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POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Hoover to Make Only One Speech in the South

Washington, Sept. 14.—Two or three press conferences are held each week with Mr. Hoover. At each recurring session some one inquires of the candidate whether he expects to so broaden his southern itinerary as to enable him to speak in North Carolina and Kentucky, debatable territory, as well as in Tennessee. The "official spokesman" has made it very clear that Mr. Hoover will speak only at Elizabethton and that, on this occasion, the address will be of a non-partisan character. In other words, the Republican candidate will steer clear of all controversial topics in the south, but will of course discuss the issues of the day in the three additional speeches which he will deliver at "key" points in the north and west.

In the single southern address the Republican candidate expects to compliment the people of Elizabethton upon the advance which they have made along material and industrial lines and to assure the people that all fundamental questions are basic and indeed inescapable. Even this forensic enterprise will be regarded as a mistake by some Hoover strategists. They think it would have been wiser had he kept out of the south entirely since they can see little object in a trip south by the candidate unless he proposes to discuss the issues of the day and he cannot very well discuss the issues without the danger of doing more harm than good.

Pro-Smith Candidates Win in Ga.

Governor L. G. Hardman was renominated by the Democrats in last Thursday's primary by a majority of more than two to one over his opponent, State Senator E. D. Rivers. In the three districts in which the incumbent congressmen had opposition, one, L. J. Steele of the fifth, was renominated by a big majority over W. D. Upchurch, of Anti-Saloon fame. This race was featured by the injection of the presidential angle, Upshaw having made a bitter fight against Governor Smith, while Steele vigorously supported the entire Democratic ticket. Upshaw carried only one county in the district, and that by a small majority.

Biggest Guns of G. O. P. to Speak in North Carolina

That the Republican party will send its heaviest oratorical artillery into North Carolina in an effort to secure the state's 12 electoral votes for Hoover is now virtually assured, it was announced from state headquarters in Charlotte Thursday in a statement saying that Charles Curtis, nominee for the vice presidency; Secretary of Labor J. J. Davis; Postmaster General New; Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general and militant dry and probably Senator William E. Borah are practically certain to come into the state to make speeches. Formal invitations urging these Republican leaders to come to the state were mailed from Republican headquarters last week. Leaders in Charlotte, in extending the invitations, asked that the speakers be assigned the following cities on dates available.

Senator Curtis—Fayetteville and Asheville.

Secretary Davis—Winston-Salem and Salisbury.

Postmaster General New—Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro.

Mrs. Willebrandt—Wilmington and Greensboro.

Senator Borah—Charlotte, Raleigh and Asheville, if he is able to arrange it.

Progressives Pledge Votes to Smith

New York, Sept. 14.—Leaders of the Progressive party, which polled 5,000,000 votes for the late Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin in the three-cornered race of 1924, yesterday gave pledges of support for Governor Smith to the Democratic national committee.

This was unsolicited and unexpected offer was characterized by Smith leaders as one of the most important gains made by the governor during the campaign.

It is believed by the committee that espousal of Governor Smith's cause by the Progressives will not only insure the electoral votes of Wisconsin and Minnesota, but will gather Democratic strength in doubtful western states, which otherwise might not be won.

Hoover Discusses Tariff in New Jersey Speech

Newark, N. J., Sept. 17.—Herbert Hoover tonight pictured the tariff

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Civitan Club Holds Monthly Business Meet

Many Matters of Importance to the Community Discussed at Meeting Last Thursday Evening; Criticized Local Telephone Service

At the monthly business session of the Boone Civitan Club held at the Daniel Boone hotel last Thursday evening, varied matters of interest to the community were discussed, some of them being referred to committees for further action, and others merely considered and passed on for future consideration.

The club by unanimous vote decided to sponsor a free clinic here for tubercular children in the town and county. This matter was referred to a committee composed of D. J. Cottrell, E. N. Hahn and Howard W. Mast, with instruction that they take the matter up with the local doctors and also the state department of health, in an effort to secure its co-operation in the undertaking.

The club voted to pay expenses of speakers and other entertainment features out of the treasury instead of depending upon the entertainment committee to bear this burden.

Unimproved telephone service in the town since the local system was absorbed by the Southern Bell Telephone company came in for severe criticism. It was pointed out that while rates have been materially increased, there has been no improvement in the service being rendered to local subscribers. The public affairs committee was instructed to write officials of the Southern Bell and see if some relief can be had.

