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## MR. DANIELS AND PROSPERITY

Correspondence of the Gazette. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 12.—Under the headlines "To Live a Costly Living," The News and Observer of the 11th befalls the high price of things and the consequent prosperity of the country and general employment of the people, and seems to long for the flesh-pots of Hoke Smith and the devastation of Cleveland.

Chairman Griggs of the democratic congressional committee has been sending out some literature for the democratic press to show that, "the republican cry of prosperity and the full dinner pail is fallacious and misleading." From the News and Observer's editorial I desire to make a quotation and to follow with a brief comment thereon:

"His description of true prosperity is that when times are truly prosperous prices are usually high, but wages are correspondingly high also. They keep pace with the necessities and luxuries, and the high prices are not felt by the man with the fixed income. A man with money in his pocket does not ask the price of a thing, but buys it. When he has no money, he is not interested in a low price, because he cannot buy even that which is cheap. Prosperity is harmony between prices and wages. We have no such harmony, and our present prosperity is more apparent than real."

"State Chairman Simmons wrote to Chairman Griggs and sent him a number of statements secured by Mr. T. P. Sale, sanitary officer of Raleigh, and among these the following facts were obtained:

"Mr. C. F. Cook, a printer, says that the present prices of articles, such as beef, bulk meat, lard, flour and corn meal, are about one-third higher now than three years ago, and that his wages have not been increased during that period.

Such statements as these show that the "prosperity" and "full dinner pail" cry of the republicans is a rank humbug. So much for the quotation, and now for a brief word of comment: "Who is this 'Mr. C. F. Cook, a printer,' whose wages have not been increased in three years? I am reliably informed that the statement as sent out by Mr. Griggs, read, 'Mr. C. F. Cook, a printer in the News and Observer office.' Who would have believed it? But it was just like Joe to leave out the words that show in the prosperity of his paper, he holds down the wages of his

workman, tacitly denying his relation to him, even. And yet Joe is a Godly man, they say, a Sunday school man and a churchman, living high, having the gout, loving righteousness and mercy, and hating riches and radicals. In his own office, could he not demonstrate for Mr. Cook, even now, a harmonious prosperity," which everybody would confess to be "the real thing?" This question and comment exhibit the hypocrisy of the Joe Daniels type of politicians.

In 1900, it will be remembered, Marion Butler imported Stump Ashby and Harry Tracy from Texas to speak in North Carolina; and, following in the footsteps of populism, the democrats in Maine this year imported for campaign work Pou and Kitchen from North Carolina. The North Carolina red shirts were indignant at Butler's importation and his imports after their return to Texas, remembering Lumberton and Concord, read with personal interest the story of the man who went from Jerusalem down to Jericho. The Maine republicans seem to have been courteous to the North Carolina imports; and so they present a handsome contrast to the North Carolina democrats, who seemed to think that Butler's Texas steers were meant for consumption. But as to the effect upon the vote of campaigning outside of your own state, I should like to hear a heart-to-heart talk between these four imports, Ashley, Tracy, Kitchen and Pou. They could all agree that Maine was cooler than North Carolina and that North Carolina was hotter than Texas.

Some one remarked in my hearing the other day, after reading of the Blackburn-Merritt episode: "I see that the drummer-boy has got him a new drum."

## MODEL FARMS IN MISSISSIPPI

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 13.—Northern real estate dealers and capitalists are now making heavy investments in real estate in the delta with the object of developing their holdings into model plantations, and it is estimated that nearly \$2,000,000 worth of land has been purchased within the present year. The land most sought after is in sections which have never been cultivated, and at the present rate of development the entire section where only about 50 per cent. of land is in cultivation will have a largely increased tillable acreage within the next few months.

## WHAT IS BEHIND JOURNAL'S ATTACK?

Is the Question Business Men are Asking.

The "Follow up System" Being Resorted to.

Howland's Paper Evidently Has It in for Us.

