

When the hysteria of the Democratic press over what they are pleased to call Mr. Butler's ascendancy in the party, when their lamentations and wailings over the loss of Mr. Duncan, which friendly sympathy is of course fully recognized as rubbing salt on Republican wounds, I think it will be universally recognized that the one declaration of the convention was, in concrete effect, that the party would no longer submit to domination by any one individual or faction and that they demanded that the fight be waged against Democracy instead of a warfare conducted against each other to the neglect of the political antagonist. Realizing this, if our people will at once go about their respective localities, talking harmony, unity of purpose and concert of action, all to the end of party success. If that spirit is brought into activity right now, vigorously presented and maintained until November we will, I am sure, achieve most gratifying and surprising results next fall.

Yours very truly,
JNO. M. MOREHEAD.

In this letter, while not intended for publication, Mr. Morehead hits the nail on the head so wisely and he sizes up the situation so clearly that we print it without his advise so the people can see the broad-mindedness of the one who has our best interests in hand. With this high sense of responsibility always in sight we can expect a united and an aggressive fight this year. To use his words "talk harmony, unity of purpose and concert of action, all to the end of party success" will lead to "surprising results this fall." The people are with Mr. Morehead in his efforts to a man, and they will not "neglect their political antagonist" in the least. They will remember them at the polls, if not in their prayers.

The primary law is not very popular. The people do not care to take an iron-clad oath that they will "vote her straight," at least until they know who are the nominees. There is no room in the primary for the independent voter. If John Jones wanted protection to American interests and yet wanted to vote for his brother who was running for constable on the Democratic ticket he could not do it if he entered the primary. You must be pig or pup according to this law. The people will stay away from the primaries as a rule and still retain their self respect and still vote as they please as a sovereign citizen of this great republic. If somebody would go to Raleigh and get half our laws repealed the people would be pleased. Not long ago they indicted and convicted an old Confederate soldier's son for helping to bury his neighbor and not reporting the matter properly. It is consoling to think that Patrick Henry does not live today for if he had to have liberty or death he sure would get death. We should return to the days of common sense in legislation.

peace at any price. The few men must have their prejudices and ambitions laid in the dust. The people in their sovereign capacity have spoken as to our leaders this year, and they spoke wisely. Mr. Morehead is worthy to represent us before any tribunal and our interests are safe in his keeping. Mr. Linney is safe and sane. Under his guidance the party will win if there is any merit in organization, in wise policies and in an honorable presentation of the issues that confront us as a party. Thomas Settle, J. J. Britt, Judge Robinson, J. S. Lewis and their district associates will see that the best available men are evolved from the Chicago convention. There is nothing small in their desire to clear the way so that the elephant can come down the pike like a conquering hero. In the State and in the counties the best men are being nominated for officers which means that somebody is going to be elected. The star of hope has a golden lustre, and "behind the cloud the sun is shining." Smile! You disconsolate Radicals, Smile! Victory looms larger just ahead if we can read the stars aright. You can't fool all the people but one time in quarter of a century. Even old rock-ribbed Democratic Gaston is "prepared" to join the triumphant hosts one time more. The people want to do the square thing if they know it and this year they are Solomons.

"Low taxes and economy" is what the people want—then support the ticket that is pledged to this. Lincoln said:

"I do not know much about the tariff, but I do know that if you buy a ton of steel rails abroad you have the rails and the foreigner has the money if you make a ton of rails here you have both the rails and the money."

Our free trade friends told us last campaign that if they were given power they would lower our tariff duties or abolish them and then the high cost of living would depart forever. Through a division in their opponents' ranks they gained the former although still a minority party and they put 70 per cent of our products upon the free list, still the cost of living is higher today than it ever was even under the McKinley tariff. Our friends now admit that tariff duties are necessary and they retain the duty on sugar. They are also preparing to get a tariff commission that will call for protection under the guise of a non-partisan commission. The treasury balance is so low that necessity forces them to raise these duties. Even free trade England is preparing to enact tariff laws. Germany built up her colossal resources that enable her to fight the world under a protective tariff. The prosperity of our nation demands that our labor and capital be protected.

erty of procrastination. The patience will retire to the shadow of that innocuous desuetude which Mr. Cleveland inaugurated. All this is as true as gospel if the people's wishes are carried out and we have a reunited party as of old.

We are becoming pretty thoroughly convinced that before the Torrens system of registering land titles is made a success, some official must be charged with the duty of helping landowners get these Torrens deeds. North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Mississippi now have the law, and that is gratifying as showing the progress of public sentiment. But the actual use of the measure has not been great. When the land owner goes to get a deed, the lawyer insists upon or prefers the old form. Sometimes the lawyer does this honestly—simply because he knows the old way, and hasn't taken pains to learn the new way. But in not a few cases we hear of lawyers telling farmers a Torrens deed will cost \$100 to \$150, whereas Attorney General Bickett of North Carolina says that the average cost should not exceed \$25. A judge to go from county to county and help farmers get titles at a standardization cost seems a necessity in order to insure widespread adoption and reasonable charges.—Progressive Farmer.

The Gaston Republican knows the the sentiment of most of the mill owners and operators of the South relative to this child labor bill now before Congress, and it knows that all are opposed to its passage. This being true it should not pass because the people interested should not have such unwise legislation forced upon them at the solicitation of sentimentalists North who know nothing whatever of our conditions here. All mill managers, as a rule, are opposed to any inhumanity to children. It would be a great injustice to force these boys under 16 years to loaf instead of allowing them to toil for an honest living for needy families. They learn a good trade and they are well cared for while at work. The old latin motto, "Labor omnia vincet," labor conquers all things; has stood the test of centuries until this year these faddists want to say that loafing conquers all things. The State laws are sufficient to meet all demands here. Kill the bill.

