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BRYAN AND CLARK BURY THE HATCHET

Party Leaders Put Aside Personalities of Baltimore Convention for Good of Party.

Washington, April 18.—Speaker Clark and Secretary Bryan met at a private luncheon here today, shook hands and issued public statements declaring they had buried the hatchet and put the personalities of the Baltimore convention with the by-gones. The luncheon was arranged by Theodore A. Bell, chairman of the California delegation supporting Speaker Clark at Baltimore, and was given by Ira E. Bennett, editor of The Washington Post.

Intense interest was aroused in political circles over the reconciliation of the two antagonists, whose differences became acute as a result of events at the Baltimore convention.

Secretary Bryan's prepared statement issued tonight is as follows:

BRYAN'S STATEMENT.

"My meeting with Mr. Clark has served to clear up a misunderstanding as to my exact position toward him at the Baltimore convention. I have tried to make it clear to Mr. Clark that I have always regarded and now regard him as a clean progressive Democrat. If my language at Baltimore created any impression that I was charging Mr. Clark with being in sympathy with any of the reactionary forces, I am glad of the opportunity to clear any such misconception of my words and acts, for I did not intend to reflect upon either the personal or political integrity of the Speaker. It is my earnest wish that there may be cordial co-operation between the State Department and the Speaker in carrying out the policies of the Administration."

CLARK'S STATEMENT.

Here is Speaker Clark's statement: "It is beyond the power of Colonel Bryan or any one else to correct the injustice that was done to me at Baltimore. The loss of the presidential nomination was a small thing as compared to the injury done to my reputation in the eyes of the world. But now that Colonel Bryan, in his public statement, has done what he can to remove the injurious impressions that were created by his Baltimore speeches, I feel that we can all the better co-operate for the good of the Administration. I can only repeat what I have publicly declared, time and time again, that all personal or selfish considerations must give way to the duty that all Democrats owe to our party and to our country."

Those who sat at the table with the others already mentioned and saw the disappearance of what many political sages thought the most embarrassing situation confronting President Wilson's Administration, were: Vice President Marshall, Secretary Lane, Senators Kern and O'Gorman; Representative Crisp, Secretary Tully, Assistant Secretaries Osborne and Malone, of the State Department, Thomas F. Logan and L. L. James.

Those in charge of the affair said Speaker Clark and Secretary Bryan exchanged jokes and had a good time. The statements were given out through Mr. Bennet.

So far is known, it was the first time the two had met since before the Baltimore convention. Speaker Clark's friends always have said that it was through Mr. Bryan's activity and influence that the convention, contrary to custom, refused to give the Speaker the necessary two-thirds vote after it several times had given to him a majority. Strong statements of a somewhat personal nature were also issued by Mr. Bryan and Mr. Clark at the time.

The reconciliation was looked upon in political circles as the most significant political development of the Administration so far.

GAVE BIRTH TO 17½ POUND BABY

Scotland Neck, April 22.—A negro woman living on the farm of John R. Madry, near here, gave birth to a 17½ pound child today. The child died but the woman is recovering and shows every indication of gaining complete recovery.

GOVERNOR JARVIS AT FOUR OAKS

Four Oaks, April 23.—The Four Oaks Graded school celebrated its annual commencement on Thursday and Friday of last week, April the 17th and 18th. On Thursday night the music and expression department rendered a most delightful program, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Miss Blanche Williams, who is at the head of this department, is to be congratulated on the success she has attained. Her pupils have made a most wonderful improvement and her work is worthy of commendation.

On Friday morning at 11 o'clock, Ex-Governor Jarvis delivered the address. He had a large audience out to hear him, the new auditorium was full. His address was one of the finest things heard here in quite awhile. His speech innocently betrayed the high ideals and character of the man. Those who missed the address, undoubtedly, missed a treat. Following the address the medals and prizes were awarded. Miss Mary Barbour was awarded the Reciter's Medal and Miss Florence Adams was awarded the Music medal. There were various other prizes given.

On Friday evening, at 4 o'clock, Four Oaks and Selma Graded schools crossed bats, which resulted in a victory of 6 to 1 in favor of Selma. Both teams had a few players that didn't belong to either of the regular school teams. Although the game was replete with errors, it was full of interest. Selma made four of her six runs in the second inning. It doesn't matter when Four Oaks made the most of hers, anyway, she made one. Adams and Cole opened the game for Four Oaks and were relieved in the fourth by Creech and Smith. Taltan and — were the battery of Selma. The basket-ball game with Selma for 3 o'clock was cancelled on account of the Selma team disbanding.

