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## A JOINT DISCUSSION.

### BETWEEN THE TWO CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES.

Congressman E. W. Pou and Mr. Willis Briggs Discussed the Issues in Louisburg Last Saturday.

Saturday Oct. 3rd being Hon. E. W. Pou's appointment to speak at Louisburg and it also being the date of the Republican County Convention, which Mr. Willis G. Briggs, Republican Candidate for Congress had been asked to address, Mr. J. A. Thomas, Chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee, asked Mr. R. R. Harris for a division of time on the part of Mr. Pou with Mr. Briggs. After consultation Mr. Briggs consented, provided he be allowed to name the terms of the debate, refusing to abide by a toss up to see which should lead off. It was decided that Mr. Pou should lead off in an hour's speech to be followed by Mr. Briggs in a speech of the same length, and each to have a ten minute rejoinder. Promptly at 2 o'clock the crowd gathered at the Opera House. Mr. Pou who was introduced by Mr. R. B. White opened the debate in an excellent address. He began by referring to the long friendship existing between his opponent and himself and acknowledged his obligations to Mr. Briggs for his valuable assistance to him in former campaigns when Mr. Briggs was a reporter for a Democratic daily. The speech was dignified, entirely free from personalities and abuse, and in every way worthy of a representative in the American Congress. Mr. Pou touched upon the tariff, the trusts and the money power and said the republican party was owned body and soul by these great enemies of the people. Mr. Pou in urging the election of Democratic representatives to Congress, mentioned the threat of the republicans to reduce southern representation in Congress by passing the Crumpacker bill, in retaliation upon the South for disfranchising ignorant negro voters. "I challenge you my young friend" said Mr. Pou, "to tell these people in case the miraculous should happen and you should be elected to Congress, how you would vote on this infamous bill." He urged the great necessity also of electing democratic representatives to the Legislature, for if the republicans should by any means get charge of the election machinery there would be thousands of negroes to get their names on the registration books. "I would gladly give up my seat in Congress today" said Mr. Pou, "if it were necessary to preserve the supremacy of the white race and our Anglo-Saxon civilization." This patriotic declaration was received with deafening cheers. Mr. Pou mentioned a number of instances in which he had endeavored to secure reforms of existing evils but in every instance they had been put to sleep by the republican majority. Every reference to the name of William J. Bryan met with great applause and Mr. Pou brought encouraging news as to the progress of the national campaign. His speech was chock full of good old fashioned democratic doctrine and was of great good. Mr. Briggs followed in a speech of the same length. His speech was the usual republican argument meeting with applause from the republicans present, who applauded at the pauses, whether appropriate or not. They were there to do the applauding act and they did it. He was silent as the tomb as to whether he elected he would vote for the Crumpacker bill. He knew very well if he favored such a law that the white men of Franklin County would bury him under an avalanche of ballots, and they will bury him anyway, as silence on this

important matter is equally as bad as an outright avowal of his sympathy with such laws. He brought out that old story which has been thoroughly exploded that W. J. Bryan fed negroes at his home in Lincoln in his front yard. Mr. Pou told him that his master, Theodore Roosevelt, invited and dined at the same table with Booker Washington and that Mr. Taft while on a trip in the South some time ago was only prevented from eating at the same table with negroes by a Democratic law. Said Mr. Pou "you republicans, notwithstanding your evil ways, have had two mighty good friends, Almighty God and the Democratic party." The rejoinders were rich and spicy and the democrats present were entirely satisfied with the joint debate. It is a great pity that every white man in Franklin County was not present to hear Mr. Pou's speech as he would have been impressed with the great importance of this election, especially as to the importance of our legislative and congressional tickets. The great danger of "scratching" was referred to and Mr. Pou pleaded with all democrats not to give aid and encouragement to the enemy by "shooting half a load" but to vote the entire ticket straight, and let the vote count its full value. Mr. Pou told Mr. Briggs in the latter's advocating Taft's election to continue the present "era of prosperity" that the present prosperity consisted of one of the worst panics ever known and that today thousands of unemployed men were without means of earning their daily bread. In his rejoinder Mr. Pou tore Mr. Briggs' arguments to pieces and the Raleigh Postmaster no doubt wished that he had not run up against the "buzz saw" he encountered last Saturday. The gospel of pure democracy was preached to the handful of Franklin republicans on this their convention day, and it is the hope of all patriotic citizens that it may take deep root in their hearts and consciences and finally result in their turning to the Democratic party, the party of good government, the party to which all true southern white men should belong.

### County Canvass.

The Democratic candidates of Franklin County will address the people at the following times and places:

- Rocky Ford, Wednesday, October 21.
  - Laurel, Thursday, October 22.
  - Centerville, Friday, October 23.
  - Cedar Rock, Saturday, October 24.
  - Gateville, Monday, October 26.
  - Poplar Springs, Tuesday, October 27.
  - Clifton's Mill, Wednesday, October 28.
  - Youngsville, Friday, October 30.
  - Franklinton, Saturday, October 31.
  - Louisburg, Monday, November 2.
- The people are cordially invited to attend these appointments and hear the issues discussed.

