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THE COUNTY CANVASS

THE DEMOCRATS WILL WIN BY A SAFE MAJORITY.

The Various Townships Will Vie With Each Other for the Banner—Canvass to Wind up in Louisa Next Monday.

The Democratic candidates opened the canvass at Epsom Wednesday of last week and up to Wednesday they had also spoken at Laurel, Centreville, Cedar Rock, Cypress Creek, Poplar Springs, and Clifton's Mill. Today they are at Youngsville and tomorrow (Saturday) they will be at Franklinton, winding up at Louisa on Monday.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, spoke with the candidates at Laurel, and he made a most magnificent and able speech. He discussed thoroughly both National and State issues, and greatly enthused his hearers.

The speeches of Mr. B. T. Holden, candidate for the Senate, are taking well with the people, and although this is his first experience at campaigning he handles the issues in a masterly manner, and he bids fair, at no distant day, to rank among our best campaigners and orators. The people of Nash and Wilson can vote for Franklin's candidate for the Senate without any fear of not being properly and ably represented by Mr. Holden.

Dr. R. P. Floyd, who is pretty well known throughout the County, makes a fine impression wherever he goes, not specially for his much speaking and oratory, but by his gentlemanly bearing and the social and pleasant manner, (which is natural with him) in which he mixes with the people.

And the other candidates H. C. Kearney, for Sheriff, W. M. Boone, for Register of Deeds, and J. A. Thomas, for Treasurer, who have attended all of the appointments, are making themselves pleasant and agreeable and leaving "no stone unturned" to convince the people that the future "salvation of the country" is dependent upon their triumphant election.

Is It True.

It is rumored that in certain precincts of Franklin county an attempt will be made to "buy up" certain men to work against the Democratic ticket, and that already suspicious rests upon a few men in certain precincts in the county, where the "dispenser" has been around. It is almost impossible for us to believe that such a thing is possible in this good old county, but where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. Any man who lays claim to respectability and accepts money to aid the opposition, should be kicked out of the party, and frowned upon by every respectable person with whom he comes in contact. Keep your eyes open, Democrats, and if anything of the kind is attempted at your precinct expose it at once.

The Republican Ticket.

After scouring the county for the past several weeks, approaching numbers and numbers of men, the "ticket-making committee" composed of Chairman R. R. Harris, and Assistant Postmaster E. F. Yarbrough, Bob Carr, and one or two others, a Republican ticket has been completed, and the people of Franklin county are asked by them to vote for the following at the polls next Tuesday.

Senate—J. F. Mitchell, of Franklin and W. G. Sharp, of Wilson. House—E. F. Yarbrough, Sheriff—W. H. Harris, Treasurer—Willis Tharrington; Register of Deeds—Peter J. Stainback; Coroner—Patrick Stainback. County Commissioners—A. C. Benton, Herara

Jones, J. S. Shearin, J. E. Moseley, J. J. Edwards.

Voters of Franklin look upon the ticket, do you like it? Give your final answer at the polls next Tuesday. But doctor, "Ain't they daisies?"

Tar River Association.

The Tar River Baptist Association was held this week at Sandy Creek Baptist church. Mr. T. M. Arrington, of Rocky Mount was moderator. The attendance, in spite of the rainy weather, was quite large. We will have a full report next week.

Number of Boxes.

There will be five ballot boxes used in the election next Tuesday as follows: Presidential Electors; Congressman; Legislative and County candidates; State officers; Constable.

The election officers would do well to have them put in shape and in place on the day before the election.

Mr. R. S. McCain.

The speeches of this gentleman, who is the Bryan Elector for this district, have been listened to by those who heard him in this county the past week with great pleasure. He discusses the issues fairly and impresses his hearers wherever he has spoken, as being a man of ability and a fit man to cast the vote of this district for W. J. Bryan for President.

U. D. C.

The monthly meeting of the Joe J. Davis Chapter will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4th, at 8.30 o'clock.

A full and prompt attendance is desired, as the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held, in accordance with decision of the late Convention.

Mrs. J. S. BARROW, Pres.

