

The Sure Way to Eliminate Watsonism is to Vote to Elect a Republican Legislature. Don't Take a Chance With Any Other Plan.

FACTS

That the Voters Should Read Carefully and Seriously Ponder.

TO KILL WATSONISM.

There is Only One Sure Way to Do It—Read This and Find Out.

The main "point of attack" in the campaign in West Virginia is—THE LEGISLATURE.

On carrying that branch of our state government the Corrupt Bosses and the Agents of Crooked Corporations have centered all their insidious Boogie and cunning Brains.

It is the same gang of bribers that bought up the Democratic legislature in 1911, and which has been condemned by practically the entire press of that party, the masses of the people of the state, and the voice of righteousness which thunders from the pulpit.

The motives behind this combination of Political Bosses, allied with the criminal agents of Big Interests, are the same that spurred them on to Rape the Rights of the People of this State less than a year ago.

THEY ARE:
FIRST—The re-election of Clarence Watson to the United States Senate. The INTERESTS Need his vote There.

SECOND—The control of the State Government so that the tax system, established after years of bitter struggle on the part of the Republican Party in its efforts to equalize the burdens of taxation between the Common People and the Great Corporations may be destroyed, and the old system by which the Corporations paid one-fifth of the Taxes and the People the other four-fifths, may be restored.

With the issue clearly defined between the Republicans and Democratic Parties in West Virginia this year on State matters, there should be no party lines.

THERE CAN NOT BE ANY PARTY LINES DIVIDING MEN OF WEST VIRGINIA WHO BELIEVE IN HONESTY, DECENCY AND THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO RULE.

For this reason:
Under the control of the three Bosses—Watson, Chilton and MacCorkle, who represent corporate greed and crooked business, and who stand charged by the honest, fearless members of their own party with its Betrayal and with the commission of Shocking Crimes against the Liberties of the People, have absolute domination of that party from Top to Bottom, from the Core to the Rind.

THERE is nothing that Honest, Law-abiding and Patriotic Democrats can do as good citizens except vote against the candidates of these Bosses who have stolen the Clean Livestock of that party and are parading in it, impudently COMMANDING Democrats to support them "In the name of the party," and branding all those who refuse to do their bidding, as "PARTY TRAITORS."

From a purely party standpoint these men have no right to appeal to the loyalty of any loyal Democrat. They, themselves, fought that party in the years of its distress. They were not Democrats in the years of Bryan's candidacy. NOT THEY. They were Traitors too, and Enemies of the Democratic Party.

And they are that Now, for they have done those things to it which have weakened it in the eyes of the public; have caused good people to lose the confidence in it which they showed when they voted it into power two years ago.

No Democrat need question HIS party loyalty by voting against the interest and the Hand-Picked Candidates of these Bosses. He may well question it if he is of mind to vote to Endorse the Crimes they have committed and to commit his party's organization into their hands for MANY YEARS TO COME.

It is the duty of every party-loving Democrat to vote to Clean Up his party of this Criminal Outfit. To help to start over again and build up the party to stand for the things which it has always stood for in West Virginia, till Watson, Chilton and MacCorkle got hold of it and throttled it, and made a party REPRESENTATIVE of the most corrupt Bossism in existence in the United States, allied with as Crooked Predatory Wealth as ever battled with the people for their Constitutional Liberties.

THERE IS ONE WAY—and only one way—for every Democrat who feels deeply his party's disgrace and appreciates the great dangers that are present, to do the Right Thing by the Party, Himself, and his State.

Here Is The Answer To The Slanders Of Corrupt Bosses That Have Been And May be Uttered Against Dr. Hatfield

DR. HATFIELD—THE MAN.
By Rev. W. F. Compton, Pastor M. E. Church.
(Crumpler, McDowell County.)

Dr. Hatfield has for many years been recognized as a very strong and worthy leader in this section of the state; he is clean, honest, upright and absolutely reliable. He always takes a determined stand for whatever he considers right, and he never wavers in the discharge of what he conceives to be his duty. He is a thoroughly honorable man and has the respect and confidence of the people in all this section of the state in the highest degree.

