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PROGRESSIVES NAME THOMPSON AND FULL ELECTORAL TICKET

In a session that was harmonious and with one exception marked by the unanimous passage of every proposal before the body, the first convention of the Progressive party in North Carolina was held at Greensboro Tuesday, being called to order at 2:15 o'clock by Provisional Chairman James N. Williamson, jr., and adjourning sine die at 6:43 o'clock. During this time ringing speeches were made by leaders of the state movement and State Senator Everett Colby, of New Jersey, a platform clearly enunciating the policies of Roosevelt and calling for certain reforms in state governmental affairs was adopted, a full state electoral ticket named, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow county, was nominated for governor and a permanent organization was formed. The question of naming a full state ticket was left to the discretion of the new state committee, which body was called to meet in Greensboro next Tuesday to determine this and other important matters. The idea prevalent here was that because of the advanced stage of the campaign the whole fight of the Progressives would be for its electoral and gubernatorial ticket.

Only one question aroused a disagreement for a while, that being the injection into the platform of a plank calling for local option. This brought forth a storm of protest and was also the subject of a minority report from the committee on platform. This minority report was brought before the convention by E. S. W. Dameron, who stoutly protested against this local self-government clause, from the fact that it would be interpreted to mean local option. Jake F. Newell and his younger brother championed the local option section, while a score took the floor in opposition, among them being James N. Williamson, jr., Z. I. and Z. V. Waiser, J. M. Mewborne and H. J. Faison. The discussion was reaching heated proportions when Mr. Faison offered a resolution providing that the local option plank be allowed to remain with the addition of an amendment which provided "with the understanding that this section in no way applies to liquor." This resolution and amendment was received and adopted with the result that the platform as originally reported was immediately adopted unanimously.

Other work of the convention was speedily accomplished, Chairman Williamson gaining recognition of the presiding officer and being in nomination the following electoral ticket:

Electors at large: Iredell Meares, of Wilmington, and Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte.

District electors: first, O. W. Swaim, Pine Town; second, Albert C. Brown, Kinston; third, D. P. Henry, New Bern; fourth, W. S. Bailey, Nash; fifth, R. J. Petree, Germantown; sixth, D. L. Gore, Wilmington; seventh, Z. I. Waiser, Lexington; eighth, W. P. Watson, Lenoir; ninth, T. M. Halleyburton, Morganton; tenth, Zeb Vance Watson, Webster.

Mr. Petree asked that his name be withdrawn and that James Voss of Rural Hall be named in his stead as the fifth district elector. The request was granted and upon a second motion the nomination made by Mr. Williamson was adopted by unanimous vote.

Jake F. Newell of Mecklenburg passed the name of Dr. Cyrus W. Thompson of Onslow for Governor, who with many cheers was nominated.

The state chairman will be elected by the executive committee Tuesday at Greensboro.

Senator Colby of New Jersey was present and delivered a Progressive keynote speech.

The following telegram from Roosevelt was read:

"I have a message which will make you all feel good" declared

Chairman Meares as he stepped forward, flashing the familiar telegraph blank. It proved to be a message from Roosevelt reading as follows: "Through you I extend hearty greetings to the Progressives of North Carolina. The time has come when the old parties, boss ridden and controlled by privilege are useless as instruments by which the people can work out their destiny. The Progressive party appeals to all men without regard to sectional differences of past political history to join this movement for popular rule and social and industrial justice obtained through that rule. I leave today for the West. Signed: Theodore Roosevelt."

A Hobble Skirt Blocks Street Cars.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Wearing a hobble skirt so tight that she could not put a foot on the step of a street car, Miss Bell Johnson, seventeen years old, grasped the hand rail and held the car yesterday during the Labor Day rush till traffic was at a standstill and cars were lined up for three blocks. The conductor could not pull the starting bell while the girl held to the car. Nobody offered a happy suggestion until a small boy cried, "Hey, girlie, w'y don't yer lift it up?"