Mrs. R. H. DAVIS, Sec'y.

Teacher's Association.

Supt. R. B. White requests that teachers take notice that the next meeting of the Association will be on Saturday, November 7th instead of usual time.

Election News.

The home Telephone Co, in conjunction with the Long Distance Bell Companies of the United States have arranged to furnish, free, full and complete bulletins of the National State and County election returns next Tuesday night. This is a stroke of enterprise on the part of the manager of these companies, that should, and will no doubt be highly appreciated by the public.

POLITICS AND THE PRICE OF COTTON.

Last week we pointed out the folly of the Republican contention that it was necessary to elect Taft to keep up the price of cotton. How in the world any man can make that argument and keep his face straight it is impossible to see, but how any man can be deceived by it in the face of the facts is harder still. The argument that a protective tariff benefits the cotton grower, or ever can benefit him, requires on the part of the man who accepts it an amount of faith like unto that which moves mountains. The South has a practical monopoly on cotton. It sells the raw material to the world. How in the name of common sense the farmer who raises cotton 'o sell abroad can be benefited by a tariff and the trusts that it creates when they double the price of everything he has to buy in the way of tools and implements, we cannot see, and few men do. If the balance of the world were making cotton and competing with us in our own market, then a tariff might help us. But so long as the South sells and never buys, why do we want to adopt a system of tariff and trust legislation that makes our cotton cost us a third more to produce?

But, the Republican spellbinders are telling the farmers that a protective tariff enables the mills here at home to give the farmers more for their cotton. There was never a more absurd argument. Common sense would teach that the American manufacturer of cotton with his superior equipment and cotton at his door can sell it cheaper here than European spinners can after paying freights both ways. The truth is that the foreign spinners fix the price that they will pay, and the American spinner who sells abroad must meet their prices in the foreign field or keep out. At present he is kept out because he has to pay a third more for his tools and mill supplies on account of the trusts which the tariff make, and not because he gives the farmer any more for his cotton. Another important thing that keeps the American manufacturer out of the foreign market is that our protective system has killed our merchant marine and we have to hire foreigners to carry our ocean freights. Another thing is that we won't let the foreigners ship anything to us in returning vessels, and it therefore costs us more than it does England to get our goods to foreign markets.

So, while our mills are idle since the panic brought on by the men who are now financing the Republican campaign, the mills of Lancashire last year increased their exports of cotton goods 11 per cent, while America reduced its exports 45 per cent. The tariff is murder to the cotton grower and scarcely less so to the cotton manufacturer. In its tariff policy the Republican party forever damns the cotton farmer, yet its advocates have the audacity to ask farmers to support that policy. While its policy has been in force cotton has been lower than it ever was before. It is lower now measured by what it will buy than it was even in Cleveland's time. In the height of Roosevelt prosperity it went to 6 cents in 1905. It is now so cheap that farmers will not sell. When the Republicans claim that they will help the price, just ask them why they haven't been doing it.

Mr. E. D. Smith, of South Carolina the well known Farmers' Union man, said last week:

"Look at the prices of corn, oats, wheat, lard, meat and hay, to say nothing of other commercial articles, and compare these with cotton. Why didn't the panic affect them? Besides about two-thirds of the American crop is sold, in Europe, a panic in America should not and apparently has not affected the buying power of foreign countries.

While the panic has not affected the buying power of foreign countries the Lancashire mills are selling their cotton goods for the reasons set forth above. Last fall when the Republican panic put our mills out of business the foreign mills kept the price much higher than the home mills could say. About all the cotton from this section was sent to Europe through the ports at Wilmington and Charleston when our own mills could not pay the price. Why couldn't they pay the price? Because they could not sell in the foreign markets in competition with the countries that are not trust ridden, and the home market was paralyzed by a Republican Panic.—Ex.

Captain Swep Harrison, came into Louisa Monday evening, and following behind him was a train of wagons, numbering about 25, from the good old county of Nash. They unloaded their cargo at the Farmers Warehouse and after the sale all went home with smiling faces.