Dr. Hatfield has done probably more for suffering humanity in this vicinity than any other man, he having for the past several years devoted a great portion of his time, absolutely without charge, to the relief of unfortunate miners, railroad men and others injured in the mines, on the railroad and in lumber camps in this community. The record of his work along this line at the Miners' Hospital, at Welch, is well known, and for this work, as well as his many other good qualities, he is very much beloved by the people in all this section.

I understand that reports are being circulated in some sections of the state by opponents of Dr. Hatfield to the effect that he is an undesirable citizen and not a law-abiding man, but I wish to say that it is only necessary to investigate his standing in this community to verify the fact that such reports are false and slanderous. I cannot understand why any one would knowingly circulate a report detrimental to the character, reputation or good name of a man of Dr. Hatfield's standing, and am indeed sorry that his opponents should resort to such, if it is true that they have done so.

I want to assure you that in my opinion the affairs of this state could not be entrusted to a safer man than Dr. Hatfield, and I feel sure that the moral standing of the people will be elevated by his influence as governor of the state. He is temperate and sober in habits and his pleasing personality is most attractive. He is kind and courteous, and never misses an opportunity to do a good deed and to serve his fellow-man.

I can freely lend my support to any man with a life and character like Dr. Hatfield, stamped with honesty, uprightness and devotion to the interest of the people, and I can, as a Christian citizen, commend him to my brethren, with the utmost confidence that he will carry out to the letter every promise made to the electorate.

"CLEAN AND UPRIGHT."

By Rev. Isaac Wright, Pastor Christian Church.
(Bluefield.)

Dr. Hatfield's character as a man is unimpeachable and his integrity is unquestioned. He has been practicing medicine in McDowell and adjoining counties for many years, and thousands of people know him as a kind-hearted friend of the sick room. He will answer the call of the sick room, be the night ever so dark, the distance great, the roads rough or the pay uncertain.

He is clean of all vicious bad habits, as clean and upright a man as the State of West Virginia holds and his broad and

and that is to join hands with the thousands upon thousands of Republicans and vote the Republican State ticket.

IT SHOULD BE A COMMON CAUSE—THE RIDDANCE OF WEST VIRGINIA OF THESE VICIOUS ELEMENTS IN OUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS—IN WHICH MEN OF EVERY PARTY WOULD JOIN ESTHUSIASTICALLY AND DETERMINEDLY.

The very foundations of our state's government have been PARTLY undermined by these Bribers, and should they succeed in winning this time, the entire upholding structure is bound to crumble of Decay and Corruption.

There is no chance of this coming to pass if Democrats opposing this sort of thing will join with the Republicans in voting against it.

To do anything other than that is to take a CHANCE on retaining these Arrogant and Corrupt Bosses and their Corporation Allies in power.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES—LET THIS STATEMENT SINK DEEP INTO YOU—CAN WATSON BE RELEGATED, WATSONISM REBUKED AND DESTROYED, UNLESS THE REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET—AND ESPECIALLY THE LEGISLATIVE PART OF IT—WINS.

If THOMPSON is elected—you have Watson, Chilton and MacCorkle occupying the Governor's Chair.

If a Democratic legislature is elected, Watson will be re-elected for a full term of Six Years.

There is no way to beat him. PRIMARY OR NO PRIMARY—CLARENCE WATSON WILL WIN.

Do not think or believe anything else, for if you do you have FOOLED yourself.

WATSON CAN ONLY BE OUSTED FROM THE UNITED STATES SENATE BY THE ELECTION OF A LEGISLATURE THAT WILL BE REPUBLICANS ON JOINT BALLOT.

Watson, Chilton and MacCorkle can only be kept out of the Governor's Mansion by the defeat of their figure-head candidate, Thompson, and the election of Dr. Henry D. Hatfield, a man of the people who cannot be BOSSSED, BRIBED nor BLUFFED.

In this campaign in West Virginia, it so happens that there is but ONE party to which God-fearing, law-abiding, honest and decent people can turn for RELIEF, PROTECTION, and JUST TREATMENT, and that is the Republican Party.

BEFORE YOU VOTE—THINK IT OVER VERY, VERY CAREFULLY.

Dr. Hatfield says: "The Republican and Progressive parties in the state of West Virginia are carrying out the wishes of both President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt and have their respective tickets in the field. I find nothing to condemn in this arrangement. This situation seems entirely satisfactory to both Republicans and Progressives, but it is worse than the nightmare and gives the jim-jams to Democratic politicians in the state. Frankly, don't you think that the Republicans and Progressives should settle this matter between themselves and that it isn't the business of any Democrat? Right, you are, Doctor, as you have always been since you began to frankly take the people of West Virginia into your confidence this campaign."

