Holloway's Hits

By James Holloway.

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Dear Mr. Editor:

Since last week both the Democratic and Republican Vice Presidential candidates have given utterance to their respective political philosophies. Charlie Curtis of Kansas has taken a stand on prohibition directly opposite to that of his chief, President Hoover. it is going to be very difficult for President Hoover and Vice President Curtis to ride the Democratic Jackass when each of them are going in an opposite direction. Republicans manage somehow to do the impossible and by "riding and tying" they may be able to do this seemingly impossible stunt.

Speaker Garner visited both Governor Roosevelt and Al Smith a few days ago and if any one can bring about a measure of harmony between these former friends, Jack Garner can do it. He has a very fascinating personality and is probably the ablest and best equipped man by training and native ability the Democrats have nominated for Vice President in this decade. He will prove a tower of strength to the national democratic ticket in the coming campaign. No one can meet Garner without being profoundly impressed with his personality and hard headed common sense.

While it is yet too early to analyze the popular reaction to Governor Roosevelt's speech at Columbus, Ohio, it makes the most interesting reading of any public utterance that has yet been made by any candidate. He is both definite and pointed in his remarks and the policies he enunciated remind one very much of the Ten Commandments. His address brings the first ray of hope to the "Forgotten man." Governor Roosevelt is preeminently the most polished orator the democratic party has nominated since Woodrow Wilson was President. He has a free and easy style which always impresses an audience, he is also forceful and direct in his delivery. It will not be necessary for the people to puzzle themselves over the possible meaning of Governor Roosevelt; he is not given to equivocation or ambiguity in speech. This characteristic will doubtless prove to be his strongest asset, the people want men to say what they mean and mean what they say. At the present time, suspense is no longer tolerable.

This scribe was in Greensboro a few days ago and called on the Republican Gubernatorial candidate while in the city. He is a very pleasant gentleman to meet, courteous, affable and quiet in manner. Those who know him intimately, consider him the highest type of man the Republicans have ever nominated for the Governorship in North Carolina. A most remarkable fact about the Republican Senatorial and Gubernatorial nominees is the striking physical resemblance between Jake Newell and Mr. Frasier. They favor each other enough to be kinfolks. Mr. Frasier is under no delusion concerning the contest he has been projected into by Chairman Duncan. He is thoroughly cognizant of the fact that in Blucher Ehringhaus he has a foeman worthy of his steel. He does not brag or bluster about what he is going to do to his democratic opponent as he realizes he is going to have to fight an uphill fight all the way. If he could be relieved from the terrible handicap of the present Republican leadership in North Carolina he would be in a much better position to wage a winning fight. Chairman Duncan and Secretary Foster is too big a load for even a Democratic candidate to carry. With such a load, any Republican candidate is simply headed for disaster.

Col. Bob Reynolds, with the aid of President Hoover and Vice President Curtis, will simply overwhelm Jake Newell next November. Jake Newell starts out in the fight entirely out of harmony with both of the Naional Republican candidates and the party platform. There is no possible way for him to travel along together with them, consequently he will not be able to demand their maximum support. The prohibition issue promises to become a very troublesome question to both parties in the coming campaign. If the genuine blown in the bottle prohibitionist votes for prohibition nominees next November they will not effect the strength of either party. It is highly improbable that they will feel more kindly to President Hoover, who has shown so little regard for the principles involved in the Eighteenth Amendment, than they will for Governor Roosevelt, who has taken a positive stand entirely consistent with his formerly expressed views. Neither Presidential Candidate can accomplish anything looking to the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment without the cooperation of the National Congress. Should Congress pass a resubmission bill it will still be in the hands of the people of the Nation and as no constitutional Amendment to the Federal Constitution has ever been repealed, it is a safe ten to one bet the Eighteenth Amendment will never be repealed, no matter who may be elected this fall. All the hullabaloo now going on in the Press and the fervent ballyhoo from the various public speakers, both pro and con, relative to the unpopularity of prohibition is simply "much ado about nothing." The Eighteenth Amendment will remain in the Constitution just as long as that historic document is recognized as the fundamental law of the land. There are too many other vital questions pressing for solution and it will be nothing short of folly for the American people to paramount this issue at this time and ignore other issues which may mean, if they are allowed to die, a strike at the very foundations of our civilization. Big business is using the proposed repeal of Prohibition as a smoke screen to conceal their nefarious schemes from the people. This has always been their policy when they have to deceive the people. It will be a great calamity if the people allow themselves to be hoodwinked again by an issue which has been settled for all time. What this country needs now above everything else is jobs for the people and living prices for the products of the farm. A heated discussion of Prohibition will provide neither, whether it is resubmitted to a popular vote or abolshed entirely.

The Wake County Office Holding Court House Ring are still defying the County Commissioners by their refusal to accept the proposed Salary cut voluntarily. They are simply sowing the wind and they will as surely reap the whirlwind of popular resentment and disapproval two years from now, as any thing can be. The movement for an independent county ticket is growing in popular favor all over the County and if the Office Holders continue to refuse the salary cut it will soon assume alarming proportions and may result in the defeat of all the Court House gang.

