Republican Downfall In State Brought On By Party Machine

J. A. Smith, Widely Known Republican, Says People Are Disgusted With Machine Tactics—Half the Republicans Remained Away From Polls—Flays Volsteadism.

"The Republicans simply didn't go to the polls, certainly not one-half of them. They are sick, tired, disgusted and revengeful at the contemptible so-called Republican machine in this state."

The above paragraph may be termed the high spot in an interview given here Saturday to the Daily News by J. A. Smith, of High Point, one of the most widely known Republicans in North Carolina, he having been in 1908 a candidate for Congress against Yates Webb, Democrat, in the ninth district.

Mr. Smith was outspoken in his denunciation of what he termed the Republican machine. He declared that so far as the Republicans are concerned the election was held at Winston-Salem in the Robert E. Lee hotel the night before the convention last spring "when a mere handful of obtuse, lethargic and pigmy minds, who could not see an inch from their noses, assembled in caucus and fixed the slate." He asserts that the people at large had no more to do with that convention than the proverbial man in the moon.

And Mr. Smith goes a step down the line and declares that Mrs. Lindsay Patterson's candidacy in the fifth district against Major Charles M. Stedman was a "farce from the start."

The High Point man excoriated the reactionary, declaring that his days are numbered; "he has been weighed and found wanting in common sense, in patriotism and broadminded statesmanship."

"Yes, I heard they had an election the other day," said Mr. Smith, "I was not in High Point but I left my absentee vote there with one of our leaders with instructions to vote the straight Republican ticket.

"Yes, I suppose he voted it for Mrs. Patterson, too, but if she is not a Republican York will have the sin to answer for, not me.

"What I think about the reasons and causes for the big slump in the Republican vote might not apply to all localities or states. It is easily understood, so far as North Carolina is concerned. The Republicans simply did not go to the polls, certainly not one-half of them. They are sick, tired, disgusted and revengeful at the contemptible so-called Republican machine in this state. So far as the Republicans are concerned, the election was held at Winston in the Robert E. Lee hotel the night before the convention last spring when a mere handful of obtuse, lethargic and pigmy minds, who could not see an inch from their noses, assembled in caucus and fixed the slate. The people at large had no more to do with that convention than the proverbial man in the moon. The great bulk of the delegates openly expressed themselves so at the time, and went away mad and have been that way ever since.

"The patriots did not throw the tea overboard in Boston harbor because they were hungry or in lack of clothing, but simply because they had made up their minds that they would no longer be tolerated; and this is the old story repeated in the Republican slump of North Carolina. The bone and sinew of the party, toilers, masses, will no longer whoop it up on election day and be allowed no representation in county, state and national conventions and this is the whole story of the miniature political revolution in this state.

"The people in North Carolina are not Democratic, the great masses, they are conservative. They are honest. They prize their franchises and have made up their minds firmly and fully that they will not longer submit to it, and neither will they.

"Mrs. Patterson's candidacy was a farce from the start. She did not make a track in the sand in her own town and county. It is all right for women to vote and personally I have always believed in it, being reared in the Quaker faith where women preach, which is the most sacred calling a mortal can aspire to, why should she not be allowed the ballot, and Mrs. Patterson's candidacy will teach some of those obtuse minds that the mere fact that a lady has been put up does not necessarily mean that she will win even more women votes because she is a female. She must like a man 'bring forth fruits meet for repentance.' 'By their works ye shall know them.'

"Sometime ago, I said in a letter that it was 'talked and believed that Mrs. Patterson was for the Wilson league of nations, and one salaried individual, who writes misrepresentations for a living, said that I seemed to be the only one that saw that. Now, that the election is over, and the dear lady can not be hurt, I will give one direct authority for saying what I did.

"Mr. Victor McAdoo, 'an Israelite in whom there is no guile,' the soul of suavity and integrity, told me that Mrs. Patterson said to him practically that she was for the Wilson league of nations, and that he told her she 'had better come over to the Democratic side, as the Republican party was not for the Wilson league' and she replied, 'I see no inconsistency in being for the Wilson league and running for Congress on the Republican ticket.' This statement was in my letter alluded to, which was published and was shown to Mr. McAdoo, and he said he would rather not offend Mrs. Patterson as the families were friends, but that what I had quoted him as saying was true and more, and that she had somersaulted since the Danville trip, which, by the way, was on the occasion of Lady Astor's reception in Danville, her home town, and Mrs. Patterson went to Danville and asked Mr. McAdoo to introduce her to Lord and Lady Astor and that she had a lengthy conversation with them on the league of nations and internationalism; I have this statement over Mr. McAdoo's signature, and my only object in repeating it now is to cut the ground from under the five or six men who put Mrs. Patterson up without knowing what she stood for, or if knowing, then it was most reprehensible.

