

The Reidsville Review

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

THE REVIEW COMPANY
(Incorporated.)

FRANK M. BUNCH... President
W. F. BURTON... Sec. and Treas.
WM. M. OLIVER... V. President

\$1.50 PER YEAR

(Entered at the postoffice at Reidsville, N. C., as second class matter.)

AMERICA FIRST



THE ISSUE

The faction which favors selling the light plant has accepted The Review's challenge and put up a commissioners ticket pledged to sell out the plant and a 60 year light and power franchise to the Southern Utilities Company. This ticket is composed of Messrs. John F. Scott, Superintendent of the Edna Cotton Mills; G. E. Crutchfield, manager of the leaf department of the American Tobacco Company; N. C. Thompson, agent of the Southern Railway Company; W. B. Wray of the firm of W. B. & J. F. Wray; and J. F. Smith, bookkeeper of Pinnix's Warehouse. The ticket made up of strong men and substantial citizens and The Review wants to emphasize the fact that there is no fight against these gentlemen personally in the present municipal campaign. The fight is solely against the platform they stand on, and for the fundamental principles of municipal ownership of public utilities, which their platform opposes.

The Review is glad to see this issue of municipal ownership vs. private ownership of public utilities thus clearly joined. We hope the issue will not be beclouded or muddled by the brief campaign between election day. Let's keep personalities out of the campaign and let the voters decide what shall be Reidsville's present and future policy on the above named issue. We think a large majority of our people favor municipal ownership, while a noisy minority vociferously claims that a majority favor selling the electric plant to a private corporation. Let's keep the issue unclouded so that the question may be definitely settled at this election.

At the town hall last Friday night a "Town Ownership League" was formed. The objects of this league are to protect and conserve the property and resources of the municipality and to combat the reckless and thoughtless giving away of valuable franchises or privileges without adequate consideration; to safeguard the town's interests wherever and whenever jeopardized, and to turn on the light on all lantern schemes to put over graft spoilation schemes of whatever kind on the municipality. The immediate and specific object of the league is to prevent the proposed sale of the electric light and power plant owned by the city and the granting of a 60 year electric lighting and power franchise (for the ridiculous sum of \$30,000) to an alien corporation. This league will likewise support a commissioners ticket at a

meeting to be held tonight (Monday) at the town hall. This ticket will doubtless be composed of strong men and substantial citizens who are avowedly in favor of retaining control of the management and distribution of electric light and power by the city. The League ticket and the "sell out" ticket will thus stand on separate platforms, the issue will be clear cut, and every voter can show by his ballot which platform he stands on.

In deciding this great question of future policy of town government—municipal ownership of public utilities, or private ownership of public utilities—our citizens should not be influenced by ties of friendship or even of blood kinship in voting for town commissioners in this particular election. Vote the ticket that represents your individual views on the specific issue now before the public!

But some who are so persistently and strenuously working in behalf of selling out the plant seem to be directed and controlled by a mysterious force an dare doing; their work under cover. They do not come out in the open. All sorts of misrepresentations are made in an effort to befuddle the issue. For instance it is being talked around that the board of commissioners cannot sell out the plant and franchise unless the people at a special election vote to do so. This is true as far as it goes. But they do not say that a board of commissioners who is elected on the selling out platform could very easily bring about a strong sentiment in favor of selling out by a little mismanagement of the plant and a juggling of figures to show that it was not a profitable enterprise.

The proposition submitted by the Southern Utilities Company, (a subsidiary of the Southern Power Company which handles the retail end of the electric business in towns where they are given a franchise) offers \$30,000 for our plant and a 60 year franchise. They offer only a ten year contract or guarantee for rates to the users of electricity, however. The plant cost the town \$75,000 or \$80,000 and is practically new and in a good shape in every way. It includes a valuable and substantial brick building, boilers, engines, dynamos, transformers, copper wire and pole lines, etc. At the present prices of electrical equipment one plant could not be duplicated for \$100,000. The copper wire used in the transmission lines cost the town 12 to 14c per pound and could be sold today for old metal at 25 or 30c per pound. The value of the 60 year franchise would be hard to compute. It has been given as an opinion by a well informed gentleman that the Southern Utilities Company would capitalize this franchise at a half or a million dollars. The Reidsville electric plant for the year ending May 31, 1916 showed a net profit of over ten thousand dollars.

Those who oppose selling out the plant are in favor of buying current from the Southern Power Company or some other hydro-electric company provided the current can be obtained cheaper than we can produce it by steam. This arrangement leaves the utility in the hands of our own people and does not tie us up in long period contracts. A tentative contract has already been negotiated with the Southern Power Company for current at 1.50 per kilowatt hour with a rebate of 10 per cent on account of the town paying for transformers and other necessary equipment to tap on to the power company's lines. This makes the net cost 1.35 against a cost of 2.42 to produce it by steam, as shown by the cost sheets for the operation of the local plant for the year ending May 1st, 1916. This saving of 1.07 per kilowatt hour would enable the town to greatly reduce the rates to consumers, or greatly swell the profits of the electric light department, which of course, would save the taxpayers that much money to apply to the running of other departments of the city government.

