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WHY THE SOUTH IS SO SOLID

Senator Tillman on Taft's Efforts to Win Southern Democrats

"You ask me why we're solid. I answer, briefly, because we're white. The south clings to the Democratic party because it is the only exponent of the white man's rule and until the Republicans of the north give up the idea that the negro is as good as the white man there's nothing for the southern man to do but remain a Democrat."

Driving home every word with savage emphasis, Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, thus concluded a speech on President Taft's efforts to "break up the white man's party in the south," at the dinner of the South Carolina Society at the Hotel Knickerbocker April 21st.

Senator Tillman candidly admitted that for twenty-five years the south has nullified the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments and declared that the educational clause of the franchise law has been openly construed against the negroes and in favor of the whites.

Senator Tillman said there had been in the south a referee system in which the referee kept in touch with the negro politicians.

"I don't claim to represent negroes in South Carolina," said the senator, "although I have tried to look out for their interests. I am a white man's white man, and I believe that God made the white man out of better clay, but in the United States senate I have tried to be a United States senator and not a South Carolina senator."

Senator Tillman started his hearers in his opening remarks by referring to the divorce question.

"I have traveled all around this country," said the senator, "and there is one thing about a South Carolinian that distinguishes him from every one else in this country. And that's this, that he has just one girl and when she grows old, he doesn't look around for some young pullet and go to some judge and for some trivial cause frequently trumped up, get rid of the girl who has been with him all his life."—Wilson Times.

HAMILTON ITEMS

Mrs. Picot returned to Raleigh Thursday.

Mrs. Long has returned from Gainsville, Ga.

Miss Estelle Moore has returned from Hobgood.

Miss Anna Clark has been visiting Mrs. Gladstone.

Mrs. Perkins and daughter went to Robersonville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haskett have been visiting Miss Ella Miller.

Misses Lizzie and Neppie Slade went to Williamston Thursday.

Mesdames S. D. Mathews and C. H. Baker went to Scotland Neck Friday.

Rachel and Helen Edmondson went to Robersonville Friday to attend the commencement.

Mesdames Rooks and Peel went to Robersonville to attend the closing exercises of the school.

Hail Storm

The hail storm which struck for several miles between Williamston and Hamilton Tuesday afternoon, was quite severe as learned from reports. Bucketfuls of hail stones were picked up, and the trees showed evidences of its severity. The crops were not large enough to feel the effect.

Ganderbone's Forecast

For May

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The shades of night were falling fast
As through the Afric jungle passed
A wounded lion, badly hit
And followed by a crowd, to-wit:
One ex-President,
Four trackers,
Two gun bearers,
One water boy,
Three photographers,
Two stenographers,
One taxidermist,
Two skinner,
One ammunition wagon,
And 400 bushbeaters.

At length the lion reached his lair,
Backed into it in deep despair,
And vowed so long as life was his
To fight, though sorely wounded,
Viz:

One leg shattered,
Two knife slashes on back,
Four ribs kicked in,
One dum-dum bullet in head,
Two steel-nosed bullets in body,
One ear blown off,
And bitten through the windpipe.

The shouting and the tumult grew,
The angry bullets spat and flew,
And when the king of beasts was not

The following fireworks were shot:
Six skyrocketes,
Two flowerpots,
One spinwheel,
Four Roman candles,
Three Booker Washington chasers,
Two medium-sized bombs,
And one son-of-a-gun.

May gets its name from Maia, who was the mother of Mercury, the Roman god of prosperity. If business is going to improve at all, it will do so under this favorable sign, for May was named for and dedicated to gain, and during its thirty-one days business has usually been good and money comparatively abundant.

In addition to Mercury's temple in Rome, an altar was raised to him over a well near the Porta Capena, and here the merchants repaired on the festival of the god (May 25) to sprinkle their goods with the waters of the well, that they might be purified and yield a big profit. This was the origin of watering stocks, and even to this time the 25th of May is a holiday in Wall street and the New Jersey Legislature.

Wake me early, mother darling,
at the breaking of the day, for I'm to be queen of the May, mother, I'm to be queen of the May. I have the bonnet, mother—it's the strangest ever seen, and you bet your bottom dollar it's the bonnet makes the queen. It has the seeming, mother, of a coal-hod upside down, with the spout projecting backwards from the flower-covered crown, while the circling bail upon it passes underneath my chin—wake me early! I am crazy for the voting to begin.

The meadowlark will warble, and the apple tree will bloom, the frog will woo his true love with his melancholy boom, the barefoot boy will issue his spring challenge to the tack, the lamb will frisk and gambol like a jack-knife in the back, the playful winds will frolic in the fields of waving green, and the terrible mosquito press his face against the screen.

Come out into the garden, Maud,
the vines begin to run, and the seed our Congressman sent out are sprouting every one. The gumbo and the oyster plant are seven inches high, and mint (I wonder does he know the state has voted dry? A Congressman in Washington can keep himself so wet that even if his state is dry, he's likely to forget.) However that may be,
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ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

People Coming and Going--As Gathered By Our Regular Correspondent.