"The days of the reactionary are numbered. They have been weighed and found wanting in common sense, in patriotism and broadminded statesmanship. Hiram Johnson's 300,000 majority in California and Brookhart's 100,000 majority or more, ought to be an eye opener to big business. Of course, Mr. Harding's appointment of Mellon, Daugherty and some say Dave Blair, were direct contributing causes for a large portion of the Republican slump, and also Senator Reed's triumphant election in Missouri and Lodge's in Massachusetts, and above all, to repeat, Johnson's 300,000 in California, prove conclusively that Americanism still lives, and is deep rooted in the minds and consciences of the masses—the millions—and that Wilsonism, which includes the famous, or infamous league, and the 14 points which Colonel Roosevelt said 'were the very things the Germans had been fighting for' are dead for keeps, and you need not be surprised if Hiram Johnson, or certainly some man who stood up like adamant and saved America from the league of nations, is the next President of the United States. Of course, we all now expect Mr. Harding to succeed himself.

"The death of several, and the defeat of several of the old reactionaries who were driving us on to anarchy, is really the saving grace of the situation and the people now have two years of sanity in front of them, nothing to do but to go to work and build up our state and nation, and compare political notes around the fireside after the day's work is done.

"No use in trying to overlook the fact that the enforcement of prohibition has become a farce and disgrace. Yea, an open shame, and we would be far better to allow the people to make and drink wines and beer. Personally, I never tasted beer in my life, nor do I drink wine, but other folks do, and the growing of grapes and the making of wine is a God given privilege, say what we may to the contrary. Christ made wine at the marriage feast, and without the slightest stretch of the imagination we know if He were here in the flesh today and did it, he would be thrown in the penitentiary. Occasions arise when people must choose the lesser of two evils. And this question is now agitating the minds of us prohibitionists: As to whether or not the making and drinking of wine and beer is not a lesser evil than Volsteadism, with its unholy army of spies and methods. And while a teetotaler in practice, if I had to decide now in my mind between Volsteadism and wine and beer I would be forced to say I think wine and beer the lesser of the two evils."

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The cast was well selected and not once during their performance did they appear the least bit nervous or falter in the speaking of their lines. The play, which was stamped with the label of perfection, was one of the most pleasing that has been given in this city by youngsters and bespeaks a word of praise for the director, Miss Linnie Gilliland, supervisor of the Junior Christian Endeavor society.

The play consisted of three acts, the various scenes being in the home or property of the witch. The fairy drill was exceptionally well given. Little Miss Barbara Knox Witherspoon as Titania, the queen of the fairies, was graceful. The little fairies in their filmy dresses made a particularly beautiful picture as they whirled in circles.

The princess, Miss Hilda Davidson, in the tower room, spun love's golden thread with which to rescue her brother whom the witch changed into a dog. Miss Lottie Wall as the witch and James Starling as Ogre, showed some real acting on their parts as did Harvey Anderson, who took the part of the knight.

In addition to those already named, the following took part in the presentation of the play and were big factors in the success of the affair: Roland Whitley, Linda Rankin, Robert Whitley, Louise Scott, Irvin Rankin, Laurence Clapp, James Hodgin, Dixie King, Francis Clapp, Pauline Pritchett, Elizabeth Weadon, Mary Wiley Scott, Dorothy Stuart, Ruth Starling, Ruth Whitley, Rachel Whitley, Majorie Lee Apple, Katharine Murray, Florance McNeil, Phyllis Scott, Margaret Anderson, Helen Pritchett and Frances Nolan.

WILSON EVERLASTINGLY RIGHT, DECLARES HOLT

Joint Celebration of Armistice and Davidson College Day Is Held.

INTERESTING PROGRAM

(Special to Daily News.)

Davidson, Nov. 11.—Armistice and Davidson college day was becomingly, beautifully, not to say inspiringly celebrated here yesterday with a two-hour program in Shearer hall, featured by a brief address by President Martin, presenting the college in retrospect and prospect, with a note of hopefulness and promise for the future that was pleasurable to a degree. The necrology of alumni for the past year was given by F. L. Jackson, with a biographical sketch of each of the men who have passed into the world of eternal silence. Everett Bishop, class of '15, followed his delightful concert of Thursday night with two solos, Kipling's recessional and O'Hara's "There is No Death," the accompaniment being played by Miss H. Thompson.

Next followed the address by Hamilton Holt, who was introduced by Dr. Thos. W. Lingle, who presided during the exercises, after the formal opening with prayer by Rev. Dr. Richards.

Mr. Holt held from the beginning to the end the closest and undivided attention of his large audience.

