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Unless Hon. George E. Hood was nominated at the ballot box, by the voters of the district he is not the nominee.

Hon. George E. Hood may possibly be the nominee, but no one knows it until the vote of the district has been canvassed according to the rules.

A canvass of the votes of the district may yet show that Hon. Chas. R. Thomas is the nominee for Congress.

If Hon. Chas. R. Thomas was nominated by the votes at the polls in the preferential primary he is the nominee, regardless of any kind of action to the contrary.

If a canvass of the Congressional Primary vote is made according to the rules until only two candidates are left—eliminated, and Hon. C. R. Thomas has a majority over that vote uneliminated candidate, then he will be the no inoe.

If Hon. Chas. R. Thomas was nominated in the primary, according to its rules he should be up-held as the nominee.

ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE A VACATION.

Vacation is the talk of the season. Every nine out of ten people are planning to take a vacation trip, sometime, somewhere during the summer. Where to go is the question. Be this understood: The most picturesque and otherwise attractive resorts are not always the safest. Your first consideration should be: Where can I find rest and recreation without jeopardizing my health? On making your choice look well to these facts: 1st, That the supply of drinking water comes not from shallow wells or from other sources likely to be polluted. 2nd, That flies and mosquitoes are well screened against. 3rd, That there are sanitary arrangements for the disposal of sewage. Know these things and your chances for having typhoid, malaria and many other diseases will be greatly diminished. The vacationist by all means should be vaccinated against typhoid. This preventive measure is so simple and yet so effective that no man or woman should consider himself ready till he has taken this treatment. You can get the typhoid vaccine either by writing to the State Laboratory of Hygiene, Raleigh, N. C., or by applying to your own physician. In either case allow yourself plenty of time. Four weeks at least are necessary in which to get the vaccine and take the treatment. If further information regarding this treatment is desired, write the State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

The eyes of the newspaper editors of the majority of the Democratic papers of the State are this week turned on the meeting of the executive committee which is to be held at Raleigh on June 26. The chief event to come before the committee will be the contention of Hon. Charles R. Thomas that he was unfairly dealt with at the so called convention held at Goldsboro. The true Democrats of the State will know that he received a raw deal at that gathering and if the Executive Committee fail to take some favorable action, there's going to be some exciting times that have occurred in the past few weeks.

Bicycle Rider Was Painfully Injured

RAY HILL THROWN FROM HIS MACHINE ON JOHNSON STREET.

Ray Hill, one of the employees of the E. J. Land Printing Company, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon when he was thrown from a bicycle on Johnson street.

Mr. Hill and his brother, the latter on a motorcycle, were coming down into the business section of the city after having been to lunch and the injured young man was being towed by the motorcycle. Near the corner of Hancock and Johnson streets, the front wheel of the bicycle became "locked" and this threw the rider over the handlebars.

In striking the pavement he received numerous cuts and bruises but fortunately no bones were broken.

COL. AL FAIRBROTHER SEEKS LIGHTMENT

Editor of Greensboro "Everything" Asks Vital Questions About Recent Democratic Convention At Goldsboro. The Light Turned On

Editor Journal:
I have never been classed with the Buttinsky group or the anxious inquirers of the world—nor have I ever been accused of having a sleeping curiosity that every cackling hen or mid-night rooster could arouse.

But now, in the troubled and unsettled times—these times when we do not know whether Huerta, Villa or Carranza is the Man of the Hour, these days when we do not know whether Poe, Brooks or Morrison is the man to follow concerning the state platform; these days when we hear men loudly demanding state-wide primaries—I seek through your paper some information.

I have said that the Congressional convention recently held at Goldsboro was a disgrace to civilization, if the newspaper accounts are true—but hearing other reports I am anxious to have them confirmed or denied.

I am told that the preferential primary in the nine counties comprising the Third District was regularly held and that the votes to this day have not been counted according to the rules—that they are now lying in a vault in a Goldsboro bank, and that the convention that handed the nomination to Mr. Hood did so regardless of the primary vote and practically regardless of all the rules and usages of civilized politics. Am I right?

I have been told that Mr. Thomas refused to allow his name to go before the convention until the primary votes were counted, and that an agreement between representatives of Thomas and Hood was signed before Hood was nominated which pledged all parties to await the counting of the primary vote.

I am informed that those who put Mr. Hood in nomination were men who were opposed to him and not his political friends. I am further told that in many of the towns of the district friends are writing Mr. Thomas and insisting that he go before the people and seek vindication, they alleging that he received more votes in the primary than Hood received. And I ask for information, if there is any probability of Mr. Thomas allowing his name to be used before the people in November.

I have attended two or three times a Donnybrook fair, and I have been in Rome when a holiday was on, but I do not recall ever seeing anything equaling the convention at Goldsboro, if the printed stories are true. I wrote something about it, and illustrated my article with a picture of a Third district delegate.

