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REPLY TO F. E. PETREE

Continuation of the Controversy Between the Taft and Roosevelt Partisans—The Matter of the Steam Roller at Danbury

Mr. Editor:

We have read with much surprise the article of Mr. Frank Petree in your last week's issue.

Owing to the relationship existing between Mr. Petree and myself I never dreamed that he would so far forget himself as to deal as he has in personalities in each of his articles, and especially so in the last one. However, it is often the case in debate, when men are driven to the wall for want of logical argument, they will consume time and space in personal attacks, and insinuations upon their opponents. In my first article I made no attack upon any one except Mr. Taft and those who aided in stealing his nomination. Mr. Petree said I intimated that the Taft people were not honest. Here the charge, I said: "That Chicago steal was too much for me and should be too much for every honest man in North Carolina." I said nothing about anybody being dishonest. I feel sure that some honest people in the rank and file will vote for Taft in order to be called regular, but all of these will not intend that Chicago steal.

For an instance we have in this community one of the wealthiest and most substantial citizens who frankly told me he firmly believed Taft's nomination was stolen, but that he would vote for Taft because he was now the Republican candidate. That's the way I have to hear a fellow talk. It is determined to vote for Taft, so that Mr. Hagan's sake don't try to hold on to justice, which is truth and liberty.

Mr. Petree's article will be proof of what I said in my first article. He did not use the word "steal" but he used the language and spirit to show he believes it was stolen. He proceeded to charge that he said in speaking of the "steal" I had made. Believing that there was a "steal" and as far from the fact as the East is from the West. Now, dear reader, if you had made a charge and someone would tell you that your charge would not

feel called upon to furnish proof or retract? I think you would. But our opponent says he "didn't think we had any proof." Well, perhaps he didn't think so then, but I guess he feels different about it now. In fact, the proof was so conclusive that he didn't attempt to answer it, but consumed his space in making personal attacks upon the writer and Mr. Kyle. But from the comments we have been hearing a part of which came directly from a Taft man, it seems that since his last article appeared he has lost ground, and that his case would have been stronger had it never appeared. Facts about the question at issue, are what the people want and not personal reflection upon individuals. Yes, we announced, at the request of friends in the county, that we would become a candidate for Clerk of the Court two years ago, and after doing so, withdrew from the race before the campaign was barely begun. This has proven no disgrace that we know of. In fact, others have offered for clerk who have never held the office. If our memory is correct one of Mr. Petree's right hand men, and especially his right hand Taft man, once made the race for Clerk, and when it came to a show it was could not carry his own precinct. He also refers to our fight for another gentleman for a post-office job. By this I presume he means the Germanon post-office. This, dear reader, as many will recall, was a fight not so much for any one man as for a change in Postmasters. It is true we espoused the cause of a certain man for which we make no apology, and if it had not been for the double dealing of Mr. Morehead and a few others, we would have aided our man. Not only was there double dealing, but a complete lay down on the job and we were forced to reverse the head of Mr. Morehead, direct to Mr. Taft and Mr. Hagan, and before we could get a square deal when the facts were truly gotten before the department a change was made and Germanon got a new Postmaster.

But Mr. Petree wants to know how else we were when Taft "whispered" to Daneman that he would give Daneman's friends the job in North Carolina if Daneman would help Taft out at Chicago. Well, no matter how cross or how far away we may have been, we were close enough the other day to read where Taft had handed the friends of Daneman the pie any way, leaving Mr. Morehead out in the cold. The above fact shows that we either heard the "whisper" or we know how to guess. But the most absurd thing in Mr. Petree's letter is the way he attempts to explain why Roosevelt carried the primaries over Taft. Behold he says the people didn't turn out and vote! And of course all that stayed at home were for Taft! It will be bad on Taft if they remain at home again in November. But isn't it amazing that in his home State, and the home State of his million-aire brother, that Taft's friends would have so little enthusiasm for him that they would just stay at home and allow Roosevelt to beat him 47 thousand majority? Especially so after Taft had told them in the campaign that the outcome in his home State would decide the contest. Yes, candid reader, that is amazing if it is true that his friends did stay at home. But when a man gets 47 thousand majority in a State or 77 thousand as in California where only one political party is voting, we take it that a pretty good crowd voted. They just wanted Taft, that's all, and if you don't think so watch the count again in November. How funny it is to hear Mr. Petree charge in his article that the Roosevelt people used the steam roller in the Danbury convention. That's the first admission we have had from a Taft man that the Roosevelt people were even in the majority in that convention. Of course the Roosevelt people were large in the majority, both in the delegation and the spectators, but it is refreshing now to learn that the Taft people are beginning to admit it. Why a few of them got elected to the State convention and came home telling it that the county convention had selected them as delegates to the State convention? Evidence will show by this that the Taft people controlled the convention, when as a matter of fact each township elected its own delegates to the State convention, as has been a custom, and the convention as a whole had nothing whatever to do with it. Had the Roosevelt people desired to do so they could have taken the reins in their own hands and defeated every Taft man and sent a solid Roosevelt delegation to the Charlotte convention. So I guess some of

