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THE GOOD CITIZEN'S DUTY.

Governor Tyler is setting us all a grand example of the duty of a good citizen, in time of trial, but there are few, if any, of us able to emulate that high illustration of patriotism; nor are we called upon to do so, save in our sphere. It is thus that we are all bound equally, according to our capacity and opportunity, to serve our State or country and our fellow-men, when danger menaces common rights and interests.

In Virginia, since the war, we have had to meet many perils: perils from reconstruction, perils from Republicans, from negroes, and from Readjusters; but the latest and worst of perils are now impending over us from domestic treason in the Democratic party that heretofore has been our sure defence. The organization of that party and the public officers elected under it, have, for the most part, presumed upon the forbearance and fidelity of the people to play a game of perfidious usurpation, whereby, instead of serving the party and people, they to dominate, at will, the people and the party, at the behest of powers and influences adverse to popular right, justice and interest, and almost utterly unknown to our party and our politics until that fateful year 1893, when the Democratic people were so strangely defeated and General Fitzhugh Lee betrayed by the election of Thomas S. Martin to the Senate by nefarious, mysterious and demoralizing means and methods abhorrent and inimical to the public and their rights.

Abandoned and betrayed by their trusted agents, who also seized the machinery of their party, the Democrats of Virginia still hoped that a reform movement, so obviously necessary, backed by the main body of the Democracy, would stay the evil and recall the culprits to a sense of good faith toward those who had honored and trusted them, but, behold, these reasonable expectations were sorely disappointed in that the reform movement was met in battle array by the embodied traitors, re-inforced by office-seekers and others who could be won by hope of rewards or intimidated by threats, and by still others whom they deceived, or who obeyed and followed them through force of habit.

This was not all. The guns of the party were turned upon the people; the organization and its machinery were also perverted to silence and shackled the free constituency of the party with a brazen effrontery due to long tenure of power and the passive submission of the voters. Baffled and mastered by their own servants—betrayed by their own household—the people have for the moment stood undecided what to do. Submit? By all the gods at once—never! Resist? Yes, yes, yes—a thousand times yes, before we submit to such treachery. The organization forces disorganization, and the people must disown and repudiate the existing organization, or be delivered, body, soul and goods, to their worst enemies. But the people are impotent without able, brave and influential leaders—men heretofore unknown in politics, but whom the crisis orders into service. These must at once volunteer, unite with the few faithful old leaders who have not been beguiled into this horrible treason, call public meetings, and take the sense of the true Democracy as to what they want and how it is to be done.

There is no use shirking or postponing popular action. Here and everywhere there are plenty of true and honorable gentlemen, in sympathy with the masses, and faithful to the Demo-

cracy of Thomas Jefferson, William J. Bryan, and Virginia, to organize this movement against perfidy and usurpation. The good citizen cannot hold back at such a moment. Our fellow-citizens elsewhere are taking action; and why stand we here idle? Let mass meetings be called for Democrats by our best Democratic citizens, with trumpet blasts of no uncertain sound, and every citizen of Virginia, full of the spirit of 1776, will rally to his duty and for liberty.

TO ROB THE PEOPLE TO ENRICH TRUSTS!

"The report made by the State Board of Fisheries with reference to the revenues of Virginia from her valuable oyster beds is most gratifying and is a promise of greater things. During the year the sum of \$51,320.69 was collected from that source, the net revenue to the State being \$34,241.96, as against a deficit of \$2,000 for the previous year."—Richmond Times.

But that is not enough exacted from the free bounty of heaven; and the Times adds: "Much has been said and written about the wealth of Chesapeake Bay, and we do not believe that the riches of that wonderful inland sea have been exaggerated. We believe that intelligent management and the exercise of ordinary business principles and methods, politics excluded, will give to the State of Virginia from that source not thousands, but hundreds of thousands and perhaps a million of revenue each year."

