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A GHOST OF 1896

How George Turner Became
United States Senator

JUDGE WINSOR TELLS

A Record Black as Night—Investigation Hushed—Can a Self-Respecting Man Vote for Him?

On last Saturday night, in Armory hall, Seattle, Judge Richard Winsor, in a speech made a most scathing arraignment of Geo. Turner. According to his story, and he said he had a type-written and verified copy of the record which was destroyed, gave the facts in connection with the election of Geo. Turner as United States senator by the notorious fusion legislature of 1896. He said he had the record, could prove every word of what he said and defied any one to disprove it.

The man who can swallow him in the light of this revelation, or he populist, free silver republican, Bryan democrat or Parker gold standard democrat, has a political stomach that is equal to any emergency. He said:

I am astonished that a democratic rally near here is to be addressed by Senator Warburton of Tacoma. I say I am astonished because no man knows better than Warburton the political record of George Turner, and no one knows better than Warburton the history of the corruption connected with that affair. I am astonished that a party which claims to have for its aim a reformation would begin by supporting a representative of iniquity and sin and political prostitution.

I wonder if the people of Washington can fall so low as to place in the executive chair a man such as Turner is. In 1896, when it was seen that the people's party representatives were likely to control the legislature of the state they were met at the capitol by representatives from the headquarters of corruption. So damnable and bold were the methods employed that from them arose a stench that spread over the whole state and even over the whole nation. So foul was this corruption that there was an investigation relative to the charge that the senatorship had been purchased. I know whereof I speak, and I stand ready to prove every word I say.

Investigation Hushed Up

The investigating committee got so close to the truth in the matter that every effort was made to stop it and to bury forever the evidence that was dug up. While witnesses were being brought from Tacoma, Turner appeared, and early in the morning, when the committee made a partial report, one of Turner's friends arose and moved that the committee be discharged. That motion was carried by the majority, which that man controlled and which he used as instruments to bring about his election.

I want to ask any honest man: Would you, in the face of a charge that you had purchased a seat in the United States senate, sit and see an investigating committee discharged before it had done its work? Or would you demand that it continue its work until your name had been cleared forever of the stigma placed upon it? Every one of you, if you had been wrongfully charged, would have demanded a thorough and exhaustive examination to prove your honesty.

I charge here tonight, in the face of the people of Washington, that George Turner was as dumb as a piece of wood. The investigation died, and his railroad commission bill died also. The populist party saw to it that the bill was properly buried. The populists wanted a commission elected and controlled by the people, not by a man who could be bought and controlled by the railroads. They wanted no dictators to control the commission.

Asks His Party to Vote for Mead

This man Turner was then at Olympia. Conditions became such that one man who was there; and who is before me here tonight, said to me: "For God's sake, let us complete this senatorial election in a hurry or we will all be bought up." He saw the movement of corruption that was going on and realized its enormous proportions. He did not fear that he would be bought,

but he saw what was being done with others.

On this pet commission bill Turner expects to ride into power in the state with his record in the populist party. Even in the light of this he stands by and asks the support of that party.

I want to ask again: Have the people of Washington sunk so low as to want to elevate such a man as Turner to the executive chair when a clean young man like Mead, against whom the finger of reproach has never been raised, is a candidate for that position?

Rewards for Services

Judge Winsor here stated that he had in his possession the records relative to the passage of an appropriation of \$5000 ostensibly to test the constitutionality of the freight regulation bill, but in fact a measure intended as a reward for political services. The attorney general's report, said the speaker, would show what was done. "Nothing," said Judge Winsor, "was ever done but to steal this money." He referred to one man, "who spent his time running like a Comanche Indian from the bar room of the Olympia hotel to senatorial headquarters. And that man," said the speaker, "received \$2,250 of the money, while the rest of the \$5000 with the exception of \$500, was divided up for alleged legal services." Judge Winsor continued:

The astonishing thing to me is that there was a balance of \$500 left when the dividing had been done. I wrote a letter to the attorney general when I learned of this division of the money, and asked him if it were true that such a division had been made. He could not deny it. I have the letters to prove what I say and will print them if necessary.

