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B. R. HORSE SHOW WAS BIG SUCCESS

Postponed From Last Wednesday Because of Rain, Event Was Held Saturday With Large Attendance And Many Entries

Blowing Rock's annual horse show was held last Saturday afternoon before a crowd that was unexpectedly large, considering the threatening weather and the short notice. The show was scheduled for last Wednesday but the rainstorm made a postponement until Saturday necessary.

Fine horses from many parts of the south took part in the show and competed for the cups that were donated by summer residents.

The following prizes were awarded by Judge R. E. Goddard of Bowling Green, Ky.

Ponies: first, Bumblebee, Miss Ashland Cannon, York, S. C.; second, Trixie, Billie Harper, Hickory; third, Tommy, Miss Margaret Jones, Charlotte.

Three gaited saddle horses under 15 hands: first, Starlight, Miss Ashland Cannon, York, S. C.; second, Bluebird, Lee King, Camden, S. C.; third, Kentucky Flower, Mrs. Cornelius Somerville, Charlotte.

Fine harness horses: first, Richmond Boy, W. G. Arey, Shelby; third, Bluebird, Lee King, Camden, S. C.; second, Kentucky Flower, W. H. Arey, Shelby.

Five-gaited saddle horses, 15 hand and over: first, Bourbon Lass, Ralph Hoey, Shelby; second, Kentucky Babe, Mrs. D. J. Boyden, Blowing Rock; third, Fred, Miss Mary Cannon, Concord.

Three-gaited saddle horses, 15 hands and over: first, Richmond Boy, Miss Carolyn Blanton, Shelby; second, Gray Lady, L. M. Tate, Blowing Rock; third, Apple Blossom, Miss Miriam Cannon, Concord.

Plantation horses: first, Whislerburg, David J. Craig, Statesville; second, Prince, Gwyn Harper, Hickory; third, Chief, Mrs. Sam L. Kone, of Houston, Texas.

Five-gaited saddle horses over 15 hands: first, Radio, Lee King, Camden, S. C.; second, Topsy, Miss Virginia Jones, Charlotte; third, Martha, Mr. Long.

Best lady rider: Miss Mary Cannon of Concord and C. V. Henkel, Jr. of Statesville; second, Miss Virginia Jones of Charlotte and Mr. Long; third, Miss Margaret Vance and Dr. James I. Vance of Nashville, Tenn.

Model saddle horse: first, Bourbon Lass, Ralph Hoey, Shelby; second, Richmond Boy, Arey Brothers, Shelby; third, Bluebird, Lee King, Camden, S. C.

Three-gaited champion: first, Starlight, Miss Ashland Cannon, York, S. C.; second, Richmond Boy, Miss Carolyn Blanton, Shelby; third, Bluebird, Lee King, Camden, S. C.

Five-gaited champion: first, Bourbon Lass, Ralph Hoey, Shelby; second, Radio, Miss Ashland Cannon, York, S. C.; third, Prince, Gwyn Harper, Hickory.

Grand Champion (best horse in show): first, Bourbon Lass, Ralph Hoey, Shelby; second, Starlight, Miss Ashland Cannon, York, S. C.; third, Richmond Boy, Miss Carolyn Blanton, Shelby.

Jumps: first, Golden Chief, Jeff Hollers, riding for Elliott Daingerfield of New York; second, Kentucky Flower, Gwyn Harper, Hickory; third, Gray Lady, L. M. Tate, Blowing Rock.

Among those who donated cups were Mrs. Sam L. Kone, Houston, Tex.; David J. Craig of Statesville; Arey Brothers of Shelby; Green Park Stables; T. H. Bryhill of Lenoir; Mrs. Joseph F. Cannon of Concord; Ross Cannon of Salisbury and Dr. James I. Vance of Nashville, Tenn. and L. P. Henkel of Statesville.

Blowing Rock suffered practically no damage from the rainstorms of last week, except a highway cave-in near Skyland Inn. A segment reaching almost half way across the road gorge, but traffic was not interrupted, as room for one vehicle to pass was left.

On the road to Lenoir the pavement has cracked in several places but highway crews have staked off the dangerous places and are now at work repairing the damages.

The rain last week prevented the weekly golf tournament, but a regular kickers' handicap was to be played Wednesday of this week. Efforts are being made to arrange a tournament match with the Linville players and it now seems that the match will be arranged.

