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SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1912.

UNDERWOOD AND WILSON.

Voters of Charlotte have had the unique opportunity of hearing on succeeding nights campaign speakers in the interest of the two leading presidential candidates in North Carolina. Wednesday night Congressman Albert Sidney Burleson, of Texas, spoke for Woodrow Wilson in the court house; Thursday night in the Academy of Music Congressman J. Thomas Hefflin, of Alabama, extolled Oscar W. Underwood.

The one meeting and what was said in it was as different in character and purpose from the other meeting and what was said in it, as the two candidates and their campaigns. Congressman Burleson spoke in the county court house because, forsooth, there was no money to pay for the Academy of Music. His audience was smaller than that which attended the Underwood rally Thursday night because there had been no funds to pay for four-page editions in the state papers, the printing of half sheet circulars to be posted on every telegraph pole in the city, or the purchase of space in the state papers for half-page pictures. The Wilson rally could afford but a single brass band and that was a dear extravagance provided by the good will of some local Wilsonite.

The very speaker who addressed the two hundred voters Wednesday night, had occasion to state, without self glorification, that his expenses in coming to North Carolina were paid out of his own pocket, and for his services only his interest in the success of the democratic party and his feeling for Woodrow Wilson were responsible.

Two brass bands were scarcely good enough for the Underwood people. Theirs a campaign of light, and color and laughter!

But we pass by the form of the meetings for the substance of what was said at them. It is human nature to flock to lights, and people love to laugh. Those who sat in the dimly lighted court house on rough benches were inspired by interest of the enduring sort; but of the thousands who laughed at the rapid fire of jokes Thursday night, a goodly number failed to applaud the scattered references to the real issue of the discussion.

Soberly, frankly and with unique consideration of the opposing candidates, Congressman Burleson submitted his cause to the REASON of his hearers. He was honest enough to declare that if he himself or the democratic party were selecting a president outright he would hesitate a long time before he passed Oscar Underwood by in the choice. He did not laud one man above the other, out submitted a proposition that his auditors could agree to or dissent from. He begged voters to THINK.

J. Thomas Hefflin is a clever, specious orator. He can tell a joke in nigger dialect better than anybody else except Polk Miller. He is an adept in covering the main issues in a superficial clothing of laughter. If there was a debatable proposition in his long drawn out address of more than two hours Thursday night, we invite its statement.

The meager portion of his remarks that were related in any discoverable sense to the conflicting merit of Wilson and Underwood, or the strength of each were devoted to an appeal to the feeling and sectionalism of his auditors. The only authority he gave for his prediction of Underwood's selection as the standard bearer of his party was his own declaration inevitably coupled with the fact of his Southernship.

"The time has come for the South to move up to the head of the table—We have been shut out from our inheritance for 100 years—years—Oscar Underwood will lead the South back to its proud position in the councils of the nation"—These

are some of the utterances calculated to stir a Southern audience's sectional feeling and pride of inheritance. Feeling is the most dangerous and destructive element in politics. Friendship and kinship is a short-sighted political creed that has established the spoils system of government, and transformed statesmanship into sectionalism.

Woodrow Wilson submits his cause to the MINDS of his countrymen; Oscar Underwood would blind their reason and conscience in the glare of FEELING. Feeling is the sphere of religion, not of politics; and the history of all the world is that disaster is the result of a confusion of feeling and politics.

There is something pathetic in the spectacle of an honest purpose back of an appeal to reasonable men, handicapped by the opposing power of wealth. Hon. J. Thomas Hefflin had nothing to say on the matter. He carefully refrained from any explanation of the fact that Underwood has confined his candidacy to that section in which he can call upon his friends and kinspeople to stand back of him. He tacitly admitted the conspiracy of wealth against Wilson, and the three-cornered league of opposing candidates, when he asserted that Underwood would be elected by Clark strength, when Clark saw that he himself couldn't be elected, and that to persist in the attempt, would bring defeat of both Underwood and Clark and a resultant contest between the two for the speakership of the house.

One who ran could read the intimated compromise between Clark and Underwood whereby Underwood cedes Clark an unopposed re-election to the speakership for his support in the race for the presidency.

Against this character of opposition Wilson is fighting honestly and singlehanded. The fact that Underwood is from the South is nothing against him, for a truth, but the fact will always stand in the way of the election of a Southern man to the presidency, until the fact itself can be forgotten. Wilson is the only available candidate who can attract to his support the million independent voters the successful candidate must win. This is the proposition he submits to the REASON of the nation.

