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MR. KURFEES WRITES ON POLITICAL SITUATION

"Corpse Of the Progressive Party Has Arisen and Is Now Disturbing the Peace of Every Standpatter From Mr. Taft Down"---Candidates Narrow Down To Roosevelt and Hughes.

Editor Reporter: by comparison.

progressive. If he is a Democrat The 1916 Presidential cam- he is a Progressive Democrat; -just as I said-all their candipaign is destined to be a warm if he is a Republican, he is a dates eliminated but Hughes, and one. In fact from present indi-cations the one in 1912 was mild he is a Progressive of course he the above facts have become so is a Progressive. Some six patent that Mr. Taft has boiled

Some fun is in store for the months ago we heard the Pro- over and recently delivered himon-looker. It has been amusing gressive party was dead, and in self of a tirade against Progresfor some time to read of the estimation of quite a few the sives and progressive principles maneuvers of our Republican funeral and burial was held at in a Cincinnatti paper. If I had friends; how they have thrown the last November election. But trodden under foot the will of the sop after sop to the Progressives behold the corpse has arisen and people as he and his henchmen to get them back into their fold, is now stalking about in the land, did in 1912 to get a nomination, on the one hand; and how they disturbing the so-called peaceful and afterwards received the reslumbers of every standpatter buke they did at the polls, I have boasted that they were already back, on the other. In one from Mr. Taft down. Oh, yes, would certainly keep hands off in paper you will read that "about we heard that the G. O. P. had 1916 and allow the people to do all the Progressives have return- a host of formidable candidates their own choosing. But he is ed," and in another you will from which to select the champ- on record as being opposed to read where a move is on foot to ion who would lead the mighty a majority rule. He knows, of "get together." The average re-united party to victory on a course, that there is no chance reader, of course, wonders why platform of "high tariff" in 1916, for him, and now that he sees a the latter is necessary if the form- in total disregard, it seems, of veritable landside coming both er is true.

many other vital questions direct- from Republicans, as well as In one breath all manner of ly affecting the people of this Progressives, to nominate Col. fun is made of the Progressives country. It was to be a verita- Roosevelt, he makes bold to say and progressive principles, and ble walk-over. But lo-when that neither he nor Roosevelt in the next the very same fellow the elimination process began it must be nominated. He no is trying to convince the people hardly stopped till the last man doubt is reflecting the sentiment how progressive he is. In fact was wiped from the slate, -what, of the average stand-patter, but to be plain about the matter did I say the last man? Beg par- he is by no means reflecting the there is not a politican between don-all but Mr. Hughes. Lest sentiment of the rank and file of Maine and Texas who would some one should think I am ex- his party. The stand-pat eledare claim to be anything but a aggerating I'll quote what the ment boasts that the Progres-

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sives have come back. Suppose, for arguments sake, that every one of them have gone back. (There are four million of them and they are just as progressive as ever). Who should be entitled

to control a convention-four million who voted for Roosevelt or two million who voted for Taft? Of course according to Mr. Taft, the two million should control, or worse still a little hand full of that two million, and the four million must eat of their hand. But not so, Mr. Taft. You had as well take your medicine like men. If there is any getting together done, the dictating of terms will be by a majority of the whole, which is nothing but right under a true democratic form of government.

We Progressives here in North Carolina, as well as elsewhere, appreciate to the full the nice invitations we have had to return to the "fold," as it is termed: but it must be remembered we are in the great majority in this matter, not especially in name, but in principle. All of the Progressives, and at least two-thirds of all the Republicans in the United States, still believe in the righteous and humanitarian principles set forth by the Progressive party in 1912. Does any one think for a moment that these principles have been forsaken by either our great leaders or the rank and file? If they do they have another think coming. I care nothing for the name, provided the name implies what it should. The name Republican sounds all-right to me so long as it is backed by the right kind of men who stand for the right kind of principles. Yea, and even the name Democrat sounds as good to me as any if the true meaning of that word is implied, Calling a tool a spade does not make it a spade, but if it is a spade, calling it a pitch fork a

Carolina said to me sitting in it. When I left the Republican dential chair again. the Yarboro Hotel at Raleigh party in 1912, it was not the In conclusion, let me admonish come right in-the water is fine one evening this week. (And he name I was leaving, but the my G. O. P. friends-you have -we have the principles and the doesn't live in Raleigh either). I asked him what he thought of the situation? He replied by saying—"It seems that the Re-upblican nomination has about publican nomination has about ments of at least four million please remember it is no farther for the people.

narrowed down to Roosevelt or other former Republicans. No from you to us than it is from us or Hughes." There you have it men who adhere to such a pro- to you, and not as far by some Germanton, Jan. 10, 1916.

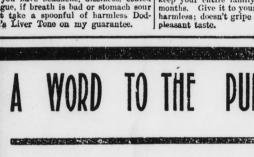
brainiest Republican in North thousand times will not change gram will ever occupy the Presi- two million votes, so if it is really anti-Democracy you are after,

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