

**WATCH THE PEOPLE WHEEL INTO LINE FOR JOE BROWN.**

Dear Sir: Although I am not a subscriber I read the Jeffersonian with great interest and profit each week. It is hardly possible for two persons to agree on each and every subject, but there are two doctrines of yours which I most heartily endorse: the evils of the Roman Catholic church, and the evil of Hoke Smith.

The Roman Catholic church, founded on the superstition and ignorant selfishness of medieval times, seeks power and wealth with the same unscrupulous stealth that marked the evils of the days before Magna Charta. As you say, could the good Catholics—of whom there are many—but know of the lust and greed which marks the lives of the priests, they would turn from their church as from a thing accursed. Teach it to them, Bro. Watson, and all power to your pen.

And for the sake of our great State show the great Hokus in his true light. Able? Yes, he is able. But Joe Brown has one quality which Hoke Smith lost long ago and which is worth more to the people of Georgia than all the ability of Benedict Arnold or Captain Kidd—HONESTY. How long will it be before the people of this State demand a stand on the issue of Truth and Falsity? When that question is fairly presented Georgia will be through with Hoke Smith and his breed.

I have only lived in Georgia a year. I have no axe to grind. But I can see Straight Dealing lined up against Crookedness in this campaign and I am for Joe Brown against the Big Crook. And if the Angel Gabriel should back Hoke I would refuse to vote with him and for one reason I could show him the editorial for Leo Frank published in Smiths' paper, The Atlanta Journal. That alone is reason enough.

Gt. YOUNG MAN.

**WM. VARNEY OF NEW JERSEY IS PERHAPS A TWIN-BROTHER OF JOHN MORRIS OF MOBILE.**

Dear Sir: Wonder who this "Varney" is who wrote enclosed letter and libelous description of Guardians of Liberty meeting. Can't locate him, not in telephone nor in city directory. A local reputable physician who himself was on the platform gave me the copy disgusted, as well as I am, over the misstatements. Seated on the platform were as far as I know, besides said physician and myself a number of clergymen of this city and from outside, some veterans, who came to shake hands again with General Miles who was one of the speakers. I'd be interested to hear Varney name the "crooks." The house was packed with an orderly, sympathetic audience. There may have been some "blacklegs" and some Varney's in the crowd. It would be very hard to keep William or others out, if they presented a ticket and remained orderly. I cannot fathom W. Varney's meaning when he says the Supreme Court was denounced by the chairman. This letter must have been composed by a Jesuit, or the writer had a meeting in mind which was not held under the auspices of the Guardians of Liberty. That's all that I can make of it. But it's hard on the local good men in the G. of L. Court.

Patriotically yours, X.  
New Jersey.

**WHO IS DR. H. R. SLACK, ANYWAY?**

Dear Sir: Was indeed delighted to read in your paper today, the editorial, in which you made such a fool of the little man in LaGrange, who signs his name as Dr. H. R. Slack. I didn't think there was as big a fool as him in the State which we call ours. But I guess he realizes now how little he really is. I had never heard of him before, but I was talking to a man from LaGrange today, and asked him who he was, and

he told me that he was a boy who came from Louisiana, and began working in a little drug store there known as the Bradfield Drug Co. He afterwards married Bradfield's daughter. Said he tried to practice medicine there, but didn't do much, and opened up a small sanitorium, but it soon closed up, and the building was used for a boarding house.

The people of Georgia know how to look on letters from such people as this man Slack, but they do delight in the way you tell them who they really are.

Ga. A STRONG ADMIRER.

**WHY DOES HOKE SMITH ALLOW THIS ROMAN CATHOLIC TO BOSS THE ATLANTA POST-OFFICE.**

Dear Sir: Have just read with pleasure your article in The Jeffersonian on I. G. Hart, Supt. of mails in the Atlanta P. O. I happen to work under this Catholic and I want to tell you that every man in the office detests him. Hoke Smith promised the P. O. boys that he would be removed as soon as a Democratic postmaster was appointed, but when the time came and Schley Howard was doing his best to have him removed, Hoke Smith refused to help him. Smith wanted the Catholic vote.

