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SPOKE AT FARMER.

Mr. Chas. Ross Delivered A Strong Plea For Democracy.

REPUBLICAN SPELL BINDERS CONFUSE THE PEOPLE.

Doubt In the Minds of Voters in Concord Township Removed—Work of Republican Evil Doers Exposed and Misleading Statements Corrected.

Mr. Chas. Ross discussed the issue of the campaign at Farmer last Saturday night. It was a strong argument for a solid Southern Democracy, and the protection of the State and County against the evil of Republican rule.

Mr. Ross said in part:

For years, in every campaign Republican spellbinders have attempted to confuse the public mind by cries of "panic" and "prosperity."

It is a false issue. Briefly reviewing the history of our country's periods of financial depression and times of unusual prosperity, Mr. Ross showed the fallacy of the attempt to attribute to any party absolute control of industrial conditions.

To the man who insults your intelligence with this false issue, a clear knowledge of the facts will make you have always on your lips the answer,

"Thou art a liar."

Answering the claim that Southern people should now become Republicans on national issues, what is there, within Republican history or Republican policies, that merits the support of a Southerner?

This party was born in a spirit of jealousy and hatred to the Southland.

Hardly a convention assembles,

but it gives some new evidence of its slumbering hatred for us and our institutions.

Once we capitulate to that party and we are again under that black cloud of horror,

with its unnameable conditions. What

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HISTORICAL REVIEW IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Col. W. P. Wood Defines, in Detail, the Work of the Two Political Parties In Departments of County and State Government.

TO THE VOTERS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY:

I shall not attempt to tell you how much I regret not being able to take a full part in this campaign. I was more than anxious to meet as many of you as possible and talk to you on the many important subjects in which we should all be interested. I feel that every true North Carolinian wishes to be faithful to his state, and I take it that the masses of the people are honest when properly informed, and it should be our aim in life to do what is best for our County and State and our fellow-man.

The honest men who had been duped into this movement, again turned to the Democratic party, and the State was restored to the hands of its friends. There have followed six years of peace, educational and industrial development unequalled, and the same honest expenditure of public money that has always marked Democratic rule in N. C. Surely these things are fresh enough in your memories to make your duty plain in this election.

But the contrast in men presented the State by these two parties suggest equally good reasons for being a Democrat. Think of it! Contrast a Holden and a Vance; a Littlefield and a Worth; a Russell and an Aycock! Or bring it closer home. Contrast a Page and a Reynolds; a Hammer and a Saunders. Closer yet, an English and a Burrows, as changeable as the weather vane on your barn, on the one side, and a Wood and a Foushee, men whose political lives are open books approved of their fellows, on the other.

But Republican methods are wrong. Their cardinal doctrine is "special privilege," and that is the mother of corruption in office. Having nothing to recommend them, they have always stood as a stone wall against progressive movements in the State. They opposed the amendment, and are controlled to-day by the same crowd that fought us then. They opposed temperance legislation, and still declare against our temperance law in their platform. But worse than all else, they are today absolutely in the hands of the most dangerous and deceptive man this State has ever produced, arch traitor and public enemy, who even now is among us for no other purpose than to attempt to saddle us, our children and our children's children, with fraudulent bonds that the State doesn't owe. A vote for the Republican party in North Carolina today is a vote for Marion Butler.

MORRIS-SPEIGHT.

Pretty Church Wedding at Tarboro Groom Son of P. F. Morris of Asheboro.

At Tarboro Tuesday of last week Mr. Claudius Stedman Morris was married to Miss Emma Lewis Speight. The young people took their vows in Calvary church which was beautifully decorated in profusion of greens, cut flowers and candles. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hart gave a most elegant and sumptuous supper to the bridal party.

Mr. Morris is a son of P. H. Morris, of Asheboro, and is one of Salisbury's most esteemed young men. He is superintendent of the Salisbury Cotton Mills. The bride is the attractive and cultured daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth E. Speight, of Tabor. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have gone North on their bridal tour, and on their return will make Salisbury their home.

P. H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross, of Asheboro, attended the marriage, returning home Tuesday.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.

Weather Conditions Force Cancellation of Fall Event.

The Chrysanthemum Show, which was to have been given at Asheboro this fall, has been called off. A committee from the School Improvement Association made a canvass last week and found that the weather conditions had so affected the plants that few exhibits could be made to the credit of those interested. In only a few instances have they learned of creditable flowers in the County. The continued wet season forced the plants ahead, and interfered with the maturity of the blossoms, and those that could have been placed on exhibit were badly injured by the early frosts.

