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## BRYAN NOT A POLITICIAN

### A Moulder of Thought and Sentiment.

### His Voice the Voice of the Wilderness—A John the Baptist Crying for Modern Civilization.

There has been much, (too much) said about Mr. Bryan, and while his name is going the rounds, we wish to say a few things, namely:

We do not consider Mr. Bryan as a politician, but as a statesman, ahead of times. He is an influence, and an influence that must and will be recorded with. His voice is the voice in wilderness—a John the Baptist, if you please, crying for modern civilization. His lead is the lead of a teacher, a moulder of sentiment. The place he held, though exalted, was out of harmony with the reforms for which he stands. We can see plainly the chair he occupied, a chair hedged in and restricted and not allowed to speak in accordance with his wise and better judgment. His heart was not there. It was back where he left it—with the common people—where he could shake off the rusted chains of customs and prejudice for purer and better things, of an enlightened country conscience, the negative of a brighter and better day towards which all governments claim to be striving.

Mr. Bryan's mistake was for ever becoming a member of the cabinet.

The thirty treatises which he wrote and caused to be accepted by the foremost nations of the earth, while not being lived up to right now, may be the means of preventing the repetition of the revolting human butchery now going on in the name of christian civilization. It would have been far better if he had resigned in the beginning. It might not have been better for peace in America. It would have been better for the President and perhaps the administration.

It seems proper just now to crucify Mr. Bryan, but listen, let us be just. As for calling him a coward—that is the veriest white-livered rot. It required far more courage to do what he did than to face German 13 inch guns, to which he never would have been exposed. He simply did the Samson act. He knew there was a better way to settle differences other than by murder. War is nothing more or less than wholesale murder.

Those who are picturing him as traitor and coward would do well to remember that it took a Judas as well as a Christ to carry out the great plan of christian civilization.

What Mr. Bryan is saying now is what any private citizen of our country can say with absolute propriety.

Mr. Bryan, although called a private citizen, is not and never will be. He is too big.

—Contributed.

Robert Everett brought the first cotton bloom to the office on Wednesday, which was plucked from his field on the 29th. This is early for blooms this season, when crops of all kinds are late. The Everett farm is noted for cotton fields of magnificent distances, and other crops are grown there with the same success.

## VERY SOUND INSTITUTION

The first year of business of the Martin county Building and Loan Association closed with May this year. Within that time, there have been three series of stock issued, and another will be issued this fall at which time it is confidently expected that the number of shares will reach 1,000. Secretary Martin has loans amounting to over \$8,000 and always has prospective business. In the history of the town, there has not been a business started with more and better prospects than this Association, and towns and also the county are reaping largely from it. As a saving plan for the man of money and the small wage earner, it has proven of incalculable benefit to both.

### Quick Steps Win.

An aggregation of colored ball players from Greenville remained here two days this week battling with the local Quick Steps, one of the best amateur teams in the State. The first game resulted in a score of 12 to 1 for the locals and the second in 10 to 4 for the Q. S. Quite a large number of white ball fans enjoyed the games and Williamston gave fine exhibitions of the ball art. Tuesday the visitors brought a twirler from Kinston, who put the locals in a brown study at first, but soon they found him and won out in the end. Ellison and Johnson, battery for the locals.

### Twentieth Century Book Club.

Wednesday, the Twentieth Century Book Club held the last meeting of the season with Miss Annie Lamb. The following programme completed the course of the Club session:

Sketch of Bulwer-Lytton, Mrs. Martin.

Sketch of Tennyson, Miss Irene Smith.

Locksley Hall, Mrs. C. B. Hassell.

One of the most attractive numbers on the programme was the recital of "Abou Ben Adhem" to music by Mrs. John D. Biggs.

Mrs. Carrie Williams, accompanist.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: Miss Mayo Lamb, president; Mrs. Rome Biggs, vice-president; Mrs. P. B. Cone, Secretary; Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, treasurer; Miss Smith, reporter.

Refreshments in two courses were served the guests. Among the invited guests were Mrs. W. R. Burrell, newly elected member for 1915-16; Miss Boyce of Raleigh; Miss Waldo, of Hamilton; Miss Anna Crawford, Mesdames W. H. Crawford, J. D. Biggs, J. R. Everett, Arthur Anderson, W. J. Hodges, J. W. Watts.

### Notice of Examination.

The annual examination for Martin county teachers will be held at the Graded School building at Williamston during next week. There will be examinations for the 3-Year High School Certificate and the Five Year State Certificate. On July 8th and 9th, examinations will be given for entrance to the A. & M. College at Raleigh.

The examinations for the colored teachers will be given at the close of their Institute to be held in August.

Asa J. Manning,  
Co. Supt.