Today he said that he had decided at the last moment that instead of discussing international relations and attempting an elaborate presentation of the principles and policies concerned in these relations today, he would tell a few stories illustrating the spirit that animated the young men of America as they entered and fought through the world war, the spirit that dominated the older men that sat at the Versailles conference after the war, and passing over the moral slump that darkens the pages of American history immediately thereafter he would go on to show how he felt that a year ago on Armistice day there were manifest signs of a moral renaissance.

The lecturer's description of his visit to the battlefield, or sector of Seichprey, where a division of American troops from New England were stationed was as fine a bit of narrative as one could wish for, vivid and colorful, and his tribute to the bravery and heroism of the American boy in France as shown in the story he told of the machine gun squad in charge of Lieutenant Lockhart, holding their pill box and after two days of stormy battle reporting "all here and no capture or surrender, 29 dead, 9 alive," was inspiring to a degree.

Then at Versailles the disappointments and troubles that beset the newspaper man in his struggle, for the most part ineffectual, to reach the council chamber, the hall itself with pictures and furnishings, the chief actors in the scene, their bearing, their dress, their appearance, and look, the hush and stilly silence that followed during and after President Wilson's address to the assembly, this whole account was extremely clever. And equally fine was the description of the scene a year ago in Washington on the occasion of the burial of the "unknown soldier," and following, that the visit to the home of President Wilson.

In private conversation he said that he expected to see America enter the league, which has unquestionably come to stay in the world, in three years as a minimum of time and in 10 as a maximum.

Mr. Holt's tribute to Woodrow Wilson was elaborate and at some length. He stated that there are five things done by Wilson that entitled him to this high place in history:

"He focused the heterogenous and conflicting ideas of the diplomats of the world into one idea, an idea that represents Americanism or democracy, the rights of the weaker nations and peoples of earth, their just claim to consideration and help and their right to work out untroubled their own destiny.

"When the war was over, Wilson as the head of this nation and its leader with authority to speak declared that America would take nothing from the conquered in selfish remuneration for what her services in the war might legally claim.

"Wilson drove the wedge between the emperor and the German people.

"He enunciated the terms upon which peace was negotiated, and this at a time when 10,000 men a day were dying in the war. There is every reason to believe that but for Wilson's 14 points, and this opportunity to bring about a cessation of fighting there would have been revolution in England and in France by the laboring men, who had come to feel that the laboring man was being exploited to further the ambition among the allied nations for conquest and the extension of imperialism in Europe and the world. Gompers' visit to Europe was to stay this revolutionary movement.

"The cry that the allies should never have made peace on the basis of the 14 points but have moved on to Berlin is based on wrong ideas and principles. The armistice terms secured all that the capitulation of Berlin would have effected and Wilson in stopping the fighting saved the lives of three quarters of a million of allied soldiers."

ASHBORO SOCIAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Entertained By Sunday School Class.

(Special to Daily News.)

Ashboro, Nov. 13.—At the home of Mrs. Laurin Cranford Monday evening, Mrs. Cranford, Mrs. Spence and Miss Mabel Parrish charmingly entertained the Sunday school teachers of the M. E. church, having as honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gibbs. The home was attractively decorated with all sorts of things suggestive of Halloween. At the close of an informal program, a salad course with accessories was served.

Miss Lena Mae Johnson was hostess last week to the Friday Afternoon club. The subject for the afternoon's study was relative to the popularity of foreign dramatists in America. Miss Mabel Parrish and Mrs. Hal W. Walker read interesting papers bearing on this theme.

Mrs. J. G. Miller was hostess to the members of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon. A most enlightening record of the work of the society was given. At the close of the business meeting, a social hour was spent there, during which time hot coffee with whipped cream, wafers and fruits, were served.

Miss Mabel Parrish entertained the Friday Evening bridge club this week. After a number of progressions were made the hostess collected cards and scores were counted. Miss Margaret Sparger held top score and won a box of Azurea powder. A salad course was served.

A large number of Ashboro people attended the Sandhill fair last week, among them being Mesdames J. T. and W. A. Underwood, Laurin Cranford, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wood, Miss Nannie Bulla, Miss Julia Thorn.

Famous Mysteries

Murderess Or Martyr?

Before the Civil war broke with the fury of a bloody tidal wave, Mrs. Mary E. Surratt was left a widow, with a comfortable home in Washington, D. C., and a large plantation at Marlborough, Md., where she lived during the major portion of the year, surrounded by her slaves and with all the comforts to which her comparative wealth entitled her. During the early days of the war, however, the Union soldiers encamped on the Surratt plantation, the slaves escaped to the north and Mrs. Surratt retired to the seclusion of her Washington home and it was here that the widow Surratt's pretty daughter made the acquaintance of John Wilkes Booth, the actor.

