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WANTS MAJORITY TO RULE.

Johnston County Republican is Sorry Postmaster-Editor Stencil is Trying to Disrupt the Party.

Editor The Caucasian.

Dear Sir:—For the first time in my life, and I am now more than thirty-seven years old, I feel impressed to write a short article for print in your valuable paper. Now, I do not intend to say anything to hurt anyone, for we have too much confusion among us already. But as a Republican who wants to see the party successful, I am ashamed of some things I see in print between our Republican friends, for in union there is strength, and without union there is strife and confusion. If we as Republicans ever expect to accomplish anything we must lay our own differences aside and fight our enemy, the Democratic party. It seems to me that some of our Republican friends here in Johnston for some reason are very much displeased with our present State organization. Now, as I see it, this is wrong, for our present State organization could not have been elected had it not been by a majority vote in the State Convention; and I suppose, by a tremendous majority at that. As for myself, I am always willing for the majority to rule. When we fail to elect our choice as leaders in the State we should remember that we have the choice of others. If after our last State Convention the Republicans of North Carolina as a unit would have labored as hard for party success as they did to elect their choice as State Chairman, I believe we would have won a victory; but it seems to me that some of our Republican friends have not worked in harmony with our State organization as they should, thereby weakening our strength, and I am sorry to say, that our County Chairman of the County of Johnston has seen fit through the columns of the Smithfield Journal, of which he is editor, to attack both our present State Chairman and Senator Butler. It seems to me that our County Chairmen should work for peace instead of stirring up confusion. He seems to think that Mr. Butler hurt the party here in Johnston by making one speech in Benson; but I think that if Senator Butler could have made a speech in each of the sixteen townships and Mr. Stencil had done his duty in getting Republican and dissatisfied Democrats that he spoke of out to have heard him expose the rottenness of their party, and at the same time answered their lying charges against him and also prove that their charges were false, then I think those Democrats who were disgusted with the doings of their party and many Republicans who stayed at home and did not vote, would have voted with us, then we would have won a victory.

Mr. Editor, in my opinion 80 per cent of the Republicans of Johnston County would have been glad for Mr. Butler to have spoken at Smithfield and at other places in the county. In my judgment, Senator Butler is the greatest asset in the Republican party to-day. While he has not been asking for an office, who has given more of their time working for the party than has he? Why certainly, he was the Moses that helped to lead us to victory the last time the party has won a victory in this State. Then pray tell me, shall we join the Democrats and thereby help to crush him? For myself, I say, No, a thousand times, No.

Now, I hope I have not said anything that will offend anybody, for it is my desire to have the good will of everybody, and especially do I want the good will of all Republicans. Now, let's all lay our differences aside as I said before and have peace instead of confusion. Let's don't cuss each other through the newspapers and thereby give the Democrats ammunition to fight us with; but line up and be ready for the coming campaign and go to work and keep at it.

In conclusion, I want to say to Mr. Neighbors of Benson, that I heartily concur with him in his article of last week in The Caucasian. From a true Republican whose most desire is to see Republican success.

W. E. DUPREE. Smithfield, N. C., R. F. D. 7, April 8, 1912.

Favors Morehead, Settle and Butler as State Leaders. Editor Caucasian:—I wish to tell you as best I can what I stand for politically.

(1) I am for Theodore Roosevelt for President first last and all the time.

(2) I am for John Motley Moorehead for Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee.

(3) I am unalterably in favor of the Butlers for anything they may want. We have no truer Republicans in North Carolina than the Butlers, and if some disgruntled Republicans in North Carolina would put their shoulders to the wheel and work like the Butlers work, I dare say it would not be long before North Carolina would be in the Republican column. We who are for Roosevelt must not

lose sight of the fact that there are some favoring him for President simply to gain control of the State organization in order to put it back into the hands of the old referee system. We don't care if Mr. Morehead is for Taft; that hasn't got anything to do with who shall be our Chairman of the State Committee. I have been watching Mr. Morehead carefully, and have come to the conclusion that we have never had a Chairman that has done more to build up the party in the State than he has done.

One Roosevelt shouter, Mr. Lusk is a great sample isn't he? Mr. Roosevelt believes in the rule of the people. Mr. Lusk is not even in favor of local self-government, which means nothing more nor less than the rule of the people. My advise is, go for Roosevelt for President; retain the present State organization, and add one more to it, and incorporate in our State platform a plank declaring for local self-government and nominate Tom Settle for Governor, and then watch the result.

