

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

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THE PEOPLE DISAPPOINTED.

Matthews and Harris Were Not So Strong for Roosevelt When They Got to Chicago—The Matthews Resolution.

Mr. Editor: I read the communication in the last issue of The Caucasian on the action of the two delegates from this district at the Republican national convention, or at least the action of the two men who were seated arbitrarily from this district. Messrs. J. C. Matthews and J. C. Harris had let it be understood that they were strong for Col. Roosevelt, yet I see that Mr. Matthews voted against seating the Roosevelt delegates and that Col. Harris stayed away from the convention on one of the most important days so his alternate, Mr. Wildes, could vote to seat the delegates who were against Mr. Roosevelt, notwithstanding that Mr. Harris bolting counting county convention, including Mr. Wildes voted to endorse Col. Roosevelt. Mr. Matthews certainly disappointed his friends in Nash. He was apparently very strong for Mr. Roosevelt when our county convention was held. In fact, he is the man who begged that the convention not adjourn until he could read a lengthy telegram from Senator Dixon, Col. Roosevelt's campaign manager, and then Mr. Matthews read a long resolution which he asked the convention to adopt, and then it was adopted by a unanimous and rising vote. But it appears that Mr. Matthews forgot his resolution, which he introduced at the county convention, which has been certified to by Mr. C. H. Murray, convention secretary, was as follows:

Resolved, That we, Republicans of Nash County, N. C., gathered in legally organized convention at Nashville, N. C., on this 6th day of May, 1912, do hereby instruct our delegates to the North Carolina State and Congressional conventions convening at Raleigh, N. C., on May 14th and May 15th, 1912, to cast their votes for Theodore Roosevelt for President of the United States and to vote for none but known Roosevelt supporters for every office for which it becomes their privilege to ballot at said two conventions. This we do for the following reasons:

1st. Because, during the seven years of Roosevelt's administrations, he so upheld the dignity of our nation abroad by commanding the respect of foreign powers that he was called upon to adjust and arbitrate their differences, thus making us proud of the position our country and our President held among the nations and rulers of the world.

2nd. Because Roosevelt's administrations formed an area of progress and prosperity at home, such as our country rarely ever enjoyed before.

3rd. Because, while Roosevelt was President, we citizens felt peace, confidence and security in the able administration of our national affairs for the reason that we had at the head of our government a man of positive character, of strong convictions and true understanding of justice—one whose clear intellect made right decisions, whose firmness of will executed them, and who had the qualities necessary to meet ably any crisis likely to arise in the affairs of our nation. We feel the need of such a man again in the highest office of our country.

THE REPUBLICANS IN CHATHAM.

Will Continue to Fight the Democratic Ring Which Has Burdened That County With Debt and Taxes.

Editor Caucasian:—As a big Republican Convention held at Chicago, is a thing of the past, and no doubt turned out very contrary, to the wishes of the majority of our people in both State and Nation, I desire to discuss the effect it has had on old Chatham County. Of course no one will deny that old Chatham was overwhelmed by Teddy. But I want to tell you here and now, that there isn't a Roosevelt man in Chatham County that will vote the Democratic ticket because Roosevelt wasn't nominated. The Democratic party in old Chatham is the same old coon with one more ring around its tail. And while they are rejoicing at the split in the G. O. P. I want to tell you that they have troubles of their own. They have forgotten the fact that since they went in office they have doubled "yea" almost tripled the people's taxes. They also know, and they know the people know, that when the Republicans went out of office in Chatham County, our good old county, was only in debt thirteen thousand dollars according to a Democratic official's own sworn statement. To-day it will take ninety thousand dollars to pay the debts, bond issues, etc., and not a single solitary thing to show for it.

As to the course the Republicans will pursue, I am not able to say. But whether it be progressive or conservative, it will be safe to state, that when the election rolls around the Democratic party in old Chatham will find they will have just as strong, if not stronger opposition, than they have had for years. CHATHAM REPUBLICAN. Pittsboro, N. C., June 28, 1912.

