

A Consistent Record of True Democracy

NEVER FALTERING OR WAVERING A HAIR'S BREADTH.

The Democrats of the Fifth District honored themselves yesterday in unanimously renominating Hon. W. W. Kitchin for Congress for the sixth consecutive time. Mr. Kitchin, while one of the youngest men in Congress, is the oldest in point of service of any North Carolina member either in the House or Senate, and no man of his years in either House is an abler or more capable servant of the people. He was first elected in 1896, when the whole State was in the hands of the Fusionists, and he owes his first victory to a magnificent campaign in which he championed the cause of the whole people and handled without gloves the trusts that feed on the people, not forgetting to show how the tobacco trust, with headquarters in his district, was robbing the people. During all the years he has been in Congress, without faltering or wavering a hair's breadth, he has stood for fundamental Democratic principles just as his distinguished kinsman, Nathaniel Macon, did against monopolies, and special privileges and the like. He stands firmly on Democratic ground. He does not fight special privileges in New England and be silent while the tobacco trust robs the farmer of his State. He does not declaim against the iniquitous ship subsidy and then vote for a more iniquitous subsidy to the Southern Railroad because it runs through his district. He stands for principle and makes no exceptions or saving clauses for the trusts of his own State. It is because Mr. Kitchin's record has been so consistent and he has championed old fashioned Democratic principles so ably that he has held the confidence and enthusiastic support of his constituents.

Four years ago, when some timid Democrats doubted the wisdom of "standing pat" on the Kansas City platform, Mr. Kitchin made a speech in the Democratic State Convention that has been equaled only once in this decade, and that was by the speech of Mr. Aycock in accepting the nomination for Governor. During the recent session of Congress Mr. Kitchin made several important speeches, the most notable being his masterly speech against the subsidy for the so-called fast mail of the Southern Railway and the L. and N. That speech exposed the pure subsidy of the sugar-coated proposition, and though able men sought to find plausible excuse or reason for supporting the subsidy—or "steal," as Ben Tillman calls it—no argument could answer Bill Kitchin's terrible onslaught upon it. He was powerful and effective because he stood upon the solid ground of an eternal principle. When he had finished the subsidy majority, that had formerly been large, "swank" to one majority, thus foretelling its unhonored doom. While Mr. Kitchin does not belong to that class of statesmen who measure usefulness by getting "pork" for their districts—though securing appropriations for needed improvements is an important while the least service of a statesman—he has not failed to get money for public buildings for his district and for Guilford Battle Ground, and the Fifth District has more public buildings than any district in the State.—Raleigh News and Observer, July 3, 1906.

KITCHIN'S POSITION IN GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN OF 1908.

(Extracts from speech of W. W. Kitchin, delivered in Raleigh, June 4, 1908.)

"The Democratic party is in favor of regulating the natural monopolies, but you can not regulate trusts, for trusts are unnatural monopolies. I have found no intelligent man who thinks that we can fix the price of trust products. You can hedge them around as much as you please, but so long as they fix the prices they will plunder the people. But they will not plunder the farmer to the extent that they will kill the goose that lays the golden egg. They intend to pay the farmer enough to give him a profit, but they will fix the lowest price that will still keep him producing the products. When you find that you can not regulate them you are driven to the position that trusts are iniquitous and should not exist.

"When the monopolist fixes the price, a fine is no punishment on him. He will get it back out of the people. You must let the human beings back of them know that it is better to obey the law than to violate it, to let them know that if they hold the law in contempt and break it at will, they will be put behind the prison bars.

"These special interests will not pick me out as the nominee of the Democratic party if they have the power of naming the nominee. Don't understand me to say that the man who are not with me are under the railroad and trust influences—many are; don't understand me to say that Craig and Horne would make good Governors.

"If they (the special interests) thought I was a bad man they would gladly present the evidence. I have incurred their hostility because I have always had the courage to stand for the rights of the people and have not acquiesced in their wrongs, because I have always stood for the interests of the people and have not courted the favor of the railroads and the trusts."

