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REPUBLICAN LOCAL PLATFORM.

Alarmed at County Expenses and Rate of Taxation. Pledge Reforms. (Political Advertising.)

We, the Republicans of Rowan County, endorse the National and State Platform of the Republican Party.

We pledge our sincere loyalty to Charles Evans Hughes and Charles W. Fairbanks, as our candidates for president and vice-president of the United States, and congratulate the country upon its opportunity to choose in November such distinguished and capable leaders of the Republican Party.

We, heartily, endorse as the nomination of Hon. H. S. Williams, as our candidate for Congress. We believe we have in him, a candidate, who if elected to the high office to which he aspires, will manifest the courage to stand by, and maintain the interests of the people he represents, and we hereby pledge him our earnest support, and the use of our best efforts in bringing about his election.

It is with enthusiasm, we endorse the Hon. F. A. Linney as our candidate for Governor, with his well known ability as a lawyer, and his faultless record as an officer, we point with pride to him as a leader in State politics, in whom there is no guile. We pledge him, and all the other Honorable Gentlemen associated with him on the State ticket, our loyal support.

Among other things in the National Platform, we, emphatically, renew our allegiance to the Republican policy of Protection The South, and North Carolina in particular, has profited by that policy in the past, and has every reason to expect a similar benefit from it in the future. Believing, as we do, that it is the best policy for the Country, we hold that it is the duty of all good people to elect to the Congress of the United States, men, who believe in the policy of protection from principle, themselves. Men who can be relied upon to work and vote for such laws, as will give our section of the country, the benefit of such a policy, leading, as it does, to the final removal of direct taxes, from the shoulders of our people, for revenue to run the National Government.

As to State affairs, we have no need to juggle with words, or deal in platitudes or generalities, after the fashion of our opponents.

We declare in favor of the most liberal educational policy that the State resources will permit. Our children must all have the opportunity to obtain a good public school education. Our institutions of learning must be maintained, and we favor giving them such support, as to put them in reach of all our young people. Ignorance has no place in modern civilization. We favor the policy of the State furnishing free text books for our children, and to that end, we are in favor of removing our school system out of the realm of politics, that our school officers should be elected by the people on account of their known proficiency as scholars, instead of being appointed on account of political influence.

We believe that the County Superintendent of Public Instruction should be elected by the people, as are the other County Officers, that the various school directors should be elected by the people, whom they are supposed to represent. We believe that each school should be supplied with able teachers paid salaries commensurate with the work required of them. We believe that the school district should be so arranged, and the school houses so located, as to accommodate all our children.

We believe that our children should receive a larger per cent of the school money than they do, the political mesh between

them and the money gathers too much of it.

We declare in favor of such tax laws and their execution in such a way, as will bring about Real Equalization of taxes, to the end that all favoritism will be removed. We believe that the tax assessors should be selected from among our best business men and farmers, who have made a success in life, and are well-known for their fairness, and impartially, so that no prejudice or sentiment be felt in the discharge of this important work of honestly assessing the taxes. We believe in unity and co-operation in this work, that the burden of taxation may rest equally upon all people. We believe that the so-called Dog Tax should be levied as all other tax, upon valuation, instead of so much per head. We believe, that as the valuation of property increases, the tax rate should decrease to the point, where the necessary improvements of the County can be kept up by economy, and the burden of taxation be lessened, instead of a continual increase, from year to year.

We declare against favoritism in the employment of County Employees, either as superintendent, bosses, or ordinary laborers. We declare against the use of the county convicts, in the performance of any work, in the interest of private individuals, or corporations.

We stand amazed at the ruinous and extravagant policies of those in control of our county affairs. With the high per capita tax of about \$5.00 per head, of every man, woman and child in the country, and the inclination of a still further increase in our county taxes. It is alarming to view the reckless incompetence of those in control, as though they had run wild in the useless expenditure of the people's money. Unnecessary offices have been created to pacify those who want to live at the expense of the people, with only slight regard for their fitness or competence to use the office as a common good.

We declare in favor of abolishing the offices of Auditor and Treasurer, that save from the tax payers of the county annually about \$3000.00. We charge that the Board of County Commissioners, should have long ago, put in force the law enacted for the purpose of removing the Treasury's office, which in itself, would have saved the county at least, \$1800.00 per year. We claim this is a high handed evasion of the law, to say the least of it.

