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COLONEL AND TAFT NOT PEOPLES' CHOICE

Correspondent Makes Forecast.
Contrasts Between Republican
and Democratic Candidates.

An analysis of the vote in all the republican primaries in every state that has held a primary election where Roosevelt has won, will show to the observant citizen that there has not been 30 per cent of that vote polled in any state. That absolutely proves that the greatest portion of the voters of the country who have hitherto been republicans are thoroughly disgusted with the manner of campaign that is being made by these two doughy warriors in the republican ranks for the presidential nomination, and that they have studiously stayed at home. That means that they want neither Taft nor Roosevelt. They are sick and tired of this sort of politics, not only the weak-back-bone policies of Taft but the strenuously radical policies of Roosevelt, and that they prefer a democrat with patriotism and brains and decency to either one of these men in the presidential chair.

There are men offering to bet that Roosevelt will be nominated, and if he is nominated it will make me out a bad prophet, because I have said all along in this correspondence that Mr. Taft would be nominated. Now then, Taft may not be able to hold all of his delegates that have been instructed or pledged to him, and the Roosevelt forces, adopting the same strong arm methods used by their chief, they may go to Chicago and bulldoze through the nomination of Roosevelt, but I do not believe it.

The leaders of the republican party, that is the old-fashioned republican leaders, who are still in control of the national committee, do not intend to allow Theodore Roosevelt and a hand full of republican insurgents to take control of the republican party so long as they can help it, and I believe they can. They pass on all these contests between Taft and Roosevelt, and it is a safe bet that they will run the steam roller over every contesting Roosevelt delegation that comes before them. That means that the Taft people will control the temporary organization of that convention, and that temporary organization will appoint the committee on credentials, and that committee will follow the national committee's recommendations and seat the same delegates, thereby giving Taft the nomination on the first ballot. That means, further, that Roosevelt's people will cry fraud, withdraw from the convention, hold a convention of their own, nominate Roosevelt on an independent ticket on the ground that he has been willfully defrauded of the nomination after he was the people's choice.

The republican leaders are firmly convinced that this will happen, also that this spells defeat for the republican ticket next November. Nevertheless and notwithstanding they prefer defeat and democratic success to the success of Roosevelt, which means anarchy and disintegration of the republican party. They would rather take defeat at the hands of a patriotic democrat than success with Roosevelt under the name of the Republican party, which does not mean the republican party as they have been taught and believe all their lives, because the republican party they believe in is the republican party of public plunder through a protective tariff.

The talk of a third man or a dark horse winning the nomination is subsiding very materially. The reason there is no able or self-respecting republican willing to take

the nomination with the conditions facing them after this campaign of vituperation between Taft and Roosevelt. They know they would be defeated and they are not hankering to become a vicarious sacrifice simply to pull the chestnuts of a few standpat republicans out of the fire. So it does not make any difference to the democrats of this country who is nominated on the Republican ticket, they will beat that candidate to a frazzle.

There is so much difference in the campaign being made by the democratic aspirants for the presidential nomination and that of the republicans that it is almost a sacrilege to mention both contests in the same letter. Nearly everybody in the political world in Washington is contrasting the decency and dignity of the democratic candidates with that of the republicans. When any patriotic citizen sits down quietly and figures on the vituperative, disgusting and abhorrent campaign made by the republicans and the quiet, decent and statesmanlike attitude of such men as Oscar Underwood, Woodrow Wilson, Champ Clark and Judson Harmon, they can but come to one conclusion—that is, there is not a democrat who would not make a better president than either of the candidates on the republican ticket.

There is just now a lot of unfounded gossip about Colonel William J. Bryan getting into the fight once more at Baltimore and having his friends attempt to stampede that convention to him. That is not going to happen.

CHAS. A. EDWARDS.

DEATH OF MRS. EMMA WOOD

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. Emma Wood died at her home in King's Creek Glen after a painful illness of about two months. Mrs. Wood was the widow of Floyd Wood, who died about a year ago. She was in her fifty-seventh year. Funeral services were held on Thursday morning at the home, after which she was buried by the side of her husband in the burying ground near by. The services were conducted by Rev. C. D. Chapman, assisted by Rev. L. D. Thompson.

Mrs. Wood had lived for a number of years in the Glen. For the last few years she was a faithful attendant at the Laurel Grove chapel, where her services will be greatly missed. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Florence Orr, and her son, Luther Wood.

SAINT JOHN'S DAY

This time-honored celebration will be held this year at Oxford orphanage, Oxford, N. C., on Saturday, June 22, instead of Monday, 24.