Great thought; skirts rise; silk hose twinkles; girl boards car; bell rings; brocade lifted.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican county convention was held in the county court house Saturday August 31st, 2 p. m. With J. Zeb Waller as Chairman, and W. E. White Sec. The temporary organization was made permanent, the credential committee was dispensed with there being no contest, all the precincts except three were represented. Delegates were elected to the State, Congressional, Judicial, and Senatorial conventions. The delegates to the State Convention were instructed to vote for John M. More head for State Chairman, and for Taft electors for the state at large. Nothing was said or done in regard to a county ticket, it was the general opinion that this matter could well afford to wait for the clearing of the political atmosphere, but it seems to be taken for granted that a county ticket will be named later. Mr. Geo. W. Vestal was elected chairman, and F. S. Cheek Sec. of the county Executive committee, with W. E. White, J. Zeb Waller, G. W. P. Cates, S. E. Woody and Heenan Hughes composing the executive committee.

Everything was harmonious with not a dissenting voice. The crowd was not large but all seemed determined to maintain the prestige of the G. O. P. at all hazards. The convention was in session not more than 30 minutes and everything worked as though directed by Master hands.

Mr. J. Zeb Waller called the convention to order and stated in doing so that it now seemed customary to add some biblical injunction to all political gatherings, and he thought the one most suitable to this occasion was the one which says, "That where two or three are gathered together in my name, there will I be also, he also stated that the Republicans were not so sacreligious as to acclaim that they stood at Armageddon, and battled for the Lord but that they were bold enough to say that they stood upon the platform of the republican party and battled for republican success, this sarcastic reference to the Bull Moosers brought forth just a ripple of laughter. There were several spectators among whom were many former republicans, who seemed highly elated at the small attendance.

Charges that come up in connection with the Rosenthal murder directly contradict the old "honor a mong thieves" theory.

The worst feature of the vacation season are the jokes they print about it.

Miss Pearl Mebane is visiting friends at Dry Fork, Va.

Romanism Dictating Politics.

You possibly recall the publication of an article upon the part of "The Menace" last February, copied from the Evening Sun of Baltimore, on the subject of Cardinal Gibbons choosing Taft. I have received a number of very cordial letters congratulating me upon the great feat of getting an article of the kind referred to published in such a Catholic paper as the Sun. I take no credit for that fortunate accident, for that is just what it was. The paper a few days after the publication stated that the article got in the paper through an inadvertence. In that article we charged the Roman Catholic church with being a political machine. Since that time we have had our views somewhat strengthened along the lines indicated. The cardinal came out very strong for Mr. Taft in the interview we referred to in February.

Here is another interesting opinion on a similar subject from a very stout and uncompromising Catholic, a lady, who figured a few years ago very prominently in some correspondence connected with the white house. This is given in full in the Baltimore Sun of May 28th, and bears the caption, "Dear Maria Raps T. R." Mrs. Maria Longworth Storer became famous when Roosevelt was president, as he frequently wrote to her and addressed her as "My dear Maria." The communication is given in the Evening Post of New York, May 27th, 1912. I presume the Post is a Roman Catholic paper, and is favorable to Mr. Taft. Mrs. Storer begins her communication by the title, "Roosevelt and the Catholics." She says:

"There can be no doubt that, if Theodore Roosevelt be nominated at Chicago, no friend of President Taft (and no friend of law, order, and authority, whether democrat or republican) can vote for the republican candidate."

Now what reason does this representative Romanist give for her opinion? Listen: "The Catholic church throughout all the world stands for law, order and authority. President Taft has said that it is one of the strongest outwards against anarchy and disorder in the modern world, and President Taft, both in the Philippines and in the United States, has carried out the declaration of our constitution, which guarantees justice to all citizens whatever their religion may be."

Are we to understand that the Roman Catholic church is the only thing that stands for law, order and authority? Are the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Diciples, the four greatest moral and religious forces in the world, against law and order? When did the Roman Catholic church become such an orderly and law-abiding body and how? Of course, if Mr. Taft said that the Roman Catholic church is one of the strongest bulwarks against anarchy and disorder in the world, he failed to recall the history of that church during the dark ages and even since, when she was the patron of atrocity and cruelty, persecution, ignorance and disorder. When she stood with uplifted arm to strike any and all who differed with her or disputed her authority. "Yes, Mr. Taft had to carry out the declaration of our constitution, which guarantees justice to all citizens whatever their religion may be. And that is ever to be borne in mind. Justice to ALL, special favors to NONE. What business has Mr. Taft as president of United States to publicly announce that on the 9th of June the cardinal shall celebrate mass on the white lot? What does it mean? What would be the consequences if he asked a Baptist or a Methodist to hold a special service on the white lot? Would not "Rome howl?" Mr. Taft has never failed to bring the Roman Catholic church into the limelight and get into it himself with her if possible. But there are many republicans who fail to follow him in this movement. Such people as the authors of the communication referred to above and Roman Catholic priests who are fighting Roosevelt because he refused to bow down to the pope

a few months ago when he was in Rome, might learn something if they really desired to. There is one substantial fact connected with the attempt of any religious body to dictate to any political body, that our friends of Rome seem to have forgotten; Certain defeat of that party that works for uniting a religious body in an effort to select certain men or carry certain measures. Churches have no business attempting to dictate to a political party, and the church that does it should be classified as a danger and a menace to the religion of Christ and to the safety of the state.