Farm Topics

NEGRO FARMERS ORGANIZE.

Nearly One Hundred Meet in Greensboro and Perfect a County Farmers' Union.

The negro farmers of Guilford County held a mass meeting at the A. & M. College yesterday and organized a County Farmers' Union. Nearly one hundred negro farmers from all parts of the county came in and manifested great enthusiasm in the meeting. A permanent organization was effected and a constitution and by-laws were adopted. Articles of incorporation were taken out and the Union will be incorporated in the next few days. The organization will be State-wide and the purpose will be to promote agricultural interests among the negro farmers of the State. They will also form a co-operative purchasing agency for the purpose of getting their supplies more cheaply. They adjourned to meet again on the last Saturday in July at which time they will have a farmers' picnic at the College. The meeting was called to order by Prof. J. H. Bluford.

President James B. Dudley, in a pointed talk, gave the farmers some very helpful suggestions concerning their organization. Talks were also made by Prof. N. A. Murray on insect pests and how to combat them, and by Prof. John D. Wray on intensive farming.—Sunday's Greensboro News.

PLOWS PULLED BY ENGINE.

Successful Demonstration Given on a Farm Near Greensboro.

Some of the farmers in North Carolina may break their ground with steam power next year, providing these new fangled plows and engines do not cost too much. A demonstration of this new method of plowing was given in Guilford County Friday, of which the Greensboro News says:

Some twenty farmers yesterday at the farm of C. D. Benbow, one mile east of the city, saw a field plowed with an engine, and so successfully was the work done that there was a complete surprise for those who saw the demonstration. Seven acres were plowed in four and one-half hours to a depth of from 8 to 10 inches, and four inches deeper than would be possible with horses or with mules.

The demonstration was made by a gas tractor engine which has a capacity for plowing fifteen acres per day at a cost of \$4.50 per day—\$3 for fuel and \$1.50 for a driver. The engine was one of the latest models and is making the trip for demonstration purposes from county to county in the south.

The work yesterday was accomplished without any hitch and with apparent ease. The plow went deep into the earth, almost twice as deep as the plows that are pulled by horses or mules, and the large machine moved steadily and with surprising speed. It seemed almost unbelievable that seven acres should be plowed up deep in half a day, when one team would require at least three days, and this increased the interest ordinarily felt by farmers who were seeing a new farming implement.

After being seen the work did not seem so strange after all. It was simply a matter of setting the plows, of turning on the gasoline and guiding across the field. The powerful engine worked steadily and powerfully. It showed clearly by contrast its improvement over the old way of ploughing. As men and animals would have to do, it did not have to stop for the heat.

REAL ANCIENT HISTORY.

(Continued from page 1.)

confined in the other end of the prison buildin' from that lately occupied by the endemmed man. The drive out of the city wuz between two lines of soldiers and deputized citizens who stood ready to prevent any attempt to rescue the King or other disorder. The authorities had even secured a number of bands of music to march in front and near by the carriage containin' the condemned King, kopin' thereby to drown out any cries of the spectators, fearing that any outcry mite precipitate a riot in such a tense situation. But the masses of the French people were too much hurt over the outrageous trial and conviction or their late King and they had doubtless agreed to refuse to look upon the diabolical and farcical, though pretended, legal procession to the place of execution, which ought to hev been proof enough to the dastards that a day of reckoning would, must come, and that red-shirt politics must sooner or later meet a fierce, a witherin' doom, az they will one or these days rite here in North Carolina and awl the other Southern States, for the die wuz cast in France an' hit iz cast in North Carolina. The day iz close at hand when the Simmons machine, the Josephus Daniels newspaper slander bureau, the R. B. Glenn Sunday-school educational, get-the-liquor-out-of-the-hands-ov-the-workin'-men-prohibition an' get-there-on-any-terms-fraud-and-folly and other asolutely deceitful program will sour upon the stomachs of North Carolina people, regardless of party, an, then, watch the people of North Carolina kick the