This has come to be one of the most representative gatherings which occur in our state. Each year, for a great many, it has been the custom for the grand lodge of Masons to hold a special communication at the orphanage. In this way this occasion has been the means of bringing together large crowds, and friends from all over the state have begun to look forward to it with great pleasure.

Each year the crowds seem to get larger. Last year it was estimated that 10,000 to 12,000 people attended. Preparations are now begun looking to the entertainment of even larger numbers than usual. The railroads have made arrangements to put on sale reduced rate tickets and to run special excursion trains on all the roads on that day coming into Oxford.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Mr. T. G. Stem, of Oxford, N. C., and the oration by Rev. F. H. T. Horsefield, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Oxford, N. C.

The inspiration of these occasions has reached and tendered many hearts as they behold the great work being done for the orphan children of our state. The location is one of the most attractive in the state and the institution is the oldest and one of the largest.

BOARDMAN PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

R. G. AND J. B. STONE THE PURCHASERS

Tract Bought Consists of Twenty-two Acres, Includes Residence.
Consideration \$18,000.

One of the most important of land transfers occurring in a good while took place recently in the sale (through P. G. Morris, agent) of twenty-two acres of the Boardman property to R. J. and J. B. Stone for about \$18,000.

This property, owned for many years by A. E. Boardman, now residing in Europe, is one of the most attractive places not only in Transylvania county, but also in this section of the state. Mr. Boardman himself has not lived there for several years, and the house has been vacant except for occasional summer occupation. The lawn, skirted on the street front by rhododendrons and on the town side by a dense hedge of native pine, contains a grove of trees remarkable for their interesting variety, making it a spot of great attractiveness to tourists.

The twenty-two acres of the Stone purchase include all the southern and eastern part of the tract, including the house and lawn, and extending to the piney hedge. It is the purpose of these enterprising gentlemen to turn the dwelling house into a club house, surrounded by a circular lot of three or four acres, the remainder of the tract to be divided up into lots for sale. The club house is to be fitted up for men, and to be open summer and winter.

The Stone brothers have not yet matured their plans in regard to the club, but it is probable that the purchase of lots will entitle buyers to membership. The lawn surrounding the house will also probably have equipment for outdoor amusement. The name of "Boardman Heights" has been chosen for the place, and thus the name of the former owner will still be associated with it. In changing hands it is encouraging to note that the property, so long of public interest, has gone to men whose business affairs now identify them with the town.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Last Sunday morning at the Methodist church the regular preaching service was suspended in favor of children's day exercises, which began at 11 a. m. A program of these exercises was published in our last week's issue.

The whole morning hour, with the exception of a few songs by choir and congregation, was taken up by the children in recitations and music appropriate to the occasion. There was no speech-making from the adult part of the Sunday school. It was a children's hour, pure and simple, and as such was a decided success.

The recitation and reading work was good. "A welcome" was read by Rush Whitmire and a Bible reading by Charles Nichols. Single recitations were given by Percy Verdery, Joe Clayton and Nan Kilpatrick, and recitations in groups by several of the children. Perhaps the most enjoyable part of the program was the singing of the children. A duet by May Picklesimer and Anna May Galloway and a solo by Josephine DeVane were rendered with skill amazing to see in children so young. The choruses, accompanied by organ, two violins and cornet, were beautiful, the voices and instruments blending with perfect harmony. The training of the children in these fine exercises seemed to have been very thoroughly done, and made a favorable impression as to the quality of the work done in the Sunday school.

FROM BREVARD INSTITUTE

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

Ever since I came to Brevard five years ago I have noticed an unusual feeling of cordiality between the people of Brevard and the school. This feeling has manifested itself in many ways, and is very largely responsible for what measure of success has been attained by the Institute.

This desire to encourage and help the school has been so marked during the school year recently closed that I desire to make special mention of it, and to express the thanks of teachers and students, and also the gratitude of the owners of the school, for the many expressions of good will and of interest which have come from the community. In talking this spring with Mrs. R. W. McDonnell, who is now practically at the head of the home mission work of the Southern Methodist Church, I learned that no one of the large number of their schools has ever received such close sympathy from its immediate territory as does Brevard Institute. It is evident that this spirit of co-operation has made itself felt at headquarters.

