

Barnum & Bailey Bryan showed in North Carolina last week.

Why not call it the Senate Mining Company, Inc.?

The Navy now finds the drought extended over the ocean.

Ambassador Williams should have watchfully waited.

Latest news from Mexico City indicates that Huerta is tottering along nicely.

What we want to know is, after due investigation did that Senate Committee take any stock in Walter George's mine?

Poor Old Walter George! Nobody will believe his Gold Hill Mine is worth \$60,000,000.00! If there is anything in advertising though, the stock should go right along up.

Umpiring in the Roanoke Valley league ought to qualify a man to be Provisional President of Mexico. We don't hesitate in coming right along out and nominating Mr. Welch.

Our friends in the Fourth are probably "watchfully waiting" to see whether Ed. W. Pou gets that judgeship or not. If he does get it, we prophesy that the fall crop of candidates for congress will be unusually large in that section.

"Roosevelt cherishes the hope of breaking up the 'solid South' through the progressive party", Associated Press. We are sorry, Colonel, but it can't be did. Progressive policies supported by contributions from the Harvester Trust have a phony sound to us, and the 'solid South' is very well pleased with the Wilson brand of progressiveness.

The Fight Over Reform

With the interests and the State machine lined up against the constitutional amendments, their fate grows daily more uncertain. The only certain thing is that unless the people are informed as to what the proposed constitutional amendments are and the necessity for their passage, they are lost.

Already it is being quite freely predicted by eminent democrats that the chances for the passage of these amendments are exceedingly slight. W. C. Hammer stated in open meeting at the Press Association in Wrightsville the other day, that the interests were lined up against these amendments and that he personally did not believe that they would be passed.

Two of the proposed constitutional amendments are especially needed. One of them is an amendment designed to stop so much purely local legislation by the State legislature. At nearly every session the time and attention of the legislature is occupied to a large extent with matters of purely local moment and of about the importance of the proverbial hill of beans.

Not only is the time of the legislature wasted, with the attendant financial loss to the state, but the habit of requiring legislative passage of bills having to do with unimportant local questions has bred the pernicious system of "legislative courtesy," with swapping of votes and intrigues of all kinds.

The amendment will not be a bar to important local legislation, it will rather be an advantage in that the legislature will have more time to consider important local legislation and legislation affecting the entire State.

The amendment providing for reform and a return to common-

sense methods in regard to our system of taxation is also badly needed by the people of the State. It is this amendment which the "interests" are fighting to such an extent. This amendment only provides the machinery for an honest listing of property for taxation and if carried into effect will probably result in a lowering of the tax rate with larger returns than at present. Under the present system of taxation a premium is put upon dishonesty. No property is listed at actual value and the nearer a tax payer comes to stating the truth, the more unjust is the proportion of taxes he has to pay.

A Statewide Primary Law

It is interesting to note in connection with the agitation of the Statewide Primary question, the stand taken by Hon. Zebulon Weaver, senator from Buncombe county. Mr. Weaver states that in the event of his re-election, which is practically certain, he will introduce, when the next legislature convenes, a Statewide Primary bill of the thorough-going kind, one which will mark quite a departure from the imitation measure contemplated by the recent state convention.

In a statement made to the Greensboro Daily News, Mr. Weaver says: "If elected as senator from Buncombe county at the general election to be held in November, it is my purpose to offer in the General Assembly a bill providing for Statewide Primaries to be held by all parties for the purpose of selecting nominees for congressional, state, judicial, legislative and county officers, or to advocate any adequate bill offered by any other member of the General Assembly for that purpose."

It is well recognized that this is a government in which its officers are selected through parties and the officers of the government, especially its legislative officers, can only hope to accomplish and carry out what the people desire when such officers have behind them party support. At present, of course, all of our officers are elected at general elections, in which the respective parties have selected their nominees and offered such nominees to be voted for by party adherents. If a Democrat, Republican, Progressive or Socialist desires to affiliate with his party in the general elections he necessarily has to vote for the nominees so offered to him and placed upon the party ticket. It therefore becomes to my mind as important to the people and to the members of any party that they have as much right under legalized primary elections to vote for and participate in the selection of the party nominees to be voted for at a general election as to participate in such general election itself.