J. A. Nichols, who was chosen chairman of the committee or arrangements for the reception of President Roosevelt, said yesterday that practically the full amount expended by his committee had been raised and all obligations incurred had been promptly met. Members of the committee were pleased beyond expression over the promptness and entire willingness evidenced by the business men of the city in subscribing to this expense fund, which necessarily amounted to several hundred dollars.

Mr. Nichols yesterday shipped to the war department the 50 handsome flags borrowed by the city. Mr. Nichols says the flags got soaking wet, but that they appeared to be none the worse therefore, the cloth apparently being of the best quality.

The outside press continues to refer to Asheville's reception of the chief executive in words of commendation. As heretofore stated, the single exception is the Providence Journal, the paper owned by R. S. Howland, the owner of the afternoon paper, printed in this city. Not satisfied with the mendacious slurs cast on the character of the reception given the president here, that publication is giving the subject some editorial attention. The editorial comment took this form:

"President Roosevelt plainly want to Asheville to help Senator Pritchard and the republican representatives in congress who have a very stiff fight on their hands; it was a mistake for the president to lend his presence to a partisan controversy, and the Journal correspondent's observation during the North Carolina visit indicates that it turned out to be a questionable expedient even for the republican participants in the contest."

The utter falsity of this statement is only equalled by the injustice it does Senator Pritchard. A fortnight ago Senator Pritchard was a guest of President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, when the president made known his intention to visit the battlefields near Chattanooga, expressing his willingness at the same time to stop at some point in North Carolina on the return trip to Washington. Exercising a privilege extended to him by the president, Senator Pritchard designated Asheville as the place where he should stop. No one believed for an instant that Senator Pritchard did this with the hope of furthering his own political interests and no one is better acquainted with the facts above recited than the editor of the Citizen. Then why was the editorial taken from Mr. Howland's republican Providence paper copied with approving headline by his democratic Asheville paper?

The question was asked of Haywood Parker, of the reception committee, yesterday afternoon whether he considered President Roosevelt's visit to Asheville as a political demonstration. Mr. Parker did not see how it could be called a political demonstration without reflecting on the democracy of the many prominent democrats who worked hard to assist in giving the president a fitting reception.

"I can mention a number of well known democrats who at a sacrifice of time from their business spent days in the work of the various committees incident to the occasion. As a member of the finance committee, I had considerable occasion to talk to democrats in regard to the plans for the reception. They subscribed money to defray the expenses, but nothing was said about politics."

Of course nothing was said about politics, because most people have some sense of the eternal fitness of things. And what Asheville business men have so frequently asked is, "What is behind these attacks on Asheville by the paper whose policy is controlled by the owner of the Citizen? The statements made by the Journal, that the president was given a 'chilly greeting,' and that a hundred persons only met the special train at the station, is denied with indignation by all. Mayor Miller said yesterday that the president expressed gratification over the courtesies shown him here, and that he seemed greatly pleased with all that he saw. Mayor Miller rode by the side of the president. F. Stikleather, the chief marshal of the parade said: "I cannot imagine what that correspondent meant. There was not a fact in the article from beginning to end."

Hon. H. A. Gudger said: "It was a magnificent demonstration and I was not prepared to see such an article in any paper."

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincolnton, N. C., Sept. 13.—A large, harmonious and enthusiastic republican county convention was held here today and a ticket that will sweep the county next November was nominated. Hon. J. J. Britt of Asheville spoke for an hour and a half and made one of the ablest and most convincing speeches ever delivered here. He was listened to with profound attention and frequently applauded. He drew a powerful contrast between republican and democratic policies and made a severe arraignment of the democratic party for the present and free from the least semblance of bitterness. All republicans were greatly pleased and a few democrats spoke in high terms of his masterly speech.

## Personals.

Mr. W. S. Pettit of College street has been given a position with the National Publishing Company, through Special Representative C. C. Justus of this city, and begins work at Waynesville in a few days.

Dr. Merriwether has returned from Portsmouth, N. H.