## OAK CITY NEWS ITEMS

Jim Rawls, of Hamilton, spent Sunday here.

John Eubanks, of Hassell, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Mary House is spending some time in Tarboro.

Mrs. Jesse Everett of Hamilton, was here Monday.

Mrs. Maggie Sterling, of Hassell, spent Sunday in town.

Frank Burroughs of Scotland Neck, was here Thursday.

Mrs. J. L. Hines entertained a few guests at tea Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor and mother are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Addie Lee Long, of Bethel, is the guest of her grandfather here.

J. L. Roberson and family were here from Robersonville on Friday.

Mrs. Annie B. Harrell and Mrs. Emma Pyle returned to Norfolk Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Haislip, of Hamilton, is in town with her father, B. C. Council.

Miss Beatrice Daniels returned from an extended visit to Robersonville Monday.

Mrs. Walter Salsbury, of Hamilton, was the guest of Mrs. Worsley Monday.

Mrs. Wiggs, of Salisbury, was the guest of Mrs. Spencer Hines a few days last week.

Mrs. L. J. Davenport and children with Miss Lou Council went to Hamilton Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Savage, of Robersonville, is spending a few days with the Misses House.

H. K. Harrell, H. S. Everett, J. T. Daniel and Ernest Harrell spent Thursday in Williamston.

Jasper Andrews, of Norfolk, was the guest of H. S. Everett and Mrs. J. T. Daniels this week.

Mrs. Dick Perry from near Williamston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roberson.

Mrs. Mable Strickland, of Scotland Neck, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long.

Mrs. Aaron Hasket, of Port Norfolk, returned from Washington Monday and is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Hines.

Mrs. F. M. Harrell entertained a few guests at dinner Thursday in honor of Mrs. A. B. Harrell and Mrs. Emma Pyle, of Norfolk, who are visiting Mrs. S. E. Hines and the Misses Harrell.

A sad accident occurred last Friday when a bolt slipped in one of Mr. Davenport's log wagons. Bate Council, who was sitting on the cart, was thrown 7 feet on some roots, dislocating his shoulder and otherwise bruising him. He is now seriously ill under the care of physicians.

### Received Appointment.

Simon P. Harrison, who has been employed by the Cooperage Co., has been appointed carrier on Route 5 at a salary of \$840 per annum. This is an increase from \$770, which was the salary until July 1st. John T. Edmonson, carrier on Number 5 has been appointed carrier on Route 3 at salary of \$1,200 per annum. He has been serving on Route 5, and his yearly salary will be increased by the amount of \$430.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Institute for Martin county Teachers will close today, and the next week will be given to examinations for the various certificates. The attendance has been good and the interest has been keen in every phase of the work. Prof. Jerome has been thorough in his presentation of the subjects necessary for the consideration of the teachers in the schools under them. The instruction of Miss Boyce has been exceptionally fine each day.

Last night a reception was tendered the teachers at the Lotus Club, and the evening was spent in getting better acquainted with each other.

In the next issue a review of the Institute will be given with the roll of the teachers in attendance.

### June Weather.

In the memory of the oldest inhabitant, there has not been such weather recorded as was during the entire month of June. One accustomed to mountain life would have thought he had been transferred higher up. For the first of the month was cool during the twenty-four hours of each day, then the days grew warmer and the nights cooler. It rained the first day, dust prevailed and wells were beginning to show a scarcity of water. But on the 30th a seasonable rain fell, and some farmers expressed themselves as having been saved hundreds of dollars thereby. The extreme dryness enabled the industrious farmers to clean their crops of grass, and so the farms in Martin are looking "spick and span."

### Gold Point News

Miss Lillian Roberson is visiting Miss Idell Smith this week.

Crops are needing rain very bad. Tobacco crops are poor in this section.

Rev. George H. Sullivan filled his regular appointment at the Christian Church here Sunday.

Andrew J. Weaver died Sunday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock at his residence two miles from Gold Point. The deceased was born near Oak City about the year 1830 and was the son of Moses and Patsy Weaver. He married Nancy Blackstone of this country before the war, and a few years later she died leaving one son, James who still lives. He married the second time in 1868, Mary E. Hyde and from this union four sons were born, John L., Benjamin and Robert H., one son George, dying in infancy from burns.

For many years he had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Spring Green, and was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was stricken with pneumonia, and after eight days of suffering, passed peacefully away on June 27th, 1915, in the presence of his sorrowing family and friends.

His body was interred according to his wish in the Johnson cemetery Monday afternoon, only a short distance from where he lived and died.

Quite a number of people are taking anti-typhoid treatment. Dr. W. E. Warren administers it free of charge. The State Board of Health is trying to decrease the per centage of the fever in the State.