By JOHN D. EVERETT

Miss Maree Robertson is ill this week.

Mr. W. L. James went to Oak Grove Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Roberson, Jr., went to Norfolk Monday.

Miss Essie Peel of Williamston was here Saturday.

Mr. W. W. Walters, of Jamesville was here Tuesday.

Miss Ward of Williamston is the guest of Mrs. Sam Barnhill.

Mr. John Lewis, of Scotland Neck, was in town Monday.

The Misses Cummings of Tarboro are visiting friends here.

Miss Hallie Meads of Weeksville is visiting Mrs. J. C. Robertson.

Rev. E. C. Andrews of Plymouth was in town Thursday and Friday.

Dr. Underwood and Mr. Silas House went to Baltimore Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Ross went to the country Sunday to visit her mother.

Mrs. Henry Staton of Bethel visited Mrs. R. J. Nelson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning of Williamston were here last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Ward are entertaining their brothers of Wilson this week.

Miss Minta Bonner of Aurora is visiting Mrs. D. B. Parker this week.

Miss Fay Everett visited Miss Myrtle Everett in the country last week.

Miss Estell House of Scotland Neck is visiting Mrs. R. J. Nelson this week.

Miss Lishie Coburn of Gold Point spent several days in town last week.

Supt. R. J. Peel and son, Elmer, attended the commencement here last week.

Miss Lillie Wynn of Williamston is spending this week with Miss Sue Everett.

Misses Chandler and Malone left Monday morning for their home in Mebane.

Mr. Roster Thomas and Miss Lizzie Overton, of Stokes, were here Friday.

Miss Bertha Barnhill, of Stokes is spending the week with Miss Annie Mooring.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds filled his appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Birthday Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sidney Coffield entertained on Wednesday evening from 8 to 1 o'clock in honor of the fifteenth birthday of their niece, Miss Susie Pippin Purvis. The guests were delightfully entertained throughout the evening with musical selections and a word contest. This contest was entered into with zest by every one present, and when the score cards were examined, it was found that several had tied for the first prize. In drawing for the prize, Durward Gurganus won it—a pearl handled pocket knife. Miss Eva Wolfe secured the booby, a baby's rattle.

At twelve o'clock, the guests were invited into the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served, and joy flowed freely around the festive board. Those who had the pleasure of being present were: Misses Irene Smith, Eva Gainer, Katie Blount, Della Lanier, Anna Beth Purvis, Eva Wolfe, Hannah

Miss Blanche Deavenport of Jamesville is the guest of Miss Emma Robertson.

Eighteen Odd Fellows went from here to Bethel to participate in the anniversary services.

Mr. J. Haywood Everett entertained in honor of Miss Hattie Lou Ward of Williamston.

Mrs. Richard Jenkins and Roy Carson attended the carnival at Washington last week.

Miss Krider left Thursday for Gold Point to spend a few days with Miss Lydia Roberson.

Elder and Mrs. M. T. Lawrence of Hamilton spent Sunday night with Prof. and Mrs. Outterbridge.

Prof. Z. H. Rose and John W. Manning drove over from Williamston Friday to attend the concert.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel and Mr. George Daniel and Miss Charlotte Cooper of Oak City, were here Friday.

The town convention was held Monday evening. The present administration was endorsed by re-electing the old officers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Keel and Mr. Clayton Keel went to Greenville last Wednesday to attend the wedding of Mr. John Keel.

The second nine of the Robersonville Graded School played Bethel's second nine at Bethel last Saturday. The score stood 10 to 3 in favor of Robersonville.

Misses Addie Coburn, Hester and Lizzie Mooring, Bertha Barnhill and Hugh Ross went with the superintendent to Sunday School at Smith's school house Sunday.

On Thursday and Friday of last week was celebrated the commencement of the Robersonville Graded School. All the exercises reflected credit on teachers and pupils. The debate Thursday was strong and well received. Thursday evening was given a good entertainment to a most orderly crowd. The address Friday afternoon by Hon. J. Bryant Grimes was forceful and eloquent. With rare power Mr. Grimes contrasted the natural resources of North Carolina (with other states and with other countries. With exceeding grace and exquisite charm, he painted the beauties of the Old North State with words from the altar of love. The closing concert Friday evening was well rendered to an attentive and appreciative audience.

Painful Accident

On Monday, while moving the Getsinger School House in Griffins Township, Mr. Joshua H. Ellis was caught between the house and a post, and his left leg was cut off about half way between the ankle and foot. His right leg was also broken and foot crushed almost to a jelly. Drs. J. E. Smithwick and W. E. Warren were called and amputated the left leg and bound up the other limb. The unfortunate man is resting as well as could be hoped. Mr. Ellis is a man of family and is about 59 years of age. The Enterprise sympathizes with him in his affliction.

Book Club

Wednesday afternoon, the Book Club which has added so much to the social life of Williamston since the Autumn, was entertained by Mrs. James Grist Staton at her home on the corner of Main and Haughton Streets.

