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FARMERS AND PEANUTS.

Edward Atkinson's recent letter about peanuts, which THE DEMOCRAT hastened to publish as soon as it came out, has attracted much attention. The subject of peanut culture will be more carefully studied now than it has been. In fact, it begins to look like there is a great deal of money in peanuts for some one. And as THE DEMOCRAT takes every advanced step possible in the interest of the farmers, it gives, as far as possible, circulation to whatever it conceives to be to their best interest.

There is undoubtedly big money in peanuts and the closer the farmer can get down to the independent handling of this product, the nearer will he come to getting the money out of them which he is entitled to. With this in view, we print on our first page of this issue an article on peanuts, by Judge Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, and call the attention of farmers to the valuable suggestions it contains.

It is quite reasonable for the farmers of every community to establish a factory for cleaning peanuts, and according to Judge Clark's figures, it will cost comparatively very little. Let farmers investigate the matter and do it in a business-like way. It will do no good to "talk it over" with neighbors and stop there.

Talk it over in dead earnestness—such earnestness as will mean action. See the great and abundant supplies in this section! It is almost impossible to believe the facts about the great change that has come over this community during the past four years. Then, think what would be the still better condition of our farmers if, added to their abundant home supplies, they could get just twice as much for their peanuts. They would be able to pay back debts and then have a surplus. THE DEMOCRAT believes it is possible for the farmers to force themselves from the peanut oppression by establishing factories as Judge Clark suggests.

THE TARIFF VICTORY.

The New York Herald, which is generally level-headed, and gives good and weighty opinions on almost all passing events, the next day after the passage of the tariff bill by the House, headed its leading editorial article, "A Perilous Populist Victory." Under this heading the Herald used some very strong expressions and really seemed to show temper. The opening sentence was this:

"Blinded by folly and reckless of the future, the democrats in the House yesterday committed the suicidal blunder of surrendering to the populists and income tax fanatics by passing the Tariff bill with its infamous monarchic rider."

"The infamous monarchic rider," to which the Herald refers, was the income tax amendment. It says that this action of the House was a "foolhardy defiance of the popular will," and was a breach of party trust.

Well, that may be the way it seems to wise men who run big newspapers in the North; but to most men down here in the South, wether they be wise or simple, or wether they run big newspapers or little ones, it looks very much like the passing of the tariff bill was a long stride towards redeeming the pledges of the Democratic party made to the people in the last campaign.

However, it is not the tariff bill but the "rider" that was tacked on that has so ruffled the temper of the great metropolitan daily. It calls the income tax amendment an "infamy for which every democrat who voted for its passage would be stripped of his official trust with a most scathing popular rebuke," if Congressional elections were to be held now.

THE DEMOCRAT rather thinks that it would have been better to pass the tariff bill alone and then pass the income tax bill, but for the fact it would have taken another forever-and-a-day to get a separate bill through even if it could have been passed separate at all. However, the people wanted the income tax about as much as they wanted the tariff revision, and we believe the people will stand by the men who passed it.

WHY IS MR. HENRY LEFT OUT?

It is well known to the people of North Carolina that the Hon. W. R. Henry made a most aggressive fight for democracy in the last campaign. It was thought and so expressed in many parts of the state, that his tariff speeches were most masterful. They were indeed powerful. As to wether his fight against the tariff was a wise and well directed one, the action of the lower house of Congress in passing the new tariff bill, speaks in no uncertain tones.

It was thought all over the state that Mr. Henry would receive one of the first appointments given to North Carolina. But time has dragged heavily along and there has been no appointment for him yet. He has expected an appointment and his friends have expected him to receive it, but it seems that all are doomed to disappointment. THE DEMOCRAT, with many others of Mr. Henry's friends, asks, Why has he not received his appointment? Why have his claims been ignored so long? Is he to receive no appointment? Then why does not Mr. Cleveland or Senator Ransom, or some one so inform him and let him know the fact, if a fact it must be?

But let it not be a fact. The administration cannot afford to ignore such work as Mr. Henry did in the campaign of 1892 and hope to receive the endorsement of fair-minded men, be they democrats, republicans or what not.

