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## GEN. JULIAN S. CARR

### THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.

The Champion of White Supremacy—The Friend of the Confederate Veteran—The Promoter of Education, Enterprise, Progress and the Best Interests of Durham and the State.

No good citizen is by rights ever out of politics. Patriotic and loyal citizens in the educated walks of life do not use the common phrase, "mix themselves in politics." This is what American citizens are for. This is what the genus American citizen was created for.

True enough, American politics are human, very human; there is indeed no school so

see the facts and acquired in the schooling of science the moral courage to face them; who have tested the tempers and moods of humanity and learned to sympathize with other men and see as they see.

Men such as these the State and Nation need today and with a need that never has been so great.

Politics means public service.



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human as political endeavor. The lesson taught to Peter in the vision of the housetop should teach us to call nothing common or unclean that ministers to the service of one's country. That politics involve concessions of private preference and private views do not mark them as the supremely sinful art. But cynicism, supineness and despair have no place in the evangelizing of mankind.

The party organization is a constituent part of the governmental mechanism, and as such, worthy of respect, and not beneath the attention or unworthy the use of reputable men.

When the party becomes an end unto itself, as it has too often done, especially when the best men have held aloof from its councils, then it becomes a brigand's plot against the State.

When political argument and procedure deal with false motives in influencing men, as they too often do; when the false aims of greed take the place of the true, then politics become instead of the art of finding a common standing ground for men, the art perverting men from duty, and that is neither human nor divine, but simply devilish.

These are the days when out of its dangers and its hopes North Carolina calls with a voice that only dull ears can fail to heed, claiming the best services of her noblest and best sons. Never in all the history of the State and Nation has there been a time when issues of such range and meaning were pending as now—at the turning point of the century.

The State calls for men today—trained men, trusted men, men of shoulder breadth, of heart breadth and view breadth—men who have learned the lessons of the centuries, have marked the uses and the fate of those structures of law and government builded by the hands of men of other days; who have learned to

And North Carolina calls upon her truest and best sons to serve her as the presiding genius of public spirit, to fill the full measure of his duties as a citizen.

In the minds of all who have seen into the meaning of life, one principle abides; all that makes life worth living is that the world should be better—just a little better for having lived in it. The only thing that brings permanent satisfaction to life is service.

Adrift from society and the State what is her best citizen? Lone swimmer on the icy, storm-swept sea, lost from the ship, for "she it is," to use the words of the Greek poet, "She it is that bears us safe."

Sail on, O ship of State,  
Sail on, O Union, strong and great;  
Humanity with all its fears,  
With all its hope of future years,  
Is hanging breathless on thy fate.  
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee;  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,  
Our faith, triumphant o'er our fears,  
Are all with thee—are all with thee!

When the State calls, as she is calling with insistent voice for the master statesman who speaks with an authority grounded in the fundamental righteousness and sanctioned by comprehension of the elemental things of statescraft and of justice, she looks well to the claims of her gifted sons. The review is not a hasty one. It counts merit and worth. It seeks for the best, the noblest and the truest.

THE RECORDER was the first paper in the State to nail to its masthead the name of "General Julian S. Carr for United States Senator." The Democratic press of the State is largely committed to the advocacy of his claims. The great masses have for a long while associated the name of General Carr with the senatorship.

In business capacity, knowledge of public affairs and in all the qualities that fit men for the discharge of high official func-

tions, General Carr is certainly the equal if not the peer of any of the worthy gentlemen whose names have been suggested as candidates for the high and honorable office.

The prominent position which General Carr now occupies in the business and financial circles not only of his State, but of the whole country as well, was won for himself by the force of his own unaided energy and talents, and by the constant practice of the virtues of truth, integrity and honor.

He has a broad and intelligent appreciation of the true interests of the State and may be confidently relied on to deal with public questions with firmness, independence and discrimination.

The possession of these qualities precludes the suggestion that as United States Senator he will not be subject to unworthy dictation of any kind, while the affability of his manners guarantee to the people that as United States Senator he will always be readily accessible to petition, remonstrance or complaint; while his proverbial thoughtfulness and concern for the good of his State, affords the best assurance that in Congress there will be no diminution of his efforts to promote the best interests of the State and section he loves so well—North Carolina and the Southland.