The next General Assembly, from all reports, will come to Raleigh with the avowed purpose of pruning the political office Holders' Fig Tree relentlessly. There are said to be a large number of hard boild Scotchmen among the members who will be as deaf as a door post to the pleading of the army of political parasites who are now preying on the Tax Payers of the state. Tax burdens have become so appalling the people simply will no longer stand for the present conditions, they are not asking relief, they are demanding action in thunder tones and they are going to get it or know the reason why it is not forthcoming. The tax-Eaters are going to be compelled to exist on a very thin diet after the next Legislature adjourns. There is going to be very little nourishment for Tax Eating office holders in the subsistence provided in the future by Legislatures.

Business conditions are beginning to show some faint signs of improvement. People are beginning to hope for better things in the future and this fact alone is encouraging. Both Cotton and Tobacco will be higher than last season, from present indications, but there is no present sign of anything even approaching a state of normalcy in the business world. Until the people's buying power is restored there cannot be any appreciable improvement in business conditions. If the business men of the nation only had the courage to start up all our industries on full time with a full complemet of employees the depression would be licked to a frazzle in thirty days. Farmers and the working people spend all they make as soon as they get it and that has accounted for all the prosperity this or any other country has ever known.

In the tragic death of Rev. Martin Luther Kesler of Thomasville last week the state has sustained an irreparable loss. He was a great soul, who built for himself an enduring monument in the hearts of thousands of little orphan children all over this land. He was wrapped up in his work and he gave his best to the little ones intrusted to his care and training. The old axiom so often heard that "Death loves a shining mark" was certainly well exemplified in the passing of this good man.

The writer visited the beautiful little town of Zebulon the past week and had the pleasure of meeting and talking with the Rev. Theo. B. Davis and his charming wife. He and his talented wife are co-editors of the Zebulon Record, a weekly newspaper of unusual merit and interest. Mrs. Davis contributes a weekly letter to the Record which is alone well worth the price of the paper. They deserve the support of the people of the comvice which cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTIONS: With my feed crops ruined by the dry weather what can I plant that will give me feed next spring?

ANSWER: Both a hay and grain crop should be planted this fall. The hay crop should consist of about two bushels of oats with 20 pounds of vetch to the acre. This should be broadcast or drilled in between September 15 and October 1. For the grain ration we suggest two bushels of oats, five pecks of wheat, or two bushels of barley. The oats and barley should be sown between October 1 and 15, and the wheat between October 15 and November 1. These crops do not need fertilizer if the land was fertilized last spring. It will pay, however, to top dress the crops with nitrate of soda or sulphate of amonia next spring.

QUESTION: I have been trying to improve my land by planting cowpeas. I get a fair crop of hay but the corn crop the following year is poor, the plants stunted and the leaves turn yellow. What is wrong with the land?

ANSWER: You are trying to do the impossible. To improve land by planting legumes, the hay or vines must be left on the land. The crop mentioned is a heavy feeder especially for potash and when you cut the hay you leave the land poorer than when you started. Plow under the entire crop for best results or, if the hay is cut, potash must be added at the rate of 30 to 50 pounds of muriate of potash to the regular corn fertilizer.

QUESTION: How much acreage planted to temporary pasture should I allow for each cow in my herd?

ANSWER: The acreage allowed per cow depends to a great extent upon the productivity of the soil but on good land one-half an acre will produce sufficient feed for spring grazing and will also leave a good amount of material to cut for hay or to turn under for soil improvement. A fertile soil however is necessary for best results in any pasture and this should be fertilized with from four to five hundred pounds of a complete high grade fertilizer. With proper fertilization and the addition of two tons of ground limestone one acre will furnish sufficient grazing for two animals.

USES LESS FERTILIZER; GETS BETTER CROPS

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Because he adopted a rotation in which the use of legumes was given a prominent place and reduced his cotton acreage to give place for livestock and feed crops, C. L. Braddy of Councils in Bladen County reports better crops from his 150-acre farm even though he had reduced his costs for fertilizer by a sizable figure.

The Braddy farm had been cultivated strictly as a cotton and tobacco place until five years ago when he worked out a definite crop rotation system with the aid of E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. Little attention had been paid to soil improvemen. In 1927, however, Mr. Brady began his rotation system and added soybeans in his corn for turning under. The beans were planted between the rows of corn and also in the row with the corn. He arranged his plantings so that this happened to each field each two years. In the meantime, he discontinued the growing of cotton and used the released land for peanuts, cowpeas and soybeans.

Mr. Blair says these crops made it feasible for Mr. Braddy to increase his cattle and hogs and to grow the same acreage of tobacco as theretofore. Recently, he told Mr. Blair that his fertilizer bill in 1927 amounted to $1,000 but in 1932 it was only $200. Yet he has better crops this year than in 1927. He also reported that his checks for hogs last year enabled him to stick out the long session of the General Assembly of which he is a prominent member.

He found further that by building up his land with legumes, the fertilizer used was more effective nor did he actually need so much as formerly.

TOBACCO CROP OUTLOOK

Based on crop condition reports on August 1, the production of tobacco on North Carolina farms this year will be slightly more than half that of last year. This year's yield will probaby be 200 millions pounds less than it was last year, and prices are expected to be correspondingly high. However, the recent rains in this section have improved a very poor prospect to a very encouraging one, and it is expected that if the present outlook continues to grow brighter, late tobacco will be fifty per cent better than it promised to be a month ago.

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