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KING COAL.

The Reading Combination which represents the coal monopoly of Pennsylvania, a monopoly formed in defiance of the law as well as of public opinion and public good.

The first-named article is a prime necessity in every household. The advance of a quarter of a dollar a ton, at wholesale, means an additional tax of from one to two dollars a ton on the poorest consumers.

The output of the anthracite coal mines of the country, almost all controlled by the Reading combine, averages 40,000,000 tons annually.

It is ridiculous to compare the coal monopolists with the robber barons of the Middle Ages, or the Conquistadores and buccaners of later date.

They had moreover one virtue, that of courage. The modern commercial brigand lacks even that saving quality.

Somebody, half cynic, half sage, has said that human slavery was the first great step in ameliorating the horrors of war—that when the first conqueror found it was more profitable to enslave a captive than to eat him, he made a grand discovery in political economy and practical humanity.

He has served his people as Representative, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and Governor, with credit to himself and perfect satisfaction to his constituency.

What is true of the coal combine is equally true of the sugar syndicate, the oil ring and a score of other irresponsible monopolies.

crease in production. Those poorly paid workers are not prepared to sustain a long period of idleness.

There should be a remedy for such evils in the legislatures or the courts of State and nation, but apparently it is not to be found in either.

THE PARTY SHOULD NOMINATE THOMAS M. HOLT FOR GOVERNOR.

Gov. Holt should be nominated by the Democratic State Convention for the position he fills now so honorably and with such acceptableness to the whole people, because, under all the circumstances surrounding the case, he is the strongest man the party could nominate this year.

He is strong with the business men, because he is a shining example of success in their own sphere:

He is strong with railroad men, because he is a staunch friend of internal improvements and firmly believes in building up the waste places in our great commonwealth:

He is strong with the farmers, because he is largely interested in farming and is supposed to know, and does know, the embarrassments that surround this class of our people, and is keenly alive to any suggestions that may tend to the betterment of the agricultural interests of the State:

He is strong with the manufacturers, because he has been a large and successful manufacturer, and is in the forefront of the grand movement among the more progressive of our people, which will ultimately end in making heard the hum of the loom and the sound of machinery in every part of our State, and in enriching our section and people:

He is strong with all classes, because he is an honest, upright, straightforward man, having his own convictions on all subjects, yet, withal, possessing a due appreciation of the importance of public opinion, and in all things, not affecting principle, showing a due deference thereto.

Governor Holt accepted with becoming dignity the nomination for Lieutenant Governor, when it had been refused by others with no greater powers or distinction than he, simply because his party requested him to.

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If Gov. Holt is to be set aside, and his claims upon the party ignored, because he is not an Alliance man, or because at some time in his life he may have thought differently upon some public question from what is now the popular idea, then there will be very little hope of nominating any man who has convictions, or who has moral courage or intellectual ability.

If prejudice against any class of men, or in favor of any class, is to

dominate the party in its selection of a candidate, then, indeed, Gov. Holt, or anyone else, need not desire the nomination; for, if there is any one principle settled by the uniform practice of our people it is, that no one who runs upon prejudice need expect the support of the good people of North Carolina.

Within our recollection, two campaigns have been run solely upon prejudice in North Carolina: two candidates for the great office of Governor have pitched their campaign song to the tune of prejudice.

Prejudice will not satisfy the honest people of North Carolina: Sturdy, honest, and faithful discharge of duties is what they look for in a candidate, and these they find in an eminent degree in Gov. Thos. M. Holt.

A Tropical Storm.

This extract from St. Nicholas will enable the boys and girls who are studying geography to form some idea of a tropical storm:

"The first intimation that I had of the likelihood that something was going to happen, came from my seeing a dense, jet-black cloud over against the Southern horizon. All around me lay a peaceful and prosperous scene. Beside the track were some hut-like negro cabins, with black women sitting in the doorway, and funny little half-naked picanninies playing in the dirt.

"But the black cloud grew bigger and blacker. It was advancing toward us with very great and evident speed; and presently I saw that it was all fretted with bolts of lightning, toothed with white darts of fire. Never before or since did I see such a dreadful display of the electrical force. The bolts were so close together that it seemed as if they must destroy every living thing in the pathway of the cloud.

