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## The Colonel Culminates.

News and Observer.

Colonel Roosevelt is never out of politics. That is his very life and existence. He may appear to be engaged in other things at times, but this is only in the seeming, for back of it all is the political game which engages the attention of this Crusader of the Armageddon.

Colonel Roosevelt broke forth at Pittsburg in an address at a Progressive conference, and as was to be expected he announced that he did not approve of the Wilson administration and the way it is carrying out the policies of the Democratic party. The Colonel also whacked most vigorously at his one-time colleagues of the Republican party, giving especial attention to the case of Mr. Penrose, and prescribed as the remedy for all the ills he could think of, the Progressive party.

None of these matters are such as to occasion any surprise, for they are in line with the Roosevelt program of finding in himself and his ideas the only correct solution of all difficulties and all problems. In all affairs of life the opinion of the Colonel is that he is the last word as to what is the right course to pursue, and his present position is that in the political life of this country the only party which can keep things in shape is the party of his creation, the Progressive party. And if he should get in any way displeased at that party he would form a new one on the morrow and hold it up as the best ever.

In his remarks last night the Colonel had various and sundry things to say of the tariff. He inveighed against the Democratic policy as to this and declared that the Progressives had the only plans which would be of service to the people. He said nothing of the many years he had been in office without hinting that there was such a thing as the tariff and without doing anything to put an end to conditions by which the rich were growing richer and the poor were becoming poorer. He flourished away in his talk with diction which would solve these by Democratic bow-wows under Democratic plans and roared away in his calamity howl, while there is no calamity.

With all seriousness, the Colonel declared that the Democratic party is the "Party-afraid-of-Power," a declaration which shows that he has not been keeping up with the things which have been done by the Democracy since Woodrow Wilson was made President. The fact is that the Democracy has shown that it is not afraid of the power which has been placed in its hands and taking full responsibility has gone forward in constructive legislation which is giving the average man the possibilities which under Roosevelt and Republican rule were held in fee simple by the favored few. In the face of the wonderful record of the Wilson administration the statement Colonel Roosevelt is a most remarkable one, a Roosevelt flummation which has no prop upon which to rest.

The Wilson administration has been in control of the affairs of this government not quite sixteen months and the record shows that in those few months there has been more accomplished than has been done by any other administration in all the years these have been in power. There has been no hesitation in taking hold of the big questions of this country and in making legislation which would solve these by Democratic methods, these methods having as their basis the good of all the people. The way the party has

## Mrs. Nelia Blair Dead.

The subject of this sketch was born June, 15th 1887, and died, June 27th 1914. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bently. She was married to John C. Blair, December 8th, 1909. She professed faith in Christ at age of fourteen and was baptized into the fellowship of Brushy Fork church by Rev. David Greene, her pastor at that time, and lived a consistent member up to the time of her death. She seemed to die in sight of heaven, stating she had nothing to fear. She leaves a husband, father, mother, three sisters, four brothers, and one little step-daughter to mourn her departure, and a host of relatives and friends.

The writer was personally acquainted with sister Blair, having been her pastor for several years, and can say that Nelia was one of the best women he ever saw. She loved right and stood firm against wrong, she was a wife in the truest sense of the word, ever doing what she could at all times for the happiness and comfort of her husband, ever ready to share the hardships of life with him. The writer conducted the funeral services in the midst of a large concourse of sorrowing people after which she was laid to rest in the cemetery near her church, which she loved, to await the trumpet sound. Nelia will be missed greatly by her church, as well as others. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the husband and all the bereft and commend them to him who has said I will never leave or forsake you.

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taken hold of the tariff question; the financial question; the tolls repeal question and other matters of legislation is proof as clear as can be desired that it is not a "Party-Afraid-of-Power," but a party which is ready to assume all the power which has been placed in its hands by the people. The Democratic party is doing things, not simply talking about doing them, and the Colonel will have to revise his remarks if he would be taken seriously by the people.

There is nothing new in the speech of Colonel Roosevelt. It is of the ordinary kind to be expected of any man who is "agin" the government. It is simply a speech in which the Progressive party is held up as the only party worth while, abounding in fault finding with everything which does not have the Roosevelt brand on it. And the Colonel makes it plain that he wants it to be understood that he is the Progressive party. It is not a speech against the Democracy which will stand up under an analysis, but merely a Roosevelt flummation in which the Colonel holds out his views as the only views which at all are worth considering. After reading it the country will turn with renewed confidence to that man in the White House of whom it has been well said by the New York World: "With every economic question that has come before him the President has sought to deal prudently, cautiously and sanely. No word of demagoguery has fallen from his lips; he has indulged in no reckless agitation; he has made no incendiary appeals to popular passion; he has neither denounced, nor abused, nor threatened. He has sought to carry out no economic policies that he was not elected specifically to carry out.

It is a refreshing thing to turn from the rodomontades of Theodore Roosevelt to the sound and substantial course of Woodrow Wilson. The American people are indeed blessed in the man who is now in the White House.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

The good roads convention will be held in Durham next month.

So far as wines and whiskey go, the United States Navy is now dry.

