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Watch the Russians, they taken Exerum, the strongest fortification the enemies had. A few blows like that and where will the Germans be?

We are wif'em yet! Cole Blease has announced his candidacy for Governor of South Carolina. We have Marion Butler in this State. You just can't beat us.

Look out! Lefollette has announced his candidacy for the Republican Progressive Presidential nomination. What will "Rosy" do? We are still for Wilson. We love peace.

You folks who criticised Bryan for not being able to live on his salary while in the Cabinet, and wanted to lecture to swell his income. What have you to say about your President for allowing his words to be copyrighted?

Why is it, that prices on everything the farmer has to sell is going down and what he has to buy is going up? Something is wrong somewhere. Can't some one tell us why? It looks to us that in this, lies investigation for the Department of Justice, if there's anything in names and we think there is.

The Enfield Progress has opened up on politics quite early. We agree with the Roanoke Rapids Herald in saying to the Progress—"Name your man." If we have any reason in office show them to us and we'll help get rid of them.

Speaker Champ Clark said "it was Tommyrod, this talk of downing Claude Kitchin, that Kitchin was a much entitled to his opinion as any one, and that he considered Claude Kitchin one of the most brilliant men in public life to-day." We agree with him. We are proud of him.

Lets every body get together and pull for a greater Scotland Neck and as your happenings in your community and we will tell more people in the county about it than any other

paper in the State. Watch us in the future. We are going after your business and all the current news, and if you will just lend a helping hand, we'll give you a new paper, the community will be proud of.

Nebraska and New York ain't got anything on North Carolina yet. Bryan resigned just because the Administration wouldn't do as he wanted, then Garrison did the same thing cause he didn't agree, and now comes along Charlie Daniel and he resigns? You can't get ahead of this old State. As Clint says: "We are wif'em."

Ring out the Old, Ring in the New?

Our good friend and contemporary, the Enfield Progress, scents from afar off the approaching county primaries and is evidently grinding up its loins to do battle against the present order of things in the political life of the county. From sundry premonitory rumblings we have known for some time that our neighbor has thought that all was not well in Halifax and this week it carries an editorial running well over a column in length calling for another stand at Armageddon.

The Progress alleges inefficiency and wastefulness in the handling of county funds, ring rules and machine politics. It urges the people to be up and doing, to battle with the ring to the finish, to turn out the present officers and install new men who we suppose are patriots all. It makes the startling statements that "one or two men must approve of everything before it can be," and that "no man has any chance to be appointed or elected to any office in the county unless he has the practical endorsement of this small group."

The Herald holds no brief for the officers of Halifax County; and is interested in county government only to the extent of doing everything possible to render this government more efficient. We believe this is the idea which also prompts the Progress, but we disagree with it almost completely in regard to the methods to be used. We also disagree with the Progress when it argues that our present officers are not giving us an efficient government.

The Progress says that taxes are too high in Halifax County. This is certainly a debatable question. From figures compiled in the University News Letter some weeks ago Halifax County pays \$237, the average for the State of North Carolina is \$499, or nearly three times as much as Halifax County. This certainly does not indicate that our taxes are in any way exorbitant.

If men can be found better fitted to hold office than the men in office today, we are for them whole-heartedly, unreservedly, but we are not in favor of making any change except a change that will better county government. Rotation in office, per se, we think is objectionable. It implies that the offices of the county are given to reward individuals instead of being given to men best fitted to perform the particular duties required. Rotation is a hereditary of the spoilsman; it is the spacious argument used by the "outs" until they are in. Length of service means, in the case of honest and capable officials, greater experience and efficiency.

Until the Progress has named the

men it thinks capable of a more efficient county administration, until it has cited the specific instance of extravagance and incompetence; in other words until it shall offer something debatably better than what we now have in county government, we believe its appeal will fall on deaf ears.

In our humble opinion a "ring" exists either by the consent or on account of the difference of the people. The Progress says that Halifax is a fine county with "a splendid type of citizenship, as good as may be found in any county in the State" and "when these citizens make up their minds what they want, you may rest assured they will get it"—to all of us we most heartily agree. Two years ago the "splendid Halifax county citizenship" overwhelmingly gave its endorsement at the primaries to those officials who have served so faithfully and efficiently. If it is "ring rule" we have, the majority of the citizens of the county have voted to sustain it.—Herald.