"Next came a sucking, roaring sound of win, the sky grew black, and with the last glimmer of daylight, before it vanished into night, I saw the giant palm trees throw up their huge fan-like arms like mortal creatures that were hurt and panic-stricken.

"In another minute the worst of the darkness was over, and in the half light that remained I saw such rain as I never had dreamed could fall from the sky. I did not appear to fall in drops or in 'ropes,' as I once heard an Englishman say of a severe downpour of rain, but it descended in vast thick sheets, layer upon layer.

"I don't like the breath of that stove!" exclaimed little Ethel one day when the gas was escaping from the sitting room stove. Coal-gas is like the perfumes of India," compared with the breath of a person afflicted with catarrh, but among many other symptoms the sense of smell is often deadened, so the sufferer is unconscious of the offensiveness of his presence.

Legislative History Again. A gentleman from an Eastern county has requested us to inform him whether or not Governor Holt voted, in the last General Assembly, against reducing the rate of interest from 8 per cent. to 6 per cent.

As the report that Governor Holt cast the tie vote in the last General Assembly that defeated the six per cent. interest bill has been industriously circulated we have decided to give this public answer to the inquiry of our friend Governor Holt, as President of the last North Carolina Senate did not cast any such a vote as indicated.

The facts are: When the bill reducing the rate of interest from 8 to 6 per cent. was before the Senate, an amendment was offered by a Senator as follows: "Provided, this act shall not apply to the counties of Buncombe, Madison, McDowell, Burke, Forsyth, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Cherokee, Clay, Mitchell and Stokes."

Mr. President Holt, Messrs. Allen, of Bladen, Ardrey, Atwater, Avery, Bell, Bellamy, Bryan, Cheson, Courts, Davis of Haywood, Gilman, Greene of Harnett, Grigsby, King, McLarty, Mitchell, Parker, Reid, Russell and Wilcox were voting in the negative.

Messrs. Allen, of Granville, Alston, Aycock, Bowers, Butler, Culbreth, Davis of Franklin, Durham, Greene of Wake, Hobson, McLean, Paine, Rose, Speight, Stanford, Turner, Twitty, White and Williams—20.—(See Senate Journal, etc.)

It will be seen that Gov. Holt simply voted that certain counties be exempt from the operation of the bill—an exemption asked for by a distinguished young Senator from the West, Mr. Avery. In this connection we quote from a statement by Mr. W. E. Ardrey, then a member of the Senate from Mecklenburg county, and now President of Providence Alliance, Mecklenburg county. Senator Ardrey in a recent letter says:

"It will be observed that forty Senators voted on the amendment to exempt certain counties from the operations of the bill, twenty in the affirmative and twenty in the negative. Among those voting in the affirmative, the following are Alliancemen, viz: Messrs. Allen of Bladen, Ardrey of Mecklenburg, Atwater of Chatham, Bell of Clay (now State Lecturer of the Alliance), Bryan of Duplin, Cheson of Washington, Courts of Rockingham, Davis of Haywood, Greene of Harnett, Grigsby of Ashe, McLarty of Union, Mitchell of Caswell, Parker of Gates, Reid of McDowell, Russell of Durham, Wilcox of Moore—in all 16 Alliancemen. The non-Alliancemen voting in the affirmative were: Bellamy of New Hanover, Gilman of Onslow, King of Guilford, Avery of Burke. The vote resulting in a tie, the President of the Senate, Gov. Holt, stated, on giving his vote, the following, viz: 'Senators, you have all heard read from the clerk's desk the many petitions from the different counties (some from Alliancemen) asking to be exempted from the provisions of this bill, and the strong appeals of the Senators representing the counties, assuring you that their people did not want it, that they were fresh from their people, and it would be arrogance on my part to say I know the wants of their people better than they do. This he would not do, so he voted to exempt them.' (See Senate Journal, etc.)

And so much for the tie vote. This charge like others put in circulation to damage the political reputation of an honest and true man will not avail to his hurt. The people of this State will not condemn until they have heard the evidence, and the truth has no terrors for Gov. Holt. He has nothing to conceal or withhold from the people, and is willing to be judged not only by his public but by his private record.—Raleigh Chronicle.

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