I am seeking this information because I am rather afraid of the proposed primary law which is being suggested at this time, and I want to get the facts of how it works. I want to know what a good primary law would be if men are going to absolutely disregard it. What kind of election laws there are that will allow a convention to be held such as I infer the election was by the Congressional convention at Goldsboro.

I note that the executive committee will be called upon to decide the question—but that does not necessarily straighten things out, no matter how it is decided. If the executive committee should order another primary, it would mean a great deal of expense, and if it should order the vote counted it still might leave a bad taste somewhere—so you see that justice is not absolutely assured.

What was the real reason for not counting the votes? Why did the convention proceed to name a man, and why did Mr. Hood stand for this, if it be true that there was not only a verbal, but a written agreement signed before the convention met that nothing would be done before the votes were counted?

Was it pretty generally understood that Thomas had whipped them all in the primary, or was this action taken to repudiate the primary idea?

If Mr. Thomas yields to the friends who are importuning him to run, what is your opinion of the feeling down that way, concerning such course? And if you find time, I would like for you to give us your opinion of the primary plan—the plan that casts the votes puts them in large packages; seals them securely and then puts them in a steel vault with a time lock on it—and the voters, those who expressed themselves, are denied the right of representation according to their choice; and a crowd of men proceed to assemble, put up a man and nominate him for a high office and send some of the delegates to a hospital for resisting officers and leave the man who feels that he is the choice of the people helpless to assert his rights?

If it happens that my information is not correct I will be glad to know it, and if it is correct I also want to know it, as I think it a theme worth considerable space in several papers.

I am preparing now an article on the wonderful self control of the Tenth district mountaineers compared with what happened at Goldsboro; but waiving the hostilities the juice in this particular lemon is concerning the primary and the uncounted ballots. If this is popular representative government we want to get next to the latest curves.

I take it that the executive committee will be supplied with all the information, but those matters in detail are not of public concern and therefore we get but little from the papers unless we ask for it. If the Committee

orders the ballots counted—and I hardly see that it can get around making such an order—that would at once clear the atmosphere, and instead of making a party scandal of the disgraceful convention, it would be simply a local stunt.
Yours for information,
AL FAIRBROTHER.

ANSWER TO AL FAIRBROTHER'S QUESTIONS

There was a preferential primary ordered by the executive committee of the Third Congressional District of North Carolina, and the rules were clearly set forth.

The primary was regularly held on May 16th, and every voter turned out and cast his vote in the manner which he deemed right and just.

Under the rules the original ballots were carried to Goldsboro to be counted by the executive committee. The rules plainly said that the candidates receiving the lowest number of first choice votes were to be eliminated, an when said candidates and their ballots were so eliminated, and that the second choice etc., expressed on said ballots were to be transferred and added to the other candidates entitled thereto until, finally, only two candidates were left, when the one receiving the majority of the votes on the last count was to be declared the nominee.

Regardless of the primary vote and the rules, no candidate was eliminated and the committee completely ignored the rule of elimination, lumped together all choices, declared that no candidate had received a majority and referred the matter to a convention called only to ratify the primary. Delegates

attended had been elected on May 23rd and had already been selected, so that no candidate had the opportunity to select any delegates, after the refusal of the committee to count the votes.

The minutes of the congressional committee copied in the New Bern Sun of April 11th show as follows: "Before adjourning the executive committee voted to hold the congressional convention June 3rd in Goldsboro. The purpose of this convention is to ratify the nomination made in the preferential primary."

Mr. A. C. Davis, who was Mr. Hood's lawyer, stated in his convention speech that the convention had not power except to count the ballots cast in the primary, and "that the convention had no more power to nominate a Congressman than it had to nominate the Czar of Russia."

When the convention met, a motion to count the ballots by eliminating the lowest candidates, bringing down the vote between Mr. Hood and Mr. Thomas, was carried by a fraction of a vote, Mr. Hood's and Mr. Thomas' friends voting for the resolution and the friends of the other candidates voting against it. Now, when this resolution was carried, and the political machine was beaten, the political steam roller was started rolling. The friends of the minority candidates, Messrs. White, Guion, Wallace and Faison, over the protest and appeal of Mr. Thomas and his friends all voted for Mr. Thomas in the convention being withdrawn or cast without his consent, and he insisted upon bidding by the primary, proceeded to place in nomination Mr. Hood and attempted to nominate him in a stampede of the convention by acclamation.

From the action of the convention an appeal was taken by Mr. Thomas to the State Committee. The appeal from the action of the district committee in refusing to count the votes according to the elimination process under the primary rules was a joint appeal and protest signed by both Mr. Hood and Mr. Thomas. The resolution introduced in the convention by Mr. D. E. Henderson for a count of the votes under primary rules had been agreed to by Mr. Hood and Mr. Thomas, and by their lawyers and friends in caucus.