Now, just a word to your Wake County Republicans. Let me advise you to retain as your County Chairman, Mr. Lester Butler. You have no need for a change; if you will keep Butler it won't be long before he will do for Wake County what the Butlers did old Sampson County. CHATHAM REPUBLICAN. Pittsboro, N. C., April 5, 1912.

Wants Every Republican to Attend and Voice His Sentiments.

Editor Caucasian:—I am a reader and subscriber of your paper, and I ask for small space to express my views on a subject much discussed at this time. I am not an office-holder—Federal, State, or county—just a plain citizen.

I notice a great deal being said about an instructed or an uninstructed delegation to the Chicago Convention. Now, I wish to ask, How under our plan of organization, adopted two years ago at Greensboro, we can evade or get around Section 9 of our Plan of Organization which gives minority representation? Here is the language of Section 9 I refer to:

"That in all primaries electing delegates, a poll of the voters present shall be taken in order to ascertain the strength of all officers to be voted for, and said votes shall be prorated and cast in County, District or State Conventions in the first ballot according to the strength of each officer voted for, at said primaries, and the delegates representing the minority shall be named by the minority."

The writer of this article had the pleasure of writing minority representation into our plan of organization, which had been defeated two years before at Charlotte by the machine crowd, and one we are going to soon repudiate, that which gives to the people fair primaries, by which they can prevent a few selfish politicians from manipulating the nominations in all our conventions, and often as it has happened in the past defeating the will of the majority? Under Section 9 of our Plan of Organization every man who attends the primary has the assurance that his vote shall be cast at the nominating convention on the first ballot just as he cast it in the primary. It's one of the simplest and fairest primary systems I have ever seen, and if adhered to and carried out to the letter, will prevent discord and dissatisfaction, insuring to every man who comes out for office is put to no expense, and is assured a fair deal in all nominating conventions. In the fight for office let's not lose sight of this simple but fair means given to the people by which they can go out to our primaries and vote for the men of their choice, knowing that their vote will be counted as cast at the nominating convention, whether they be present or not. If I am correctly informed, a fight is going to be made to eliminate minority representation from our Plan of Organization, and let's all see to it that no such backward step is taken. The sentiment in this State is divided between Mr. Taft and Colonel Roosevelt, and each should be given his pro rata part of North Carolina's vote at Chicago, if it be the will of the people, expressed in our primaries. While I am making no fight for either candidate, I am partial to the renomination of President Taft because I believe he is the embodiment of progressive conservatism and opposed to any violent changes in our representative governmental system. I think it too soon for us as a party to abandon that system under which we have grown and developed into one of the greatest nations of the world. The "initiative" and "referendum" and "recall" may be suited to small towns and sage brush boroughs, but it has not been tried sufficiently for us to abandon our present system for one which may destroy and pull down the great Government which our ancestors established, and which to-day is the wonder and admiration of the world. Let's go slow, and give to every candidate for office a square deal. The will of the people should be respected, and the trampling upon their will in the past by self-seeking, time-serving politicians has done more to create dissatisfaction with our present system than all things else. Let's encourage every Republican to go out to our primaries, and assure him that his wishes as ex-

pressed at the primaries shall be heeded and respected and popular representative government will take on new life and many of these new fangled ideas will die a natural death. Let's have peace and concord, and present at the polls in November a united front and victory will be achieved. Yours truly, E. H. MORRIS. Mocksville, N. C., April 3, 1912.

ENDORSE MR. NEIGHBOR'S LETTER.

Mr. Stencil's Claim Not Supported by Facts—The Home County of the Butlers Made Great Gains Last Election—How Stencil Could Help.

Editor of the Caucasian, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I read the attack which the Smithfield Journal made on State Chairman Morehead and on ex-Senator Butler, and I have also read the reply to it which you published this week from Mr. C. F. Neighbors, of Benson.

While the reply is fine, and to the point, I want, however, to add a word to it by calling attention to the fact that Sampson County, the home of the Butlers, made a big gain in the last election and has continued to gain at every election for many years. Sampson County furnished a majority big enough for us to carry the senatorial district composed of Sampson, Harnett and Johnston, when Johnston County polled the vote that it ought to poll.

Now, if Mr. Stencil, as county chairman of Johnston County, had done his duty at the last election, with the increased majority from Sampson, we would not have lost the two senators from this senatorial district. One thing is clear to everybody who wants to know the truth, and that is that the Butlers did their full duty in the last campaign, and have done it in every campaign, and Mr. Stencil ought to be co-operating with them instead of fighting them. If he would do this, and was the right man for chairman, his county would go Republican like Sampson does. HARNETT.

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