Mr. Weaver goes on to explain in detail the need of such a law and the benefits to be derived from its working. To any one familiar with the present haphazard and in many cases notoriously unfair methods used under the present primary plan, the benefits to be derived from the new primary law do not have to be pointed out. Mr. Weaver's bill contemplates the preventing of fraud and illegal methods in primary elections to the same extent as elections now held for the final naming of all officers. It requires all primaries by all parties to be held on the same day, under the supervision of a board of primary elections in each county and in the state and provides that this board shall be selected in some manner that will be fair to all parties and that will insure a just and fair election, count and return of the votes of each candidate of any party.

Another good point in Mr. Weaver's proposed bill is the clause providing that any person desiring to become a candidate for the nomination of any office upon the ticket of any party, may file a written statement with the board of primary elections and the tickets for each party shall be printed and issued under the direct supervision of the board of primary elections, by the state board for state offices and by the county board for

Good News

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county offices. It provides registration of all persons desiring to participate in the primary elections of any party and as far as we can judge almost absolutely assures a fair and impartial primary election in all parties all over the entire state.

Such a bill, if passed, will mark a long step towards good government in this state. It is needed and it is wanted by the great majority of good citizens over the entire state. It does not seem possible to us that any man could oppose a bill that is designed only to secure fair and impartial treatment of all candidates and all votes in the primary elections.

To secure the passage of a Statewide Primary law along the lines of Mr. Weaver's proposed bill, the citizens of North Carolina should see to it that no candidates for the legislature who oppose this Statewide Primary law for all offices and all parties are nominated. Expressions of opinion along this line should be secured from every candidate for the legislature. It is your business, Mr. Voter to do this. Will you do it, or are you satisfied with the present arrangement whereby you are relieved of all trouble and responsibility in the selection of your public servants?

Secretary Bryan

Our Secretary of State secured \$250.00 for each appearance in North Carolina and split the gate receipts fifty fifty. He must have gathered in much kale.

It would be interesting, if possible, to estimate how much he has lost in the estimation of the people by his neglect of governmental duties to go chautauquing around. Probably an accurate estimate along this line would make the profits seem small indeed.

It is now conceded by his friends as well as enemies that the Secretary is no longer a presidential possibility. In fact, Mr. Bryan himself has realized this fact and has stated that after 1916 he will retire from politics and devote himself to the cultivation of his broad acres in Florida, Texas, Nebraska and elsewhere.

His official record as Secretary of State has been of a negative kind, entirely free from the outbursts of positive genius so freely predicted for him by his friends. It must be stated, that Mr. Bryan has made a much better Secretary of State than prophesied by his enemies. His record is graced by a praiseworthy loyalty to the plans and policies of his chief, even at times when those policies must have clashed with Mr. Bryan's individual ideas. Mr. Bryan's appointment has

very evidently been productive of disillusionments along two different lines. He is becoming convinced that he is not by nature and disposition peculiarly qualified for leadership in the administrative branches of government. And the people, or better say, Mr. Bryan's followers among the democratic party, having expected much, are disappointed at the showing he has made.

Never was more strikingly illustrated the difference between the theoretical and the practical than in Mr. Bryan's ideas before becoming identified with the executive branch of the government and his official acts and policies after his appointment. We imagine Mr. Bryan's disillusionment is even greater than the disappointment of some of his ardent admirers.

More than any other one factor that has caused his loss of popularity, has been his practice of eking out his meagre salary of twelve thousand per with the gate receipts from his chautauqua appearances. During last summer, especially, it was quite generally and freely charged that his work as Secretary of State suffered materially on account of his long absences from his post. In fact, if our memory serves us right, a bill making his dereliction in this regard a subject of congressional inquiry was introduced in the House but voted down.

Twelve thousand dollars a year is a great deal of money to most people—a sufficient salary to justify Mr. Bryan's giving to his important post all of his energy and attention. As Mr. Bryan has explained, it takes money to live in Washington, but twelve thousand dollars is money and besides Mr. Bryan is not a poor man; in fact, judged by any standard other than that of the plutocrat he is very well fixed in worldly possessions, his private income being between twenty and thirty thousand dollars a year.

Under these circumstances, the feeling is quite general that Mr. Bryan should hold more sacred the dignity of his great office and devote all of his time and attention to its requirements.

"Oh, thank you!" exclaimed an elderly woman, as recorded in the London Tit-Bits, to a laborer who surrendered his seat in a crowded car. "Thank you very much!"

"That's orl right, mum," was the rejoinder.

As the woman sat down the chivalrous laborer added: "Wot I ses is, a man never ort to let women stand. Some men never gets up unless she's young and pretty; but, you see, mum, it don't make no difference to me."

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