

Bob Reynolds has the consolation that 90,000 North Carolinians voted for him to represent them in the United States Senate.

Where is America? Thousands of people in New York lined the piers and streets to do their obeisance before the Romanist cardinals, when they arrived.

In view of the Newton decision of the Supreme Court, the State Highway Commission will doubtless take over the maintenance of Highway 106 clear on into Sylva, without further ado.

It would be laughable, if it were not sad, the way free-born Americans fall over themselves to be presented at court, and bow themselves and fawn at the feet of visiting prelates, princes and potentates, from foreign political and ecclesiastical courts.

ALLEY'S CONGRATULATION

The splendid letter of congratulation, written by Felix E. Alley, favorite son of Jackson county, to Congressman Weaver, shows a spirit that was to be expected from a man of Mr. Alley's calibre, should he be defeated, and will not be forgotten by the people of Western North Carolina. All this section extends its sympathy to Mr. Alley and his entire relationship in the loss of his brother, through the tragic event of the night following the primary, and that he could pause, overwhelmed with grief, as he is, to remember his late opponent and present candidate in so gracious a manner, but shows the manner of man he is.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION

From Pennsylvania, from the West, from the East, from the North, from the South, in Democratic ranks and in republican ranks come charges of expenditures of enormous sums of money for the buying votes, of fraud, of theft, of corruption, of drunkenness, of hiring of watchers, and ward heelers, of changing returns, of illegal voting, in the recent primaries for the nomination of United States senators, congressmen, governors, judges, state, county and municipal officers.

This stench goes up to high heaven, and penetrates the nostrils of the citizenship of the country. This thing appears to be no respecter of parties or of sections. It has become a cancerous growth upon the politics of the country, and is eating at the vitals of honesty in the nation.

The people think they govern this country. If one fourth the things that are alleged concerning political corruption is true, the people have little to do with the conduct of the affairs of their several governments, and the political offices are handed out by the politicians.

The nation was shocked at the Newberry scandal, and Newberry was forced, by public sentiment, a few years ago, to resign his seat in the United States senate, because it was proved that money was spent in nominating and electing him. The disclosure of the committee investigating the Pennsylvania primary, shows that Newberry and his crowd were but pikers at the game of spending money in political campaigns, and that where they spent hundreds, the Pennsylvanians poured out the thousands, with lavish hand, to the money-mad multitude.

When the United States senate was seeking to destroy the League of Nations, a propaganda was promulgated, pointing out the folly of high idealism, that had actuated the nation during the stress of war. We were urged to lay aside sentiment and ideals, branded as dreams of visionaries, and to become practical. We have become practical indeed. We were urged back to Normalcy. We appear to have arrived.

It is not the "Yellow Peril" that threatens America. Neither is it the Reds and the I. W. W.'s, who will

overthrow our institutions and cause the people to lose confidence in their government. The real, the only true danger lies in political corruption among our own people.

The high and the low are equally guilty. From banker, big business men, on through political officials, district and county bosses, ward heelers, and precinct vote-getters, our whole political system, all down the line, has become shot through and through with this terrible disease that blights, and blasts and damns.

The time has come when the people are no longer shocked by such scandalous doings. They shrug their shoulders and pass on.

This is the great menace to America. This is the thing that it was prognosticated in the beginning would overtake our system of popular government and eventually destroy it. This is the hideous monster that thinking Americans, who love their country and its institutions have dreaded, through the years.

There is but one hope. The bulwark of every nation. The great middle class of honest, upright citizens. In them lies the political salvation of our beloved country. Some day, please God, they will rise in the beauty of their majestic strength and declare that this monster shall die—has such things shall no longer be.

If they do not drive from the temple of our liberties those whose unhallowed hands have polluted it into a den of thieves, there is no hope for America.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS WITH MRS. HOOKER.

The The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. J. J. Hooker, at her home on Jackson street, on Tuesday afternoon, having as leader, Mrs. A. O. Allison.

During the social hour, which followed the business and program, Mrs. Hooker served delightful refreshments to her guests.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

TO BEGIN AT 9:45

Beginning next Sunday morning, the Baptist Sunday School will meet at nine forty-five, instead of at ten, as heretofore, it was decided at a meeting held last Sunday.

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