

FOR LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND VICTORY.

The Republican party in North Carolina has always stood for local self-government, which is the first and great fundamental principle underlying the rule of the people.

The Democratic party for a number of years pretended to champion the same doctrine, but in practice it supported the principle only in a half-hearted way, and then finally deserted it entirely. The Republican party in its last State platform, for the first time, straddled or hedged in support of this principle. If it had stood squarely for it the party would have polled at least ten or fifteen thousand more votes, and probably would have polled more, and swept the State. For some unexplained reason, the patronage machine favored and supported the straddling of that plank. Its action was either controlled by incapacity to appreciate the situation or else by a desire to prevent Republican victory, to say nothing of the desertion of the great principle to which the party had been always committed.

If the rank and file of the people turn out and control the next State Convention and declare unequivocally for local self-government, we believe that victory can be secured, but to do this, it is necessary for the people who want victory to control the Convention, and to accomplish this, it is first necessary to unhorse the patronage machine bosses.

A PERTINENT INQUIRY.

The Waynesville "Western Carolina Enterprise," in an editorial, says:

"It is interesting to note that The Gazette-News has been volitionally persistent in its attacks upon two of the three Republican Congressmen from North Carolina. Everybody knows why the third member is exempt. Do the rank and file think this is making more Republicans?"

As the Enterprise says, everybody knows why The Gazette, which is the organ of the pie-counter machine, has been persistently attacking two Republican Congressmen from the State and "why the third member is exempt." The Enterprise, along with everybody else, has noted that the patronage machine and its organ have not only been pursuing this course persistently, but that the Democratic press, appreciating that that position was against Republican growth, has sympathized with it and approved its sentiments. Indeed, the Raleigh News and Observer, the organ of the Democratic machine, has copied with approval almost every such attack which has been made upon Morehead and Grant. Therefore, we take it that the rank and file will agree with the Enterprise that such a policy is one that will not make more Republicans, but is intended to make less Republicans.

The issue is squarely drawn. Certain Republicans in North Carolina want the party to pursue a progressive policy and win victories in the State. Another element wants the party to grow smaller and to consist simply of a small machine for a short division of Federal pie. The next Republican State Convention must decide which course the Republican party will pursue in the future.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS DEFEAT INCOME TAX.

The astonishing news comes that the Virginia Legislature, on last Monday, refused to approve the amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for an income tax by a vote of 54 to 37. The press reports give as the reasons expressed by the opponents of the measure the following:

"The opponents were afraid to trust the Republican party with control of the revenue from incomes; they remembered the days of oppression following the civil war; they were afraid of Northern officials who would examine into the private affairs of our citizens; they feared that the amendment would be a surrender of the rights of the States."

The reasons given by the fifty-four who voted against the amendment make their action even more astonishing, if possible. The sum and substance of the opposition to the income tax is that they are opposed to an income tax unless there will be a Democratic National administration forever and hereafter.

in his position in favor of low tariff duties, he would declare that one of his reasons for being in favor of an income tax would be to tax the swollen fortunes of the country their fair proportion to support the Government, so as to rob the Republicans of an excuse for maintaining a high protective tariff.

The Democratic party has declared time and again that it was in favor of an income tax, and yet the first time that the Virginia Democrats have an opportunity to put this provision in the Constitution of the United States and fix it forever, they vote it down and give the most absurd reasons therefor that the human mind could conceive. To our mind, there can be but one explanation of such an action, and that is that the enormous fortunes that would contribute millions through an income tax to support the Government, and thus lessen the heavy burden of taxation upon the average citizen, has gotten control of the Democratic party in Virginia.

It has become very noticeable of late that whenever a Democrat wants to serve monopoly that he hatches up similar excuses as those given by the Virginia Democrats for defeating the income tax.

FEDERAL AND STATE ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

Almost every day the press is announcing the suits which the National Republican administration has instituted or is pressing against the great trusts of the country for violating the National anti-trust laws. Many such suits, including the suits against the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company are now pending before the Supreme Court of the United States.