The ballots remain still uncounted according to the rules which were cast in a primary entered into in good faith by the candidates. If the votes are counted by the elimination process the nomination will go either to Mr. Hood or Mr. Thomas, but no such count has been made. It should be made, if possible, or, if not, a second primary ordered between the two highest candidates, not so much in the interest of Mr. Hood or Mr. Thomas as in the interest of justice, fair play, and the Democratic party. There is great discontent and dissatisfaction in the district, and this is not confined entirely to the friends of Mr. Thomas.

It is contended: 1st. That the primary was called by authority of the party law, and that the nominee of the primary is the nominee of the Democratic party.

2nd. That the convention has no power to make a nomination, but the sole power of the convention was to ratify the choice of the people as expressed in the primary. The delegates were not selected with a view to constituting a nominating convention.

When Simmons was elected senator, suppose the Legislature had set aside the will of the people at the polls, or suppose the State Convention would refuse to ratify the nomination of the judges made in district conventions? It would be a case of parallel to the

Third District Convention. The men who pretended to nominate Mr. Hood were his political enemies and they nominated him, not because they loved Hood, but because they hated Thomas more, and these men will be ready to use Mr. Hood's conduct against him in the future and to defeat him, using his failure to keep his agreement as an argument against him.

It is true that Ex-Congressman Thomas has received letters and messages from many friends in the Third District insisting that he go before the people and seek vindication. They believe that if the votes are counted under the process of eliminating the low candidates that Mr. Thomas is the nominee of the Democratic party; and they also believe that in any contest before the people, the majority of the Democrats of the District are for Mr. Thomas and that he is the strongest candidate and best man for the Democratic party to nominate. Many friends are urging him to run as an independent Democratic candidate, but up to this date Mr. Thomas has not listened to such a suggestion. It remains to be seen whether the State Committee will give him justice or not; whether the State Committee will act for the best interest of the Democratic party, and also for the best interest of Mr. Hood.

If the matter is slurred over and unless this controversy is settled fairly there is danger of serious trouble in the district in the fall election.

The position of Mr. Thomas is that regardless of who is nominated, the welfare of the Democratic party demands that the votes be counted as originally intended. His position is that, whatever the result may be, in all fairness, the vote should be counted, regardless of who is nominated, whether it be Mr. Hood or himself.

You are right, Mr. Fairbrother, in regard to your suggestion that it was pretty generally understood that Thomas had whipped them all in the convention—the whole machine crowd, Guion, Wallace, White and Faison—and it was believed by them that it was dangerous to continue the count of the votes as Thomas would probably be nominated in the primary. When they saw they were whipped they decided to make a pretense of nominating Mr. Hood. His conduct in accepting such a nomination is hard to explain.

He had, time and time again, agreed with Mr. Thomas that he would abide by the count of the votes. We leave the matter to him for explanation.

The whole matter will be placed before the State Committee, and it should be settled right, in our opinion, the feeling here and in the district is such against the methods employed by the machine politicians that it will result in serious trouble, if not in the election of a Republican.

From what we can learn and hear, the sentiment of the State and of the people is with Mr. Thomas in this matter, and it would be the part of wisdom for the State Committee to order the votes cast in the primary counted, or a second primary between Thomas and Hood, for which there is a good precedent in the Sixth District where a second primary was ordered in the contest between Godwin and Clark.

Edgar Weaver Spends Day Here

PROMINENT PAMLICO COUNTY BUSINESS MAN SEES MUCH PROGRESS IN NEW BERN.

Edgar S. Weaver one of Arapahoe's prominent citizens and merchants was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

When interviewed by a Journal representative, Mr. Weaver said that if New Bern continued making improvements as rapidly as she has during his two years' visits, it will soon be one of the leading cities in Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Weaver was formerly from the North where he is pretty widely known.

"How are the crops in Arapahoe and surrounding section getting along," Mr. Weaver, was asked. In reply he said the potato crop was not large, but it is hoped that the corn and cotton crop will be ample. We were experiencing very dry weather for several weeks past, but have for the past few days have been getting an occasional shower, which was greatly needed.

Mr. Weaver returned home last evening.

IN POLICE COURT

"Blue Monday" Finds Small Docket.

The Mayor had a small docket at Police Court yesterday compared with the usual "Blue Monday" docket. Malissa Watson and Heger Bryant, both colored, were taxed with the cost for being disorderly in the city limit. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case against William Winsor, colored, for driving a wagon between a passenger train and the Union Passenger Station on Queen Street.

BASEBALL TODAY

At Ghent Park—Public Invited.

The Married Men and Ghent team will cross bats in mortal conflict at Ghent Park this evening at 4:30 p. m.