Mr. J. B. Duke, according to press reports, is looking around for a location for a \$100,000 home estate somewhere in Piedmont North Carolina. If Mr. Duke will visit Gaston county we believe we can suit him either in city or rural property, and he would be at home in the center of his wonderful electric power plants.

aliens. Death to the Villians was the demand of all, and our forces marched upon foreign soil determined at all cost to uphold our honor. Many of the Villa men have been slain, and our wrongs are being redeemed as far as possible against the band of bandits. Still, as a nation, there are many issues yet unsolved with the governing power there. Some of Carranza's forces have fired upon our troops, they ask us to retire from their country, they refuse us their railroads for transportation purposes, they have insulted our honor. What we propose to do about it rests with the administration. We do not criticise our officers in times of war. As Stephen Decatur said "Our country right or wrong—but still our country." If our commander-in-chief of the army and navy, Mr. Wilson calls for men to whip Mexico they will rally in a hurry. Our country first deserves the services of every man.

The Gaston Republican is a new journalistic venture at Gastonia. The first number of the paper shows the editorial hand of Mr. G. Ed Kestler, of Concord, a writer of much experience and of a reputation that is good. Mr. Kestler's editorship is a guarantee that the paper will be of the clean class.—Editorial Charlotte Observer April 30, 1916.

The average per capita farm wealth production of the United States is \$723. Iowa leads the list with \$1,680 while North Carolina comes in as the 45th state with only \$290 per capita. Texas has \$460 and yet North Carolina raises double the cotton per acre that Texas does. This is from the 1910 census. If a farmer could sell two mules or two horses each year he would on an average have more money than he does now. Getting the least for their labor than any other State almost, it is no wonder that improvements in agriculture is greatly agitated among the thoughtful. Now take the average taxes paid by our tax payers, \$50 per capita, and divide it into what he receives for his year's work, \$290, and we see that he is paying nearly 20 per cent taxes on his income. It is no wonder that our farmers join in with the Gaston Republican in opposing higher taxes.

The second issue of The Gaston Republican sees Dallas go Republican, the first time in its life. The future issues will see Lowell, Gastonia, Mt. Holly, Cherryville, Belmont and all the rest go likewise. When life-long cities change over to us so early in the campaign it proves that when the campaign closes the landslide will all be our way.

on the part of the Democratic party, they will awaken to the need of returning the Republican party to power and the re-establishment of the protective policy which brings business prosperity."

Charity and Children comes out in favor of making it legal for the Governor of North Carolina to veto any legislation that is passed by the legislature. This question would depend to a great extent upon who is governor and, also, upon what kind of a legislature we have. If we had a Blease at Raleigh it might not be so good and then it might. If we had a Republican legislature and a Democratic governor, and this is possible, the veto might block all legislation. If we have again some legislatures such as have met in our State in the past and we had a good governor the veto would be a great institution. The thing to do is for each county to elect its best men for officers and they wont need any veto or censor because they will do the square thing in everything.

Mr. Ed Kestler has accepted the position of editor and manager of the new Republican paper at Gastonia. A number of Republican gentlemen have purchased the outfit of the Gastonian, which was published by Mr. Frank Brumley, and will continue the paper as a Republican organ. Mr. Kestler was in the Populist days here editor of the Vestibule, and is an interesting and entertaining writer. Mr. Brumley will remain with the new paper, for a while at least, and will be in charge of the mechanical department. Mr. Kestler will not move his family to Gastonia.—Concord Tribune.

Mr. David P. Dellinger, of Gaston county, is a candidate before the Democratic primaries for Commissioner of Labor and Printing. The Gaston Republican hopes our Democratic friends will nominate him, for the Democrats of Gaston are the best Democrats in the world and if by some misfortune they should carry the State we would rather have a Gaston Democrat there than one from any other section. But Mr Dellinger if nominated can expect to be defeated if we can read the signs of the times correctly.

It is Mr. L. L. Jenkins, formerly of Gastonia, who is to oppose Mr. O. Max Gardner for lieutenant Governor. He is a banker and a popular citizen withal, and will give the Democratic favorite about as close a race as anyone the Republicans could have selected.—Charlotte Observer.

ever see the justice is done for their glorious deeds in the days that tried men's souls. We should have a roster and a history of these old veterans and their sons should write it now before it is too late. The next National Convention will be held at Birmingham May 15 to 20, rates from Gastonia \$8.65. The Sons always meet with the veterans. If the Sons of Gaston veterans want to organize we could do so at once and go to Birmingham.

The Gaston Republican congratulates our city in having so kind and competent postmaster as Mr. John R. Rankin. The people are highly pleased with his excellent services so far as we can gauge public opinion.

The High Shoals ball team will "cross bats" with the Clara Mill team tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 on the tomorro afternoon at 3:30 on the Clara Clara Mill grounds.

Give the Charlotte boosters a cordial reception and trade in Gastonia. The merchants here can save you big money over Charlotte prices, as these boosters will admit. We want to show them a real live city that will open their eyes.

Five Hurt in Automobile Accident Near Kinston.

Hookerton, April 18.—Miss Bessie Beaman of this town is suffering from a broken arm, and four other persons, including Ormond Edwards of Ayden, bear bruises as the result of an automobile accident on a road near here. The car ran against a bank after Edwards, who was driving, had lost control.

Destroy Six Aeroplanes.

Columbus, N. M., April 27.—Six of the eight aeroplanes which have been used by the expeditionary fliers in Mexico have been destroyed as worthless junk. Two of the planes are now undergoing repairs here.

Stomach Catarrh Is Very Prevalent

In this climate catarrh is a prevalent disease. Catarrh affects the stomach as often as any other organ. Perhaps every third person is more or less troubled with stomach catarrh. Peruna is extensively used in these cases.

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