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BICKETT OPENS CAMPAIGN IN ABLE ADDRESS ON NATIONAL LINES

Great Gathering of "The Unterrified" From All Portions of the County.

COURT ROOM CROWDED WITH EAGER LISTENERS.

Democracy's Red Letter Day. Inspired By Splendid Crowd. Candidate For Governor Spoke With Telling Effect. Draws Storm of Applause In His Championship of Wilson.

Graham, Aug. 19.—In a masterly address on national issues Attorney General Bickett, Democratic candidate for Governor, opened the North Carolina campaign here today before the Democratic hosts of Alamance county who crowded the historic old court house almost to suffocation.

Every precinct and neighborhood in the county was represented by the strongest men in the party. Mebane, Haw River, Burlington, Elon College, sweepstakes, Pleasant Grove, and the remotest divisions had their delegations of men who have fought Democratic battles for forty years sitting side by side with youngsters who were receiving their first training in the battle line. Half an hour before County Chairman W. H. Carroll called the convention to order every seat was filled, around the four sides of the big court room men were packed and jammed, the aisles were crowded and windows blocked with stalwart voters anxious to hear the next Governor of North Carolina deliver a speech that was to start the political pot boiling in Alamance.

Democracy's Red Letter Day.

It was Democracy's red letter day. Since early in the forenoon men began to ride into Graham from the country districts. The well paved streets were crowded with automobiles, single and double harness vehicles while from alleys and hitching sheds repeatedly sounded the song of the horse. Men arrived on trains from east and west, by trolley as far as the cars run, they came in Palm Beaches and shirt sleeves and a splendid Democracy typical of a North Carolina political potach prevailed everywhere it was a return to the good days when men assembled for a set purpose, their hearts bent upon victory. They were in merry humor. Crops were good, tobacco was commanding a high price, there was a promise of a continuous flow of milk and honey and peace and plenty was scattered over every neighborhood.

County Convention Day.

While it was county convention day when men were to be chosen from among their fellow citizens for honors there was none of the intense seeking after votes frequently witnessed at conventions. Big and broad and principled men had announced to their friends and neighbors that they were aspiring to place, and let it stop there. They were Democrats willing to accept the judgment of the people, charging no unseemly methods, going into the convention standing straight up and taking victory or defeat with no thought but the conservation of the best interests of their county and State.

Presented by J. Elmer Long.

It was to such a crowd of men literally packing and jamming the court house that Attorney General Bickett was presented by Senator J. Elmer Long, of Burlington. The nominee for Governor was inspired by the splendid crowd, the enthusiasm of his greeting, and the memory of how Alamance county had showed her loyalty to him time and again. He paid a splendid tribute to the fighting character of the men who had stamped their politics on the history of North Carolina.

Draws Storm of Applause.

Warming up in his humorous criticisms of Hughes and the charge that he was vacillating in his foreign policy, when he said: "I was in Raleigh just a few days ago and listened to an address by that great newspaper man Melville E. Stone of the Associated Press. He described the horrors of the war that is now devastating and destroying millions of men in Europe, a war that has cost a million lives and made a million widows and left more

millions of homeless and hopeless children. Mr. Stone spoke of conditions in this country, saying that if there was a man in that audience who believed in a God he should go home, get down on his knees and thank Him that there is one who sits in Washington who believes that the command 'Thou Shalt Not Kill' is as binding on a nation as upon an individual."

"It is fitting that the campaign this year should begin in Alamance, for it is the settled purpose of the unterrified Democracy of the State to lick the Republicans from A to Z. The campaign this year presents in a new phase the world old struggle between the few who conceive that all power and privilege are theirs by right divine, and the many who believe that the people themselves are the wisest and safest custodians of their own welfare. It is eminently proper that the first gun in such a campaign should be fired in a county that was a pioneer in the long fight for political liberty and for industrial freedom. Here the Regulars poured out their blood in the first battle for American independence and here was established the first cotton mill in the South, an enterprise that has grown to gigantic proportions, and has worked mightily for the industrial freedom of our people. May the spirit of Alamance Courthouse, and of those farseeing builders in our industrial life, baptize this occasion."

The Attorney General declared that this year Democracy comes before the jury of all the people with the best case that has ever been submitted to this high inquest, a case supported by a law so plain and facts so convincing that an ex-Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States temporarily in politics, after studying the case for six weeks, in a speech of acceptance said "No case for the Republicans, cuss out the other side."