Mrs. Storer then continues. "If President Taft is renominated, all right-minded Catholics should vote for him as the upholder of order and authority. If Theodore Roosevelt be chosen in Chicago, every Catholic in the land has a right to demand of the democratic party a candidate who will be acceptable to them, as one with malice toward none and with charity to all, in regard to the religion of all the people of the United States."

"To demand of the democratic party a candidate who will be acceptable to them." The Roman Catholics are not only to dictate to the republican party who they are to name, but they have a right to run the democratic party as well. If that is not compound, complex, double and twisted assurance, what might it be called?

We can readily see the real gist of Mrs. Storer's communication when we read these closing paragraphs:

"Theodore Roosevelt's campaign of calumny has tried to make use of every despicable weapon. It has attempted to stir up an anti-Catholic enmity against the president, accusing Mr. Taft of sending poor Captain Butt on a special mission to the pope, and asserting that Captain Butt carried 'secret messages' to and from the Vatican."

In conclusion, we will simply say, there are thousands upon thousands of good sensible people in this country who believe just what Mrs. Storer charges against Mr. Roosevelt, that Mr. Taft did send Capt. Butt on a special mission to the pope, and Mr. Roosevelt would not have said so had there not been a good foundation for his asserting it. No one will ever know about that mission, as poor Butt will never make report of his work in Europe. Rome is fully determined to have a representative in Washington from the Vatican if possible and she will not leave a stone unturned in accomplishing her end. If Mr. Taft should be nominated and elected she has a better opportunity of securing that end than if Roosevelt, Wilson, Harmon or Hughes should reach the white house. Roosevelt may break up the Republican party, and, according to Mrs. Storer's communication, the new party of the future may receive the support of every Catholic, but when that comes about, time will be over with this mundane sphere. In the meanwhile, it will be the part of American patriots to watch the Roman Catholic church, not as a religious body, but as a political machine.

Covington, Va., May 30, 1912.

(We take the above from the Menace, for it's of vital importance to every person of Protestant belief. We shall never again, never again how to the union of church and state.)

Progressives Make Fine Show in Vermont.

White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 3.—The Progressives and the Democrats won the honors in the Vermont state election today, for, although the Republicans carried the state on a plurality vote and the choice of a governor was thrown into the legislature. There the Republicans will have a sufficient majority to elect Allen M. Fletcher and the remainder of the state ticket.

Will Be Here Tuesday.

(See Dr. Rappori at Freeman's Drug Store, Tues., Sept. 10th if you want the highest grade of optical work, the best lenses and a perfect and scientific examination, then come and see me.

New Party Platform.

Philadelphia North American.

That there is something radically wrong in this great and glorious land of ours, capable of producing in one year enough to feed its millions for five, and whose industries and manufactures can supply enough finished products in three months to accommodate the demands of this and foreign countries for twelve, while the majority of our workmen cannot earn enough to pay for the ordinary needs of the family is evident. Indeed, there must be something criminally wrong in high places when the young children of the household must be enrolled in the army of workers, even before their hands and minds have been properly trained (perhaps only to create more demand for the special things they wear).

The question of child labor would be no question at all if other matters were properly adjusted. There would be no necessity for children to work if their elders were not robbed of their rights and opportunities. There would be no poverty and ignorance if it were not for the wealth and discrimination. There would be no need of a new political party if the Republican and Democratic parties had heeded the needs of proper application of the democratic principles of our government. But that there is imperative need for the new party cannot, and unquestionably, will not, be denied by any but the remnant of politicians, in the old parties, the tory press, and the interests they represent.

