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**President Taft and the Statehood Bill—National Road Building to be a Democratic Policy**

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Washington, Aug. 14. Are the American people competent to rule? And if they are competent, have they the right under the constitution to do so?

Here are two vital questions directly involved in a vote by President Taft of the Flood Resolution granting statehood to Arizona and New Mexico—territories which have these many years been eligible for admission as states, but have been blocked out, first, because certain big interests in the territories desired it, and second because the Republicans feared Arizona would send Democratic senators to Congress.

The impression that the White House press bureau (Secretary Hilles manager) is trying to put out to the country is that the veto was made necessary by a provision in the Arizona constitution which established the recall. This view is erroneous. The fact is, both branches of Congress were careful not to go on record either for or against the recall. The resolution simply gives to the people of Arizona the right of local self government; the right to vote on the question of recall, and to themselves determine whether they desire the recall.

So the President is not vetoing the recall of judges when he vetoes statehood. What he really is vetoing is the right of the people of Arizona to decide for themselves the form of republican government under which they wish to live.

"You folks in Arizona are not intelligent enough to select the form of government under which you are to live," is the vetoing the president lays down by vetoing the statehood resolution. Mr. Taft would have his will prevail instead of the will of two thirds of the people of Arizona.

In the haze of scandal that hangs over the Taft administration the form of Charles P. Taft, capitalist, busy multiplying his dollars, is plainly discernible. As the curtain is lifted on each succeeding scene of scandal the President is in evidence, and around him, shaping his course, are men who are the acknowledged agents of those forces that are trying to shape humanity to the dollar.

When he was elected he inspired in many who are known as "progressive republicans" the belief that he had made his choice between public and private interests. Perhaps he had. But always before him he must quite naturally see his brother and his brother's wealth. From his nativity, wealth, and its emblems have been of the all-ancient-end-all of the son of plutocracy. Yet he means well. He has a good heart. His great handicap is that he has so many about him who know exactly what they want, and to whom the public good is the last consideration.

Therefore it would seem that it matters little what large schemes are promised or prophesied, so long as Mr. Taft sits in the executive chair. The President has as little chance to succeed as the executive of the nation, as a man in any other walk of life might have if he tried to give two masters.

Canadians are Wary.

The Republican argument that a high tariff is needed in this country to maintain "the high American wage" is shown up as a farce, pure and simple, by the presence in several American manufacturing communities of agents of Canadian manufacturers, who are gathering figures to show that Canada cannot afford to have reciprocity with us for the reason that Canada cannot compete against American goods.

The Canadians are beginning to understand how it is that the steel trust can sell steel in Canada for about half the prices charge the American consumer, and still make a profit. They are learning that men work in the steel mills twelve hours a day, and seven days a week for a dollar and a half a day, and it is for the reason that they do not wish to compete against the cheap foreign immigrant and negro labor employed by American trusts that some of the Canadians are urging the defeat of reciprocity.

And yet, the Republican protectionists have argued all these

MARRIED.

On Sunday morning, August 13, I was asked by a friend to take a walk down South Fayetteville street. After walking some distance I saw a buggy coming up the street with a young man and lady. They drove out in the shade of the trees and the young man handed me a marriage license for himself and the young lady with him. There, in the presence of a few friends, they took the marriage vows. The young man was Mr. J. R. Freeman, of Seagrave, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Freeman; the young lady was Miss Ida Bean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Madison Bean, of Seagrave No. 2. They drove back towards their home looking very happy.

J. S. RIDGE.

DIED.

Robert Dawson Walker, aged 60 years, 2 months 14 days, died at his home in Cedar Grove township August 10 and was buried at New Union cemetery August 11, funeral services being conducted by Rev. John S. Tillman.

He possessed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Protestant Church when about 18 years old, and lived a consistent Christian life till called to this world by his reward. He was a kind and loving father, unassuming in manner and a friend to all and will be much missed in his and surrounding communities.

He is survived by four daughters and one son: Misses Fannie and Emma Walker, Mrs. Lillie McDowell, of Asheboro, Mrs. Celia Lambeth, of Asheboro, R. 3 and Marvin Walker.