A PROPHECY FULFILLED.

When Hon. Chas. W. Tillet nominated him for governor he said: "If he is elected Governor, then he will be Governor. If he is elected Governor, then there will be no power behind the throne. If he is elected Governor, there will be no clique nor ring formed around where he sits. Historians tell us that the intrepid and independent Cato the Younger plunged a dagger into his heart rather than have a king rule over him, and I will tell you of a truth that if W. W. Kitchin has the alternative put before him, he will suffer his head to be severed from his body rather than have a boss rule over him.

Yet with all his boldness and independence of thought, I defy any man to lay his hand upon a single act of his that can properly be called revolutionary or dangerous. The pages of the Congressional Record will be searched in vain for a single vote or a single utterance hostile to the Democratic party or inimical to what he, in the exercise of an intelligent conscience, conceived to be for the best interest of his country. I do not deny that he has been bold and aggressive, but I do deny that he has done anything to frighten any persons except those whose consciences have made cowards of them.

My countrymen, the man I represent thinks that the evils which oppress and grind the face of the people should all be destroyed, but I promise you this, that in his effort to cast out the devils from the body politic, he will use no wand except that simple shepherd's staff of Democracy—'Equal rights to all and special privileges to none.' No man that is engaged in any legitimate business will be disturbed by any agitation of his, but on the other hand, he will use every power that God has given him to conserve and preserve the magnificent resources of the State. Afraid of him? I tell you verily he will not break a brused reed of a struggling industry nor squench a smoking fax of honest toil. In the sweat of their faces, 'the man with the hoe' and the woman with the broom, all the way up to the gilded palace, where rest in luxurious ease the men with the bonds and the woman with the diamonds, he believes in absolute justice and equal protection for all. If you will make him Governor I will underwrite his bond and get ten thousand solvent freeholders of the State to sign with me to the effect that when he has closed his four years' career it will be recorded in the annals of the State that the Commonwealth never had a Chief Executive who did more for the upbuilding of all its worthy enterprises of labor and commerce.

If we turn to the argument of party service, I yield to no man. I have heard it said that there were some others who did more for the establishment of white supremacy. Why, gentlemen, the man I offer you was born and bred in Halifax County, and he sprang from the loins of a man who bore a name that helped less children and defenseless women and timid men conjured with in the dark days of the Black Peril. And in our epoch-making contest for the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment not one upheld it with more zeal and ability than he, and the astute chairman of the Democratic State Committee caused over eighty thousand copies of his speech on the subject to be circulated all over the State.

TRUSTS SHOULD BE DESTROYED.

(Extract from Governor Kitchin's Inaugural Address of 1909 on Trusts.)

The man who by foul means willfully and needlessly takes the life of a rival under our law forfeits his own. The corporate monopoly that by foul means willfully and needlessly destroys its rival by wrong-doing for the purpose of exacting unjust profits from the public, should forfeit its existence. All the power of the State in all of its departments should be exerted to destroy every unnatural monopoly, every industrial trust that commits wrong upon the people and their industries. And the fixed policy of regulating the natural monopolies, the public service corporations, should be maintained.

INSULTS ON PLATFORM DEMAND.

(Interview of Governor Kitchin in News and Observer, February 2, 1909.)

I consider our platform was a direct endorsement of the famous subsection A, which failed to become a law at the last Legislature, and in my judgment this Legislature ought to amend our existing law by adding the substance and effecting the purpose of that section.

STRONG AGAINST TRUSTS.

(Extract from Special Message of Governor Kitchin on Trusts, February 10, 1909.)

It is needless to repeat at this time facts and arguments showing the evil of private industrial monopolies commonly called trusts. Few advocates them, and fewer, perhaps, think them right.

The opportunity has come to make such conspiracies criminal and to prescribe punishment for such conspirators. You are face to face with the duty of obeying the mandate of the Democratic Convention.

A mere statement of the proposition that a conspiracy by purchasers to put down the price of an article produced by the labor of others is wrong, is no clear and convincing in its simplicity

ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRUSTS UNCHANGED.

