

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

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To the Republicans of Wake County and the State.

It would be most unfortunate indeed should we permit the present factional fight between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft to divide us, the rank and file in State and county matters. There can be no doubt that our National leaders in charge at Chicago who held the party organization, and those at the State Convention in Raleigh who wished to seize the party organization, perpetrated wrongs upon the rank and file as well as upon party integrity. And while we hold them responsible, and charge it to their blame, we gain nothing by taking up their fight and thereby making a deplorable division in our ranks. They have set back the Republican party in North Carolina. The Roosevelt advocates at the State Convention, with reckless enthusiasm and with no regard for right, crushed the life of the regular party organization in a number of counties and districts, recognizing bolters, irregulars and such as betray trust, discouraging their own friends and putting them in an unenviable plight. This was accomplished by the use of a State-size steam roller. It was a most remarkable instance of retributive justice that at Chicago overlooked this same State steam roller crew and flattened them to the earth with a machine of National size. The same element will now return to their senses and do what they can for the success of the party.

But for this inconsiderate action of the State Convention a number of townships in Wake County would have gone Republican; that may now be set down as doubtful and Wake County has lost her opportunity to poll at the coming election her largest Republican vote. This condition has not been brought about so much from party perfidy as from blind, inconsiderate enthusiasm. Feelings have been engendered that will not be recovered during this campaign, and distrust of certain men that will ever linger.

What shall we do in this dilemma? It does not behoove us to go to pieces or to divide. Why should we? A great mistake has been made. It will not do to make another, or to broaden the breach. As I see it, the only thing to do is for us, the rank and file, to pull ourselves together, dismiss the thought of electors, let presidential candidates and our preferences not be named among us, elect or re-elect, a good state chairman who desires to see party harmony and party growth. Nominate a State ticket of the best men we have and concentrate our strength about them. For a county ticket give us men to vote for not identified with bolters and traducers of trust, and every man pull together for party success.

W. C. REPUBLICAN.

The Presidential Election.

Because of the colossal theft at the Chicago Convention, Republicans may just as well make up their minds that the fight is between Roosevelt and Wilson.

Taft may carry Rhode Island and Utah, but is not likely to score anywhere else, since his chief support consists in negroes, Mormons and job holders. Even had there been no crookedness at Chicago the Taft administration, which was Ohio's present to the Nation, has been characterized by so much vacillation and weakness as to nauseate healthy sentiment everywhere. It was fitting that he should have picked out Bill Tweed's lawyer to do his bidding at Chicago as presiding officer there. That end of the party seems to be dominated by Bills. There is Bill Barnes, Bill Lorimer, Bill Taft, and it ought to be known as the Bill party.

Bryan's baby may be tractable enough to follow the advice of its master.

Grover Cleveland was elected by Republicans voters, and made a great President, and Republicans will have to elect Wilson if he gets there at all. But there are plenty of Republicans and others to elect Roosevelt and give us a vigorous, progressive administration.

We cannot afford to stay the tide of prosperity by trusting to a Democratic administration.

A. V. DOCKERY.

A Letter From Wayne County.

Dear Old Caucasian:—You have been very kind in the past publishing articles for me, so I again wish to present a short letter for publication to let the readers of your paper well understand how well we feel over the nomination of President Taft's stolen nomination. Mr. Taft should never have accepted a stolen nomination. Mr. E. C. Duncan, with the assistance of some of the other dead National Committeemen, helped perpetrate the theft. The Republicans of my county do not like the way the nomination was secured, neither do they like the appointment of Democrats to office over good Republicans. Now, Mr. Editor, if the people think Mr. Roosevelt was wrongfully defeated, let's all good true Republicans of North Carolina follow the motto of Iowa and South Dakota, and say that the people shall rule the Re-

publican party in old North Carolina. Go at the thing at once, nominate our electoral ticket of men who want to see the people rule, and men who favor Mr. Roosevelt, or in any other that will meet the approval of the people, for Mr. Taft we will not support. If we will act prudently from now on "Teddy" will be our next President, and North Carolina, also while now close, will also go Republican. Many Democrats have come out and boldly asserted if Mr. Roosevelt runs they will support him. I ask every Republican in North Carolina, if they think Mr. E. C. Duncan acted well in helping to defraud Mr. Roosevelt at Chicago to bear this in mind and start from now on to help make him our next State Chairman and if they disapprove of his acts to shun him as a case of "black tongue." All you readers keep well posted and you will see ten thousand things develop in favor of Mr. Roosevelt inside of thirty days.

