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MORNING TONIC.

For Honorable Josephus—one large capsule, Sherwood Upchurch, to be swallowed Monday morning.

A PARTING WORD.

We do not head this a last word, for it is not. If the Democratic organ resorts to its old tricks and by lies and scare head inventions attempt to fool the people on Sunday morning, **The Republican** is prepared for them. We propose to hold our forms, and if there is any correction to make to the people, we will have a paper in the hands of every voter possible at the earliest hour Monday morning. So the old trick won't work this time, Mr. Organ.

We have at least shown the people of Raleigh that there is another side in the issue. Like many communities, where the newspapers are of one faith, only one side is generally heard. In this community, alas, the Democratic organ is so unfair, so mendacious, that they have been able to deceive the people constantly.

The Republican has endeavored to be fair, and we congratulate ourselves on the fact that it is so felt by the people. We have exposed hypocrisy where we saw it, we have shown up the delinquent official, whether he be our personal friend or not, and we have spoken the truth.

If not necessary for us to appear Monday, as above-stated, we propose to enter the next municipal campaign, or earlier, if we deem it to the interests of the people. We will always be found on the side of fairness, honesty, the people and the "square deal."

The editorial management thanks the people for their good wishes and good will. It awaits the result on Monday with pleasurable anticipation, and it bids the Raleigh public, "so-long," which is the Ramkatee way of saying "au revoir."

THE TAX COLLECTORSHIP.

In a recent issue of this paper we printed a clipping from the News and Observer to the effect that "when a man got too big for his office, the people usually found it out first and voted him out." We presumed, and not without good reason, that this applied to a certain city official now a candidate for re-election, but we have since been informed as to whom it really applied.

Mr. Charles Lumsden served the city for some years, faithfully and efficiently as Tax Collector. In the performance of his sworn duty, to his oath to the city, he probably offended many men by garnisheeing, etc. It may have been his lot to offend a certain editor of a morning newspaper when he endeavored to get the city's

due. That item may have been caused by just that. If you don't believe it, just ask Charlie Lumsden. And when this former city official stood for this place again, and the News and Observer wanted to clean out the old "GANG," did they oppose Mr. John Jones (who, by the way, was UNBONDED FOR SIXTEEN MONTHS while handling thousands and thousands of dollars of money), did the News and Observer support Mr. Lumsden? And if not, why not? Ask Mr. Lumsden.

And while on this question of a bond, that that Mr. Jones DID NOT give, the fact that he did not steal any money is nothing to his credit. He is not paid for his honesty, but for his attention to his duty, and a part of that duty was the giving of that bond, to protect the people's money. Suppose the bank should have failed. Could Mr. Jones have reimbursed the city with their \$85,000? Suppose by means of fire or other unforeseen act, the money should have been lost, could Mr. Jones have reimbursed the city? That was what his bond was for, and it was his duty to see that a bond was given, **AND HE FAILED IN THAT DUTY.**

HAVING "PUT HIS HAND TO THE PLOW," WHY DID HE TURN BACK?

When the plain clothes detective of the News and Disturber, to whose ability and insight the whole State is indebted because he has "uncovered a public wrong" or blunder on the part of a city official, have his hand on the plow, why did he not also point out and uncover the fact that the Tax Collector who handles nearly all the city's funds, had done so without placing in the hands of the proper custodian his bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office? Is it possible that the "Disturber" had been told of this fact? Is it possible that even the fact of the editor's kinsman (bank cashier) having the keeping of the city's funds, that great champion of civic righteousness, would have kept the people in the dark, while it continued to hold up poor, unfortunate June Mullins to the contempt and ridicule of the whole State.

Oh, consistency! Why, and when and where didst thou ever cease to be a jewel? Hast thou in disgust withdrawn thyself to habitations at present unknown? Ah! it must not, cannot be so, in the face of the great reforms.

NOTICE, REPUBLICANS!

A ratification meeting will be held at the hall of the Young Men's Republican Club, opposite the post-office, on Saturday night, May 1st, at 8:30 o'clock.

Every member is urgently requested to attend, and to bring along as many interested voters as he can. Do not fail to be on hand, as important facts of interest to everyone in Raleigh are to be discussed.

WILLIAM J. ANDREWS,
President.

