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A PICTURE OF THE BLIGHTING EFFECTS OF BOSS REFEREE RULE.

The Caucasian has received a letter from one of its oldest and most respected subscribers in which he says:

"I have been a reader of The Caucasian for over twenty years. When you could not stay longer in the Democratic party and gave your reasons for the same, I agreed with you and left it. When you decided to support the cause of the Republican party and gave your reasons for it, I went with you. But I want to say that I have not always found myself welcome in the Republican party.

"I was not an office-seeker, but it seems that every office-holder and office-seeker in the party thought I joined the party to get office, and, therefore, they have always been expecting me to be a candidate for something, and have always been watching me and been against me.

"I joined the Republican party because I thought its principles were best for the Nation and for the State, and, therefore, my greatest hope was to do what I could for the success of Republican principles at the polls. I found, however, that the men who were running the party, as a rule, were simply fighting to control conventions and get offices for themselves and their small clique, and when they had done this, they seemed to care little or nothing about making a fight for the principles of the party at the election.

"Soon after I joined the Republican party I attended a Congressional convention. I was permitted to go as a delegate, though I was for the minority, because the office-holders and those who were seeking office or who had been promised office by the bosses were in the majority in my county, and put the unit rule on me and the few other private citizens who were permitted to go as delegates. When I got to the Congressional convention, I found that the convention was packed with Federal office-holders in the same way from other counties, and that the minority had no voice. Two office-holders were elected as delegates to the National Convention, and every place, of committee and otherwise, was also filled with a Federal office-holder or one aligned with their ring.

"They did, however, to my surprise, nominate a good man for Congress, who, like myself, had been raised in the Democratic party, and who was not hunting a Federal office. I found later, however, that this nomination was given to this good man, not because they wanted him elected to Congress, but because they did not want him. When these office-holders had gotten themselves elected delegates and had assured themselves of the control of the patronage in the future, then they seemed to take no great interest in the success of the party, and our candidate for Congress was left to drift by himself, with no support, and of course made but little headway toward his election.

"This so disgusted me that I had not since taken much interest in politics until two years ago. Then I saw that an effort was being made to get rid of the boss patronage machine methods, which had disgusted me and which were keeping other men from joining the party. I then got active again, as did a number of the rank and file Republicans, and went as a delegate to the State Convention. The action of the last convention put new heart and hope in me, and I began to feel that there was a chance for people, who know that the Democratic party and its policies are not best for the country, to line up for the Republican party and carry the State and help carry the Nation.

"I am no doubt tiring you with this long recital, but I am now coming to the point, and it is this: That I now see that the same old Federal office-holder bosses, who were repudiated by the people two years ago, are now again very active in my county, and I understand that they are generally, and that they are trying again to capture the party and restore the rule of the old ring bosses. I notice that all these patronage machine fellows are saying that they are

for Roosevelt. I am strong for Roosevelt myself, but I do not trust these ring men. They are trying to fool the people to get themselves back in power. I hope they won't succeed, and I will do what little I can to prevent it, but if they do, I shall be so discouraged that I shall attend to my own little business in the future."

We have given space to this long extract from the letter because, in a general and composite way, it states the substance of a number of letters which we have recently received. We trust that our friend and all others like him will put forward this year the same effort that they did two years ago to see to it that the people rule and that the ring bosses do not again get control of the party and use it as merchandise for their selfish purposes.

The only thing necessary, in our opinion, to give the good people of this State a chance to repudiate the extravagant and incompetent rule of the Democratic party is to finish the work of re-organization begun two years ago. This can be done this year, but to do it the people must take charge of their affairs this year with the same interest and vigor as they did two years ago.

In this connection, we are sorry to know that the patronage machine bosses have again captured the first Congressional District and have elected two Federal office-holders as delegates to the National Convention. This district, however, is one that was not redeemed by the people two years ago. It is a district where the Republican party is weaker than anywhere else in the State, and its weakness is due to the blighting effect of such boss machine methods. What is happening in that district cannot happen in any district where the Republican party is strong, and where the rank and file can rule.

If the chief purpose of these two Federal office-holders, who had themselves elected delegates to the National Convention, had been the success of the Republican party, they would not have forced their election as delegates, but would have sent two good representative men as delegates to the National Convention who hold no Federal office. These men have shown by their action that their chief purpose is to perpetuate themselves and their small ring in power as Federal office-holders, and when the election comes around no good results will be seen for Republican growth and success.

The Caucasian hopes the next State Convention will declare squarely for a State-wide primary. The experience of the country is that the primary system insures the rule of the people better than any convention system.

