

Bolting And Bolters

The Hamlet News-Messenger.

A great deal is being said and written these latter days about voters "bolting" the party with which they have been affiliated. Most of it is inappropriate and beside the point. Much depends upon the definition given the word "bolt," which has a good many shades of meaning. Webster's New International Dictionary as published by Merriam is the standard of usage in The News-Messenger office and that book gives among the definitions of the word this:

"Bolt, v. t. (4) In U. S. Politics.—To refuse to support, as a policy determined upon or a nomination made by a party with which one is identified or by a caucus in which one has taken part."

That is the meaning that shall be accorded the word in all discussion by this newspaper. We have always held that the act of voting a different party ticket from that

voted at other times did not constitute bolting. One may change his position or his political party without bolting. Or he may vote for some nominee of one party and some of another party without bolting. But if he participates in the nominating primaries or conventions of either party, then one cannot refuse to support the nominees of that party without bolting.

Many good people this year stayed away from the party conventions and did not vote in the party primaries so that they might feel free to vote independently in the general election coming in November. These are not bolters, but are independent voters. Those who entered the conventions and the primaries did so with the tacitly implied, if not explicitly expressed, understanding that the majority should rule. In party caucus and in primary they fought for their favorite principle or candidate. Some of them won, some of them lost; but every ideal of good sportsmanship, fair play and democracy re-

quires that all together, with united front and concert of purpose, they all abide the result and support the policy adopted by the majority. This applies to directors meeting in business organizations, to social or fraternal clubs, and to political parties.

North Carolina Republicans favored Governor Lowndes for president, and as long as there was hope of his nomination they stood for him. North Carolina Democrats favored Cordell Hull for president, and cast 19 1-2 of their 24 votes for him in the convention. In both instances the national majority was heavily against the North Carolinians. But the bed rock democratic principle of majority rule is so deeply imbedded in them that most of those who participated in any of the pre-nomination activities of their respective parties are supporting the nominees. Those who did not take part in the primaries or conventions are at liberty to vote as they choose, without being liable to the charge of bolting.

Hot After the Muskrat

The muskrat, fiber zibathicus, is found over most of North America exclusive of the treeless arctic and the deserts, says Nature Magazine. The number gathered in the fur trade exceed all other species combined, but such is the fecundity of the animal that it still persists in all parts of the original range. It has been amply demonstrated, however, that even the muskrat cannot stand unrestricted trapping, despite its large families.

Rough on the Bride

One peculiarity of the marriage ceremony among the pygmy tribes of New Guinea is that the prospective bridegroom must chop off at the knuckle one of his bride's fingers. If the bride becomes a widow and marries again she must pay forfeit of another finger.

Squirrel Wisdom

Most of us are just a few steps ahead of starvation. Very few men have as much sense as the squirrels. —E. W. Howe's Monthly.

RUTH BRYAN WILL SPEAK IN STATE; MORRISON NAMED

Former Governor Is National Committeeman, North Carolina Political News.

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—Former Governor Cameron Morrison was elected Democratic national committeeman Friday night by the state executive committee here to succeed Senator F. M. Simmons, who recently resigned. Morrison was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation. No other business was transacted by the meeting, which produced no discussion.

Congressman Lindsay Warren, from the first district, placed the name of the former governor before the meeting, which was attended by 110 of its 120 members, either in person or by proxy.

In seconding the nomination, W. L. Parsons, of Rockingham, said the seventh district was "proud of this opportunity for advancement and service in the national organization." J. A. Bell of Charlotte, who was an anti-Smith delegate to the Houston convention, also seconded the nomination.

On motion of Parsons, Morrison was declared elected by acclamation and the committee then adjourned. Assistant Attorney General Walter D. Siler, made the motion for adjournment.

Before proceeding to the election of a successor to Senator Simmons, Chairman O. M. Mull presented to the committee its new secretary, former senator T. L. Johnson, of Lumberton.

Women Speakers.

