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THE PEOPLE ARE ALERT TO THE SITUATION.

The Caucasian has received a letted from one of the most thoughtful and level-headed Republicans in the State in which he briefly discusses the present political situation. It is told so admirably that we take the liberty of making the following extract:

"I enjoyed very much the last issue of The Caucasian. It is one of the best issues you have ever gotten out.

"I see that the much advertised Greensboro meeting did not amount to much. I did not believe that it would, because the people are not ready to break their necks to follow the man who called it. The small attendance of that meeting, however, does not show that there is little Roosevelt sentiment in the State. The Roosevelt sentiment is in a large majority in my county, and from what I know, it is over the State in the same way.

"I went to the banquet complimentary to the State Committee at Raleigh a Roosevelt man and went away a Roosevelt man, but I want to say that I went away determined to stand should to shoulder with our friends in the State who want to build up a party and who controlled the last State Convention. I agree heartily with the sentiments expressed by Senator Butler at the banquet, that our first and greatest duty is to stand together and go to the next Convention to complete the work begun two years ago; that is, 'to finish the work of reorganization and house-cleaning,' as he expressed it, and that when we have done that, that then we could still agree to stand together and send an uninstructed delegation to the National Convention, or at least one instructed to go to the Convention and there 'use their best efforts and votes to save the country from the calamity of another Democratic national administration.'

"This sentiment, which was also expressed by the Senator in his speech, was applauded by every one present, and I think it expressed the sentiment of every one who was at the banquet, and that every one went home determined to work to this end. Every Republican that I have talked to since I have gotten home approves this line of policy. We realize that our first and greatest duty is to preserve our State organization and to keep it in the hands of men who have the character and capacity to build up the party and lead it to victory. We know that no matter what Republican is elected President, that the country will be safe and will prosper, and that it would be a foolish thing for us to now split up over the Presidential question nad let the party organization in the State be destroyed as it would be if it got back in the hands of the old referee machine. They would simply organize again a close corporation, which would exist simply for the distribution of patronage.

"This is just what would happen if the men who called the Greensboro meeting could fool the people into following them behind their cry for Roosevelt. Let us send our best men to the convention uninstructed, and when they get there let them vote for Roosevelt or for Taft or for Hughes or for some other candidate, if it seems best for them to do so when they get there. Besides, our self-respect as Southern Republicans demands, as Chairman Morehead said in his speech, that we should assert our manhood and independence at this time. I was delighted to hear Mr. Morehead take this position at the banquet."

The man who wrote the above letter is a level-headed progressive man. He said, in closing his letter, that it was not for publication ,and therefore we do not even name the county, for if we did everybody would at once place the writer. We do, however, take great pleasure in publishing the above extract from his letter, for we think it states the situation most admirably; indeed, it tells the whole story, and we believe he is expressing the sentiments of every Republican who worked so hard and patriotically to redeem the party at the last State Convention.

With this sentiment widely held among the people of the State, there is no danger of the old referee machine fooling the people and again capturing the State under the cry of "Roosevelt," which they are using as a cloak behind which to hide their real purposes.

MR. DUNCAN AND HIS ORGAN, THE RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER.

At the time of the Morehead banquet in this city the Raleigh News and Observer took occasion to state in more than one place in the paper that Mr. Moreshead and the State Committee and all the Republicans present were much concerned about when Mr. Duncan would return from Washington and what position he would take on the political situation. That paper tried to make it appear that Mr. Morehead and the State organization were worried and in terrible suspense about what Mr. Duncan would do or would not do.

The News and Observer has taken occasion several times since to repeat similar statements. That paper in an editorial in its issue of March 6th says:

> "The silence which National Committeeman E. C. Duncan maintains as to whether or not he will be for Roosevelt is growing almost unbearable to Mr. Morehead and his side partner Butler."

The fact is, that the Raleigh News and Observer has become to be a much more useful and effective organ for Mr. Duncan than his Greensboro Daily News.

If there was a single man on the State Committee or a single man who attended the Morehead banquet in Raleigh who ever asked where Mr. Duncan was or where he stood, we did not hear of it. In our opinion, there was not a single man at the banquet who was concerned one way or the other about Mr. Duncan's whereabouts or his position.

The fact is, and everybody knows it (with the possible exception of Mr. Duncan himself) that he cannot elect a single delegate from the State for anybody or against anybody.

MR. HARSHAW AND HIS PLEA FOR HARMONY.

Hon. Moses N. Harshaw gave out an interview to the Charlote Observer a few days ago in which he made a plea for harmony in the Republican party.

When asked by the reporter to state how he thought harmony could be brought about, his answer was for Mr. Morehead to resign as State Chairman and for Mr. Duncan to resign as National Committeeman and let the party name men for these positions on whom all factions could agree.

Mr. Harshaw is a man of intelligence and is usually well informed. Therefore, we are much surprised at this statement from him.

