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MISCONSTRUCTION

Mr. Editor:
Hearin' of the frequent violation of the prohibition law by the liquor vendors below the mountain, who in some instances had the audacity to pack their little brown jugs right up to our county court house trying to effect sales, I thought a display sign in the Deep Gap warning them of danger would not be objected to by any law abiding citizen anywhere. In my article in the Democrat I tried to paint a few pictures illustrating what I would like for the liquor vendor to know. I meant to show him in the pictures of Alexander the Great Salome dancing before Herod's drunken court, and the hand of God writing on the wall in Belshazzar's palace that God had disapproved of drunkenness among the high in authority and in the palaces of the great.

In my other pictures of Gideon, Moses, Joshua and Elijah I meant to encourage our faithful officers who were trying to maintain law and order thru the strong arm of God had forever defended the right. What motive could I possibly have in casting a reflection on the good citizens of Deep Gap? If the town authorities of Boone should erect a sign board telling the automobile drivers to go slow, in what way would that reflect on the citizens of Boone?

I was writing about the audacity and foolishness of the liquor vendor, the efficiency of our officers, and the strong arm of the law.

I notice in the last issue of the Democrat that Mr. Aaron Watson of Deep Gap has seen fit to make an attack on me, accusing me of reflecting on the citizens of Deep Gap and called my attention to the fact that I had done injustice to the land of my birth. Some of our best scholars, and some of them ministers of the gospel say that I did not reflect on any law abiding citizen anywhere. But the young gentleman who recently announced through the columns of the Democrat that he was able to write on any subject, has seen fit to misconstrue the true intent and meaning of my article by trying to arouse a spirit of hardness between me and my old friends and neighbors. In his write-ups for the past number of weeks he has made extravagant use of the words "jealousy," "greed" and "selfishness" intimating that other sections of the county were envious of those citizens around Deep Gap who are trying to develop that section. I have never seen a single word or syllable from the pen of any correspondent in other sections of the county, envying these good people. How could the development of enterprises in the Deep Gap arouse jealousy and selfishness among the citizens of Shulls Mills, Meat Camp or Elk? The great master of all the world said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." How could good Christian law abiding citizens anywhere object to danger signals being thrown out before the poor drunkards dying without Christ in the slums and gutters of sin?

The word "Aaron" means (a teacher or lofty) In the 4th chapter of Exodus we find that Jehovah appointed Aaron of old to be the interpreter of his brother Moses who was slow of speech, and was also the organ of communication with the Israelites and with Pharaoh. It appears that the Aaron of the Deep Gap is the spokesman for that section, but has proved himself to be a very poor interpreter among the good people around him.

I wish to manifest the same good spirit toward my cousin Aaron that Abraham did toward his nephew Lot when he said, "let there be no strife for we are brethren."

To any man who is able to write on any subject I am willing to pay the homage of my admiration any tears. For such a man I have infinite respect.

My phraseology is too poor to measure arms in a combat of words with my cousin. I cannot register a high degree on the intellectual thermometer of the world. Most of the beautiful English language in which John Bunyan dreamed and William Shakespeare dramatized, and Longfellow romanced and John Milton sang, are out of my reach and beyond my comprehension.

The one who can write on any subject will ever be considered an "intellectual ocean towards which all rivers run, and from which the isles and continents of thought receive their dew and rain."

Z. T. WATSON

Brookside, N. C.

Some Causes for the Democratic Defeat

Washington, Nov. 5.—The defeat of the Democratic ticket did not come as a surprise to people here who were conversant with the facts. That no better man than John W. Davis for the job sought ever went to defeat is conceded by all except a few who believe that anybody who attains great success could not have done it honestly.

Those who witnessed the fierce and bitter fight in the democratic convention that named Mr. Davis were afraid the candidate would have no show of election. That conclusion was voiced by many at that time.

The first serious mistake of the democratic leaders was the naming of New York as a convention city. This was fatal to the harmony that then prevailed. Before the convention met everything was going fine, and the republicans were on the run, but the Ku Klux Klan row in New York took the heart out of thousands. To win the democratic party needed to have its forces united.

