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GREAT VOTING CONTEST

Elegant Obermeyer & Sons Piano and Other Valuable Prizes to be Awarded to Successful Candidates

The Mount Airy News and Merchants of the Town to Give Prizes

Read Announcement on Fourth Page of this Issue and Get in the Game

The Mount Airy News this week inaugurates the greatest voting contest ever held in this section of the state, and one which we believe will arouse a great deal of interest.

This contest will extend over a period of about 90 days, and at the close of the contest some lady in Mt. Airy or vicinity will be the proud possessor of a handsome \$400 piano.

On page four of this issue will be found a full explanation of the contest, with the rules which will govern it, and a list of beautiful and useful auxiliary prizes which will be given by the progressive merchants of the city. There are a great number of prizes besides the piano, any one of which will be well worth winning, and every contestant who gets out and makes any kind of a hustle will be sure of winning a handsome prize, even if she does not win the piano.

This contest is put on under the auspices of the Publisher's Music Co. of Chicago, who will have charge of the arrangements. This company makes a business of conducting these popular voting contests and at present has a number of them under way in this and other states.

Some popular lady will have a beautiful piano as the result of this contest, and a number of others will have beautiful prizes of various kinds.

Read the rules elsewhere in this issue, inspect the offerings of the merchants, and learn how you may secure votes for yourself or friend.

Use the 25-vote coupon in this issue and cast it for someone, as

it may be the starter of a winner. Fill out the nominating blank and send it or hand it in to The Mount Airy News office, as this may be the means of helping some deserving lady to win a handsome piano or some of the other valuable prizes enumerated in the list.

This contest is without doubt the biggest business getting enterprise that has ever been presented to the people of Mount Airy and vicinity.

While the Mount Airy News enjoys a good business, nevertheless we are always reaching out after more and in our present method of helping others, we hope in return to help ourselves. We expect to increase our subscription list at an exceedingly rapid rate, and thereby benefit the advertiser.

Remember that a number of our leading merchants are interested in this contest and give 25-vote coupons with every dollar cash purchase. Also those who do not fully understand the rules and regulations of this contest can call or write this office and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with them.

Remember to have your friends trade with the merchants who are giving the coupons. They are reliable trades people as follows:

- F. M. Poore,
- Earp's 5 and 10 ct. Store.
- W. E. Morrill-Co.
- F. L. Smith Hardware Co.
- C. E. Lundy,
- W. B. Haymore,
- Dr. J. C. Drug Co.
- R. H. Leonard,
- Frank Howard,
- W. W. Burke.

WHO ARE YOU FOR PRESIDENT? WHY ARE YOU?

The most unusual, hard fought, and powerfully-in-earnest campaign waged in the history of our government is now drawing to a close.

The fierce campaigns waged before the party conventions, the conventions themselves, both in number and performances presented, the additional number of candidates presented for the consideration of the voters of the United States, the kinds of campaigns waged since the conventions, all these things and many others have united in making this the most interesting election that has perhaps been held in our country.

The Democratic Party, Progressive Party, Socialist Party, and Prohibition Party, have all held their conventions, nominated candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, and declared their theories of government through their respective platforms. That all of these different parties obtain today, that each party has its champions and its supporters, proves undeniably two things: First, That the present method of administration of our affairs, that the present system is unsatisfactory and ineffective, and Second, That the American voter is realizing that it is his duty and his privilege to vote in accordance with his own judgment, that it is his duty to use his own intelligence and to express his own opinion accordingly.

But, while it is the privilege of every voter to express his own opinion, it is at the same time his duty to strive to act intelligently.

While all of these parties have placed before the American people, their nominees, it will be hardly be contended that the successful candidate will come from the last two named parties. It is with the first that we wish to deal.

The Republican Party has been in power for sixteen years; its record is before you. William Howard Taft has been your President for four years; his record is before you. Up until two years ago the Republican Party was in power in Congress; its record is before you. A convention of the Republican Party was recently held at Chicago and its record is before you. This convention declared President Taft as its nominee and he is before you.

There is perhaps no agency in our national life that plays such an important role in bringing our people together, and in reflecting sentiment on public questions as do our great daily newspapers and magazines. We do not ask you to vote for our nominees because they are our nominees, but we do ask you to act intelligently and honestly.

In speaking of the convention that nominated Taft, the New York World had the following to say: "If this contest means anything it means that the old gods of the Republican party are dead. The old order is changed. The old leadership is repudiated. The old bosses are done for. The rank and file demand a new dispensation . . . (again) 'Morally the Taft administration has been rejected by the Republican party. Mr. Taft held the Chicago convention by grace of the Republican machine. That alone saved him from the humiliation of being overthrown by the man who made him President' (again) 'The American people want a new deal and they are going to have it. The great fact is that the American people are thoroughly aroused to the need of a political housecleaning that will sweep privilege and plutocracy from places of power. The party that disregards these plain warnings of popular discontent is headed straight for disaster.'"

