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PARTY LOYALTY IS THE NEED

Chestertown, Md., Dec. 18, 1916.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

Kent county for years has been the arena of a factional political duel, which has very nearly wrecked the local Democratic party. History shows that in all countries where freedom of the press is allowed, newspapers and such like literary mediums have exerted a powerful influence in molding opinion and determining action. This fact is exemplified in Kent where the two factions referred to are supported each by one of the only two newspapers in the county. The editorials in both these sheets are, as may be expected, partisan. Sometimes they are logical, sometimes illogical; sometimes temperate, sometimes intemperate; sometimes reasonable, sometimes unreasonable; sometimes sensible, sometimes foolish.

To the editorial of the Transcript in its latest issue we desire to attribute the second of all the foregoing pairs of adjectives. Of course, we understand that a discussion of the well understood situation of politics in Kent does nothing but add fuel to the flames; but at times there come such unjust accusations, such insidious suggestions, such nasty insinuations, such bare-faced falsity, and such weak argument, the last intended to influence a weak constituency, that it is beyond the power of human endeavor to abstain from reply.

The editorial in question discusses the matter of *party loyalty*. In the abstract, the idea of party loyalty is not a very abstruse one. It means being loyal to one's party, be that party Republican or Democrat. There may be some difference in defining loyalty, but when it comes down to practical politics, and when it comes down to a consideration of the word as used by the Transcript, it means voting in the general election as one votes in the primaries, a failure to do so is denounced by the Transcript as party disloyalty. We agree with him.

Let us look at the situation from the view point of the Barroll organ. It says there are 367 Republicans who affiliated with the Democratic party. That's what *we* call party disloyalty. And we are sure the Transcript does too; but disloyalty to the Republican party—*if* these affiliators are simon pure republicans. So far as their loyalty to the Democratic party is concerned, that loyalty is a negligible quantity. Being disloyal in the first instance to their own party in order to vote for democratic candidates in the primaries, it occasions no surprise when they flop back to the Republican party to vote for their own candidates in the general election.

Thus far, then, this consideration of this question of dis-loyalty shows that it is concerned with the disloyal Republicans—not disloyal Democrats.

Now when these 367 Republicans enter the ranks of Democracy by declaring themselves Democrats at the registration books, they have their choice as to which ticket of the two Democratic factions they will support. And I doubt not there is a scramble to secure them. There is a strenuous effort by all the artifices known to political shrewdness to get that Republican vote. We venture to say there is not a leader on either side that would turn down one single little Republican ballot. Isn't that true? To be *true sports* and *high toned* factional and party men each side should say to these Republicans, "No, gentlemen, we want none of your help; we desire to fight our own battles; be *loyal* to your party, and we'll be *loyal* to ours." Do you think that is said. Neither do we.

Now comes a Presidential election; a time when, if ever, both Democrats and Republicans might be expected to show what little loyalty is nourished in their faithful breasts. And they do show it. While there may be a few democrats who did not like Wilson, and a few Republicans who did not like Hughes, still they are inconsiderable. Practically all the Republicans voted for Hughes and all the Democrats voted for Wilson. What was the result? A majority for Wilson of 213 votes, according to the Transcript. What does this show? A normal Democratic majority! Affiliated Democrats and disloyal Republicans to the contrary notwithstanding. So here, as the KENT NEWS suggests, let all the Democrats in the county pull together and they can win.

But what happened a year ago? The Organization nominated an entire ticket of *Democrats?* How many were elected of those who had any opposition? One! How was it done? Echo answers, how!

Was it done by those pesky Republicans who voted the Democratic ticket in the primaries? Did their return to their own candidates in the general election defeat the Democratic candidates? No, because the Transcript shows us there is a Democratic majority in this county of 213 votes—enough to elect anyhow. So the disloyalty of those 367 Republican voters—their double-dyed disloyalty—both to the Republicans and to the Democrats, doesn't count. If they could not defeat Wilson, they could not defeat any other Democrat in a normal election contest.

So how did the Republicans sweep the county a year ago? There is only one way. The Democrats helped them. One of the factions wanted to defeat the other faction. And, as the Organization had all the candidates, and it is not reasonable to suppose that an Organization man would desire to defeat his own nominees, who did want to see them defeated? The writing is so plain that "he who runs may read."

We do not hesitate to say, as they themselves, many of them, have confessed that the Barrollites voted with the Republicans, and were, therefore, as disloyal to the Democratic party in the general elections as the Republicans were in the primaries to their party.

It is plain to see the ground taken by the Transcript. Any one can read from the editorial in question that the Antis reserve the right to rebuke the Organization, because they believe that the majority of the Republican traitors voted with the Beck faction to nominate the Organization candidates. For the sake of argument, admit they did. Still there is no proof that the Organization is, to use the words of the Transcript, "responsible for the presence of these Republicans affiliated as Democrats on our registration books." After they get on there, are they not a common prey for the factions? Why can not the Barroll faction get their share?

Perhaps the fact that this faction can not, is the thing that makes the collar rub. This is the conviction that makes the Anti desert his party and vote with the same Republicans which are denounced for supporting the Organization.

Forgive us for asking what would likely have been the tone of a Transcript editorial if the situation had been reversed? Suppose a full Anti ticket had been named. Suppose a Republican sweep had resulted. Who would have been blamed then? Those affiliated Republicans? Not a whit! It would have been the *disloyal* Regulars.

What is the conclusion of it all? Just exactly what the KENT NEWS said: "We do not need party organization, we need party loyalty, and in the face of that 213 majority how can we ever lose?

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THIEVES OPERATING AT MIDDLETOWN

Thieves have been operating near Middletown on a larger scale than was ever known before. Hundreds of dollars worth of poultry, meat and other farm produce have been stolen during the past month from the farmers but not until Thursday evening have the thieves broken into any residences.

Sometime after midnight four houses, all in one neighborhood, were broken into and in each case robbed of articles of small value. From the residence of Joseph Biggs a purse containing about $2, was taken, a bundle of clothing tied up ready to move but left in a rear hallway; the entire downstairs was ransacked. Entrance was gained through a rear cellar window.

The home of Willad B. Biggs was broken into but the thieves were scared away by a dog in the kitchen. The home of Arthur Penniwell was also entered and several small articles taken, as was the case at the home Miss Eugenia Beaston, where it is thought that they were scared away before they could get any valuables.

The newly organized Farmers' Protective Association has been active in ferreting out clues to the poultry thieves and it is believed that they are about to round up the ringleaders of the gang. The outlet is known to be a Wilmington poultry dealer.

The chicken house on the farm of Fred William, near town, was robbed one evening last week, and among the chicken stolen were two dozen fine bred Minorca chickens. These are said to have been found in the cellar of a Wilmington building after a search of a week. The chickens were returned to the farm and when liberated, they went to the watering trough and drank, then into poultry house where they had been accustomed to roost.

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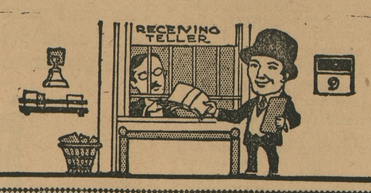
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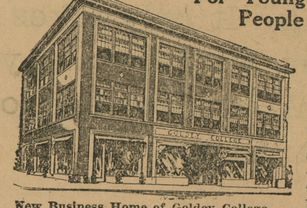
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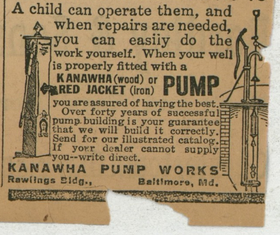
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