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## Party Politics From 1895 to 1860.

From The News Letter.

Party politics in North Carolina 1835-60, the recent James Sprunt Historical publication by Dr. J. G. R. Hamilton at the University of North Carolina, covers almost exactly what has properly been called the period of Transformation in the United States.

In the East manufacture was rising into dominance and agriculture was dwindling into insignificance.

In what is now the Middle West agriculture was developing as never before in any country of the world. The causes were free public lands, immigration, prairie farming with its unique advantages, expansive farming, agricultural machinery, enormous increase in farm products calling for markets, the rise of brisk city centers, the rapid development of rail roads and inflated prices due to the flow of gold from California and Australia.

The South during this period was also undergoing a radical transformation, due to the growing demand for cotton and its increasing culture under a slave-labor system. During these years our cotton crop in the South increased sixfold. The crop more than doubled between 1850 and 1860. And yet the total cotton acreage in the South in 1880 was less than the geographical area of South Carolina, and the total number of slave-holders was less than 300,000—in North Carolina less than 35,000.

While the West was developing upon the basis of extensive farming with profit-producing machinery, the South was settling down upon the basis of cotton production with increasingly expensive slave labor. In 1830 7,000 pounds of lint cotton would buy a prime farm hand, but in 1860 it took from 15,000 to 18,000 pounds to buy an able bodied slave. Notwithstanding the high price of cotton in the late forties and early fifties the profit in cotton disappeared and if our forefathers had not produced their own supplies at home the South would have fallen into incurable bankruptcy.

In brief, general prosperity in the West was based on a prosperous agriculture, and a prosperous agriculture grew out of an increasing use of profit-producing farm machinery. In the South the labor cost of producing crops under the slave system wiped out profits. Slavery was a profit-losing, not a profit-producing labor system. The development of cities, railroads and manufacture were all retarded in consequence.

Here were profound economic causes writing destiny in large letters. But our genius was political, not economic in those days. And our interest was in national not in State affairs. Thousands of names appear in Dr. Hamilton's account of politics in North Carolina during that period, but a scant half dozen of these names stand for any large and intelligent thought about North Carolina and her problems of life and business. The roster of public men in those days looked on the map of the State with the eye of a statesman and patriot in brief. William A. Graham, John M. Morehead, Charles Manley, D. S. Reid and Calvin H. Wiley are a few of the leaders during this period who thought in terms of North Carolina—a fashion set by Archibald D. Murphy of an earlier date, but a fashion little followed latter.

Gov. Graham in his inaugural

## Organize a Farm Loan Association in Your Community.

There are few farmers indeed who do not need more ready cash than they at present have. The stumps need to be taken out, new land cleared, fences built, ditches dug, tile laid, better livestock and better implements purchased. Hitherto making these improvements on borrowed capital has in many cases, even when the best security was given, been impossible, simply because interest rates have been prohibitively high.

Now, however, with the new rural credits law a certainty, it seems that 5 or 6 per cent money on long time is to be placed within reach of every deserving farmer. As we are pointing out elsewhere, present indications are that it is through the community farm loan association that loans will be most quickly and easily obtained. It is quite true that not less than ten farmers must unite to create such an association, but this fact certainly should be no serious bar to the successful operation of the plan. Thousands of communities both in the United States and abroad have already successfully worked together along other lines, and the benefits that will accrue from the creations of community farm loan associations are too great for us to let our so called "individualism" stand in the way. There are a hundred legitimate, productive uses to which cheap money can be put, and when so used the results will inevitably be reflected in better farms, better homes, a higher standard of living and a better citizenship. Debt incurred for productive purposes is not something to be dreaded; rather it is a thing needed, provided, always, the interest rate is low and the time long.

Why not take the lead in this matter in your neighborhood, getting all the information necessary, and then helping to organize a local association?—The Progressive Farmer.

