

VOTE FOR A. W. McLEAN FOR GOVERNOR

WOODROW WILSON'S OPINION OF McLEAN

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

21 February, 1921.

Dear Mr. McLean:

I have your letter of the 18th of February, tendering your resignation as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury which I hereby accept, in accordance with your request, to take effect at the close of business on the 3rd of March, 1921.

Allow me to take this occasion to express my sincere appreciation of your efficient service in this important executive position, and also of your loyal and effective work as a Director, and later Managing Director, of the War Finance Corporation. In a fine spirit of unselfish patriotism, you accepted appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation with the single purpose of serving your country to the utmost during the war. You have performed this war duty with signal ability and devotion, and you are deserving of a large share of credit for the successful operations of the Corporation. I have known, particularly from the three Secretaries of the Treasury with whom you have been associated, of the great value of your contribution to the success of the war. I am grateful for your help and cooperation.

I am aware that you assumed the burdens of the office of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in addition to your duties as Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, at the urgent request of the Secretary of the Treasury with the patriotic desire of rendering every possible service to your government during this period. I have shared with the Secretary the comfort he has felt in the knowledge that the immediate supervision of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Division of Customs of the Treasury has been in such able hands. I was happy to sign your commission and it is my pleasure to say that you have performed the difficult tasks committed to your care with the intelligence and fidelity of a patriotic American.

I thank you for the kindly sentiments which you express to me personally and send you my heartiest good wishes for the future. I trust that the years to come may bring you continued health and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

Hon. Angus W. McLean,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

In the Primary June 7th



A. W. McLEAN

A life long Democrat whose party loyalty has never been questioned. A man who makes no promises that he cannot fulfill, who appeals to no class, click, nor faction, but to the Democratic party as a whole. No turning backward, no rushing madly forward, just a good steady gait in the middle of the road.

Mills Kitchen Reveals Hopes Held By Father

Famous Congressman Wanted To See McLean Named Governor

UNPRINTED NOTES SPEAK HIS SOUL

Would Rather Have McLean in Cabinet Than Any Other Man.

(Fayetteville Observer, April 21.)

Raleigh, April 21.—The fondest hope, cherished to his death, by Claude Kitchen, of Scotland Neck, long famous in state and congressional circles, was the nomination and election of A. W. McLean to the governorship of North Carolina.

This was revealed here today by Mills Kitchen, son of the late congressman, in an interview with a representative of The Observer.

Mills Kitchen Speaks.

Mills Kitchen had come here from Washington, where he now is engaged in the practice of law, and in the course of a conversation with this writer, the illustrious career of his father was discussed. Mr. Kitchen then told of some intimate conversations he had held with his father shortly before the latter's death, and the conversation led to disclosures of certain notes which the then congressman had left unfinished on his desk.

"My father was not interested in Mr. McLean so much as a person," Mills Kitchen stated, "but more in the light of a great man of ability and skill in business and finance.

McLean's Great Vision.

"He often has spoken to me of Mr. McLean's great vision and insight into business affairs both private and state, and once he told me that North Carolinians would never realize the greatness of McLean because the man's modesty was of such degree as to withhold taking credit for the really big things he did accomplish.

"My father told me that Mr. McLean was regarded high in Washington official circles, and his fame as a great man in the Wilson administration is known in Utah, California, Oregon, Maine, Vermont, Minnesota, Texas, and every other point in the American republic, even to a greater degree than it was realized in his home state."

Possesses Unfinished Notes.

Mr. Kitchen possessed the notes left by his father unfinished when his illness prevented him from carrying out a proposed speech of introduction for Mr. McLean who was to speak in Scotland Neck in the summer of 1922.

Claude Kitchen's feelings toward the present candidate for governor may be seen in the following which hereby are published for the first time:

"Thankful to the constant kindnesses of a merciful Providence and the patient attentions of a devoted wife for being able for the first time in three years to appear before a public audience, I count it a holy—yes, a holy privilege to greet the many wholehearted, welcome visitors and the people of the town of my home, and of my love, and feel a happiness beyond expression to be to some extent part and parcel of this pleasant and joyous occasion.

"Permit me to congratulate both the audience and our distinguished guest upon the happy fact that for the first time in his life one of the very best and most patriotic men in North Carolina meets the very best and most patriotic people in North Carolina.

McLean Cabinet Timber.

"I cannot better express my opinion of the eminent qualities of our guest than repeat here what I have dozens of times said to others, in and out of the state, were I president, of all the men I know, I would, without hesitation, put him in my cabinet as secretary of the treasury, because I know he has the ability, the patriotism, the wisdom, and the courage to measure up in the fullest to every exacting and responsible requirement of that position and of this great and influential nation.

With every emotion of pride and pleasure; I now present as your orator, one who, in the many high and responsible positions he held under Wilson's administration, proved to be and now is a distinct honor to North Carolina and a genuine friend of its people; and who, unless the stars are sending out false signals from the political sky, will be the next governor of our state.

On behalf of the people of Scotland Neck and our visitors, please permit me to thank the committee of the Legion of Scotland Neck for this opportunity of seeing, hearing and knowing in the person of our guest, one of the state's really big men—big in brain, big in heart, big in integrity, big in vision, big in the grasp and comprehension of public conditions and needs—and he is no runt in body."