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## SENATOR CLOUD DEFENDS PARTY.

Thinks it Strange Mr. Swann Knows About Passage of Domestic Fowl Bill.

ASKS MR. SWANN SOME QUESTIONS

Editor Polk County NEWS:—

While it may be true that the discussion between Mr. Swann and I through your paper has been unduly prolonged I want to ask your indulgence and that of the public to the extent of one more article. I would not have written again if Mr. Swann had not challenged me to answer some questions and make certain explanations. He denies any knowledge of the act to "prevent deprecation of domestic fowls."

I have just received the information from the Secretary of State that this bill was introduced in the House by the Hon. Victor Bryant for Durham county and was amended so as to include Polk. I wonder why some other member of the House would be so interested as to take it upon himself to amend the bill so as to make it include Polk county, and how it escaped the attention of our representative. He seemed to be so vigilant that no other bill affecting his county passed unnoticed. He seeks to extenuate apparent negligence by saying that I was negligent in a similar way when the primary act of 1915 applied to this county without my knowledge. In this he has been misinformed.

Not knowing the will of the people concerning this question I amended the state wide bill so as to except Polk county but provided that it might be made to apply to this county by a majority vote at an election that could be called by a small number of voters. It so appears in the Senate Journal today but through an error of the printer this county was brought under operation of the act. It did not seem to be welcomed and embraced by the republicans as they continued to nominate candidates by convention or by a few select delegates in a secret chamber, separate from the common herd. Our representative scorns the idea of giving any thought or attention to a thing so small as domestic fowls and their deprecations when it was his great mission to save the people from oppressive taxation that would result from raising the salaries of a few state officers. Of course I cannot know the motives of Mr. Swan and his fellow republican members of the last legislature but I am of the opinion that their touching solicitude for protection of the people against taxes was merely political propaganda and a desperate casting about for party issues.

They wanted to be able to tell the dear people, with tears in their eyes, that they had made a great effort to save them from the burden of increased taxes but were overpowered by the cruel and bloodthirsty democrats. Of course they would not tell, what they know in their hearts to be true, that all the increased salaries were deserved and justified by changed conditions. I supported those bills and have no apology or regret for so doing. I am sure that no reasonable citizens of any party are opposed to the payment of adequate and just salaries to their officers. After sermonizing on honest elections and dwelling at length on the horrible frauds perpetrated by the majority party Mr. Swann asks me if I supported the Herring amendment to the Absentee Voters' Act. I did not, but I voted for an amendment that embodied in substance the same provisions. The Herring amendment was nothing more or less than another republican effort to create a campaign issue on honest elections. It was an amendment to the general election law as well as the Absentee Voters' Act. It provided that a sick voter might send his ballot to the polls to be cast if a doctor certified that the sick voter was unable to attend in person.

There was no opposition to this feature of the amendment by republicans in the Senate and there was no reason or condition that required the proposed amendment to the general election law and if it had been adopted no material change would have been made. After a thorough study of this proposed amendment I voted against it for the reasons stated and would do so again. As to the quoted remark of some democrats concerning the impending doom of their party if republican charges and demands were unheeded I have only to say that I have no faith in his dismal prophecy. There are always a few calamity howlers in every party and some that are not in full accord with the principles and policy of their party they often set themselves up as being more righteous and wise than the rank and file and from their pedestal warn the party of its sins and the wrath to come. Mr. Swann seems to be very jubilant because some democratic members of the House predicted that unless there was a change of their party policy there is a probability that the minority party will gain control of the state.

I think this question can be dismissed by the observation that "the burnt child dreads the fire." The writer to whom I am replying, after branding democrats as unfair and dishonest in elections of county and state, soars away beyond our original controversy to the larger fields of

national politics, sees a glorious vision and sings the Swann song of the people everywhere turning away from their false political idols to the only true and living republican party.