## Now Lookout.

When a cold hangs on as often happens, or when you have hardly gotten over one cold before you contract another, look out for you are liable to contract another, look out for you are liable to contract some very serious disease. This succession of colds weakens the system and lowers the vitality so that you are much more liable to contract chronic catarrh, pneumonia or consumption. Cure your cold while you can. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a great reputation. It is relied upon by thousands of people and never disappoints them. Try it. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

address in 1847 made a noble plea for education and internal improvements, and rebuked the people of the State for devoting so much of their time; interest and attention to national and so little to State affairs. Politics, indeed, appears to swallow up every other interest, said Hugh McQueen in 1838, and the whole surface of the earth seems covered with politicians as Egypt once swarmed with locusts.

And we have not yet learned that an ounce of sound economics is worth a whole ton of partisan politics. Dr. Hamilton's volume is a most interesting commentary upon the fantastic tricks, humors and trivialities of popular politics and the curious inability of our public leaders to see the large significance of affairs in the home State. Interest in national politics paralyzed the will to think out State problems safely in large ways; and we are not yet cured of this ancient incapacity.

## Business Methods in Homes.

1. Manage your household or personal affairs in a business-like way—pay cash and do not run bills.

2. Save a fixed sum every month and as much more as circumstances will permit.

3. Memorize this rule and use it to measure all purchases: "Never spend money for anything which does not add to physical health or mental health or moral health."

4. Do your own buying and marketing. You alone know what ought to be bought to do your family the most good.

5. Have simple meals, good, pure food, cooked and served. Remember there is no economy in inferior quality, but that a reduction in quantity is often necessary for health.

6. Don't indulge in foods and drinks between meals. Amusement at the expense of one's own health is expensive indeed.

7. Buy only simple, well made furnishings and furniture. They cost less to clean and last longer.

8. Do not buy an article for which you have no definite use. Once you are past the "bargain table" the desire for possession leaves you.

9. Don't buy "faddy" clothes to be soon discarded. Think of price and wearing qualities as well as style.

10. Run your expenditures on a strict budget plan, revised until it fits its your individual family needs—Rule of the Housewives' League.

St. Paul husbands whose wives belong to the "home management" class hereafter will be obliged to give a detailed account of their daily expenditures in order to combat the high cost of living by means of a conscientious record of accounts. The plan was outlined by Mrs. Harvey M. Hickok of Minneapolis, who made the second of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Housewives' League.

A number of St. Paul wives asserted it was impossible to get their husbands to give an account. One said her husband became extremely resentful when asked how much he had spent for cigars or if he had lunched with a friend. Another said her husband always maintained the silence of a martyr and wore a look of injury.

Mrs. Hickok advised them to explain the situation more clearly, but not to give up. "Get him accustomed to giving an account of his expenditures and be frank about your own," she said.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

## Roosevelt Helped.

The Colonel's efforts as a campaigner were uniformly successful. He traveled clear to Arizona and spoke at Phoenix, and Arizona went for Wilson. He spoke at Gallup, N. M., and New Mexico swung to the Democratic column. He spoke at Denver and Colorado made a new record with its Democratic majority. He spoke in Kansas, and Kansas for the first time since 1896, gave its electoral vote to the democratic candidate for president. He spoke in Maine, and the normal republican majority fell off fifty per cent. A little more assistance from the Colonel might have made things practically unanimous wherever he stopped.—New York World.

## Do You Have Sour Stomach?

If you are troubled with sour stomach you should eat slowly and masticate your food thoroughly, then take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Obtainable everywhere.