The people of the State must not forget that there is on the statute books of North Carolina an anti-trust law passed by a Democratic Legislature, but can any one point to a single suit brought by the Attorney-General of North Carolina to enforce these anti-trust laws? What is the matter with the State anti-trust law, and what is the matter with the Attorney-General?

Where would Mr. Bryan's dinner be in this era of high prices?—Atlanta Journal.

Probably on his lawn where he served fried chicken to a delegation on a certain occasion during the last campaign. As Mr. Bryan raises his own chickens, he will probably be able to have more of these lawn fetes during the next campaign.

A Republican paper in North Carolina is publishing "Letters From Hell." A tip from a burning Republican, doubtless, to those of his party who will follow if they do not mend their ways.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Well, not exactly. The writer of those letters was a Democrat at one time, until he saw the error of his way, and he is now telling of things he knew while a Democrat and is trying to save others who have not yet seen the light.

Every person liable for poll-tax should pay same before May 1st so that they will have a right to vote this fall for the continuation of Republican prosperity.

THE WESTERN DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP.

Does the Going of Skinner Mean That Holton Will Go, Also?—What the District May Suffer.

Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage, has landed. What does it mean? Most probably that Adams and Duncan and the ring are not yet down and out and that the chances of District Attorney Holton has waned in the last few weeks. We have nothing against Mr. Seawell. He is said to be a good lawyer, and his church, when he was attacked, gave him a clean bill of character. Col. Harry Skinner, the deposed United States Attorney of the Eastern District, was also a good man, and a more accommodating officer and polished gentleman never prosecuted a case or went out of his way to do the newspaper man a favor. We are sorry that Colonel Skinner lost out, for he was a good attorney.

Is Mr. Holton to lose out also? If he is, he can stand it, because he is in no danger of starving. But what of the district he so ably represents? If the present District Attorney is not re-appointed, it will be no reflection on him, because he has held the office for twelve years with credit to the Government and honor to himself.

For our part, we are not going to believe that Spencer B. Adams will get the appointment until we see it in print. And then we shall not be sure of it until Senators Simmons and Overman, who surely will protest, are unsuccessful in a good cause.

Farmer Crushed to Death by Falling House.

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 8.—Mr. Benjamin J. King, a planter of the Hilliard section in Nash County, suffered a horrible death by being crushed to death by the falling of an old house.

PATRONAGE MACHINE GETTING SHAKY.

Rank and File in the Republican Party Are Getting Tired of One-Man Rule and Steam-Roller Tactics—Talk of Holton for State Chairman—Interesting Situation in Ninth District.

(H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer.)

The battle lines are forming in North Carolina. Leader Duncan must stand or fall at the next Republican State Convention. His steam roller tactics, as his distribution of patronage is called, has stirred the bile in hundred of his party men, who are ready to fight. Every day brings new evidence of a brewing storm. Tiny clouds are gathering in every community. Those defiant fellows who are willing to stand and have their noses counted believe that they will be supported by the rank and file of their party when the crisis comes. Nothing, they say, but the elements saved Duncan and his allies from defeat at the Charlotte Convention. The scene of action is shifting from Washington to the State. President Taft has been appealed to time after time, but the man Hitchcock seems to have him hoodooed. Therefore, the war will be carried to the trenches.

Promise of Lively Times.

Some interesting developments are on the way. Eugene Holton, one of the cleverest as well as most industrious politicians in the State, is being groomed for the chairmanship to succeed Judge S. B. Adams. Mr. Holton is not a candidate for the job but he loves G. O. P. and would not refuse to carry the banner if it were tendered him. His friends point with pride to the fact that he has received most flattering endorsements from Democratic papers in the State. His record, as District Attorney, has been favorably commented upon by men of all parties. In fact, it is argued, Mr. Holton is the ideal one for the leadership. His district gave President Taft and Congressman Morehead a wonderful increase in the last election. His county has become doubtful. All of these claims, and more, are being made. When I asked Mr. Holton if he would accept the election if it were given him he said: "Shoo fly, don't you bother me!"

