per cent. of the Government.

A WORD FROM "THE OLDEST ENGINEER."

Uncle W. M. Vandever, of Chester destrict in South Carolina, calls our versatile staff correspondent, Dr. R. Wood Brown, down for accusing the old King's Mountain R. R. of being born a narrow-gauge. It was first a broad gauge and then "swunk," like Vance's catfish, into a narrow-gauge. We can't imagine why Capt. Nichols, Mr. Reid, Mr. Fletcher, Capt. Moore and the rest of that C. & N. W. outfit didn't refer Dr. Brown to Uncle Vandever for his data, anyhow. He knows more than them all put together about their own roads beginnings. "The oldest engineer," well up in the 80's, he is, and his memory is packed with the lore of other days in railroading. We hope his quaint communication in this issue will be read by all. But Dr. Brown got his data from railroad people in Chester, he says.

MAUDLIN AND MISPLACED PITY.

Gen. Dan Sickles, who has lived in an atmosphere of scandals and sensation ever since the war, who ran his wife away to Europe and who has never hesitated to use the word "rebel" and "traitor" as applied to the Confederate soldier, got in his stentorian scrape the other day,

and was found \$23,000 short in funds. Mrs. Janies Longstreet, widow of our big general, is going to raise the money "from the ragged and maimed veterans of Lee," to pay the nonagenarian rouse out. It would be a beautiful act if it was for anybody but old Sickles.

SAME IN OLD AS IN NEW

It is urged by some that under the new charter the power given the Board of Aldermen to levy tax is too great. Under the charter that now governs Hickory, the Board of Aldermen can tax any business or profession now in the city or that may come to the city. It is provided in the new charter that the Board of Alderman, MAY, (not shall) levy taxes. This is intended to cover future conditions. The charter we are now living under has never been discussed in a general way, and its provisions, as a rule, are not understood.

JOHN MORRISON LOWERS HIS HANDS!

A young Yankee doctor is having great success in curing epilepsy with a serum made from rattlesnake poison. And that reminds us that because this civilized, Christianized, 20th century community is too economical to shell 20 plunks out of its jeans poor John Morrison, who had taken enough of the new high-priced rheumatism serum to be able to raise his hands above his head, is lapsing back to his old hopeless stiffness.

"And the Lord said unto Cain, 'Where is Abel thy brother?' And he said, 'I know not; am I my brother's keeper?'"

AND PINCH GUT, TOO?

Charity and Children says: The Hickory Democrat which is one of the brightest and most readable papers in the state, albeit a little slab-sided in its makeup, wages warfare very properly on Rhamkatte, the famous Wake county townshut and earnestly urges that its name be changed. We join the Democrat in this laudable effort.

And Pinch Gut Creek here at home, too, please sir.

We have been told that very few charters for cities in North Carolina were ever submitted to a vote of the people and that the Charter we are now working under was enacted as a law by the North Carolina General Assembly without such a vote.

Dr. Archibald Johnson calls the Democrat a slab-side. It is a grave charge. You are monumentally candid, Archie.

WHY WAIT

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FROM MRS. D. H. BROWN.

Iola, Kansas.—"During the Change of Life I was sick for two years. Before I took your medicine I could not bear the weight of my clothes and was bloated very badly. I doctored with three doctors but they did me no good. They said nature must have its way. My sister advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I purchased a bottle. Before it was gone the bloating left me and I was not so sore. I continued taking it until I had taken 12 bottles. Now I am stronger than I have been for years and can do all my work, even the washing. Your medicine is worth its weight in gold. I cannot praise it enough. If more women would take your medicine there would be more healthy women. You may use this letter for the good of others."—Mrs. D. H. Brown, 809 North Walnut Street, Iola, Kan.

MRS. WILLIAMS SAYS:

Elkhart, Ind.—"I suffered for 14 years from organic inflammation, female weakness, pain and irregularities. The pains in my sides were increased by walking or standing on my feet and I had such awful bearing down feelings, was depressed in spirits and became thin and pale with dull, heavy eyes. I had six doctors from whom I received only temporary relief. I decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fair trial and also the Sanitive Wash. I have now used the remedies for four months and cannot express my thanks for what they have done for me."—Mrs. SADIE WILLIAMS, 415 James Street, Elkhart, Indiana.