them had better congratulate themselves that it was left to the precincts. Last, but not least, Mr. Petree throws negro at the Roosevelt people. He says when Mr. Roosevelt goes fishing for votes he uses all kinds of bait, even "throwing a sop to the negro." He surely has not read how it was Col. Roosevelt's influence that barred all negro delegates from the South to the Progressive Convention at Chicago. Not one was allowed to take his seat. That's the kind of "sop" Sambo gets from Teddy. But those who live in a "glass house should not throw a stone." What about Mr. Taft and the negro? I dislike to use the space, even talk about negro in politics in North Carolina, but since Mr. Petree has drawn me into this, I must defend myself and the host of Roosevelt people in our county. So in order to draw the line, and knock out one whole side of that glass house in which Mr. Petree and his Taft friends abide, I will quote the following from a Washington dispatch published in the North Carolina daily paper of Sunday: "Washington, Aug. 10. W. H. Lewis, the negro assistant United States Attorney General, who President Taft appointed over the protest of hundreds of influential white people, both in the South, Eastern and Western States, is to make campaign speeches for Mr. Taft in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee." Take the evidence, Mr. Petree, and decide the case accordingly. When we wrote our first article we had no intention of hitting county politics, or dealing in personalities, but since Mr. Petree, in each of his articles, has seen fit to make personal attack upon us, we feel that the reading public will pardon us for meeting the issue, and stating the facts in each case. Just a word now about the "big" committee meeting in Greensboro on the 7th inst, and we are done. I suppose ere this my Roosevelt friends over the county have seen in papers how a few—just 8 men I believe it was—sat in Greensboro and proceeded to "resolve" out of the Republican party all citizens who will not support Mr. Taft. Some of them have denied the high-handed methods practiced in Chicago, but in the next breath go to Greensboro and practice

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2 Second best bright wrapper..... 20.00
3 Best bright wrapper..... 10.00
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7 Best natural leaf..... 25.00
8 Second best natural leaf..... 15.00

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10 Second best bright filler..... 15.00
11 Third best bright fillers..... 10.00

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- 12 Best mahogany fillers..... 25.00
13 Second best mahogany fillers..... 15.00
14 Third best mahogany fillers..... 10.00

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- 15 Best red fillers..... 25.00
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31 Second best sun-cured fillers..... 15.00
32 Third best sun-cured fillers..... 10.00

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2. That no premium be awarded when, in the opinion of the judges, the exhibit is not meritorious in variety, quality or artistic arrangement.

3. That the following scale of points be adopted in judging individual exhibit: 100 points perfect; Agriculture, 60 points; Vegetables, 10 points; Home Industry, 10 points; Fruits, 10 points; Artistic arrangement, 10 points.

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3. Third best display of garden vegetables..... 15.00
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2. Second best exhibit of live stock..... 15.00
3. Third best exhibit of live stock..... 10.00

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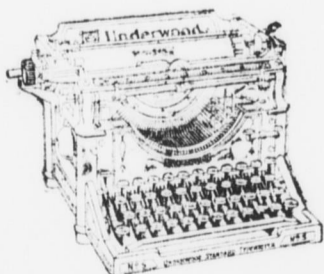
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