Mr. Harshaw must know what was done at the last State Convention, and what the people meant who arose in their might and decreed that the party should be reorganized. They meant to abolish forever in this State the old referee patronage machina which has been the mill-stone around the neck of the party in every Southern State. They meant to reorganize the party so that it would not exist simply to distribute patronage to pets of a machine boss, but so that it would grow and win victories at the polls. He must know that it was the determination of the people that a broad open-door policy should be established, and that the principle of local self-government should be applied to the management of public affairs.

When Mr. Morehead was elected State Chairman as the representative of the people to carry out this new progressive and militant party policy, he at once and at that very convention exerted his efforts to have every faction of the party to respect and uphold the will of the people and to have harmony on that basis, which is the only basis for harmony that means party growth and success. A resolution was prepared and was about to be introduced in that convention to declare the office of National Committeeman vacant and to proceed to the election of Mr. Duncan's successor then and there. It was Mr. Morehead who prevented the introduction of that resolution. Everybody knows that if it had been introduced it would have passed by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Morehead was moved by a proper spirit in taking that action, and if Mr. Duncan and his defeated faction had met Mr. Morehead in the same spirit, we would have had party harmony in the last campaign and would have polled from ten to fifteen thousand more votes than we did. It was Mr. Duncan and his faction that refused to have harmony. Instead of upholding the hands of the State organization, Mr. Duncan and his followers acted on the theory that they might have a chance to again capture the State if Mr. Morehead failed to make good. That element certainly did nothing to help bring out votes at the polls, and in many places exerted their efforts to prevent Republicans from supporting the ticket.

Now, shall a man be asked to withdraw as State Chairman who has faithfully carried out the will of the people as expressed at the last State Convention, and who has exerted every effort to get Mr. Duncan and the insurgent faction of the party to act in harmony with the will of the people? The way to get harmony is to eliminate from official position the man who made harmony impossible. There will be harmony in the party after the next State Convention, because the people of North Carolina are determined to finish the work of re-organization and house-cleaning begun at the last State Contion. And this is the only kind of harmony that will make Republican victory possible.

THE AMOUNT OF INCREASED TAXES ON THE PEOPLE.

The Corporation Commission has officially announced that the scheme enacted by the last Legislature to increase the taxation of the people by having property assessed much higher than before has resulted in placing a valuation of $123,343,959.00 more upon the property of the State for taxation. This will mean that the people will be required this year to pay over a half-million taxes more than last year. And what for?

Is there any great emergency in the State that calls for this great increased tax burden upon the people? Are there to be any great internal improvements? No! This has all been brought about by Democratic extravagance and incompetency.

For years the Democratic machine has, at each Legislature, been increasing the number of offices, and increasing their salaries, and increasing expenses in every way possible. The result soon was a deficit in the State treasury. The Democratic party met this deficit first by the sale of bonds.

The last issue of bonds which the Democratic State machine attempted to sell would not bring a hundred cents on the dollar. They were forced to appeal to the American Tobacco Company to take the bonds off of their hands at a price bigger than anybody would pay for them in the open market. It is hard to believe the Governor and the State officials could have gotten any business man, corporation or trust to pay the State more for the bonds than their market value unless such person or corporation or trust was guaranteed special favors on the part of the State as consideration for such action.

What followed this deal between the Governor and the American Tobacco Company? The Governor had promised the people of the State on every stump that if he was elected Governor that an honest anti-trust law with teeth in it should be passed, and that it should be vigorously enforced against the American Totobacco Company and every other trust. When the Legislature met the Governor, instead of carrying out this pledge or trying to carry it out, used his influence with the Legislature to prevent the passage of an honest anti-trust law. The American Tobacco Company was rewarded for coming to his rescue and the rescue of the State machine and taking the bonds by passing a sham toothless anti-trust law, and then did not even try to enforce that.

But that sale of bonds was not enough to meet Democratic extravagance. They were afraid to try to sell another issue of bonds. Indeed, the people were beginning to get indignant with the party machine that was forced to sell bonds in time of peace to meet simply the current running expenses of the State government. In their desperation the Democratic machine worked out this new scheme to raise the valuation of the property of all of the people of the State so that they could squeeze a half million dollars extra taxes from their pockets, and this great extra burden falls on the backs of our people at a time when the action of a Democratic Congress in tampering with the tariff has been instrumental in forcing down the price of cotton from fifteen cents a pound to eight cents, thus robbing every man who made a bale of cotton of thirty dollars out of the value of each bale.

Those who want more government of this kind should vote the Democratic ticket next fall.

NO WONDER TAXES ARE HIGH.

The Democratic chase for pie is amusing. There are already six candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for three jobs. And to think, it is only the Republicans who are pie hunters. If the Democrats get control of the county again they will add enough jobs to take care of the ringsters who hang around "waiting for something to happen." It will be remembered that the last Legislature added six jobs to the county's pay roll. It is no wonder that taxes are so high!—Dallas Advocate.