The postmaster is a deacon in the First Baptist church, but he has taken Hart to his bosom and lets him run the P. O. All he has to say is, that a man is incompetent and out he goes without a ghost of a showing. Quite a number of the boys got it in the neck that way because they complained. Why this brother-in-law of ex-Postmaster General Grandfield should be kept here at three thousand dollars a year salary is more than I can fathom. Hope you will make the public acquainted with the facts for the Atlanta press is muzzled. To sign my name would be the loss of my job.

Ga. A POPULIST.

**FROM ONE OF THE PLAIN PEOPLE.**

Dear Mr. Watson: I have been reading your paper with so much interest that I want to write you and express my gratitude. A few years ago I didn't think that the fight you was making would ever concern us so much as it does, but the fight is on and it is up to the Protestants to save their blood bought liberties. We see the things you have been prophesying are coming to pass, which makes us have more faith in you as a God send to the Nation. I find in reading after you in all matters that you are always right-side up and your decisions according to truth and justice. I heartily commend you for the bold stand you are taking against the abominable and corrupt mob called Roman Catholics. Also politics and the great evils under the form and guise of religion. I agree with you in all important matters upon which you have been treating, and I am truly glad that God has given us such a man as T. E. W. for a national leader, one that has the ability, one that has the ambition and the courage to defend the truth and to expose all evil and corrupt practices wherever he finds it, and do it in the face of the combined forces of the dark world. With such a one for a leader I don't see why the Protestants of America should not win unless they have failed to repent in sack cloth and ashes. Fighting against the Catholic mob is a fight of faith, and will require loyalty to our country and to our God and His Commandments. Let every patriotic citizen of America take an active part in this grand fight. Let the words of the poet ring in our ears and reach our hearts. "Sure I must fight if I would reign, increase my courage Lord."

Let us realize that it is not Mr. Watson's fight alone, but ours as well, for there is no sect or mob however cruel and degrading they may be in their practice that

will prove more detrimental to the peace and prosperity of the Nation than will the Roman Catholics. For to be a Catholic means to oppose God's power, to oppose His plan of redemption and salvation, to oppose His Divine Word which teaches the way of truth in holiness. In fact, to oppose everything that is Godly in this world. It also means to oppose a free and independent government, free speech, free press, free privilege to worship God under our own vine and fig tree. Can you, my brethren stand and see the power of the Cross cease in this Nation? Will you stand and see the church of Jesus Christ bought by His own precious blood go down in everlasting defeat and the candle stick removed? In fact, can you stand and see the glorious light of the world blown out to your children and hid from this nation forever, behind the lowering clouds of Roman Catholicism? No, answers every Watson man. No, I will give my blood for the freedom that Christ and our forefathers bought for us with their blood. After all this has been done for us and we have been permitted to worship God unmolested and to bask in the light and liberty of God's dear Son. The man that in the face of these facts that will refuse to give his voice against corrupt Rome, is not a true citizen and patriot of America.

I glory in the man that will openly defend the truth and publicly expose the great evils so common among men today. One great evil is the love of money, the root of all evil, and so many men are afflicted with this disease so bad that they want to sell their fellow citizens, their country, their freedom. Some say that every man has his price. If he does Mr. Watson's price is so high the Roman Catholic's can't reach it.

1. Why is it that there are more preachers in the world today than ever before and yet the world is growing worse?
  2. If they can convert the Catholic in the heathen lands, why can't they convert them in America?
- Being a Baptist preacher myself, I ask these questions. Now let us all

unite our efforts together with our prayers that the Catholics may be defeated, and that freedom may reign supreme in all this Nation. Let us help Brother Watson and pray for him while he is doing so much for us, for he is fighting the good fight of faith, and when his course is finished his name will go down in history as the greatest patriot the South has ever produced.

Truly yours,  
Ga. REV. J. G. SOUTHER.

"Around that grief-bowed woman, I threw the weeds of widowhood—but I paid for the chance to do it; and they who took my money knew that I would do it."

