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DID MR. GRANT TELL THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE?

The National Republican Committee has just held a meeting, at which it removed seven members of the committee and proceeded to elect their successors.

The Republican Convention, which nominated President Taft after having stolen enough delegates to accomplish that purpose, passed a resolution declaring that if any member of the National Committee who had been elected by the various States did not endorse the action of the convention, that the committee itself should have the power to declare the seat of such member of the National Committee vacant and proceed to elect some one for such State or States as successor.

It will be noted that it was not provided that the National Committee could declare any place vacant and that the respective States should select a successor, but the committee arrogated to itself the machine boss-rule right to remove or unseat such member and fill the vacancy created by them.

The Associated Press reports of the meeting of the committee were that of the seven members removed, Mr. Pearson, the member of the National Committee elected by the Republican State Committee of this State, was one of the number. It is further stated that ex-Congressman Grant of this State was present at the committee meeting and appeared before the committee and demanded the removal of Mr. Pearson, and further that he recommended the election of Mr. Duncan who, he said, had been recommended by the Republican State Convention.

It will be interesting to know whether or not Mr. Grant told the National Committee how the so-called Republican State Convention that recommended the election of Mr. Duncan was constituted.

The people of the country generally know of the high-handed theft committed at Chicago in unseating regularly elected delegates and seating those who had no right or title of any kind. The so-called Republican State Convention, which Mr. Grant says recommended the election of Mr. Duncan, was constituted by greater acts of fraud against the rule of the people than were committed at Chicago.

The case of Mr. Grant's own county of Henderson will serve as one illustration.

The Republican plan of organization in North Carolina provides that the people in any township meeting or any county convention can express their wishes on any subject and have the same recorded, and that when this is done the delegates there elected must cast the vote of the people as there expressed.

In the Republican County Convention of Henderson, Mr. Grant's county, the sense of the convention was taken as between Taft and Roosevelt. Of the fourteen votes, the delegates were instructed to cast 13 2-3 for Roosevelt and 1-3 of one vote for Taft on all questions.

Ex-Congressman Ewart was named as the delegate to cast the 1-3 of one vote. Mr. Ewart did not attend the Republican State Convention, but Mr. Grant went, claiming to be Mr. Ewart's proxy, and claiming therefore to have the right to cast 1-3 of one vote of that county.

The Republican plan of organization provides that proxies shall not be recognized; yet in spite of this provision Mr. Grant was seated as a delegate and was accorded the right not only to cast the 1-3 of one vote for Mr. Ewart, but was further accorded the right to cast the whole fourteen votes of the county, the State committee having refused to allow the other thirteen delegates seats in the convention.

If Mr. Grant had told the National Committee this, he would have commanded their greatest admiration and respect, because they would have then realized that a theft was committed at the Republican State Con-

vention of this State that far outclassed anything that the National Committee ever dreamed of at Chicago.

GOVERNOR WILSON STILL HESITATING AND TALKING GLITTERING GENERALITIES.

It has been more than two months since Governor Wilson was nominated as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, and it is now less than one month and a half until the election; yet so far Governor Wilson has not been able to state clearly to the people of this country where he stands on any great important question.

His first declaration was to repudiate the platform on which he was nominated by declaring that the platform was not a program, and that he and his administration would have a program of their own. He has not, however, told the people what that program would be.

His next declaration was that he would not interfere with the rule of the State machines and bosses in the various States. This raised such a howl from the progressive Democrats in the various machine boss-ridden States that Governor Wilson has been forced to modify his statement by saying that he did not mean what he was quoted to have said. He has not, however, yet explained which bosses he will stand for and which he will not.

Only recently he has declared that he is against Boss Smith of his own State of New Jersey being elected to the Senate. This is the only boss against whom he has declared. However, when he was in New York the other day to make a speech he ran when he found that he was about to be photographed in a group with Boss Murphy, the head of Tammany Hall.