I suppose every one knows the legend that the swan sings only one very beautiful song and then dies. Why he says that the people actually ignored the appeal of President Wilson and elected a republican congress, that Boston and Baltimore went republican and that there is no consolation for democrats in the election of Michigan. One would think he was casting the satanic democratic party into the depths of oblivion and chaining it for a thousand years while he read the title of his party in the skies. If he will come down to earth for a few minutes I would like to make some pertinent observations and review a bit of history. In making charges of fraud and theft against the democratic party he does not seem to consider that if they were well founded it might be a case of the "pot calling the kettle black." But I want to prove that his party does not have a monopoly on all righteousness and honesty. I want to introduce a very eminent witness, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who wrote for Outlook in 1912 as follows: The rank and file of the republican party have absolutely no chance of regaining control over the party; the party has been definitely and finally brought by theft and fraud under control of the bosses.

No self respecting man should stay within the republican party under these circumstances." Mr. Roosevelt resented the action of his party in the Chicago convention so strongly that he later wrote an editorial for the Outlook entitled "Thou Shalt Not Steal" in which he bitterly arraigned and denounced his party for bald faced fraud and theft.

I would make no such charges, but of course Mr. Roosevelt was in a position to know and speak with authority. A great number of republicans agreed with him in his estimation of his party and when he said come out from among them and be ye separate and clean they followed him in such large numbers that the republican candidate for president only carried eight states in the election of 1912. Here was a real Moses that led the progressives out of the land of Egypt, across the Red Sea, to what they believed to be a land flowing with milk and honey. But sad to say when they found a desert void of offices, political success and power, these children of Israel longed for the flesh pots and have been gradually returning to the party they spurned as being dishonest and corrupt. Now when Mr. Swann and other members of his party espie a repentant progressive returning to his first love they run, fall on his neck, kiss him, put a ring on his finger, kill the fatted calf and loudly proclaim how the democratic party is being repudiated and how the republican party is growing and flourishing in the earth. With what Mr. Roosevelt characterized as "the most gigantic steal in political history" still fresh in the minds of people Mr. Swann comes forward and assumes a "more holy than thou" attitude and prates about a steal by democrats in the little precinct of Greens Creek. It seems to me that he should cast the "beam out of his own eye before he can see the mote in the eye of his brother."

He calls attention to the difference in the state and county democratic ticket in Greens Creek as evidence of fraud. If he will examine several election returns he will find that such discrepancies are not unusual in Greens Creek and other precincts of the county.

I have no desire to discuss this matter through the papers while it is pending before the referee. All the evidence is in, the people have heard and had the opportunity of judging for themselves as to whether or not charges of fraud have been sustained. I think that there was a complete failure in his respect. Not having a county home, bad roads and some other deficiencies are charged against the democratic party and this by a member of the party that had control of the county about fifty years including two recent years, while the democratic tenure is only eight years.

We did not make desirable improvements in fifty years but why did you not make them in eight years is about the extent of the logic used. The inquisitor after fraud admits that the \$10,000 borrowed by the county commissioners for county home and court house was not stolen but used for other more necessary purposes, but he says that according to Webster this money was misapplied. I am surprised that he used the mild word misapplied instead of stole. He uses the word steal, or the insinuation, when he is talking or writing about democrats about as often as Col. Roosevelt did in 1912 when he was speaking of the republicans. The deplorable condition of public affairs under democratic administration is bewailed and the statement made that the immense debt of \$50,000 was incurred after the republican administration had left a debt of \$300,000 and \$1,900,00 in the treasury.

I am informed by the democratic treasurer, who held office at that time, that he received no money from the retiring treasurer. The financial statement published covering the period from 1910 to 1916, includes one republican year, 1910. I am requested to name the benefits derived from the expenditure of the \$50,000 but it is obvious that I would not be able to do this without making considerable investigation.

A considerable sum was expended for bridges and then rebuilding after two destructive floods. The statement referred to and a slight examination of the records show that about \$28,000.00 was so expended.