Dr. Henry Smathers left yesterday for Canton, his former home, where he will remain permanently and re-establish himself in business.

J. Lubin of Charlotte was in the city yesterday.

Gilliland Stikleather left yesterday for Trinity college.

Miss Jennie Wilkie went to Charlotte yesterday to spend the winter.

Mrs. J. M. Gudger, jr., has returned from a brief visit to friends in Murphy. Emmet Gudger, who has been ill, is improving.

R. L. Fitzpatrick and family have returned from Greeneville, Tenn., after a stay of two weeks.

## COLLEGE NOTES

The graduating class in English this year is now assured. These young ladies will compose a finishing class, graduating with the degree B. E. Most of the young ladies of the junior year of last year will enter this work. Prof. and Mrs. Joseph wish to see this week, any day from 10 to 12, all former members of the college societies, whether they will be students or not. They desire to resurect these young ladies' societies and would like to discuss the work with any former member and also to become acquainted with all.

Illinois and Kentucky added their names to the list of those states to be represented this year, by today's mail.

Prof. Joseph has worked hard and persistently for two months without great encouragement till lately. But the last week has been most gratifying. Every day brings its encouragement now. It has been a quiet, unostentatious period of work, but constant work. The college expects to be an institution of earnest work. It will keep within receipts, and will make no display it cannot afford.

Registering will begin Monday and continue every day from 10 to 12. It is hoped to have all students registered and their course of work made out by the 22d, so work may begin in earnest at once on the opening. The management thinks it unnecessary to waste a week or more in beginning. The young ladies' work will begin at 9 o'clock Monday, the 22d. The young men will be organized Tuesday, the 23d, at 2 p. m. The young men's classes are now sure to be large.

The day pupils will be released in time for their usual dinner hour at home.

## SHAH ADMIRES PARIISIENNES

Stopped a Wedding Party and Gave Bride Persian Goldpiece.

The shah displayed democratic qualities recently in Paris by playing a game of billiards with the grand vizier in the billiard room of the Elysee Palace hotel, says the New York Herald. The "king of kings" manifested great enjoyment when his competitor missed, and he won easily.

The shah attended the Theatre Francaise to hear a classical drama, but was not greatly pleased. He prefers the Chatelet, where there is a big ballet of pretty girls. His admiration of the fair sex led him to stop a bridal cortege in the Bois and gallantly to present the bride with a Persian goldpiece, for which the crowd cheered him highly.

The shah bought two monkeys at the Jardin d'Acclimatation. When they were taken to his hotel, his parrots out of jealousy swore like pirates in the Persian tongue.

## The Y. M. C. A.'s Great Night Schools.

The Y. M. C. A.'s of the country are this month planning the opening of their evening schools. Three hundred and forty associations enrolled 29,000 men last year and expect to make the number of students 35,000 this year. These men range from fourteen years of age to sixty, and 80 per cent of them are employed during the day. Some seventy-five different branches are taught, nearly half of which are commercial. Of the students 25 per cent are mechanics, 25 per cent in the general trades, and but 23 per cent are clerks. The classes in civics and English branches enroll fully 75 per cent of foreign born young men. Special courses are given, teaching the English language and the principles of American citizenship to these earnest men from other nations.

## Tents For G. A. R. Men.

The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in a monster tent at Camp Roosevelt, in Washington, which will be located in the grounds south of the White House. It is proposed to have a big circus tent capable of seating 2,000 veterans. It will be floored and supplied with chairs and a large platform and will be draped with the national colors. There will be a regular military patrol established, and grouped about the big tent will be a dozen smaller tents, which will be used for committee meetings of the encampment officers.

## The Capture of De Wet.

[General De Wet is now engaged in writing a book on the Boer war.] The pen is mightier than the sword. I show proof that will no contradiction brook: Pall Mall must yield to Paternoster row. Whose penmanship has brought De Wet to book? — F. P. H. in Westminster Gazette.

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