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POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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

Simmons Delivers Three-Hour Speech in Raleigh

Raleigh, Oct. 26.—Democratic nominees for state offices in North Carolina were charged with bolting the state party platform in supporting Governor Smith, Democratic presidential nominee, by Senator F. M. Simmons near the close of a three-hour anti-Smith address here last night in which he announced his intention of offering for the senate again in 1930 when his term expires.

The senator's reference to the state ticket came after he had delivered an attack on Smith in which he said the New York governor's nomination at Houston was the result of eight years of planning by Tammany Hall and the "liquor interests," to secure control of the Democratic party. He charged that Smith had bolted the party platform in his acceptance speech, and declared, "I would rather die, I would rather have my arm cut off, than to vote for Alfred Smith."

Hoover Smith and Cabot All Mixed Up

Boston, Oct. 26—Since the visit of Governor Smith people here have been laughing over a new twist to an old rhyme. The old one, a jest at the exclusive Back Bay families, was:

Here's to the city of Boston!
Home of the bean and the cod;
Where Lowells speak only to Cabots
And Cabots speak only to God.

But now the Back Bay families, once solidly Republican, are split and many are supporting Smith. In fact, prominent ones joined in the big demonstration for him. So H. A. Getchell, in the Herald, now puts it this way:

Alas, for the city of Boston!
Her exclusiveness now is a myth
The Lowells are walking with Hoover
The Cabots are strolling with Smith.

Senator Norris of Nebraska Gives Support to Governor Smith

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 27.—United States Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, Progressive Republican, tonight declared his support for Alfred E. Smith for president because of the Democratic candidate's stand on water power and farm relief.

Senator Norris, speaker at a meeting under the auspices of the Progressive League for Alfred E. Smith scored Herbert Hoover for his opposition to the McNary-Hagen and other bills for relief of agriculture and to public ownership of water power facilities, and for his silence on the oil scandals and corruption. Senator Norris said that he did not agree with Governor Smith's views on prohibition, but that he was confident he would enforce the law, which, he said, has not yet been attempted.

Hoover Begins Final Jaunt Today

Washington, Oct. 29.—Herbert Hoover began clearing his desk today or the long jaunt across the country which he will begin Thursday. The Republican presidential candidate spent little time at his headquarters, devoting himself for the most part to disposing of personal matters at his S street home and to work on the speeches he will make on his trip to California.

Five speeches are ahead of the nominee before he casts his vote a week from Tuesday at Palo Alto. Four of them will be made on the cross-continent campaign journey.

This will carry him through the border states of Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri and he will speak in three of these states. The first address will be at Cumberland, Md., after which he will cross West Virginia during Thursday night to Louisville where he will again speak. The most important of his cross-country speeches will be made at St. Louis Friday night, where he will probably deal extensively with the agricultural problem.

Smith Preparing for Final Drive

New York, Oct. 30.—Removed for a time from the shouts of the thousands upon thousands who welcomed him along a route which zigzagged for 11,000 miles through the heart of the nation, Governor Alfred E. Smith spent today getting ready for the intensive speaking drive with which he will climax his campaign.

The Democratic nominee also had an opportunity to take stock of the work up to date and to ascertain for himself something about conditions in his home state of New York and New Jersey—the— territory he has selected in which to close his drive for the presidency.

The governor's program calls for an invasion of New Jersey tomorrow with a speech at Newark that night. This is one of the cities visited by his rival, Herbert Hoover, in his bid for the Atlantic seaboard vote.

The Importance of Home

By DR. WILL O. GORDON, (Pastor Cove Creek Baptist Church)

There can be no true public life where the home life is corrupt, any more than there can be a solid structure where the foundation has crumbled away.

The home is so important that it is not strange that God has so much to say about it in His word. He gives us glimpses of many homes—the homes of Abram, Jacob, Job, David, Eli and Moses. To the influence of a pious and Godly mother Moses owed more than he did to the finished education and training he received in a king's palace under the shadow of the pyramids of Egypt.