We grant it may not have been easy or expedient to give Mr. Henry the appointment for which he asked and his friends as well; but there were numerous appointments that it seems our Senators might have some influence over, some of which could have been given to Mr. Henry long ago. It is high time some one should let Mr. Henry know what he is to expect; and if he is to receive an appointment let him have it, and if not let him know it.

VANCE OPPOSES SIMMONS.

THE DEMOCRAT has all the while deplored the estrangement that seems to have sprung up between our two Senators in Congress and has never referred to it before, and we do it now only as a matter of news. It seems to have grown out of misunderstandings about the appointment of Revenue Collectors and terminates in Senator Vance strongly opposing Mr. Simmons for collector of the Eastern District, as is shown in the following letter from Senator Vance to the Asheville Citizen:

TAMPA BAY HOTEL,
Tampa, Fla., Feb. 5, '94.

Editor of the Citizen:
In answer to your letter of the 1st, instant I have this to say: You know that in all transactions connected with the executive sessions of the Senate, including what is said and done in committee, my mouth is closed. I am at liberty, therefore, only to speak to you about my own attitude toward Mr. Simmons; what has not been done, etc., but not as to what has been done. I want to say, first, that for myself and on my own authority, I have filed no charges against Simmons, aside from those which may have been filed by others. My attitude toward him is one of opposition: for the reason that, as chairman of the Democratic Committee of North Carolina, he came to Washington and interfered in opposition to my recommendation for appointments under the government, knowing that General Ransom and I had agreed that primarily, I should recommend all appointments in the west, whilst General Ransom did the same in the east, and knowing that I had recommended Mr. Gudger for collector in my own district, and that Mr. Ransom opposed Mr. Gudger on personal grounds and favored Mr. Elias, he perverted and misused power intrusted to him by the Democracy of North Carolina by urging and urging the appointment of Mr. Elias over Mr. Gudger.

FURTHER OPPOSITION.
He also opposed my recommendation of Mr. Hale for a foreign appointment, which was virtually secured, and was higher in grade than any given in the state. Now, if he thought proper to volunteer his interference where he had no right or authority to do so, he should not object to the exercise of the undoubted right of a senator in the selection of appointments bestowed upon him by the Constitution. To save trouble to anonymous scribblers, who are constantly slandering me in this regard, and who report him as speaking of himself as "Simmons and the Democratic party," I announce, once for all, that I resent not only Simmons' interference with my rights as Senator by the insulting and defiant tone assumed both by him and them. I shall oppose Mr. Simmons' confirmation on personal as well as on public grounds—grounds connected with his unfitness to hold the position for which he has been appointed.

My health is improving rapidly in this fine climate, and I hope soon to be in my seat in the Senate.
Very truly yours,
Z. B. VANCE.

