

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

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Democrats Use the Steam Roller in Chatham—Promises Broken.

Editor Caucasian:—The Democratic County Convention of Chatham County was held in Pittsboro on July 30th and the following ticket was nominated, mostly by acclamation: For Sheriff, Leon T. Lane; Register, John W. Johnson; for Legislature, Fred W. Bynum. The Commission are the same old Board, to-wit: Carey D. Moore, Hamp Ferguson, and Dock Griffin. The convention was fairly attended, the majority of which was made up mostly from Siler City, Pittsboro, and the other small towns throughout the county. The only contests were between the legislative candidates and one county commissioner, which the steam roller rolled out to the queen's taste. Mr. R. H. Hayes put Mr. Fred W. Bynum in nomination, paying a high tribute to him, as being a man of high character, and if he had any bad habits, he had never been able to find them out. However, this failed to create much applause for Bynum, for everybody knew he was the steam roller candidate, and without which he would have stood a poor show of being the nominee for the Legislature.

Mr. W. D. Siler then placed Mr. J. George Hannah in nomination in his usual happy manner, and drew the only real applause when he stated that Mr. Hannah was not a candidate of any clique or machine.

Mr. F. M. Farrell was then put in nomination by H. L. Coble, who said his candidate was a man of good sound, common sense, and from the fact that he was not allied with corporate influences, would make the county a most excellent representative. However, Mr. Farrell was the man the steam roller struck the hardest, from the fact, as Farrell stated in the convention, Bynum & Hayes promised him in their office here that they would give him their united support, and then as a climax to the situation, after defeating Farrell, they had the audacity to offer a resolution offering him the position of door-keeper in the next Legislature. However, this was nothing more nor less than a scheme to hold Mr. Farrell in line for the coming fight this fall, which went to show that they had very little respect not only for Mr. Farrell, as a man, but for his Democracy as well. This was nothing more nor less than an insult to a man who has done more work for the Democratic party in Chatham County than any man in it.

This convention was one of the worst boss ridden of any that has ever been held in this county, and had it not been for the fact that the county is so close, there would have been other developments that would have been interesting indeed.

Another thing very noticeable is the two factions in the Democratic party in Chatham, one headed by Hayes, Bynum & Company, and the other by the Londons, which has been brewing for some time. But as to this, it had just as well be understood now that Hayes is the boss in Chatham, and will be for some time to come.

(Signed) CHATHAM REPUBLICAN.

Mr. Spence Replies to Mr. Senter.

Editor Caucasian:—I am glad my little article in defense of the Republican party afforded so much amusement to my good friend, D. H. Senter. But I see no reason why he should be surprised that I, or any other Republican, should support the regular Republican nominee for President.

It is very easy to say Mr. Taft's nomination was secured through fraud, but that does not prove it. I have seen no Republican paper since the Convention except such as are supporting Roosevelt. In not a single one have I seen a single attempt to prove any fraud. The Caucasian and other Roosevelt papers charge fraud, but they produce no evidence to prove it. The truth is, Mr. Roosevelt began to charge fraud long before the Convention met. It looks like he foresaw his defeat and raised the cry of fraud as an excuse for a new party.

I have confidence in the National Committee of the Republican party. When I lose all confidence in the men who are at the head of the party, I shall leave it as Mr. Senter has done. But I understand our National Committee was loyally selected by Mr. Roosevelt four years ago when he used the "steam roller" so effectively in placing Mr. Taft in the White House.

There may be "bosses" in our committee. But it does not become the new party advocates to say much about "bosses." It is a case so plain that even the blind may see that Mr. Roosevelt is supreme boss of the new party. His leaders seem powerless to do anything till the big boss is consulted and his O. K. secured. Boss Croker at the height of his glory was not "in it" compared with the "Bull Moose" as a boss.

But what has Mr. Taft or the Republican party done that all this trouble arises in the camp. It seems to me that Mr. Taft has been one of the best Presidents in the history of our country. Beginning his administra-

tion in the midst of a panic left by Mr. Roosevelt, with the assistance of the wise leaders of the Republican party he restored confidence in the business world, and to-day after nearly four years our country is enjoying the greatest industrial prosperity in its history. Labor is employed at good prices for their produce that the Democrats are crying out against the high cost of living. Or to put it in plain English, the Democrats want to see a drop in the prices of our grain, cotton, meats, chickens, eggs and all other products of our farms and gardens. Mr. Taft has stood firm against any reduction of our tariff laws that will not bear the light of investigation by a non-partisan commission.