High prices have been such loud talkers at Harris Warehouse, that Waddell & Collie say the drums to their ears buzz so bad when they go to bed that they don't sleep well.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisa the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mrs. J. M. Person returned this week from a visit to her people in Nash.

Mrs. C. H. Strickland, of Youngsville, was among the visitors to Louisa this week.

Dr. R. F. Yarbrough and Mr. R. C. Beck made a short visit to Richmond, Va., this week.

Miss Matie Hester went to Raleigh Monday to have her eyes treated by Dr. Joel D. Whitaker.

Dr. J. E. Malone went down to Columbia, S. C., this week to attend the annual meeting of the Surgeons connected with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. He is expected to return to-day.

Judge Cooke returned Sunday from Newport, Rhode Island, where he was called on account of the illness of his son Captain Frances N. Cooke. He reports Captain Cooke much improved.

That veteran minister of the gospel Dr. J. D. Huffman, and Mr. T. M. Arrington, who have been attending the Tar River Baptist Association at Sandy Creek this week, passed through town yesterday on their way back home, and it was a great pleasure to the editor to shake their hands. They not only take great interest in the work of their church, but both of them are staunch Democrats.

Dr. T. J. Dean, who has recently graduated at the Medical University of the South, at Swanee, Tennessee, returned this week, and is receiving the congratulations of his friends. He is the only son of our good friend and fellow citizen, W. T. Dean, Esq., and the editor wishes this young physician great success in his chosen profession. He has not yet decided where he will locate for the practice of his profession.

TO DEMOCRATS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.

On next Tuesday, the 3rd day of November 1908 the "battle of ballots" will take place in the various precincts of our county, and I desire to urge every Democrat in the County who can crawl to be at his post of duty on that day. The result of the election on that day will settle the great and important questions as to whether good government shall continue in County and State, as to whether the Constitutional Amendment which guarantees WHITE government in North Carolina, shall stand, as to whether men NOMINATED BY THE PEOPLE shall be put in office, or whether men who are named in the back rooms of post-offices or secret caucuses, shall be your officers. Some of the men thus named may be considered good citizens, but my fellow countrymen; it matters not how good they may be, should they happen to be elected these "good men" will have to do the bidding of those who selected them. I have been over the County during the past ten days, and I feel sure that the white men of Franklin County will continue to be WHITE. It is not my purpose to raise the "color line" as the "Rads" have already raised the "black flag" in their own platform. The following is the "negro plank" in the Republican platform. Read it and ponder over it before you cast your ballot against any part of the Democratic ticket next Tuesday:

"The Republican party has been for more than fifty years the consistent friend of the American negro. It gave him freedom and assistance, wrote in the organic law the declaration which proclaimed his civil and political rights and it believes today that his worthy progress in intelligence, industry, and good citizenship has earned the respect and encouragement of the nation. We demand equal justice for all men without regard to race or color. We demand once more, and without reservation for the enforcement in letter and spirit of the Thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments to the constitution, which were designed for the protection and advancement of the negro, and we condemn all devices which have for their real aim his disfranchisement, and that for color alone, as unfair, un-American and repugnant to the supreme law of the land."

They can't claim that the Democratic party is hollering "niggers" when they themselves flout the "red shirt" in the faces of the white people, as above.

Don't allow your madness over a little side issue to control you in the important matter of casting your ballot. All sorts of tales and lies will be hurled into your ears between this and election, but remember that it was the Democratic party that made it so that you could ride in a Railroad car without being forced to sit by a drunken negro; that it was the Democratic party that made it so you could sit in halls of amusement and in church, without being put to the humiliation of having to sit by a big black negro; that it was the Democratic party that got your county out of debt, and that it is the same party that is rapidly lessening the great debt put upon the State by Radicals (railroads and carpet baggers—some of whom are now at the head of the Radical party in this State.

Leave off your madness, my Democratic friends, and do not make the mistake of "cutting off your nose to spite your face."