It is to be hoped the voters will weigh carefully all these arguments

and vote intelligently on this important question.

THE CALL TO ARMS

The South has always responded loyally when the tocsin of war sounded throughout the nation. We have the utmost confidence that response to the ringing appeal of our President for men with red blood in their veins to fight the good fight against oppression, and in behalf of freedom, will measure up to the best traditions of the South. The time has come. The call has gone forth to our local companies to bring their strength up to a maximum, before the other measures, now under consideration for the enlistment of the full force necessary be put into operation. The time for the young men of Rockingham county to demonstrate their loyalty is now.

There is a special reason why our young men should come forward now, without waiting for either universal service, or selective enlistment. No man living, who is worth his salt, but desires to rise in his sphere of work. The men who come forward now will be the men who will get the preference in promotion. They will also have the pleasure of serving with their home company, under the officers taken from their own county. If they wait until the Army Measure—whatever it be—is passed, the chances are they will be drafted into, perhaps Oklahoma, Ohio, or New Mexico regiments, and while we are all Americans, it is but natural that we prefer to serve with our companies organized here in Reidsville, or other southern towns and counties.

The time to enlist is now. The opportunity includes enlistment in various branches of the navy, aviation corps, or the army. We trust the only question revolving in the minds of our young men is, which branch shall it be?

The navy asks only four hundred men from the State of North Carolina. How many will volunteer from Rockingham county?

Our local company is very far short of its complement. How many Rockingham county boys will volunteer to make this company the peer of any company from any county in North Carolina?

The time is now ripe for decision. Let us not wait until we will be obliged to make a virtue of necessity, but seizing the opportunity, lift our county in the limelight with the other patriotic sections of our State and nation, by voluntary contribution of men, fired by the highest ideals that have ever, since the beginning of time, been set before a marching phalanx, the tocsin of The Prince of Peace and Righteousness; the bursting asunder of the shackles of slavery of the nations of Europe, and the vindication of our National Honor.

We have been too proud to fight for mere lucre, or material advantage; we are too proud not to fight for the Principles for which the Son of Man lived and died.

To your tents, Oh Israel; and leaving the peaceful paths of industry in the factory and the field, gird your loins, and show the nations of the earth that you possess something worth fighting for, and something worth fighting to bring to the weary, war-torn, downtrodden people of nations that have been ground into dust by the avarice of unscrupulous and bloodthirsty monarchs who have won their right to rule, not by Divine authority, but by every artifice of devilish ingenuity, and every specious argument of Satan.

To Aid Food Production

Food for the nation's soldiers and for those "left behind" as well took a coordinate prominence with finance among the government's first steps to win the war.

"This war will be won on food," declared Herbert Quick. As Quick was making his statement Secretary of Agriculture Houston was disseminating through all news agencies an appeal to housewives dealing with conservation of all foodstuffs and elimination of waste in the households.

In the meantime talk of government supervision of food distribution continued in governmental circles and among members of the Council of National Defense.

There was evidence that appointment of a food dictator similar to those named in some of the European belligerent countries will be fought. Some government heads said there should be no such step until intensive farming and home gardening projects, such as described by Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, have been given full test.

"Mobilization of the country's agricultural forces," said Quick, member of the federal farm loan board, "is as important as raising an army. The board is directly behind the movement, with all its hundreds of millions of resources.

"We have perfected the system to lend out \$200,000,000 to the farmers of the country to stimulate crop production. This sum will be raised by issuance of 4 1/2 per cent bonds.

"We expect a very quick response to this bond issue. The security they offer is unequalled.

"True, the question of farm labor is perplexing now. But with the money we lend the farmers they can easily buy the most modern machinery, which will almost wholly answer this question."

Read the paper regularly.

THIS TO HAPPEN WHEN DRAFT BECOMES A LAW

Here is what will happen when the draft bill, reported to the senate, becomes a law:

First.—The president will designate by proclamation a day of registration, the voting precinct being used as the smallest unit for enrollment. The governors of the various states will be asked to have the sheriffs of the counties appoint registers to take the names of all males between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five. Those who refuse to enroll will be arrested.

Second.—The state officers will exempt from military service "persons engaged in industries, including agricultural, found to be necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment or the effective operation of the military forces or the maintenance of national interests during the emergency."

Third.—Those not exempted will be reported to the war department, which will make further exemptions.