The progressive Democrats are still appealing to him to stand with them to overthrow the rule of Boss Murphy, but so far the Governor has been silent as a dumb sound oyster.

THE TRUSTS TRYING TO CAPTURE THE SENATE.

Senator Simmons, in one of his recent speeches, gave as one of the reasons why he should be re-elected to the Senate, that he would be the Democratic leader of the Senate.

We remember that when Senator Martin was the candidate for re-election in Virginia, that he used the same argument in that State. Senator Martin had a better right to use the argument than Senator Simmons has now.

The leader of each party in the Senate is selected by a caucus of the members of each party. Senator Martin was selected by the Democratic caucus of the Senate as the Democratic leader. He is still the Democratic leader, and will be until the caucus displaces him and elects some one else.

Just before Senator Martin's fight for re-election came up, Senator Bailey and other Senators who represented the trusts and special interests, took an active part in having Senator Martin made leader of the Democratic side, and it was understood at the time that they were doing this to give him a boost in his State and help in his re-election. The same Senator Bailey, of Texas, who is so smirched with Standard Oil that he cannot himself be re-elected, was at the head of the Finance Committee of the Senate on the Democratic side. It will be remembered that he voluntarily retired in order to give Senator Simmons this place to help him in his fight for re-election. Thus we see that Senator Bailey, the man on whom the trusts have relied the most, is especially active in the re-election of Senator Simmons, as he was for the re-election of Senator Martin. The same interest that would like to have Senator Bailey re-elected in preference to both Martin and Simmons, realizing that the people of his State will not again submit to being misrepresented by him in the Senate, are not doubt specially anxious to save Martin and Simmons in the Senate since they must lose Bailey.

There is one great fact that the brave and intelligent people of this State should take note of, and that is that a tremendous struggle is being waged and will be waged between the wealth-producers, laborers, and all other people engaged in legitimate pursuits on the one side and the trusts and monopolies on the other. The Senate is the stronghold which they specially want to capture.

North Carolina should do its duty in putting men in Congress who will stand for justice and good government and defeat the domination of the trusts and monopolies. How can North Carolina do this if it sends to the Senate the man who is preferred to all the other candidates in this State by every trust and monopoly in this State and the whole country?

THE TAX GATHERERS AND THE TASK MASTERS.

The Western Carolina Enterprise says:

"The tax gatherers are abroad in the land—and the people mourn!"

The task masters of Pharaoh who made the children of Israel labor for the King were no more oppressive than are the "tax gatherers" of the Democratic machine. The Bible tells us that when the wicked rule the people mourn.

The children of Israel threw off the yoke of the Pharaohs, because the Lord helped those who helped themselves. The Lord will also help our people to throw off the yoke of the Democratic machine, if we will only make an effort to help ourselves.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

There was every reason for Colonel Roosevelt to be delighted with his visit to North Carolina—and he was. The audience that greeted him in Raleigh was the largest and most representative ever seen at a speaking in this city. The large audience was orderly and appreciative. They had come to hear Roosevelt as well as to see him.

His bean story and his explanation of his part in taking over the Panama Canal captivated the audience; in fact, they were with him from the beginning to the end of his speech, and then wanted to be with him some more.

Two or three Democrats were heard to say after the speaking that they had intended voting for Wilson, but they would now vote for Roosevelt. Let the good work go on.

OHIO ENDORSES ROOSEVELT.

The people of Ohio have just voted on a number of important constitutional amendments.

It will be remembered that last spring the Ohio constitutional convention invited Colonel Roosevelt to deliver an address and to discuss the leading questions being considered by that convention. This speech made by Colonel Roosevelt was his opening speech in the campaign for his nomination for President. He discussed and supported all of the leading reform measures before the convention, including the initiative and referendum, the recall of judicial decisions, etc.

The people of Ohio have adopted all of these leading constitutional amendments which were supported by Colonel Roosevelt in that speech. This would indicate that the people of Ohio will give their electoral vote this fall for Roosevelt, for neither Taft nor Wilson support these reform measures which the people of that State have just adopted by a big majority.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE "DEVIL TAKE THE HINDERMOST."