The unpaid bonds of 1918 are not so specified in the statement but it seems that they were the county home and court house improvement bonds that have been explained. Other items of expense are specified and are presumed to be correct. I find that under the recent republican administration \$11,500.00 was borrowed, that \$10,000 was paid by the ex-sheriff and that \$14,848.48 was collected by increased tax, making a total collection of \$36,348.48. Of course it will be said that the high tax levy and the money collected was made necessary by democratic mismanagement and resulting indebtedness. It does not so appear as the records only show payment of indebtedness amounting to about \$19,000, this would leave \$17,348.48. Was this sum used for current expenses or is there a considerable balance in the treasury, due to good management of the republican administration?

The taxpayers might be glad to have light on this matter. Deducing current expenses there should be a substantial sum in the treasury. I believe that equal or greater public improvements were made by eight years of democratic administration than by fifty years of republican rule in this county.

I regret that an explanation of my legislative record a few months ago has developed into a general political controversy and I want to say that I will not continue it under any circumstances. I take no pride or pleasure in such discussion. I have my political opinions and have due respect for opposing opinions when they are based upon principle and supported by good reasoning and argument and not upon narrow prejudice and the belief that all who hold different views are rascals and thieves. In the main I believe that democrats and republicans alike in this county are honest.

A man's party does not make him a saint or a sinner; it does not change human nature.

E. B. CLOUD.

## THE ABOUNDING PROSPERITY UPON WHICH THE COUNTRY HAS ENTERED.

For months the United States Government urged all business men to realize that they could "sell" prosperity to the country by big, bold advertising. It urged everybody to advertise heavily; if they were already advertising, to increase their expenditures and broaden their publicity campaign; and if they were not advertising, to begin an aggressive campaign.

Never was better business advice given, never was it more fully accepted, and never was there a greater demonstration of the wisdom of such advice. Business men everywhere commenced to advertise more freely and on broader lines. Many men who had never done much advertising saw a new light and began to advertise, while old-time advertisers made larger appropriations and gave greater heed to the almost limitless power of publicity.

The result is everywhere in evidence. The confidence displayed by heavy advertising begat confidence. The optimism of advertisers created optimism, and the pessimists slunk back into their holes and pulled the holes in after them—permanently buried face downward, as is the just desert of every man who becomes a pessimist in America.

Man—men who at first did not see just how advertising could help their individual business, nevertheless they did begin to advertise, following the Government's advice, and soon they felt a pride in being numbered among the business leaders who were doing their part toward bringing prosperity to their country and thus helping to destroy the seeds of Bolshevism, which flourish in poverty soils and which die in soils where prosperity is flourishing.

Largely as an outcome of this splendid work, vigorously conducted by the Secretary of Labor and to whom great credit is due, everyone now realizes that the country has taken the right road at the forks, and instead of traveling toward the land of poverty and anarchy, is headed straight on the road to the land of abounding national prosperity, and this glorious change is largely due to the power of advertising, which created an air of optimism and as a nation thinketh in its heart, so it is. The nation is now thinking in terms of publicity-created prosperity, and it realizes as never before that advertising is the great power which has saved us from stagnation and unemployment, and that advertising, big, broad and intelligent advertising, will keep the nation traveling safely on the road of prosperity.

Advertising is, therefore, so strongly presented by the Federal Government, a work of patriotism as well as of enlightened selfish business interest.—Manufacturers' Record.

## MEETING OF FAIR DIRECTORS.

All members of the Board of Directors of the Polk County Fair Association are requested to meet at the Bank of Tryon, Tryon, N. C., on Monday, July 28, 1919, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Very important affairs are to be taken up, the election to fill vacancies in offices, etc., so please be there.

W. T. LINDSEY, President.  
B. F. COPELAND Secretary.

## LYNN.

Rev. Charles B. Boyles, of Newland, N. C., stopped over night in Lynn, en route to Columbus and Sandy Plains, where he preached at the Presbyterian churches, on Sunday, the 15th.

Mr. Henry Clark, of Old Fort, N. C., was visiting kinsfolks in Lynn last week.

Will Newman while working on the church one day last week fell from a scaffold some ten or twelve feet. No serious damage except the demolishing of a \$25.00 watch.