(Governor Kitchin, replying to News and Observer, July 20, 1911.)

My attitude toward trusts has never changed. I am as anxious as ever to aid in the destruction of private monopolies and the punishment of offenders as I ever claimed to be. I never said that I could destroy the American Tobacco Company or any other trust operating throughout the United States, if elected Governor. And yet you have tried to make your readers believe that I never promised the people to usurp the powers of the Legislature or the judiciary. I have always regarded the great trusts as pillaging plunderers of our progress, and I shall do what I can to relieve the people from their oppression under the Constitution of this State and the United

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that it would seem idle to argue its justice to any American legislative body.

The universally acknowledged principle of self-defense, applicable to States as to individuals, would destroy a conspiracy so damaging in its effect and so general in its blight. The duty of repressing wrong and protecting those who can not protect themselves requires the lawmakers to put the whole power of the State against such conspiracies. I therefore recommend that the General Assembly comply with that declaration, because it is right and ought to be the law, and because the dominant party is pledged to its enactment; and I also recommend that the putting down or keeping down by purchasers of the prices of articles produced by the labor of others in pursuance of such conspiracy be made criminal.

Fear of the wrath of those who violate a moral principle, and who threaten, if the Legislature of the State of North Carolina comply with the wish of her majority, to punish the communities already in their grasp, rather than obey the laws, should not affect the judgment or paralyze the efforts, as it can not nullify the duty of those whom the people have chosen to do their will.

UNDIMINISHED HOSTILITY TO TRUSTS.

(Extract from message of Governor Kitchin to Legislature of 1911.)

Legitimate corporations and joint stock companies are beneficial and greatly develop the State, inspiring an enterprising business spirit, and no one can speak other than words of praise concerning them, but private monopolies are tyrannical and intolerant. A free people desiring justice and having oppression should exert their entire governmental power to destroy them. Under our dual system of government the Federal law has sole jurisdiction over interstate commerce, while the State is supreme over commerce wholly within her territory. It behooves the government of every State to exert its entire power in contributing to the destruction of monopoly, the restoration of competition in industrial life, in limiting trust evils, in protecting her people, and in compelling compliance with and in punishing violations of her laws. * * * I have endeavored to obtain from the several solicitors, who have in the last two years represented the State in the various judicial districts, definite suggestions which in their official experience or otherwise have occurred to them as proper amendments to strengthen our law. One of the ablest has suggested that the words "article or thing of value" used in said law probably included only tangible things and would not include telephone and telegraph messages. Although the Corporation Commission has the power to regulate their charges, I recommend that you consider the language used in the statute with the view of including practices which are prejudicial to the rights of the people, and for the purpose of including rates and tolls.

I also recommend that subsection "g" be added as follows: "For any person, firm, corporation or association to contract, to combine in the form of trust or otherwise, or to conspire with any other person, firm, corporation, or association in restraint of trade, commerce, or manufacture in this State."

I further recommend that an additional subsection "h" be added as follows: "For any person, firm, corporation or association to monopolize or attempt to monopolize or combine or conspire with any other person, firm, corporation or association to monopolize any part of the trade, commerce or manufacture within this State."

These two sections recommended are the substance of the two most important sections of the Federal Anti-trust Law.

I recommend that the use of coupons in packages of merchandise or other articles of value be forbidden in this State.

I also recommend that in purchasing goods, wares or merchandise for the use of the State or any of its institutions, that it be provided that preference shall be given to the products of independent manufacturers and dealers.

The Constitution places the control of all criminal prosecutions in the Superior Court in the hands of the district solicitors. * * *

I recommend that the Governor be authorized to employ special counsel to assist solicitors in prosecutions under our anti-trust law, and to employ special agents to investigate the facts upon suggestions from a Solicitor that such investigation is desirable in any case of supposed violation of such law, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the compensation and expenses of such counsel and agent out of the public Treasury, upon the Auditor's warrant issued upon the Governor's approval. I also recommend that said law be amended so that 40 per cent of the fines collected by virtue of any prosecution thereunder be paid to the Solicitor, such special counsel assisting him, and the private prosecutor or prosecutors, if there be any, in such proportion as the trial court may adjudge. I also recommend that it be provided that any violations of our anti-trust law shall subject the offender to a penalty of one hundred dollars a day, which may be recovered by any citizen of the State, and that any person, firm, corporation or association injured by its violation shall, upon having his actual damages legally assessed, have a judgment against the defendant for three times such actual damages.

