

REPUBLICANS, BEWARE OF THE HEEL OF POLITICAL TYRANTS

Men Who Act With and for Both Parties not fit for Leaders-- "Satan Himself Cannot Hatch a More Corrupt or Inconsistent Course"--Mr. J. L. Ramsey, who Endorsed Briggs and Dockery for office, is now Ashamed of their Conduct--Mr. Banks Calls Wildes and Harris to Order--A Word About the Duncan Graphophone.

Editor Caucasian-Enterprise:

Since reading your report of the late Republican convention for Wake County held on the 23rd, I have decided to write to condemn the action of Messrs. Harris, Dockery, Wildes and "little" Willis Briggs, for every citizen of the State must feel more than a passing interest in politics in Wake, the metropolitan county of the State, for politics in other counties, regardless of party name, are apt to be influenced in a measure by what is done in Wake. Then, too, I lived in Raleigh for a number of years and know most of your citizens in all parties.

Harris and the others made themselves objects of contempt by their uncalculated course, though it was nothing new. For years certain so-called Republicans about Raleigh have been acting in a manner to aid the Democrats wherever they could. Simmons, Daniels, and Duncan are the ring-leaders, I believe. At any rate, I have seen enough to satisfy me as to that.

Now, I believe that the Republicans of Wake County are able to take care of the situation, even if muscle is necessary. It is time to use it; if another attempt is made by the unholly conspirators, for matters have gone on too long already. I am not a fighting character. But if the "gang" mentioned above is to appear in the future, as in the past, at conventions, and if they will not reform, I'll consider an invitation to attend any future Republican convention in Wake County, and I'll promise to attend to "bolters" and Democratic "tools" in my most polite style.

Will add in conclusion, that I wrote letters in favor of the appointment of Mr. Briggs as postmaster at Raleigh. He came of an excellent family and I believed him qualified for the important office. I also endorsed Mr. Claud Dockery for United States Marshal. He, too, came of an excellent family and he ought to be a loyal Republican. I am considering, the advisability of withdrawing, or attempting to withdraw, any letters I may have written in favor of the appointment of either Mr. Briggs or Mr. Dockery, for their political course, which is well-known to me, has been far from satisfactory to me recently, and the fiasco reported last week puts on the finishing touches, so far as I am concerned.

Beware of the heel of political tyrants who sometimes act with and for both parties. Satan himself cannot hatch a more corrupt or inconsistent course.

Truly, J. L. RAMSEY. Scotts, N. C., April 29, 1912.

This "Bolters" Made Misleading and Slandering Charges.

J. C. L. Harris, of Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, wrote an open letter to the Republicans of Wake County, in which he says that the Plan of Organization of the Republican party says at least fifteen days' notice must be given before the primaries are held to elect delegates to the different conventions.

Section 9 of the Plan of Organization says that fifteen days' time must be given before the convention assemblies and not otherwise. The Executive Committee of the Republican party in Wake County did what the Plan of Organization directed them to do. One Claud Dockery, of Raleigh, N. C., called the Convention a snap convention. He is a lawyer and United States Marshal of the Eastern District. As a friend, I want to ask him and J. C. L. Harris to please inform themselves on the Plan of Organization of the Republican party before they accuse the Executive Committee of being a fraud upon the party. The Executive Committee are all gentlemen and men of character and I want to say to Mr. Dockery that I was a Republican before he ever came to Wake County, and I will say further, that I do not want any office, but I do want to see the party grow. I am not the man to walk up to the Federal building at Raleigh, N. C., and take orders as to who I shall vote for. I realize that I am an American citizen, and I do not propose to be led by any one man or set of men. Money can't buy me, abuse can't drive me, nor love can't persuade me when I am fighting for a government by the people, of the people, and for the people. I am with the State and county organization so long as they advocate a majority rule. When Buck Adams was defeated I did all in my power as Chairman of Swift Creek Township to defeat him. I have no concession nor apologies to make to the Federal brigade that wants to dominate the party. I am against any man that is not willing for the majority to rule.

I endorse what Mr. Taft said in his Greensboro speech; it certainly would apply to Wake County. If the Federal building at Raleigh, N. C., was filled with Democrats that love their party, I firmly believe we could have a harmonious Republican convention in Wake County, provided the postmaster at Smithfield was a Democrat.