In justice to those who offered the premium, the Committee decided that it would be best to declare the event off, and prepare for a Mammoth Show next year. Let us now examine the records of the Democratic party and see what it has done for the State; see whether or not it is worthy of your support and confidence. When it took charge of the affairs of the State there was not only no money in the treasury but a debt of forty millions of dollars hanging over her, and the credit of the State almost gone. In a short while the State debt was compromised, showing to the world that we were

honest and honorable and wanted to do what was right. Confidence was regained at home and abroad, and the world saw that North Carolina had restored to her government honorable and capable leadership—men who had the best interest of the State and people at heart. Thus tossed on the waves of a rough sea, we soon took our bearings and went to work, determined that the grand old State should be redeemed, that she should arise from her degradation and illiteracy and take her stand alongside Massachusetts and sister States. Only a superficial glance about you is enough to convince that we have handled and handled well. All over North Carolina are monuments to the everlasting credit of Democratic effort, and which every son of the Old North State is justly proud.

Look at the Morgan Hospital, where we are now caring for eleven hundred insane people, forty of whom are from Randolph. At the hospital at Raleigh are about six hundred, and about one hundred colored inmates at the hospital at Goldsboro. The deaf and dumb school at Morganton, where are educated about three hundred unfortunate children, and the schools of the same kind at Sedgefield, accommodating more than three hundred, eloquently attest the fact that we have not been unmindful of the responsibility which God has placed upon us in the care of the unfortunate of our race. The Democratic party can point to no greater or more patriotic act than the erection of the old soldiers' home, where we now have, living comfortably, one hundred and twenty-five unfortunate, decrepit, but no less honorable and brave, followers of Lee and Jackson.

Our State University, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State Normal College, the High Schools and Normal Colleges throughout the State have sprung up, and are the handiwork of the Democratic party. These are active, living monuments that will stand for time to come. And all this has been done on about as low, if not the lowest rate of taxation, of any State in the Union.

Has the Democratic party ever been accused of misappropriating or squandering any of the people's money? Not one penny, and the credit of the State is as good as the Bank of England. Peace, prosperity and development along all lines is more conspicuous in North Carolina today than in any other State in this Union.

The Democratic party in the campaign of 1900 made the people many promises which would restore them to power again. Let us see if they have made good. They promised to do more for the unfortunate insane. We have in the hospitals now six hundred more than in 1900. They promised to do more for the old soldiers and their widows. There is now on the pension roll eight thousand more than in 1900. They promised to do more for the deaf, dumb and blind. We are now educating two hundred more at these Institutions than in 1900. They promised to do more for education. There has been a free school house built in North Carolina every day since Aycock was made Governor, and the length of the school term has been increased seventeen days. There have been one hundred and three thousand more children attending free and high schools than did in 1900. We have six hundred more teachers employed than in 1900.

I wish now to submit the following figures taken from the State Auditors Books at Raleigh which are open for the inspection of every citizen of the State. This record will show how much more the Democratic party has spent for the State Institutions in the past six years than the Republican party spent in the six years they were in power:

Public Schools,	805,028.00
Normal Schools,	33,261.00
A. & M. College at Raleigh,	143,785.00
" " at Greensboro,	28,523.00
Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Raleigh,	60,112.00
University at Chapel Hill,	96,250.00
Old Soldiers Home,	29,460.00
State Hospital Goldsboro col.	103,967.00
" " at Morganton,	248,733.00
State Hospital at Raleigh,	116,633.00
" Normal at Greensboro,	199,643.00
Pensions to Old Soldiers,	405,683.00

Making a grand total of Two Millions Four Hundred and Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Four Dollars. It seems almost incredible to assert that the Democratic party has paid out this enormous sum to the State Institutions more in the six years of their rule than did the Republicans in the last six years of theirs, and yet it is absolutely true, and what is more astonishing, it has been done without increasing or raising the tax one penny. You are not paying one cent more tax than you did when the Republican party was in power, unless you are worth more money now than you were then. Then if this is true, you ask where the money came from to pay this enormous increase in appropriations. The following table will show where a great deal of it came from.

Collected from Railroads in excess of the Republicans, \$512,500.00

Collected from Insurance Cos. of the Republicans, \$50,500.00
Collected from Banks of the Republicans, 40,785.00
Collected from Express Cos. of the Republicans, 8,112.00
Collected from Telegraph Cos. of the Republicans, 21,044.00
Collected from Corporations of the Republicans, \$233,114.00
Making One Million Three Hundred Forty Six Thousands One Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars. Not only have we collected this enormous sum more than the Republican party did, but we have found thousands of people throughout the State who had not heretofore been paying their proportional part of the taxes, and we have forced them to do like others to meet this honest obligation to the State government.

The Republican party says in its platform that the Republicans are in favor of paying the Old Soldiers twice the amount they are now receiving; that they will take better care of the insane, the deaf and dumb and the blind. But let us ask the Republican party, if they are sincere in this promise, why they did not do some of these things when they were in power, and further why it is, if they would be consistent, that Republican speakers throughout the State are criticizing the Democrats for extravagance, and are making their fight on the Democratic party for the very thing which they promise to do more of.

The Republican party has never so much added a room to an Insane Asylum, the Old Soldiers Home, Deaf, Dumb and Blind Schools, or any other State Institution at any time. It died without leaving a single monument in the State to its memory, and I have not heard of any one getting up a subscription to erect one. It will be a long time before the Republican record in North Carolina shall have been forgotten.