Addresses in support of the Democratic ticket will be made in North Carolina by Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, Sen. Walter F. George and Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, former governor of Wyoming. O. M. Mull, state chairman, announced. The dates have not been fixed.

Mrs. Owen, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, is Democratic nominee for congress from the Miami district in Florida.

Simmons Waiting.

New Bern.—Declining to comment on the acceptance speech of Governor Smith, Senator Simmons states that he will not make a formal statement of his political views and intentions until the public has had time to digest the address. He says that he does not want his statement to appear to be in answer to the acceptance speech. It will be merely his promised statement as to his objections to the Democratic nominee, setting forth his reasons why he will vote for neither Smith nor Hoover at the November election polls.

County Candidates and Party Friendly

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Hoey was filling speaking engagements out in the state and would likely speak again in the county before the election; that Hon. O. Max Gardner would be accorded the honor of closing the campaign which he is making for governor and the Democratic party in his home town at a grand rally just before the election. He further stated that a number of other prominent men in and out of the state would fill speaking engagements in Shelby and in the county during the campaign, but no definite speaking arrangements have been made for the immediate future.

Marriage License Issued Recently

The month of August continues to show the way for other months of the year in the sale of marriage license at the county court house here.

License have been issued recently for the marriage of the following couples: Howard William Showalter, of Knoxville, and Marie North, of this county; D. H. Sigmon, of Richmond, and Gertrude Shuford, of this county.

CIGARETTES, CIGARS UP \$80,000,000 IN VALUE

Raleigh.—While cigarettes and cigars made in North Carolina increased \$80,000,000 in value during the two-year period from 1925 to 1927, the manufacture of chewing and smoking tobacco and snuff showed a decrease of almost the same proportion, it was disclosed by statistics of the 1927 federal census of manufacturers, made public by Wade H. Phillips, director of the department of conservation and development.

Peculiar Gypsy Custom

Gypsy thieves in Serbia put their own blood into the food of anyone who they suspect know of their offense. They believe this prevents him from betraying them.

The Speed Age

This is the age of speed. People want to get things done in a hurry. A doctor says it is a fact that people of today are so anxious to get things done that many of them want operations performed on themselves before surgeons think it is wise to operate. —Aitchison Globe.

LINDBERGH MAKES TROUBLE FOR ONE

Crowds At Smithsonian Institute Worry Guard To Exhaustion About Plane

Washington.—At a side door of the administration building of the Smithsonian Institution stands an elderly door guard. Once he had very little to do—just tell visitors that this was the wrong door.

That was before they put Lindbergh's plane, the Spirit of St. Louis, in the large museum nearby. Now he stumbles home at night, hoarse and wilted.

When the crowds first began to come he got himself a crayon and wrote on a large piece of cardboard, in large capital letters: "Lindbergh's plane is in the build-

ing across the way." But no one ever reads that. They all ask him and he has to tell them all "Thousands of 'em," he moans.

The Spirit of St. Louis is in the capital's new shrine. If you want to know how many tourists are in town, just sit on the museum's steps.

On the lawn before the department of agriculture administration building a school teach stands on a barrel explaining to two or three hundred carefully herded school children just what there is to see in this territory.

"Not much in that first red building," he says, "but then we'll come to that second red building. What do we find in there?"

"We'll yell a couple of dozen boys and girls."

"That's it—We's," admits the gent on the barrel. "Don't fail to see the Spirit of St. Louis. We'll have supper down near that big tree and meanwhile no one must walk across any car tracks without permission from Mr. —, Miss —, Mrs. —

or myself. The Smithsonian's daily count of visitors has jumped from 2500 to 4000 since "We's" as hung up last May.

They hung it high, just inside the entrance to the big museum building, because they knew that it would be gradually removed if it were left on the floor where people could get at it. The Smithsonian has had plenty of experience with vandals and curious hunters and on the day "We's" was moved in they closed up the building for the day.

