

COX TO MAINTAIN HOLDEN STANDARD

Boast of a Republican Speaker Introducing Cox DEFENDS RECONSTRUCTION

Mr. J. W. Bailey Says Cox by His Silence Acquiesced in the Impeachment That He Will Maintain the Standard of Holden and Russell. The Republicans Have Decided to Make the Best of a Bad Cause and Defend Reconstruction, Holden's Regime and Russellism.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, Democratic candidate for Governor at-large, returned yesterday from Yadkinville, where he spoke on Monday. He reported a very large audience and fine Democratic enthusiasm. He also brought remarkable evidence that the Republicans have grown heartless of doling responsibility for their past and have decided to defend Holdenism, Russellism and Reconstruction. This is borne out by the notorious Montgomery speech here.

"It seems," said Mr. Bailey, in an interview, "that the Republicans have decided to accept the responsibility for the miserable records made by the two administrations they have had in North Carolina."

"At Yadkinville yesterday (Monday, October 19th) Mr. Earl Brown introduced Mr. Elwood Cox, candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket, and declared with frenzied emphasis that Mr. Cox, if elected, would maintain the standard set by Governor W. W. Holden, adding that all that he and his party asked of Mr. Cox is that he should make such a Governor of North Carolina as Holden made.

"Mr. Cox was present and by his silence acquiesced in the impeachment. Brown's extraordinary declaration came about in this way: I was speaking to a large crowd of Democrats in the court-house at Yadkinville when Mr. Cox came in. I had referred to the fact that in his letter accepting the Republican nomination, Mr. Cox had called upon the people to forget the past and to lay aside the political prejudices of their fathers; and I had expressed gratification that the Republicans had at any rate become ashamed of their past. I understood briefly to show why they should be ashamed, and on the other hand, why the people of North Carolina could not forget that under Holden and Russell the Republicans had not only proved themselves unfit to conduct our State affairs, but had plunged themselves into corruption and brought the State into humiliation. I added that while the Democrats point with pride to their past, holding aloft the names of Vance, Jarvis, Fontaine, Blount, Carr, Aycock and Glenn, the Republicans come before us with apologies and ask us to forget. I went on to say that if the Democrats claimed for W. W. Kitchin is that he will maintain the noble record from Vance to Glenn, and I challenged the Republicans to promise that they would maintain the standard of Holden and Russell.

"You may imagine my surprise when in the presence of Mr. Cox and a crowd numbering in the hundreds the Republicans MR. BROWN DID THAT VERY THING.

"It appears that the Republicans have decided to make the best of a bad cause and defend Reconstruction, Holden's regime and Russellism. It is their load—let them carry it. They are responsible for these administrations; the record is theirs. It was said of old 'By their fruits ye shall know them' and so are they known to North Carolina.



CHARLES B. AYCOCK.
Ex-Governor of North Carolina



ROBERT BROADNAX GLENN.
Governor of North Carolina.

Two of the heroes of the battles of '96, '98 and 1900, who went forth into the camp of the enemy. The administration led by each of them as Governor will go down in history as among the most distinctive in the history of the State for brilliant achievements in peace, in educational advancement, in moral uplifting and in industrial progress.

The Republicans are arguing that Republican candidates for Congress should be elected because Democratic Congressmen have no influence in a Republican Congress. By the same token the people should elect Democratic Congressmen this year because the next House of Representatives will be Democratic. Cannon has been a backslider. Don't fail to vote a full vote for the Democratic Congressional nominees. Every one of them have been faithful representatives of the interests of the people.

Now, I have done what I could tonight—the best I could do. I hope to be able to do a more full job at the next time. I hope to be able to do a more full job at the next time. I hope to be able to do a more full job at the next time. I hope to be able to do a more full job at the next time.

WHERE THE MONEY FOR DEMOCRATIC IMPROVEMENTS COMES FROM

Only 36 Per Cent. of Taxes for State Government Collected From Poll and Property Taxes and a Large Part of this Goes Back to the Counties From Which It Comes. Improved Schools, Enlarged Asylums, Increased Pensions, Etc., Come From Franchise, Privilege, Railroad, Insurance and Other Corporate Taxes.

No doubt a great many people have been puzzled to know how the Democratic administration has been able to make the extensive improvements in the public school system, build so many new school houses, enlarge the asylums, largely increase pensions to Confederate soldiers, etc., without any increase in the property or poll taxes for State government.

