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When you cannot control all men for your political schemes, apply the unit rule its always effective.

The Republicans made some changes in the party plan of organization at the recent State convention which sounds the death knell to the unit rule, to which we say amen.

The Halifax county anti ring ticket did not even black the board in the primary last week. When that Halifax county ring is not out of business, there will be something doing sure enough.

What has become of the Chamber of Commerce that was to have been reorganized some time ago. Some body should get busy it's a crying need and the interests of the city suffer for the want of it.

The announcement that Ex-Governor Glenn will canvass this district in the interest of Major Smedman causes no alarm in the Republican camp, in fact it is what we want. It will strengthen the chances for another Republican victory this fall.

The Democratic papers through out the State "view with alarm" the straight-forward and business like platform adopted by the Republican State convention at Greensboro. It will be found on another page of this paper and it is worthy of a careful perusal.

The indications are that the entire Republican ticket will be elected in Rockingham county this fall. The Democratic party are all split to pieces over their candidates, while the Republicans have nominated a good strong ticket, and are united. From this distance the prospect of victory is indeed rosy tinted.

We note from one of our exchanges that Mr. William A. Erwin the cotton mill king of North Carolina, if not the whole United States, made a most beautiful and interesting address at Duke, N. C., the other day, and it should be said to his credit that he did not refer to hard times, panics and soup houses, but he talked something that interested the people and they come for miles around to hear him. Mr. Erwin is very popular through that section and no man can command a better or larger audience. Mr. Erwin was formerly a Burlington business man, and was greatly missed when he left here and located at West Durham. Had he remained here and been as successful as in his new field, Burlington would have been as large as Greensboro today. Mr. Erwin is a broad minded, public spirited man, and a valuable addition to any community who may be so fortunate to get him. The Dispatch would be willing to forgo his hard times, panic and soup house argument, if he would return to make this his future home.

The Advantage of Position.

The Dispatch did not take sides in the chairmanship contest within the party ranks. We feel therefore, that we are in a position to view matters calmly and judiciously as the after result. We do not mean to say by this that we did not have our rathers, or that we were simply waiting to see which way the cat would jump, and then jump upon the band wagon. This is not THE DISPATCH'S way of doing things. When we take a position we will try to maintain it all hazards, always proving a good loser or a magnanimous victor, if a winner.

We do not see any serious disaster lurking in the future as a result of Mr. Moreheads election as State chairman, neither would this have been the result if Mr. Duncan had been chosen, the one hundred and fifteen thousand Republicans who voted the ticket in the last election, did so from principle and from choice, there is no reason to believe that they will do otherwise in this year of grace. Mr. Duncan and his friends will be as loyal to the organization now as if Mr. Duncan had been winner, they are not the men to sulk or quit. They have been and are now the backbone of the party, therefore there will be no disruption of a serious nature.

The thing for the victors to do now, is to assume a broad and liberal policy towards the losers, and all will be well. None of us relish the losing side, but all can't win. But after you have won be content with that and do not try to rub it in. Remember that we are the minority party as viewed from the returns from the last election, but if we will act in a spirit of fairness towards those who differed from us as regards the proper man for the chairmanship, we will become the majority party at the next election. Then let us all bemean ourselves so that we may attain that most desirable end.

The Dispatch proposes to maintain the same attitude as heretofore, as long as our very existence is not threatened by those who are intolerent and ill advised, but when it becomes necessary to fight for existence we will do so with all the ability at our command, nor will we spare not those who for ulterior or selfish motives seek our destruction and demise. We have so far been able to maintain and promulgate a policy that has won the respect and admiration of those who differed with us politically and otherwise, until today we enjoy the largest subscription list of independent readers of any weekly newspaper in the State. It shall be our constant aim and endeavor to maintain and preserve this standard, but always advocating the principles and policies of the Republican party as we understand them, hoping always to merit your patronage and good will.

Where Are We At.

"Where are we at," is a good old Southern expression that is being very much used today by the railroads everywhere. Because of the great increase in the cost of all expenses to the railroad and the fact that the Government and the shippers are trying to perfect the railroads, making a very necessary small increase in the freight rate. With the cost of labor, supplies, equipment and material of all kinds, as well as taxes, and other expenses increasing rapidly on the railroads, something must be done or the railroads will be forced out of business. The great fact is too often ignored by some, that in order to exist, railroads must make a living wage as well as the laborer and shipper. Therefore, to injure the railroads—the arteries of commerce—you paralyze business and have a panic.