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years that the great danger to American labor was the possibility that it might have to enter into competition with the "cheap" labor of other countries. This latest action of the Canadians knocks the last legs from under that ancient contention.

National Road Building to be Democratic Policy.

Speaker Champ Clark has sounded a high note that promises to throw a nice issue into the next campaign. He is a member of the Lincoln memorial commission, and in that capacity he is advocating the building of a great highway from the national capital to Gettysburg, "as the nucleus of a great system of national roads, built by the government in co-operation with the states." The majority of the commission favors a marble arch in the city of Washington, which the speaker says would form a fine meeting place for English sparrows but which would not in any degree fit with the practical character of the great Lincoln. The speaker has induced the President to defer action on the memorial until legislation can be passed to permit the building of the Lincoln road. He will then work for the adoption by the government of a national road building policy.

Wickersham An Issue.

That Attorney General George W. Wickersham will become a campaign issue by 1912 is regarded as practically certain by those who are looking ahead. Wickersham has permitted Taft to be blotted and benighted in the Pinchot and other matters. Wickersham was on the side of Billinger against Pinchot, just as he is at present against Dr. Wiley. Developments at the hearing before the Stanley steel committee, against the United States Steel corporation—trust—contain fresh evidence that Wickersham exemplified the alliance between the Republican party and the capitalists and monopolists. The acquiescence of all this will be that Taft will get many a whack over Wickersham's shoulder.

Competition or Trusts Which?

When the Sherman law was passed legislation was directed toward the prohibition or destruction of monopolistic combinations. Roosevelt, Taft, and Wickersham have not the idea of trust dissolution. They advocate instead that the existence of the trusts be recognized and legalized, but that their greed be curbed by government regulation. It remains to be seen whether the majority of the people are willing to confess that the competitive system is obsolete; to abandon a system which affords free rein for individual enterprise, and to establish in its place a centralized government.

RANDOLPH COUNTY TAXABLES

Assessed Valuation of Real and Personal Property.

From the table given below it will be seen that there has been an increase in the valuation of both real and personal property. The increased valuation of real estate is nothing like so much as the actual increase in the market value.

The increase in the valuation of railroads as shown in another column in this issue is more than \$200,000 in this county. The assessment was increased on all the railroads. The rate per mile is lower on the A. & A. than on any of the roads; the increase on the six tenths of a mile of the main line of the Southern that crosses the northwest corner of the county is nearly twice as much as the increase on the entire 14 miles of the trackage of the Aberdeen and Asheboro in the county. No wonder the counties through which the main line of the Southern and other lines have greatly increased assessed valuations of property.

Below is published a table showing the tax assessment of the various townships of Randolph county for the year 1911. It gives the number of polls listed in each township, the number of acres of land, total assessment; also following the total assessment for 1911 a column showing the assessed valuation by townships for 1910.

The Courier was furnished this table by County Assessor H. M. Worth, who has done his work well, so well that it meets with general approval. It would be well to preserve this table for reference:

| Townships      | Polls | Acres  | Val     | Total   | Total   | Total   | Total   |
|----------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                |       |        | 1911    | 1910    | 1911    | 1910    | 1910    |
| Asheboro       | 419   | 14289  | 110215  | 502544  | 672843  | 607746  | 1087005 |
| Back Creek     | 174   | 29159  | 17307   | 17807   | 24234   | 20741   | 221955  |
| Brower         | 94    | 17794  | 79156   | 79156   | 96489   | 134623  | 104996  |
| Cedar Grove    | 116   | 31122  | 13747   | 13747   | 71919   | 61952   | 108116  |
| Columbia       | 259   | 33736  | 38469   | 110740  | 40540   | 288716  | 637194  |
| Concord        | 180   | 26725  | 105735  | 105735  | 137572  | 305590  | 254964  |
| Coleridge      | 237   | 29629  | 216825  | 14115   | 22550   | 184116  | 401231  |
| Franklinville  | 242   | 20000  | 32215   | 47036   | 47011   | 55667   | 72395   |
| Grant          | 153   | 27378  | 10011   | 40711   | 28867   | 19678   | 146194  |
| Liberty        | 285   | 25394  | 30690   | 11299   | 31659   | 212848  | 343758  |
| New Market     | 151   | 28543  | 18027   | 18027   | 18027   | 18152   | 168283  |
| Pleasant Grove | 70    | 9413   | 18153   | 18153   | 18153   | 61499   | 62690   |
| Princeton      | 143   | 24215  | 216825  | 14115   | 22550   | 184116  | 401231  |
| Randleman      | 397   | 7671   | 32645   | 174707  | 203318  | 141597  | 614999  |
| Richland       | 182   | 14088  | 1163    | 14153   | 13776   | 37626   | 216320  |
| Taboracle      | 219   | 30705  | 30705   | 140749  | 30979   | 30979   | 305328  |
| Tidley         | 259   | 27332  | 31784   | 31784   | 31784   | 31784   | 37383   |
| Union          | 145   | 40394  | 31784   | 11767   | 63337   | 17944   | 170041  |
|                |       | 479725 | 3427825 | 1064000 | 4517824 | 4117000 | 6082961 |

Deducting 1208 acres, value \$493,150 (manufactures listed, as acreage) from 479,725 acres valued at \$3,452,325, there are 478,518 acres of farm lands valued at \$2,959,175, equal to about an average value per acre of \$6.20. Total percentage increase in the county about 19 per cent. Total increase in values, \$1,165,366.

TAX LEVY FOR THE COUNTY.

The State has levied for property tax and 20 cents for school tax, making a total of 45 cents on the \$100 valuation. The county commissioners levied for general county purposes 21 2-3 cents on the \$100 valuation of property. No bridge fund, no court house or special levies were made. The tax being only 66 2-3 cents on the \$100 valuation of property. All schedule taxes same as now.

TAX LEVY FOR THE TOWNSHIPS.

For special road tax for each township 8 1-3 cents on the \$100 valuation.

TAX LEVY FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Below is given the rate of taxation for special tax for public school districts in the county, the figures on the first column being the number of cents levied on the \$100 valuation of property, the figures on the last column being the special poll tax levy.

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Plant Hill    | 30c and 90c |
| Farmer        | 30c and 90c |
| Ramseur       | 30c and 90c |
| Coleridge     | 30c and 60c |
| Shiloh        | 25c and 75c |
| Franklinville | 30c and 90c |
| Liberty       | 30c and 90c |
| Palmer        | 10c and 30c |
| Julian        | 15c and 45c |
| Glenola       | 30c and 90c |
| Cedar Square  | 20c and 60c |
| Marlboro      | 30c and 90c |
| Level Cross   | 25c and 75c |
| Caraway       | 30c and 90c |
| Oak Shade     | 30c and 90c |
| Sophia        | 30c and 90c |
| Providence    | 30c and 90c |
| Three Forks   | 30c and 90c |
| Pleasant Hill | 15c and 45c |
| Uwharrie      | 30c and 90c |

Call to Rural Mail Carriers.

\$4,000,000.00 increase for Rural carriers, is \$8,000,000.00 less than we would get if we were organized.

I made a call to the carriers of Randolph County some months ago, but only one carrier answered my notice.

Now if you care for anything except the dollar you get, and would like to work to make the service better just write me and tell me what you think, and also if you can meet with us in the Court House the 1st Monday in Sept., at 10:00 o'clock.

Now we know there are some people who don't believe in anything except the old way, but we will make out without that fellow. So you just come ahead. If I can hear from some of the carriers, we will get some speakers but if you don't care enough to write about the matter there will be no need to arrange for speakers. Maybe that someone thinks we should have a picnic for all the Rural patrons in the County at some central point. Hoping to hear from every carrier in the County, I remain yours for better service and better roads.

D. M. Sharpe,  
Asheboro, N. C.

Farmers Institute.