Understand I, and not the chairman, was the "fly."

Mr. Holton is not in what the newspaper men describe as a receptive mood, but he would not run from a notification committee.

Many Things Charged Against Machine.

E. C. Duncan, now pointed at as the Republican machine of North Carolina, will have to answer for many sins—some of which he is not guilty of, of course, but others that seem to belong to him.

Down at Winton, in the first Congressional District, where Congressman Small reigns supreme among Democrats, Joseph B. Catus, a mulatto negro, holds the post-office against all comers. At this time, twelve years after the negro has been disfranchised, it seems strange that the seat of a North Carolina county should have a negro postmaster, in the face of the fact that the county committee, composed of white Republicans, has made unceasing war on him.

Mr. Small was appealed to not long ago by some of his constituents who wanted to stand the test examination for census enumerators, and were directed to go to Winton and take them under Catus. It is alleged that the negro took the white men to a negro school for the examination instead of to the post-office. This is the story that came here. Three of the men would not submit to this, but took the matter up with Mr. Small, and later were given an examination at Ahoskie.

"Why should the capital of Hertford County have a negro postmaster?" is asked.

Mr. Duncan, whether guilty or not, is charged with endorsing Catus. The chairman of the county organization has tried to get the Postmaster-General to give the job to a white man. It is said that Catus is not able to conduct the office; his health is poor.

This is one of the things Mr. Duncan will have to answer for. He is charged with favoring Catus so that he can control the county.

The Smithfield Postoffice. A storm has risen in Johnston County over the endorsement of Stancil over Parker for the postoffice at Smithfield. Many old line Republicans are talking out in meeting. They do not understand why Mr. Duncan should support Stancil who, they claim, has just moved into the town, when Parker gave general satisfaction and was entitled to the place for another term at least.

In these matters the North Carolina insurgents will not go to the Postmaster-General any more for, they say, he and Mr. Duncan are as thick as brothers. A direct appeal will be made to the voters, who name delegates to the State Convention.

The scene, therefore, is shifting, most of the pie having been distributed, the White House will no longer have the lure for the boys.

A Charlotte Man Involved. Mr. E. A. Smith, one of the leading cotton manufacturers of the South, was here this week. It is

said he has been asked to make the rate for Congress against Mr. Webb, or any other man the Democrats see fit to put up. He was taken to the top of the mountain and invited to view the beautiful country below—all to be his own if he would only consent to let the Republicans give it to him.

Mr. Smith was told that it is his duty to accept the nomination. Being a Republican, a Southerner, born, bred, and nourished, and an adopted son of Charlotte, and a leading business man he would make an ideal candidate. Mecklenburg, poor, neglected old county, it is argued, should have the Representative in the House.

That Congressional Committee of which John Motley Morehead of the fifth is a live part, is already busy. Duncan is riding at the Postoffice Department and the Postoffice Department chief is setting astride the ponderous back of the President, but John Motley is making hay for his committee.

The next Republican State Convention will be worth while. Democrats and organization Republicans are for Duncan this year, but there is an angry howl in the woods.

UNION FAVORS PARCELS POST.

President Barrett Says It Would Be a Great Boon to the Farmers—Could Have Their Merchandise Delivered at Their Doors.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The Farmers' Union has now taken up the cudgel in behalf of the parcels post and President Barrett has just issued a letter to the officers and members of this strong organization urging it to "get in behind Congress" in behalf of this important matter. He declares that such a system will result in immense advantage to the farmer and also that the government can be forced to give this benefit if properly presented. The following is the strong communication which the President of the Union has addressed on this issue:

To the officers and members of the Farmers' Union:

One of the things I insist that members of the Farmers' Union and farmers generally should get in behind Congress about is the parcels post.

Year after year we have been striving to secure this legislation from Congress. False promises from politicians, the lobby maintained by the express companies and, to an extent, our own apathy have operated to keep us out of this huge benefit.

The time has come to cease dilly-dallying. Go after your Representative and Senator with a club, bury him under an avalanche of letters, telling him you are not going to let him or yourself rest until you get it.