The bulk of its army of voters is composed of southern democrats, the best that ever cast a ballot, and Irish-Americans and Jews of the north and east and west. This alliance that held together to elect Grover Cleveland and then Woodrow Wilson is not tightly bound together; Northern and western democrats are opposed to prohibition and to immigration restriction laws. The southern democrats like them. This difference crops out in Congress on all occasions where the subjects come up. The New York convention accentuated it.

Many McAdoo supporters never rallied from the defeat of their candidate. They resented the nomination of anybody else. Scores of other things interfered.

Frank A. Hampton, one of the McAdoo managers said today, "No party can win whose leader is not known to 95 per cent of its voters, and for whom not half of one per cent of its voters favored for the nomination."

An Ohio democrat, one who has worked hard for the party for years made their statement:

"Three organizations dominated our candidates and are gradually breaking up the solid south. They are the Anti-Saloon league, which contributed liberally of its funds to republican candidates for Congress but did not help the democrats; the Ku Klux Klan, and the southern tariff association."

The loss of Maryland, Missouri, Kentucky and Oklahoma is a hard blow to Democracy. The defeat of Senator Stanley of Kentucky is an anti-saloon league and Ku Klux Klan victory. The Ku Klux row in Oklahoma gave Mr. Fine, the republican, the election to the senate. Many southern business men voted for Davis because they liked him and trusted him. But the fear of Senator LaFollette, Samuel Gompers and the Bryans caused others to vote for Mr. Coolidge to swell his popularity.

During the campaign this correspondent met two North Carolina captains of industry here. They wore Coolidge buttons.

"Why?" they were asked.

"I would like to see Davis elected but I am afraid that is impossible and I am going to vote for Coolidge to make sure of the overwhelming defeat of LaFollette Gompers and Bryan," was the answer.

Other democrats like not the intimation that their party is conspiring with the western progressive republicans.

These and many others are the excuses for the defeat yesterday.

COVE CREEK ITEMS

Miss Gertrude Bundy, teacher of Home Economics in the Cove Creek High School has assisted Mr. Steele as judge in two community fairs during the past week.

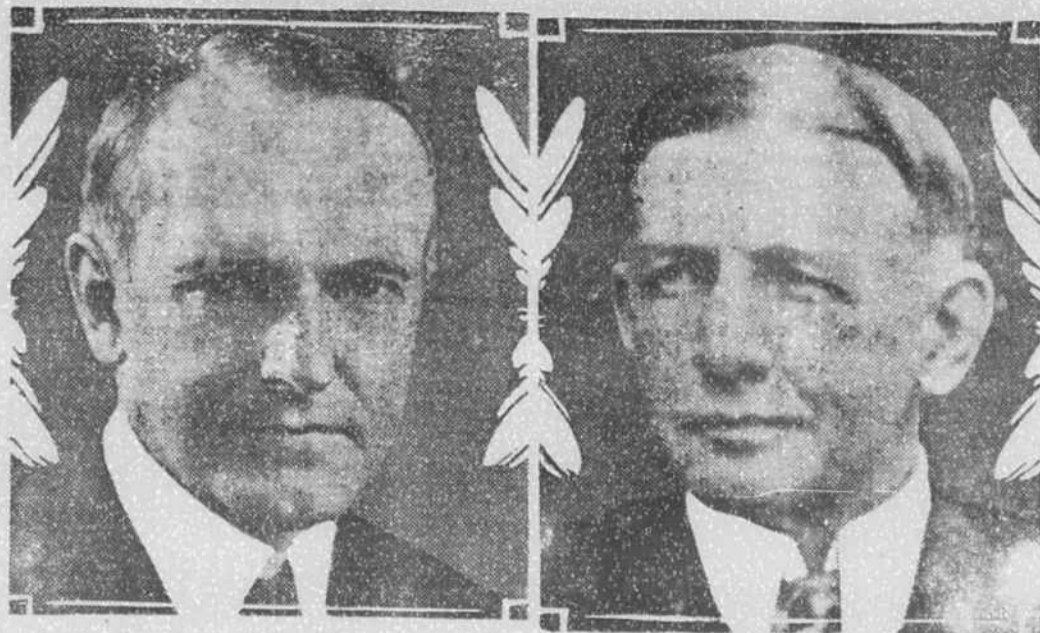
The school was glad to have Misses Moran and Cushing of the Vocational Department at Raleigh as visitors on Thursday of last week.

