

ADLAI E. STEVENSON TALKS

TAR HEELS DO WELL OUT WEST

Former Vice President of the United States Tells How North Carolina Has Contributed to the Greatness of Illinois—Many Immigrants Pursued Distinctive Colonies Who Cherish Memory of Homes—Some Who Have Succeeded—The South's Growth Marvellous and North Carolina Coming Too—Mr. Stevenson Declines to Talk Politics.

Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, of Bloomington, Ill., former Vice President of the United States, was in somewhat a reminiscent mood yesterday afternoon when a representative of The Observer dropped in to see him at the home of Dr. Martin D. Hardin, where he is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Hardin, and her family.

No fact of Mr. Stevenson's history is better known in this section than that he is of North Carolina blood, descended from genuine Ireddell stock. Mr. Stevenson himself is almost as proud of this connection as is the State whose grandson he is, and with whose people he has ever been so prime a favorite.

He talked freely and most entertainingly yesterday of his family connections in this section.

PROUD OF HIS NORTH CAROLINA BLOOD.

"My father," said Mr. Stevenson, "whose name was John T. Stevenson, was a native of Ireddell county, Kentucky. It was there that I was born. Later he moved to Bloomington, Ill., which has been my home since childhood. Bloomington is in McLean county, in which Bloomington is located, is the biggest county in the State. It is not the wealthiest, but it is the largest. Perhaps the point about it most interesting to North Carolinians is the fact that it is named for a native North Carolinian, John McLean. He was born in Rowan. At the time of his death he was United States Senator from Illinois.

TAR HEELS DO WELL ABROAD.

"Like all the Western States, Illinois has been built up almost entirely by immigrants coming from other States. North Carolina has contributed most generously to her population. Almost without exception the people whom she sent north have been of the very best and have aided no little in the development of the State. Large colonies of Tar Heels settled in McLean and other counties, and whole neighborhoods would be referred to as 'North Carolina neighborhoods.' The day scores of descendants, to whom, as to their parents, the history and the development of North Carolina is still a matter of keen interest and just pride.

"Many of the North Carolina emigrants made notable successes," continued Mr. Stevenson. "One of Chicago's most eminent lawyers in his day was the late Judge Arrington. He was born in Rowan. He was a close personal friend of mine, though this was years ago. His father left North Carolina when he was but a lad. The late Vice President Hendricks, who held office during Cleveland's first administration, and who was one of the North's greatest statesmen, was a Tar Heel. He lived in Indiana, however, not in Illinois. Speaker Cannon is another Tar Heel who has attained prominence."

THIS STATE ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

"In what light is North Carolina now regarded by the people of other sections?" was asked.

"There never was a time in the State's history," replied Mr. Stevenson, "when she was so well and so favorably known as now. Her natural resources have attracted the attention of capital. Her delightful climate is winning for her increasing renown as a health resort. Her railroad development is aiding her in both respects. Numbers of people in my immediate section do not hesitate to traverse the thousand or more miles that separate us in order to spend weeks at Asheville and in other sections of the State. North Carolina is just beginning to realize its latent power that is in her, and is beginning to utilize it. And Charlotte, too, seems to be setting the pace. Even the three years which have elapsed since my visit which preceded this one, has been sufficient to work easily perceptible changes."

MR. STEVENSON KNEW VANCE, ARMFIELD AND ROBBINS.

The ex-Vice President served in Congress along with the late Major Robbins, of Statesville, and the late Judge Armfield, of that town, both of whom were in the House; and with Senator Vance. Of each of these Mr. Stevenson spoke in terms of praise. "Senator Vance," he said, "I considered one of the greatest statesmen I have ever known. And he was, withal, a most delightful gentleman. His reputation was national, and his death was deplored as a calamity all over the United States. Dr. Stevenson, has been visited by the same winter of record-breaking mildness, which has occasioned universal comment in the South. It lasted until two weeks ago, when a cold spell appeared and almost made up for lost time. When I left Illinois a few days ago the whole section was wrapped in snow."

POLITICS IS TABOOED.

Mr. Stevenson has retired alike from the practice of law and from active participation in politics, although his keen interest in both is not abated. He uniformly declines, however, to discuss current politics, though his reputation as a concise and mature statesman would give such utterances keen public interest. The ex-Vice President is standing well the advance in years. He is one of the highest types of men that one meets. There is something distinctly Southern in his easy courtesy and his quiet, unostentatious and gracious dignity.

Deals in Dirt.

Mr. H. C. Dotger yesterday sold a tract of land in Berryhill township containing 84 acres to Mr. Alois Steinhauser, the consideration being \$1,824.

Mr. S. Wittkowsky has purchased a lot on the Providence road from Mr. E. G. Howie, paying \$175 for it.

It's a pleasure to tell our readers about a Cough Cure like Dr. Shoop's. For years Dr. Shoop has fought against the use of Opium, Chloroform, or other unsafe ingredients commonly found in Cough Remedies. Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure contains the Pure Food and Drug Law sanctioned formula, for he has worked along similar lines many years. For nearly 25 years Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure contains a warning printed on them against Opium and other narcotic poisons. He has placed his name on the bottles to protect their children by simply insisting on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Sold by Russell-Dunn Retailers.

THE "WET" AND "DRY" SECTION.

The Provision in the New Charter Would Not Be Fair to the "Wet"—The Section as It Now Reads—A Practical Politician Gives His Views on the Subject—North Carolinians Like Fair Play at the Ballot Box—Taxation Without Representation Will Not Work Here Yet—The Old Spirit Still Exists.