Men cannot defy law for long and go unwhipped of justice. This fact was demonstrated at Hillsville court house yesterday, when Floyd Allen, one of the leaders of a lawless gang which has terrorized a large section for many years, was sentenced to die in the electric chair for a murder almost unparalleled in its horrors. No set of clansmen can long defy the great state of Virginia and it will not be long until the crimes laid at the door of the Allens will have been avenged.

The city is draped in flags today. Look where one will, the sight of Old Glory attracts the eye. A beautiful setting, indeed, for a celebration which is of wide significance. Twentieth of May week will be observed in keeping with the spirit of the deed which made it famous throughout the country where liberty lovers are found.

The French Board Hustler, which is all that its name implies, will shortly move into a new home. Success and best wishes!

Everything worth while was "made in Charlotte."

Watch the Hornets grow.

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What Goeth On

By The Looker-On.

A Mean Road.

Automobile traffic from Charlotte to the south was suspended the greater part of this week because of the existence of a short stretch of mean road just beyond the Catawba, on the Gaston county side.

It would not greatly injure the county of Gaston if the automobile traffic was indefinitely delayed, it is barely possible, but what prevents the running of automobiles over a road prevents the hauling of farm supplies over that same road. The same thing applies to the hauling of farm products to the market.

Some time ago the Looker-On called attention to the condition of this little piece of road and showed that it is to the advantage of every citizen of Gaston county to have this stretch put into condition.

At Gastonia yesterday, and also at Mt. Holly, McAdenville and Lowell he discussed this matter with some of the leading people of Gaston county, and in each and every instance the opinion expressed was that this road should receive the attention of the county commissioners.

The Looker-On would like to suggest to the commissioners a visit to that little piece of road. If they will do that he is sure immediate action will be taken.

Thanks Returned.

The Looker-On made the trip with the business and professional men of Gaston county, over the line of the Piedmont Traction Company between Gastonia and Charlotte yesterday afternoon and desires to return to several gentlemen in the party special thanks. Among these is Mr. J. R. Rankin, city clerk of Gastonia, without whose valuable assistance the Looker-On would have been closely pressed in several instances.

Alderman Holland of Mt. Holly was also kind enough to come to his rescue and to Mr. H. A. Query of the Gastonia Gazette and Mr. O. L. Moore of the Gaston Progress he wants to express his thanks for timely assistance.

It was like getting home to mingle with the red corpuscles of Gaston county on that trip yesterday afternoon. It does one's heart good to see and talk to and be with those people from "over the river" they come from the best of counties in the best state in the Union, and they are "the salt of the earth."

And you know, the best thing this Piedmont Traction Company is going to do for Charlotte is to put us in closer touch with those self same good people of old Gaston.

That Trip resulted in giving Clarence Kuester of Charlotte an opportunity to tell the people from Gaston what Charlotte thinks of them, and ere long he will be calling the "fellows" and when he does that it means that he is boosting as much for Gaston county as for Charlotte.

Charlotte is "GLAD U KUM" and we hope you will make this the beginning of many similar trips to the Queen City and we assure Gastonia that we shall visit her hospitable borders just as often as the necessities of keeping Charlotte in the lead will allow.

We are "fer you a-heap" over there in Gaston. We appreciate your kindly spirit for Charlotte and this Traction Company is going to allow the people of both sections to demonstrate it more and more as the days go by.

Less Cotton Planted.

"The acreage of cotton between Charlotte and Columbia this year is not more than 50 per cent of the acreage of last year," said a commercial traveler to the Looker-On at the Central hotel last night. "I have been making a study of agricultural conditions in North and South Carolina for the past month" continued this evangel of commerce, "and I have come to the conclusion that in the two states the acreage is from 20 to 50 per cent under that of last year and that at least one half of this acreage is being planted in corn, peas, potatoes and other crops of a similar nature."

Now that is the talk that sounds good to those who make a study of agricultural economics. These are the conditions which will bring about a bettered general situation in these two states. These are the facts which will be read with interest by the financiers of both this section and of the north east from whence some of the capital needed to develop this great section must come.

Planters in Mecklenburg county are turning their attention from cotton to other money crops, crops which are not at the mercy of the gambler in New Orleans, New York and Liverpool.

Our Visitors.

During the coming week thousands of people from various sections of North Carolina and South Carolina will visit Charlotte to take part in the celebration of the greatest event in the history of the American republic, that of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. These visitors come to Charlotte at least once a year, many of them more often during the year and every time they come they leave delighted with their trip.

Now this time they should be made to feel that we are especially glad they are here. We should make them know that it is a pleasure for us to have them within our gates.

There be some among us constitutionally opposed to smiling. Let them forget their grinch for at least six days and give our friends from other sections the glad hand, a hearty welcome to old Mecklenburg and to the greatest city within the confines of the two states.

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