Superintendent Hagaman was also a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler of Washington College, Tenn. are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Horton.

Miss Margaret Beach with her mother Mrs. Porter Beach had a very serious accident and Miss Margaret sustained rather serious hurts on Sunday. The accident occurred on the George's Gap road when the car ran off a short curve, turning over three times.

THE WINNERS



CALVIN COOLIDGE, President Elect

CHARLES G. DAWES, Vice President Elect

McLean Given Perhaps Largest Majority Ever

Lumberton, Nov. 5.—Governor-elect A. W. McLean was kept busy today reading letters and telegrams from all over North Carolina and from Washington, New York and other places outside the state, congratulating him upon his splendid victory at the polls yesterday when he was swept into office by what is indicated upon the face of incomplete returns as the largest majority ever given a candidate for governor.

Telegrams he received today included many from prominent leaders in the north south and west who were associated with him while he was assistant secretary of the treasury during Woodrow Wilson's administration, and who have watched with interest his political career since that time. The governor-elect of North Carolina has long been prominent in national affairs and politics, first stepping into the national limelight in the Baltimore convention that nominated Wilson.

The governor-elect is expected to issue a statement tomorrow upon the election results. Working through a maze of ballots in every one of the 1,750 precincts in the state, election returns have been slow coming in. However it is expected that the unofficial count from all over the state will be available tomorrow.

News today that Mr. McLean's majority will likely exceed 80,000 caused immense jubilation among his

friends here, and was the cause of deep gratification upon the part of the next governor. All reports indicate that McLean has led his ticket throughout the state. In Robeson he received over eight to one over his opponents. Two townships in Robeson didn't give Meckins a single ballot. McLean carried over two third of the normal Republican vote.

Leaders throughout the state who followed McLean's primary and pre-election campaigns closely have wired congratulations, and practically all of them emphasize their belief his overwhelming majority was due to the fact that he conducted his campaign upon a high plane. One democrat wired that his campaign was one in which statesmanship was carried to the people instead of petty narrow politics and blazing vituperation, and that this was the reason for the unusual majority accorded him.

During the campaign Mr. McLean stressed the importance of the franchise, and he especially called upon the women of the state to take part in governmental affairs by casting their ballots. His appeal apparently met a general response over the state, the reports from various sections indicating that women took an unusually active part in the election of yesterday, with a preponderance of their support for the democratic ticket.

Coolidge Lead Runs to 367 Electoral Votes

New York, Nov. 5.—The full measure of the Republican victory at the polls could not yet be taken tonight but the returns continued to show that President Coolidge would have at least 100 votes in the electoral college, and the largest popular plurality in history.

The showing made by John W. Davis remained unchanged throughout today and although Senator LaFollette began to creep up a little in one or two western states there was no uncertainty tonight that he would receive the electoral vote of any state group except that of Wisconsin.

On the face of the day's congressional returns the Republicans made certain of a paper majority in both the senate and house, but doubt remained whether the margin would be great enough to give the administration the whiphand over the combined opposition of the democrats and the LaFollette bloc.

As the presidential figures stood tonight with only a handful of electoral votes still in doubt, Coolidge had 367, Davis 136 and LaFollette 13, with 55 votes standing in the doubtful column.

Items from the A. T. S. and the Town at Large

Mr. Preston, Secretary of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union has been in Boone for the past week lecturing this organization. He talked at the chapel of the Appalachian Training School in an interesting manner, also to some of the classes.

Mr. N. E. Green of Louisville, Ky. was at the school a few days ago representing an engraving company.

Mr. J. W. Rowell, Grand Lecturer of Masons for the state is spending two weeks in Boone lecturing the Masonic lodge here. He is a most interesting talker and knows his business well.

James Horton, a worthy colored man, was buried in Boone Sunday. He was a reliable worker and respected by his white friends.