The Blowing Rock School situation is still in the state of uncertainty, as the school committee is waiting for the county commissioners to approve the budget before deciding anything definitely. It is hoped however that school can be opened about the middle of September.

Social and Personal
Miss Dorothy Hayes was hostess

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DEMOCRAT AGAIN LEADS THE WEEKLY FIELD

Again The Democrat scores a victory over all the other weekly newspapers of this section. In this morning's edition is carried the acceptance speech of Governor Alfred E. Smith, Democratic nominee for the presidency. Before the daily newspapers are delivered in the city this morning, subscribers of The Democrat will have read the address delivered in Albany by Governor Smith at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. In providing this super-service for the readers of The Democrat, the management has gone to considerable expense, and we feel that no other weekly, perhaps in North Carolina has taken such a step to provide the latest news for its readers. The publishers of The Democrat feel there is nothing too good for their subscribers.

Simmons Will Vote for Neither of Candidates

Senior Senator Says He Will Not Vote For Smith or Hoover; Sees Party Put Under Control of Interests

New Bern, Aug. 20.—Senator F. M. Simmons, who recently resigned as national committeeman for North Carolina, will vote neither for Governor Al Smith nor Herbert Hoover, according to a statement issued tonight through L. B. Homan, editor of the New Bern Times. He reiterated his former statement in which he declared he would give full support to the state, district and county Democratic tickets.

In reaching this decision, the senator said that he reserved for himself the right of all Democrats to exercise their conscientious conviction and judgment "without proscription, coercion or restraint."

Governor Smith, he said, has deliberately put the party under the dominating control of Tammany Hall, big business and the predatory interests as represented in both the Democratic and Republican parties.

As a result, he said, since the Houston convention the party platform has been repudiated, the party rebuilt, the issues reframed and "forces of privilege and license now are dominating and controlling its national machinery." This condition, he said, is a betrayal or submergence of the major principles of the Democratic party as "heretofore understood and applied."

These things, said the senator, have verified all his predictions and prophecies which he made in his speech delivered to the United States senate against Tammany Hall and Governor Smith.

Senator Simmons, in authorizing the publication of his statement, said he had deferred making any official explanation of his position at the request of O. M. Mull, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, until after the acceptance speech of the governor.

HOOVER WILL CO-OPERATE IN FARM RELIEF PLAN

West Branch, Iowa, Aug. 21.—Speaking under a "big top" for the first time Herbert Hoover tonight pledged the farmers of the country that if elected president he would call upon the leaders of agricultural thought to join in the search for common ground upon which to act in solving what he regards as the greatest economic problem in America.

Here, where he was born a blacksmith's son and got a taste of grueling work of the fields on his Uncle Allen's farm, the Republican candidate specifically named as one of those whose counsel he would seek his chief opponent in the struggle for the presidential nomination, former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois.

WM. F. WHITING SUCCEEDS HOOVER IN COMMERCE DEPT.

Superior, Wis., Aug. 21.—With a brief message of appreciation for his services as secretary of commerce and with "best wishes" for him in the "broader" field to which he has been called, President Coolidge accepted today the resignation of Secretary Hoover from the cabinet. William F. Whiting, of Holyoke, Mass., an old friend of the president, was named to head the commerce department.

The situational appears to sift down to this, that either one of the great parties can sweep the country if it stands shoulder to shoulder and work harmoniously, and that neither will stand and work in the manner indicated.—Ohio State Journal.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Hoover Bandwagons Are Entered

Two large busses have been taken from Greensboro, N. C. to Washington where they will begin active service as twin Hoover bandwagons. Equipped with motion pictures, loud speakers, amplified talking machines and a staff of high powered speakers, the motor busses are being sent into the thick of the presidential battle. The busses will be kept busy constantly until election day, boosting the cause of the republican candidate.

Democratic Committee Meets

Chairman O. M. Mull of the State Democratic Committee, has called a meeting of the county chairman of the counties embracing the seventh district to meet in Wadesboro Saturday to make plans for the campaign for the state and national tickets.