It's rumored the school building is to have a new addition by opening of school. If so they will have to do some hustling.

The Tryon Hosiery Mfg. Co. has shipped, the last 30 days, about 30,000 dozen hosiery. Getting a little busy.

Mrs. W. W. Ballard visited relatives in East Flat Rock last week-end.

Miss Nora Jones and mother spent last week-end in Hendersonville.

Cloyd Metcalf is visiting her father, Ed Metcalf, down in Georgia.

G. H. Bradley, wife and babies, of Spartanburg, motored up last Sunday returning in the afternoon.

Jasper F. Arnold, of Portsmouth, Va., who was recently discharged

from service paid his relatives in Lynn a short visit. Young Arnold was with the S. A. L. railroad, and will take his old job back, the first of August.

Mrs. Bertha Henderson and her little nephew, Master Joe William Reid, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cannon, last week-end.

Now Mr. Fishtop, after reading your statement about rattlers we dreamed of snakes. Let's change the subject. What about the peach crop and those luscious apples you sell at 5 cents each?

Mr. R. H. Metcalf who has been sorely afflicted for some time, has now, we understand, a bad case of blood poisoning.

The Ladies' Aid will serve ice cream and other refreshments in new church building Saturday afternoon, July 19.

## HILLCREST.

Hillcrest Institute announces the opening of its summer term, on Monday July 21st. During this term only boys will be received as boarding pupils, while girls are taken as day pupils.

This popular school is under the efficient management of Rev. R. N. Hunter, assisted by Miss Carrie Hickman and Miss Love. Hillcrest is fortunate to secure the return of Miss Love, who is greatly admired by the whole community.

Rev. Mr. Boyles preached at Sandy Plains, Sunday.

Miss Sara Dickinson is visiting Mrs. C. E. Gray.

Mrs. Mary A. Smawley is with her daughter, Mrs. Alvus McKinney, near Cliffside.

Miss Margaret Brian, who is attending the summer school for teachers, at Columbus, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Ruth Brian spent the week-end with Miss Pauline Wilkins.

The friends of Miss Winnie Moore will regret to learn that her condition, at the Rutherfordton hospital, is unimproved.

Misses Martha Hunter and Mary Hickman are with their mother, Mrs. Carrie Hickman, at Hillcrest Institute.

Little William Henry Hunter was so unfortunate as to break his arm, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Walker.

Mr. Oscar Bridges, a "Wildcan" recently home from France, spent the week-end with L. F. Camp.

Miss Calvert, of Landrum, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ellis Kimball.

The young people of Sandy Plains enjoyed a singing at their school house, Saturday night.

Miss Fanny Dickerson has returned to her home in Rutherfordton.

"Hot weather," good for cotton, hard on folks.

## FISHTOP.

It seems too hot to live, and to die might be hotter.

We had the heaviest rain of the season, Friday.

We should have reported the birth of a fine boy on the 29th of June, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burgess.

Also that Mrs. N. A. Price and two little nieces, with mumps, are much better.

Robert Price is complaining of a hurting of his lungs, thought to be the effect of Hun gas.

Too much rain last week for rattlers to stir. However, James Jones, who lives in the rattlesnake section of Henderson and Polk counties killed a few days since, the largest one he has ever seen, and he has seen and killed them in quantities.

T. E. Pace, C. C. Jones and Earnest Laughter have been hauling tomatoes to Hendersonville for some time.

Some of the cove people attended preaching services at Silver Creek church, last Sunday.

Herbert Pace and family visited Mrs. Pace's father and family, Saturday and Sunday.

Ellis Laughter, of Saluda, brought over several of Walter Burgess' relatives, Sunday.

## Something to Worry About.

Considering how little it is accomplished, one sometimes wonders if it is really worth a hungry elephant's time to eat so small a thing as a peanut.

## MAPLE GROVE.

Several from here went to Cane Creek, Sunday, to preaching, all report a nice time.

Mr. Virgil McGuinn has purchased a new car.