We declare the present Board of Commissioners to be extravagant in the use of the public's money, in the management of building and maintaining the roads of the county. In many instances the roads have been located in favor of a few, to the prejudice of the many. We charge that incompetence, upon the road force, has led to extravagance so flagrant, that patience by our people can no longer be regarded as a virtue, and in this connection, we charge that brutal conduct has been resorted to, in handling the county convicts, that should bring a blush upon every Christian man or woman in Rowan County.

We declare, further, in curtailing expenses, by reducing the number of County Commissioners from seven to five, and their pay from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per day, and at least eight hours per day should constitute the basis for their pay, and that the Chairman of the Board act as the purchasing agent of the county, under the direction of the entire Board, who are to pass upon all contracts.

We, further, declare in favor of reasonable salaries for all county officers, and pledge ourselves to an economical administration of the affairs in Rowan

County, and believing as we do, in the rotation of officers, we declare in no more than two consecutive terms of office, therefore, we ask all good men, regardless of their past or present political affiliations, to join us in our efforts to give a better administration.

We pledge ourselves to so audit the books of the various county officers, and make such publication of them, that all may know how the county's business stands, a matter we believe, is due all the people. We deplore the present condition of the county affairs, and demand of the present administration on immediate audit of the books, showing the indebtedness of the county and publish same in the county newspapers.

The Nominees of the Republican Party in and for Rowan County, respectfully, ask leave to impress upon the public, a few vital propositions. These matters are of grave concern and ought to be carefully considered by the voters before the election in November next.

Either carelessness or indifference in the handling of public affairs and governmental matters is inexcusable. The long lease of power to one party and a certainty of a large majority is calculated to work a grave and serious injury to handling of public matters and the administration of local governmental affairs.

1. If the Republican Nominees are elected to office in November, they hereby pledge themselves to see that the government of this County is administered in a careful, economic manner.

2. That all collections and disbursements will be published each month in some newspaper.

3. That all contracts and appropriations will be published each month.

4. That a careful audit of disbursements and expenditures will be made twice a year, at least, by a disinterested expert accountant, and published in some newspaper in the County of Rowan.

We desire to call public attention to the following facts:

1. The opposition has not made the total debt of Rowan County, or the total interest charges known.

2. It has not made known the various public appropriations for road-work and other public improvements.

3. It has not explained, why after promising to be economical and after being forced to adopt a salary system, the taxes of the people have been increased at least 25 per cent.

4. It has not had an audit made of the accounts of Rowan County by a distinguished expert accountant. The people are entirely ignorant of this tremendous increase of taxes, and they are entitled to know what has been done with the public money. This is purely a matter of business and a failure to handle the affairs of Rowan County in a business-like manner, will ultimately result in financial ruin and bankruptcy.

By order of the Executive Committee.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county State aforesaid and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY, Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

FOUR MILES OF GERMAN TRENCHES TAKEN.

Archduke Charles Francis Pushed Back by Czar's Troops, 3,000 Germans Captured.

German positions exceeding four miles in length were captured Saturday night and Sunday by the British and French armies in the continuation of their offensive north and south of the Somme river in France. In addition quantities of war material and a large number of prisoners fell into the hands of the Entente Allies 700 prisoners being taken by the French alone. Heavy counter attacks against the British Sunday were repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans, according to London.

Near Thiépval the British took a fortified position over a front of a mile known as 'the Danube trench' near Courcellette an advance of about 1,000 yards was made and finally the strongly defended position at the Mouquet farm, over which there had been numerous hard fought battles for several weeks, fell into their hands.

To the south of the river the French pushed back the Germans and occupied the remainder of the towns of Vermandovillers and Berry still in their hands and also captured all the ground between Vermandovillers and Denicourt and between Denicourt and Berry, the gain being over a front running northeast two miles and thence east another mile.

The advance of the British apparently straightens out the salient that had projected into their lines between Thiépval and Courcellette and brings their front here to within a scant mile of Grandcourt and the Albert-Bapaume Railway. Grandcourt is now being bombarded by the British. The success of the French seemingly obliterates another of the many saw-tooth salients which mark the entire front of the Somme and is another move of the right flank of the Entente toward the pocketing of Peronne.