Yes; by a robbery of the people whom God has endowed with a free gift of His bounties, while at the same time He has imposed upon them natural dangers and evils from which other people are happily free. But the Times ignores the latter and makes no proposal that the State should provide some compensation in place of that God-given compensation it would meanly take away! And the Times further adds:

"It is not enough to say that any citizen of Virginia has the right to go into Chesapeake Bay and fish. The great body of the people of Virginia are so situated as that they could not, if they would, avail themselves of this privilege. The obvious duty of the State government is to manage this property in such a way as to produce the best general results." The people of Virginia are to be robbed because of their "situation"—a situation which is the property of its inhabitants, to say the least, as every other locality or situation and its advantages belong to those who live there, not to others; and if it is a base invention of the friends of trusts and money-monopoly that invents such claims and demands on account of "situation" and suggests to the State a scheme of robbery in which she and the trusts shall go snags! Is Eastern Virginia to be compensated for the disadvantages of her situation? Is the principle of taxing people on the privileges and advantages of their situation to be extended to all parts of the State where the residents enjoy freely what those who live elsewhere in the State cannot? No, verily. The Times only sees the immense spoils for trusts in robbing our people.

EVEN THE CITY OF NEW YORK WANTS MORE MONEY.

Even Mr. Gage, Secretary of the United States Treasury, recognizes the need of more money, and for the special relief of the city of New York, he announces that he will anticipate the payment of the October interest on the national debt. But if New York city needs more money, and a great deal of it, what must be the monetary condition of the people of the whole country, which has been under a system of steady contraction of the currency since 1873—a system that still continues with every output of silver from the mines that the people are not allowed to coin freely and unlimitedly, as formerly?

If the people will not understand how the demonetizing act of 1873 affected them, they are made to feel it keenly and heavily enough in the continuing contraction which makes money so scarce among them. Now all labor and production has to seek and beg for money, to be refused, unless they will take what the contractionists will give them. But with plenty of money, money would seek and compete for labor and production until they received their just rewards. As it is, and as long as it continues, money will grow scarcer and scarcer among the people and labor and production will continue to be at the mercy of the money sharks.

The Bourke Cochran variety of Democrats is a spurious variety, and their proper place is in the Republican camp. A Democrat in favor of trusts and monopoly, of gold-monometallism and contraction of the currency, in violation of the Federal Constitution, and in favor of a National Banking monopoly, with the free and unlimited privilege to issue shipplaster notes, based on "assets" and credit! Just to think of it!

There are some arguments for trusts, combines and monopoly; but, curiously enough, these same arguments are also those employed by despotism, on the one hand, and communism and socialism, on the other. Of the three, we prefer communism by far; though the Virginian-Pilot will fight them all to the last ditch, as long as it can raise a hand and strike a blow.

"Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God." There are no worse tyrants than public servants who assume to command and rule the people. Down with 'em!

GOVERNOR TYLER.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Danville Register, does not exhibit its usual judgment and good feeling in such a sneer as this:

"As regards his Senatorial aspirations, Governor Tyler reminds one somewhat of the Irishman's beheaded turtle: 'He is dead, but he is not entirely conscious of it yet.'"

Gov. Tyler deserves better things than that from all good citizens for the position he has taken and the hard fight he has made and is making, under the greatest disadvantages. His fight is the people's fight, and he finds that they are tied hand and foot by their own organization! It is a monstrous condition for a free people to be placed in, but Gov. Tyler is at least showing them their humiliating predicament and how to escape from it, as Samson did from the wiles of the Philistines.

When Gov. Tyler took the field as a candidate for U. S. Senator, representing the cause of reform in Senatorial elections, the people had waited long and anxiously for a champion. Gentleman after gentleman declined to enter the field, though the prize was great and the occasion urgent; for they understood the situation and its difficulties, and recognized the forces any antagonist of Martin would have to confront. It was then, when everybody else had drawn back, and he had been besought from every quarter to come to the rescue, that he, without eagerness or blindness, well-knowing what he undertook, came resolutely to the front to assume the battle from which so many others had quailed. He, too, had abundant excuses to evade the call of duty, and turn a deaf ear to his countrymen. He was Governor of Virginia, and could well plead that high office and its cares as sufficient for him; and, secure in honor and position, the voice of selfishness might have tempted another man to avoid a contest more that of others than his own.

