

MR. DOWD ON "BUNCOMBE"

SPEAKS TO N. C. SOCIETY OF N. Y.

A Former Charlotte Citizen Makes a Very Interesting Talk on the Word "Buncombe," Its Origin and Meaning—He Tells the Good People of New York What the Old North State Has Done for Its People, City and Other Sections of the Universe—North Carolina Produces Men.

At the recent meeting of the North Carolina Society of New York Mr. Willis B. Dowd, a native of this city, made a speech on "Buncombe." Among other things he said:

"It is meet that a word for Buncombe should be spoken on this occasion. It was at the conclusion of a discussion of the Missouri question in the 15th Congress that Felix Walker, a member of the House, from North Carolina, arose amid the protests of his colleagues who had heard enough, and declared that he must speak whether they wanted to hear or not. He must say a word for Buncombe, meaning his constituents in the county of that name. Here at a banquet of the North Carolina Society of New York in the discussion of other matters of importance, where again the hearers have had enough of it, they haven't. It's their fault, another native of North Carolina arises to say a word for 'Buncombe'."

"The word 'buncombe' has now a fixed place in our language and it is defined to be speech making for the gratification of constituting a flattery talk for a selfish purpose, anything said for mere show."

"I submit, however, that the full significance of 'buncombe' cannot be gathered from the dictionary's definition or a mere recital of the facts of its origin. In the first place the man who coined the expression was a representative of that fine stock of men, who at home and abroad, have added so greatly to the glory of our country. North Carolina gave to Missouri her great Senator, Benton; to Tennessee, Andrew Jackson; to Connecticut, General Vesey; to Alabama, Joseph E. Johnston, ex-Governor, war hero, man of genius; to Illinois, Uncle Joe Cannon, Speaker of the House, and to New York a host of men who have won distinction on the bench, in the pulpit, at the bar, in the kindly and in the business circles. North Carolina gave to the world the most important, popular incident of the last century. You recall it. You know full well, or well full, what the Governors said and did on that occasion. No great event in history is better known or more beloved, so often we celebrate the Declaration of Independence once a year, but the Declaration that it is a long time between drinks every day. Some over-zealous patriots celebrate it twice or three times a day.

Look at this, an account of the great diversity of soil, climate, and products, the Old North State is the only Commonwealth in the Union of which it can be said that on any given day it will simultaneously be full of sustenance in one and mountain in another. If I were permitted to summarize the virtues of the several States, according to established facts in history, I should say Virginia for ham, Kentucky for whiskey, Pennsylvania for the Dutch, New York for connoisseurs, and North Carolina for men. This word is 'buncombe' but it is not. The women have been omitted, but they, with the President, Mark Twain, John Hedges and Dr. Parkhurst belong to the country at large. Women are the only people on earth who never indulge in 'buncombe.' One hears them discourse earnestly about physical, pneumatic, political and physical culture, but never a superfluous word, no redundancy, not a syllable too much for the subject—not enough for themselves. And when it comes to speaking of God's noblest work, they are so careful in their language that they refer to him as 'my man.' An ordinary party is resolved through process of indomitable determination into social death. Two incidents will suffice to show the vast superiority of women over men in the use of language. A St. Louis, Missouri, says that a young lady, applicant for a school, when there was asked the question, 'What is your position upon whipping children?' and her reply was: 'My usual position is on a chair with the child held in my arms, my knees, face downward. See you the job?'

"Not long ago an English woman wrote this letter to a school teacher: 'Please, sir, Johnson was kept home to-day. I have had twins. I shan't occur again.'"

"I submit that no man could surpass either of these noble efforts. 'How strangely twins are born!' They rush down on the morning to toll all day, whereas if they had the sapience of women, they would have their breakfasts in bed and put in eight hours a day in the shipping districts doing nothing but spending money!"

"Again, the man who first spoke for 'Buncombe' was not thinking mainly of himself. He remembered his constituents. He had nothing to say for them. So, in this respect, I must speak of my constituents. I am one of many who are of North Carolina lineage who have come to New York. In the great majority they are quiet men, but some are in the office, the shop, the store, the metropolis, and some are in the stars, and some are in the mines. I am one of those who have been in the most successful business in the world when it comes to plain matters of business everybody knows that upwards of 2,000 North Carolinians are at No. 111 Fifth Avenue and they are all millionaires."

More to be related. Mr. Dowd, President of the I. O. O. F. and he showed his appreciation of the fact by going all the way to New York to begin his war on the railroads. I think he mistook the nature of his obligation, because they are not so much concerned about railroads as they are schedules down in North Carolina. A schedule on a Southern road is very defined to be something at which the conductor looks occasionally to see how far he is behind time. In Charlotte recently an unfaithful drummer went to the depot at 8:30 in the a. m. He is going North and dropped his grip in amazement when he beheld a train rolling in at the exact time. A porter standing by said: 'Hold on, mister, that ain't your train, that one was due here last night at this time.' So I think that the President ought really to make another trip South to take along the 'big stick' in order to

MRS. FRANK SMITH MAKES HIT.

Under Stage Name "Virginia Lloyd," She Makes Her Premiere as Soloist With Orchestra Accompaniment at New Haven and Scores Great Success.