On Friday night the commencement reached its climax when the student body presented the play, Hiawatha. There has never been anything in Four Oaks equal to this. It expressed a great deal of talent, energy and hard work. Every inch of space in the Auditorium was packed and jammed, and those on the outside were scrambling for an inch of window room.

DAVIDSON AGAINST ROAD BOND ISSUE.

Lexington, April 22.—The \$300,000 bond issue for good roads was defeated today by a majority not less than twelve hundred. It may go to fifteen hundred when the returns are all in. The bond issue carried in only two townships, Thomasville and Boone.

In Thomasville the south precinct broke exactly even and in the north precinct there was a majority of 24 for good roads. Boone township majority for the bonds will be small.

Lexington township's vote was the biggest disappointment of the day. The vote stood 554 to 312 against good roads, a majority of 242. In one township, Conrad Hill, only seven voted for bonds; in Abbott's Creek, nine.

The campaign has been hard fought. Col H. B. Varner, president of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, backed by the best citizens of the county, but could not carry it. There have been speakings in every township and a series of personal letters placed the proposition before every voter.

Governor Craig made ten speeches in the county and many other eminent speakers took part in the campaign.

Under the bill another election may be called in ninety days and arrangements will be made for another election within the next six months.

APEX VOTES BONDS FOR GRAD-ED SCHOOL.

Apex, N. C. April 22.—Apex today took a step forward in its educational affairs. It voted a bond issue of \$12,500 to make additions to its present graded school building. With 215 registered voters there were 128 votes for the bond issue and 68 against it. There was much interest shown and the election went off quietly.

TO INVESTIGATE CIVIL SERVICE

Interesting Movement Started by Senator Overman and Congressman Pou.

Washington, April 17.—The most interesting movement started here recently by North Carolinians is the one to have a thorough investigation of the civil service. Senator Overman introduced a resolution in the Senate, and Representative Pou one in the House.

Mr. Pou's resolution provides: That the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service is hereby authorized and instructed to conduct an investigation for the purpose of ascertaining:

(1) Whether the civil service laws of the United States have been violated in appointments to the Government service;

(2) Whether persons have been appointed to positions in the Government service who have made false statements as to place of residence or citizenship;

(3) Whether it is true that in any department or bureau of the Government, ninety per cent of the voters holding positions in such department or bureaus, belong to one political party, and if so, why such condition exists;

(4) Whether any state has more employees in any department or bureau of the Government than the just or legal quota to which such state is entitled;

(5) The number and names of employees and officers of the United States now employed in the different departments of the Government who have been covered into classified service by virtue of executive orders since January 1, 1900, together with the date and copy of each order;

(6) The number and names of persons now in the classified civil service from each state and territory and the District of Columbia, as differentiated from the number of such persons who have been appointed, also number and names of persons temporarily employed as differentiated from permanent employees;

(7) Any and all violations or evasions of the civil service law by any Government official.

That said committee may sit during the sessions of the House and the recess of Congress; that it may sit in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, or elsewhere, as it may deem expedient; that it shall have the power to summons and compel the attendance of witnesses including employees of the Government, and the production of books and papers and to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses; that a majority of said committee shall constitute a quorum; and that the Speaker may sign and the Clerk of the House attest subpoenas during the recess of Congress.

That the expenses incurred in the investigation shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.00, and shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Rep. H. L. Goodwin's committee would make the inquiry. The Pou resolution goes to the House Committee on Rules to be considered there.

The Democrats of Congress are very much interested in the Civil Service situation.—H. E. C. Bryant, in News and Observer.

THREE REFUSE RUM ON WAY TO GUILLOTINE.

Paris, April 21.—None of the three auto bandits who were guillotined in the French capital shortly before 5 o'clock this morning, would take the big glass of rum which is offered to men about to be executed.

Callem and Soudy signified their refusal by a nod, while Monier declared, "I will not alcoholize myself."

VANCE VOTES \$200,000 GOOD ROADS BOND ISSUE.

Henderson, April 22.—Vance county today voted to issue \$200,000 in bonds for the building of good roads. The bond issue carried in every precinct except one.