## SOME FUNNY BALLS

There were some strange things in ball here last week. The show opened at the race track Monday afternoon, when the Has Beens appeared against the Local Giants who have landed some games this season. With Attorney Clayton Moore as the administrator, and who played with some of his old time vigor, and ably assisted by Pete Fowden, the game was not devoid of thrilling stunts and sensational capers around the diamond. Dr. Edwin Ward, who has been breathing the same atmosphere as the Athletics, shot the ball for the Has Beens. But the newest thing in the ball world were the decisions of Umpire Simpson, who evidently imagined that he was holding the clip in the Banner Warehouse at Wilson, judging from the rate he called "safe." Of course, the Has Beens lost the game by a score too large for the score card.

Tuesday afternoon, the Roberville Braves, who had lost at Plymouth even with Perry and Critcher from Williamston to help, were given another treat to the tune of 14 to 3. The locals had no pitcher, as Doc Ward was carried to the hospital after the first with a sore arm, and Anderson and Robertson tossed through the other eight. The local team was made up mostly of the Has Beens and the regular team being broken into at the time. However, the condition was cheerfully accepted and the game played just to be courteous to the visitors, who had come here at the invitation of Perry, who remained at Plymouth with Critcher.

But the crowning event in the week was the appearance of the Ahsoskie team here on Thursday. It seems that a letter addressed to the manager of the ball team here had been given to Joe Harry Williams, colored ballist, who challenged the Ahsoskie team in reply: The latter not-knowing of the difference in color, arrived to play the white boys. They were met at the station by Williams and his team, but alas, it was a case of when black is white. The astonishment on the part of both teams stirred the air mightily. Soon, however, things righted and the Giants gathered a mixed nine and gave them battle at the park. For two innings the game was scoreless then errors piled up. Thrower gave place to Perry and the Ahsoskie team just sprinted to their hearts' content. Under ordinary conditions, the visitors could have won, because they were all seasoned players from some of the leading college teams having played all the season, and not one boy was from Ahsoskie. They could play ball to the finish. The team spent the night here and left Friday morning for home. The locals secured 3 runs, the visitors couldn't count theirs.

### Carriers Gets Increase.

The R. F. D. Carriers are wearing broader smiles since July 1st, their salaries having been increased as follows:

No. 1—T. W. Thomas from \$1,100 to 1,200.

No. 2—Jos. W. Cowan from \$1,100 to \$1,200.

No. 3—Transferred from No. 5 and gets an increase from \$770 to \$1,200.

No. 4—J. B. Ayers, from \$990 to \$1,080.

No. 5 H. H. Cowan, substitute from \$770 to \$840.

Don't forget that clean-up day comes every twenty-four hours.

## GREATEST IN OUR HISTORY

### Trade Balance Over Billion Dollars,

### Total for the Fiscal Year Aggregate More Than a Billion Dollars—The Outlook Bright.

Washington, June 30.—Official announcement of the greatest favorable trade balance in the nations history—more than a billion dollars—for the current year ending at midnight was made today at the Department of Commerce.

It exceeds by nearly four hundred million dollars, the best previous record.

This country is in far better shape financially than it ever has been. The European war has caused the great volume of small capital to seek hiding, but times, (although at this time of year, when everything is quiet and dull) are perceptibly better, and this fall will mark the greatest era of prosperity ever known.

### Visiting Editor.

Friday afternoon, Editor W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City, paid his first visit to Williamston. He arrived from Plymouth on the 5 o'clock train and left on the night train. While in town, he in company with Editor Manning called upon many prominent citizens and secured a great many subscriptions to the Independent. Several months ago Editor Saunders began the publication of the Plymouth Independent and is now waging a vigorous campaign in that splendid section. Being a man of keen discernment, he naturally expressed himself as being pleased with Williamston and the activity noticeable on its streets.

### GRIFFIN ITEMS.

Pearlie Roberson is very ill with typhoid fever.

Luther Peel was out motoring with his best girl Sunday.

William Coltrain and Miss Lizzie Coltrain are to be married Sunday.

Claudius Hardison and a party of friends motored to Norfolk a few days ago. It was a pleasant trip.

Charlie Ellis is suffering with a severe cut on one of his legs, caused by his motorcycle which ran away with him some time ago.

John G. Corey and Jesse Lilley came very near been killed a few days ago, when the motor car which they were driving turned turtle. Fortunately they escaped with only slight bruises.

Let us all look upon the Fourth of July as one of the greatest days in the history of the country. While most of the world is at war, we are still enjoying that peace and liberty of which Patrick Henry spoke. Ours is still a "land flowing with milk and honey."

Monday was the anniversary of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and wife of Austria, and the so-called cause of the present war.