Some interesting exercises are being given by the different classes at the Model school on Friday morning which show fine training on the part of the teachers and capabilities of the student.

Ground has been broken for a new girls' dormitory, the brick work on the central dining hall has been completed, and the new model school building will soon be ready for the final work on the roofing. The school is thus preparing for greater usefulness to the state.

Prof. Goodwin, Superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton, was at the school here on Saturday going with his basket ball team to play the school at Newland. The school was indeed glad to have him stop for a few minutes and hope that he may come again.

The new electric light plant at the school is now being used and there is a noticeable difference in the quality of the lights, so much is the improvement on account of the added power.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union of Boone went to the church

The Election in Watauga an Eventful One

Tuesday morning dawned bright and clear and an ideal day followed. It was great for an outing, and for one time in the history of Watauga "Every man and his wife" took the day off for the purpose of attending the election. Old men, old ladies, the young men, the young ladies, were all out, and there was a county wide battle royal at the polls. But is gratifying that no report of any lawless disturbance of any kind has reached this office. It was a determined "set" however and never in the history of the county was there such an effort put forth by the two prevailing parties. The county, as is well known, has normally a right good Republican majority but this year the Democrats made some considerable inroads, electing three of their candidates and reducing the majorities on all the others very materially. In the absence of the official vote by townships which we were unable to carry in this issue, we can only give the majorities of the successful candidates which are as follows:

The Dorsett majority over Dough-ton was five votes in the county, while John E. Brown Democratic candidate for the State Senate led his Republican opponent Mr. W. I. Winkler by a majority of 347. Prof. I. G. Greer, Republican candidate for the legislature, defeated the Democratic opponent Mr. N. L. Madd by a majority of 159, while the Democratic candidate for sheriff, Mr. L. M. Farthing, stopped by his Republican opponent Mr. L. H. Holley, to the tune of 108 votes. Mrs. Pearl Hartley Republican, was elected over Mrs. Rattie Johnson Democrat by 51 Messrs Bumgarner and Morris, candidates for surveyor and coroner on the Republican ticket, were elected by majorities of 43 and 43 respectively. Much interest was centered on the election of a board of county commissioners. Two of the Republican candidates Messrs S. C. Eggers and O. L. Coffey had a majority of two over their democratic opponents Messrs B. T. Taylor and T. H. Coffey, while W. N. Howell, democrat, landed over his Republican opponent Sherman Weiborn, an incumbent by 50 votes.

Surely this is one of the most remarkable and closest elections held in the State.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

The Worth While Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. G. P. Hagaman Friday October 31, at 2 p. m. The cherry greeting of the hostess as she ushered her guests into the large chrysanthemum decorated room and seated them around a blazing fire carried so much of hospitality and cordiality that real enjoyment of the afternoon was already well begun. The business meeting was short but many important items were discussed and disposed of. Special mention was made of the sack in Boone also the family the club is attempting to make comfortable for the winter. The social hour was enjoyed to the fullest while the hostess assisted by her niece Mrs. Hill Hagaman, served refreshments. When the meeting was adjourned the members proceeded to the Worth While flower garden, dug the bulbs and buried them for the winter.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Dempsey Wilcox at the home of Mrs. Wilcox.

Parent Teachers Association

There will be a regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association at the school at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon Nov. 7th. The sixth grade will give a program and all friends of the school are invited to attend the meeting.

on Sunday afternoon and gave an interesting exercise, and then the young people of Zionville organized a B. Y. P. U. in their church.

The Missionary Societies, Woman's Young Peoples and Childrens of the Methodist church gave some interesting exercises at their meeting in the church on Monday afternoon. Most of the exercise was given by the young people and children.

Miss Carrie Horton, Secretary to the Registrar is off on her vacation. She will return the latter part of last week or the first of the following week.

J. M. Downum.

NORTH CAROLINA'S GOVERNOR-ELECT



HONORABLE ANCUS WILTON McLEAN

who has been swept into the Governorship of the State on the tide of perhaps the largest majority ever given a candidate in North Carolina. It will be some time before the official count is complete in its entirety, but reports conservatively give 85,000, while many are disposed to believe it will reach 90 to 100,000.