Hard fighting, with the Russians the aggressors, has been resumed from the Pripet Marsh region in Russia through Galicia and up in the Carpathian mountains. Berlin and Vienna claim the repulse with heavy casualties of Russian attacks on a front of about 12½ miles in the region west of Zborov, near Stanislaw in the Carpathians at several points. Near the Marajowka river, however Berlin admits that the front of Archduke Charles Francis was pushed back by the Russians a short distance. Petrograd records an advance for the Russians south of Brezany southeast of Lemberg, and the capture of more than 3,000 Germans in fighting along the Anraivka river and the Podvysycke-Halioz Railway.

Bucharest reports the occupation of additional towns in Transylvania while both Berlin and Sofia assert that the forces of the Central Powers in Dobruja are still in pursuit of the retreating Rumanians and Russians.

Further progress for the Entente Allies on the Macedonian front and by the Italians in Albania is recorded in the London, Paris and Rome communications. Kavala, on the Aegean Sea, which is held by Bulgarians is under bombardment by the Entente fleet. Sofia admits the loss of Nidje Planina, near Lake Ostrovo. Combined French and Russian troops have pushed their way to a position near Florina, across the Greek frontier south of Monastir, while the Serbians have reached the immediate outskirts of Vetrenek and Kajmacka lan in successful fighting against the Bulgarians. Heavy bombardments are in progress on the various other sectors. In the Carso region of the Austro-Italian theater the Italians in their quest of Trieste have won strong positions from the Austrians in sanguinary fighting. To the southeast of the Doberdo Height the penetration of Austrian lines

A Splendid Record if True.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Secretary McAdoo points to the record of the Internal Revenue Bureau as an illustration of Democratic efficiency and economy. The service of Col. W. H. Osborn, Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the years of 1914-1915 and 1916 broke all records.

"During that period," said a statement issued by the Treasury Department today, "the bureau recovered more than enough taxes to meet the entire expenses of the service, and the cost of collecting the revenue was the lowest in the history of the bureau."

"The expenses of the bureau, both in Washington and in the field, for the three fiscal years mentioned, were approximately \$19,800,000. There was assessed or collected approximately \$21,000,000 which was entirely the result of the activities of the bureau and the field force. This tax was unearthed through the discovery of frauds, evasions, errors and the like. Its recovery was due to effective enforcement of the revenue laws and efficient administration of the service."

"This record of efficiency, made by Commissioner Osborn in his administration of the service, under the direction of Secretary McAdoo, has never been approached in the whole history of the internal revenue bureau since its establishment."

Stop the First Cold.

A cold does not get well of itself. The process of wearing out a cold wears you out, and your cough becomes serious if neglected. Backing coughs drain the energy and sap the vitality. For 47 years the happy combination of soothing antiseptic balsams in Dr. King's New Discovery has healed coughs and relieved congestion. Young and old can testify to the effectiveness of Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs and colds. Buy a bottle to day at your Druggist, 50 cents.

No Sympathetic Strike in N. Y. at Present.

New York, Sept. 18.—There will be no sympathetic strike of labor unions to aid the striking street railway employees until Thursday at least and one may be averted altogether if renewed efforts of Mayor Mitchell to settle the present car strike in the meantime are successful. This was announced today after a conference between Mayor Mitchell and five leaders. The leaders told the mayor the various organizations were determined to strike unless municipal authorities took some action to compel the traction heads to observe recent agreements with the railway employees and that they had come to him as a last resort.

A WOMAN'S BACK.

The Advice of The Salisbury Woman is of Certain Value.

Many a woman's back has many aches and pains. Oftentimes 'tis the kidneys' fault. That's why Doan's Kidney Pills are so effective. Many Salisbury women know this.

Read what one has to say about it: Mrs. J. F. Barber, 510 W. Innes St., Salisbury, says: "My back causes me a lot of misery, whenever my kidneys get out of order. I find Doan's Kidney Pills are the only medicine for curing that trouble. I have taken them for years and they have always been beneficial."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Barber had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

is admitted by Vienna, but the official communication says the Italian losses were extremely heavy, owing to the large number of troops engaged in the small fighting area.

Vultures Give Clue to Body of Dead Fugitive.

Marion, Sept. 17.—Virgil Butt, the white man who ran amuck here Sunday, one week ago, and shot five people, was found dead in the woods today, less than a mile from the scene of the shooting. J. M. Houck, about noon attracted by vultures, began to search for the object of their prey and found Butt's body in a decaying condition. By his side lay a .22 calibre Remington rifle, a razor, pocket knife, pencil and a small bottle of strychnine tablets.

The direct cause of his death is unknown, but is supposed to have resulted from poisoning.