The Farmers Institutes will be held in Randolph county as follows: Trinity, Friday, Aug. 18; Randleman, Saturday, Aug. 19; Ramseur, Monday, Aug. 21; Asheboro, Tuesday, Aug. 22; Farmer, Wednesday, Aug. 23.

**RANDOLPH AGRICULTURAL FAIR AND HOME-COMING WEEK**

To be held at Asheboro, October 31st to November 3rd.—Five Big Days

First day, October 31st, Farmers' Day.

Second day, November 1st, Educational and Woman's Day.

Third day, November 2nd, Health and Good Roads Day.

Fourth day, November 3rd, Manufacturers' and Home Comers' Day.

Saturday, November 4th will be for the colored people.

Each day there is a growing enthusiasm over the Randolph Agricultural Fair. Many of the farmers of the county have already begun to pay special attention to some animal that they will exhibit at the fair this fall. Several of the manufacturers have expressed their wish for special attention to their department and they will aid the management in the display of all articles manufactured in the county, the leaders of education in the county say they expect to bring all the school children here on educational day. The State and Federal departments of Agriculture, Health and Good roads are very liberal in arrangement to give us special attractions and good speakers.

It now seems probable that some special mid-day attraction will be brought here, each night there will be some attraction in keeping with the purpose of the Fair as an Educational project. Every person, old and young, will find some attractions of interest to them, the fair is not intended to make money and for that reason all charges if any will be very small.

Not only have those organizations, business concerns and many private citizens within the county gave their support to this fair project, but the management of the A. & A. Railway will co-operate with the management of the Fair to make this a great week for the Fair and the Home Comers.

The people interested in the Fair are those who have the names of Randolph (people who we can reach with an invitation to "come home", are requested to send such information to Geo. R. Ross, Mgr., Asheboro, N. C.

Each member of the Committees have been notified by mail, following is a list of the Committees appointed in the various townships to receive and disseminate knowledge about the Randolph Agricultural and Educational Fair to be held at Asheboro, the county seat, this fall beginning on Tuesday, October 31st, and continuing through Friday, November 3rd.

Pleasant Grove—Older men, Messrs. Leonard, Power, Purvis, Caviness, Bray, Younger men, Messrs. Caviness, Ward, Cox, Denton, Purvis, Ladies, Mesdames Ward, Purvis, Mesdames Brady, Denton, Brady.

Back Creek Township—Older men, Messrs. Farlow, York, Clapp, Kanoy, Crowson, Younger men, Messrs. Clark, Redding, Kearns, Farlow, Bulls, Ladies, Mesdames Bulla, Poole, Mesdames Redding, Farlow, Andrews.

Taboracle Township—Older men, Messrs. Thomas, Phillips, Kearns, Rush, Lawrence, Younger men, Messrs. Walker, Spencer, Morgan, Phillips, Royalt, Ladies, Mesdames Fuller, Cahatt, Mesdames Walker, Spencer, Parrish.

Trinity Township—Older men, Messrs. English, Byrd, Hill, Hill, Blair, Younger men, Messrs. Redding, Finch, Reggin, Crauford, Boldin, Ladies, Mesdames Parker, Redding, Mesdames Andrews, Collett, Bulla.

Richland Township—Older men, Messrs. Monroe, Craven, Hayes, Lucas, Bean, Younger men, Messrs. Moore, Presnell, Cornelison, Graves, Davis, Ladies, Mesdames Cornwell, Vuncannon, Trogdon, Mesdames Lowdermilk, Yow.

New Market Township—Older men, Messrs. Coltrane, Wall, Siler, Coltrane, Stanton, Younger men, Messrs. Gardner, Davis, Wall, Coltrane, Adams, Ladies, Mesdames White, Stanton, Coltrane, Mesdames Gray, Davis.

Governor's Mother Dies.

Mrs. W. H. Kitchin, mother of Gov. W. W. Kitchin, died at her home at Scotland Neck last Tuesday. She had been in feeble health for several months and became worse a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Kitchin is survived by 12 children, ten boys and two girls—Gov. W. W. Kitchin, Congressman Claude Kitchin, State Senator Paul Kitchin, Messrs. Samuel, Arrington, Thurman, Richard, Leland and Teddy Kitchin; Mrs. Archibald McDonald and Mrs. Charles McDonald.