But the President is a poor politician. He has made political blunders in distributing "pie." He appointed a Democrat Judge in North Carolina, and also another on the Supreme Court Bench. We all deplore this, but shall we destroy the party because of it?

I understand Mr. Roosevelt says he has never been free and goes so far as to admit that he expects to be called an anarchist and a Socialist. Now, who knows what this means? Are we ready in conservative North Carolina to enter into this dark wilderness of political uncertainty with a dictator who admits that he will be called an anarchist? I prefer the old ship that carried us so safely in the past.

Mr. Roosevelt says, "Thou shalt not steal," and straightway begins to steal the Republican electors in North Carolina and Kansas. Would it not be better for him to declare: "I will not steal?"

The writer does not now know that there will be any Republican electors in our State. It seems that the "steam roller" is to be used here by the new party and the so-called Republican electors are to be Roosevelt electors in fact. But let the organization beware lest in destroying the National ticket here they destroy also our State ticket. Unless there are Taft electors, the Taft voters will hardly trouble themselves to go to the election. Then the fate of our State ticket is sealed. I only offer this as a hint. J. E. SPENCE. Coles Store, N. C.

"Preventing Poison Ivy."

A recent issue of The Caucasian an article was printed on how to prevent poison ivy from taking effect on the system. One of the subscribers to this paper, Mr. C. J. Jenkins, of Fairview, took issue with it and said the remedy suggested would not always work. The article was furnished by a member of the Board of Health and the following reply to Mr. Jenkins is written by the same party: "In a recent issue of The Caucasian attention was called to the danger of poison ivy, (or poison oak as it is sometimes called). It was suggested that if, after coming into contact with poison ivy, one would "hasten to the nearest stream and wash, using fine sand and mud for soap," that it would "usually" accomplish the desired results, in other words prevent poison. Note the word "usually."

In regard to this a subscriber from Buncombe County writes as follows: "I was surveying on the side of a steep mountain, and slipped, and in grabbing for support I observed that I had grappled with ivy, so down at the foot of the hill I washed with mud and sand, and on going to dinner I further washed with hot water and soap, with the result that in two days, not only my hands were swollen to a puff, but my face also." Now it is to be regretted that the writer did not state how much time elapsed between the time that he touched the ivy and the time he washed "at the foot of the hill."

Ordinarily the effects of poison ivy can usually be avoided if the washing with stand, mud, and water is performed immediately, or within a few minutes. In the article referred to, it was suggested that after coming in contact with poison ivy one should "hasten to the nearest stream and wash, using fine sand and mud for soap." And concluded by stating that this method "usually" accomplish the desired results."

Now it should also be borne in mind that poison ivy can more readily have its effect, if the person coming in contact with the ivy has the pores of his skin open, as for instance when he is perspiring freely. In such cases it is very essential that the washing process be applied vigorously and at once.

It might also be noted that poison ivy affects some people more than it does others. It has been observed, for instance, that as a rule, poison ivy affects blondes more readily than brunettes, and for people easily affected by poison ivy, it might be well if besides washing, they applied some kind of alkali, such as ammonia water to the parts touched by the ivy. However, our article was intended as a general article and not for special cases which are very susceptible to poisoning."

Stole His Brother's Bride.

A Fayetteville dispatch of August 2 says: "D. D. Woodall ran away with his brother's pretty wife yesterday and the brother, Frank Woodall, to-day published legal notice that he has applied for a divorce. Woodall and his wife had been married but four months."

DEMOCRATIC DISCORD

Much Friction Among Members of the Campaign Committee

Governor Wilson Was Forced to Go to New York to Try to Persuade the Committee to Name a Treasurer and Finance Committee and to Get to Work—Campaign Funds Are Short.

There seems to be anything but harmony and money at Wilson's headquarters in New York. There has been much friction among the committee, and nothing has been done toward launching the campaign. Governor Wilson was worried and vexed over the situation and went to New York a few days ago to try to get his committee together and to persuade the mto get down to work.

A press dispatch from Sea Grit, New Jersey, published in Friday's Durham Herald, says: "There has been persistent rumors of discord among the members of the campaign committee. The Governor's determination to go to New York is made at the conclusion of two weeks of inaction on the part of the committee which had been expected to get down to earnest business within a day or two after it was organized on July 19th."