"Two shining and colossal facts stand out, which clouds of argument cannot hide, and which sophistry cannot explain away," he said. "These facts are that while half the world is at war, and millions of men are being ground in the mills of death, and debts are being piled up on the peoples of Europe that it will take ten generations to pay, in America peace prevails and prosperity abounds, and according to an article that recently appeared in the New Republic, attacking the foreign policy of Woodrow Wilson, the belief of all Americans in France, and all who have been to Europe is that America has been kept out of the war by the whitelivered obstinacy of Woodrow Wilson." May his liver grow whiter, and his obstinacy increase!"

Reviews Foreign Policy.

The Attorney General reviewed the foreign policy of the President saying: "In the face of this record we find the Republican candidate for President concentrating his feeble fire upon Wilson's foreign policy, and harping forever upon his dealings with Mexico. Mr. Hughes does not say precisely what he would have done, nor what he proposes to do, but in vague sentences he hints that Wilson ought to have recognized Huerta, and I maintain that his refusal to do so is to his eternal honor. Huerta assassinated his bosom friend, betrayed the Mexican people who had trusted him, attempted to set up a government whose foundation was assassination and treachery; whose purpose was to continue to grind the faces of the Mexican people, and when all the smoke and dust shall clear away, the calm judgment of a Christian civilization will be that Huerta had precisely the same claim to be recognized as the head of Mexico as Judas Iscariot had to be recognized as the head of the Church. Again Mr. Hughes complains that the President was not firm with Germany; that he was not firm with England, and that he should have laid down hard and fast rules, and then stuck to them without regard to consequences. Such a course would have been the sublimation or folly.

ATTEND THE MEETING

TONIGHT AT THE COURT HOUSE

At 8 O'clock

And Lend Your Presence and Support to Devising Some Means to Boost the Town and Its Markets.

You cannot prescribe unchangeable rules in dealing with conditions that change every hour. When a man finds himself bounded on the East by yellow jackets, on the West by rattle snakes, on the North by man-eating sharks, and on the South by hell fire and damnation, he has to make lightning changes in his position or he will soon have no position to change.

"But mark you, every change was made in the interest of the safety and the prosperity of his own people, and commenting on the last note that Wilson wrenched from Germany's mighty and militant Emperor, the New York Sun declares that 'great and immeasurable calamity was avoided without obliteration of a single bright band in the spectrum of this Republic's honor,' and certainly no man has ever accepted the New York Sun of being in any way connected with the Democratic party either by blood or by marriage."

The Vital Thing.

"When a traveler employs a guide to carry him in a frail canoe through some of the rapids of the Colorado River as they sweep through the Grand Canyon, the traveler is not much concerned about whether or not the guide paddles according to the rules and regulations laid down in the books, the one thing of vital concern to him is to get safely through the rapids. For the last two years this nation has been 'shooting the rapids.' With a skill well nigh miraculous our pilot has dodged the rocks and weathered the whirlpools, and today, while the water is still swift and turbid, the boat is running more smoothly than ever before. The vague insinuations of Mr. Hughes, and the torrential tirades of Mr. Roosevelt can never make the people forget that while the balance of the world is at war, America is at peace. Besides this one inescapable and indestructible fact the peevish criticisms of Wilson's enemies, look like an eastern sandhill by the side of Mitchell's lofty dome."

Considers Business Growth.

Mr. Bickett then reviewed the vast business growth of the country during the last two years, and said that while rulers in other lands have brought upon their people epidemics of disease, famine and death, Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic party have brought upon the American people an epidemic of prosperity. Our mills are running on full time, laborers are receiving the highest wages ever known, the farmer is getting unprecedented prices for all his crops, the ends of the earth are buying our products, the gold of other nations is flowing into our coffers. The American dollar has taken the place of the English pound as the standard of value, and America is the clearing house for the big financial transactions of the whole world.

"This amazing prosperity," he said, "is largely due to the wisdom of the Democratic legislation, and to the courage and patriotism of Democratic officials. If, when the war fell like a bolt from the blue sky, the country had been under the old Republican financial system, controlled by the selfishness and greed of a few private individuals in Wall Street, the worst panic in the world's history would have descended upon us, and today instead of riding the high tide of universal prosperity, we would have been wallowing

in the mire of universal bankruptcy." Reviews Construction Legislation.