So long as the railroads are allowed to earn a just and fair return on their investment, trade goes along smoothly and we have what is called "prosperity and good times." Just as soon, how-

ever, as legislative bodies, State or Nation, begin to work on railroads, we find the investor withdrawing his capital embarrassing the railroads and the result is stagnation, dullness, the working man idle—panic. People are asking too, why should not the Government in the public interest, regulate the labor side of railroads and not allow the employes to threaten or strike at will. This is a matter that is commending itself to everyone, that if the Government will regulate the railroads in every other department, it should also regulate the labor as well.

Retribution.

Some months ago THE DISPATCH had a controversy with our esteemed contemporary and neighbor, The Burlington News, regarding the condition of the county finances under Republican and Democratic rule, and the editor of the Gleaner was a well wisher of the News and said that it hoped that the news would lay The Dispatch in the shade. The editor of the Gleaner happens to be the Clerk of the Superior Court and is a candidate for re-nomination, his strongest opponent is Hon. A. M. Garwood. The News is a well wisher of Mr. Garwood, saying he is a strong man, and serves notice upon the editor of the Gleaner that Mr. Garwood will be heard from. That's retribution. The Dispatch is not a well wisher of either in the clerkship contest and hopes that which ever receives the nomination will get defeated. That's politics.

We Stand by Our Former Declarations.

Occasionally we note in some of our Democratic exchanges attempts to deny the existence of a trade in the nomination a candidate for Judge in the Eleventh Judicial district to succeed Judge Pell. Well, it may be possible that there was no trade made or attempted, but in the light of the facts before us, it looks suspicious when men like Buxton, Folger and Pell, men of State-wide reputation were stood aside for a man who was not generally known in his own county, and who has been practicing law less than five years. These same papers, or those of that calibre, scoffed at the idea of the existence of the Fifth district combine a few years ago, but the organization has so domineered politics in the district and State that no one doubts its existence today, but like the rest of the rings and political organizations has met its Waterloo. In the Fifth district Democratic convention it got a set back that will last it for a while, but it was a battle royal and no mistake. Now in view of these facts we shall not retract from any former declarations in regard to the trade.

The Paramount Issue of the Democracy.

From its first organization to the present time the Democratic party has been noted entering each re-occurring presidential campaign with a paramount issue. The party has also formed the habit of moving in the political field in a circle, with the tariff as a starting point in the way of an issue. After swinging around its circle for a decade or so with various measures as the paramount issue, with none approved by the people, it arrives at the starting point in its orbit, the tariff.

This old and many times discarded issue is then revamped and declared the paramount issue of the National campaign. As a result of the habit of moving in a circle and the policy of changing paramount issues, the country has witnessed the presentation of free silver, imperialism, and government guarantee of bank deposits as paramount issues, within the last two decades. The indications now are that the Democratic party will return

to its first love, the starting point in its circle—The tariff, for a paramount issue in the next presidential campaign. The Republicans will gladly accept the issue and willingly go before the people with a protective tariff as its slogan. Democratic leaders and spell binders may harangue the people as much as they choose on the steel and woolen goods manufacturers trust, which they claim is the out-growth of a protective tariff. But what cares the farmer if he has to pay a little higher for the implements made from steel, which he uses on his farm, when he is selling the products of his farm at a higher price than ever before. The same with the skilled workman, what cares he if he has to pay a little higher for food stuff, when he is receiving higher wages than at any other period in his life. Then take the common laborer who is finding constant employment at good wages, what cares he if he has to pay a little higher for his daily needs.

Next in turn comes the manufacturers and trades people, these were never more prosperous than at present. The transportation lines of the country are being taxed to their utmost capacity to move the freight incident to the great business activity prevailing in every section of the country. It is from this great industrial army that votes come on the day of election to pass upon the merits of the two parties. And when this great army is prospering, busy, happy and contented there is but little, or no doubt that the judgment will be awarded to the party that has brought about such good and prosperous conditions.

Death of Mr. Shoffner.

John H. Shoffner of East Burlington died Sunday night at the age of 38. The funeral was conducted Tuesday by Rev. J. D. Williams burial at Mt. Pleasant M. E. church near Kimesville. He leaves a wife and one child. Had been sick only a short while with typhoid fever.

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