EXPERIENCE—ABILITY—PRESTIGE.

If Governor Kitchin is sent to the Senate the people may rest assured that they have sent no new hand at the business, but one of experience, ability, and prestige. He served twelve years in Congress as a member of the House of Representatives, and he will have been absent only four years. Many with whom he served are still in the House, and quite a number of them are now in the Senate. If there ever was a time when a man's influence in the Senate was measured by his length of service instead of his ability and the things he stood for, that time is happily past. It must be remembered that the successful resolution to oust Lorimer from the Senate was one of the first acts of a brand new Senator.

W. D. TURNER.
Statesville, N. C.

THE OLDEST EDITOR'S ESTIMATE.

"The candidate for Governor now (1908) may not equal some of the candidates of the past for that high office, but in ability, character, training, experience, and personal worth, I recall none in sixty years I would place above W. W. Kitchin, and I am not a politician or office-seeker."—Dr. T. B. Kingsbury in News and Observer, June 21, 1908.

A DEMOCRAT IN EVERY ESSENTIAL.

In my acquaintance and association with the public men of North Carolina

States. These commercial pirates I have fought from my youth up to this day. I have always thought and still think rich and great offenders should be punished as well as others.

The Governor of North Carolina is the only Governor in the United States that has no veto power, and the Governor, without the power to veto legislation, can have little power beyond the reason of his messages in securing legislation. You have constantly opposed giving the Governor the veto power. . . striking comparison of the powers of Governors is found between the Governor of this State and the Governor of New Jersey, who has the veto power; who has the power of appointing the Secretary of State, the judges of the Supreme Court, the Clerk of the Supreme Court, the district judges, the Attorney-General, and the district attorneys. A Governor with this power, disposed to use the "big stick," can be very effective in legislation; and yet the Governor of New Jersey has not driven the American Tobacco Company—one of its chartered institutions—from its borders.

ANSWERS DEMAND OF THE PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT IN THE PARTY.

(Interview of Hon. A. H. Eller in State Press, August 21, 1912.)

Upon being asked what he thought of the senatorial contest, Mr. A. H. Eller said in effect: Governor Kitchin is making another victorious campaign. This is hard for some people to realize, but it is plain enough to those who understand and sympathize with the aspirations of the Democratic masses.

There is and has been a considerable number of men in and out of the party who would shape and prejudice public sentiment against him, no matter when or to what public position he aspires—these men always have him "beal" until the people are heard from.

His services to the public and to the principles of Democracy stand out in brighter and bolder light the more they are carped at by his critics, or contrasted with the records of those who have opposed its platform and its policy.

The progressive spirit in our party today is a manifest purpose of the people to have leaders and public servants responsive, not to special interests, but to the general good. W. W. Kitchin answers this demand.

No vote or act of his, contrary to the declared principles of his party, will ever call for labored defense or expert explanation. A discussion of his public record will never be construed by his friends as reading him out of the party. Where he leads the rank and file can follow with confidence. He is able, true and courageous; his heart is pure and always with the people, and they are not tired of honoring him.

"Indeed he seems to me None other than an ideal leader, Who reverences his conscience as his King."

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JOHN D. BELLAMY.
Wilmington, N. C.

FAIR IN POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

I consider Governor Kitchin one of the fairest men in political discussion I ever heard speak. I have heard the speech he is making in his present campaign for the Senate, and it is perfectly legitimate from every standpoint. He makes no personal attack on his opponent, but confines his remarks entirely to his public record, made up of his public acts and utterances. While his speech is bold and forcible, it is in no sense bitter or abusive. So long as the people are expected to rule, it is not only proper but necessary for public questions and the records of public officials to be discussed before the people.

