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FAIR END POLITICAL CLUB HELD REGULAR MEETING

Fair End, June 25. Fair End looks today as it did yesterday. The red, muddy roads have dried off and people can walk in the middle of the road now instead of taking to the bushes. I went down up to the blacksmith shop today to hear the news.

"I am almost disgusted" was the first thing I heard on approaching the shop. The words came from Joe Grubber, the everyotherday Democratic politician.

"What's the matter now?" Jim Dobbins, the blacksmith, was heard to ask.

"Oh, I don't know. I have been reading the Raleigh papers and they have near about got me keyhollowed. I could much blame them for the way call the anti-singsters—remark, I do."

"You're talkin' positive again," said Emil Davis, the farmer man, as he came up to the shop. "I wish this politics business was dropped for a spell," he continued. "I've enough to tired of hearing it talked in my life. Even the women folks, too, don't talk about other. My wife's got so she can't talk same as a man and she ought to be a mighty thing about it. She says she is a Democrat. I asked her what a Democrat was, and she said read the papers. Read the Raleigh papers, you know. I tell you what a Democrat is. When women get mixed up in politics it's time for men to pay the piper and look out for the end. But I want to ask you one thing, what is a singster, and an anti-singster? My wife tried to give a whole mess about it today. Is the Raleigh papers I get want to make us crazy?"

"Why, Simeon, he's in fun." "As long as you've been living in East End and don't know what a singster is—A singster is one of them fellows that believes in a ring. An anti-singster is one who don't believe in rings. A ring is a round thing, and a man gets into it, the one on the outside wants to get him out and he get in. You understand?"

Emil made out it was all plain to him and sat down on the anvil, but not before he asked me a chew of bacca.

"But what are you disgusted about?" asked Tom Burton, who was sitting on a workbench while the rest of the gang got seats the best way they could.

"I never expected to live to see the day that Democrats quitted. Democrats—men of first quality, white men—should get so low down as to call one another Pinkstons, niggers, sneaks and other vile names. The Raleigh News man said the other day that a mean Democrat was better than a good Republican. That may be true and it is not true. Here's my friend Tom Burton. He is a good Republican and I know there ain't a better man living. I know some Democrats in this very county so mean that a decent hog wouldn't look them in the face. And yet that paper man said what he did. It makes me mighty tired, and I feel like sometimes I'll quit the whole thing." And Joe's spirits seemed to be on a low ebb.

"You ought not go back on your party, Joe. Be a man. Be a Republican if you have become disgusted with the Democrats." "You see, the other day that a Democrat was a white man and belonged to the white man's party, and you used to think up to we Republicans be a mighty poorer ticket that we belonged to the negro party. All that has been done away now. There is no negro party. It's all a white man's party. But I want to see how some are going to swallow this. Here are some clippings from Democratic newspapers. They are the very things you have been throwing up to we Republicans. Listen."

Nobody heard the clipping.

"The Hilton [illegible] in the Tobacco plantation made 15 bales of cotton, 60 bushels of corn and a lot of wheat and oats this year. Jim is a hard-working negro and the beauty about it he always votes the Democratic ticket."

"How is that, Joe?" Reckon if he'd a voted the Republican ticket anything would have been said about him?"

"That ain't nothing," replied Joe. "Here's some more."

"Henry Stone is one of the farmers in Stem township. He is a hard working peaceable negro, sends his children to school and always votes the Democratic ticket."

"Alex Webb, who farms for Silas Robinson, outside of doing his day's work, farmed for himself and made two bales of cotton, raised enough meat to supply him for next year, besides a lot of corn. Alex has always voted the Democratic ticket and worked for it like a white man."

"I could show you more of the same kind, but it is unnecessary. I know several negroes in a county adjoining who that voted the Democratic ticket and they were always held up as models. One of them killed a man, was prosecuted and acquitted because some one said he was a Democrat. I know he always voted the Democratic ticket and boasted that the Democrats were his friends. He killed another man and fled to Norfolk, but the authorities did not try to catch him. A man in Norfolk offered to bring him back to the authorities, provided they would pay his expenses, but that Democratic negro is living in Norfolk yet and is voting the Democratic ticket. It makes no difference to me how many negroes vote the Democratic ticket. They all can vote it if they wish to, but I am not. I don't blame you for being disgusted. If a man will read the Raleigh papers, that is if he is a good Democrat, he would or ought to go off and hide himself. If a bad Democrat is as good as a good Republican, then God pity the good Republicans of this state, and the Lord should help the mean ones."

"I don't care what you say," said Joe. "I know it looks tough in the papers but I am a Democrat just the same. Just look what the Democratic party did the other day. They did not have any money in the treasury—not a cent. They owed a whole lot and the debts had to be paid—what did they do? They called on the Democrats of the state to raise the money and they raised it. That's what they did. The Republicans would not have done that. Now what have you got to say?" And Joe's eyes seemed to bulge out with an ecstacy of joy, because he just knew the Republicans would not have done such a thing.

"That may be all true," replied Gin. "I am glad what you say is true, but it is not true. Republicans had as big a hand in that game as the Democrats, besides one of the big trust organizations had a hand in saving the state's credit, which was not in a lot of danger. The money market was like some of the mills in the state, shut down waiting for higher prices for bonds and lower prices for cotton. There is plenty of money on the market but men now adays are after more money and then more money. People do not buy bonds for their health, neither do they run cotton mills on the same condition. The trouble in North Carolina today is that we have too many kinds of politicians who want their office, and it does not matter to them whether it's bonds, hog or hominy they have to sell they get their. Won't you admit, Joe, that this is so?" But there was no admission in Joe. The Democratic party was the same to him always, right or wrong.

