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"LET US HAVE PEACE."

A Citizen Wants Things Let Alone in the State for a While.

I say it reverently, and as appropos to the threatened political agitation for God's sake let us have peace. Surely this is an hour, when war shakes the earth, to forget that a man is a patriot and to remember that he is a patriot. The writer was not a supporter of the present occupant of the gubernatorial mansion, but voted for him at the last moment as a matter of policy, as the best solution of a perplexing problem that then confronted us, and with the hope that the strife and bitterness that were causing so much unhappiness among our people might be abated. That hope has to a gratifying degree, been realized and for a year or more no one can gush that the old state has enjoyed a period of comparative quiet, free from spectacular performances in official position and disgusting vituperation.

Whatever may be said of the merits or demerits of the present administration, contrasting it with what has gone before, we who love peace can well say, "Let well enough alone." No one can deny that the present administration has been a clean one, animated with a desire to do the best possible for our people.

There may be some sore spots here and there among those who look upon the government as a kind of magnified and glorified soup kitchen, and are disposed to be ugly because they or their friends didn't get something out of the treasury in the shape of a job for self or friend. Some pet scheme has failed to materialize and so the disappointed refuse to be comforted and they go about gleefully sowing seeds of dissension and talking how unpopular Manning is. Demagogues live and move and has its being by such an evil spirit manifested by such men. A little coterie of such is reported in several counties not large in numbers or conspicuous in brains, but forceful in lung power. A smooth talker with oily tongue and an eye to the spoils noting that the soup kitchen denizens are

quite forgettable proceeds to trim his political sails to catch every breeze, and frames his platform accordingly, knowing that to get the votes he must promise them some special benefit. The teacher, the editor, the benefactor, the preacher, the statesman, are urging the people in season, out of season to do something for the state—to put something into it—thrift, industry, education, righteousness. But note the ways and methods of the demagogue. The question is put to the voters, "What would you like the state to do for you?" and forthwith proceeds to promise the impossible: more and better schools, liberal pensions, liberal support for state institutions and the rest of it, all calling for money, and yet he promises invariably a reduction of taxes. There is the absurdity of the whole business, and it is such a glaring lot of claptrap that the wayfarer, though a fool ought to see the nonsense of it.

Let the thoughtful and patriotic people of the commonwealth rebuke this latest attempt at continued agitation and turmoil and turn our minds to more wholesome thoughts and peaceful aggressions, and let us give the present powers that be a fair trial.

Two years ago the honest yeomanry of this state asserted itself and turned over a new leaf.

They did it again when they struck the shackles of their liquor slavery and raised above our heads a flag without a liquor stain. Let us have peace for two more years at least and think of something else than this everlasting din din of politics.—T. P. B., in The Pee Dee Advocate, Bennettsville.

Honor Roll Lugoff School.

Following is the honor roll of Lugoff School, taught by Miss Daisy Varn, for month of March:

- First grade—Evelyn Ward, Jewel Rabon, Chalmers White.
- Second grade—John Lee, Edna May Dewitt, James McCaa, Elbert Dewitt.
- Third grade—Victor Ward, Boykin Kosboro, Allie Ammons.
- Fourth grade—Jack Hammond, Thomas Rosboro, Lella Wilson.
- Seventh grade—Alberta Hammond, Evelyn Cunningham, Lorena Rabon, Thomas White.

The Chick Springs hotel property in Greenville county, was sold under receivership holdings at public auction in Greenville Monday. The property was bid in by Jesse W. Boyd, an attorney of Spartanburg, who represented the bondholders. The resort will probably be operated this summer.

TO CHOOSE DELEGATES SOON.

County Conventions Assemble at County Seats May 1st.

Columbia, S. C., April 9.—In accordance with the direct primary law, passed by the General Assembly at its session in 1915 the Democratic voters of South Carolina will meet in their respective club places on or before the fourth Saturday in April and elect delegates to the county conventions, which assemble in the various county seats on the first Monday in May. The clubs will elect officers and one delegate to the County Convention for every twenty-five voters or majority fraction thereof, based upon the number of votes polled in the first primary of 1914.

The clubs will also elect a member to represent them on the county Democratic executive committee.

The rules governing the Democratic party as drawn up at the State Convention in 1914 were enacted into law at the session of the General Assembly in 1915. This puts it beyond the power of the coming State Convention to amend or modify the existing provisions of the present rules and regulations of the party. However, it does not preclude adopting additional rules and regulations which are not in conflict with the statute law.

The principal features of the law governing organization of the clubs for the primaries every two years provide that each voter must sign his full name on the club rolls. The personal enrollment provision is considered one of the strongest safeguards of the primary, and although its adoption created strong opposition, it is now an accepted principle of the party and its wisdom was justified in its workings two years ago.

The county conventions will meet at noon on the first Monday in May at the various county seats and organize, elect the county chairman, choose delegates to the State Convention and elect a member of the State Democratic executive committee. The county conventions will also transact such other matters as might be of interest to the various counties.