The show-down has come in Wake County, and I am glad of it. As for myself, I am a Butler man, I am a Morehead man, last but not least, I am a Roosevelt man. I am willing to concede to every voter the right of his own opinion. If he sees different from me let him vote accordingly. EVERETT T. BANKS. Wake County, N. C.

Harris Can't Build Up a Republican Party in Wake.

Mr. Lester F. Butler, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I wish to congratulate you on the way you held your own against the office-holding brigade in your city Tuesday. It won't take many doses like that to satisfy the gentlemen.

There never was, and never will be, a time when such men as Loge Harris can build up a Republican party in North Carolina.

Wishing you much success, I am, Yours very truly, S. D. JOHNSON. Pittsboro, N. C., April 27, 1912.

Duncan's Graphophone, Alias the Smithfield Journal.

Mr. Editor:—I was honored (?) with a copy of the Duncan Graphophone, commonly called the Smithfield Journal. I notice they are sending numerous copies to people over this county who have never paid a cent or instructed any one to send them. I see they marked their subscriptions up to a certain date in order that they may reach the people until after the State Convention. I guess when Marse Carl and all the pie-eaters and pie-hunters quit "putting up" for the Journal their complimentary subscriptions will cease. Of course, Claud Dockery, A. V. Dockery, Tom Bailey, Latna Hood, Loge Harris, Jimmie Q. Williams, and ex-County Chairman Adams have to be heard from occasionally. If one who has been a Republican all his life will cast the eye of memory back to Buck Adams' Chairmanship they will see that the conduct of Loge Harris, W. T. Delamar, Charles Wildes, and their beloved associates, bear the ear-marks of Adams' Chairmanship in the past. As to Wildes and Harris no one was either alarmed or surprised at seeing their efforts to break up the County Convention by intimidation and domination. They themselves cannot hurt any person or any party politically in Wake County; neither can they be of any political benefit to any party. I guess all understand why they acted as they did. However, I think they rendered too much service in the interest of Big Buck and Marse Carl. I wish every Republican in Wake County could have attended the Wake County Convention; then I am sure they would have been thoroughly convinced that Butler and his followers contended for justice and right. However, more heartfelt blaspheming was never heard than came from Andrews' followers and pushers. They died fighting and; and oh! how some of their pie-hunters cried within. The Apex postmaster was so much enthused that he never took time to think that 'twas better to keep quiet. However, when Loge Harris is appointed National Committeeman, with Charles Wildes his private secretary, Deleamar and Hood to recommend, then Postmaster Hudson at Apex will be appointed with James Q. Williams special adviser, and all things will work together for good. I have yet to see any real good that the Andrews' machine man, Loge Harris, has ever done the Republican party in Wake County. I know he has raised some influential Democrats and if one of his boys has voted the Republican ticket, I have never heard of it. I hope the Colonel may some day do something for the party he seemed to love so well at our County Convention. Let charity begin at home. I am quite sure he made no enemies in the Democratic party by acting as he did in the convention. Really, I think he deserves some recognition at their hands. A ROOSEVELT REPUBLICAN.

Mr. Batchelor Could Not Follow Col. Harris and His Democratic Leadings.

Mr. Editor:—I see in the Smithfield Journal that the Democrat-Republican gang claim that they elected W. J. Andrews chairman by a large majority, and I will state the

reason I didn't vote with them. I was there as a Republican and not a Democrat. I voted every time we Republicans had anything to vote on. I voted against endorsing Jos. H. Sears for sheriff two years ago when Col. Harris wanted us to endorse him and will do so again if I have the chance. I don't believe in being on both sides. I have been voting the Republican ticket for fifteen or twenty years, and I will vote it as long as it is good and decent, but I can't vote a mixed ticket. I have been to two conventions, and the Democrat-Republicans have a magic lantern show with Willis Briggs or Col. Harris one on the film.

No, Mr. Editor, I never voted with them but I heard a few vote no when they were electing Col. Logan chairman, but it must have been some of their crowd that were so drunk they did not know how they were voting, for there was plenty of liquor there.

Col. Harris has gotten so interested in the Democrat party I would like to know whether he helped send Berry O'Kelly of Method to Morrisville to speak to the negroes to get them to vote for local taxes or not; some of the Democrats sent him. I had rather vote the straight Democratic ticket than to vote for them, for you can't tell what they are and where they are going. They say there is too much Butler, I guess there is for them. I am for Lester F. Butler for chairman and I want Mary Ann at every precinct if we can get him.