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WHITEHEAD KLUTTZ.
Salisbury, N. C., August 18, 1912.

ABLE AND PROGRESSIVE.

I have been familiar with Governor Kitchin's record while a member of Congress and since, he has been Governor of North Carolina, and while he displayed conspicuous ability as a member of Congress, he has shown even greater ability as Governor. He has managed the affairs of the great State so wisely and so well that the people have made their greatest progress without turmoil or strife.

Yours very truly,
JOHN A. BARRINGER.
Greensboro, N. C.

NOT PURITANICAL.

While the life of Governor Kitchin is one of unusual purity, he is in no sense puritanical. He accepts men as they are made, knowing that some are weak and some strong, that some must be condemned, but not in bitterness, that some must be judged in charity, but that all are entitled to consideration. As a result all classes and conditions of men are his friends.

D. C. PARKS.
Hillsboro, N. C.

DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE.

I regard Gov. W. W. Kitchin as one of the cleanest men I have ever known in politics. A man of his intelligence, of his undoubted Democracy—being always progressive—and of a unflinching adherence to Democratic principles and platforms, should be our next U. S. Senator.

No person ever doubted where he stood on any question, and no person who knows him will ever conclude that he believes platforms are made to get in on.

My admiration for him is profound, and I sincerely trust that the people of North Carolina will learn in time, for the good of their own interests, that no fitter man for the position he seeks can be found in the state.

Yours very truly,
E. F. WATSON.
Burnsville, N. C.

A FOX TO SPECIAL PRIVILEGE.

Governor Kitchin's life has been in entire harmony with the best and highest conceptions and practices of the Democratic party both in State and nation. His record is so clean in both private and public life that his bitterest enemy can not attack it, and there is, therefore, no need for his friends to defend it.

His long career in public life as Representative in Congress and as Governor has been one long, loud, persistent and consistent protest against class legislation of all kinds, and in him the protective tariff herey, mail subsidies, the trusts, and all privilege seeking interests have found an implacable foe.

The present progressive movement in the Democratic party as expressed in the platform of 1912, is the logical outcome of his life long advocacy of correct Democratic principles, and Governor Kitchin's supporters for the Senate naturally find themselves at the forefront of the Democratic procession, and in thorough accord with the spirit of Democracy.

MARK MAJETTE.
Columbia, N. C.

STRONG WITH THE PEOPLE.

At this time the whole country seems to be turning from the sordid policy of tariff for protection. It is unfortunate that any Democrat should sound a false note on this question. To protect the industries at home is all that any Republican desires to do, and home to him is his own district and his own State. Tariff for revenue only will triumph in the end, and it will be a long time before the Democratic party will permit any man or set of men to commit it to a policy of protection. When it does, it will die and deserve to die.

In this crisis the party is fortunate in having leaders who sound the note of warning, and few there are who more ably expound the Democratic doctrine and hold to its fundamental principles with greater ability and tenacity than Governor Kitchin. He defends the party against the insidious attacks of special privilege with a power and conviction of right that makes him strong with the people.—Greensboro Record.

KITCHIN FOR THE SENATE.

We shall support Governor Kitchin because we believe he will best represent the progressive, militant Democracy of this State, and because of his ability, experience, and loyalty to the principles of his party, which demands equal and exact justice to all people. As a young man he withstood the temptations and pitfalls of Washington, and in his mature years he will not forsake the cause of the people.

The lamented Aycock was known as the Educational Governor, and Kitchin should be known as the Progressive Governor, because the State has made more progress in almost every line during his administration than in any like period in its whole history.—The Clayton News.

EARNEST SUPPORT OF KITCHIN.

We believe Governor Kitchin measures up to the high standard set by the people, and like the immortal Vance, his heartbeats will be in unison with the throbbing heart of the great common people, and his official acts, if elected Senator, will express the will of the party, outlined in the Democratic platform, and therefore we give him our earnest support.—Warrenton Record.