Mrs. Frank Smith, of this city, is now in New Haven, Conn., where she has just scored a success as a soloist with orchestral accompaniment. In the course of a criticism of a concert by the Choral Union, the New Haven Evening Register of March 1, has this to say of "Miss Virginia Lloyd," who is Mrs. Frank Smith:

"Miss Virginia Lloyd made her premiere on this occasion. She has just returned from abroad, where she studied with Heilmann at Berlin. 'She has a very attractive stage presence, a voice of extended range, with sufficient temperament to bring her audience into sympathy. Brief score gave an excellent opportunity to display her dramatic gifts, and with these she revealed refinement, fine feeling and expression. She was warmly greeted by the audience and made a distinctly favorable impression.'"

"Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mrs. W. B. Ryder and Mrs. B. R. Lee, of Charlotte, and has many other kinfolk and friends here. She is a beautiful woman of the blonde type, and so gifted that none who know her will be surprised at her success."

The Crittenton Industrial Home.

The meeting of the Crittenton Circle, held yesterday afternoon, at Trinity Church was a most encouraging one. A large number of members were present and the work was shown in excellent condition; it is long past the experimental stage and is worthy of the hearty co-operation of all people.

There are now 17 inmates of the Home, located at the corner of Ninth and McDowell streets—seven children and ten adults; the latter are being trained to self-support and, guided by the efficient and conscientious matron, into better living. During the past month six devotional services were held.

Phone girls have many ills, for which they take some nasty pills; if a healthy and happy girl you'd be Ring up for Rocky Mountain Tea. R. H. Jordan & Co.

\$75 BURNED UP WITH HOUSE.

Bill Melchor, Colored Tenant of Mr. Klouse's Negro Cabin, Loses Hoarding Hidden in Cupboard.

Bill Melchor, and old colored man, was the picture of grief yesterday morning. He had a right to be gloomy. The fire which destroyed the house at 503 South Church street Tuesday night, belonging to Mr. Joe Klouse, burned with it \$75 worth of Klouse's, one of the occupants had carefully hidden in a closet on his side of the house. He was up town at the time of the fire, but paid no attention to it until he learned the street it was on. "Why, good gracious alive, that's where I live!" exclaimed the ducky, as he "lit out" for South Church street on a dead run. When he arrived, his former home was in ashes. A diligent search failed to reveal the slightest trace of his hidden treasure. The loss was heavy. "It was the first time I ever had to say a cent," declared the old man yesterday. "This not always but sometimes thus."

To Give Away 500 Cases of Ginger Ale.

Twenty-four times 500 is 12,000. The number of bottles of ginger ale that the Schnapps Bottling Company proposes to give away today to the thirty thousands of Charlotte, provided they can consume that much. Nearly all the drug stores and in all cities, a diligent search failed to reveal the slightest trace of his hidden treasure. The loss was heavy. "It was the first time I ever had to say a cent," declared the old man yesterday. "This not always but sometimes thus."

CLEARS THE COMPLEXION.

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup stimulates the liver and thoroughly cleanses the system and clears the complexion of pimples and blotches. It is the best laxative for women and children, as it is mild and pleasant, and does not grip or sicken. Orino is much superior to pills, aperient waters and all ordinary cathartics as it does not irritate the stomach and bowels. R. H. Jordan & Co.

DANGERS OF PNEUMONIA.

A cold at this time if neglected is liable to cause pneumonia which is so often fatal, and even when the patient survives the lungs are weakened, making them peculiarly susceptible to the development of consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar will stop the cough, loosen and strengthen the lungs and prevent pneumonia. La Grippe coughs yield readily to the wonderful curative qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar. There is nothing else "just as good." R. H. Jordan & Co.

STIEFF TO BE OFFICIAL PIANO

Will be Used in All Functions of Jamestown Exposition, Except in Case Artists Are Under Contract to Use Some Other Piano.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 27, 1907. The announcement was made public this morning that the Stieff piano, made in this city, has been selected as the official piano of the Jamestown Exposition. This selection was made by the Board of Governors of the Exposition upon the recommendation of the music bureau.

A number of Stieff pianos will be used at the Exposition, on the stage of the auditorium, in music hall and other music rooms. All of those to be used will be full-sized concert grand.

While the Stieff Piano will be the official Exposition piano, so far as the use of the instrument remains within the jurisdiction of the Exposition, this does not mean that pianists who give concerts from time to time will be obliged to use that instrument if they have agreed to use some other make of instrument. Special arrangements are now being made by H. H. Seaman, chief of the department of congresses and special events of the Exposition, to have a piano rental given every day during the territorial by some well-known concert pianist.

Fashion's foremost features are perfectly reflected in the cut and finish of every garment we have, and if you are at all interested in "what's what" in Men's wear, you will derive great pleasure from your examination of our new spring offerings.

Easter Comes Early This Year so better make your selections accordingly.

Southern Warerooms of the Great Artistic Stieff Piano, No. 5 West Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C.

C. H. WILMOTH, Manager.

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SAVED HER SON'S LIFE.

The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppel. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when, by our druggist's advice, I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked steadily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life. Guaranteed best cough and cold remedy by all druggists. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free."

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