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## Hoke Smith Playing Both Ends Against the Middle, As Usual, On the Negro Question.

### Plain Case of Nigger in the Bed With the Hog-Eye Man.

(CONCLUDED FROM PAGE ONE.)

who knew her since she was a child, and who testified to Roosevelt that she was a splendid little woman, efficient, high-minded and brave, not only waged the meanest and most vindictive fight upon the widow of "one of the greatest generals of the Confederacy," but Hoke Smith's paper, *THE LEO FRANK CHAMPION*, actually levied on and sold the widow's wedding ring, to pay for publishing one of her patriotic articles in behalf of Tallulah Falls!

Now if this undeniable record does not show you what sort of man Hoke Smith is, you have simply shut your mind to facts.

But he has played the Negro Question the same way.

When Secretary of the Interior in Cleveland's Cabinet he appointed negroes to office, over white men. Afterwards, he professed a change of heart, and pretended to be against the political Negro.

But now that he holds a commission in the Senate, signed by himself, he is showing the same yellow streak that he revealed in the case of Mrs. Longstreet.

He put the white woman out of the Gainesville post-office, but he keeps Link Johnson, the Republican negro of Atlanta, in a \$4,000 job.

Link Johnson as Recorder of Deeds bosses white employees, in Washington City, just as Henry Johnson, another negro is said to sometimes act as boss of white convicts in the Federal prison of Atlanta.

(Henry Johnson is an ex-house servant of Hoke Smith.)

When Bob Terrell, another negro, was named for City Judge of Washington City, did Hoke Smith fight the appointment?

He did not.

Get a copy of the Congressional Record for April 24, 1914, and you will find, on page 7765 that Bob Terrell was confirmed by the Senate, without any fight at all!

Don't take my word for it. Get the official Record, and see for yourself.

Then look on page 7767, of the Record, for the same day, and see where the white man, Robert Boyd, of Dothan, Alabama, was fought and defeated.

Why did they fight the white man, and beat him?

Why didn't they fight the black man, and beat him?

Now listen:

A week after this quiet confirmation of the negro Judge, Hoke Smith rose in the Senate and requested—

What?

That he be allowed to say that he had voted against the black Judge.

That was all—and the Record shows it.

He did not fight the nomination of Bob Terrell.

It was in his power as Senator to have held up the negro's nomination, and defeated it, by threatening to speak against it indefinitely.

He made no such threat. But he killed the "Laborer's Compensation bill" with such a threat—the bill being opposed by damage-suit lawyers and the Labor leaders who stand in with that class of lawyers.

That Hoke Smith is no true friend of Labor has been amply proved by his attempt to "flood Georgia with cheap European labor," and by his indifference to the cause of Labor in Colorado, Montana and Michigan.

But, listen once again—

When the white people of Washington City

held a mass-meeting to protest against the continual appointment of black bosses for white folks, Hoke Smith refused to attend! The following letter is the official proof:

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ASSOCIATION  
Of the United States  
Incorporated.

Washington, D. C., July 13, 1914.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson,  
Thomson, Ga.

Dear Sir: It may interest you to know that Senator Hoke Smith positively refused to be present at the meeting referred to by enclosed card, etc. He was invited, but declined, saying, "I will not attend your meeting, it will do no good—you should not make the negro an issue"—but insist that the appointee be a District man.

Very truly yours,  
LORING G. WARFIELD, Secty.

The invitations to the meeting which Hoke Smith refused to attend, and to whose managers he wrote "You should not make the Negro an issue," read as follows:

#### SHALL THE NEGRO RULE?

Yourself and friends are invited to attend a public meeting at Old Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, June 30, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m., held under the auspices of the National Democratic Fair Play Association of the District of Columbia, to protest against the appointment of a Negro Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia.

Prominent citizens will address the meeting.  
JOHN H. ADRIAANS, President.

### Asking About Alexander H. Stephens and Nat Harris.

DEAR SIR: Will you please tell us through the columns of your paper what you know as to the trouble between Mr. Alex. Stephens and Judge Nat Harris?