If you have a grievance remain in the Democratic party—the only true friend of the Southern man—and less fight it out within our own ranks. You can't get relief or satisfaction by going over to the enemy, who will promise anything to gain control of affairs in Franklin County and in the state of North Carolina.

It is unnecessary for me to tell you that I have been battling in the ranks of the Democratic party for the past 33 years, as the large majority of those I am addressing already know this fact, but I do so for the purpose of emphasizing the fact that I feel proud of my political record, and am not tired of that grand old party—the only party that is a friend to the Southern man. The old party makes mistakes, as it is controlled by human beings, but it is an exception when these mistakes are not promptly corrected.

Let me beseech every Democrat who loves his wife, his children, his sisters, his sweetheart, his county, his state, and himself, to go to the polls on next Tuesday and cast his ballot for the entire Democratic ticket, and thereby continue good government in County and State.

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ABSOLUTELY FALSE.

It has been reported to me that Mr. Willis Tharrington, the Republican candidate for County Treasurer, is telling around the county that I had said that he had made over his property to his wife to keep from paying his debts. I desire to say that I never thought of such a thing in my life until I was informed that he was telling it. Whoever told that I had said anything, even akin to such a statement, uttered a falsehood.

J. A. THOMAS.

Fox Hunters Meet.

The Great Fifth Annual Meet of the Virginia-Carolina Fox Hunters Association will be held at its Headquarters "The Mockingbird Hotel," at Chase City, Virginia, November, 4-11, 1908.

TRICK LIFT AND PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, Nov. 6th. Meet will open with a grand hunt, free to all dogs. 150 to 200 dogs are expected to be in this race.

Wednesday night—Dancing.

Thursday, Nov. 6th—Race for the ownership of the Association Trophy for the ensuing year. This is a handsome silver trophy, won last year by the Mockingbird pack.

Thursday night—Grand German.

Friday, Nov. 6th—General Hunt, free to all.

Friday night—Game Banquet to which it is expected the Governors of Virginia and North Carolina as well as many prominent United States Senators, will be present.

Saturday, Nov. 7th—Race for the handsome loving-cup offered by Dr. A. H. Boyd, Chatham, W. Va., member of the Association, to the owner of the three best couples of all-round fox dogs.

Saturday night—Dol Fowles.

Sunday, Nov. 8th—Dorby race, and General Hunt in a different direction, so that the guests of the Association can have their choice as to whether they go with the Dorby Hunt crowd, or with the General Hunt.

The prize, a handsome set of spurs, to be given for the best couple of all-round fox dogs under twenty months old.

Monday night—Old Virginia Cottles.

Tuesday, Nov. 10th—The race for the cup, a thoroughbred Shetland Pony, offered by the Mockingbird Stock Farm, and valued at \$125.00, to be run by six, or more packs. The award will be made to the best all-round pack, consisting of not less than four couples, nor more than six, from each pack.

This contest is open to everybody, whether members of the Association or not.

Tuesday night—German.

Wednesday, Nov. 11—Free Hunt.

Wednesday night—Grand Hunt Ball, and presentation of the prizes. Mr. George C. Jefferson, of Richmond, Va., has again offered a handsome sum to the lady who gets the brush in the longest chase during the Meet.

NOTE: Since the programme is advertised for every day, should it be decided that any contest is to be run over, and contest will have to be run in a separate direction, so as not to conflict with that day's programme.

No dogs competing for any of the prizes shall be compelled to run in any of the free Hunts.

All entries must be made not later than six o'clock P. M., November 1st, either in person, or by letter. In the case of letter, Five Dollars must accompany each entry, as a forfeit of the non appearance of the dogs.

TEXAS IS NO REASON UNDER THE SUN why a farmer or laboring man should cast his vote for Taft. He and his party are advocates of a high protective tariff tax, which is today making the very life-blood from the tillers of the soil. The amount of tariff tax forced out of these classes by the Federal government is a great more than the amount of tax you pay to the Sheriff. It is taken from you when you don't see it. Every time you buy any article, an average of 27 per cent of it is tax. Mr. Bryan and the Democratic party oppose this high tax and are pledged to reduce it.