Fourth.—It is estimated that by Aug. 1 the 500,000 men desired will be in training camps. In the meantime the government must provide equipment for the recruits.

Fifth.—It is estimated that the registration will result in an enrollment of 7,000,000, and about 40 per cent of this number will be waived out on account of physical disabilities. The 500,000 to be selected from the remaining 60 per cent will be chosen by lot.

Gerard Says Germany Expected United States to Pay For War

At a national defense dinner given by the Effigium Publicity Association in Boston James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, declared that Admiral von Tirpitz and the German Reichstag had seriously proposed the institution of unrestricted submarine warfare against England with the intention, "when England should have been subdued by hunger, to come over to the United States and collect the price of the war from us."

"I want to tell you," Mr. Gerard added, "that if we had not gone into this war Germany would have fulfilled its intention to come over here afterward and attack us and would have done so almost with the applause of the rest of the world. I can tell you also that everything consistent with honor was done to keep us out of the war. Beyond that I am sure none would have us go."

A Cackle as Evidence

As a man was about to be acquitted at West Chester, Pa., of chicken stealing one of the hens brought in as evidence greeted its owner with a cackle of recognition and convicted the prisoner.

FERTILIZER COSTS REDUCED CROPS GREATLY INCREASED

This is the year for big crops. Insure maximum yield by inoculating all seed with Pure-bred Nitrogen Fixing Bacteria. Earp-Thomas Farmogerm Products. Farmogerm for Legumes; Alfalfa, Clovers, Cow-peas, Soy Beans, etc. All Crop Farmogerm: For any crop, Grain, Potatoes, Vegetables.

FRANK M. BUNCH, Raleigh State Agent.

W. F. BURTON, Reidsville Local Agent.

SERVICE FOR ALL.



The civic preparedness committee of South Carolina, with headquarters in Columbia, has designed an attractive badge, a reproduction of which is shown above, and awards one of these to every person who gives assurances that he or she is growing more food than last year. This is a part of the great movement now sweeping over the nation to induce everybody to increase the production of all foodstuffs and to aid in conserving the supply now on hand.

The South Carolina committee intended these badges primarily for farmers, but they are also given to city folk who plant a garden this year. David R. Croker of Hartsville is chairman of the commission.

Clear Your Skin in Spring

Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull pimply skin is an aftermath of winter inactivity. Flush your intestines with a mild laxative and clean out the accumulated wastes, easy to take, they do not gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eye. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills tonight and throw off the sluggish winter shell. At druggists, 25c.

"My good man, I shall have to put you on a diet."
"Oh, don't, doctor! This bed is fine!"
—Lampoon.

Royal Arcanum to Continue
The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, which was placed in the hands of a temporary receiver last Saturday by Federal Judge Aldrich in Poston, has been authorized by Judge Aldrich to continue business as a fraternal insurance organization pending final decision on the question of making the receivership permanent. The active duties of Thomas J. Horton, temporary receiver, are suspended. Judge Aldrich announced that he would appoint a master to hear evidence and report findings of fact and law.

The State Department of Insurance, under whose jurisdiction the order operates in North Carolina, is of the opinion, it is stated, that the affairs of the order will be worked out and continued without a loss to the policyholders.

The Review and Bryan's Commoner \$2.00 per year

C. Kent Lewis

FOR

Electric Signs, Road Signs, Calendars, Summer Fans, Fly Swatters, Yard Sticks, Ice Cards, Aluminum Business Cards, Novelties in Leather, Celluloid, aluminum and wood.

Our office is now equipped with a Frintype Oliver No. 9, and we make-off statements, write business and love letters, and do special stenographic work.

Also carry a full line of paints, oils and leads, and are now selling dealers in Reidsville all the fish and oysters they handle.

Our office is quiet and businesslike and any and all work is strictly confidential. Phone 296-J.

Office over Rockingham Vulcanizing Co. Room No. 1.

If it's made for advertising, we either have it, make it or can get it.

"DRESS UP" Spring Is Here

People are "dressing up" today, all over the country. Dress up is the spirit of the times. And no wonder—because it pays—Pays not only in satisfaction, but it pays to look prosperous; it helps to make you prosperous, and it gives self-reliance and poise.

The new colors and fabrics are now ready; the new models and styles. New variations in the "Clothes Beautiful." Smart effects in light weights. Just come in and look if you want to, the lookings are very good. The prices are from

\$7.50 TO \$25.00

WILLIAMS & CO., The Man's Store

DREAMS COME TRUE
IF WE FURNISH THE MATERIALS

Of course you have dreamed of some day owning A FINELY EQUIPPED NEW HOME. There need be no disappointment in the realization if you come to US for the materials. For cheapness in price, high quality in materials, satisfaction in service, come to US.

THE PLACE TO BUY—
ROGERS & COOK
WHEN YOU WANT TO BUILD