"The home is the tent we pitch to rest in, our bayonets stacked, our war caps hung up, our heads resting on the knapsack until the morning bugle sounds, warning us to strike and prepare for marching and for action.

What a pleasant place the home is to talk over life's victories and its pleasures and attacks. Life is a stormy sea. With shivered mast and torn sail and hulk weak we put into the harbor of home, into the dry dock we come for repair. Blessed haven! The candle in the window is to the anchoring man the lighthouse guiding him into port. Children come out to greet their father as to the Narrow pilots take the hand of the ship. The doorstep is the wharf where a heavy life is unladen. In the home we may talk of what we have done without being charged with self-adulation. We may lounge without being thought ungraceful. We may express affection without being thought silly. Forlorn earth pilgrim! No home! Then die. That is better. The grave is brighter and warmer than this world without a tent from marching, without a harbor from the sun, without a home in this scene of greed and grudge and loss and gain. May God pity the poor, miserable wretch that has no home.

The home should be safe-guarded in every manner possible. Many dangers threaten the home. What are some of them? One is careless marriages. Marriage is at the foundation of the home. Home is a divine institution, marriage is also ordained of God. He not simply permitted it; He commanded it. It is a type of that religious which exists between Christ and His church. It is holy and beautiful. Careless and hasty marriages are responsible for much of the misery and degradation that is in the world. The church and the state are under obligation to throw every possible safe-guard around the marriage relationship. Divorce is a fruitful source of misery. Anything that makes it easy to separate man and wife is a danger to the family. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

What are some of the elements of a successful and happy home life? Kindness, tenderness, affection, obedience, forbearance, gentleness, good temper and love. Cultivate these. Maternal and parental piety make a home which cannot but exert powerful and permanent influence. The father and mother are the builders of the true home. What they are the home will be. Paternal instruction is a necessity in true home life. No instruction is like that of a father and mother. We must come back to this method of indoctrinating our children. I plead for the family. Let this institution be well understood. Let us guard from all enemies. I plead for religion in the home, family instruction and family worship. Let us make our homes what God would have them be, and in so doing we will prepare ourselves for our eternal home.

SNOW IS EIGHT INCHES ON MOUNT MITCHELL

Asheville, Oct. 30.—Snow rests tonight upon the high peaks of western North Carolina while Mt. Mitchell, towering giant among them all, lies beneath a blanket eight inches thick.

DR. McNARY DIES IN LENOIR

Dr. Charles Banks McNary, well known physician of Lenoir, died Monday afternoon following an illness of about two weeks. Dr. McNary was one of the most beloved of all Lenoir citizens and was an outstanding character in his profession and was well known over the state.

Soil Survey of the County Completed

Workers for the United States department of agriculture, bureau of chemistry and soil and the North Carolina agricultural experiment station have just completed a soil survey of Watauga county.

The object of the survey is to map and classify the different soils of the county and to report their agricultural possibilities. In order to show the location of the various soils, it was necessary to make a complete map of the county, showing in addition to the soil, all public and second class roads, houses, churches and school buildings, drainageways, railroads, villages and towns. Each soil is represented on the map in color, but in such a way as not to obscure the other details of the map.

A report containing a general description of the county, giving its location, topography, drainage system, chief towns, transportation facilities, markets, climate, agriculture and a full description of soil types will accompany the map.

Samples of each type of soil will be sent to Washington, D. C., and to Raleigh for chemical analysis.

The results of the survey are published in bulletin form by the U. S. Department of agriculture and the bulletins are sent free upon application to any person desiring one.

1,406,883 CHURCH MEMBERS IN N. C., U. S. SURVEY SHOWS

Washington, Oct. 26.—There were in North Carolina in 1926, 67 religious bdoies with 10,297 churches and 1,406,883 members, according to returns from the census of religious bodies, the department of commerce announced today.

The 1916 census showed 57 religious bodies with 9,715 churches and 1,080,723 members in North Carolina.

"As the term 'members' has a variety of uses," the department said, "each church was requested to report the number of members according to the definition of membership in that church or organization. In some religious bodies the term 'member' is limited to communicants; in others it includes all baptized persons, and in still others it covers all enrolled persons."