whole business out from under J. C. L. Harris, the new capstone to the whole pile in what I believe to be the last stand, the last desperate stand, of the cunningly arranged but transparent scheme of a dyin', discredited gang of State looters still sailin' under the honorable banner of Thomas Jefferson, a worthy father of a degenerate political family generally known as the dynamakrat party. Wait for the passin' of the Roosevelt steam road roller and rock crusher and then take a look at the North Carolina democracy and see how badly Daniels-Duncan and Harris air mused up. The beginnin' iz in site, the finish will be best of awl; wait for hit.

Reachin' the place of execution the former King of France removed his coat. He requested that he be allowed to make a speech from the scaffold but met a firm refusal. But just before the fatal axe severed his head he exclaimed in a loud tone: "People, I die innocent." Then turnin' to his friends present, though only a few were allowed to see the end, he said: "Gentlemen, I am innocent of all they accuse me of; may my blood cement the happiness of Frenchmen." Hit iz said that in order to drown the last words of the brave King, General Santere, commander of the French national guard drew his sword and rushed upon some of the band leaders and forced them to order the bands to play, for the members of the bands, military though they were, had stood silently for some minutes anxious to hear the speech the late King wuz tryin' to make in spite of the fact that he had been refused the privilege of sayin' a word at the place of execution. Thus died one of the bravest, one of the best Kings, who ever sat upon the great throne of France. This world hez witnessed but few such spectacles, will handly witness another of the kind. Like our own Washington and our Roosevelt, Louis Capet, once King of France, had his faults, perhaps many of them. But his virtues shone above and round them with undimmed luster. In death he wuz greater than most other great men in life.

Az ever, ZEKE BILKINS.

Will Not Support Taft.

Western Carolina Enterprise.]

"The Western Carolina Enterprise, which has been prating so long for government by the rank and file, for fair primaries, and an uncorrupted ballot, will now proceed to swallow the rasclity of the politicians at the Chicago Convention and 'get in line' for Taft. Terrible is the thunder of the party lash!"

Not by a jugfull! The above may not be said of us by political opponents, for it is impossible for this paper to repudiate the doctrines it has advanced in sincerity and for the welfare of those who believe in it and support it. Party or no party, honest men cannot stand for government by the politicians.

The nomination of Mr. Taft was a steal, pure and simple, and this is generally known and freely admitted by thinking men of both parties. Wherever the people spoke, in the contest between Roosevelt and Taft, Roosevelt was chosen by overwhelming majorities. By the control of

political committees and party machinery the will of the rank and file was set at naught.

If this is "Republican regularity" let us become irregular as quickly as possible. But it is not. The men who abused the tariff to satiate their own greedy desire for special privilege and more rapid enrichment were the worst enemies to the great American principle of protection. The men who steal nominations in the name of the party of Lincoln are the most dangerous enemies of that party. They will surely accomplish its destruction. They are most irregular. The more loyal the rank and file to Republican principles the less they will stand for such methods.

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after encouraging a full expression in those minor conventions and a spirit of fairness and tolerance, we cannot eat our words and swallow the dose handed out from Chicago by the minions of monopoly and special privilege. Let us hope the Progressive party which is springing into existence will be truly progressive but not radical. If it will "come clean" there is a place for it—yes, and a need.

REPUBLIC OF FRANCE CHANGES ITS CLOCKS.

New System of Time Goes Into Effect Throughout Country.

At midnight last Monday night a new system of time-keeping was inaugurated through the Republic of France. A theater time this evening it will not be 8 p. m. or 8 15; instead it will be plain 20 o'clock, or 20 15. Matinees will start at 14 15. From this day out all French clocks will number the hours from one to twenty-four. The designations a. m. and p. m., noon, or midnight, are no longer necessary in France.

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