JAS. A. THOMAS,  
Chm'n Dem. Ex. Com.

I will be present on the above dates, either in person or by deputy, to collect the taxes due for 1908.

H. C. KEARNEY, Sheriff.

**Lieutenant W. W. Boddie.**  
His friends in Louisburg and this county will be pleased to learn that Mr. W. W. Boddie, who was appointed some time ago, by the President, as a Lieutenant in the Regular Army, has successfully passed all of his examinations, both physical and mental, and has received his commission. At present he will be stationed at Leavenworth, Kansas,

## MR. BICKETT'S CAMPAIGN

### HIS CONCEPTION OF OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

**Democrats Made No Mistake in Putting Him on the Ticket—So Says Charlotte Observer, And Others.**

Last Sunday's Charlotte Observer contained the following complimentary reference to our distinguished countyman, who is making a great reputation throughout the State:

The Democrats of North Carolina at their convention in June made no better nomination than that of Mr. T. W. Bickett for Attorney General and there is no candidate on the stump who is presenting the Democratic argument with more power or in more fascinating fashion. He is pleasing his audiences greatly and while he is giving strength to the whole ticket it is a safe proposition that the election returns will show his special individual strength. This is preliminary to presenting what he is saying in his speeches of the role of conduct which will govern him in his administration of the office for which he is a candidate:

"It is appropriate that I should here state my conception of the office for which I am running. The State is the client of the Attorney General, and I can only promise to render to the State and its every interest the same faithful, loyal service which the average North Carolina lawyer of good repute renders to his clients every day. Greater loyalty than this no man has known. I shall not attempt to usurp any power, but all the power and influence that legitimately belongs to the office will be exerted with equal zeal against any citizen who attempts to lay an unlawful hand upon the throat of legitimate business. In the office equipment there will be a gun and a gag—the gun to be used upon wolves that attempt to make raids upon the people; the gag to be used upon the man who cries 'wolf' when there is no wolf.

"Sensation is not reformation. A well-equipped fire department is a necessity in every modern city, but the fellow who screams 'fire!' every time his neighbor lights a candle is an unspeakable nuisance and ought to be abated. In the business world a false alarm of fire is frequently fraught with as serious consequences as a conflagration itself. The man who yells 'thief!' every time a corporation comes around the curve is an undesirable citizen and ought to be made to 'go way back and sit down,' while the corporation that shrieks 'murder!' every time a law is passed to place it on the same footing with every other citizen is a menace to business and society and ought to be dealt with as a disturber of the peace.

"My conception of Democracy is that it knows no favorites of either high or low degree. It makes no plea to passion. It scorns the cheap demagoguery that would capitalize prejudices into power. Even-handed justice is all that it demands and that divine sense of justice resonant in the hearts of men is its hope and its reliance."

Hardly anything could be finer than that. No far-minded man could want Mr. Bickett to say more or less on the subject or think that any man could have said it better.

### Series of Meetings.

A series of meetings began in the Baptist Church here last Sunday. The pastor is being assisted by Rev. L. A. Cooper, of Etonton, Ga., an Evangelist. He has with him Mr. A. R. Ruby, who conducts the singing. Three services are being held daily—prayer services in the morning, regular preaching at 4 in the afternoon and 7:30 at night. All cordially invited.

## REP'BLICAN CONVENTION

### MEET AND NOMINATE A SKELTON TICKET.

**A Secret Caucus Held But the Proceedings of Caucus Kept Secret—The Whole thing Seems to be Busted.**

About thirty or forty men calling themselves Republicans, met in the Opera House last Saturday, and put out a skeleton ticket which they ask the good people of Franklin county to vote for on the 3rd of November.

A "secret caucus" was held about 12 o'clock, for the purpose, it is said, of discussing "ways and means" by which to defeat the Democratic ticket, which was nominated in OPEN CONVENTION by the people of the county. The little "dicky bird" says that quite a division of sentiment was heard in the secret caucus, and that while some of those present were in favor of naming candidates only for the legislature, others who were hungry for "pie" argued that a full ticket be named. Committee after committee approached various citizens, soliciting them to run for this or that office, but they met with little encouragement.

One enthusiastic fellow said, "if we can just get some man to run against Dollie Thomas, who can give the bond, I will be satisfied." Another man standing by asked, "why are you so anxious to beat Thomas?" "Because," said he, "if we can just knock him out we Republicans can do something hereafter. I fear him more than any man in the county." About this time the "secret caucus" adjourned, the doors were flung open and a farce of a convention was called to order by R. R. Harris, chairman of the County Republican Committee, with E. F. Yarbrough as Secretary.