Governor Wilson, in one of his recent speeches replying to the position of Colonel Roosevelt, says:

"Ours is a program of liberty and theirs is a program of regulation. The history of liberty is the history of the limitation of Governmental power, not the increase of it."

Herein Governor Wilson states in another form the oft-repeated fallacy of the Democratic theorists that the "best government is that which governs the least."

The liberty for which Governor Wilson stands is the liberty of the weak attempting to protect themselves against the strong, with the Government standing "hands off" and saying to the weak and the strong that the devil can take the hindermost. If government is not organized to protect the weak against the strong, then there is no purpose or excuse for having any government at all. Government is an expensive and necessary burden or evil, and the only excuse for its existence is for securing equal opportunity between all the people, to protect the great mass of unorganized against the few powerful who are organized.

The taxes that we pay to support government are a tribute paid for this protection. It is clear to-day that to secure justice, the functions

of government must be extended further than they ever have been. Governor Wilson, however, declares in favor of not extending but limiting the functions of government.

This doctrine will be pleasing to every monopoly and trust in this country and over the whole world. The doctrine he preaches is exactly the doctrine that the feudal barons preached in England and in Europe during the Dark Ages.

THE TRUSTS WANTED CRAIG FOUR YEARS AGO.

Four years ago Governor Kitchin warned the people that they could not correct the trust evil if Craig was elected Governor, because he was the man that the trusts wanted. Now Craig is being supported by Kitchin for Governor. If the trusts wanted Craig four years ago they want him now.

In this connection, it is well to remember that Senator Simmons did all he could to get Mr. Craig nominated for Governor four years ago. The trusts ought to be satisfied by now with Governor Kitchin, but they no doubt prefer old friends to new friends.

IT MUST BE A PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC MACHINE.

The Lincoln Times says:

"Have you yet heard of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina condemning the position of Woodrow Wilson and Governor Marshall on the liquor question? Yet both of these men are avowed local optionists. The silence of Rev. R. L. Davis is painful."

There would seem to be only one explanation of this silence, and that is, that the so-called Anti-Saloon League is simply a part of the Democratic partisan machine.

TAFT SHOULD QUIT.

In an editorial the Pittsburgh Leader says:

"Taft ought to quit. He is beaten. There is no reason why he ought to stay in the field. The people did not want him and they showed it by their vote in the primaries last spring. Taft stays now merely to help out Wilson. There is no Republican party any more. Taft has declared he will take no part in the campaign. He is beaten and he knows it. So do his crooked managers. In common fairness to himself and the people he ought to quit and get out of the way so as to help save the country from the blight of another Democratic National administration."

The New York American calls attention to the fact that the Democratic leaders from Governor Wilson down are each day throwing bouquets at President Taft, while vigorously denouncing Colonel Roosevelt. It says there is a reason. That paper further predicts that when the election comes that the Taft Republicans will be found voting for Wilson in order to beat Roosevelt.

Hon. George D. Penniman, one of the leading citizens of Baltimore and a life-long Democrat, has just announced his support of Col. Roosevelt for President. He gives many reasons why he thinks it his duty as a patriotic citizen to take this course, and concludes his statement as saying that he considers Colonel Roosevelt not only the best man for President, but also that he is a man who can do things, and that we have

reached a time in the history of this country where we must have a man who not only wants to do things that are right, but who knows how to do them and will do them.

"It doesn't pay to run in debt," observes the Wilmington Dispatch. Nor to "fall" there. In fact, there is no trip leading to the land of debt that is safe." —Charlotte News.

Then it behooves the voters of North Carolina to see that the State does not have another Democratic administration, for the Democratic guardians have continued to run the State deeper in debt with each succeeding session of the Legislature.

Making Bad Roads in Chatham.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to discuss Chatham County's abominable road system.