Charlotte people are very sensitive about their rights at the ballot box. They are willing to be taxed to the limit, provided they are permitted to vote on election day. The old ante-revolution cry of "taxation without representation" is still heard in the land and he who dares to return to the day of British rule in North Carolina had better prepare to meet his political death. Fair play is what the average Tar Heel wants, demands and must have. Therefore, it is not strange that the good citizens of Charlotte, Smaller Charlotte or Greater Charlotte, should be concerned about the proposed election provisions of the new charter.

The average man cares very little whether the State has another wet or dry election or not, but he does not want to believe that he is being plotted against. Many feel that the "wet" and "dry" provision in the proposed charter is unfair.

That section reads: "That the provisions hereinbefore made for holding the elections of the mayor and board of aldermen, shall apply to the holding of all other city elections, including elections in regard to intoxicating liquors."

In talking with an Observer man yesterday a practical politician said: "There is something wrong with that section. The Wet law says that 1/3 of the qualified registered voters can call a 'wet' and 'dry' election. This proposed law would require for a basis for a call for an election, the qualified registered voters in force, with the qualified registered vote of the coming May election added to it. In other words, if the present qualified registered vote is 2,800 and the new registration in the spring is 1,000 the two sums must be added together, making 3,800, and divided by three, getting, in round numbers, 1,260 voters, the number required before an election can be called. You will see that it is possible that but 1,000 persons would register for the mayor's election in May and that a call for a prohibition election would require 1,250, or 250 more votes than would be registered for the election."

New Pictures On.

The new pictures at the Odeon, which went on yesterday on schedule time, are easily up to the standard. "Man Wanted" depicts the sad error committed by an individual who imagined he had a clinch. He answers an ad calling for a good looking young man to make himself useful at a summer resort-hotel. When the heavy of young women are through with him, home, sweet by comparison, is good enough. "Raps, or My Friend the Dummy" shows how a dummy may under certain circumstances be a party to a systematic graft game.

Ministers to Meet Monday.

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WHY COTTON SHOULD GO UP

Mr. Jasper Miller Gives His Views on the Subject.

In discussing the cotton situation yesterday Mr. Jasper Miller said: "It now begins to look as if the supply of good grades of cotton which is only estimated at about 10,000,000 bales for this crop, will fall far short of the requirements of the mills, and that the low grades, which have had such a depressing effect up to this time, will have to be used to mix in with the good cotton in order to keep the mills running, and that these low grades will necessarily sympathize with the good grades, and advance to such a level as to make their delivery on contracts in New York, impracticable, and thereby cause a general uplift in the whole cotton market."

FOUR UP FOR RETAILING.

Recorder Blinds Over Frank Grier and John Edwards in Sum of \$200—Two Cases Continued.

The recorder's court yesterday morning devoted itself to the trial of several colored gentry on the charge of retailing liquor without the legal permit from the city.

Henry Walker, who was arrested Wednesday on a capias, but who was too much intoxicated to bear witness intelligently at that time, made up for lost time by appearing as State's witness against four defendants, all colored. Frank Grier was bound over in the sum of \$200 to appear for trial at the term of Mecklenburg Court now in session.

Cases Against John Scott and Noah Hill were continued until this morning.

John Edwards was requested to furnish a bond of \$200 to appear at court in one case. In another case he was dismissed.

Dr. Felts to Quit the Army.

Dr. Robert L. Felts has resigned his position in the United States army and will locate for the practice of his profession in Savannah, Ga. He will make a specialty of stomach diseases.

Dr. Felts has been stationed at Fort Sam Houston. He is a son of Mr. John H. Felts, of this city.

Dr. Felts is a young man of fine ability and special training, and his Mecklenburg friends predict for him a brilliant career.

A HEALING GOSPEL.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak I took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters has made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 30 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made me a new man. It's a great remedy for weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores. Price 50c."

BIG S. S. INSTITUTE.

The Presbyterians Preparing For a Meeting Here in March.

The Sunday School Institute, which will be held in the auditorium of the Second Presbyterian church March 8, 9, and 10, will claim the attention of many Sunday school workers in this city and county, and its influence will reach even farther.

Rev. Robert D. Coit and Mr. H. W. Glasgow are busily engaged in getting the programme of the institute completed, and it will present an attractive list of subjects, and a strong list of speakers. Among the latter are a number of the ablest preachers and Christian workers in the Southern Presbyterian Church. The services of Rev. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond; Rev. Theon H. Rice, of Atlanta; Mr. J. J. Egan, superintendent of the Sunday school of the Central Presbyterian church of Atlanta, and Miss Emeline Robertson, of Washington, D. C., a prominent leader in primary work, have already been secured.

This institute will be held especially in the interest of the Sunday school work of the Presbyterian churches of this city and county, and delegates from these Sunday schools will attend. The sessions of the institute will be open to all who desire to attend, regardless of denomination, and the programme will be such that it will be of interest and help to all who are present.

A Baptist Valentine Party To-Night.

The Young People's Union of the First Baptist church will give a valentine party in the church parlors to-night. The hours are from 8 to 11 o'clock. All young people of the church are expected to be present and are cordially invited to attend. Like functions of the church have not only been well attended but have, without exception, proven most enjoyable. The attendance will undoubtedly be very large, as the committee in charge of the arrangements are making every effort to have the evening's entertainment fully up to the high standard of previous affairs. Friends of the congregation are invited.

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