Records Stolen, but It Is Copy

The records of the investigating committee, I want to say, were stolen from the stenographer's room, so they could be buried. The corruptionists thought they would never rise again, like Banquo's ghost. But I was there to watch that investigation, and I did watch it. I took the precaution to pay the stenographer out of my own pocket for a duplicate copy of the records of the committee, and I have preserved those records to this day. I want to say to that party of corruptionists that if they want to deny my statements I am ready to give these records to the newspapers to be published to prove my assertions. I have the testimony given before that committee relative to the purchase of that seat in the senate. The corruptionists thought all this testimony had been destroyed, but it has been preserved to meet them and damn them.

Turner and the Railroads

George F. Cotterill, of Seattle, who was a democratic candidate for congressman two years ago, is against the Stevenson nominee for governor, says the Fairfield Standard. In a signed statement to the public he has this to say of his former political colleague.

"Mr. Turner is not sincere. He was one of the plutocratic ring which framed Parker's nomination as a rebuke to Roosevelt for interfering in the Northern Securities case and breaking up that illegal merger. His sympathies and interests have always been and are still with the moneyed interests he now professes to oppose. His announced hostility to the railroads in Washington is not genuine, and a democrat who is forced to choose between a republican and a hypocrite must either vote for a republican or take to the woods.

"Two stories are current which will show that real democrats who stand for something have no place to lay their heads in the Washington campaign. One is that George Stevenson, the railroad lobbyist, who for years has done the railroad's political work in the state, is now one of the councillors of the Turner forces. The other is that the Harriman interests are supporting Turner. If this be true, the only choice a democrat or the people have is a choice of railroads.

"Mead, the republican candidate for governor, will probably win by a majority of 25,000, while Roosevelt will carry the state by between 30,000 and 40,000."

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REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS

They Receive the Unstinted Abuse of Democrats and Faithful Support of the People

According to the democrats, the republican presidents, every one of them, have been a bad lot, personally and politically. Each and all of them were declared to be ruining the country; but when the day of reckoning came and the verdict of the people was handed in on their ballots, judgment was given—save in two cases in 44 years—for the republicans. Impartial history acquits every republican president of criminal intent and acts. In doing his duty to the people Mr. Lincoln became a martyr. No ruler was ever more vilified and denounced. His body in life, his spirit in death, represent the dividing line between loyalty and disloyalty, between the cohesion of the states or their disintegration. When a democrat, be he leader or follower, writes or talks of the republican party as a nation destroyer through its measures or its presidents, it is because he does not know or does not care to remember that Buchanan, who was a democrat, shaped the course of his administration so that the advocates of secession might have a quick and easy victory; it was this democrat president who left to his republican successor and the loyal people he had been chosen to govern, an empty treasury, a corporal's guard of an army, a wreck of a navy, dismantled fortresses and legions of officeholders ulcerated with a disloyalty that the stern lessons of war and years of Christian peace have not entirely eradicated. And before Buchanan were democratic administrations whose acts were seemingly preludes to his crime. The lineage of the democratic party is a record of broken pledges conceived in political iniquities and strangled at their birth. It is the democratic party to which the people owe four years of civil war and eight years of such misgovernment that the rich became poor and the poor starved.

It has been the province of the republican party to undo the work of its opponents; it has again and again saved the nation from degenerating to a low grade in nationalities, and it has enforced respect throughout the world for a country which the democrats had brought into contempt.

Of course the democrats assail republican presidents and their nominees for the place of chief execution; they do this more by innuendo than by direct accusation—a stabbing in the dark rather than a fight in the sunlight. But there is always this in favor of the republican party's presidents from the time they begin to make history for the nation—that for their support in the ordeal of public criticism they have had the constitution of the Union, its congresses, and the voice of the people.

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Turner's Morbid Ambition

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The democrats are everlastingly referring to Jackson and Jefferson as the political demigods of the past. No one can tell what Jefferson would do were he alive today. He was a good man, and a schemer and dreamer in politics. Anyone can tell you what Jackson would do were he alive today. He would be with Roosevelt. In a less educated way he was the same kind of man.