Owing to existing conditions, Mrs. Staton's plans for the entertainment of the Club were arranged in a simple but a most pleasing style. The contests that have been a delightful feature of the meetings from time to time, were omitted, and the first hour was spent in discussing the business of the Club, and the exchange of happy thoughts.

At five o'clock the guests were invited into the dining room, and were seated around the table, most attractive because of its quiet elegance. In the choosing of the things that please, the hostess was most fortunate, for the menu consisted of vanilla and strawberry cream, cake, almonds, chocolate, punch and coffee. The favors were medallions of Colonial Belles, combining all the beauty and grace of that period of handsome women, prized souvenirs of the graciousness of the hostess. Just before leaving, the guests were given another mark of Mrs. Staton's appreciation of the Club and its members. Slips of paper with numbers on them were placed in a box and each one drew therefrom. The number drawn entitled the holder to a relative position in the selection of a book of latest fiction or a handsomely bound volume of poems. Miss Hattie Throver, guest of the hostess, had the honor of drawing first. Mrs. Francis Barnes was first in the selection of a book and Miss Annie Mizelle last.

The next meeting of the Club will be the last one of the year. Miss Martha Taylor will have the honor of closing it on May the 8th, 1909.

HASSELL ITEMS

Mr. Keel was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. W. Salisbury was in town Monday.

Mr. L. B. Fleming was here Wednesday.

Mr. V. B. Gray went to see Mr. John Rawls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Morton of Robersonville spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Salisbury from Hamilton were here Sunday.

Miss Estelle House from Oak City spent a few days with Mrs. J. T. Haislip last week.

Quite a number of young people from here attended the concert at Robersonville Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jordan returned home from their bridal tour to Northern cities last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Salisbury and Mrs. C.oman of Hamilton spent Tuesday night here on their way home from Tarboro.

I. O. O. F. Anniversary

Monday night at the Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. C. L. Read, preached a special sermon to Roanoke Lodge No. 89 I. O. O. F., it being the anniversary of Odd Fellowship. The sermon was strong, instructive and helpful—helpful alike to the members of the Order and those not in touch with its teachings. It is to be regretted that every member of Roanoke Lodge was not present. Services like that are uplifting to any set of men, and should be appreciated.

Manzan Pile Remedy is put in a tube with nozzle attached. May be applied directly to the affected parts. Guaranteed. Price 50c. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

CONVENTION NAMES CANDIDATES

Citizens' Ticket a Good One -- Mayor Godwin Renominated

The citizens of Williamston met in convention at the Court House Friday night, April 23rd., and nominated candidates for mayor and alderman. The meeting was called to order by W. T. Meadows, and W. C. Manning made permanent chairman. S. A. Newell was chosen secretary with Chas. Hasell and A. D. Mizell assistants.

S. Justus Everett placed B. F. Godwin in nomination for Mayor, and it was made by acclamation. The choosing of aldermen was quite interesting, there being twenty-five names placed before the convention. The contest was a good-natured one, but three ballots were taken before a choice was made.

The ticket completed stands: For Mayor, B. F. Godwin; Aldermen, J. G. Staton, Alonzo Hassell, C. H. Godwin, J. R. Roberson and W. H. Crawford. C. H. Godwin is the only member of the retiring board renominated. The nominees are all strong business men, and the town government should be safe in their hands. The convention was a representative one, and the ticket will be supported at the May election.

An Interesting Event

The remains of Pierre Charles L. Infant, Major in the Revolutionary War and chief engineer in planning and laying out the City of Washington were disinterred at Greenhill Md. and placed in the National Cemetery at Arlington on Wednesday the 28th. instant.

Services were held in the rotunda of the Capital, and addresses were made by Vice-President Sherman and the French Ambassador. The ceremonies were under the auspices of the Society of the Cincinnati of which L. Infant was a member at the time of his death. All the general officers of the Society and the presidents of the thirteen original States formed an escort of honor. Col. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston President of the North Carolina Society, could not attend but was represented by proxy.

President Taft to Attract An Immense Crowd

Special to THE ENTERPRISE
Charlotte, N. C. April 29th—It has been arranged definitely that President William H. Taft will deliver his address on the Twentieth of May, at which time this city will celebrate the 134 anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, from the reviewing stand which is now being erected in front of the Mecklenburg county court house and surrounding the monument commemorating the signing of this immortal document. This stand will perhaps be the largest ever erected in the State and the indications are that it will be crowded to its utmost capacity, judging from the demand for tickets from Charlotte as well as other towns of North and South Carolina. General admission to the stand will be \$1.00 and to reserved seats \$2.00, the latter giving the occupants an opportunity to be near the President during the parade and while he is making his address. Order for seats may be sent to Mr. John R. Ross, treasurer of the reviewing stand committee, or to the secretary of The Greater Charlotte Club.

Sick headache, constipation and biliousness are relieved by Rings Little Liver Pills. They cleanse the system. Do not get gripe. Price 25c. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.