We have the worse system it has ever been my displeasure to experience. Any one that has traversed these roads in mid-winter or during the dry months of summer will bear witness to what I am about to say; but for the sake of those that have not, I will try and give them an idea of our Democratic mismanagement.

During the spring months they compel us to take plow, pick, and shovel, and if we leave a space unplowed or unpicked, it is because the want of both time and labor forbids. They are compelling us to dig up stretches of road that it has taken years to form, and which is now more substantial than the new road, for they have a gravel foundation that will last until the end of time if it were not for these road-bed destroyers.

This loose dirt thrown into the roads forms a dust which is almost stifling to the traveler, and after a rain, is hardly passable.

During early autumn it's the same thing over; they pull down the banks and throw them into the road, thus forming a mire knee-deep to a horse or axle-deep to a vehicle, and this is not just one little spot, but the whole county; it is almost impossible to travel more than three miles per hour with buggy and horse, and an empty wagon is considered a load. I would much rather travel the sand-hill roads, for when there's lots of rain they are very good, while ours are impassable.

I do not credit this to ignorance. If we had attempted to work the roads under this system a half century ago we would have been indicted for destruction of the public highways. It is said that history repeats itself, but if there has ever been a tribe of people previous to this date that worked their roads under this system, I believe they have received their just reward.

There is between five and ten thousand dollars expended on Chatham's roads annually besides the free labor. It is not only time and money thrown away, but in destroying the public highways you are decreasing the value of our real estate also, for I am satisfied that under the old system our roads were 100 per cent better.

Now, I will vote for any one who will pledge himself to have this system changed except a Democrat, and would vote for him but for one reason, and that is, "because he was never known to keep a campaign promise."

ROOSEVELT REPUBLICAN.
Ore Hill, N. C.

Wilson and the Cotton Market.

The cotton keeps growing in the Sunny South, and all that the farmer wants is that he be paid an honest and fair price for it.—News and Observer.

Can the Democratic State Organ guarantee an "honest and fair price" for the staple if Governor Wilson is elected President?—Union Republican.

FAVORS A SQUARE DEAL

Mr. Hearst Says That the Monopoly Organs Have not Given Roosevelt a Square Deal

He Says the People Have a Right to Know the Truth and Praises Mr. Munsey for Buying the New York Press—He Says That His Papers Are Supporting Wilson, But That He Will Not Suppress the Truth.

New York, Sept. 24.—William R. Hearst, owner of the New York American, to-day prints the following editorial:

"Hearst Welcomes Munsey; Fair Play For Roosevelt.

"The purchase of the New York Press by Mr. Munsey is a matter upon which the community can be congratulated.

"Mr. Munsey is one of America's greatest publishers, with the highest ideas of the ethics and obligations of his profession.

"He is always honorable in his relations with the public and in his dealings with his fellow-publishers. He is always conscientious in his work, always admirable in his purposes and in his methods.

Courageous in Support.

"Mr. Munsey comes courageously to express his convictions and to support the cause of Mr. Roosevelt in this campaign.

The need and the value of this contribution of Mr. Munsey to full and fair political discussion will be universally recognized by all liberal-minded men.

"Mr. Roosevelt has been unreasonably attacked and immeasurably abused by the more partisan press of New York City. Every act of his has been misrepresented. Every fact bearing upon him or his party has been distorted to satisfy the revenge or the prejudices of antagonistic editors.

"Whatever the citizens may think of Mr. Roosevelt, they must feel that he and his party are entitled to truthful newspaper publicity, and to just and fair representation of their views and objects.

Hearst Offers Fair Play.

"My publications, therefore, though committed to the cause of Democracy, have offered their columns freely to Mr. Roosevelt and his advocates merely in the interests of American fair play.

"Mr. Munsey will do more. He will devote his newspaper to the support of Mr. Roosevelt with characteristic ability and enthusiasm. The citizens, irrespective of their Presidential preferences, will be grateful to Mr. Munsey. They are anxious to see all sides of political questions fully and fairly presented in order that they may render wise and well advised judgment for the best interests of the country.

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