A Democratic candidate for the legislature in Mineral county declares that "the people of West Virginia are not at all interested in who succeeds Watson in the United States Senate." A mistake has been made by the Democrats of Mineral county. Instead of nominating this striking specimen of bonehead for the House of Delegates they should have had him sent to the Home for Incurables.

virile statesmanship together with a great bodily endurance under the strain of hard work will make him an ideal governor.

"WILL MAKE A NOBLE GOVERNOR."

By Rev. W. H. H. Cooke, Pastor Missionary Baptist Church
(Windom, W. Va.)

Dr. Hatfield is a splendid man, and if elected to the high honors to which he aspires, will make a noble governor. He is a man of strong executive ability, firm, upright and true, and coming from the strongest Republican county in the State, we, in this section, think his claims have great merit in them. We truly hope the people will be guided aright in their selection of a man to fill an office of so grave responsibilities. Dr. Hatfield can do this with dignity. Whatever the outcome, however, Dr. Hatfield, with his great force, will always be found active and energetic, fighting for the right.

"A STRICTLY MORAL MAN."

By Rev. H. R. Brown, Pastor M. E. Church, South.
(Eckman, W. Va.)

I find him a true, high-toned gentleman in every respect, strictly moral in character, favorably disposed toward the churches, a liberal contributor to their institutions, and an attendant of the services whenever opportunity presents itself. He is strictly temperate in every respect, standing high among the people, not only in his home town and county, but also wherever he is known.

As a minister of the gospel, I have never taken any part in politics, because of the strong sentiment against ministers mixing in political affairs; yet I believe we have neglected our duty along this line, to some extent. The time has come when every citizen should take a stand for civic righteousness and help to put in office men panoplied in the armor of independence. Men of such sterling individuality and personality that they will stand as mile-posts along the great highway of politics and statesmanship, and in their signal supremacy turn about the tide of human affairs, inspiring and kindling patriotic devotion in every human breast. Men who are capable of independent action, not bound by hordes of tyrants or ruthless demagogues, not ruled by the money kings, but who have a conscience and a will; who act honestly and uprightly in spite of all the corrupt influence that might be brought to bear upon them. Men who are not led and ruled by idle clamor, but who seek the right and follow it conscientiously. Men who mould public opinion and shape the destinies of our people.

Dr. Hatfield is the embodiment of all the above qualities. He is not only a learned and intellectual man himself, but he believes that education is the hope of our country, and that morality should be inculcated into the very fiber of our being. He believes that intelligence is the pillar and bulwark of our institutions and that education and Christianization should go hand in hand.

Dr. Hatfield is a man who does not find his highest glory in the shameful magnificence of unscrupulous political success; but he is a citizen who is endowed with vigor, broad, mental training, and armed with patriotism and ready to sacrifice his highest hopes and ambitions for the welfare of his country.

"MONEY WINS AND THE PARTY IS BETRAYED"

VETERAN DEMOCRATIC STATE LEADER TELLS OF THE TREASON OF HIS PARTY'S LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES.

Read This Startling Article and Ask Yourself, Mr. Voter: "Shall I Vote to Endorse These Criminals and Help Fasten Them onto My Party and My State for Years to Come?"

THINK SERIOUSLY BEFORE YOU VOTE

(BY COL. THOMAS H. DENNIS).

Regarding the outcome of the Democratic caucus at Charleston as a clear betrayal of the Democratic party, its platform and professions, we cannot and will not stand for or approve it. To do so would mean self-stultification and a forfeiture of the confidence of the people. We understand full well the importance of party regularity and no man has been more regular than we, but, if to be regular, we must sanction what was done at Charleston, we prefer to be irregular. To say that we approve the action of the caucus when we do not, would be insincere, if not dishonest. To condone it, to urge the Democracy of the State to submit to and to accept it without protest, would be to encourage disloyalty to the party, bad faith with the people, and to submit to, if not to approve, a well laid scheme for the continued debauchery of the electorate. All this in order to gratify the ambition of two men striving for the party's honors at the sacrifice of its constituency and its principles.