Public sentiment points to him as the nominee of the Democratic party for United States Senator. He is not frowning upon his friends pressing his claims for this honorable office; he is not refusing to obey their behests and the command of his party. On the contrary, he smiles amiably and forgivingly on both, like a man when asked by a friend to "take something," replies, "I don't care if I do."

General Carr has always been prominent, both in his preparation for past political campaigns and the marshaling of the forces so as to bring out the popular vote. He has been successful in both. He can do more to solidify the forces and to preserve power after getting it than any Democrat in the State.

It is within the recollection of us all, that no sooner than the news of the terrific and frightful defeat of the Democratic party, in 1898, had been proclaimed—when the Democratic party of the entire State was overwhelmed with grief, sadness and mourning over that defeat—when that grand old party had almost settled down in apathy, gloom, despair and despondency—when the white men of North Carolina realized the deep disgrace and dishonor heaped upon them and their hearts sickened in contemplation of their true condition, there went out from General Carr that famous mandate, that "The State Must and Shall be Redeemed," pledging his life, his fortune and his sacred honor to the achievement of this end.

These timely and brave words broke forth from the gathered clouds of political darkness with all the light, brightness and

hope necessary to inspire and embolden the overthrown powers of Democracy.

This timely, dignified and inspiring message set the whole State to thinking, and like a talisman, caused the very lightning to speed this thought, till far and near, the press took up the theme and made it breathe over the State, from mountain tops to the sands of the ocean.

Those inspiring words burned in each patriot's breast, they burn today and will continue to live and burn until their effect is told in the August election, and consummated in the overwhelming triumph of White Supremacy.

#### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Gen. J. S. Carr's Presence and Address Greeted and Received With Enthusiastic Applause.

A larger, more enthusiastic and determined convention has never met in the county, if in the State.

General Carr, retiring chairman of the County Executive Committee, called the convention to order.

Hon. H. G. Russell was called to the chair.

Hon. C. B. Green offered a resolution instructing delegates from this county to cast a solid vote for Mr. C. B. Aycock for Governor, and Col John S. Cunningham for Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. J. S. Manning introduced the following resolution: Whereas, in our opinion, United States senators should be elected by direct vote of the people, and the democratic party of North Carolina, declared in its platform of 1898, in favor of this method of election; and, whereas, a primary of all democratic voters in the state, will carry out this pledge, as nearly as possible, under the present constitution of the United States. Now, therefore, be it resolved,

1. That the delegates from Durham county to the State convention be, and they are hereby directed to vote, for and to use their best efforts to secure the passage of a resolution in the state convention directing and instructing the State democratic executive committee to provide for the holding of a senatorial primary, in each and every precinct in the state, on the day of the November election.

2. That believing as we do in the wisdom of a primary as suggested in the foregoing resolution, it is not our purpose to forestall its action, but it is the unanimous opinion of every delegate to this convention that General Julian S. Carr is the fittest man in the state to succeed Marion Butler in the United States senate. The wisdom, the character, philanthropy and party zeal of General Carr are well-known, and commend him to the people of the state. During his life he has kept in close touch with the people and his heart beats in sympathy with their interests and welfare. The



HOTEL CARROLINA. (Owned by Gen. Julian S. Carr.)

democracy of Durham county, therefore, commends him to the white people of the state as the best and worthiest man for this high honor.

Before a vote was taken on these resolutions, General Carr addressed the convention, as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Convention, and Fellow Democrats:

"I would be untrue to you, and false to myself, if I should fail to embrace the opportunity of returning you my most profound thanks for that portion of the resolution personal to myself.

"Thirty of the most active years of my life have been spent in this community, and when my neighbors and friends think they have cause to bestow upon me such a flattering commendation, truly, I have just cause to be proud. Panoplied with the good wishes of the democratic hosts of Durham county, I go to battle with a shield and buckler that the darts and javelins of my adversaries will fail to penetrate, and when the contest is finished, fellow democrats, I expect to come marching home with that grand word, victory, blazoned on my banner.