## The Survival of the Unfittest.

Darwin's scientific treatise, "The survival of the fittest" has given Europe to a book of life written in blood, called the "Survival of the Unfittest,"—the product of the most senseless and criminal war that has ever blackened civilization. Armies are composed of picked men. They are sifted and winnowed for their quality; the chaff and the riffraff are rejected. Among the thousands reported killed or wounded there are no defectives, no dwarfs, no cripples, or deformed, no imbeciles. They were the choice men of the race. Their courage, their strength, their intelligence, their efficiency were the race's hope of a better prosperity. The inevitable effects of war are such that if a nation designed to keep its most valuable forces drained low, if it preferred to breed its future generations from nubbins and scrubs, it could devise no more effective program than repeated and wide spread war. The braver the men the larger and surer the loss. Whatever war may be in song or story, in practical eugenics, in the highest progress of the race, it is the worst calamity of all—the continuous extinction of the fittest. Therefore the spirit of militarism is suicidal and the apology for war is a foe to the race. The song, "I did not raise my boy to be a soldier" contains more sound sense than could be crowded into the shallow mind of a jingoist without a surgical operation. No mother of the right sort will rear her boy for human butchery—either to butcher or to be butchered. Such a thing belongs to savage instincts and is unworthy of present-day civilization. She will rear him for nobler things in recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men, but if the evil of war should unhappily come, he will have been reared to do his duty. The nation that cultivates militarism should be ostracised from the society of all other nations, as by this policy it declares itself an enemy to humanity.—Baltimore Southern Methodist.

## A Clogged System Must Be Cleared.

You will find Dr. King's New Life Pills a gentle yet effective laxative for removing impurities from the system. Accumulated waste poisons the blood; dizziness, biliousness and pimply, muddy complexion are the distressing effects. A dose of Dr. King's New Life Pills to-night will assure you a free, full bowel movement in the morning. At your Druggist, 25c.

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## UNSHAKEN TESTIMONY.

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H. W. Minga, retired farmer, 801 Twelfth St., Hickory, N. C., says: "I had a severe pain in the small of my back and if I stooped I could hardly straighten up again. In the morning I was lame and sore. I got Doan's Kidney Pills and they were just what I needed. After I had taken two boxes, I was entirely cured." (Statement given February 18, 1911.)

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## Gov.-elect Bickett and Hon. F. A. Linney Exchange Telegrams.

Governor-elect T. W. Bickett received from Frank A. Linney, his republican opponent a handsome telegram of congratulations today, Mr. Linney wiring: "You have made a clean, strong and able campaign, and have given an elevated tone to the character of North Carolina political debate. You have won. Accept my congratulations." The message came from Lenoir.

Mr. Bickett replied: "I thank you for your generous telegram. Your own campaign does you high credit, and I am grateful that our contest leaves no sting and no scar. Wishing you every happiness, I beg to remain sincerely, T. W. Bickett.

It was generally regretted throughout the campaign that two men who made such high-mannered speeches should have spoken separately at all appointments, but each choose to make his complete speech, neither sought the joint issue and each elected to appeal in his own way. It is doubtful whether either candidate has had a predecessor as a candidate who put debate upon a higher ground. They discussed issues and not themselves nor their opponents.—The Greensboro Daily News.

## Belated News from Stony Fork.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Judson E. Wagner a fine baby boy.

Mr. W. W. Sherley is erecting a nice cottage, and when completed will add much to my friends farm.

Miss Thelma Hamby spent Saturday night with her friend Miss Disia Watson.

Mr. O. N. Wagner having sold his farm to J. E. and H. S. Wagner, is now busy moving to the home of his father, Mr. McD. Wagner, on Grassy Creek. The people of this community were sorry to see him leave.

Mr. G. C. Moretz, of Hopkins, was on Stony Fork last week in the interest of our schools.

Died near here last week, a man by the name of Hamby, and it is reported that his death was the result of a few drinks of poisonous liquor.

For the past few weeks it seems that a part of this community has been mourning. To start with, Rev. I. C. Miller's house was robbed and the burglar not apprehended. Second, the defeat of Pa by one ballot, which was declared by our magistrate to have been absurd and corrupt. But after seeking for that which was not their own, the former prodigal or pastor returned to his field of unwelcome and exclaimed with uplifted hands, that they should have a revival, and we believe (they) should.

J. E. W.

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