Mr. Taft ran well four years ago in Sampson County, which gave 1,100 straight Republican majority. Mr. Taft got 1,300, but at that time Mr. Taft had not graduated at "Duncan University in North Carolina."

Thanking you in advance for what I know The Caucasian will do and the people for their assistance, I am,

Your co-worker,

LEWIS B. PATE.

Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, July 22, 1912.

Surprised and Amused.

Mr. Editor:—I was surprised and amused to read Mr. J. E. Spence's article in last week's Caucasian. How any man who is as honest and intelligent as Mr. Spence, and a man who does not want an office, can believe that Mr. Taft is the honest nominee of the Republican party for President is more than I can see. It is true, that Mr. Taft was declared to be the nominee by the fraudulent convention that convened in Chicago, but Mr. Spence must know if he kept up with events accruing at and prior to said convention that Mr. Roosevelt was the choice and therefore the real and rightful nominee of the Republican party and why any man in North Carolina who believes in a square deal should support Mr. Taft, is beyond my comprehension. I was again surprised to find Mr. Spence saying that "The men composing that committee are, as a rule, the greatest and wisest men in our party." If this is true, God have mercy on the Republican party. To call Penrose the boss of one of the corruptest political machines ever known to politics, and Crane another boss and "Big Steal" of Colorado, and the little pigmy Rosewater, of Nebraska, is a reflection on the party that I want to deny and resent. If these men are our wisest and greatest men, then the party ought to die. I deny that these men were the backers and that William McKinley, or any other man except Taft who ever occupied the White House took orders and was dominated by this crowd of corrupt political bosses.

So far as I am concerned, I will not follow this crowd of political thieves, nor will I vote for Taft who condones such methods and accepts the nominating, knowing full well that he is not the choice of the Republican voters of this country. I deny that the great leaders of the party are behind the President, but, to the contrary, I believe the brains and honesty of the party are going with Colonel Roosevelt in this election—some into the new party and some will remain in the Republican party and still support Mr. Roosevelt, believing him to be the rightful nominee of the Republican party and the greatest exponent of true Republican principles of any man asking for the suffrage of the American people.

The wise thing for the Roosevelt following in North Carolina to do is to remain in the Republican party and take charge of the organization in every county and district in the State and nominate none but known Roosevelt men for electors and vote for them and do our dead level best to elect them. I can see no good reason why any Republican in North Carolina should want to vote for Taft who has tried in every way possible to humiliate them and advertise them to the world as a set of unprincipled ignoramuses.

Mr. Spence can worship at the shrine of the corrupt political bosses who stole the nomination for Mr. Taft if he wants to do so—this is a free country yet awhile—but for me, I will not do it. I shall vote for Theodore Roosevelt if I can find the names of his electors printed on any kind of a ballot, whether it be branded "new party" or Republican party. I hope I can abide in the old Republican ship in North Carolina and support Roosevelt, but if I cannot I must say farewell. D. H. SENTER. Chalybeate Springs, N. C., June 22, 1912.

The Democratic Scramble in Chatham.

Please permit me space in your valuable paper for just a few remarks on Chatham County politics. The Democratic County Convention will be held off in Pittsboro, July 30th, and a lively time is expected. There will be no opposition to the renomination of either Sheriff Lane or John W. Johnson for Register of Deeds, but when it comes to the nomination of a commissioner and a legislative candidate there is going to be some fun.