Heflin Will Support Smith

News comes to the Charlotte Observer, through its editor, Colonel Wade Harris, now in Washington, that Senator Thomas J. Heflin, of Alabama, will vote for Governor Alfred E. Smith for the presidency. The fiery Alabamian, who delivered himself of so many vitriolic attacks on the Democratic nominee from the senate floor is said to have stated that the only course now open to him was to support the Democratic ticket, from Smith down. The dispatch further stated that it was understood Heflin would seek an early interview with Senator F. M. Simmons at his home in New Bern, N. C.

Republicans to Invade N. C. Homes

A vigorous campaign of invading thousands of North Carolina homes during the election campaign to inform housekeepers and young women, all about Herbert Hoover, is the plan of Republican party officials. A list of every eligible woman voter in the state is being prepared with a view to mailing out copies of the life and record of the republican nominee. By this means, the leaders hope to carry the women voters from the ranks of Governor Smith.

Hoover Favors Boulder Dam

Rousing reception swelled into a tumultuous ovation at Los Angeles Friday, when southern California sent him eastward to go into the battle for the presidency. As the candidate turned to face the turbulent months ahead, he gave the citizens of his adopted state the assurance that he joined them in desiring the "greatest reservoir and the highest dam at Boulder Canyon that the engineers will recommend."

Hoover Loses Chances in Missouri

When August A. Bush of St. Louis announced he would support Governor Al Smith, Herbert Hoover's chances of carrying Missouri likely ended. What the Duponts are to Delaware the Bushs are to St. Louis and lots more. They were at one time the largest and most popular employers of labor in the city, and the loyalty of the city survives. As go the Germans, so goes St. Louis, and as goes St. Louis so goes the state, according to the political writers.

LONDON TO NEW YORK IN SIX HOURS

A speed of 500 miles an hour at an altitude of 12 miles, is the prediction of Allen V. Roe, the first man to fly in England. Roe says that "aviation is still in its infancy." He then goes on to say:

"Speed is increasing all the time, and I should not be surprised if we do not have machines in the air services 20 years hence that will travel at 500 miles per hour or from London to New York in six hours."

"It is all a question of altitude. The higher we fly the faster we can go with a given horsepower up to certain limits. If we can, by enclosing the living quarters so that everyone can breathe comfortably in an atmosphere of warmed air, the altitude will not affect those on board."

"Already engines are being built to give their maximum power at 20,000 feet, by means of supercharging. Then again, jet propulsion may be used as a motive in years to come."

"Within the next year or two the crude oil engine for aircraft will be on the market; this will give a greater flying radius per pound of fuel and reduce the cost of flying considerably."

"When it is considered that Roe is England's pioneer flyer and that he is the designer of the 'Avro' type of British light planes, it will be seen that this statement certainly comes from one other than a visionary."

Jim: "When she gave you a kiss did you pay it back?"
Tom: "No, I wanted to keep it, so I ran away."

Governor Al Smith Defines Position of Campaign in Acceptance Speech

Following is the full text of Governor Alfred E. Smith's address accepting the Democratic nomination for the presidency as delivered at Albany, yesterday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock.

Upon the steps of this capitol where 25 years ago I first came into the service of the state, I receive my party's summons to lead it in the nation. Within this building, I learned the principles, the purposes and the functions of government and to know that the greatest privilege that can come to any man is to give himself to a nation which has reared him and raised him from obscurity to be a contender for the highest office in the gift of its people.

Here I confirmed my faith in the principles of the Democratic party so eloquently defined by Woodrow Wilson: "First, the people as the source and their interests and desires as the text of laws and institutions. Second, individual liberty as the objective of all law." With a gratitude too strong for words and with humble reliance upon the aid of Divine Providence, I accept your summons to the wider field of action.

Governments should be constructive, not destructive; progressive, not reactionary. I am entirely unwilling to accept the old order of things as the best unless and until I become convinced that it cannot be made better.

Theory of Progressive Government

It is our new world theory that government exists for the people as against the old world conception that the people exist for the government. A sharp line separates those who believe that an elect class should be the special object of the government's concern and those who believe that the government is the agent and servant of the people who create it. Dominant in the Republican party today is the element which proclaims and executes the political theories against which the party liberals like Roosevelt and La Follette and their party insurgents have rebelled. This reactionary element seeks to vindicate the theory of benevolent oligarchy. It assumes that a material prosperity, the very existence of which is challenged, is an excuse for political inequality. It makes the concern of the government, not people, but material things.