BELGIAN STRIKE CAUSING GREAT LOSS

Estimated Twelve Million Dollars for First Week in Efforts to Gain Manhood Suffrage.

Brussels, Belgium, April 19.—Twelve million dollars is the figure compiled in trustworthy circles of Belgium's loss in the first six days of the strike for equal political rights which has been joined by about 400,000 men, half the male working population of the country.

Two-thirds of this loss falls, according to the Socialist trade union leaders, upon the employers and supporters of the existing system. Organizers of the strike affirm that the men by exercising self-denial can hold out as long as the capitalists are willing to endure deprivation of dividends for a political reason only.

All appearances go to show that the strike will continue for a considerable period, as the determination of the men is met by equally firm rejection of any idea of compromise by Premier De Broqueville and the other cabinet ministers. They have refused to submit the question to a referendum of the country.

Printers and tailors here have struck. Even the employees of the Socialist paper quit work. Reports of minor incidents of violence have been received from various quarters, but as a rule all is pacific.

Many Belgians employed in French border towns are joining in the strike.

Children of the Belgian strikers continue to arrive daily in France. At Blanc-Misseron 360 children, at Feignies 260 and at Jeumont 660 have been temporarily taken into the homes of French Socialists.

The steamship Lapland was able to sail from Antwerp today, according to schedule, carrying 2465 passengers. Emigration to the United States from Belgium shows a remarkable increase. There are now 21,000 men out here. Rotterdam wharf laborers have refused to unload lighters sent from this port.

At Herstal some of the employees at the National Arms factory have returned to work. Five thousand cotton workers left the factories of Ghent today. A big match factory and all the cigar factories at Grammont are closed.

At Mons contents of a lumber yard were piled on the railway, blocking trains carrying non-strikers.

THRASH FINED \$400 AND TAXED WITH COST.

Salisbury, April 22.—Under the charge of selling whiskey and of having on hand more than the law allows, P. H. Thrash, of Asheville, was tried in Rowan county court today and fined \$400 and cost. A notice of appeal was given, though officers do not believe this will be taken.

Last night Sheriff McKinzie seized fourteen barrels of whiskey belonging to Thrash and arrested several employees at the plant where it was found.

Preparations were being made to ship the whiskey to Chattanooga, and Government officials found irregularities in the handling. A portion of the liquor was ordered destroyed. The remainder will go forward to the Chattanooga firm. A revenue officer was on hand when sheriff McKinzie took charge of the place.

MARRIAGE AT SARDIS.

Last Sunday evening just before the service begun at Sardis Baptist church, five miles south-east of here, Mr. M. A. Pennington and Miss Docia Adams were united in marriage by the pastor of the church, Rev. W. H. Wall. The happy young couple are popular young people who have many friends whose best wishes attend them in their wedded life.

The hookworm thrives where the barn lot takes the place of sewers. White people, especially white children, catch the hookworm by running around barefoot. The hookworm bores itself up through the soles of the feet, and then on into the intestines.

PLANNING FOR THE POST OFFICES

Washington, April 21.—After several conferences with Postmaster General Burleson, Representative Godwin said tonight that he did not have the slightest doubt that every fourth class postoffice in the country would be filled by Democrats when the postoffice department finally got through with the rearrangement of the postal service.

Mr. Godwin said that Postmaster General Burleson told him that while some kind of an examination would be held for fourth class postmasters, that examination would be so easy that no man who could read and write would fail to pass the examination.

"I am in favor of filling every fourth class postoffice in the United States with Democrats," said Mr. Godwin. "If filling these offices with Democrats will place me in the class of the 'spoilsmen,' then I am a 'spoilsmen' of the rankest sort."

Mr. Godwin said if the postmaster general had left the slightest doubt in his mind about ousting the Republican fourth class postmasters he would not have given out the above interview. "I never was more confident of anything than I am that these Republicans will be ousted when the final test comes," said Mr. Godwin. Mr. Godwin said he was opposed to the plan of holding any kind of examination for the fourth class offices, but after going over the proposed plan with Mr. Burleson he was perfectly satisfied that the offices would be filled by Democrats regardless of the examinations.—Parker R. Anderson, in Greensboro News.

SELMA NEWS.

Selma April 23.—We are having a plenty of Measles and Roseola here now.

Mrs. W. T. Woodard and little son have returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Mary Creech, who has been very sick for the past week, is out again, we are glad to note.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Scarborough, of Winston, are on a visit to Mrs. R. J. Noble. They will leave on Thursday to visit their son who lives near Warrenton.