I said something in my last letter about bonds and something about a sinking fund made for the purpose of saving money to redeem those bonds. Now another question. Many years ago the city of Raleigh issued bonds to build a market house. The bonds were sold, a sinking fund was created and the last time I heard of that fund they had some $60,000 or more or probably less saved to pay to redeem the bonds. Have the bonds been redeemed? I see they are trying to sell the old market house. I wish you would ask the News and Observer to look into the matter, as it is such a good hand to look after the city and county's good.

A half witted fellow met a friend of his one day on the streets of Raleigh whom he always called Thornzo. "Hello, Thornzo, where have you been so long?" "Been on the jury Ed, cleaning up the docket." "Cleaning up the darkeys, are you? All right, old boy, give 'em h—l," said the half witted fellow. This joke reminds me of what the News is doing.

JEW DANIELS

Has Strengthened Party.

(Baltimore American.)

President Taft went west not to preach political policies, but to expand upon broad social and industrial themes. While he was away his policies at Washington were at work. These policies were active in manner to prepare for the President the finest kind of reception in the places he visited. He traversed considerable insurgent territory, and everywhere in these localities was the action of the administration in securing injunctions against the western railroads cordially approved. The President, making no direct allusion to policies as such, nevertheless was acting in a politic manner. He has literally won the west to him, and insurgency is rapidly fading out as construed in terms of antagonism to Mr. Taft. As the American has had occasion to point out, the attitude of the President has always been broadly national. He has never done or said anything to warrant the conclusion that he regarded the insurgents as anathema any more than that he regarded the standpatters as candidates for Taft aureoles. The wisdom of his course is now apparent. By his attitude toward the railroads in the matter of rate agreements he has set himself flatly upon the side of the law, and by so doing he has won good opinions among the insurgents. This it appears that the President, simply by giving another instance of his reverence for law and a firm decision to have it carried out, has made more political capital than any amount of demagoguing or truckling to one or another side could have gained him. The breach in the party is rapidly closing and the President, as the healer of the schism, is taking on a strength that will compare to his advantage with the popularity of his predecessors.

The railroad presidents who have sought to shake him in his position of adherence to the law, upon the ground that he himself had not been personally adverse to some measures of agreement between the roads, found him adamant. Affable, but unconvinced, he stands by the law. The railroad bill has been passed by the Senate. The subject is now one for conference by the two legislative bodies in committee. The President perceives that the country is chary of any latitude for the railroads in the matter of freight agreements. He perceives very clearly the insistence of the people that the railroads shall not be permitted to raise the rates at their option. The mere fact that no formal agreement is ordinarily entered into does not alter the character of the agreements, and the method by which the agreement was reached through the western traffic committee to raise the rates on many lines does not make the act less the action of the related roads. The position of the President is that of firm insistence upon the law as it is until the law shall be made different.

Nothing could inure more to the benefit of the President and his party than the ability displayed by him to clearly discern between the sophistries of those who regard the law as a flexible something to be stretched and those who regard it as a serious enactment of the people to be carried out. The Republican party as a whole stands for law. It has this as its unanswerable argument in the position of administration that the requirements of the law must be carried out.

The professional labor agitators who raise their voices against the use of the injunction in labor cases have had a convincing example of the impartiality of the employment by the action of the President in speaking against the railroads. Thus Mr. Taft has placed absolutely beyond controversy that he is no respecter of persons, that he is as ready to apply the law to corporations as to labor organizations. His attitude as regards rate making will have its effect in the counsels of the conference committee. Mr. Taft has appeared to great advantage. He has placed his party in a right light. He has done much to heal schisms. The Republican party is in vastly better condition than two months ago to enter congressional contests. The good judgment and sound principles pursued by the President will prevail.

Mr. Clark as Speaker

(Philadelphia Inquirer, Rep.)

"I would rather be Speaker for two years than United States Senator for six." Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, is reported as saying. He added that "the Democrats will control the next House as sure as you are living, and I think I have a good chance for the Speakership."

Mr. Clark may be exaggerating a little about what is going on in the Senate, as not to be nominated with two years in the Speakership than, but due allowance must be made for self-esteem. He may be serious when he says the Democrats are going to control the country, and that he is going to succeed Joseph Gurney Cannon.

Well, suppose, for the sake of argument, he should, what could he accomplish? In any event the Senate would be Republican. That would mean, of course, that the House over which Mr. Clark would preside would be a rank failure. It might stir up the country by its radical opinions on the tariff and on the trusts. It might threaten to do all sorts of things. But what could it do in reality? It would, no doubt, offer the Senate legislation of a character that could not be adopted, would bring the nation to the verge of bankruptcy, but the Senate would promptly throw any such proposition out. No doubt the House would give an interesting performance, and no doubt the Speaker Clark would add the grace of impromptu to the scene, but doesn't he think that the country would tire of such exhibitions after a bit, and would seize the first opportunity to hasten back to conservatism?

And in that event, what would become of Speaker Clark, the leader of a lost cause and of a repudiated party?

The July Wide World Magazine.

The July Wide World magazine contains a vast amount of interesting and valuable information and should prove something of a solace to those who are unable to travel and see the world for themselves. Miss Beatrice Grimshaw continues her account of her travels in Papua and tells of fairy like islands where no white man ever trod, of painted and beteathered cannibals who are really nice fellows, of fortunes to be made by the settle and many other strange and curious things. A paper on "The Eskimos of Labrador" and a continuation of an adventurous journey made by C. H. Meares through that unknown region inhabited by the "18 tribes" on the borders of China and Tibet add considerably to the value of this number of a remarkable magazine. The claim made by the editor that the entire world contributed to the pages of this publication appears to be justified.

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