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Is There Enough Boot?

The people of the first congressional district are asked to change congressmen at the coming primary.

The only question they have to answer is whether the district would gain or lose by such a change.

In the first place, what does the challenger offer as boot in this trade?

His stock in trade, it appears, is that there is a "political ring" which would be rebuked, if not destroyed, by his election.

Public officials often are charged by opponents with being members of rings or dominated by rings.

Attack also is made on the record, public and business, of the present congressman, but the fact that one candidate possesses faults and has made mistakes is no guarantee that the aspirant does not possess faults and would not likewise make mistakes.

From a constructive point of view, Mr. Bunkley's platform is one that any good essayist could write.

A candidate should offer more than a flood of bitter criticism on which to ride into office.

What would the people lose by this proposed trade of Boykin for Bunkley?

They would lose the benefits of a strong personality that manifests itself wherever it appears, and which allows no conventions to halt or suppress it.

They would lose the benefit of the contacts which the present congressman has established between himself and all the departments of government.

They would lose the enthusiasm that has worked to bring to this district and to Alabama a proper share of the benefits that are now the order of the day, but which go to those who make the strongest bid for them.

They would lose representation on the merchant marine and fisheries committee, of tremendous importance to Mobile and Alabama, in view of its influence on legislation and government policy with respect to ports and commerce.

They would lose the benefit of the activities already set in motion to impress this section on the attention of the federal government.

They would destroy ambition, because the rejection of Boykin would be an expression of popular disapproval of zeal, of hard work, of a co-operative and willing disposition, and of intense loyalty on the part of a congressman.

The people of this district know these men and can choose whether they would profit by a swap at this time.

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