The speaker reviewed the record of constructive legislation made in the last three years, the Federal Reserve Law, the establishment of the Department of Labor, declaring that the establishment of this department for the first time in American history gave to the man in overalls a seat at the council table of the nation equal in importance and dignity to the man in a dress suit. He dwelt upon the establishment of the Federal Trade Commission, designed to serve as a light-house to the honest business man who wanted to obey the law; he explained the operation of the Rural Credit Bill saying that it opened a new door of hope and opportunity to all who wanted a vine and fig tree they could call their own; the wonderful activities of the Department of Agriculture; the passage of the Good Roads bill and its beneficial effects upon the farmer were fully discussed.

In summing up, Mr. Bickett said "with what does the Republican party meet this magnificent record? Words! words! words! When Mr. Hughes was a receptive candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, he shrouded himself in silence, and as the active candidate of that party for election he shrouds himself in words. So far as public enlightenment is concerned, the two processes have had precisely the same effect."

The Hughes Acceptance.

"The nation waited on tip-toe for Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance. A distressed and disheartened Republican party listened for the clarion notes of their leader as wistfully as the prisoners at Lucknow listened for the strains of the Scottish bagpipes, but when the speech came it brought to the Republican party a disappointment as pathetic as that which came to Jacob when he had worked seven years for Rachel and woke up and found that he was married to Leah. In the whole speech there is nothing specific; not one constructive policy is advanced. He says not one new thing, nor an old thing in a new way, but hands out to his hungry followers a string of moth-eaten platitudes and insipidities, and the only certain thing about that speech is the certainty that no mortal man will read it twice."

"I have tried fairly and faithfully to present to you the unvarnished record, for if the Democratic party deserves to be continued in power the record is the reason," said the Attorney General in conclusion. "It matters little to Woodrow Wilson what the verdict of the people shall be at the polls—his record is his reward, it declares its own glory. His position in American history is forever secure; time can never diminish but can only heighten the splendor of his fame. But to this people it matters even what they shall do, for not Woodrow Wilson but the American people are on trial in this campaign, for it tests their ability to appraise at their true value those who hunger to do them good, and those who thirst to use them for selfish ends."

"To my mind the very saddest incident in all history is when the man of Galilee, filled with a divine longing to serve his own people, exclaimed 'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that kill

est the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and yet would not.' My countrymen, my people, shall it be written of you in the coming years, that a prophet passed your way and you knew him not; that wisdom cried aloud in the streets and you did not hear; that justice knocked at your door and you did not open?"

"I believe that in the hearts of the ninety and nine there is a great longing to know the truth and to do the right. I believe that in this year when they shall know all the facts the people will say to Woodrow Wilson, and to the great party whose leader and prophet he is:

You have served us with unselfish wisdom,
You have piloted us safely through the storm,
You have guided us into prosperous ways,
You have opened for us a wider door,
You have filled us with a larger hope.
Therefore let it be heralded from every housetop, and certified on every ballot that the cause of Democracy is the cause of humanity, and that Wilson is the man it delighteth the people to honor.

Interrupted by Applause.

Frequently throughout his speech Mr. Bickett was interrupted by long applause. His stories illustrative of some point he was driving home provoked laughter and cheers. His word picture of war and famine and desolation that would have been visited upon America had not Providence specially put a man of calm judgment in the White House brought tears from eyes long unused to outward emotion. Exclamations rose to the height of eloquence time and again as he was swept away upon the wings of some great principle of right government. "The greatest speech I ever heard," commented one old gentleman who confessed to being eighty-nine years of age. "The Republicans are going to make the fight of their lives," said Representative John Vernon, "but they will never be able to put out the fires that have been kindled by Bickett this day."

The Attorney General was as pleased with his reception as the people were with his speech. They crowded about him at the conclusion of the two hours address, and it was a long time afterward when he finally reached the door and was hurried down the stairs by friends in waiting.—News-Observer.

From Youngsville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Minor returned Monday from a visit to Fuquay Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cheatham, Mrs. B. H. Winston and Mrs. J. H. Timberlake returned Sunday from Richmond, Va.

Miss Ella Harris returned Wednesday from Shelby, where she spent some time visiting friends.

Miss Mary Eaves left Monday for Bales Creek Academy.

Miss Frances Poole, of Knightsdale, visited Miss Hattie Purkerson last week.