"It is believed that the Governor is angry at the committee's failure to agree on a treasurer and a finance committee, the result of which has been a two weeks' delay in getting the collection of a campaign fund under way. Indeed the only connections that has been made thus far have been in the form of voluntary contributions which have reached here through the mails. The fund at present amounts to only \$12,000, though several hundreds of thousands will be needed."

"Though it has been definitely announced on two or three occasions that Wm. T. McAdoo and Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, had been favored for the position of vice-chairman of the campaign committee, the official selection have not been made."

"No start apparently has been made toward the appointment of a finance committee. The names of Herman Ridder and Henry Morgenthau have been mentioned for the position of treasurer. Mr. Morgenthau was in conference with Governor Wilson yesterday. Last night Mr. Morgenthau went to the Adirondacs with a promise to return within ten days. For some unknown reason Chairman McCombs has remained severely away from Sea Grit while at least seven members of the campaign committee have been here within the last few days with blood in their eyes."

REAL ANCIENT HISTORY.

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grievance, though anything' mite go through then. But if Bonaparte wuz alarmed, he didn't let on. Austria seemed to design revenge by an attack upon Italy, which had rebelled against French rule an' wuz occupied by about 25,000 French troops at the time. An Austrian army wuz in Germany at the moment, for Germany had not become very war-like at this date. Austria could not step about in that country long at this writin'. In 1805 the Austrian army in Germany, commanded by Ferdinand and Mack, went into Bavaria an' demanded that the Bavarians should either unite their army with that ov Austria or disband hit, another specimen ov the high-handed ideas ov most Euro-

pean countries in regard to war matters, for up to hthat time hit seemed that not one ov the countries across the water cared anything' about national fairness up to a few years ago (after the meeting ov representatives ov all countries in the world in The Hague conference some eighteen or twenty years ago). Things finally became so stormy that the Italian ruler (the man in charge) assembled his troops at Fredonia an' himself proceeded to Wirtemberg, presumably for a conference with Bonaparte. That gentleman, instead ov puttin' in his time rulin' an' lookin' after the general welfare ov France an' Italy, wuz said to hev been hangin' about the camp ov General Bonaparte, who wuz nursin' day dreams on plans to invade England. Bonaparte wuz makin' a serious mistake, ov course. He had already won glory enough, if there can be glory in warfare, to satisfy anyone; his reputation wuz made; in a civil way he had become President ov France an' ov Italy, then King ov the two countries for life. There wuz nothin' more for him in politics; nothin' more as a great military leader, for he wuz such already. France had been fittin' for hundreds ov years with varyin' success. Hit wuz time for peace, an' France could hev had peace for a time. But she didn't. For some years every French stream ran with blood, an' oftentimes French blood dyed the streams ov foreign countries a deep crimson. Az ever, ZEKE BILKINS. (To be continued.)

GOVERNOR KITCHIN'S TRUST RECORD.

Judge Clark's Manager Links Kitchin's Name With Bell Telephone Company—Scores Simmons, Too.

Charlotte, N. C., August 3.—Hallett S. Ward, of the First District, who is campaigning the State in the interest of Judge Clark's candidacy for the United States Senate, to-night addressed an audience of about three hundred Charlotte voters in the county court-house here.

Mr. Ward went after the records of both Governor Kitchin and Senator Simmons in his characteristic, vigorous style and aroused considerable enthusiasm among his hearers. Mr. Ward introduced a new issue into the campaign to-night having to do with Governor Kitchin's trust record in following statement:

The Bell Contract.

"In the office of the Corporation Commission there is a contract which shows a trust between the Bell Telephone Company and the local company and the local company of the first district, which shows the people of that district are paying tribute to a trust. I wrote Governor Kitchin it was there. It was introduced in evidence in a hearing before the Commission, commenced by the Hon. J. Bryan Grimes a few years ago. I have had it in my hand and know it is there if it has not been destroyed. It was never shown to a Legislative Committee during Kitchin's administration. I invite the people of the State to call for it and say whether we have a trust in North Carolina or not."

"I wrote Governor Kitchin before his trust bill was passed that I would convict the trust if he would have ten words added to the law. I called on him to show the letter and that he bring it out. He has treated me with great courtesy by mentioning this letter in his message, but Woodrow Wilson or Judge Clark would have uncovered the contract, whether he had the power or not."

If the Democratic politicians in South Carolina are telling the truth on each other, they certainly have sorry material for office.

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