

THE PROPER WEAPONS

(Editorial WILMINGTON STAR)

Recent criticisms of the administration of the Hon. George Ross Pou as superintendent of the state prison, have thus far accomplished nothing more than the airing of personal opinions, and the furnishing of considerable amusement for those outside the state, who must enjoy these verbal whirlwinds that approach with the fury of a tornado and leave nothing to show for their display but a nauseating stench in the nostrils of the public. The tactics employed against Mr. Pou and the methods of approach used to bring the situation before the public are open to question as matters of public welfare and are certainly lacking in taste and discretion, even if inspired by the purest motives imaginable.

Sifting the various criticisms levelled at the prison chief's head, a vaporizing process leaves the sediment that Mr. Pou has scattered the state's money with a lavish hand and for purposes not at all in keeping with the approved order of things in conducting a prison. To this we find Mr. Pou has answered that his books are open; that if he has done wrong he should be indicted, and all are welcome to satisfy themselves as to the legality and propriety of his expenditures.

That is a fair offer. If the public spirited citizens, who are so sure that Mr. Pou has been amiss in his duties, really desire to serve the state, they will bring the matter to a head; lay their charges before a grand jury and not before the copy reader of a daily newspaper. The newspaper is by no means a court, nor is it the proper place to try public officials for either fancied or actual wrongs. Neither is a public institution intended as the battleground for personal grudges or political massacres. These are some of the questions to be considered before we indict a public official before a jury of public opinion. Such a jury, with newspaper evidence to guide it, is by no means infallible. It can even come to the point where it may in all sincerity convict an innocent man, and believe it has performed a righteous duty.

Elsewhere in today's Star is a statement from the Tucker Building Pharmacy, of Raleigh, which refutes one of the charges against the prison superintendent. If the others are founded on as flimsy causes, the time has come to call a halt.

No public official is above criticism. To place him in such a position would be the rankest autocracy, but where charges against them infer criminal actions, facts and a court of law are the weapons to be used. If the best interests of the state are served, and those involved accorded a fair showing. But first of all there must be facts and not beliefs or mere opinions.

IMPRISONED POLITICS

(GREENSBORO RECORD, April 2, 1925)

The continued attacks on Superintendent George Ross Pou, of the state prison system, seem to indicate that back of them there is a force that is more powerful than love of state, as manifested by such attackers. The tirade that has been directed against Mr. Pou is entirely too well sustained and continuous to be a spontaneous outburst of popular indignation. It has all the earmarks of a concentrated and intensified political attack, an attempt to strike at Governor McLean through Mr. Pou, who supported him in the campaign and who in turn has the confidence of the executive.

Governor McLean has demonstrated his efficiency and ability to such an extent that he has captured the popular imagination. The state has recognized his worth, the people have spoken, and he is immune to petty attack. However there are obvious means of approach, the political enemy that will not approach the fortress of public confidence by the front, to storm its walls, is not averse to slipping in the back way, even if he has to make love to the cook.

It has been rather generally reported that Josiah W. Bailey, defeated candidate in the Democratic primary in the race for the governorship, has taken a rather active part behind the scenes in this attack on Mr. Pou. His ability as a director of discontent is well known in the state and should he choose to see the back door method of striking at the Governor by attacking a man who supported him and who merits his confidence, who is there to say that Mr. Bailey would not deign to strike?

Mr. Bailey has demonstrated an overwhelming fondness for destructive political work. He has a way of keeping denunciation on his lips and invective at the end of his tongue. When there are no issues for him to champion, he needs must drum up a political whiffenpoof to test the metal of his good sword lest it rust in idleness.

Just now he sees something, evidently in the administration of the prison affairs. We trust that the state will have the good sense to look through this smokescreen of political insinuations and get at the facts.

Governor McLean is enjoying the confidence of the state and he is not going to put a man in charge of the prison or keep on in charge who is not fit to occupy that position. These "friends of the people" who feel moved to attack Mr. Pou's administration of the state prison, could better serve the state by ceasing their wild indulgence in political mud-slinging and get their shoulders to the wheel to give North Carolina a lift.

Three things are needed in passing on this question, the first is facts, the second is fairness and the third is honesty—have those when you approach the question!

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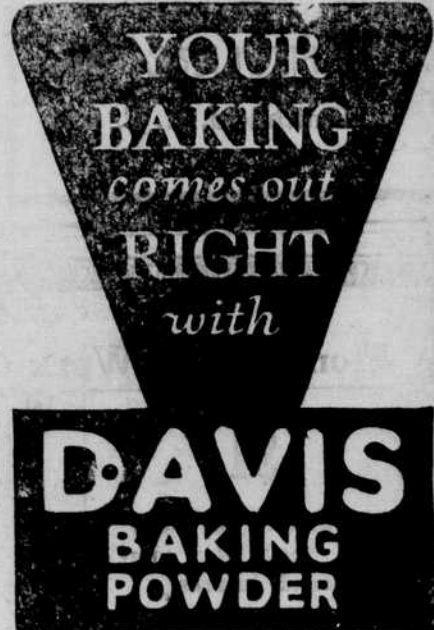
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