But J. Hoge Tyler is a man and a patriot, and forgetting all selfish considerations, he boldly announced himself the champion of the people and reform. Without this, the conspirators, traitors and usurpers in coalition to use and abuse the Democratic party and the people of Virginia would not have had to reveal themselves and their designs as Gov. Tyler's candidacy has forced them to do. Without so prominent and vigorous an opponent, Martin's accomplices in the party organization, State, city and county, in office, from Congress to the district constabulary, and in politics, from the alleged "leader" to the hireling "striker," would not have had to uncover before the eyes of the people; but, thank Heaven, Gov. Tyler has driven the plotters to their last shifts and compelled them to show their colors, their methods and the ends they aim at. Traitors to the Democratic party, the confiding Democracy find in them, in their own household, their worst and most dangerous foes. Counting on the popular devotion to party, on the unflinching loyalty to the organization and the ancient dread of Republican Supremacy and negro rule, the Martin oligarchy have usurped mastery of the organization in which they were placed to serve the party and the people, and have had even the insolence to deny Virginia Democrats the liberty of expressing their choice for a U. S. Senator in primary elections. It is against these usurpers and unjust stewards that Gov. Tyler wages war in the name and behalf of the true Democracy of Virginia. Treason may be too much for him, and may defeat him; but he has inaugurated a great movement, and he has set an example of brave loyalty to liberty that cannot fail, nor die. Deserving the applause and thanks of all who mean to be free, cost what it may, the Governor has made a glorious record for a name already illustrious in the long fight for human rights and interests.

A RUNAWAY MACHINE. The Republican word is: "No candidates for the Legislature! Let the Democrats read each other!" Ordinarily the Republican voters, in such a case, would have a plain game to play—vote for the independents against the rogues; but really, while this is a Legislative fight, the main contest is between the two candidates for the U. S. Senatorship, and neither of them is the regular nominee of his party. Both are independents, in the usual sense of the term; and this complicates the matter greatly from any Republican standpoint. As a whole, the independents are against the machine, when it is in good order and works regularly; but the Virginia machine is out of order, and badly needs repairs and regulating. There is confusion worse confounded in an on-looker from the outside. The people, the party and the machine, that usually work together in complete harmony, are now out of kilter—at odds—and the Republican, whose object is to do all the hurt he can to the party, does not know which is it—whether it is the machine, the nominees, or the independents. However, he is apt to go with the machine this time, as it seems to have got loose and is running away with prospect of a smash.

COLLEGES AND ENDOWMENTS.

It will be remembered that the Rev. Dr. Andrews, President of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, was practically forced out of that position because he held and dared express views on silver identical, in the main, with those urged by the Democratic party and Mr. Bryan. Recently, John D. Rockefeller, the great prophet of the Standard Oil Co., and the greatest profligate by it, has given Brown University the sum of \$250,000—casting oil, as it were, upon the waters which Dr. Andrews had troubled. The Springfield Republican, one of the ablest and most liberal journals of the country, remarks as follows on the incident:

"Brown University has finally won the financial patronage of Mr. Rockefeller, and is satisfied. It was said at the time of the Andrews trouble that the then president, with his economic views, was standing in the way of gifts to the endowment fund, and now we know what particular source of gifts he was unintentionally antagonizing. As between Rockefeller money and President Andrews, the university preferred the money, and Andrews had to go. And to make doubly sure of the money, the pastor of Mr. Rockefeller's church was invited to the head of the institution—an appointment, however, which is altogether unduly supported by high qualifications for the place. This is another striking example tending to support the claim that our colleges are striving for endowments rather than for truth and righteousness."

The Providence Journal naturally objects to this view of the matter, and thinks that the colleges should seek endowments to enlarge their usefulness and that millions are to be en-

RUT NONE BUT DEMOCRATS ON GUARD.

The people of Virginia who may vote in the coming November election for legislative candidates who favor Thomas S. Martin for U. S. Senator, will not know what they are doing, or they would not do it. It is simply the election of Barabbus over again, or another repetition of the condemnation of Dreyfus. Virginia in 1896 cast 154,709 votes for Bryan and the restoration of the constitution and silver, and only 2,129 for Palmer, gold-monometallism, trusts and monopoly; but it is this despicable minority of only 2,129 who have usurped control of the Democratic party of Virginia and are prostituting it to the election of Martin to a second term in the U. S. Senate over the party and people. These 2,129 men, either as members of the Democratic party organization, or as office-holders, or as lobbyists and agents of the money and office-trust, if successful in this second election of Martin, will at once set to work to pervert the party to the service of gold and the goldites, and to betray it into sending anti-Bryan and anti-silver delegates to the national convention next year.