While the Republican party is very weak in the first district, yet we believe that there are even in that boss-ridden district enough good Republicans who put the success of Republican principles above the pie-counter, to prevent that district ever again being controlled, dominated and represented by a little bunch of Federal office-holders, if each voter is given the chance to vote in a primary and there finally to determine the result of the wishes of the people so that no boss or any manipulation at conventions can defeat the will of the people.

HOW THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE CAN BE EXPRESSED.

A persistent effort in certain quarters has been made to misrepresent State Chairman Morehead as to an alleged ruling of his with regard to majority and minority representation from this State to the National Convention. The fact is, that Mr. Morehead has made no such ruling.

The plan of organization adopted by the people at the last Republican State Convention, in their effort to wipe out machine rule, provided as follows:

"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 pro-rated 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."

Under this rule, the people in every township and in every county have the right to have their wishes recorded, and to have their vote cast in the County Convention and in the Congressional Convention and in the State Convention in the exact propor-

tion in which the people at home decree it.

It was in the case of Mecklenburg County, where such a division of sentiment was asked for by the minority, that Mr. Morehead pointed to this plan of organization and stated that the minority had the absolute right to have its proportional representation. It was not necessary for Mr. Morehead to make a ruling on this point as to Mecklenburg County or any other county. He simply called attention to the expressed wording of the plan of organization and stated what the rights of the people were as guaranteed by this provision, which was adopted by the last State Convention to prevent machine bosses from capturing a convention by a close majority and then putting the unit or gag rule upon the people.

The committee on resolutions that reported this amendment to the plan of organization at the last convention failed to expressly provide that the will of the people as expressed in the townships and in the counties should also be respected and expressed not only at the State Convention but from the State Convention to the National Convention. This being true, it leaves it within the power of the State Convention to follow this rule or to reject it as to the delegates to the National Convention. Under this condition, no State Chairman can make a ruling as to what the State Convention shall do. It is a power and a law unto itself.

But, in this connection, The Caucasian wants to say, that it regrets that the amendment to the plan of organization did not specifically provide that the voice of the people could be expressed at any and every convention just as they desire it, and we trust that the next convention will make this amendment or at least abolish the provision as it now stands because the principle is either right or wrong. If it is right, then it, like the principle of local self-government, should not be abridged. A person who is for the principle is for it in its full application, and one who is for it only in part is really not for it at all.

HOW THE STATE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE ELECTED.

The Caucasian has for a number of years contended that the State Executive Committee should be elected by the Convention, or by the people if we had a primary, and that then the State Committee, after consulting with the nominee for Governor and other candidates, should elect the State Chairman.

The reasons we have given for this are that a State Chairman should be elected with a view to his qualifications to conduct a successful campaign to win victories for the nominees of the party at the election. We have pointed out that in the past the State Chairman has been elected with the chief purpose of having him to distribute Federal patronage. This is wrong, not only in policy, but in principle, from every standpoint.

We had prepared a resolution and had requested its introduction at the last State Convention, just as we had done at several State Conventions in the past, to change the plan of organization to this effect. We regret exceedingly that the last State Convention, in its hurry to adjourn, failed to act on such a proposition. We sincerely trust that the next State Convention will do so.

We are glad to see that State Chairman Morehead is suggesting this proposition for the consideration of the voters with a view to having the same acted upon at our State Convention which nominates our State ticket.

ONE CONSECUTIVE TERM.

We notice what is being said about the danger to Republican institutions by the election of a President to what is called a "third-term." We submit that the great danger in our government is the use of patronage by one in power to perpetuate himself in power.

The people of our State have so guarded against this danger that we have provided in our Constitution that a Governor shall not succeed himself. This has prevented our Governors from using that position or the patronage of that office to renominate themselves for a second term, and, therefore, has saved our State from many scandals which other States have had where there is not such a wise and wholesome provision in their State Constitution.

There is, however, nothing in our Constitution to prevent a Governor,

who has served once, from being renominated and re-elected after one or more terms have intervened. There is no such provision in our Constitution because there is no necessity for it. When once a Governor has gotten out of office and is succeeded by another Governor, then if the people want to renominate and re-elect the former Governor, after one or more terms have elapsed, they do it of their own free-will, and the ex-Governor has no power to use the office or prestige of the office as Governor for his re-election.

We think it would be a most wholesome thing if the same rule applied to the Nation. Every President has used patronage and the influence of his position more or less to renominate himself. This is not wholesome. We believe that the Presidency, like the Governorship in our State, should be limited to one consecutive term.

This, we think, would be one of the most wholesome reforms that our people could inaugurate.

