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FOOLING THE FOLKS.

The ring of politicians that control the politics of the republican party in this county must think that the people who are supposed to follow them are a set of idiots. The effort is made every year to lead the people by deceiving them. Last election when the Mt. Airy News showed up a treat that was pulled off at the Republican convention at Dobson The Leader published on the front page a slanderous article and signed the name of "L. V. Burcham" to it. There turned out to be no such man in the county as "L. V. Burcham," and the article proved to be a gotten-up affair by some man who did not have the courage to say over his own name what he wanted to say.

The Leader never corrected the deception that it tried to put off on the people of the county by making that unjust attack.

This year they are trying even a greater deception on the people. The scheme would work all right if it was not that some one is willing to expose it.

A recent law of Congress makes it the duty of every newspaper to fill out a statement showing who the editor of the paper is, who the publisher is and who are the owners. The statement must be sworn to and one copy filed with the postmaster and one copy sent to the post office Department. The law also requires that the statement shall be published in the paper within two weeks after it is made so that the general public may know who is conducting the paper. Here is the law that the publisher is required to follow:

Sec. 467 1/2. "It shall be the duty of the editor, publisher, business manager, or owner of every newspaper, magazine, periodical, or other publication to file with the Postmaster General and the postmaster at the office at which said publication is entered, not later than the first day of April and the first day of October of each year, on blanks furnished by the Post Office Department, a sworn statement setting forth the names and post-office addresses of the editor and managing editor, publisher, business managers and owners, and, in addition, the stockholders, if the publication be owned by a corporation; and also the names of known bondholders, mortgagees, or other security holders; . . . A copy of such sworn statement shall be published in the second issue of such newspaper, magazine, or other publication printed next after the filing of such statement. Any such publication shall be denied the privileges of the mail if it shall fail to comply with the provisions of this paragraph within ten days after notice by registered letter of such failure.

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Here is the statement that The Leader filed with the Post Master in this town.

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Now it would be interesting to hear the owners of The Leader explain why they swore that W. W. Hampton, Vestal Taylor, J. H. C. Norman and W. A. York were owners and then deliberately violate the law by leaving out the names of these gentlemen. If they are part owners of the paper why not give the facts as the law directs?

Every one knows that some of the men who are left out of the published statement are the real leaders of the republican party in this county, and just why The Leader is taking chances of getting excluded from the mails by not publishing the statement that was filed with the postmaster is an interesting question. If The Mt. Airy News or any other paper in the county had put off such a piece of deception as that it would be excluded from the mails.

The law requires that the statement shall give the name of the editor. In The Leader's statement they refuse to put down the name of the editor, so the people are left in the dark as to who is handling out the gems of thought. S. F. Lowry is put down as Managing Editor. Why have the owners of The Leader been willing to violate the law and keep in the dark who is editing the paper? Are they covering up something that they are not willing to give out the facts as the law directs? Why do they swear to one statement and publish another which is a clear violation of the law? The postmaster of this town will hardly be a party to this rank deception that has been put off on the people. Will he file two copies of the Leader as the law directs when he knows that the statement published is a different statement from that sworn to and filed with him? We shall see.

And thus another piece of their deception is shown up. No wonder the people who compose the rank and file of the republican party in this county are not willing to follow the men who are trying to lead them at this time. Now that The News has shown up the ring that is controlling the Republican party in Surry County it will be in order to hunt up another L. V. Burcham. Wonder if the Hon. Iredell Meyers managed to get his dinner while in the Taft stronghold?

These professional plotticians could win all right if there was no one to show up their game.

The Leader is a mighty good paper—to be run without an editor.

Wonder if L. V. Burcham owns stock in The Leader?

After all it is mighty hard to fool the folks.

Taftites in Saddle—Nominee Iredell Meyers snubbed.

That three fourths of the Republican voters of Surry County advocated the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt before the Chicago Convention is a well known fact. That the Taft machine in North Carolina with the aid of the Charlotte police force took charge of the State Republican Convention at Charlotte and refused to admit any delegate favorable to Roosevelt is like-wise a matter of history.

That the Taft machine composed of three or four office holders and political dictators took the Republican County Convention by the nape of the neck and dictated with an iron hand not only the policy of the convention but all of the nominees is also a well known fact. It is quite surprising that the "rank and file" of the Republican Party in Surry County will sit quietly by and receive with indifference such treatment at the hands of a few members of the old guard whose loyalty to the Party has been whetted up in the past by many of the most lucrative offices at the hands of the voters of Surry County. But it doesn't stop here.

Several days ago there was published in the state papers an announcement that Hon. Iredell Meyers, Progressive candidate for Governor, would speak at Mount Airy on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. While we had heard of this announcement and while we had heard references to it on the streets, it was a conspicuous fact that it had not been widely advertised. On the noon train yesterday Hon. Iredell Meyers arrived in Mount Airy. After looking around with much surprise and disappointment he failed to find any reception committee. After some difficulty he secured a seat in the public bus and went to the hotel. Upon his arrival there he still found no committee. After wandering around the streets for some time he visited the post office to ask for an explanation. We are not sure what was said, but we are sure that when the bus returned to the station he was again a passenger.

He may not have spoken to thousands of voters in all of his appointments over the State, he may not have been met by brass bands and escorted with headry through the streets, but we are certain that he has never received such an indifferent and discourteous reception as he received here. The Taft Republican machine in Mount Airy and in Surry County may have dictated the policies of the County Convention, they may have selected the nominees of the party, but when their dictatorial sway becomes so complete and so absolute that they can by their imperial dominion frown with displeasure and contempt upon a representative of the man whom the Republicans of Surry County wanted as their Presidential candidate and refuse to allow Roosevelt advocates to even hear his representative, it should be time that Republican voters of Surry County would say to these men, in the words of the motto of the State of Virginia, "Sic Semper Tyrannis"—sometimes translated "Get your foot off my neck."

Surry Fruit and Grain at Fair.

Surry County will be well represented at the State Fair this week. Mr. J. B. Sparger, representing the Sparger Orchard Co., went down to Raleigh Sunday to spend the week there with a large display of apples and peaches grown in the Sparger orchards. Mr. J. W. Johnson, county demonstrator, is also spending the week there and has many displays of corn grown in Surry.

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