The report is here that Judge Harris fought Mr. Stephens either in his race for Congress or Governor, although Mr. Stephens had helped Judge Harris get his education. There is some talk about a "Casey" letter and a hot correspondence, but the minds of the older citizens are not clear as to the cause and the facts or the time.

We would like to have the light of your clear judgment upon it.

Sparta, Ga.

Very truly,  
JAS. K. SMITH.

ANSWER.

I had supposed that my information concerning Mr. Stephens was tolerably full and accurate, he was one of my ideals, and every thing he ever wrote—so far as my knowledge goes—was familiar to me.

The Cleveland Life and Speeches of Stephens, the biography by Browne and Johnson, the more satisfactory and recent book of Mr. Louis Pendleton are among my books, together with Mr. Stephens' "War Between the States," "School History," and "History of the United States."

I also have Waddell's Life of Linton Stephens, John C. Reed's "Brothers' War," and nearly everything else that has been published about our illustrious Georgians.

My memory fails to remind me of anything against Nat Harris, in that connection, or any other, unless it is a disgrace to have been local attorney for a railroad, a director on the board of the Macon Telegraph, and a very influential member of the Georgia legislature.

I remember the Casey letter. It grew out of an application which Dr. Henry R. Casey of Columbia County made for a Federal position.

I think it was Census Director, or something like that.

Senator John B. Gordon got the place for a gentleman whom he backed for the place; and Dr. Casey seemed to think that Mr. Stephens had not been sufficiently energetic in the business.

The Augusta Chronicle, (then edited by

Patrick Walsh who did not love Mr. Stephens and did not care a button for Dr. Casey) very humanly fanned the little flame of discord, and accused Mr. Stephens of having left his "life-long friend by the way side."

Mr. Stephens was touchous and thin-skinned; and to be accused of disloyalty to a life-long friend stung the old hero to the quick.

In the public prints much good ink and labor was lavished on the episode; and a member of the Casey family who lived at Thomson told me of the infinite pains that Mr. S. took in writing to Dr. Casey, to convince the life-long friend that there had not been the slightest lack of zeal on the aged statesman's part.

Now, if Nat Harris was connected with this little squabble in any way, I never heard of it.

Juriah Casey was my friend and neighbor; and he said roundly that if Mr. Stephens had been as active for Dr. Casey, (Juriah's father) as General Gordon had been for "the other fellow," Dr. Casey would have been appointed.

I regarded this as a son's natural feeling, and passed it by as such. (It seems to me "the other fellow" was named Fitzsimmons.)

Juriah Casey did not mention Nat Harris at all.

So far as I know, Col. Harris did not fight Mr. Stephens for Congress. "The Augusta thimble-riggers" did that. This language is that of Mr. Stephens, who used to say tart things when he got his dander up.

If my recollection serves me right, one of the Augusta gentlemen who did not consider it high treason to oppose "the Sage of Liberty Hall," was my accomplished and ever-ready-for-a-fight friend, Major Joseph B. Cumming.

How Nat Harris could have fought Mr. Stephens for Congress, without my knowing it, I do not understand. I was at Liberty Hall during the fight, and the old hero never mentioned Nat Harris as being against him.

As to the governorship, the Atlanta "thimble-riggers" lassoed our old hero with a regular nomination, at a time when he had begun to show decided signs of kicking over the traces.

Having accepted the unsought nomination, Mr. Stephens had no Democratic opposition. General Gartrell ran, as Independent, but I never heard that Nat Harris was enough of an Insurgent to fight the machine. Apparently, he got his fill of that, during the Civil War.

It seems to me that Nat Harris led the fight in the Legislature for the acceptance of Joseph E. Brown's endowment to the State University. He led it gamely, too.

I was one of the Toombs men that opposed the acceptance; and we beat Col. Nat. It was never quite clear to my mind whether Joseph E. Brown had the right to set us Toombs men down as a lot of prejudiced boobies.

Anyway, the State University got the endowment, quietly, in another way; and we victorious boobies had to extract what comfort we could from General Toombs' telegram of congratulation to Milton Reese—floor leader against the acceptance.

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