During the four years of the war, Mrs. Surratt's sympathies appear to have been on the Confederate side, due probably to the treatment she had received at the hands of the Union soldiery and to the fact that her eldest son, John, was engaged in the hazardous occupation of running the blockade into Charleston and other southern ports. However, the widow did nothing to attract the attention of the authorities until her known friendship with Booth caused her arrest on the morning after President Lincoln was assassinated by the actor. Just as the police were about to remove her from the house, a roughlooking man opened the gate and started up the steps, announcing that he had come in response to Mrs. Surratt's request to have a ditch dug on the premises. The widow protested that she knew nothing whatever about the ditch and the police, upon investigation, discovered that the supposed laborer was Lewis Payne, who had attempted to murder Secretary Seward the night before.

The government's contention during the two months' trial which followed was that Mrs. Surratt had been cognizant of the plot to kill the President, that she had assisted in the escape of John Wilkes Booth and that her failure to recognize Payne was only part of the entire conspiracy. The prosecution's case was based almost entirely on the evidence of a war department clerk named Weichman, who had boarded at the Surratt house, and who gave damaging evidence against the woman, though later he is alleged to have broken down and to have confessed that his entire story was made up in order to shield himself against the suspicion which he saw was inevitable. Mrs. Surratt's counsel tried to introduce the testimony of the man to whom Weichman is said to have made this confession, but the military court refused, on technical grounds, to admit the evidence.

At the close of the famous trial some of the judges suggested that Mrs. Surratt should be acquitted, but the judge advocate held that she should be found guilty with the others and that a recommendation for clemency be presented to President Johnson. The chief executive, however, refused to consider this recommendation and would not consent to receive the counsel for the condemned woman, even going as far as to suspend a writ of habeas corpus issued by a federal judge.

On the morning of the day set for the execution, the provost marshal sent a statement to the White House notifying the President that Payne had made an ante-mortem confession which entirely cleared Mrs. Surratt. Still no move toward clemency was made and, in company with the three other condemned conspirators, the widow was sent to the scaffold, so weak from the strain of her imprisonment that she had to be half carried by two soldiers. As the noose was drawn around her neck the woman once more averred her innocence. A moment later the trap was sprung and she was dropped into eternity.

Two years later President Johnson declared upon his honor that he knew nothing of the military commission's recommendation for mercy or of the message from the provost marshal until he discovered them hidden away in an unused portion of his desk. Was this statement true? If so, who prevented the papers from reaching the chief executive? These questions, together with the still more puzzling one of Mrs. Surratt's guilt or innocence, still remain unanswered despite the more than half a century which had elapsed since the last woman went to her legal death in the capital of the United States.

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INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS MEETING

Dr. Henry Van Dyke Will Be Principal Speaker of the Assembly Convention.

OPENS ON NOVEMBER 29

(Special to Daily News.)

Raleigh, Nov. 12.—The program for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers 'assembly, which is now in the hands of the printer, promises to be one of the most interesting and helpful of the many programs held by the assembly. The big feature of the meeting will be the address of Dr. Henry van Dyke, of Princeton, N. J., on the last night of the assembly, but this speaker will by no means overshadow the others in degree of importance.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of the assembly this year, as chairman of the program for the general meeting, has made an effort to confine the program for the general meetings to one prominent speaker for each of the three meetings. Secretary R. C. Moore, of the Illinois State Teachers' association, will be the main speaker for the opening session on Wednesday evening, November 29. He will discuss the possibilities of a thoroughly organized teachers' association. On the second night Miss Elizabeth Farrell, of New York city, will be the chief speaker, and Dr. van Dyke will be on for the third night. The Thanksgiving sermon, which has been one of the big features of the assembly in other years, will be preached by Rev. A. Paul Bagby, of Wake Forest, this year.

The programs for the different departments of the assembly are just as interesting, and perhaps even more helpful in working out the solution of many of the real problems that confront the teachers every day. This part of the program is intended to furnish a clearing house for the problems of the teachers who come, in order that they may find out and carry back to their colleagues the ideas of the best trained teachers in the state about the way to handle these vital teaching problems. For the most part the speakers on the departmental programs are North Carolina teachers, but they are the outstanding teachers of the state, who have worked out some particular project or problem in a manner that will prove interesting to the other teachers of the state.

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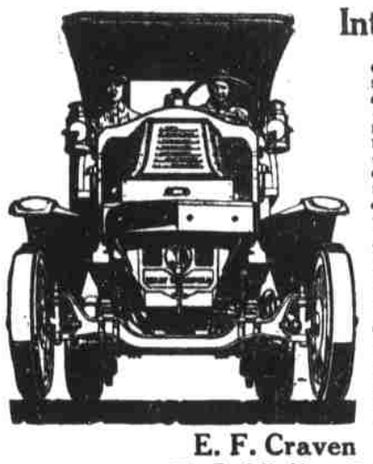

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