THE RECALL AS PROVIDED BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution of this State, and the Constitution of the United States, provide for the recall of any officials, including judges, in whom the people have lost confidence. The method provided for the recall of any such official is by impeachment through the action of the Legislature in this State and through the action of Congress in the Nation.

This provision for the recall has been arranged by the people, but if this method should fail to be effective in carrying out the wishes of the people, who created the Constitution in this State, then the people certainly have the power to change this method, so that the recall shall be acted on by the people themselves by direct vote instead of through their legislative representatives.

We all remember a recent case of a United States judge in Florida being impeached by the House of Representatives and put on trial before the Senate of the United States under the plan which the people provided for in the National Constitution. In that case, the method for recalling this judge provided by the people failed to remove a man whom a large majority of the people believed should have been removed.

Whenever the machinery provided by the people for good government falls down or becomes inoperative, as illustrated by such case, why should not a more effective method for recall be provided?

TO RAISE THE "NIGGER" CRY AGAINST ROOSEVELT.

The Democrats are beginning to get terribly frightened that Colonel Roosevelt may get nominated for President. They are so frightened that they are already seriously figuring on what kind of a campaign to inaugurate in this State and in the South to keep him from getting the electoral vote of North Carolina and a number of Southern States. We have heard that some of the Democratic ballot-box stuffing politicians of the Simmons stripe have already suggested that, if Roosevelt is nominated, their only hope to save North Carolina is to again raise the negro question, and that they will print cartoons of "Teddy" and "Booker Wash-

ington" eating together at the same table and proceed to flood the State with this kind of campaign argument.

Mr. Duncan appears to be supporting Simmons for re-election to the Senate. Will he help the Simmons machine to carry out this infamous scheme?

A MOST DEPLORABLE SITUATION.

The strenuous campaign in Massachusetts during the past week between the Taft and Roosevelt forces has developed a most deplorable condition. Both former President Roosevelt and President Taft have personally gone on the stump. They have not simply made a few speeches at important points, but they both rushed from one end of the State to the other, speaking ten to twenty times a day, and each one trying to follow behind the track of the other.

This strenuous campaign has also developed a degree of personal bitterness never before occurring between Presidential candidates, and especially not when one of them was the President of the United States. The bitterness has gotten into personalities of a most painful nature.

It has been known for some time that a number of friends of President Taft have been urging him to make a personal attack upon former President Roosevelt. At first, the President flatly and positively declined to do this; but it seems that his advisors at last prevailed upon him against his better judgment.

It is claimed that President Roosevelt had not said, though his speeches had been vigorous as to issues and party measures, anything that was sufficient to justify the personal attack which President Taft made, but when the attack was once made, of course Colonel Roosevelt came back with a vigorous direct reply that was equally as personal.

But, no matter who is to blame for this unfortunate condition, yet every American citizen will agree that it is a most deplorable affair from every standpoint.

HAS THE RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER BECOME A SIMMONS ORGAN?

The Raleigh News and Observer has been showing signs recently of becoming a fairly good organ of Senator Simmons. That paper is publishing a lot of stuff manufactured to boom and magnify Senator Simmons' importance in Washington that is almost equal in amount and in kind to that being published by Mr. Simmons' well known organ, the Greensboro Daily News.

Sometime ago, the Raleigh organ warned the people that there was danger of the trusts and monopolies spending a great deal of money in the State to try to get elected the man that they could rely on best for Senator. Does the Raleigh News and Observer now think that the trusts are putting up money to elect Judge Clark, and is this why it has seemed to cool in its ardor for him and is now trying to magnify Senator Simmons more than any other candidate?

The Republican Congressional convention in the First District was a typical patronage machine outfit with typical patronage machine results. We regret that the party does not yet seem to be strong enough in that district to overthrow such boss and machine methods, which have been the curse of the Republican party in

the past. If the party in that district can, in spite of such conditions, make its voting strength at the next election, such machine methods will then be doomed. In the meantime we trust that a State-wide primary can be enacted in this State which will insure the rule of the people and mean the end of such boss machine methods.

SECOND EDITION OF MR. BRION BUTLER'S RALEIGH SPEECH.

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The speech quotes from the Bragg Fraud 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.

Now is the time to distribute such literature while the people can read and think. It will do ten times as much good now as it will during the heat of a campaign.

The second edition is going fast, so send in your orders at once. Address: THE CAUCASIAN PUBLISHING COMPANY, Raleigh, N. C.

What do you think would be the party's chances of success this fall if it had to go before the country with Mr. Simmons' tariff record as its platform.—Durham Herald.

PORTO RICO'S NEW WONDER.

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchant of Barceloneta, writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also of a brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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