Mr. Tolbert Odell was a caller at Mr. M. N. Burnett's, Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Jackson had the misfortune to lose her Sunday hat, one day last week.

Mr. Reuben Wilson was a dinner guest of Mr. U. S. Gibbs, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson, last Sunday.

Messrs. Virgil and Sidney McGuinn and others motored to Whitney, S. C., Sunday.

Mr. Claude Wilson was a guest on the route, Sunday.

Miss Maye Lynch has gone to Chimney Rock, where she will spend a few weeks.

Hello, Red Mountain and Sunny View, we saw in the NEWS where we were too late for last week's NEWS. We'd better hurry next time.

Mrs. U. S. Gibbs visited her mother, Mrs. N. L. Lynch, last week.

## MILL SPRING.

Rev. J. A. Spaulding, of King's Creek, S. C., delivered a very interesting sermon at the M. E. church, Sunday. He was soliciting funds for the Economy Home for the Motherless child.

A number from here attended the entertainment and ice cream supper at Columbus, Saturday night.

Miss Carrie Barber is on the sick list at this writing.

Miss Leona Egerton visited Miss Bessie Hamilton, Sunday.

Miss Sallie Coer has returned to her home in Rutherfordton, after an extended visit with her uncle, Mr. G. C. Brisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Elliott were guests of Mrs. L. C. Gibbs, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Hubert Foster spent the week-end with home folks. He has secured a position as traveling salesman, in Greenville, S. C.

There will be a box supper at the Mill Spring school house, Saturday night. There will also be ice cream and lemonade for sale. Proceeds will go to the soldiers' monument. Everybody invited to come. Girls, bring baskets. Boys, bring money and the girls.

## MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Hurry up and sow turnip patches and get ready for the revivals and singings.

Mrs. Bessie Wilson was the guest of Mrs. D. P. McGuinn, last Sunday.

Messrs. Andy McGuinn and J. J. Price motored to Tryon, last Friday.

Mr. Brazilia Green spent Friday night with his sister, Mrs. Lillie Jones near Tryon.

Mr. N. E. Williamson and little daughter, Mattie took dinner in Melvin Hill section, last Tuesday.

Little Pharaoh Lynch has a very badly cut foot.

Hurrah for good roads on Route 2. We'll go to Columbus on August 20th. Rev. W. R. Green will preach at Big Level next Sunday.

## TRYON ROUTE 1.

The congregation of the M. E. church, at Mill Spring, was held spellbound Sunday, while Rev. J. H. Spaulding, of King's Creek, S. C., was pouring out facts to them. "Facts and Folks" was his subject, and Tryon Route 1 was well represented.

Sorry our mail man has a load of troubles to carry also, on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. R. G. Hamilton spent Saturday in Asheville, on business.

Mr. Swann, of Tryon, was on the route, Saturday, working in the interest of the NEWS. Sure Mr. Swan will renew our subscription, for we've supported our county paper ever since its birth. Would like to know if others have.

A recent happening on the Route was a beautiful pair of snowy white cranes, which had taken up their abode on a bermuda bottom, became so gentle the children could walk all around them. But alas, a neighbor—oh how could he be so cruel? Shot and killed one of them, thus breaking up the happy bird family.

Miss Leona Egerton was the pleasant after church guest of Miss Bessie Hamilton, Sunday.

Misses Pearl and Essie Edwards spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Elsie Edwards.

The Betterment play and supper at Columbus, Saturday night, were much praised by those of us who attended.

Go to the school house at Mill Spring, Saturday night, for a wholesome recreation. If you can, carry something to sell and buy something, thereby you'll be building the boys' monument higher.

A pious little heorine of Route 1, hardly three years old, after reciting "When I get big enough to be a voter I'll be a Woodrow Wilson supporter," on retiring to bed was heard saying, "Now I lay me down to sleep; I pray the God to go to sleep."

## Invented First Chronometer.

The first chronometer of any value was the invention of John Harrison, about 1750, for which he received from the British board of longitude \$50,000 as a part of \$100,000 which "they offered for many years as a reward for a thoroughly trustworthy timekeeper."