Such a torrent of questions was hurled by the first visitors that Assistant Curator Paul E. Gaber made an elaborate series of drawings and photographs showing and telling everything in and about the plane that was not visible to the naked eye underneath. He managed to show everything as it was arranged for the great New York-Paris flight, down to the famous five sandwiches.

says the gentleman from South Carolina who always drives a Buick... to the lady from New Jersey as they pulled up to the bright red pump... "pleased to meet you, and no trouble at all to show you the nearest way to the S. S.*... and how does your little bus (and it's a pert neat Dodge) take to our scenery?"... says the lady from New Jersey, smilingly... "I like S. S.* and my little bus is perfectly content with S. S.* anywhere"...

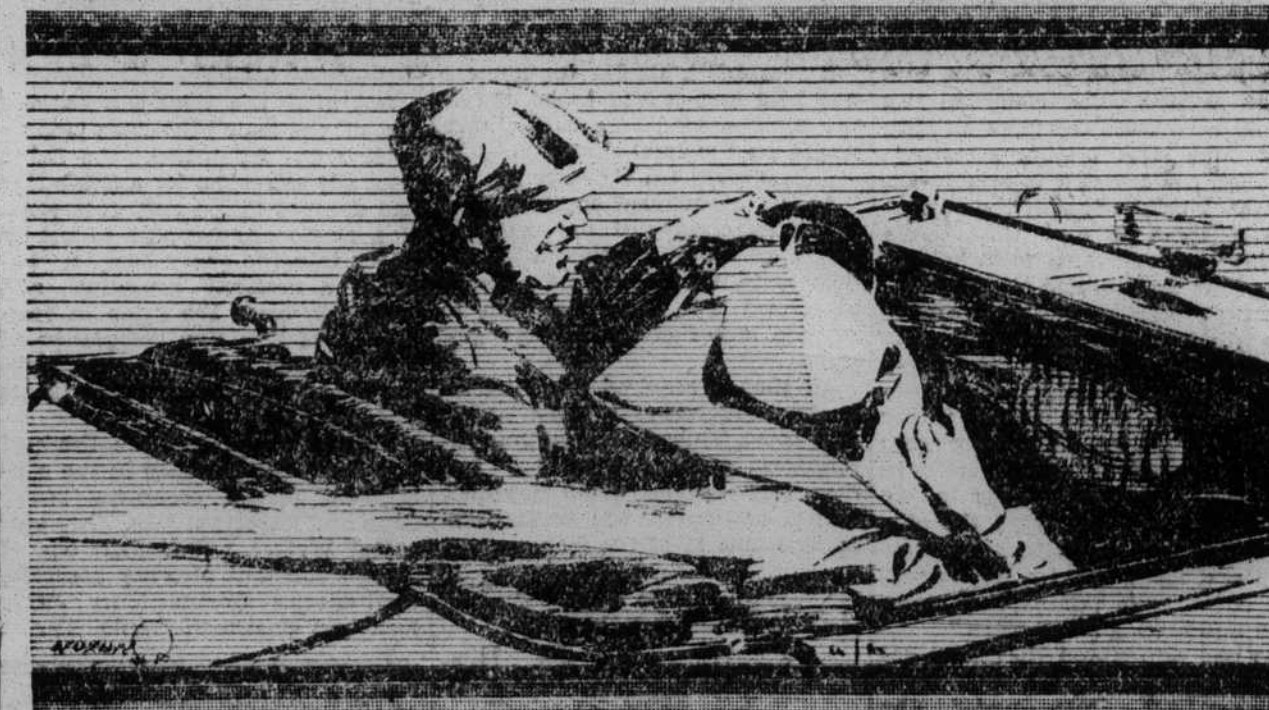
...and there's a reason why every kind of driver for every kind of car asks for and insists upon "Standard" Gasoline and "Standard" Motor Oil... ask any one of the eight million motorists from New Jersey to the Georgia line why they use these power twins and their answer is always the same... "reliable products and service everywhere."

*...the gentleman from South Carolina when he says "S.S." may mean "Sunny South"... then again we are fairly certain that he also means good old "Standard" Service.

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