"That portion of the resolution relating to primaries is in keeping with the policy of the democratic party, and I congratulate you that your position is so pronounced. The closer you can bring the party to the people, the stronger you make the party, and no man is bigger than his party. No man who is unwilling to submit his claim to the high and honorable position of senator to the people, ought to seek to be senator. The people yet are sovereigns, and they ought to have an opportunity of being heard as to who shall be their rulers, and the senatorship should prove no exception.

"I have a theory, it may be the least bit antiquated, how-

ever, that the people are yet masters, and, as Mr. Lincoln said, "it is mighty hard to fool all the people all the time."

"The State Democratic Executive Committee, at a largely attended meeting held in January in the city of Raleigh, as far as it was in their power, by a majority vote, committed the party in a large measure to the policy of the primary. And I hold that every member of the party, from the highest to the lowest, should bow to the will of the majority. That is what true Democracy stands for—that is the very essence of Democracy.

"I am glad, that it can be said of me in truth, that I have no organization behind me but the people, and I rejoice that I am not afraid of the people, and from the many salutations that reach me I am firmly convinced that the people mean that I shall win this fight, and if the people are given the primaries, from where the restless ocean combats the dishevelled locks upon the sands at stormy Hatteras to where our grand old mountains cast their morning shadows across the line into Tennessee, from Currituck to Cherokee, in every one of our ninety odd counties, I promise to show more or less strength. I have not had my innings yet. When the people are permitted to come to the bat, I predict that the score will be satisfactory. I am glad that Durham county will send a delegation of free men to the state convention, and my word for it, you can render the party and the state no more valuable service, than to lead the van in the fight that will most likely be made, in behalf of the primaries. Freemen yourselves, lend your influence to the making of others free. Contend manfully that the people shall be heard. Beat down with the great searchlight of truth and justice all opposition

to primaries. Be sure that the various gentlemen, whose ambitions lead them to seek the senatorship, and all of them worthy, shall all of them have an equal chance, and your constituency will have cause to thank you for having faithfully served the best interests of the democratic party.

"I can look the democratic convention square in the face, when we assemble next week in Raleigh, and tell them that in my actions I have kept the faith. I have been criticised by some of my closest and best friends, that I have not been aggressive enough in my campaign, but fellow democrats, I must win with honor, if I win at all. I have always kept faith with; I shall keep it with party, even if the price be the United States senatorship.

"Again fellow democrats, when my friends take a position before the great democratic party in convention assembled, in advocacy of primaries, I desire that they shall come into court with clean hands, and how could they, if I had made an effort to control public sentiment. My position is, that the people ought to write our party platforms, and their will uncontrolled, ought to be the party's Shibboleth. My contention is, fellow Democrats, that a people who are intelligent enough to be trusted to pass upon a constitutional amendment and their ballots are sufficiently wise to be trusted to declare with their ballots who shall be the guardian of their lives and liberties in the highest council of the nation.

No more propitious time could be selected for the taking of the people into the confidence of the party, and delegating to them in this, the closing year of the 19th century, when North Carolina will rise in the power of her strength, and throw off the yoke of vice and ignorance; in this year when North Carolina's slogan will be the white man shall rule the land or die, in this year when North Carolina, by the vote of the people, will register the edict, that the men who made North Carolina shall rule North Carolina.

In this commonwealth where the spark of civil liberty was born, more than twelve months before Jefferson wrote the immortal declaration of independence, the patriots of grand old Mecklenburg county had adopted a similar resolution.

At this propitious era and in this grand old commonwealth, let this be the time when the Democratic party shall resolve that the people shall rule in fact as well as name. As the men behind the guns at Manila bay made the name of American soldier glorious throughout all the ages, give the people the opportunity of manning the guns, and we will rejoice in the refrain—

Sound the loud timbrel over Carolina's glad sea;  
The people have spoken, and Carolina is free.

It will be seen that in this speech General Carr strongly advocated the holding of primaries, and opposed the instruction of delegates.

But the opportunity was too inviting and the convention too anxious to compliment their favorite candidate, to respect General Carr's suggestion and wishes, that they have no voice in the selection; consequently the resolutions as offered by Mr. Manning, were unanimously passed, by a standing vote.



RESIDENCE OF GEN. JULIAN S. CARR.