The number of church edifices was given as 9,592. Of these, 9,397 reported an estimated value. The total for all reporting was $880,571,561 against which sum, the reports showed there were debts amounting to $7,714,936. In addition to the value of the churches, parsonages of 1,850 churches reporting were valued at $9,738,530. The annual expenditures of 9,510 churches that listed theirs totaled $17,094,414.

RUTHERFORD TOO MUCH FOR THE NORMAL SQUAD

After holding the strong Rutherford team to a 7-6 score in the first half here Saturday, the Normal defense weakened and allowed the visitors to run up a total of 43 points during the last half, to take the game, 50 to 6. The locals put up a stellar brand of football during the first period, holding their opponents well and breaking loose for several nice gains. Rutherford scored first, adding the extra point by a drop-kick. With the ball on Rutheford's thirty yard line, C. Hinson took the oval on a lake play and went across the goal for the Normal's only score. Carape failed to kick the extra point.

Coming back strong in the last half Rutheford opened up a dazzling attack which netted them seven touchdowns and one extra point. The entire Rutherford team starred in this whirlwind attack.

The Normal team has been showing marked improvement during the last few games, and they expect to show the fans some real football next Saturday when they meet Lees-McRae Institute on the home field.

The squad will be in good shape for the battle with the exception of Haliyburton and Fulkerson. Hallman will probably get into Saturday's game, and this flash will bear watching at any time he takes the ball. Campe, C. Hinson and Hoyle have been showing up exceptionally well in recent games, both on defense and offense.

Saturday's game will be called promptly at 3 o'clock.

MANY SPARE PARTS

Broad Brook, Conn., Oct 28.—John D. Tromley, a farmer of this place, has a calf which has an extra eye, extra horn, extra tongue and an extra set of teeth.

Use Left-over Meats in Patties

Dice cold cooked lamb, beef or veal, heat it in gravy to which a little softened onion, celery and green pepper (chopped) have been added. Bake patty shells of pie crust arranged in muffin tins and while still hot fill with the meat mixture.

WIND'G UP OF THE CAMPAIGN

With Address of Hobart Morton at Courthouse Tonight, Speechmaking of the Campaign is Over; Line-up of the Canndidates

Tonight (Wednesday) when Hon. Hobart Morton, member of the Republican state executive committee and soldier of the world war delivers a Republican speech at the courthouse, the political fireworks for Watauga county will be over, so far as imported orators are concerned.

Tuesday Congressman R. L. Doughton, accompanied by Mrs. E. C. Gregory, daughter of Senator Lee S. Overman, delivered speeches at the Cove Creek high school and at the courthouse in Boone. The two women campaigners divided time, Mrs. Gregory speaking to large crowds of women voters, urging them to support the state and national tickets and Congressman Doughton his ticket of four members in the county, appealing for votes for everything from constable to president, on the grounds of performance and service rendered.

Last Thursday night Rev. L. B. Murray, Baptist minister, spoke in the courthouse under the auspices of the anti-Smith committee, while Hon. Harlan E. Sewell, Republican candidate for governor, was heard by a record crowd Friday night, he dividing his time with Hon. Jake Newell, who is accompanying him on the campaign.

The candidates for the various county offices have their last appointment at the courthouse Saturday. So far the usual number of speeches have not been made by local office-seekers, but there has been an unusual number of speeches made in the county by outside orators.

When the polls open at sunrise Tuesday morning the more than 6,800 voters of Watauga county will cast their first ballots under the Australian ballot law. Booths are being made for each 100 voters in each precinct and larger ballot boxes made of galvanized iron are ready for distribution to the various townships. The booths will be about three feet square, and at least six feet high enclosed with door or curtain on the front, so that the voter may prepare his ballot in absolute secrecy. The booth will have a shelf across one side, and will be furnished with supplies, including a pencil, and lights where necessary. A guard rail will be placed at each polling place at least ten feet away from the ballot boxes and booths, provided with entrance and exit, so the voter can secure his tickets, enter the guard rail, enter a booth, prepare his ballot and vote and pass on out with little confusion. Each voter is allowed five minutes in which to prepare his ticket and cast his vote.