Are the 154,709 Virginians of 1896 who voted for Bryan laughing at the idea, that they can be so managed and misrepresented by the 2,129 who voted that year for Palmer and gold? Ah, fellow-Democrats, you will be made to laugh on the other side of your mouths, if you be not vigilant and diligent to thwart them. See what they have done and are doing. They are in position to do much mischief, and, if not dislodged in time, they will have their way. Will they again elect Martin? They say they will; and if they do, then indeed are we hopeless, unless the people, fully aroused to their danger, smash the machine and take charge of their own nominations and elections.

After 1896 our goldites who had deserted the party and voted for McKinley and Haanalsm, directly, or indirectly, by voting for Palmer, almost deafened us with their protestations of loyalty to Democratic principles and of fealty to the State Democracy, and they were not only allowed to retain their places in the organization and other places of honor, profit and trust, but to conciliate them, other places were given them, although some of us well knew what to expect of Cleveland's myrmidons and mercenaries. But there they are, Democrats, and the Richmond Times, which boasted of its joy at the election of McKinley and the defeat of Bryan in 1896, is their organ!

Are they to remain there and continue their treasonable work? Is the mere name of Democrat to license and authorize them to boundless treachery? Watch them, and you will see that they are doing all they can to injure Democracy and are busily plotting with Republicans, with whom they have been in open sympathy since 1896, if not before. Interrogate them, and you will hear their insolent treason in all they have to say. Are these Democrats, to be trusted with the very citadels of the Democracy? Talk with your officers of organization; with your city and county officers; and vote with whom they are in constant and confidential huggemugger. The days of Democracy are numbered, if this is to go on. Virginia cannot be Democratic in State politics and Republican in Federal politics. We once had nodescripts, who pretended to be Republicans in national matters, but Democrats in local affairs; but they were grip-sackers, not Virginians by birth, blood or breeding.

These Palmer-Martinites, wearing the livery of Democracy, but serving with Republicans for gold, monopoly, imperialism, trusts and the oppression of the people by contracting the currency, are merely in a transition state to Republicanism, and it will not be long before they will be shouting for Hanna, Republicanism, for all their pretended hate and fear of "nigger domination." There is far more to fear from them than negroes.

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couraged in making such laudable dispositions of their wealth. We only remark, that Christ dwelt much and strongly upon the danger of riches, and it is related that when He came to Jerusalem, He visited the temple and cast out all them that bought and sold in the temple, and overthrow the tables of the money-changers."

GOOD VARIES.

Even among the good and the so-called good, there are many diversities and varieties, from the good man seen in Oliver Goldsmith's "Village Pastor," to the "good for nothing," so frequent in this age. There is Shylock's "good" man:

"Shylock—Three thousand ducats for three months and Antonio bound. Bassanio—Your answer to that. Shylock—Antonio is a good man.

Bassanio—Have you heard any imputation to the contrary? Shylock—Oh, no, no, no, no; my meaning is to have you understand that he is sufficient.

And, again, the old usurer says: "Three thousand ducats: 'tis a good round sum."

Then there are the "unco gold," so well known everywhere, as well as in Scotland, and who say grace over their pet sins. Next come they who are "too good to live;" the "best people," who are not usually paragons of all the virtues: "good Democrats" and "good Republicans" and a "good hand" at cards.

Some men, too, have "good" bank accounts, or credits. Others come of a "good family," and ride or drive "good" horses. Then the market, or prices, or a speculation, or questionable profits, are "good," and under certain circumstances, when we do not know into whose hands we shall all, it is said that some cry alternately: "Oh! Good Lord! Oh, Good Devil!"

Good, however, usually imports, or imports, some excellence in kind, or of the kind to which the word is applied, as one man says: "I have had a good drink"—meaning a drink of rum; and another declares: "I just now gave my boy a good whipping." Still, we must be good, in the just sense of the word, if we would have a good time here and hereafter.

In a paper read recently to the American Forestry Association it was argued by G. M. Maxwell that more attention should be given by State Legislatures to the preservation of forest areas, as being reservoirs prepared by nature for the storage of the moisture needed for the maintenance of streams and the prevention of disastrous floods.—Baltimore Sun.

But the trusts are rapidly getting control of all our timber-lands, or the timber on them. And what can the States do, as they own, with a few exceptions, but little land. But if nature, of design, prepares reservoirs against drought, has she not also provided both silver and gold as sources to prevent a scarcity of money? If not, why not?

It may be a wise and honorable policy to turn Turk, or traitor, to save or make a dollar or so, but the Virginian-Pilot disdains it. IT IS DEMOCRAT.

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