The first name placed before the convention was that of Jao. F. Mitchell for the Senate. He was nominated without opposition and E. F. Yarbrough, assistant postmaster of Louisburg, was nominated for the House. It is not known at this writing whether Mr. Mitchell will accept. He was not present. Peter Stainback of Hayesville township, was nominated for Register of Deeds. The Chairman then asked "who will you have for Sheriff?" Mr. Yarbrough replied, "Billy Harris, of Franklinton." A voice in the crowd said, "No, no," whereupon Chairman Harris arose and said that it had been suggested that there were some independents who wanted to run and some of his crowd thought it best to leave the balance of the ticket blank. "A good idea," squealed a fine voice. "Well, all in favor of that," said Harris, "say aye." All voted aye. "General" Green then arose and said, "well I think that a good idea myself, and you all know I have no ax to grind," or words to that effect. He moved that the convention adjourn, and it did.

Since the adjournment of the "convention" we have been informed that a full ticket was agreed to in the Secret Caucus, but that "General" Green had the list in his pocket, and no one else seems to know anything about them or who they are. Did you ever?

### Franklin Superior Court.

The October term of Franklin Superior court which will convene on the 19th, will be presided over by Judge C. M. Cooke, the Governor having consented to an exchange of courts by which Judge Cooke will hold Franklin court and Judge W. R. Allen will hold court in Hartford. Franklin's court is a two weeks term—for civil cases only.

### MARRIAGES.

During the month of September the Register of Deeds issued "splinking" papers to the following couples:

WHITE—E. D. May and Kate Delbridge, Rodia Wheeler and Ora Perry, J. L. Alford and Pattie L. Winn, J. T. Perry and Lula Mullins, Junie Gay and Lonie Murray, J. E. Shearin and Jalis Tant, Paul King and Bala Oakley, J. W. Champion and Mattie Johnson, W. L. Whelan and Belle Collins.

COLORS—J. H. Giles and Mary Lucas, Luther King and Carrie Ruffin, Frank Fuller and Bessie Alston, Earle White and Minerva Ballock, Geo. Debusm and Maggie Thomas.

### Pou and McCain at Youngsville.

Messrs. E. W. Pou, Democratic candidate for Congress, and R. S. McCain, Democratic Presidential Elector for this district, spoke to a fairly good audience at Youngsville on Thursday of last week. A number of the fair ladies of that community, graced the occasion with their presence, and seemed greatly interested in the speeches, which were listened to with interest by everyone present.

The speakers were graciously introduced by Mr. B. T. Holder, Democratic candidate for the Senate.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### ALL MEMBERS OF BOARD PRESENT LAST MONDAY.

**Regular Routine Business Attended to—Nothing of an Unusual Nature Coming Before the Board.**

The County Commissioners met in regular monthly session last Monday—all members present.

The following business was transacted:

Lottie Pipkins was stricken from outside pauper list.

A. F. Vick was relieved of poll tax in Cypress Creek—on amount of infirmity.

Allowance of Mrs. H. B. Mitchell was increased from \$1 to \$2 per month.

It was agreed that a committee of five be appointed to have a new road laid off from Patton's School, in Gold Mine, to intersect the Louisburg Road near J. C. Davis.

Mrs. Ricke Peivert was allowed to go to county house.

E. M. Gustin was appointed to have rock blasted out of road at Lynn's Creek.

Report of E. N. Williams, Superintendent of county home, showed 5 white and 15 colored inmates.

Mrs. R. H. Hall was allowed to go to county house.

N. B. Young was appointed a committee to look after road near Little River, and to have repairs made on Anderson's bridge.

Mrs. W. M. Forman was relieved of tax on 24 acres land, valued at \$294, also tax on \$10 of personal property, the same having been sold by W. M. Forman.

An order was passed that all persons living taxes after October 1st, would be required to pay the same when falling.

Claims to the amount of \$1,006.71 were allowed and Board adjourned to next regular meeting.

### REGISTER NOW.

### The Books are Open in all Townships.

The Registration books are now open in the various townships of the county, and it is important that every white man who has become liable to do so, to get his name on the books this year, as it will be the last opportunity to register under the "grand-father" clause. And every white boy who becomes of age after this year will be required to read and write before he can register. Every Democrat should appoint himself a committee of one to remind every other Democrat the importance of getting every young man to register. The following is a list of the Registrars:

- Dunn—W. H. Williams.
- Harris—J. J. Young.
- Youngsville—J. H. Johnson.
- Franklinton—R. W. Marler.
- Hayesville—R. G. Wynn.
- Sandy Creek—J. R. Parrish.
- Gold Mine—A. D. Williams.
- Cedar Rock—J. F. Davis.
- Cypress Creek—W. H. Delbridge.
- Louisburg—E. C. Barrow.

### The State Fair.

The State Fair opens at Raleigh next Monday and holds all through the week.

On Wednesday and Thursday special trains will be run between Louisburg and Raleigh, leaving Louisburg at 7:30 in the morning, and returning will leave Raleigh at 8 o'clock. Special cheap rates will be put on all railroads during the week, and a large crowd is expected to attend. Special fare attractions, such as the great Air Ship, the automobile race, will greatly add to the glory of the Fair.