

## YET ANOTHER "BLACK HORSE" EPISODE

We Have no Monarchical Government. The People are the Sovereigns, Says Mr. Davis—Intimates the Two-termers are Out Solely to Defeat Present County Treasurer, Mr. Jos. F. Tayloe.

Mr. Editor and indulgent friends:

I had resolved to remain silent and not engage in any newspaper controversy with any man because he differed from me and did not hold political views similar to mine; but being induced by a sense of duty I ask your indulgence to what I shall have to say.

Since the beginning of the present political campaign I have watched with interest, but with disgust, the disparaging articles contained from time to time in the columns of our local papers about our present county administration, and especially the office of treasurer. It always occurred to me that our government would compare favorably with that of any county in our State, and that our officials were as clean, honest and high-minded as those of the county or State produced; and I have yet to hear any man say anything against any official or any set of officials not doing their duty. Now, therefore, where have you any kick. Yet, you continue to growl.

And who are "you"? A set of men who do not take the time for a self-controlled second thought, but are willing to be led by a few hungry pie-eaters, who promise you all sorts of changes in the administration of our government, among which a great reduction in your taxes.

And it would, no doubt, be a real "substantial revision of the tax downward."

It seems to me—and is made plain enough for any intelligent voter to see—that all of this is done to defeat our present and most efficient incumbent, Mr. Jos. F. Tayloe.

It was his opponent first, who (using his own statement in the letter he first circulated) was persuaded to announce his candidacy for the office of county treasurer. And I doubt very much whether any other man would have been brought out if that element had thought that Mr. Mizon could have defeated Joe. Surely enough, so that from time to time other men "were persuaded" to announce their candidacy "at the solicitation of their many friends" (77). This is another "black horse" episode.

Now, are we an ungrateful people, or is Mr. Tayloe unworthy the office and the trust the voters reposed in him? Let's see: No, we are not ungrateful, far from it. We have nominated and elected him four successive times. He is not unworthy, else he would not have received four successive honors.

His service to his people could not and cannot be bettered by another. Are you dissatisfied with him because the treasurer's office is open from sunrise to the setting thereof and often much longer, when the law only requires about six hours? Do you object to having your county vouchers paid promptly and upon presentation? Are you angered because he goes before the county commissioners and submits a statement of the financial condition of the county? Do you think he is going beyond his province when you see him present at the meeting of the County Board of Education, helping to devise ways and means by which your child or children are enabled to enjoy a longer school term, trying to get an extra appropriation for your school district; and what is better yet, trying to aid you to secure a more comfortable school building? Are you dissatisfied be-

cause he does that? Yes, these are some of his commendable and appreciative labors over which so many un-informed and unlettered people abuse him and say he is too officious. The way is never too long, the night never too dark, nor the weather never too severe that Joe fails to go in the promulgation of longer terms and better schools for the white youth and in upholding the principles of the Democratic party. I ask any man to show me who has done more, and who is he who can do more for the county's welfare than Mr. Joe Tayloe? Has his opponent ever done anything for the Democratic party? Why, we people down here don't even know whether he has been a Democrat all his life or not, as his friends in the past have not demonstrated much. Mr. Tayloe's past is a fit index to even greater good in the future. Where is his equal in debate in county or State politics? Has the opposition one they can present? Who in the past has put up the fight for the Democratic party in this county? Eliminate Joe from county politics and who would there be to uphold the banners of Democracy? Then, Jackson-like, let's give to the victor the spoils. In the event of Mr. Mizon's nomination, what would the Republican party have to fear? Why, we have heard down here that it was the desire of quite a number of Republicans to fuse with Mr. Mizon's supporters in order that he be nominated. But, we intend to have a single eye on all traitorous-looking people. We have no monarchical government; the people are the sovereigns. Then why become alarmed over life-long tenure of office? We have the say how long a man shall hold same; but how foolish and how unwise it is to become dissatisfied with a servant when he is doing his duty and vastly more!

We have tried Joe and found him "not wanting." He does not wish the office his life-time, and while he remains the same Joe Tayloe we Republicans are going to give him our box. He has been a benefactor to our people and he strives to be to all those who will let him. If the people want a better official, Joe is for hire, and will serve us well at a fixed price as he does on a commission. He has always abided by the wishes of his constituents.

I am friendly toward all the candidates, and while I have written this more in Mr. Tayloe's behalf, I have done so with the consciousness that the fight is against him and for his defeat. Where was Mr. Mizon when the Republicans and fusionists had control of the State? Where was he when Joe Tayloe was riding over the county day and night, leaving his own business, organizing the white voters into "white supremacy" clubs, paying the way to wrest the State from the then corrupt rule? I wonder if Mr. Mizon has ever donated one cent to a campaign fund? Answer, echo, answer!

Now, let Joe and the other officers accept our assurances for a safe election. And while Mr. Tayloe's majority may not be so great as that of the other officers, a greater part of the voters of the good old county of Beaufort are a grateful people, and out of their gratefulness, thank God, right shall prevail and Joe shall receive a goodly majority.

MENDON DAVIS.

Fungo, N. C.

THE NEWS OF MORROWHEAD.

Morrowhead City, N. C.

August 1, 1910.

Saturday morning Mrs. W. L. Kennedy was hostess at a "cake-eating." A large number of the married ladies were Mrs. Kennedy's guests. Delicious sandwiches and cake were served.

A number of the young people enjoyed Mr. Courtney Mitchell's hospitality on Friday evening. Mr. Mitchell gave a full complimentary to Miss Lois Brown, of Winston-Salem, N. C. The light-house, 12 miles out at sea, was visited Sunday afternoon by a party of 30 from the Atlantic. The boat left the pier at 2 o'clock. The party was indebted to Mr. William Mahone, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., for a most delightful trip.

One of the largest crowds of the season is expected during this week. Saturday night, August 6, there will be a large German and a beautiful display of fireworks.

FRANKLINSTOWN.

There will be prayer-meetings service in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour to which everyone is cordially invited to be present.

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