And what is true in Gaston County is true in nearly every county in the State. Yes, they are raising the taxes, raising more revenue. But what for. The army of Democratic office-holders seem to be the beneficiary.

WITH THE EDITORS.

They will be satisfied with the prohibition laws as soon as they can fix it so that poor white folks and niggers cannot get it.—Durham Herald.

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Sometimes Democracy is spelled with a big D, sometimes with a little d, and sometimes, if too radical, with a prefix of two d's.—Union Republican.

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Charlotte is like many other cities and towns—it is absolutely helpless and lies down before the ubiquitous and powerful blind tiger.—Concord Tribune.

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There is a propositon now to postpone the National Convention. But why have a convention at all? The country doesn't need it.—Union Republican.

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Sit in the boat,
And keep right steady,
If we don't get Taft
We'll sure have Teddy.
—Western Carolina Enterprise.

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Governor Kitchin only pardoned four during the latter half of last week, but he'll do better bye and by. Just give him a chance.—Western Carolina Enterprise.

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National Committeeman Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina, is for Wilson, but that is because he can't longer be Secretary of War under Mr. Bryan. Joe served in this capacity four terms.—Yellow Jacket.

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An exchange wants to know if the people want justice. This scribe can't say about that, but he has a kind of an idea that an appreciable percentage of them would be in one L of a fix if they got it.—Snow Hill Square Deal.

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The only way the Republican party of this State can avoid the appearance of being "delivered" at the National Convention by the office-holding and office-desiring elements is for the people to express their sentiments through township and county conventions. If Republicans want to make a noise like a free party let them speak out. It's the only way. —Western Carolina Enterprise.

Even Democrats Worried Over High Taxes.

Dallas Advocate.]

The leading Democrats of this township are very much worried over the high taxes. They do not hesitate to say that a change is necessary. But the question is, Will they vote to make a change in November? It does seem to us that the independent Democrats, who are not hunting jobs, and who are opposed to the present high taxes, will vote the Republican ticket. It can't be any worse, it may remedy matters. We appeal to the best in both parties to make a long pull together and oust the crowd that is causing the trouble.

It "Raised More Revenue."

Union Republican.]

The State Corporation Commission, at Raleigh, reports that under the new Democratic quadrennial assessment plan $741,034,345 was raised, giving an increase of $123,343,959 in valuation. This assures $308,000 additional revenue for the State, general and pension funds and $370,000 additional for the public school fund in the State treasury this year. Thus it will be seen that the Democratic "re-assessment" effort to "raise more revenue" for Democratic "good" government has been a financial success. But what have the tax-payers received in return? It is far easier to raise taxes than it is to pay them and the tendency is every upward, not downward.

Champ Clark Wants the Votes Without Regard to Race or Color.

Lumberton Robesonian (Dem).]

Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Congress, seems to have a penchant for doing things to put him in bad with the South. He was so anxious to go on record as in favor of the infamous Sherwood "dollar-a-day" pension steal that he had the clerk to call out his name so his vote could be recorded. Now he has gone and done it again—or his managers have for him. He is sixty-two years old to-day and his friends are holding a big meeting to help along his Presidential boom. In advertising the meeting it was stated that "everybody is invited, without regard to color." This was called to Mr. Clark's attention and the next day the advertisement appeared minus the words "without regard to color." It is going to be hard to rouse much enthusiasm for Mr. Clark in the South.

Simply Local Self-Government.

Winston Union Republican.]

The Republican would again call attention to the Democratic State press, and individuals as well, that if Hon. Thomas Settle is nominated as a candidate for Governor upon the Republican ticket this year, it will not be necessary for him to demand a "local option" plank in the platform, to which such frequent reference is made. Ever since the Republican party was established in this State it has had a local self-government plank in its platform. It was there four years ago, and two years ago and will doubtless be again this year. It stands for what its name implies — every community electing its magistrates, school committeemen, for local option, etc., believing that the people of the State are sane and safe enough to govern themselves locally, without Democratic legislative guardianship. Upon such an other Republican policies, clear and distinct, Mr. Settle and every other candidate, will stand and make their race and win, as they should.

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The speech quotes from the Bragg Faud Commission Report the facts which brand forever as false the charge which the Democratic machine politicians have been making against the Republican party for forty years to the effect that they were guilty of issuing the carpet-bag bonds and "looting the State."

Mr. Butler stated in his speech that every copy of that Bragg Fraud Commission Report had been burned or destroyed, so far as he knew, except the one copy which he had. He quotes the facts to show that it was leading Democrats and not Republicans who were responsible for what looting of the State was done.

The speech not only sets history straight for the first time on this important matter, but it also gives the records of both parties, and besides presents the great living issues now before the people in both State and Nation. If a copy of this speech is put in the hands of every voter in the State, it will mean the defeat of the Democratic machine, which they so richly deserve, and which the future growth and prosperity of the State demands.

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