Each county is entitled to twice as many delegates as it has representation in the General Assembly.

The Democratic State Convention will meet in the hall of the House of Representatives at noon on Wednesday, May 17. It will be called to order by John Gary Evans, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee. The Convention will be composed of 336 delegates.

The main business before the Con-

vention will be the election of four delegates at large to the National Democratic Convention in St. Louis; the election of a member of the National Democratic executive committee, a position now held by United States Senator B. R. Tillman, the election of a State chairman, now held by former Governor John Gary Evans, and the making of such rules and regulations governing the party primaries and the conduct of the campaign as it may see fit.

The delegates from the various Congressional districts will caucus during the day and elect two delegates from each district to the St. Louis Convention. This will give South Carolina 18 votes in the national Democratic gathering.

The fight to abolish the county-to-county canvass of the candidates will be one of the main struggles to come before the State Convention. If the canvass is not abolished there is every reason that it will be safeguarded and amended.

The complexion of the "Big Four" to St. Louis is beginning to attract some attention. It is customary to send the two United States Senators and the Governor. The names of Senators Tillman and Smith, Governor Manning, former governor John Gary Evans, state warehouse commissioner John L. McLaurin, former governor Cole L. Blease, Christie Benet, Senator Alan Johnstone, Congressman Lever, R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Solicitor Robert A. Cooper, former governor M. F. Ansel, are among those mentioned for the delegates at large to the National Democratic Convention.

South Carolina will undoubtedly instruct for President Woodrow Wilson and his administration will be heartily endorsed by the Palmetto Democrats. As this was one of the original Wilson States the South Carolina Democrats will be given a place of honor at St. Louis.

With the club meetings only two weeks off general apathy on the part of the people is the outstanding feature of the general situation. The indifference has never been more noticeable and it seems now as if the organization of the clubs and the conventions will be purely formal affairs and there will be an entire avoidance of anything like factional contests or partisan proceedings.—W. F. Caldwell, in News and Courier.

Plans are under way for the construction of cheese factories in Oconee and Pickens counties.

FRENCH LINE HOLDS FIRM.

Heavy Assaults by Germans Still Meet Stubborn Resistance.

Without pause the German Crown Prince, taking advantage of the evacuation of the Bethincourt salient by the French and the occupation of that position by the Germans, has thrown several divisions against the new French line, but so far has been unable to break through at any point.

The bombardment of the whole front west of the Meuse is of increasing intensity on both sides. Germans moving down along the Haucourt-Bethincourt line, attacked the French positions south of the Forges Brook. Here they had to face full fury of the French guns, which cost them heavy losses.

The French front along the strategic sector extending from Le Mort Homme to Cumleres remained unmoved, and further attempts to assault it were arrested by the French curtain of fire.

The French still hold their positions in the Callette wood, which has been the zone of heavy fighting, and against which German attacks are being directed daily.

The last remaining mine crater taken recently by the Germans from the British at St. Elol has been recaptured by King George's men, who also were able in their attack to establish themselves in German trenches running southwest from the crater.

From the Dvina River to the lower Stripa there has been sporadic fighting between the Russians and the Germans. Considerable activity by the airmen of both sides also has been shown. Near Komora, in the Pripet marsh region, a German attack launched by means of boats, broke down under the Russian fire, while on the lower Stripa the Russians captured a German trench and held it against counter-attacks, inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

In Asiatic Turkey the Russians have penetrated to the region of Diarbekr, Armenia, while in the district of Bitlis several Turkish attacks have been repulsed. South of the Turkish main forces, the latest official report announcing that in engagements fought with large numbers of Kurds the Kurds were supported by regular Turkish infantry.

In Mesopotamia the British, in their efforts to relieve their compatriots, besieged at Kut-el-Amara, attempted to break the Turkish lines, but failed, according to a British official communication. The floods still are badly hampering the British movements.

The Italians have penetrated advanced Austrian trenches in the Tross road, near Sperone, and have set fire with their runs the town of Donazzo, in the Sugana Valley, Vienna reports. Otherwise on the Austro-Italian front there have been only bombardments.

Six British and two neutral steamships—one of the latter a Norwegian and the other Spanish—have met with disaster as the result of mines or landmines. Five of the vessels had been in the American trade.

Wedded at Daxzell.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Rembert, in the Daxzell section, at eight o'clock Thursday night, when a few of the relatives, the contracting parties assembled witness the union of Mr. Robert Brogdon, Jr., to Mrs. Annie D. Rembert. The parlor was profusely and beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants and the bride carried a bouquet of genuine orange blossoms. Miss Rosalie Rembert presided at the piano and played the wedding march and the beautiful ceremony of the Methodist church which made the bride and man and wife, was led by Rev. W. Elwell, their pastor.

After the ceremony had taken place the guests were ushered into the dining room, where a sumptuous repast was served. The out of town guests were Messrs. H. G. Brogdon and A. A. Aerial of Columbia. The happy couple will make their home in the Daxzell section.—Sumter Herald.

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