What is a parcels post? The answer is extremely simple. A parcels post is a system which will make the government do for packages over four pounds what it is now doing for letters—carry them at a reasonable rate with profit alike to the manufacturer and the merchant, the farmer and the consumer at large.

Let this fact sink into your mind. The express companies, which now have a monopoly of the small carrying trade in the United States, are getting on an average of sixteen cents a pound for transporting packages.

Last year one of them declared a dividend of 300 per cent! Is it any wonder, with a cinch on the transportation of small packages?

What It Will Do. Now, what will a parcels post do for the government?

It will help wipe out that big postal deficit, about which Congress and the newspaper editors are now raising such a howl. It will transfer to the government a large part of the patronage, and therefore profit, now enjoyed by the private express monopolies which are just about as high-handed trusts as Standard Oil or any other. It will prove a growing and unfailing source of actual revenue to the Treasury of the United States.

What will a parcels post do for the farmer?

It will save him about 75 per cent a year on the charges he is now compelled to pay the express companies for everything that travels in their cars.

The parcels post also has a county feature. Under the plan proposed, the small town merchant will be able to send out small packages

over rural routes at a cost so small compared to the hire of a messenger or a horse and buggy or a wagon as under present conditions, as to put millions of dollars yearly into the pockets of both the American farmer and the American country merchant.

Don't let your country merchant fool you into believing that a parcels post will cut off his revenues by diverting trade to the big mail order houses. Even if it did, we would still stand for it, because it is better that millions of farmers save money than that hundreds of small merchants make money. But, as a matter of fact, a parcels post will add to the profits of the small country merchant by giving him cheap access to his customers out in the country.

Impress upon your Congressman that practically everybody in your district is a unit for parcels post. Tell him that it won't injure anybody, not even the cross-roads merchant, after the latter understands it. Make him see that there is no opposition to the measure and that it is bound to come, and you will get it quickly.

How much do you pay on the eggs you ship to town? A great big heavy charge, almost so prohibitive that it doesn't pay you to compete with the cold storage trust or keep a yard full of hens. The parcels post will give you a low government rate on eggs and other small farm truck, enabling you to sell more goods in town and add to your annual profits.

There is not one single valid argument against parcels post. There is every valid argument for it. If the government wants to keep the farmer on the farm and to attract others back to the land, let the government even up advantages as between country and city. The parcels post is one of them.

But I want to remind you that you won't get the parcels post or anything else, if you don't keep in behind that Representative and Senator all of the time and not part of the time.

Write him a letter to-day! Write him as regularly as the first of the month comes around!

CHARLES S. BARRETT.

NAUSEA AND NAUSEA.

The Real Thing That Has Nauseated the People Who Want the Party to Grow.

Western Carolina Enterprise.] The Gazette-News, in a recent column and a half attempt to disparage Republican Congressman Morehead and prove incidentally that "Doctor Duncan is the Doctor," ends with the remark: "The spectacle is enough to nauseate a Fingy Conners of a Bath-house John."

"The spectacle," mind you, is supposed to be that of Mr. Morehead daring to control a few appointments when really, as a matter of fact, Dr.

Convicts Burn Out of Jail—Deputy Sheriff Has Close Call.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 9.—Word was brought here this morning of an exciting time at Camden courthouse last night.

About 8.30 o'clock the county jail was set on fire from the interior, and before the citizens could do more than rescue four prisoners, all the woodwork of the building was burned to the ground.

The prisoners were carried to the courthouse, where they were to remain for the night, under guard.

Later in the night the guards fell asleep. One of the prisoners, Fred Johnson, grabbed Etheridge's gun and shot at close range at Cartright.

Deputy Sheriff Cartright opened his eyes just in time to get a view down the barrels of the gun, and when it was discharged he ducked his head so quickly that the shots struck his hat only, and tore the brim off.

Sheriff Cartright picked up his gun and fired at the negro, filling his right arm with buckshot and almost severing it from his body. The negro was brought here this morning and his arm was amputated just above the elbow.

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