Following is a list of candidates appearing upon the county, state and national tickets, the first named being the Democratic candidate and the second the Republican:

For Congress: Robert L. Doughton, W. S. Bogle.

For Governor: O. Max Gardner, H. F. Seawell.

For Lieutenant Governor: R. T. Fountain, W. H. Fisher.

For Secretary of State: J. A. Hartness, Mrs. Emma Rollins Tighe.

For Auditor: Baxter Durham, John W. Yeager.

For State Treasurer: B. R. Lacy, John H. Johnson.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction: A. T. Allen, I. G. Greer.

For Attorney General: Dennis G. Brummitt, John R. McCrary.

For Commissioner of Labor and Printing: Frank D. Grist, Junius B. Gosien.

For Commissioner of Agriculture: William A. Graham, Daniel A. Patterson.

For Commissioner of Insurance: Dan C. Boney, A. E. Hampton.

For Commissioner of Revenue: Rufus A. Doughton, Noah G. Pitts.

For Corporation Commissioner: W. T. Lee, James D. Gregg.

For Associate Justices of Supreme Court: W. J. Brogden, George W. Conner; Walter B. Love, Thomas J. Harkins (vote for two).

For Judge of Superior Court, 1st District: Walter L. Small; no Republican candidate.

For Judge of Superior Court, 11th District: John H. Clement, no Republican candidate.

For State Senator, 29th Senatorial District: C. W. Higgins, M. Vanhoy.

For House of Representatives: R. C. Rivers, T. E. Bingham.

For Sheriff: L. M. Farthing, A. G. Miller.

For Register of Deeds: Helen Underdown, Pearl Hartley.

For Coroner: Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Dr. W. O. Bingham.

For Surveyor: W. R. Vines, I. A. Bumgarner.

For County Commissioners: R. T. Greer, T. C. Baird, J. Y. Walker; W. F. Winkler, L. A. Greene, C. C. Triplett (vote for three).

Infant Perishes as Dwelling Burns

A six-weeks-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Nichols of Deep Gap was burned to death when a fire of unknown origin destroyed their home and all its contents last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Nichols was away from home that day and his wife had left the infant in its crib in a front room and was doing some work in the nearby garden. After a little while she looked in the direction of the house only to discover that the roof was in flames and parts of it falling in. She rushed to the burning building, smashed in a window in an effort to reach the child but was driven back and severely burned by a wall of flames. Three neighbor men soon arrived on the scene but too late to rescue the baby.

The house was a large frame housing and was rapidly consumed. When the body of the infant was removed it was burned beyond recognition.

Mr. Frank Weeks, who brings the news to The Democrat, says the fire leaves the young couple entirely destitute. Some of the citizens of the county have already contributed to their relief and Mr. Weeks says all offerings will be greatfully received.

Will Rogers Says:

The less a voter knows about you the longer he is liable to vote for you. I believe that these other two boys that are running for president would both have been better off if they had pulled a Coolidge and got down in their shell and not come out till the votes were counted.

If I was these boys I would kinder duck shy of a public clinic. I believe if they had both stayed behind the microphone out of sight of any audience and shot it to 'em at long range they would have been better off.

The thing of moving your headquarters around according to which way the wind blows takes some real money. I don't care how rich a man is, it takes lots of money for forwarding instead of the backing.

As the presidential candidate of the Anti-Bunk party, I am going on the theory that it is better to read about a crooked deal than it is to see one. When we know that a man has put the name on Belgium and made no cent bean mash like a cow instead of bread, why we are going to look for a mighty commanding magnetic personality.

