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Democratic Candidates for Congress.

First District: John H. Small, Beaufort County.
Second District: Claude Kitchin, Halifax County.
Third District: Charles R. Thomas, Craven County.
Fourth District: Edward W. Pou, Johnston County.
Fifth District: Aubrey L. Brooks, Guilford County.
Sixth District: Hannibal L. Godwin, Harnett County.
Seventh District: Robert N. Page, Montgomery County.
Eighth District: Richard N. Hackett, Wilkes County.
Ninth District: Edwin Yates Webb, Cleveland County.
Tenth District: William T. Crawford, Haywood County.

Two weeks ago The Hustler called on W. E. Logan, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of this District, and Jno. G. Grant, the proxy candidate for Congress, to name a single thing that, former congressmen Ewart, Pearson, or Moody had done, except to draw their salaries. This question was prompted by the action of these republican demagogues in asking what Mr. Crawford had done since he had been representing this district in Congress. We called attention to Mr. Crawford's splendid record as a faithful, honest and able representative and reviewed his work in Congress, adducing conclusive evidence as to his superior ability over any of the republicans above named to represent our people. So far, no one has come forward with an answer and we claim the reward Grant is offering to anyone who would show something Mr. Crawford has accomplished. Give us that "ten spot," Johnny.

Republicans On The Run.

Democratic orators wisely dwell upon the theory of democrats founding and organizing the government and contend that Thomas Jefferson, the founder of democracy, was the author of the Declaration of Independence and one of the framers of the Constitution, and that the democratic party established every institution of this great government, classifying the powers into the executive, judicial and legislative departments; organized the State governments fixing the relations between the State and Nation; established relations with other countries; provided system of taxation for the support of the government, even creating the tariff; (but for revenue only) created our financial system; organized and provided for the Navy; established the Merchant Marine, which carries eighty per cent. of our products to all the ports of the world; fought the wars and provided for peace, —all before the Republican party was born. They challenge the republicans to name a single institution established by their party, (which they are unable to do) and declare that instead of establishing any they have abused those founded by democrats for the people's welfare, in the interest of rich manufacturers, trusts, money gamblers and bond jobbers.

The great issue in this campaign, as for several years in the past, is the tariff, or federal taxation. The first levy under the Constitution was fifteen per cent. In 1825 it was raised to thirty-two per cent, through the influence of manufacturers who advocated protection for "infant industries." This was rightly called the tariff of abomination. Mr. Clay, the great commoner of that day, in advocating a compromise by which it was reduced to twenty-six per cent, stated in his speech, on the floor of congress, that if American people would acquiesce in the proposition for nine years the manufacturers would be able to compete with all the world. Seventy-seven years have elapsed and still these "infant industries" are clamoring for more protection. After they have acquired hundreds of millions from the sweat and toil of the people, by reason of these excessive tax laws which gives to them the markets of the United States, the Dingley Law, claimed by the republicans in former campaigns to have brought all the prosperity to the country, is readily seen, in its true light, as an intensified tariff law, compared, even, with the old Clay compromise. It levies the largest tax on the American people that they have experienced in the history of the country, being an average of fifty per cent.

Republicans themselves, even, admit that the Dingley law is wrong by incorporating into their national platform an indefinite promise for revision of the tariff. The Democratic platform declares in favor of an immediate reduction to a reasonable basis and puts itself on record favorable to a tariff for revenue only. This is a campaign of education and the people of this country are beginning to realize that full justice to the great mass of citizens lies in the establishment of the democratic position. They

cannot understand why a great wall should be erected around the business of a few individuals, to the detriment of more than seventy-five millions of people, who earn their bread in the sweat of their faces. The fact that these protected industries dispose of their commodities abroad at greatly reduced prices, compared with the rates at which they are sold to the home people, has been the means of attracting thousands of honest voters to the democratic party and, unless all signs fail, that great champion of the people's rights, Wm. Jennings Bryan will be swept into the Presidential chair in Nov. on a tidal wave, of indignation from an outraged people.

A Fine Record.

The Republican State platform contains no criticism of the record the State democracy has made along educational lines, but some of the radical leaders are attempting to attack our public school system, in an attempt to prejudice the people against the democratic party. This is characteristic of the demagogue. But the utterances of Marion Butler, Spencer Adams and other radical spellers will fool nobody. When the republicans were in power in North Carolina they did not build a single school house, but used the permanent school fund, provided by the democrats, in paying their mileage and per diem. During the four years of democratic rule, from 1892 to 1906, one thousand four hundred and sixty-two new school houses were built, more than an average of one for each day in the year, while the school term was increased more than three weeks. During the years 1906-1907 three hundred and seventy-five new school houses were built and the school term further increased in length.