Referring to its record of twenty years of loyalty to the Republican party, the Chicago

Evening Post makes the following statement: "In our judgment President Taft's nomination was a tainted nomination. There was in it trickery and fraud. . . it was a nomination made by a minority instead of a majority."

In accepting the nomination for the presidency Mr. Taft's speech dealt largely with the record made during his administration. More than two years before he had signed the Payne-Aldridge tariff bill, declaring it to be the "best tariff bill ever passed." In his speech he reaffirmed his belief in a protective tariff.

The New York Evening Mail criticizes his speech as "a morass of apologies, negations, doubts, evasions, and special pleadings of Mr. Taft." The New York World finds but a single sentence in this speech revealing the smallest appreciation on the part of its maker of the personal and political shortcomings which have wrecked his administration, divided his party, and brought the thunders of the oncoming Democracy within hearing of the White House. . . (again) that "every paragraph will give a new reason for the popular disappointment in Mr. Taft which has been growing rapidly in the last two years."

Mr. Taft and the Republican party promised the voters, four years ago that they would revise the tariff laws. They did. They did revise the tariff laws; they revised them upward, and today the tariff schedules are higher than ever before. Their answer to criticism on the part of the American people was this: "We promised to revise the tariff laws but we didn't say whether it was to be upward or downward. We have kept our promise." Did the people think so? Two years ago the test resulted in a repudiation of the Republican party, and a Democratic Congress. Several tariff bills were passed by the Democratic Congress that would have brought great relief to the American people, that would have saved us millions of dollars that are now going into the coffers of the great legalized monopolies. These bills went to the President for his ratification. What did he do? He says he favors a policy of protection, his party stands for it. What else could he do but veto it? Do you want relief? Do you have a reasonable ground for believing that you will get the relief that you seek at the hands of the Republican party?

Mr. Roosevelt was a candidate before the Chicago Convention. He says that the politicians, the Taft machine and the national committee stole the nomination from him when the American people had shown by their primaries that he was their choice. His friends say the same thing. All the great Roosevelt papers and leaders claim that Roosevelt was the rightful nominee of the party; that the great majority of the Republican voters wanted Roosevelt; that popular government was ignored and the Taft machine substituted therefor.

The Roosevelt supporters held another Convention; organized the Progressive Party; nominated Roosevelt as their candidate for President; and wrote a platform.

He tells the people today that if he is elected as President he will annihilate the trusts and monopolies, that he will reduce the high cost of living and that he will right many wrongs. He says that he will see to it that the hours of labor shall be shortened for women, that he will protect the laborer, that he favors woman suffrage and many other things.

Theodore Roosevelt was President of the United States for seven years, with a Republican Congress and a Republican Senate. Did he destroy any trusts and monopolies? Statistics show that the number increased from

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State and County Government

WHO ARE YOU FOR AND WHY?

We conceive it to be the province of a State Government to provide; First, educational facilities for every child by the establishment and perpetuation of a non-sectarian free school system within reach of the humblest and poorest, as well as the richest child; and with this necessary institutions of higher learning—the High School, the Colleg and the University, so that the acquisition of knowledge, and the development of one's self shall not depend upon the wealth of a parent, but only upon his desire for advancement along these lines, the State making it possible for any man's boy or girl to secure an education, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Second, the preservation of the lives, health and property of its citizens.

Third, inasmuch as ours is largely an agricultural State, the encouragement of agricultural pursuits, the promotion of the farmers' welfare, comfort and advancement.

Fourth, to guarantee to every man, woman and child, of whatever vocation or calling, equal and exact justice, in so far as a State is able to perform.

Fifth, to care for the unfortunate.

In 1896 the Republican leaders—we do not charge this to the rank and file, for they would not any more do violence to their State or their fellow men than a Democrat—but the leaders took possession of this State and assumed the management of our affairs. What was the result? No building of new and comfortable school houses over our commonwealth, no extension or advancement in school facilities, it being a fact that for the four years of Republican rule the number of school weeks was 50.66, while in the four years thereafter, under Democratic rule the number of school weeks was 63.40. In the nine years under Democratic rule—from 1902 to 1911—there were built in North Carolina three thousand, three hundred and twelve comfortable school houses, more than one for every day in the year for these nine years, thus providing the children of every walk in life, especially necessary to the children of men of small means, better and more comfortable school houses and longer school terms. In 1907 the Democratic General Assembly appropriated \$50,000 for the establishment of rural high schools, and the General Assembly of 1911 increased that appropriation to \$75,000 annually, providing that where equal amounts were appropriated by a county this fund should be available. In consequence of which action, there are now in those counties which are progressive enough to take advantage of this law, there are 179 County High Schools, enrolling 6574 country boys and girls, offering them equal opportunity with the boys and girls of our towns and cities.