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Price of Ignorance. Many children are never taught to think and to reason out every question in a fair-minded, reasoning manner. That is why we meet with and suffer from so many unreasonable and unreasoning men and women who are governed by prejudice, impulse and personal feelings, instead of by thoughtful and careful consideration. They do not see what is right because they do not know how to judge without prejudice.—Our Four-Footed Friends.

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OLD ENGINEER WRITES.

King's Mountain R. R. Not Narrow Gauge at the Start.

To the Editor of the Democrat: I see in your paper that Dr. R. Wood Brown states that the King's Mountain R. R. commenced in '52 as a narrow gauge. This is an error. I was the locomotive engineer during the year 1853. It was a foot gauge, as were also the Charlotte & Columbia R. R. and the Charleston R. R. I ran the King's Mountain engine to and fro every day on the C. & C. tracks, and also the freight cars, I took to Yorkville and unloaded at the York depot and returned to Chester.

I was on the Charlotte & Columbia for 17 months, commencing November, 1850, and continued until March, 1852. The engine, "King's Mountain," was run from Charleston, S. C., to Yorkville by steam on her own wheels by Charles Knowles until I took the engine in 1853, and ran that year out.

The change of gauge was done when the York and Lancaster went together, so you see Dr. Brown got it wrong, and it takes the old engineer to get it straight. I think the people in Hickory know me. I ran an engine when your road was not finished to Morganton. I would like to meet the doctor and learn him agout railroading in the old days. The engineer, Bob Smyre, that runs on the C. & N. W., can tell you the same as me. Will you be kind enough to print, as Nichols, the general manager, knows I am right.

M. M. VANDEVER
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Giving Away Franchises

The Tradesman, 10th. Public service corporations are as much of a necessity to every city as are the stores that supply the inhabitants with the necessities of life and all the other elements that go to make up a community.

It might be well at the same time not to lose sight of the fact that their importance is usually magnified by those most interested and as a result most, if not all, cities have in the past and many are still, deluded in the belief that franchises should be given free for the privilege of paying full price for services rendered by these interests. Just at the present time the franchise question is a very live one in Birmingham, Ala.

"Private interests," says the Birmingham Ledger, "are asking Birmingham for from ten to fifteen miles of franchises upon which to establish street railway lines. The Birmingham Railway, Light and Power Company has applied for extensive additional rights of way covering many blocks; the Kelly interests want something like ninety blocks, while the Ticewater desires several miles of street privileges."

Continuing the Ledger says: "These rights of way applied for cover pretty much all the practical routes for the establishment of street railway enterprises within the next ten years. The question naturally arises why the city should either give away or dispose of at small consideration these tremendous valuable municipal assets for the enrichment of private interests and thereby deprive itself of permanent sources of municipal revenue which the city needs badly and to which it is fully entitled by every test of justice and common sense?"

A franchise to a public service corporation as is a store room or factory site to the merchant and manufacturer, a place in which to do business, as such it should be subject to the same conditions. There is no more reason for giving the one what it would be absurd for the other to demand. Cities that think they have anything further to give away in the shape of franchises, can't advantage think twice before acting.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

NO ONE STRONGER THAN HIS STOMACH.

The celebrated Dr. Abernethy of London was firmly of the opinion that disorders of the stomach were the most prolific source of human ailments in general. A recent medical writer says: "every feeling, emotion and affection reports at the stomach (through the system of nerves) and the stomach is affected accordingly. It is the vital center of the body." He continues, "so we may be said to live (through) the stomach." He goes on to show that the stomach is the vital center of the body. For weak stomachs and the consequent indigestion or dyspepsia, and the multitude of various diseases which result therefrom, no medicine can be better suited as a curative agent than

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"Several months ago I suffered from a severe pain right under the breast-bone," writes Mrs. G. M. MITCHELL, of Corona, Calif. "Had suffered from it, off and on, for several years. I also suffered from heart-burn, did not know what was the matter with me. I tried several medicines but they did me no good. Finally, I was told it was my liver. I did not dare to eat as it made me worse. Whenever I swallowed anything it seemed that I would faint—it hurt so. I grew very thin and weak from not eating. Was told to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I took five bottles of it, and could feel myself getting better from the first dose. I could eat a little without pain and grew strong fast. Today I am strong and well and can do a big day's work with ease. Can eat everything and have put on flesh wonderfully. I will say to all sufferers write to Dr. Pierce. He has my undying gratitude."

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