Miss Annie S. Noble has returned from a visit to Wilson and will leave for a visit to her brother, Dr. Robert P. Noble in Ensley, Ala., next Monday. Mrs. Robert P. Noble and Master Robert will go with her.

Last week a car, that was in the great flood out West, passed here on its way to Norfolk. The mark of the muddy water was about two feet up the side of the car; and the water had washed all of the oil out of the car wheel boxes causing the boxes to get hot and burn all of the rabbit metal out of the journal boxes.

People are beginning to talk about new officers for the town for the next term.

We are looking out for news of the new Bank.

Mr. R. F. Horton, local agent for the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., has been promoted from Local agent to assistant Superintendent for this district.

As we had a heavy frost on April 22nd, last Tuesday, I give below a record of the last frost for the past thirteen years:

1899	April	6
1900	April	15
1901	April	30
1902	April	22
1903	April	28
1904	April	22
1905	April	18
1906	April	26
1907	April	26
1908	April	26
1909	April	4
1910	April	26
1911	April	24

The above may be of interest to some and it would be well for them to cut it out and keep for future reference.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

The highest moral life of which a man is capable is to live absolutely in the present moment and make it as sweet and beautiful as possible.—John Percyfield.

GIANT OF THE DEEP RIDES THE WAVES

The Aquatania, the Biggest Steamer Afloat, was Launched in Great Britain Monday.

Glasgow, April 21.—The largest steamship ever built in Great Britain, the Cunard liner Aquatania, was launched on the Clyde today. The new vessel is double-shelled and carries boats sufficient to accommodate the entire complement of 3250 passengers and crew of 1000.

The principal figures of the Aquatania are; length, 901 feet; breadth, 97 feet; depth from keel to boat deck, 92 feet, 6 inches; gross tonnage 47,000 tons; speed, 23 knots.

Extending throughout the most vulnerable parts there is a ship within a ship. In other words, there are two shells, the inner as well as the outer shell, both being watertight. The space between the outer and inner skins average about fifteen feet and at short intervals there are bulkheads dividing this intervening space into relatively small compartments.

Any fracture of the outer shell due to collision will result in the ingress of the sea being limited to a small area at the side of the ship in addition to this important provision, there are sixteen bulkhead extending athwartship from the port to starboard side.

Further provision against flooding has been made by the development of the system of fitting watertight decks, which was introduced into the construction of the Lusitania and Mauretania.

Passenger accommodation will be provided on a scale commensurate with the great size of the ship. The first-class public rooms will include: a drawing room, hall and galleries, lounge, smoking room and veranda cafes on the "A" deck, and a foyer, restaurant, grill room and dining saloon on the "D" deck. There will be a gymnasium and swimming bath.

The second-class public rooms include a drawing room, lounge, smoking room and dining saloon. There are eight decks on which passengers are carried.

MICRO SCHOOL CLOSE.

The school at Micro closed last Friday night after one of the most successful years of its history.

There was a ball game in the afternoon between the school boys and the town boys. The score was 6 and 5 in favor of the school boys. The boys have played excellent ball this year. They have played several games and have met only one defeat.

The exercise for the night was very interesting. Surely they must have had good training to have become such masters of this work as they showed that they were.

The exercises lasted until about 10:30 o'clock. The time was enjoyed by all who were present. At the close of the exercise a beautiful bunch of flowers was presented to each of the teachers by Mr. H. J. Corbett, of Micro. All the people went away saying by their actions that "it was good for us to be here."

The people of Micro and its surrounding community wishes to extend many thanks to Misses Cox and Pittman for the work they have done for the school.

FOUR OAKS STORES CLOSE AT 7:30.

We, the undersigned, of Four Oaks, do hereby agree, that beginning on May 1st, we will close our stores promptly at 7:30 P. M., Saturday nights excepted. This agreement becomes void on September 1st, 1913.

Austin Stevens & Co., J. W. Sanders & Co., A. B. Adams & Co., Dalton Lee, Massengill Hardware Co., W. J. Lewis, The Adams Co., W. R. Keen.

Of the members of President Wilson's cabinet, two, Secretaries Bryan and Wilson, are Presbyterians; McAdoo and Attorney-General McReynolds are Episcopallians; Secretary Daniels is a Methodist, and Postmaster-General Burleson a Baptist.