Claude Kitchin, Democrat

Many professedly Democratic papers throughout the country are commending Republican Leader Mann for supporting the president and condemning Democratic Leader Kitchin as both standing where they stood when the people elected them to office, and the president has changed. President Wilson himself admits he has changed. Is it strange that the Republican leaders should stand by him when he advocates Republican doctrine? Wilson was elected in company with Kitchin and in two important questions at least he has gone over to the other side, and is keeping company with Mann. Why should Mann run away?

In the presidential campaign the Republicans advocated the creation of a tariff commission, and the Democrats had just established one. President Wilson was then opposed to a tariff commission, and is now in favor of one. Representative Mann was and is in favor of one. Republicans have always favored centralization, and Democrats have always opposed it, but centralization will take the longest kind of a forward stride if congress adopts the president's plans for military preparedness.

The men who are criticizing Mr. Kitchin for standing by the principles of his party—his own principles—have none of their own. They wish to carry favor with power—that is all. When the president claimed to be the efficient leader of his party, they held him as such. When he claimed the power to abrogate the principles of the party, that elected him and repudiate the platform on which he was elected, they called such rights a conspiracy to the claim of leadership which they had once had. They stand ready to accept anything the president may do and to denounce any who do not obey as soon as he issues orders, and they do it only because he has power that they hope will be used in their interests and fear will be used to their hurt.

But we are glad to know that the official leader of the Democrats of the house is not a man of kaleidoscopic principles. Six months ago we did not know him. Now we do and we know no man in politics who is better Democrat or a more manly man. He has already shown that no influence can swerve him from the discharge of his duty and no power can drive him. We believe the majority of the Democrats of the house will stand by him on both issues concerning which he is not in accord with the president. We know that if the Democrats in congress do not stand by him they will desert, not from a sense of duty, but through subservience to power.

When a man is elected to congress he should give his attentions to public questions—not to public clamor. He is elected for only two years, and if he does not represent his people as they wish they can replace him with another who does. If a candidate is honest and his constituents are intelligent, they know what he represents when they elect him. When they have elected him, he should go without looking to the right or the left straight forward in the path that his party pledges on his own pledges had marked out for his feet.

Even if a man would yield to popular opinion, he can not judge it by the name. There is a vast difference between popular opinion and popular clamor. A dozen honest and capable men in a crowd of a thousand could make the whole crowd a complete fool. The hysteria caused by the war in Europe has given the manufacturers of arms and ammunition the opportunity to prepare for future profits. Incidentally increasing the cost of government, the protected classes see a chance for securing higher duties. The military classes see the opportunity for more rapid promotion; and we feel perfectly safe in saying that the same gigantic lobby that endeavored to influence congress by working on

public sentiment, backed by the largest amount of money that was ever spent for any cause is now, by literature, by moving pictures, by lectures—in every possible way working to scare the people into spending hundreds of millions for defense.

Smaller only than this is the tariff board propaganda that is trying to restore duties to the old high level and keep them there.

When we consider these facts, we see that there was never a time when the country was more in need of men honest men—honest men, able men manly men. They may seem the tide of folly, but if they fall for a time it will not be for long. If the country departs from the path of sanity, it will come back. Then the men stood for sanity will enjoy a confidence, respect, power that the time server can never gain.

But we do not think the people will go wrong even for a time. We believe that congressmen who judge public sentiment by popular clamor will find their mistake to their cost. We believe the overwhelming majority of the Democrats stand with Claude Kitchin now and we hope the majority of the Democrats in congress with him. It is mighty hard to fool a majority of the people, and when they are fooled they will not stay fooled.—The Florida Times-Union.

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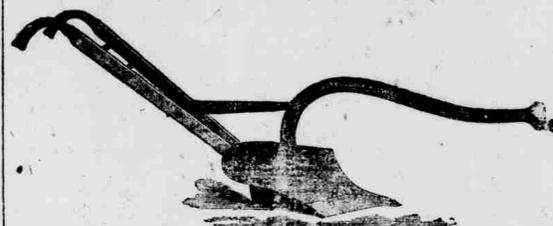
NOTICE

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This the 27th day of January, 1916.
Paul E. Pope, Executor
Kitchin & Smith, Attorneys.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Halifax County
In the Superior Court, Jan Term.
Mattie Wilson, Plaintiff
vs.
Nazereth Wilson, Defendant
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Halifax County by the plaintiff for this purpose of obtaining a divorce from the defendant, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said County to be held on the first Monday in March, 1916, at the Court-House of said County in Halifax, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said action.
S. M. GARY
Clerk of The Superior Court.
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