New lands has been selected as the county seat of the new county of Avery. The commissioners were given 65 acres of land for this site, and it is understood that this had something to do with the selection of Newlands as the county seat.

Grant Township—Older men, Messrs. Allen, Humble, Cox, Allen, Brown, Younger men, Messrs. Barker, Humble, Brown, Winingham, Byrd, Ladies, Mesdames Brown, Wright, Ingold, Mesdames Moffitt, Cox.

Union Township—Older men, Messrs. Parks, Luther, Sikes, Trogdon, Bowlin, Younger men, Messrs. Aumac, Slack, Aumac, Parks, Williams, Ladies, Mesdames Welch, Callcott, Mesdames Cox, Lucas, Williams.

Randleman Township—Older men, Messrs. Lassiter, Cole, Trogdon, Hinchaw, Robertson, Younger men, Messrs. Poxard, Barker, Withers, Ruth, Swain, Ladies, Mesdames Marshall, Wrenn, Allred, Mesdames Fields, Barker.

Columbia Township—Older men, Messrs. McMaster, Foushee, Cox, Stout, York, Younger men, Messrs. Foust, Leonard, York, Allen, Williams, Ladies, Mesdames Forrester, Moffitt, Mesdames Foushee, Parks, Kinurey.

New Hope Township—Older men, Messrs. Luther, Crauford, Loftin, Carter, Sheats, Younger men, Messrs. Thornburg, Lassiter, Luther, Loftin, Garner, Ladies, Mesdames Thornburg, Hicks, Mesdames Hill, Lassiter, Kearns.

Concord Township—Older men, Messrs. Morgan, Elliott, Kearns, Varner, Crowell, Younger men, Messrs. Kearns, Kearns, Nance, Parrish, Ridge, Ladies, Mesdames Hubbard, Sheen, Mesdames Cameron, Nance, Horney.

Liberty Township—Older men, Messrs. Williams, Ward, Causey, Jones, Jones, Younger men, Messrs. Brower, Swain, Harlan, Devaney, Brown, Ladies, Mesdames Jones, Smith, Swain, Hardie, Miss Ida Williams.

Asheboro Township—Older men, Messrs. Burrow, Skeen, Fish, Trogdon, Fox, Younger men, Messrs. Brown, Redding, Hammett, Loftin, Moffitt, Ladies, Mesdames Steadman, Smith, Coffin, Mesdames Blair, White.

Providence Township—Older men, Messrs. Julian, Ruth, Stout, Hackett, Hinchaw, Younger men, Messrs. Frazer, Ruth, White, Fields, Ladies, Mesdames Adams, Coble, Mesdames Barker, Wood, Redding.

Coleridge Township—Older men, Messrs. Moffitt, Graves, Macon, Green, Caviness, Younger men, Messrs. Lowdermilk, Caviness, Lambert, Gee, Cox, Ladies, Mesdames Craven, Bray, Hinchaw, Caviness, Moffitt.

Cedar Grove Township—Older men, Messrs. Allred, Whatley, Branson, Lassiter, Vuncannon, Younger men, Messrs. Rush, Tant, Vuncannon, Kearns, Cox, Ladies, Mrs. Lassiter, Mesdames Luck, Vuncannon, Ashworth, Barnes.

Franklinville Township—Older men, Messrs. Winingham, York, Jordan, Ruth, Trogdon, Younger men, Messrs. Lutterloh, Brown, Hinchaw, Festress, Connor, Ladies, Mrs. Ferree, Mesdames Ellison, York, Ellis, Connor.

Brower Township—Older men, Messrs. Macon, Wrenn, Kearns, Owen, Tysor, Younger men, Tysor, Suggs, Moffitt, Mance, Gatlin, Ladies, Mesdames Brown, Tysor, Moffitt, Mesdames Beck, Leach.