Therefore in the name of everyone connected with Brevard Institute, I desire to express thanks for the treatment which all of us have received from the citizens of Brevard, particularly during the past school year. This applies to the patrons who have so firmly supported the efforts of the administration; to the merchants who have cheerfully so many times helped by lending supplies and by giving us rock-bottom rates on material which we have had to buy, and by giving outright so much to the faculty and students; to the public spirited men and women who have come to the school building with talks or with distinguished visitors to bring to boarding pupils a breath from the outside world; to all who have given to either students or teachers an opportunity to break the monotony of school life by visits in their homes; to the officials of the town and county for wholesome legislation and law enforcement; and to the practically universal population who have so consistently refrained from criticism or opposition and have talked and worked for the school in every possible way.

It is by no means our intention to let this letter be the end of our expression of thanks; but we hope that the Institute may more and more contribute to the moral and material upbuilding of our community, and thus in a substantial way show its appreciation of the many kind acts directed toward it.

Very sincerely,

C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

U. D. C. MEETING

In connection with the celebration of Jefferson Davis' birthday, the Daughters of the Confederacy presented crosses to veterans and their descendants. Only one other date remains for giving out these crosses—August 23rd of this year—after which no more crosses can be obtained.

The meeting took place on the court house lawn at and around the band stand. A few old Confederates were mingled with the men and women of a younger generation. The new Aethelwold band made some good music for the occasion, playing at one time a piece much loved, but rarely heard from orchestras, "The Old North State."

The following names were read out of those for whom crosses had been obtained:

L. L. Aiken, Co. D, 65th N. C.; T. E. Patton, descendant of Eli Patton, Co. E, 25th N. C.; F. G. Norton, descendant of Fuller Norton, Co. B, 25th N. C.; P. G. Morris, descendant of W. L. Morris; J. W. McMinn, descendant of Nathan McMinn, Co. I, 16th N. C.; Mrs. Carrie Lankford Davis, descendant of Wales Lankford, 1st S. C. artillery; Mrs. Mary C. Henry, for John F. Henry, 2nd Kentucky cavalry.

S. S. COMMITTEES

PLAN A CAMPAIGN

BIG MASS MEETING FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Committees Will Canvass Town
and Community in Interest
of Sunday Schools.

According to an agreement entered into by the churches of the four denominations, committees from the Sunday schools met last Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church to discuss ways and means of canvassing the community in the interest of the Sunday schools and increasing the enrollment by bringing in children who are not attending any Sunday school. Each church was represented by a committee, most of those present being ladies.

Considerable interest was manifested in the work to be undertaken. It was decided, after some discussion, to postpone the canvass of the community until after next Sunday and to hold a Sunday school mass meeting on that day at 3 p. m. For this meeting a program committee, consisting of Mrs. Otto Summey, Misses Cantrell, Oliver and Breese, were appointed.

On Monday afternoon following this mass meeting the committees are to make their canvass from house to house, presenting the claims of the Sunday school and ascertaining what persons who should be in Sunday school are not attending. This canvass will be made by the committees in pairs, the pairs being individuals from different denominations. After the canvass reports will be made, and each denomination will be in a better position to know what naturally constitutes its parish.

Several committees were appointed by the chairman: An advertising committee to prepare matter for publication, etc.; a committee to visit the negroes in order to enlist their Sunday schools in the same movement; a committee to assign territory to the various pairs of canvassers, using a map of the town for this purpose.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. L. D. Thompson, Mr. J. P. Bennett acting as secretary. While made up of four different denominations, all seemed to be in hearty accord, and harmony was evident in every plan proposed.

The mass meeting at the Baptist church next Sunday afternoon is expected pave the way for a successful canvass by arousing a greater interest among the people in Sunday school work. The committee requests each pastor to speak in his Sunday morning service specially on the subject of the Sunday school.

This movement, now taking a substantial form, is the result of the meeting of the Sunday school association here last year, at which time official members of the state association were present and made practical suggestions for work of this kind.

All denominations are asked to unite in attending the mass meeting Sunday afternoon. The program, as prepared by the committee, will be as follows:

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers," congregation.

Prayer—Rev. J. R. Owen.

Anthem—Choir.

Scripture Reading—Rev. C. D. Chapman.

Duet—Mrs. Godfrey and Miss St. John.

Three-minute addresses by representatives from the different churches.

Baptist—Rev. J. R. Owen and Prof. J. P. Bennett.

Episcopal—Rev. C. D. Chapman and Mrs. Chapman.

Anthem—"Praise Ye the Lord," choir.

Methodist—Messrs. Welch Galloway and C. H. St. John.

Presbyterian—Messrs. E. W. Blythe and M. J. Orr.

Male Quartette.

Discussion.

Hymn—"O for a Closer Walk With God," congregation.

Benediction.