Bloodhounds and officers followed what was thought to be Butt's trail for many miles and it was thought he was still a fugitive from justice until his body was found and identified today. The body was buried by the sheriff, without a corner's inquest.

The finding of Butt's body brings an end to one of the most noted criminal records in the history of McDowell County. Butt's white in the army, murdered the captain of his company and has been involved in many other shooting duels. The five people wounded by him last Sunday will all recover, except his wife, who is in a critical condition.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

This is a medicine that every family should be provided with. Colic and diarrhoea often come on suddenly and it is of the greatest importance that they be treated promptly. Consider the suffering that must be endured until a physician arrives or medicine can be obtained. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has a reputation second to none for the quick relief which it affords. Obtainable everywhere.

Villa's Troops Routed With A Loss of 600 Men.

Mexico City, Sept. 17.—General Obregon Minister of War, announces that a thousand followers of Francisco Villa who attacked the town of Chihuahua Friday night were routed early Saturday morning with a loss of six hundred men killed and many captured. After the battle General Trevino's troops were able to take part in the regular Independence Day parade at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. During the fighting General Trevino was slightly wounded in the shoulder.

Aided by some of the townspeople the Villa forces attacked at 11 o'clock Friday night and took the penitentiary and the municipal and Federal places. General Trevino gathered his troops, placed his artillery, recaptured the public buildings and completely defeated the attackers in the early morning. The captured men will be tried by court martial.

Advices from El Paso Saturday night said Villa had attacked Chihuahua Saturday with 600 men and penetrated part of the city but was driven out with heavy losses. The men taken prisoner by the Constitutionists were immediately put to death, the dispatch ad led.

How to Give Good Advice.

The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

700,000 WORKERS TO BE CALLED OUT.

Tomorrow Set by Union Leaders for Ordering General Walkout in Greater New York.

New York, Sept. 18.—Five hundred motormen and conductors employed by the New York & Queen's County Railway Co., went on strike at midnight. The strikers assert that agreements entered into between the company and the men were broken when the railway officials sent 65 motormen to Manhattan to do duty on the surface cars of the New York Railways Company. Brooklyn and Richmond (Staten Island) now are the only boroughs of the city not affected by the strike.

New York, Sept. 18.—The United Hebrew Trades, representing a membership of 200,000 organized workers, tonight voted to go on a sympathetic strike as an aid to the striking carmen, if they are called upon to do so by the Central Federal Union.

The vote was taken at a meeting of delegates said to represent every craft in the United States, including the garment industries in which many women are employed. Arrangements were made to notify the membership of 200,000 to be ready to answer a strike call at any time.

New York, Sept. 18.—Failure of negotiations being conducted by Mayor Mitchell to provide a basis of settlement of the traction strike in this city will result in a call Thursday for a sympathetic strike of approximately 700,000 workers, union leaders declared after a conference late today between representatives of several crafts.

The call will be issued, it was stated, to all unions affiliated with the Central Federated Union of New York, the Central Labor Union of Brooklyn, and the Federated Union of the Bronx, West Chester and Yonkers. Some of the unions already have authorized a strike, union leaders said, and referendums are in progress in others.

Are You Looking Old?

Old age comes quick enough without inviting it. Some look old at forty. That is because they neglect the liver and bowels. Keep your bowels regular and your liver healthy and you will not only feel younger but look younger. When troubled with constipation or biliousness take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are intended especially for these ailments and are excellent. Easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

N. C. Troops To Start For Border To-Morrow.

Morehead City, Sept. 18.—Entrainment orders were received here today from the War Department for the units of the North Carolina National Guard Brigade Headquarters, Troops A and B of Cavalry, First Field Hospital, Ambulance Company No. 1 and the Infantry will leave Camp Glenn for El Paso Thursday afternoon.

The second Infantry will follow on Friday and the Third on Saturday.

Railroad equipment is arriving and it is said everything will be in readiness for the movement of the troops.

Forget Your Aches.

Stiff knees, aching limbs, lame back make life a burden. If you suffer from rheumatism, gout, ulmbago, neuralgia, get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment, the universal remedy for pain. Easy to apply; it penetrates without rubbing and soothes the tender flesh. Cleaner and more effective than mussy ointments or poultices. For strains or sprains, sore muscles or wrenched ligaments resulting from strenuous exercise, Sloan's Liniment gives quick relief. Keep it on hand for emergencies. At your Druggist, 25c.