The Democratic General Assembly of 1911 passed an act providing for the establishment in every county of the State progressive enough to take advantage of the opportunity, of a Farm-Life School, teaching and promoting better agricultural training and farm life. These things Surry County can have if you will put in office in the County men who are favorable to such progress. Our State's higher institutions of learning stand in the forefront of the best Colleges and Universities of the land, offering to ambitious young men and young women, irrespective of their financial ability, the opportunity for higher education.

In these progressive steps, Surry County is behind Mecklenburg, Guilford, Forsyth and 75 other Democratic Counties in North Carolina. Why? There's a reason.

What is North Carolina, under Democratic rule, doing to preserve the lives, health and property of its citizens? It has established a State Board of Health, providing every means

for preventing disease, lowering the death rate and the great good being accomplished is not to be measured in dollars—though it saves us much money—but in the health and preservation of our lives.

The State, under Democratic rule, looking to the preservation of our property and the development of our resources, has established the "North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey" for the examination of the mineral, forest, fishery, and other resources of the State; the examination of the geological formations of the State with reference to their economic products; the examination and classification of the soil with reference to their best use; the occupation of the people.

The State, by the enactment of wise insurance laws, has made it well nigh impossible for fraudulent or questionable insurance companies to get a dollar of money from our people.

The State, under Democratic rule, is doing much through the agricultural department, to advance the cause of agriculture by the holding of Farmers Institutes, giving information as to the cultivation of the soil, the eradication of disease of plants and animals; by the establishment of test farms, the enactment and execution of laws to prevent the sale of inferior and worthless seeds, and indeed, is doing so much for the farmers' welfare that our agricultural department is considered the best among the Southern States.

The State, under Democratic Rule, has enacted laws, regulating the employment of children and women in our factories and public works, and fixing limitations on the hours for work; it has enacted laws looking to the fair and equal taxation of property in order that the great rich enterprises, factories and railroads may be able to bear their due proportion of the burdens of taxation, to the end that these measures for progress may go forward and the taxation be equitably distributed.

The Democratic party has established for the care of the unfortunate, the blind, the deaf and dumb, and the demented, absolutely the most perfect provisions economically run.

What of our Counties? We live in Surry County, and it is our duty not to leave it for another, but to build it up until it shall be as great as any other. Take Mecklenburg, Forsyth, Durham, Rockingham, Guilford—any County in the State under Democratic rule, you find good roads, test farms, rural high schools—the County in short, on a rapid march of progress, in which its county populations are equal and the first beneficiaries.

What about progress in Surry from the standpoint of County Government? You know that what progress our people have made has been of themselves in individual cases, unaided by our County Government. And the fact now is that the Republican Convention refused to renominate its only progressive County Commissioner—Why, we do not know—unless he, being a Roosevelt supporter, would have broken the Taft machine.

Good Government is what we want. Take the case and vote in the interests of your own household.

Saved by His Wife.

She's a wise woman who knows just what to do when her husband's life is in danger, but Mrs. R. J. Flint, Braintree, Vt., is of that kind. "She insisted on my using Dr. King's New Discovery," writes Mr. F. "for a dreadful cough, when I was so weak my friends all thought I had only a short time to live, and it completely cured me." A quick cure for coughs and colds, it's the most safe and reliable medicine for many throat and lung troubles—grip, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, quinsy, tonsillitis, hemorrhages. A trial will convince you. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by Peoples Drug Co.

Coupon.

When you make a purchase amounting to 10c or more Present this coupon for Free Present at Earp's 5 & 10c Store. Good during October only.

25 Vote Coupon.

Send this Coupon to The News Office within 15 days from date and it will count for 25 votes. No money is required with this Coupon.

Vote For.....
October 17th, 1912.

Nominating Blank

Popular Vote Contest

I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

As a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever.

Signed.....
Address.....

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia says of Woodrow Wilson:—"In Woodrow Wilson the country has found a rare man, such as Democracy has not found to its hand in some generations, with a profound knowledge of human government and the workings of modern society. His very radicalism, and every searcher after truth must hit at the root sometimes, is thoughtful radicalism tempered by learning and patience and the long look ahead. It has been demonstrated that he has faith in himself and capacity to live alone with his ideals,

and ability to refuse to compromise with the half truth or the self-seeker. It has been seen that he knew how to teach men what he knew with swift and winning charm, and he has demonstrated above everything the possession of a brand of calm and capable courage that has touched a soft spot in the hearts of a courage-loving people. What American executive of recent times has exhibited greater power to instruct the public mind, to win public confidence, to gain great fundamental results against great odds?"