MR. SIMMONS REPLIES.
In Sunday's Observer-Chronicle, Mr. Simmons says:
"Senator Vance, in a letter to the Asheville Citizen, dated February 5, 1894, and published in your issue of yesterday, declared himself opposed to my confirmation for the alleged reason that as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of this state, I went to Washington and interfered with and defeated the appointment of Mr. Hale to a high grade foreign position, and of Mr. Gudger for Collector of Internal Revenue, and secured in his stead the appointment of Mr. Elias whom he antagonized. In view of this specific and public statement by the Senator on the grounds of his opposition to my confirmation, I am constrained to believe it proper for me to make a statement of my connection with the appointments referred to by him that those interested may judge whether I have transgressed my rights on the one hand or usurped the prerogative of the Senate on the other."
Both as a citizen and as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, I was, on account of their acknowledged fitness and eminent party services, ardently in favor of the appointment of Mr. Glenn for Attorney of the Western district and of Messrs. Jernigan, Robbins and Henry for the best obtainable positions in the foreign service of the Government. Some of these gentlemen had appealed to me in view of their terms to go to Washington in their behalf. I cheerfully yielded to their solicitations in this respect because I thought they deserved the recognition they sought as a reward for honorable and faithful public services, and I felt they had the right to call upon me as the chairman of the Executive Committee of their party to assist them to that end, to such extent as I might be able. I was opposed, as was also Senator Vance, to Mr. Elias for District Attorney, but I was not opposed to Mr. Gudger for collector. I had taken no part in the contest for the latter position, and the appointment of Mr. Gudger would have been entirely satisfactory to me. Mr. Hale had requested me to endorse him for the position of Consul General to London a position which pays about \$50,000 per annum, I am informed, and I had not complied with his request, because I did not think him entitled to absorb all the patronage in this service which might be accorded to North Carolina. This was the position which I occupied with reference to these gentlemen when I called upon Mr. Cleveland and the Assistant Secretary of State, Josiah Quincy. I had no communication with Senator Ransom concerning the appointment of either Gudger or Hale, and did not then know his attitude towards them nor towards Elias, except that he was opposed to him for District Attorney.
When I went to the White House I did not expect to allude to the contest over the collectorship. I went simply to advocate Mr. Glenn and the other gentlemen first named and did so with warmth and ardor. I spoke of Mr. Glenn's opponent, Mr. Elias, in such high terms of praise as I thought then, and now think him entitled to receive. When Mr. Gudger was mentioned, I spoke of him in equally high terms of praise. I became satisfied however, before the interview closed, that the President would appoint Mr. Elias either District Attorney or Collector, and in response to a question, I expressed the opinion that there was a more general crystallization of sentiment in favor of Mr. Glenn for District Attorney than there was for Mr. Gudger for Collector, there being at that time quite a number of strong candidates for the latter position and for this reason, I expressed the belief that there would be greater disappointment in the party if Mr. Gudger was appointed Collector. I did not advocate the appointment of Mr. Elias nor oppose the appointment of Mr. Gudger for collector.
In all I said or did in this behalf, I was actuated by no thought or purpose of antagonism to Senator Vance or favoritism to Senator Ransom, for I then regarded both as my friends but I was moved and influenced purely and simply by what I thought to be my duty to the party in the interest of harmony and right.
With reference to Mr. Hale and his aspirations for a high grade foreign appointment, I will state generally and briefly, that I have never advocated him for any position, and I have in the exercise of my right of personal opinion at all times denied his claim to precedence over all other North Carolinians in the distribution of the foreign patronage of the government.
During my conference with the President (I have had but one with him since the election) the claims of Jernigan, Robbins and Henry were discussed, but nothing was said about Mr. Hale. During my stay in Washington on this visit, I called upon Assistant Secretary Quincy twice, once of my own accord and the second time at his suggestion.
On the occasion of my first visit, made solely for the purpose of urging the recognition of Messrs. Jernigan, Robbins and Henry, I was told by him that it had been suggested and claimed that Mr. Hale ought to have the next best place in the foreign service given to North Carolina. From this claim I dissented and expressed the opinion that he was not entitled to precedence over such gentlemen as Robbins, Jernigan and Henry, and that it would be unjust to set aside the men who had borne the heat and burden of the fight, then just ended in victory for Mr. Hale. I knew of nothing in his political career which entitled him to such paramount consideration and I believed that if he were appointed over these gentlemen it would create dissatisfaction in the party. In taking this position I acted from a sense of duty to the party and without feeling personal to anyone. This is the sum of the facts of my so-called interference with these appointments. Senator Vance says my tone has been defiant and insulting to him. He has been misinformed. I have neither privately nor publicly given forth any utterance which could make me amenable to this charge. I have no desire to make an issue with Senator Vance regarding my right to express an opinion to the President, whether of advocacy or opposition to the claims of an aspirant from this state for a Federal position requiring senatorial confirmation. That is not the issue made by the facts

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in this case. But I do insist and maintain that I had a perfect right to do what I did, and in so doing it, I did not in intent, either usurp or invade the rights of the Senators from this state.
Yours truly,
F. M. SIMMONS.

Joseph V. Dory, of Warsaw, Ill., was troubled with rheumatism and tried a number of different remedies, but says none of them seemed to do him any good; but finally he got hold of one that speedily cured him. He was much pleased with it and felt sure that others similarly afflicted would like to know what the remedy that cured him. He states for the benefit of the public that it is called Chamberlain's Pain Balm. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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