The report of the State Treasurer for the last year shows that only 36 per cent. of the revenue of the State government are derived from the general property and poll taxes collected by the sheriffs and that in forty-one counties of the State an amount in excess of this amount is actually received in the counties in the appropriation of the school fund and in the pension payments, and in the other ways ever seen.

Our clubs are mere squads in this army, but they are the mud-sills upon which rest this nation's destiny. Their efficacy as units, determine their strength as a whole. No party is stronger than the voters who supply and sustain it. We have got to win, and we summon the Democracy of North Carolina to clean their guns for the coming conflict.

The few days remaining for work must be utilized along practical and personal lines; that is, the clubs must see that every Democrat capable of voting votes. This is the essence of victory. There ought to be a special committee in every club for the sole purpose of seeing that Democrats get to the polls; the old men, who are unable to come must be brought, and the young, if unindulgent, must be reminded.

Democratic clubs offer every member opportunity to labor for his party, and if the hundreds of clubs in North Carolina do their duty as units, there will be one of the complete Democratic victories North Carolina has seen for years. Club members do not rely upon your officers to do all the work. You are an integral part in this great fight, and the ideal club is that in which every member, regardless of his minor position, presumes to be a leader. The Democratic party has placed its destiny in your hands, and to you it looks for final vindication of November 5, 1908.

Respectfully,
O. MAX GARDNER,
State Organizer Democratic Clubs.

TO DEMOCRATIC CLUBS

Keep the Democracy Close to the People.—Success of The Club Movement.—Its Importance and Value.—Organization Aggressive and Active.—How to Be Helpful.

The Democratic party, since its inception, has been anchored near to the hopes, hearts and happiness of the American people, and this close adherence to the welfare of the masses has enabled it to withstand the devastating consequences of repeated defeat in national elections.

In North Carolina it has been found that the most effective way of reaching the people, high and low, small and great, has been through this splendid instrumentality of Club Organization.

The present campaign has received close attention along this line with strong and sympathetic support by the Democratic organizations. In every village there is scarcely a precinct, hamlet, day or town in the State without an association of active Democrats, militant and enthusiastic, loyal and devoted to the principles of their party. The underlying idea of Club Organizations is to bring the Democratic men of the precinct, county, State and Nation into closer union; to harmonize differences; to arouse indifference and to have every voter feel that he is an essential element in his party's success.

TOM DIXON, AUTHOR OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

Introduced First Pension Bill in 1885, Which Was Passed Over Opposition of Republicans, Including Pritchard. Now, After Democrats Have Increased Pension Appropriations to One-Sixth of All Taxes Collected by State Government, Republicans Pretend to Superior Friendship to Confederate Soldier.

It is a fact which may have been forgotten by a great many people, and which deserves to be remembered, that the author of "The Clansman" and "The Traitor", Thomas Dixon, Jr., was the author of the first Confederate pension bill adopted by the State of North Carolina in 1885. This pension bill was adopted by the Legislature of 1885, and was the first of a series of bills introduced and championed by him that when the roll was called out not a single Democrat in the General Assembly voted against it. This was the beginning of the pension system in the State, which has been so popular and so generously recognized as just and proper that every succeeding Democratic Legislature has increased



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WHY HIS PRIVATE CHARACTER IS CONSPICUOUS

(Interview with E. J. Justice.)
Much has been said by Mr. Cox's party friends of his personal character. I do not think it would be proper for me to say anything against his private character, if I were disposed to do so, and, besides, I know of nothing to say against it. I freely grant that he is sober, pays his debts, is not immoral, and contributes to his church. I believe this to be true, notwithstanding the attacks upon him by the editor of the official organ of his party.

If Mr. Cox were a Democrat the possession of a good private character would not make him conspicuous. It is the rule of the Democratic party to nominate decent men for office, and when the Republicans make so much noise about the nomination of a man who has a good private character, it would seem to indicate that with that party it is the exception, notwithstanding Mr. Cox's private character is good, there are few men in the State who are, by their interests, environment and views, so disapproved to the people in an official capacity as Mr. Cox. He has for years been the all-around "handy man" of the Southern Railway Company in Guilford county. The arrangement has been profitable to the railway company also. Mr. Cox has given evidence of his high appreciation of the favors the railway company has bestowed upon him, and he is as prone to think of it as the sparks are to fly upwards.