The Southern Presbyterian Church has 3,072 communicants in China.

The Farmer's State convention will be held in Raleigh the last week in August.

Many people were killed and injured by a recent earth quake in southern Sumatra.

Otho Lunsford has been appointed post master at Durham to succeed J. A. Giles.

Mitchell County, N. C., has not a single automobile. So states the Sheriff of that county.

Winfield Blackburn, of Trap Hill, N. C., was killed by lightning on last Thursday.

Salem, Mass., has had a \$12,000,000 fire by which 9,000 people were added to the ranks of unemployed.

The Ebenezer Mitchel Home at Misenheimer, 20 miles east of Salisbury, suffered a \$25,000 fire on last Wednesday.

A new dormitory is to be erected at Trinity Park school this summer. It is expected to accommodate 100 pupils.

The Cherokee Indians, of Oklahoma, have dissolved as a tribal government. The Cherokees now become citizens of the U. S.

As the Fourth falls on Saturday, the rural carriers will get two days rest which we opine will be very acceptable to them.

Senator Overman has won his fight and District Attorney Hamer's official residence will be Ashboro instead of Winston-Salem.

The biggest failure in the history of the U. S. is that of H. B. Claffin Co. of New York. It is said that the Company's liabilities is about \$30,000,000.

Thirty eight years ago, on the 26th ult., Gen. Geo. A. Custer and six hundred of his men were slaughtered by Sioux Indians, outnumbering them ten times.

West Virginia goes ninety two thousand majority against whiskey. The State wide prohibition law passed by the legislature went into effect at midnight June 30th.

Senator West, of Ga., is suffering from a fall received a few days ago at Washington. The Senator struck on one of his hips and was painfully hurt.

Arch Duke, Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austria Hungarian throne and the Duchess of Hohenberg, his morganatic wife, were shot dead on the 28th of June on the main street of the Austrian capital.

Mr. Bower Colvard, of Jefferson, one time secretary to Hon. R. L. Doughton, now post master in his town, was married in Washington City recently, to Miss Irma B. Birmingham.

President Wilson has signed the naval appropriation bill which carries a provision for two new dreadnaughts to be built and permits the sale of the battleships Mississippi and Idaho to Greece.

A dispatch to the Durham Sun states that the votes of the women won a victory on June the 30th over the saloon interests of the city in making them take booths and curtained recesses out of the cafes.

We would like to give an extended account of the pleasures afforded: of the attractiveness of Lumina; of the helpful discussions of the brethren of the press; of our surprise over the fact the ocean had not affected seriously by the recent drought.—Siler City grit.

We are informed that the W. M. Ritter Lumber Company of Mortimer, shut down the works at that place on the 1st for a period of 20 days. We hear further that all the eleven plants of the company scattered throughout the country have been closed down temporarily.—Lenoir News.

The 500 woman suffragets who called on President Wilson on June 3rd failed to get any comfort from the President. He told them that woman suffrage was a state issue and not national, and for that reason he would not use his influence for the passage of a constitutional amendment in Congress.

Will Stephenson, a negro, brutally murdered Sarah Walker, colored, in Charlotte on last Friday night. He was arrested in Hickory the next day by Deputy Sheriff Gilbert, of Statesville. They were met here by chief Moore, of Charlotte, who carried him back to Charlotte. The woman was literally chopped to pieces. The negro was from Turnersburg township in Iredell county.

Lightening perpetrated quite an unusual freak here last Friday night during the electric storm. Mr. Harden Evans had a cow tied with a chain which had been lengthened with a piece of rope some three feet in length and this piece of rope was fixed to the halter. The lightning struck the post to which the chain was tied completely shattering it and followed the chain down to where the rope was fixed. The chain links were melted into a solid mass and could easily be broken apart with the hand. The rope being attached is the only reason the cow escaped being killed instantly.—Leaksville Courier.

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The Watauga Democrat reached its 25th birthday on last Saturday July 4th under its present management, it has, like all good things of earth grown better, as it grows older, so our friends tell us and write us, for all of which we feel truly thankful.

It has ever been our highest ambition to please our patrons, those who have stood by us "when seas were calm and skies were blue" and who never failed us "when the clouds rolled by." To all of these we would say: "If peace or joy or comfort has been given to any one of you by the perusal of The Democrat, it gives us pleasure untold. We have always striven to put before you a clean sheet and this has been our pride and to believe that it deserves the cognomen that it has already won, that of the clean paper. Of the ups and downs of the paper's existence we will say nothing here. Our editorial conferees, especially those who publish country papers, know that it is an uphill business all the way through, but still there is much to enjoy as we go along.

We stop at this, the 25th milestone of The Democrat's existence to thank one and all of our faithful friends who have helped and are still helping to make this paper a success. We must say, that by the help of its friends it is now at its best. It has the largest list of first class subscribers it has ever known. Our friends will not be surprised when we say we feel justly proud of our constituency. Bravely and fearlessly we press on knowing that the friends of years will still stand by us. To those who have given support to the paper, to the press of the state which has cheered us by kindly mention and encouraging words, we lift our hat, look our prettiest and say, "thank you one and all.

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