CHAS. D. WILDES, Secretary.

If you are opposed to the \$125,000 bond issue, forced on you without your opinion being asked, then vote against the sale of the Market House.

MR. JAMES A. BRIGGS.

The gentleman named above, who has voted to suspend a city official for "dereliction of duty," a duty that was as much his own as Mullins', has been unable to reply to the questions propounded him by **The Republican**, with credit to himself and keeps quiet. It is up to the voter to say if Mr. Briggs is wise or unwise.

The people would like to know of Mr. Briggs, as a successful merchant and business man, if he would retain in his employ a book-keeper who failed to render him a semi-monthly report that he had ordered FOR MONTHS AT A TIME? If he had required that book-keeper to see that some employes were bonded, and he had ordered him to, would he continue him in his employ? We believe not. And yet, that is just what Mr. James Briggs, Democratic candidate, is asking Mr. James Briggs, citizen, and Mr. Tom, Dick, and Harry, citizens to do, by retaining William Willson and himself in office.

Is it consistent? Is it right of Mr. Briggs? Does it reflect credit to his consistency and good faith? We appeal from Mr. James Briggs, candidate and office-holder, to Mr. James Briggs, good citizen and business man.

Why is it, that after two years of the most grievous neglect of city affairs, for which they are paid to attend to, the Police Commissioners suddenly discovered that the Chief-of-Police did not do his duty? Are they, too, not liable for suspension?

On the Republican ticket is an excellent citizen, able, aggressive, energetic in every sense. There is no danger that Lester F. Butler will sit still for two years, drawing a salary as Commissioner, and an additional salary as Secretary, and allow an official to go without bond for two years and fail to file a report in two years, and then, when pushed to the wall, make a pitiable scape-goat of another and hide behind his eminent respectability. The people expected better things of James Briggs, and on Monday, next, right-minded and fair-minded citizens will cast a vote for Butler for Police Commissioner against such.

DEMOCRATIC FAIRNESS.

A perusal of the News and Observer and, if you believe all they said, would convince you that the Democracy could do no wrong; their rigid adherence to rules, to fairness to everybody, and all such. But examine a sample.

The Democratic primary rules provide that a majority is necessary to a choice. In the event of a failure to obtain a majority, the two highest are required to run again.

In the Second Division of the First Ward there were three candidates, Messrs. Wright, Trent, and Moore. There were 224 votes cast in the primary. That made 113 necessary for an election. Mr. Wright received 97, or 16 less than necessary to elect. He was declared the nominee. Mr. Trent had 91, Mr. Moore 36. Were they asked if they wished another primary. No; Mr. Wright was declared the nominee. Why?

Do you want to know why? Because Mr. Wright was the slated can-

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didate of the new machine, the personal selection of the new bosses. Was it right? Was it just to the friends of Messrs. Trent and Moore? Is it in keeping with their pledges and promises? It certainly is not; but it is in keeping with their performances.

A vote against Mr. Wright is a protest against such methods of boss rule. There is a very capable and worthy citizen opposing Mr. Wright, and while he may be a "store-keeper and a working man," which is the only charge the News and Observer can make against him, he certainly is not the selection of a clique of self-appointed bosses.

The News and Observer has hollered for years that all the gentility, all the honor, all the big preachers, lawyers, doctors, and all the BIG everything else, were in the Democratic party, while the Republicans possessed all the faults known to the catalogue.

The reader of these columns will have no trouble in shaking the idea through his think-box that he has been misinformed; that as a matter of fact, from all that has come to light in Raleigh, and the State as well, the Democrats have held their place by the perpetration of a gigantic bluff.

To tell you the real thing, is to say, that the Democrats have been in possession of all the big daily papers in the large cities of the State, and the pen being mightier than the sword, they have praised themselves, cursed the Republicans, and the FAULTS of the supposed grand and glorious Democratic party have never reached the public eye.

Certainly not; they won't tell on themselves, unless they won't to "control a primary," and then they tell just enough to get their man nominated for the pie counter and then they STOP.

Wake up, good citizens, and realize that your Democratic Party is no pink of perfection, but is full of cess pools, vote as you think, and help build up two parties, about equally divided in strength, and then you will have a cleaner administration of public affairs.

Vote early and stay at the polls.