Of interest to members of the club, and one they had better take cognizance of, was the unanimous adoption of a motion that each member who fails to notify the secretary at least four hours before the weekly luncheon of the club, whether he will be present or not, and failing to do this, he will be taxed with the price of the luncheon. This action was taken out of consideration for the management of the hotel, so they will know how many to prepare luncheon for. The new rule, however, will not go into effect until the first of October.

The club also requests that where rhododendrons planted along the streets the past summer have died, that they be replaced by the property owners upon whose property the dead plants are located.

A cold storage plant for the town and county was brought up by Mr. Cottrell, and the subject was freely discussed by the members. It was agreed by all that such a plant would mean a great deal to the farmers of the county in caring for their potato, apple and other crops. Ways and means of securing such a plant were considered briefly, and it is expected that this important matter will be brought up again for further consideration.

Exorbitant light and water rents also came in for consideration. These matters were referred to proper committees to investigate and report back to the club at a future meeting.

The weekly meeting of the club will be held at the Daniel Boone hotel today at 12:45. Every member is urged to be present.

HON. W. H. FISHER TO ADDRESS VOTERS ON 9TH

Hon. W. H. Fisher, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor of North Carolina, will address the voters of the county on the issues of the campaign at the courthouse in Boone on Tuesday evening, October 9th at 8 o'clock, according to recent advice received by the local committee.

Doctors Train for Cooking Degrees

Baltimore, Sept. 9.—Dr. George A. Harrop, Jr., has introduced a cooking course in the medical college of Johns Hopkins University. A good doctor should be a good cook, is the belief of Dr. Harrop. He believes medical students should know how food should be prepared to make it digestible and palatable, how it increases or diminishes in quantity while being cooked, and what combinations of dishes should be served for a meal.

WILL ROGERS TO WRITE FOR THE DEMOCRAT

Beginning with this issue The Democrat is starting to publish the campaign announcements of the world-famous humorist, Will Rogers, who is "running" for president on an Anti-Bunk ticket.

These funny articles are too good to pass up. Read them. Will says mean things at times, but it's all in a spirit of fun! He is a rollicking, gay fellow who certainly can liven you up. His political talks will be published from week to week until the campaign is over.

DANIELS PLEADS FOR HARMONY

Former Navy Secretary Heard Large Crowd at Democratic Convention Here Saturday; Told of Oil Lease Scandal

Before an enthusiastic crowd of Democrats that taxed the acuity of the courthouse auditor here Saturday, Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy under Woodrow Wilson, told an inside story of the lease of the naval oil reserves.

Mr. Daniels said that while he was secretary of the navy, a Democratic senator from Colorado wrote him asking that they discuss the leasing of Teapot Dome with two "good Democrats." Mr. Daniels refused instantly, saying that the oil in that reserve belonged to the navy and would some day be badly needed. His friends then said, "if you don't give it to us, the Republicans will give it to some of their friends within six months after they take office."

Mr. Daniels scoffed at the prediction and said he made a speech for the Republican party in which he said he did not believe the Republicans could be so unprincipled.

In the light of subsequent events Mr. Daniels said he has vowed never to make another speech for the Republican party.

Mr. Daniels pleaded for loyalty to the party on the ground that it is the only party that guarantees equality to all and special privileges to none. He denounced Hoover as having deserted the principles of the man who made him—Woodrow Wilson, and deserting the very principles of international relations that Hoover himself had in 1920 espoused.

He urged all Democrats to cast their votes for Governor Smith, because, he said, although Smith has expressed personal preference for an amendment to the eighteenth amendment, with a Democratic congress, he cannot "turn the trick." He warned Democrats against voting for Hoover in the belief that he was dry, and quoted the Republican candidate's statement that the 18th amendment is "a noble experiment."

Mr. Daniels was roundly cheered after his eulogy of Woodrow Wilson and his personal reminiscences and comments on the Teapot Dome scandal. The large crowd gave close attention while he dramatized a cabinet meeting, using the table at which spoke, to show that Hoover sat adjacent to Fall while the oil lease was being discussed. He declared that if Hoover knew this travesty was being carried out, he was not fit to be in the cabinet, and if he did not know it, he was a "dud."

His strongest plea was made for support of the Democratic party to prevent further bartering of the nation's resources.