Reaction vs. Progressivism

I have fought this spirit in my own state. I have had to fight it and to beat it, in order to place upon the statute books every one of the progressive, humane laws for whose enactment I assumed responsibility in my legislative and executive career. I shall know how to fight it in the nation.

It is a fallacy that there is inconsistency between progressive measures protecting the rights of the people, including the poor and the weak, and a just regard for the rights of legitimate business, great or small. Therefore, while I emphasize my belief that legitimate business promotes the national welfare, let me warn the forces of corruption and favoritism, that Democratic victory means that they will be relegated to the rear and the front seats will be occupied by the friends of equal opportunity.

Taking the Issue To the People

Likewise government policy should spring from the deliberate action of an informed electorate. Of all men, I have reason to believe that the people can and do grasp the problems of the government. Against the opposition of the self-seeker and the partisan, again and again, I have seen legislation won by the pressure of popular demand, exerted after the people had had an honest, frank and complete explanation of the issues. Great questions of finance, the issuance of millions of dollars of bonds for public projects, the complete reconstruction of the machinery of the state government, the institution of an executive budget, these are but a few of the complicated questions which I have taken to the electorate. Every citizen has thus learned the nature of the business in hand and appreciated that the state's business is his business.

Reviving National Ideals

That direct contact with the people I promise to continue in this campaign and, if I am elected, in the conduct of the nation's affairs. I shall thereby strive to make the nation's policy the true reflection of the nation's ideals. Because I believe in the idealism of the party of Jefferson, Cleveland and Wilson, my administration will be rooted in liberty under the law; liberty that means freedom to the individual to follow his own will so long as he does not harm his neighbor; the same high moral purpose in our conduct as a nation that actuates the conduct of the God-fearing man and woman; that equality of opportunity which lays the foundation for wholesome family life and opens up the outlook for the betterment of the lives

of our children.

Party Responsibility

In the rugged honesty of Grover Cleveland there originated one of our party's greatest principles: "Public office is a public trust." That principle now takes on new meaning. Political parties are the vehicle for carrying out the popular will. We place responsibility upon the party. The Republican party today stands responsible for the widespread dishonesty that has honeycombed its administration.

During the last presidential campaign the Republican managers were partially successful in leading the American people to believe that these sins should be charged against the individual rather than against the party. The question of personal guilt has now been thoroughly disposed of and in its place, challenging the wisdom and good judgment of the American people, is the unquestioned evidence of party guilt.

The Democratic party asks the electorate to withdraw their confidence from the Republican party and repose it with the Democratic party pledged to continue those standards it unblemished integrity which characterized every act of the administration of Woodrow Wilson.

A Constructive Campaign

But I would not rest our claim for the confidence of the American people alone upon the misdeeds of the opposite party. Ours must be a constructive campaign.

False Prosperity and Unemployment

The Republican party builds its case upon a myth. We are told that only under the benevolent administration of that party can the country enjoy prosperity. When four million men, desirous to work and support their families, are unable to secure employment there is very little in the picture of prosperity to attract them and the millions dependent upon them.

In the year 1926, the latest figures available show that 1-20th of 1 percent of the 430,000 corporations in this country earned 40 percent of their profits; 40 percent of the corporations actually lost money; 1-4 of 1 percent of these corporations earned two-thirds of the profits of all of them. Specific industries are wholly prostrate and there is widespread business difficulty and discontent among the individual business men of the country.

Prosperity to the extent that we have it is unduly concentrated and is not equitably touched the lives of the farmer, the wage earner and the individual business man. The claim of governmental economy is as baseless as the claims that general business prosperity exists and that it is an exist only under Republican administration.

Failure To Consolidate By Reorganization Of The Federal Government
When the Republican party came into power in 1921 it definitely promised reorganization of the machinery of government, and abolition or consolidation of unnecessary and overlapping agencies. A committee

was appointed. A representative of the President acted as Chairman. It prepared a plan of reorganization. The plan was filed in the archives. It still remains there. After seven years of Republican control the structure of government is worse than it was in 1921. It is fully as bad as the system which existed in New York State before we secured by constitutional amendment the legislation which consolidated more than one hundred offices, commissions and boards into eighteen coordinated departments, each responsible to the Governor. In contrast with this, the Republican party in control at Washington when faced with the alternative of loss of patronage for the faithful or more efficient and economical management of the government permitted the old order to continue for the benefit of the patronage seekers.