How lamentable, how discouraging that just at the time when the Democracy of the State was rejoicing in a great victory and buoyant with hope this deadly blow should be struck at its very vitals and in the house of its friends!

For years, particularly in recent years, and more particularly still in last fall's campaign, the revitalized, progressive democracy of the country, throughout the Union, stood up and de-

manded for service in the Senate, the election of a class of men who would be truly representative of the people; men in no way connected or associated with, employed by or under obligation to the railroad or other great corporations which Congress and the States have been vainly endeavoring to control and to hold to an observance of the laws as they are written; men who have been true to the party and to its principles and particularly to its tariff policy which demands that tariffs shall not be laid except for purposes of revenue. Shall we have two to meet these requirements when we have elected the nominees of the caucus—William E. Chilton and Clarence W. Watson? We think not. We cannot assert it as a fact, for we do not know, but we think it is generally understood at Charleston that the firm of Chilton, MacCorkle and Chilton is, and has been for some time, consulting attorneys for the C. & O. Railway Company, and if so, Mr. Chilton is not the man to represent the people when questions of railroad discriminations come before the Senate for consideration. And if it be permissible, in any measure, to judge Mr. Chilton by the well-remembered action of his partner and personal friend, Governor MacCorkle, who, but a few years ago, went to Washington to plead with the Ways and Means Committee of the House, against the reduction of the coal tax, we must conclude that Mr. Chilton will be found among the kickers when it is proposed to reduce the coal tax to a revenue basis.

Suppose that this alleged connection with the C. & O. is untrue and that his tariff views are now fully in accord with the Democratic platform, still Mr. Chilton must be held responsible for the leading and controlling part he has played in fastening Clarence W. Watson on the Democratic party of the State as one of its representatives in the Senate. He is was who organized, managed and pushed this combine to success and in doing so he inflicted a wound upon the Democratic party which all the money Mr. Watson has cannot heal.

The prime motive for bringing Watson to the front as an aspirant for the Senatorial honors—a man with no better qualifications for the Senate than N. B. Scott, whom the people had just repudiated—was simply and solely to provide a long purse on which to draw when funds are wanted. Practical politicians like those manipulating this unholy combine do not enter the game until the cash with which to secure results is in hand or at least in sight. How passing strange it was that the members of the Legislature who went into, aided and abetted the combine could not see, or would not see, that it was the agency primarily designed and perfected to secure the political promotion of two men whilst its triumph meant the betrayal of the Democratic party and a repudiation of its principles.

Are we harsh or do we exaggerate when we speak of the victory won by the Chilton-Watson combine as a betrayal of the Democratic party? Bearing in mind that the Democracy, in order to safeguard the interest of the people, would exclude from the Senate any man who is closely connected with railroads or other great corporations or trusts, let's see now whether Mr. Watson meets the qualifications set by the party. He is general manager of and one of the largest stockholders in the Fairmont Consolidated Coal Company—one of the most gigantic concerns of its kind to be found in this or any other country, and is reputed to be many times a millionaire. This company owns in the Fairmont region a boundary of 25,000 acres of coal of well nigh incalculable value on which are, as we understand, 35 or 40 mines in active operation employing thousands of men. It has leases of as many acres more, as yet practically untouched, besides much other valuable coal land. A few years ago (we haven't at hand the latest figure) it was mining nearly four millions tons of coal a year, every ton of which was shipped over the B. & O. In 1906 the B. & O. Railroad Company which owned 53,532 shares of the very valuable stock of this Consolidated Coal Company, deemed it unwise to hold this stock, sold it to a syndicate of gentlemen among whom were Clarence W. Watson, his brother, J. E. Watson, their brother-in-law, ex-Governor A. B. Fleming, counsel for Standard Oil, at a price which Clarence Watson, when on the stand, and Mr. Bond, a B. & O. official, both refused to disclose. Under the contract between the B. & O. and the Watson syndicate, the debt due the railroad for the stock, and running well into the millions, was to be paid in installments the last of which was not to fall due until the expiration of 30 years, and, in the meantime, the syndicate was to give to the B. & O. the hauling of every ton of coal it shipped.

Many a member of the state legislature signed his own political representative of the special interest death warrant when he voted forests," but wearing a Democratic label.—Moundsville Echo, Feb. 17, 1911. Handle News, February 17, 1911.