Now just a word more about Randolph county, right here at home, where we have all known, seen and felt conditions according to statements made by the Republican candidates on the stump during this campaign, when the Democratic party went into power in December 1900. The County was in debt Six Thousand dollars, and that during the time they were in power the Republicans paid on the County debt about this amount.

Now, what have the Democrats done since they came into power in December 1900? They have paid off this debt, and they have paid for bridges Ten Thousand dollars more than the Republicans did during the same length of time. Can any one point to a single iron or covered bridge built in the County by the Republican party? Was any money turned over to W. J. Miller, our present Treasurer when he took charge of the office? Not a dollar. Has he any money on hand now, and how much? On the first day of the present month, he had on hand Ten Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Twenty Eight Cents (\$10,482.28). And the County does not owe a single debt, and an order on the County is as safe as the cash. All you have to do is to take it to Will Miller and receive the amount it calls for.

Now, this is but a brief history of the two parties in the State and County. I submit it to you for your consideration. As I stated in the outset, you are the jury, and on next Tuesday night when the sun shall have sunk behind the Western hills, you will have rendered your verdict. It is well that the evidence be weighed fully and carefully. Let every man be honest, lay aside all prejudice, and render his verdict in the interest of his County, State and himself, and all will be well.

Before closing I wish to say for the encouragement of all that the County was never more safely Democratic than it is today but we are not going to be satisfied with a majority of six or seven hundred. When the count is made, we want it said that Old Randolph has gone Democratic by one thousand majority, and if every Democrat will do his duty from now until the polls are closed, our most sanguine hope will be realized. We will then feel that the voters have rendered an intelligent and righteous verdict.

I am, sincerely,
W. P. Wood.
October 30th 1906.

Mrs. Curtis Will Visit Asheboro.

Mrs. Nannie Curtis, of Sherman, Texas, who has won a state wide reputation during the past few months as a temperance lecturer, will appear at the Presbyterian Church Friday night, November 9th, at 7:30 o'clock. She has appeared in many of the larger cities and towns in this and adjoining states and everywhere has delighted her audiences with her brilliant oratory, wit, pathos and logic. Everybody is invited and is assured of a pleasant evening.

While the Republican candidates for the Legislature are talking about increasing the State debt, asking them if about \$120,000 of it did not go to pay the indebtedness they left against the Penitentiary.

REPUBLICANS PUT IN 1000 NEGROES

In State, County and Town Offices During 1895-1898.

HISTORY WILL REPEAT ITSELF.

If Republicans are Elected, With Adams as Leader, the Negro Must Be Recognized.—Running on Ticket with Negro He Recognized Him Intellectually an Equal.

The appearance of Judge Adams in Asheboro Saturday at the Republican pow-wow recalls some interesting records of this figurehead in the State Republican Executive Committee and subject of Marion Butler.

The National Republican Committee has issued a call to the negroes of the North to come to the aid of the party who boasts that they gave them office, conferred the power of ballot upon them, and is opposed to the separation of the races in railway cars, etc.

But they say we are not bothered with the negro. We are "Lilly White." Listen! They have 5000 negroes in office to-day.

Before the Democrats disfranchised the negro in North Carolina, in 1896 and 1898 they gave the negro 1000 offices in North Carolina.

In both these years Spencer Adams was a Republican leader, and as judge of the Superior court, delivering the most fiery charge ever heard from a bench in North Carolina. As reward for his devotion to the negroes and his inciting them to violence was made the Republican nominee for governor in 1900 and it is known of all men that Marion Butler, then senator, was the co-worker with Adams in securing the one thousand offices for the negroes in the State, and that these two men and their allies are responsible for the Wilmington riot and all the unrest and peril to the men, women and children of the State, that made life hardly worth living in North Carolina until the Demo rats secured a majority in the Legislature in the election of 1898.

Today these men are pleading for the white votes simply "to take place of the negroes because the negroes were disfranchised over their violent protest." They could not repeal the amendment but if they succeeded in carrying the Legislature they would "plow around the stump," and they would appoint unworthy registrars and judges of election who would put on the poll books ninety-nine out of every one hundred negroes in the State and we would have a return to the evil conditions that prevailed before the amendment was adopted.

Judge Adams is not adverse to the negro for by his past political record he has acknowledged the negro an equal, intellectually, morally and socially, by permitting himself to be a candidate on the same ticket with a negro.

A letter received in Asheboro from one of the most respectable and reliable gentlemen of Caswell county, states that Judge Adams' statement at Albemarle that he did not run on a ticket with a negro because the negro ran as a candidate for the Legislature, and he for Clerk, which required placing their names on separate tickets was not true even from an anti-juggling standpoint. He declares that the year Adams was elected Clerk of the Court in Caswell county, on the same ticket for county officers was the name of Albert Bigelow, a big black negro, for Register of Deeds. The anomaly of this whole thing consists in the fact that Republicans themselves, raise the question of "nigger," and when the Democrats accept the gauge of battle and show them up in their true personal colors, they cry out "persecution," "Intolerance," "Slender" Bulldozing," etc.