I don't feel I am betraying any national secret when I say that each of these boys are liable to get more votes if you can't see 'em. Campaigns have ruined more men than they have ever made.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS TO OBSERVE HONOR DAY

North Carolina Baptists will observe November 11 as Honor Day, having for their objective raising $95,000 on that day to help meet the shortage in funds of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention brought about by the defalcation of the treasurer, C. S. Carnes, it was decided Monday at a meeting in Raleigh of about 300 ministers and leaders of the denomination. This is a part of a movement among Southern Baptists to raise the entire amount of the deficit of $953,000 on this date.

ROBERT LANSING DEAD

Washington, Oct. 30.—One of the leading figures of the World war passed into history here today when Robert Lansing, secretary of state under President Wilson, died suddenly of heart failure.

His death strikes another name from the roll of statesmen of the war days. Only four now are left who were instrumental in directing the policies of the Allies—Col. E. M. House, confidential advisor to President Wilson; Clemenceau, former premier of France; Lloyd George, former premier of Great Britain, and Rear Admiral Cary Grayson, who acted as the intermediary between the president and Lansing.

Since the war Lansing had engaged in the practice of international law in Washington. On October 5 he suffered a heart attack, and since then he failed gradually until the crisis came late today.

REV. C. H. MOSER RETURNS TO BOONE

Appointments Made at Closing of M. E. Conference; N. Wilkesboro District Dispensed With; Boone Added to Mt. Airy District

Appointments of presiding elders and pastors for the ensuing year, adoption of various resolutions, and the superannuation of eight clergymen Monday marked the closing of the annual session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference at Charlotte.

The conference abolished the North Wilkesboro district to place the bulk of its charges in the enlarged Mt. Airy district. Presiding Elder Seymour Taylor of the old North Wilkesboro district has accepted the pastorate of the Thomasville circuit in the Winston-Salem district.

Of much interest to local Methodism is the announcement that Rev. C. H. Moser returns to the Boone charge for another year. So many were the demands made on the conference for the services of the Boone local pastor that now fears were entertained that he would be moved to other fields. Rev. R. A. Taylor is returned to the Watauga circuit and the preaching order for the district is Rev. E. S. Fox.

Eight ministers were granted retirement with pay among them being Rev. B. F. Hagaman, well loved pastor of the Boone church in the olden days.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT

Washington, Oct. 27.—President Coolidge has issued a proclamation designating November 29 as Thanksgiving day. The proclamation follows:

"The season again approaches when it has been the custom for generations to set apart a day of thanksgiving for the blessings which the Giver of all good and perfect gifts has bestowed upon us during the year. It is most becoming that we should do this, for the goodness and mercy of God which have followed us through the year deserve our grateful recognition and acknowledgement.

"Through his divine favor peace and tranquility have reigned throughout the land. He has protected our country from the ravages of pestilence and disease and has directed us in the ways of national prosperity. Our fields have been abundantly productive, our industries have flourished, our commerce has increased, profits have been lucrative, and comfort and contentment have followed the undisturbed pursuit of honest toil.

"As we have prospered in material things and spiritual through divine inspiration we have enlarged our charities and our missions; we have been imbued with high ideals which have operated for the benefit of the world and the promotion of the brotherhood of man through peace and good will.

"Whereas, I, Calvin Coolidge, the president of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their daily work, and in their homes and in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received and seek His guidance that they may deserve the continuance of His favor."

THE OVERDRAFT NUISANCE

The local banks as well as banks throughout the country are being seriously hurt by the practice of drawing checks against insufficient funds. The state bank examiners are demanding that the law forbidding overdrafts be rigidly enforced.

Patrons of the three banks in Watauga county are being asked to keep an accurate stub account and check up with their bank statement each month and co-operate in the elimination of this nuisance.

A local banker stated yesterday "that the reputation of the county is being injured on account of returned checks. The habit of writing checks against insufficient funds is an expensive proposition. However, we feel that it is only necessary to call attention to this fact to have the co-operation of our patrons in eliminating this nuisance."

Yes?

"If a knife and fork made love, could the teaspoon?"

"It couldn't if the coffee stood its grounds."

Ask Sam

Tom Brown: "Why is that fellow so snobbish?"

Sam Mears: "Why, he was the first man in town to be run over by one of the new Fords."