This article was not written by Lester F. Butler but written by (Signed) V. J. BATCHELOR, Carpenter, N. C., April 29, 1912.

FOR A SQUARE DEAL.

Shall We Have Again the Unit Rule or Shall We Have the Will of the People Expressed?

The Western Carolina Enterprise.] Considerable discussion has arisen in regard to the question of carrying up the proportional vote from the Republican State Convention to the National Convention. Section nine of the State plan or organization, as written into the same by the writer hereof, provides for the minority strength as ascertained in the precinct convention to be carried through county and district conventions and given due weight and recognition in the highest convention by which the subject matter is considered.

If three citizens in a precinct convention vote for Smith for Governor while thirty vote for Jones, the vote goes up 1 to 10 as cast, is counted in the new ratio, made at the county convention, and sent to the State convention. In other words, the voice of the minority man is as sacred as the voice of the majority in any particular locality, and not until the final count in the deciding convention is his ballot canceled. The sovereign voter has this right to have the expression of his preference carried as far in his party's deliberations as possible.

While this rule has not been extended to the National Convention, there is as much reason for it at Chicago as there is at Raleigh. It is the only fair way. All factions will be asked to support the ticket nominated, and it is the part of wisdom for every man to be asked his opinion and have his expression carried up until it is absorbed or nullified in the final majority which is thereby determined to be the will of the people.

The unit rule, whereby the bare majority over-rides the large minority and casts the same vote as if the body had been of one accord, is not necessary, neither is it fair. It is the trick which puts the balance of power into the hands of the professional politician and thwarts the will of the people, breeding discord and precipitating strife.

"Every freeman is a host" in this land of ours, and the voice of every citizen should be heard. The wisdom of the proportional strength rule in the State Convention has been acknowledged by all. The same rules should apply to the National Convention. The National Convention is a big thing, but it is not larger than the voice of the voter, neither is it more important than individual rights. The Taft strength and the Roosevelt strength as determined by a vote in the State Convention should be carried up as cast.

It make little difference who the square deal helps or hurts, men will forget the little fights of the present; but the principle will live on. Let us not be induced by greed for office or blind zeal for a candidate to act the dog with our fellows and brethren just because we have a majority with us to-day. There is a to-morrow, you know.

Lumberton People Bitten by Rabid Dog.

A Lumberton, N. C., dispatch of April 25th says:

"Mr. and Mrs. Woodberry Flowers and their seventeen-year-old son left this evening for Raleigh to take the Pasteur treatment for the bite of a dog inflicted several days ago. The physician who was called when the dog had bitten the patients advised that the animal be confined and kept under observation. Tuesday the dog died and its head was sent to the State laboratory for examination. A telegram from Raleigh this morning stated that there were symptoms of hydrophobia and advised that those bitten be hurried there for treatment.

AND IS THIS A FRAUD?

Has the Chairman of Johnston and His Friends Called Snap Convention?

Gave Only Fifteen Days' Notice Before Convention and Only Ten Days' Notice Before Primaries--Isn't it Time for Messrs. J. C. L. Harris and Charlie Wildes to Again Holler Fraud?

When the Republican Executive Committee of Wake County met and gave eighteen days' notice before the County Convention was to be held and two weeks' notice of the primaries, the Federal office-holders and their side partners, Messrs. J. C. L. Harris and Charlie Wildes, charged that the Executive Committee had called a snap convention and was attempting to perpetrate a fraud upon the party by not giving more notice. Colonel Harris even charged that the plan of organization stated that at least fifteen days' notice must be given before the primaries. (Well, of course the Plan of Organization does not say anything of the kind, but the Colonel thought his statement would prejudice the people.)

The Smithfield Journal published all of the filth that was sent down there from the Federal building in Raleigh and added many comments besides, making untrue statements, and then flooded Wake County with over two thousand copies of the Journal each week.