## MONUMENT FOR POLKS' SOLDIERS.

Interest for This Movement is Gaining Headway in All Parts of the County.

### MANY DONATIONS RECEIVED.

The Soldiers' Monument fund continues to grow, but not nearly so rapidly as it should. It is the hope of the committee to raise not less than \$1,000 for this purpose, and we are a long ways from that amount now.

It is hoped that everybody who wishes to contribute to the fund will do so at once, so that plans for the monument may take some shape. Send in your name to the NEWS and let us publish the list each week.

Below we give the amount subscribed to date:

Boy Scouts, Tryon	\$ 5.00
A. T. Hart	1.00
W. A. Cannon	1.00
W. T. Hammett	1.00
J. C. Fisher	1.00
W. T. Hammett	1.00
H. P. Corwith	4.00
E. H. Tomlinson	20.00
K. O. Huskey	5.00
R. V. Tallant	2.50
J. M. Lewis	20.00
T. T. Ballenger	20.00
C. J. Lynch	20.00
W. T. Lindsey	20.00
B. L. Ballenger	20.00
J. T. Waldrop	5.00
Junior Order, Tryon	49.75
Total	\$195.25

### MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mrs. Dennis Jackson and son, Master Arthur, were visitors at Mr. H. H. McCrain's, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Annabelle Jackson was the guest of Miss Alice Corn, Sunday.

Quite a number from this section carried produce to Hendersonville last week.

Misses Alice Corn, Annabelle Jackson and Annie McCrain were callers at Mr. Twitty Jackson's, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Eli Jackson is very feeble. Miss Emma McCrain was a caller at Mr. H. H. McCrain's, Monday afternoon.

### SUNNY VIEW.

Miss Maye Lynch left, Sunday, for Chimney Rock, where she has accepted a position.

Mr. Ralph Jackson was a welcome caller on Route 2, Sunday.

Mr. Grayson Laughter and family, also Jay Ruff and family, of Flat Rock, N. C., attended services at Cooper Gap, Sunday.

Mr. T. N. Wilson attended Masonic meeting at Mill Spring, Friday evening.

Messrs. J. J. and Ralph Jackson made a business trip to Saluda last week.

Mr. Birch Jackson, who was badly injured on last Sunday when his mule ran away, is improving nicely.

Misses Myrtle Whiteside and Maye Lynch spent several days with their grandmother, last week.

Messrs. Reuben Wilson and George Ruff made a trip to Asheville, Friday, with a load of apples.

Cooper Gap township Commercial Club, at its last meeting, decided to hold a community fair. The State will furnish half the money for premiums, and the club the other half.

Every one who is interested in this should be at Sunny View, Saturday, July 19, at 1 o'clock p. m. Premium books are ready, so be there.

We wish to congratulate those of the Mill Spring choir who were so willing to do their best at the Gap, on the 5th Sunday in June, which was memorial services in memory of Ziba Wilson, who is now sleeping in Flanders' fields, "over there."

Mr. W. D. Helton made a business trip to Columbus, Monday.

The News of Henderson County is agitating the question of a Fair for Henderson county. We hope you succeed, neighbor, and assure you the people of the county will never regret the action. Polk county held her first Fair two years ago, and it was a decided success, and has done more to help the advancement of agricultural interests than any single event that has transpired in the county in many years. This year we will not only hold a county fair, but four community fairs in addition. These community fairs will be held the week before the county fair, thus stimulating interest for that event. Keep after your people, Brother Holwell. There's no earthly reason why a big, wealthy county like Henderson should not have a county fair.

### Mixing Tobacco.

The mixing of light and dark tobacco is a thing of comparatively recent date. A man from London found his pipe tobacco was nearly exhausted, so he cut up a cake of chewing tobacco and made a mixture. He continued to smoke the blend, and, meeting a friend who was in the trade, he gave him a sample, with the result that the first smoking mixture was soon before the public.