Increased Federal Appropriations

The appropriations for independent bureaus and offices not responsible to any cabinet officer increased from \$3,400,000 in 1914 to \$105,000,000 in 1921, and to \$355,000,000 in 1925. No wonder that a cabinet officer of the Republican President of 1921 said "if you could visualize the government as a business or administrative unit, you would see something like one of those grotesque spectacles of a big oyster shell which in the course of years, big and irregular masses of barnacles have attached themselves without symmetry or relevancy." And the Chamber of Commerce of the United States said in its annual report this year: "No progress has been made on the plan of reorganization of the government's departments as advocated by the Chamber." The administration spokesman answers only: "We have given an economical administration," and that has been repeated so often that some people begin to believe it without the slightest proof. I assert that there is no proof.

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PROGRESS OF THE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Present Term Opened With Largest Attendance of Any Year in History of County; Last Session's Statistics Sent to Raleigh

County Superintendent Hagaman tells The Democrat that the schools are opening with the best attendance ever, and if not broken into by epidemics, will no doubt, make the best average in the history of the county.

The number of parents who consider it an invasion of their rights to be required to keep their children in school are growing gloriously few. It has been necessary in only one instance, so far, to prosecute in the courts for non-attendance.

The board of education has bought only one school truck this year. The truck will carry fifty students and will be crowded. A new bus line has been established to accommodate all the high school students of Merriam Camp township, and on the same trip will convey Tugman school to Green Valley and a part of Maple Springs school to Boone. This one school truck will accommodate in all about seventy pupils.

Superintendent Hagaman has forwarded to the state superintendent his annual statistical report of the schools of Watauga county for the year closing June 30, last. The following are some of the figures:
School census, white, 5,282; colored, 55. Enrolled, white, 1,562; colored, 37. Average attendance, 3,101. The number enrolled in the different grades are as follows: First, 1,063; second, 583; third, 559; fourth, 511; fifth, 468; sixth, 448; seventh, 358; eighth, 218; ninth, 170; tenth, 111; eleventh, 73.

Total enrollment in high schools, 573. The high school enrollment 13 years ago was 50. The school term in the county now averages 133 days. Number schools taught: One-teacher, 29; two-teacher, 25; three-teacher, 5; more than three, 5. There were 54 men and 81 women who taught last year. There were 391 children transported on school trucks.

Value of school property, \$275,800. Of this amount, \$59,890 was added in new buildings during the year.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT COVE CREEK
On next Monday morning August 27th at 10 o'clock the Watauga Ministerial Association will meet at the Cove Creek Baptist church and be the guests for dinner which will be served by the ladies of the church. All ministers and their wives are expected and invitations have been sent out and a real happy time is promised the ministers and their wives. It will be an occasion of good wholesome pleasure.

DAMAGE TO HIGHWAYS IN STATE \$300,000
Raleigh, Aug. 21.—Damage to state highways in the western part of North Carolina from heavy rains and swollen streams last week was estimated at \$300,000 today by State Highway Commissioner Frank Page. All roads are open with the exception of a short link between Woodrow and Waynesville, he said. Where slides or washouts occurred, new roads have been cut and will be used until the sections of highways can be repaired.

ALL WERE NOT DRINKING
Mrs. David Secrets of Lenoir sends the following to the News-Topic in regard to the injuries sustained by Mrs. John K. Brown a week ago when she was struck by a car occupied by four Lenoir boys:

The report in Monday's News-Topic was a mistake. The boys were not all drinking as Mr. Secrets went to Boone Monday evening and talked to the officers and said the officers told him that neither Arnold Secrets, the Nelson boy or Coy Shoemaker were drinking. The News-Topic also says they ran into several persons standing by the roadside. The officers told Arnold's father they did not run over but one woman, and also said she would get all right if nothing else did not take place. Also the News-Topic states that there had been another wreck and one man had been injured and he was among the three struck by the Lenoir boys. This was a mistake, as the officer told Arnold's father they did not run over only the woman, as there were three men in the road and the boys were trying to prevent hitting them. It was foggy and as the woman was just out on the other side of the road probably the boys did not see her. The one driving was not drinking. The officer stated if either one of the three was he could not tell it and did not find any in the car.

Please change this mistake as the truth is bad enough.

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