But getting back to the original question. The editor of the Smithfield Journal, who is Chairman of the Republican Committee in Johnston County, called the committee to meet in Smithfield April 25th for the purpose of setting a date for the County Convention (and the notices were not mailed in time for some members of the committee to receive them in time to be present at the meeting of the committee) on April 25th a call was issued by Chairman Stancil for the Convention to meet in Smithfield on Friday, May 10th, and suggested that appropriate time to call the primaries would be Saturday afternoon, May 4th. This gives only fifteen days' notice before the Convention and only ten days' notice before the primaries, if they are held on May 4th. It will be seen that this is not as much notice as was given in Wake, yet the Federal office-holding element in Wake and the Smithfield Journal said the committee in this county had called a snap convention and was trying to perpetrate a fraud. Wonder if Colonel Logan and Mr. Wildes will now say that Stancil and his committee are trying to perpetrate a fraud in Johnston, where they gave even shorter notice than was given in Wake. And by the way, the Federal office-holding element in Wake and their attorneys, Messrs. Wildes and Harris, claimed that the Wake Convention should have been called to meet on Saturday instead of Tuesday. But, lo, and behold, the Convention in Johnston has been called to meet on Friday instead of Saturday. Now, why don't Messrs. Harris and Wildes rise up in their righteous indignation and say that Stancil and his committee have perpetrated a fraud upon the rank and file in Johnston County by calling the Convention to meet on Friday instead of on Saturday? But these gentlemen nor the Smithfield Journal haven't said "nairy a word" about a snap convention in Johnston. Oh! Consistency, thou art indeed a jewel; but Consistency, you also need an introduction from the Federal office-holding element in Wake County and the editor of the Smithfield Journal.

Following is the call for the Johnston County Convention as issued by the editor of the Smithfield Journal:

"Republican County Convention.

"At a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee of Johnston County held in Smithfield, N. C., on the 25th day of April, 1912, it was ordered that a convention of the Republicans of Johnston County be held in the court-house in the town of Smithfield, on Friday, May 10, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State and District Conventions and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

"Meetings will be held in the various precincts of the county at such time previous to this convention as the precinct committeemen may direct. However, it is suggested that the most appropriate time for the precinct meetings would probably be on Saturday, May 4, 1912, at three o'clock p. m.

"Representation in the County Convention consists of one delegate and one alternate for every twenty-five Republican votes, or fractional part thereof, cast in said precinct at the election in the year 1908 for the Republican candidate for Governor of the State.

J. C. STANCIL, Chairman, Republican Executive Committee of Johnston County. A. L. BAREFOOT, Secretary."

A horse-radish trust? That's a hot one.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Iredell Man Dies One Hour After His Wife's Funeral.

Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, wife of Mr. Daniel Reynolds, died quite suddenly Wednesday morning at her home in Concord Township, aged about sixty years. Mrs. Reynolds was about sixty years old. Mrs. Reynolds was apparently in usual health and her death was a great shock to her family. Mr. Reynolds was critically ill at the time and was reported in a dying condition yesterday.

Mr. Reynolds died yesterday at 11 o'clock, just an hour after his wife's funeral, his death resulting from heart disease from which he had suffered for some time. He was seventy-two years old. The funeral will be at New Stirling to-day.—Stateville Landmark.

Republican Congressional Convention Second District to Meet May 13.

Kinston, N. C., April 25.—At the meeting of the Republican Executive Committee for the Second Congressional District here, Tuesday afternoon, Hobgood was named as the place, and May 13 as the date for holding the District Convention, which will select a delegate to the National Convention. T. B. Brown, of Kinston, is Chairman of the Executive Committee, and W. J. Jordan, of Snow Hill, Secretary.

Col. Goethals Will Resign Before Opening of Canal.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch says: "Colonel Goethals, in charge of the construction of the Panama Canal, may resign rather than remain to undertake the opening of the canal without a properly trained administrative force, according to John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, who returned to Washington to-day after a visit to the canal zone. "Mr. Barrett said Colonel Goethals

had made it plain to him that he and the men who are with him, would not be willing to bear the brunt of the responsibility of opening the canal without a trained force behind them. The work of preparing these men should begin at once, it was added."

The Most Popular Man in the United States.

Lincoln Times.]

Theodore Roosevelt may not be nominated for President. If not, it will be only because he could not be induced to declare himself until too late. But one thing is true, he is the most popular man in the United States to-day with the masses. The common people believe in him. Wherever the people have had an opportunity of expressing themselves this fact has been demonstrated. And if he is nominated, we predict for him the greatest majority ever received in this country for our Presidency.

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