With the issues so thoroughly defined between the old parties and the new, there can be no question as to the outcome. The voter cannot fail to see at a glance that his interest lies in the success of the Progressive party. There is not a single omission in the Progressive platform of anything not mentioned that can not be covered by what is advocated; true, it is necessarily a long document, but thoroughness, truthfulness and sincerity cannot always be abbreviated for the sake of convenience, nor can the president elected by the national Progressive party hope to accomplish all its aims in a single administration. Yet, with a definite program, more can be done in four years with the people unitedly in favor than has been realized heretofore.

The proposition to properly utilize and not antagonize wealth and capital will be heartily appreciated when fully understood, since, under the present regime it is a question of only a few years when the great corporations will be unable to pay dividends unless they begin to sell to themselves, since there will be no other money with which to buy. And when we get down from high finance to terra firma capital will be more sure of its dividend, although sometimes it may be lower, but it will be less fictitious and more permanent.

PROGRESSIVE.

Philadelphia, Aug. 20.

Favors Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 2, 1912.

Editor State Dispatch, Burlington, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I had about decided to pay up and stop the Dispatch when your issue came, in which you place Roosevelt where he has always been with the people—at the top. With your present stand in politics I take pleasure in paying my subscription, feeling that I am getting a paper that stand for the cleaner politics of the future, and that I am contributing some little to a force for progress in my home county.

I like the fight Mr. Williamson is making, and his letters are good. I have been reading the Philadelphia North American off and on for four years and have known it was blazing the way for a new day in our country.

Wishing you and "Teddy" success, I am,

Yours truly,

Albert E. Reitzel.

The Dispatch a year for \$1.00.

ALL BUT 30 VOTERS IN ONE COUNTY BOLT TAFT

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 29.—Progressive in Wirt county assert that their district is the strongest in West Virginia for the Progressive movement. A poll of the Republican party vote was made on the assessors' books and this it is said, showed there were but thirty Republicans in the entire county who would support Taft. A remarkable feature of the situation is that the entire county executive committee and every candidate on the Republican county ticket are counted among the Roosevelt followers. They are working independently of the state executive committee and have refused to have any connection with that organization.

In Elizabeth, the county seat there are but three Taft men, one being the postmaster and another an ex-sheriff. The third is not active in political affairs.

HEAD OF LAW SCHOOL PROGRESSIVE NOMINEE

BIEGHAMEON, Aug.—Progressives from Broome, Chemung, Chemung, Corland, Delaware Madison, Tioga and Albert Hays head of the department of law of Cornell University, for justice of the supreme court in the sixty judicial district.

Much enthusiasm was displayed at the convention and reports from the counties represented showed a rapid increase in the Progressive party through the southern tier.

Sturdy Roosevelt Club in Mifflin

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Aug. 29.—Despite the steady downpour, an enthusiastic audience greeted the birth of the Bull Moose movement in Mifflin county at the Sentinel Building last night, when a Roosevelt-Johnson club was organized by electing Harry B. Myers, chairman; Fred Zebe, and S. L. Brown, treasurer.

Tobacco Market to Open.

The Burlington Tobacco Market will open for the sale of leaf Tobacco Thursday, Sept. 12th with a full corps of buyers. Prices will be good. Bring a load to the opening sale.

Brick Warehouse, Hooker, Thornburg & Allred, Proprietors.

Names of Those Who Have Entered the Dispatch Contest.

NAME	NO. VOTES
Bertha May Horne	63000
Addie Ray	56000
Aurelia Ellington,	
Mebane, R. No. 4,	48000
W. J. Brooks	45700
Mary Lee Coble, R. No. 1	43500
Waller Workman	17700
Lizzie Cheek	13100
Bettie Lyde May	9000
W. I. Braxton, Snow Camp,	7900
Martin L. Coble, R. 1,	4306
T. F. Matkins,	3700
Gibsonville,	
Carrie Albright,	4900
Haw River,	
Mrs. B. L. Shoffner, R. 10,	3000
J. R. King,	1100
Greensboro,	
May Carr Hall	1000
Margie Cheek	1000
Doyle Heritage	1000

Roosevelt Headquarters Thursday and Saturday night.

The Roosevelt Club will hold regular meetings in the club room in the old Armory over Stokes Furniture Store each Thursday and Saturday night. All who favor Roosevelt are most cordially invited to attend and join.

Tuesday Sept. 17, in Burlington.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, will be in Burlington on his regular Third Tuesday call, stopping at Burlington Drug Co. for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Please remember Tuesday September 17th at the Burlington Drug Co.