Misses Pattie Lee Murphy, Lucy Phelps, and Priscilla Pittman, of Louisburg, are visiting Mrs. J. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Morris, of Oxford, visited Mr. W. P. Morris last week.

Miss Number Wilder, of Louisburg, is visiting Miss Lizzie Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hatch, of Fayette, Mo., visited at the home of Dr. P. R. Hatch last week.

Messrs. W. O. Roberts and S. E. Tharrington returned to Camp Glenn Monday.

Mr. G. C. Purkerson, of Knightsdale, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Purkerson this week.

The Youngsville tobacco market announces its opening sale for Sept. 5. Warehousemen are making great preparations for a banner year. Cheatham Bros. have annexed about four thousand square feet of floor space. Buyers for the Imperial, American, Leggett and Meyers, Dibrell Bros. and R. J. Reynolds have been secured for the season.

All men are fools, of course, but bachelors are not reminded of the fact as often as married men.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW, SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Mr. James Massenburg returned the past week from Warsaw.
Miss Nettie Parrish, of Durham, is visiting Miss Lillie Hale.

Miss Helen Pleasants has returned from a visit to New Berne.
Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin left Wednesday for Beaufort on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hale are visiting her people at Four Oaks.

Mr. E. L. Jones, of Kentucky, was a visitor to Louisburg this week.

Miss Agnes Lacy, of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Eleanor Cooke this week.

Dr. J. Herbert Fitzgerald, of Selma, is visiting Mr. Malcolm McKinne.

Mr. B. B. Massenburg, of Co. D. Camp Glenn, is at home on aurlough.

Mr. E. C. Perry and children spent Sunday with relatives in Henderson.

Mr. J. P. Winston, of Wake county, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Misses Nellie and Grace Wyckoff, of Ridgeway, are visiting Miss Lillie Hale.

Mrs. Dr. H. A. Newell left Saturday to visit her husband at Camp Glenn.

Miss Louise Thomas returned the past week from a visit to relatives at Raleigh.

Postmaster R. H. Davis left Saturday to spend a few days with relatives at Salisbury.

Mr. Edward Dement, of Co. D., Camp Glenn, is at home on a visit to his people.

Miss Fair Polk, of Warrenton, has returned home accompanied by Miss Mildred Scott.

Mr. J. H. Doughton returned Friday from a trip through Western North Carolina.

Misses Agnes and Annie Belle Pegram, of Henderson, visited Miss Lillie Hale the past week.

Mr. Frank Roth left Sunday for New York, to purchase more goods for his fall and winter trade.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McKinne and Mr. H. L. Candler spent the weekend with friends at Thomasville.

Mr. C. W. Winston and wife, of Raleigh, visited her brother, Mr. J. R. Wiggins near town this week.

Mrs. G. E. Crowell and Miss Ida Maye Yow, of Thomasville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McKinne.

Mr. C. M. Vaughan and wife returned Tuesday from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Conway, at Kinston.

Mr. Hiram Best, wife and children, of Fremont, were among the visitors to Louisburg Sunday, guests of Mrs. R. Z. Egerton.

Mrs. Julia Scott has gone to New York and other Northern cities to purchase her millinery stock for the Fall.

Miss Sallie Williams returned the past week from New York, where she has been taking a special course in music.

Messrs. Cheatham Alston and C. H. Stallings of Co. D. Camp Glenn spent several days with their people here the past week.

Misses Kate and Lillian High, Miss Jessica R. Smith and Mr. N. B. Allbrook returned Monday from a week-end visit to Panacea Springs.

Supt. E. L. Best returned Saturday from New York, where he has been taking a special course in School work at Columbia University.

Mr. Charles McLaurin and little daughter, Ida, en route from Norfolk to his home in South Carolina, stopped over and spent Sunday with relatives.

Miss Sallie Pleasants has returned from New York, where she has been taking the summer course at Columbia University. She also visited the cities of Albany, West Point, Washington, Annapolis and Baltimore.

Mr. J. B. Fulghum and daughter, Bertha and Kathleen, and son, Jesse, and Miss Pat Fuller and Mr. Graham Griffin attended the funeral of Mr. J. L. Rideout at Ridgeway Tuesday afternoon. The deceased was the father of Mrs. Fulghum.

Ice Retards Budding.
Ice is made use of in a Texas orchard to retard the budding until desired.