The last time these two teams played each other it resulted in a victory for Ghent team, so it will be very interesting. Come out and root all you "Jans."

AN ILLUSTRATION

Suppose that when the time for making a nomination for Congress from this district was approaching, seven men had announced in good faith their intention to seek the nomination, but did for some cause or other, no matter what one of them had failed to put up his entrance for within the time prescribed by the rules. That candidate right there and then would have been eliminated from the contest.

But for the sake of making an illustration go a little further, and do some possible but very improbable "supposing."

Suppose that that candidate, who had been eliminated from the contest, by not making his payment in time, had placed tickets for himself at all the polling places in the district, and that on account of his being an immensely popular man and also on account of its not being understood that he had been "eliminated from the contest," that those tickets had been voted, and voted abundantly, so that out of apparently 10,000 votes cast in the district at large, that candidate who had been "eliminated from the contest," by his non-paying had have received 9,000 of them, would he have been declared the nominee? Not at all. Having been "eliminated" he was therefore "out of the contest," and the 9,000 votes cast for him were wasted.

For curiosity's sake a record of the votes cast for him could have been kept out would they have entered into the calculation in determining the results. Not a bit of it.

Nor would one of the other six candidates in order to secure the nomination have had to have received 5,001 votes, (a majority of 10,000), he would simply have had to receive 501 votes, "a majority of the votes cast in the district at large" for the six candidates who had not been eliminated from the contest.

Does not this identical principle run all the way through? Assuredly it does. In no case are "eliminated" votes to be considered as calculating the actual result any more than if they had never been cast.

Will the State Executive Committee give a canvass according to the rules, and thus give us the candidate whom the voters nominated?

Our efforts to explain to Col. Al Fairbrother the exciting times which prevailed at the Goldsboro convention, so peeved the editor of our afternoon contemporary that he inquires to know whether we are aware of the fact that the Civil War has ended. We were not there at the time the conflict came to a close and are henceforth as excellent a position to state as he might be.

John Temple Graves, editor of the Atlanta Georgian, devotes about three columns of space each day, in telling about the rotten conditions existing in political circles down in that city. We are glad to see the Georgian throwing the books into the gaffers and there is not the least doubt but that their evil deeds will soon be a thing of the past as will the gaffers also.

Revolver Bullet May Cause Negro's Death

ERNEST HOBBS SERIOUSLY IF NOT FATALLY INJURED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Ernest Hobbs, colored, was seriously if not fatally injured yesterday afternoon when a bullet from a revolver in the hands of Riley Gaskill, also colored, lodged in his abdomen.

The two men were attending a colored baseball game at the corner of West and Cypress streets when they became engaged in an altercation which resulted in the shooting.

The injured man was carried to Fairview hospital and given medical treatment. Attending physicians say that his condition is precarious. The wielder of the revolver escaped right after the affray and up until a late hour last night had not been apprehended.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S ASTORIA

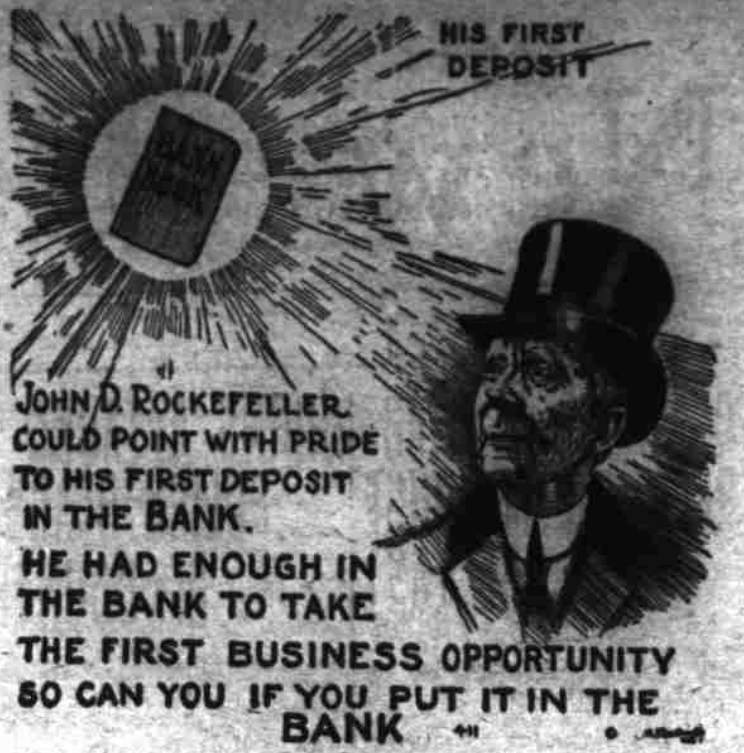
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