Since June 30, 1902 1,891 rural public school houses have been built. The value of the entire public school property of the State has been increased from \$1,466,770, to \$4,250,429; the average value of rural white public school houses has been increased to \$302; \$3,800 rural school libraries, containing 150,000 volumes, valued at \$60,000 have been established. The number of districts without houses of any description has been reduced from 840 to 419. The number of log school houses have been reduced from 829 to 410. The average cost of the 375 new school houses built during the year ending June 30, 1907 was \$641.11. It will be seen what great progress has been made, along the line of public education, by the democratic party and if there is one thing of which it can boast it is the proud record presented in the effort to uplift the people of the State by educating the future men and women, in whose hands its destiny will be placed.

Instead of manifesting an interest in the children of the State, when the opportunity was presented to them, the republicans turned a deaf ear to the appeal of the people for better educational facilities and deliberately disposed of property from which the school fund was being derived. While in power, they sold the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad stock, preserved through the war for children as a permanent school fund of more than \$1,000,

000. Is it not passing strange that, after having squandered this money, thereby robbing generations yet unborn, these republican leaders have the hardihood to charge honest men with extravagance, when it is known they are doing their full duty to the children and the State? Democrats have nothing to conceal and are proud of their record, which is open at all times and an inspection invited.

With reference to the statement concerning the number and average cost of the new school houses erected under democratic rule, since March, 1903, it is well to state that all of this work has been under the direction of the State Superintendent and county boards of education, who have furnished plans approved by the highest authorities consistent with the principle of modern school architecture. Much valuable work has, also, been done in furnishing and beautifying the school rooms, in painting school houses and in improving school grounds.

The democratic party is an enemy to ignorance and vice, giving encouragement at all time to every honest endeavor having for its object the moral and educational uplift of the entire citizenship of the State.

Confederate Soldiers Friend.

The Legislature of 1879, made an appropriation for each soldier who had lost both eyes, both legs or both arms \$60.00 per year. In 1881, this was increased to \$120.00. In 1885, in addition to this, thirty thousands dollars was appropriated to those who had lost an eye, a leg or arm or been disabled by wounds, and widows were granted pensions. Every Democrat voted for the measure. In the House, the following members—all Republicans—voted against it: Brim, Bulla, Chapell, Eaton, Henderson, Hussey, Lockey, Pinnix, Pritchard, Roulhac, Thorpe, Wall, Ward and Whitted—14. They cast only sixteen votes for speaker, so it will be seen that every Republican voted against the proposition to pension the old soldiers.

In the Senate, six voted "No"—all Republicans, viz., Chadburn, Montgomery, Robins, Swan, Taylor and Thomas. In the debate abusive language as to the Confederate soldier was indulged in by Republicans. In 1891 the Democratic Legislature organized the Soldiers Home. The Democratic Legislature has increased the amount for the benefit of Confederate Soldiers to \$431,120.00.

In 1895-1897, when the Fusionist had control of the Legislature no addition was made to the amount which the Democrats had been giving.

Is not this a sad commentary on the patriotic (?) resolution of the Republican platform? Their ardent wish to aid the Confederate soldier reminds us of the negro who complained of his wife wanting so much money to spend. When asked how much he had given her, he replied "Haven't give her nothing yet."

No. only has the republican party opposed the giving of pensions to the confederate soldiers. They did not put a single one of these old lie democrats nominated ticket. The democrats of 1891, 1895, 1897, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025, 2027, 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, 2047, 2049, 2051, 2053, 2055, 2057, 2059, 2061, 2063, 2065, 2067, 2069, 2071, 2073, 2075, 2077, 2079, 2081, 2083, 2085, 2087, 2089, 2091, 2093, 2095, 2097, 2099, 2101, 2103, 2105, 2107, 2109, 2111, 2113, 2115, 2117, 2119, 2121, 2123, 2125, 2127, 2129, 2131, 2133, 2135, 2137, 2139, 2141, 2143, 2145, 2147, 2149, 2151, 2153, 2155, 2157, 2159, 2161, 2163, 2165, 2167, 2169, 2171, 2173, 2175, 2177, 2179, 2181, 2183, 2185, 2187, 2189, 2191, 2193, 2195, 2197, 2199, 2201, 2203, 2205, 2207, 2209, 2211, 2213, 2215, 2217, 2219, 2221, 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