I did not know whether I was going to get strong enough to fight in this campaign, but when the Republican Convention met and put on their ticket Mr. Cox, Thompson for one of the best paying offices of the State, the "spike" broke out all over me. He was once a Democrat, but he went over and fused with the Republican party and helped to defeat us in 1904, and when they nominated him he accepted. I couldn't put my finger on a place that wasn't "spiked." (Applause).—Cyrus B. Watson.

I want to say to you to do nothing dangerous. It is dangerous for a Democrat to scratch a ticket. I don't ever scratch them (applause), because when I scratch them I have left in my hand only half a pound, and when I scratch I want a whole load, both of powder and lead.—Cyrus B. Watson.

SHALL PASSENGER FARES BE INCREASED?

The Democrats Gladly Accept the Issue Raised Against Them by the Republicans on Reduced Passenger Fares and Show by Sworn Reports of Railroad Officials that Railroads Have Been Greatly Benefitted by the Cheaper Fares, While a Hundred Thousand Dollars per Month Are Being Saved to the People. Will the Republicans Restore the Old High Rates? Democrats Are Also Striving to Correct the Freight Discriminations Endorsed by Hon. J. Elwood Cox.

The one issue which the Republicans have raised with the Democrats in North Carolina and given the dignity of a position in their State platform is a criticism of the last Democratic Legislature for reducing railroad passenger fares in North Carolina—that they have made it possible for the people of the State to buy railroad tickets for less money than they formerly had to pay for them.

Bear in mind that the Democrats have been in charge of our Legislature for ten years, and in these ten years they have legislated so well and so wisely for the promotion of the interests of the whole people of the State that in all this record the Republicans find nothing worthy of criticism in their State platform but this one matter of railroad rates.

The Democrats gladly accept the issue they thus raise, and take pride in defending their action in this matter as one of their best accomplishments for the benefit of the people at large, and have the advantage of a sworn report from the sworn reports made by the railroads themselves, that while they have thus cheapened passenger fares to all the people they have at the same time increased largely the net earnings of the railroads from passenger fares in North Carolina.

The sworn reports made by the officials of the Southern Railway and the Corporation Commission show that for the six months ending December 31, 1907, under the low rate of 58¢, their receipts were \$1,647,588, an increase for the six months of \$80,924; an increase of \$1,337 per month and of nearly \$500 per day.

Like reports from officials of the Atlantic Coast Line for the same period show \$422,065 under the high rate and \$475,888 under the low rate; \$53,823 increase in the receipts of \$43,823, or \$7,179 per month and \$258 per day.

Like reports from officials of the Seaboard show receipts under the old high rate, and \$305,892 under the low rate for the same period of six months, an increase of receipts under the reduction rate of \$76,915, or \$12,819 per month and \$427 per day.

These are facts. They show beyond the point of cert that the suggestion made by the Republicans that the Democrats have done the railroads an injury in reducing passenger fares is absolutely without foundation. It is true that the railroads, in common with every other class and form of enterprise in the whole country have suffered greatly within the last eighteen months, but their troubles are traceable to the empty freight cars with which the Roosevelt panic filled side tracks from one end of the country to the other.

As shown above, the railroads, Independent Candidates. (Asheville Citizen.)

It is safe to say that nine out of every ten independent candidates are men who have tried and failed to get office in the Democratic party. Before they were beaten they talked long and loud about their devotion to party principles. Being beaten, they became abusive of their former party associates, desert the principles they once held so loudly, and in every possible way show that it is profit and not principle that controls their political action.

Of course there are a few exceptions, but this is the rule. In such a course—what principle? Who can find confidence in the man that is blown about by every wind of doctrine, finding a resting place only where his personal interest dictates?

For these reasons all so-called independent movements in politics start up and are discarded in the eyes of right-thinking folk and usually end up in the defeat of the party which they are supposed to represent.

They say now, when the Democrats are backing up their backs, that we can win if we only give up our principles. Children of Israel had their backs to the wilderness but they were ready to turn back to Egypt and the slavery of their former masters. You will see that when you see the Democrats in the hands of the Republicans, they will be ready to turn back to the old high rates.—Cyrus B. Watson.