There are four candidates for the Legislature, namely, Fred W. Bynum, the steam roller candidate; France M. Farrel, the man who helped manipulate the election in 1900; Joe McIver, of Cape Fear, and George Hannah, Jr., of Siler City. This writer's prediction is that Fred W. Bynum will be the nominee simply because by being chairman of the party he will have full control of the steam roller, and if the other fellows don't look out, there will be nothing left but broken bones and a broken heart.

As to that candidate for commissioner, the fight will come when they try to renominate Mr. Dock Griffin, who hasn't given the best of satisfaction, especially with the Prohibitionists; however, they had better go a little slow because they know full well they used whiskey galore to carry the election in Chatham two years ago.

Whatever they do, of course, will be all right with some of the less independent, but since the negro is out of politics, there are some in old Chatham that don't propose to swallow anything the steam roller tries to force down their throats.

Mr. R. H. Hayes has gotten Mr. W. E. Brooks up a tree in regard to the latter telling over the county that Hayes was using Simmons' money to defeat Mr. Kitchin. Mr. Hayes says it is absolutely false. Mr. Brooks says he didn't tell it, but said Hayes has sufficient proof to entitle Mr. Brooks to a seat in the Annas Club.

We Republicans are watching this scramble between brother Democrats with satisfaction, and if there is a breach in the party, we expect to reap the benefit.

Yours very truly, CHATHAM REPUBLICAN. Pittsboro, N. C., July 22, 1912.

The Menace of Rabies.

(Walter Peet, in Harper's Weekly.)

The first striking symptom in a rabid dog is almost invariably a decided change in its disposition. It either becomes more cross, irritable and sulky or shows unusual friendliness and wants to be continuously petted. Obviously in the latter state it is a most dangerous menace to its owner, who easily may be infected through a scratch on the hand or by a bite during unusual playfulness. In either case the dog soon becomes extremely restless, lying down, then almost immediately getting up to run around nervously for a few seconds and again lying down. This rotation it keeps up without interruption for some time. The dog is easily startled, growls and barks at the least provocation. The owner or keeper who knows its disposition will easily discern this change, and by simply shutting up the dog securely for observation will obviate all further danger.

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Poet—"I called to see if you had an opening for me." Editor—"Yes, there's one right behind you; shut it as you go out, please."

Farm Topics

CANTALOUPE WORM.

Pest Doing Much Damage to Melon Patches of Mecklenburg County. (Charlotte Observer.)

Mr. George L. Banker, who farms on the Pineville road, two and one-half miles south of Charlotte, brought three cantaloupes to the Observer office yesterday to show the ravages of a species of worm in his melon patch. Each melon is perforated by a small grey worm, and Mr. Banker says his acre patch is entirely ruined. In consequence of the perforations cantaloupes will not ripen and he says that he will not have a melon ready for market.

Mr. Banker reports that the cantaloupe growers to the north of Charlotte are experiencing a similar trouble. The pest is said to be a new one in this section, the farmers being unable to remember a similar situation.

Farming With Traction Engine in Lenoir County.

A dispatch from Kinston, N. C., says:

"For the first time in the vicinity of Kinston a traction engine is being used on a farm for plowing, and the innovation, successful beyond expectation, is receiving much attention from the farmers of the section. The engine, a 25-horse power kerosene machine, is being used to pull six disk plows and a large double-disk harrow on the farms of I. M. and John Tull, prominent farmers of this city. The machine enables Messrs. Tull to plant, sow and harrow about twelve acres a day, at a cost of fifty or sixty cents an acre. The demonstration of this modern method is proving an attraction for many interested planters each day, and from the enthusiasm displayed, the innovation may be the means of revolutionizing farming in Lenoir and adjoining counties. The club method of purchasing traction engines and gang plows is being discussed in many localities now."

Army Worm Doing Considerable Damage Near Spartanburg.

A press dispatch from Spartanburg, S. C., says:

The army worm has made its appearance in Spartanburg County, at Mayo, north of this city. More than thirty acres of corn and cotton have been destroyed and great anxiety is felt lest the pest spread beyond control. Ravages of the worm have recently been reported from Anderson County.

The bravest battle that ever was fought—

Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you will find it not:—

It was fought by the mothers of men." —Margaret Sangster.

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