Mr. Daniels was introduced by Attorney W. R. Lovell as "North Carolina's foremost citizen, and the greatest of all secretaries of the navy. Mr. Daniels spoke in part as follows:

I believe in the doctrine proclaimed by Thomas Jefferson, founder of the Democratic party, that "all men are created equal." From the beginning of the republic that fundamental principle has been denied and derided by the Republican leaders, who have sometimes professed, and always, with an occasional exception by a Lincoln or a Roosevelt, lived up to the theory that some men are born booted and spurred to ride on the backs of others. Only when a Jefferson or a Jackson or a Wilson have incarnated this Americanism has the declaration of independence been in full force and effect.

I believe there can be no just government except by adherence to Jefferson's "equal rights to all and special privilege to none." That is the sheet anchor of justice and equality. Every high tariff act is a repudiation of the letter and spirit of this declaration, as is every immunity enjoyed by monopoly, and every grant of subsidy, bonus or privilege. Jefferson unhorsed Hamilton's plan of making the government the partner of the rich and the powerful. Jackson ended the rule of banking plutocracy, and Wilson restored the governmental ship to the Democratic tack. Never from Hamilton to Mellon has privilege been so entrenched, so defiant, so regardless or contemptuous of equality as today. Always and everywhere privilege is the fruitful mother of corruption. The era of corruption that has flourished since 1920 was born of favoritism. So long as government heaps favors on some and imposes burdens upon others, it is idle to hope that public office will be regarded as a public trust.

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An Announcement

I wish to state to the many friends and patrons of The Democrat that my nomination for the Legislature by the Democrats of the county, will not in any way affect the policies of the newspaper of which I am publisher. The action of the convention in placing my name on the ticket was duly appreciated; however, it will not be allowed to alter the course of the paper which is primarily interested in dispensing the news, without regard to party lines or personal considerations.

As heretofore we will carry the political news concerning both parties without discrimination. The columns of The Democrat will not be used for the purpose of electing or defeating any candidate for public office. The advertising columns are open for political advertising of both parties, which will be inserted at our regular rates. The newspaper will continue to be operated in the way in which we think it will be of the greatest interest to the readers as a whole.

R. C. RIVERS.

Raleigh Isaacs Killed as Log Crushes Body

Mr. Raleigh Isaacs, 28, well-known citizen of Mabel, was killed Friday morning, presumably about 9 o'clock, by a rolling log, while assisting Mr. Marion Reese in getting out rail timber on the mountainside near his home.

Mr. Isaacs was alone at the time the accident occurred and was thought to have been dead perhaps 30 minutes when found. A log was lying across his body and it is thought his death was almost instantaneous, although the exact way in which the accident occurred could not be determined.

Interment was at Mabel Saturday afternoon, Rev. E. C. Hodges conducting the funeral services. Surviving are a wife, two children, his mother, Mrs. Hiram Greene and two sisters, Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Kirby.

METHODISTS WILL GIVE \$500,000 FOR MISSIONS

Methodists of the Western North Carolina conference will contribute approximately \$500,000 for mission work and benevolences during the conference year just drawing to a close, it is estimated by the presiding elders, lay leaders and mission board members at the concluding session of the pre-conference meeting held in Greensboro Friday.

Approximately \$67,000 of this amount will go to support home and foreign missions, it was stated.

The presiding elders of the conference will meet Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon in Charlotte on October 22, for a further discussion of the various activities in the conference territory.

ourselves every now and then, when reading about the eighteenth amendment, is that some day we'll look up the first seventeen just to see what they're about.—New York Evening Post.

Will Rogers Says:

I was kinder disappointed in Al's speech of acceptance. I thought he was smarter than he is. I thought he would refuse.

Just think how much bigger man Al would have been if he had refused. If he gets elected he will be only one out of thirty that's held the presidency. But if he had refused he'd be the first in history to do that—and probably the last.

A Democrat is naturally windier than a Republican. He is out of office more and he has more time to think up things to say. All a Republican has to say is "well I am in, try and get me out." While with a Democrat he has to say something that will get the Republican out and also that will get him in.

Al said he would take the nomination because "this country is the country that had raised him from obscurity to the standard-bearer of his party." Now Al didn't have any money on obscurity at birth. There is a awful few babies very well known at weaning time.

The part of his speech that kinder hit me was where he said that if he was elected he would have our government quit messing around down in Latin America. In other words if a marine went sight-seeing he would have to pay his own way.

Al is honest about farm relief. He says he don't know a corn stalk from a jimson weed and that a tractor might be a mouth wash so far as he is concerned. All in all, Al did a mighty fine job of promising. Now I think my platform is more constructive. I will make mine up after I get in. Nobody knows what they might want by next March anyhow.

WILL ROGERS.

DEMOCRATS NAME COUNTY TICKET

R. C. Rivers Named for Representative and Miss Underdown for Register of Deeds; No Contests for Other Offices

A large and unusually enthusiastic crowd of Democrats from all parts of the county gathered at the courthouse Saturday for the purpose of selecting candidates for the various county offices. The meeting convened promptly at 2 o'clock, and G. M. Sudderth was made chairman, S. F. Horton and M. J. Williams acting secretaries.

On the first ballot R. C. Rivers was nominated as a candidate for the legislature and Miss Helen Underdown of Blowing Rock for the office of register of deeds. Both these nominations were made unanimous on motion. The remainder of the ticket is composed of the present incumbents these having been named to succeed themselves by acclamation and include:

For sheriff, L. M. Farthing.
For treasurer, E. G. Greer.
Coroner, Dr. J. B. Hagaman.
Surveyor, Roby Vines.

County commissioners, Roby T. Greer, J. Y. Walker and Thos. Baird. A motion for adjournment was then carried, and Hon. Josephus Daniels closed the meeting with an address on the present political situation.

Following Mr. Daniels' address, the executive committee met and re-elected J. L. Wilson as chairman of the party for the next two years.

SHRINERS HAD GREAT TIME IN ASHEVILLE

Local Shriners who attended the ceremonial in Asheville last week (two tempting pieces of "fresh meat" that went along to help passify the savagery of some noble on mischief bent, in the persons of Young Howell and Charles Younce, excepted) report a most enjoyable visit to the "city in the clouds." We arranged to tell no tales out of school, but one little circumstance was entirely too good to keep. Two men, with unquestionable characters—maybe you know them—took their bags from the hotels and deposited them in their car standing not so far away, and stepped back into the lobby for some purpose. They again went out to the machine. On arriving they found two policemen, heavily armed, on either side of the aforesaid roadster.

"Where are you from?" gruffly enquired one of the officers. "From N. C.," was the answer, in tremulous voice. "Oh-huh," retorted one of the wielders of a heavy gun. "Nice county, that; great people, and fine scenery; but say, boys, what have you got in that bag? Whiskey, I suspect." "No, sir, nary a drop in there," came the response in a guttural voice.

"But I forgot to ask you, nobles how do you like Asheville?"

"How do we like it? It is the general consensus of opinion of the five thousand 'read heads' in assembly here that this is unquestionably the best city in the south. Great commercial center; the finest summer resort to be found; the hotels and other facilities for taking care of the wayfarer, as well as the summer tourists, cannot be surpassed. And we forgot to mention the beauty of the women and the chivalry of the men who compose your citizenship. Oh, yes, it is the best we know of anywhere."

"Oh—but," responded the cop, twirling a revolver around his index finger. "Good-bye, boys. We thank you. Our latch string is always outside. Come again and tarry with us. 'So long!'"

SUGAR GROVE ITEMS

Sugar Grove, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Jett, her daughter and grandson of Chattanooga, Tenn., are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mast.

Mr. and Mrs. Arns and Mr. Ohs Mast of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting their parents here.

Mrs. Mattie C. Laine who has been visiting friends and relatives in the county this summer, returned to her home at Vero Beach, Fla., last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips, who were called home on account of the death of Mr. Phillips' mother, have returned to their home in Detroit, Mich., where Mr. Phillips has a position with the United States Rubber and Tire Company.

Mr. Carltor Mast who received his degree in engineering at V. P. I. last June, has accepted a position with the U. S. government and entered upon his duties the first of September.

Recent announcements place the number of speakesmen in Philadelphia at 13,000. No wonder it is known as the quiet city.

Bugs End Meeting

Dixon, Ky., Sept. 9.—Prominent citizens of this town gathered at the county courthouse to discuss important matters of town policy. Now the meetings have been disbanded until winter because at the last meeting myriads of strange bugs gathered on the spreading shade trees, loosed their holds and fell upon the gathering.