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EDITORIAL.

"It seems that the carrying of Indiana is simply a question of money" says the Charlotte Chronicle, and the truthfulness of the statement is borne out by past experiences. The Washington Post also remarks that "the State is notorious among party managers for the amount of money a successful struggle requires." That such condition is true is a fearful commentary on political conditions in general and especially on those which obtain in the State of Indiana. Of course in every State perhaps, can be found a purchasable element and this will continue so long as men who can vote are so ignorant as to have incorrect notions of honor and honesty. It is rather too hopeful of a view to take of the case to think that we shall ever see the time when politics will be conducted on the same principles as are other businesses, but unless we are surprised, the tendency of the time is towards a diminution of political corruption and a more healthful tone is noticeable.

The Raleigh News and Observer says of Dr. McKelway, who has recently resigned as editor of the Charlotte News, to accept a position as one of the secretaries of the National Child Labor Committee:

"It is too much to say that no daily paper in North Carolina has been edited with such brilliancy and ability as the Charlotte News under the editorship of Dr. McKelway. He is well equipped, honest, courageous and sincere, and always rings clear. He will be greatly missed from daily journalism."

The retirement of the Doctor from the editorship of the News by no means means that his journalistic labors have ceased and that we shall see no more from his facile pen. Work of this character is with him a matter of instinct and is as easy to him as it is enjoyable to his host of readers throughout the State. It has been said of him by a competent authority and one who was not expected to feel especially kindly toward him, that he was the best editorial writer in the South. Perhaps neither this nor the above contributed from the News and Observer overstate the matter much.

If you believe in honest, economical and efficient administration,

If you believe in low taxes,

If you are opposed to tax-fed monopolies,

If you favor real reciprocity in international trade,

If you are burdened by the high prices that result from Republican policies,

If you do not want to pay higher taxes to meet ship subsidies,

If you believe in the preservation of the constitutional and legal checks and safeguards against official usurpation,

If you want the rascols in high places who have betrayed the people's trust discovered and punished,

If you would deal fairly with the Filipinos,

If you are opposed to unnecessary foreign wars and needless increases of the army and navy,

If you believe that national prosperity is the God-given reward of industry in efficiently applied under beneficent conditions of soil and climate, and not the result of legislation favoring unjustly accorded special classes, in industries or occupations—

Vote for Judge Parker!

It will take a long-drawn, labored speech to give more reasons and better reasons why you should vote the Democratic ticket than are contained in the above clipping from the Morning Post. That's truth in a nut shell with the shell cracked.

Judge Parker in a recent speech showed that the expenditures of the government under Democratic administration in 1897 were one hundred and sixty two millions of dollars, while the expenditures for the year 1904 up to June 30 under Republican administration were three hundred and forty nine millions of dollars. The trusts, the owners of industries and republicans generally may argue all they please that this increase of expenditure is an index of prosperity but it is nevertheless true that this increased burden is borne by the tax payers of the government and that the poorer classes pay more largely in proportion than those who have greater wealth. It is a simple problem for the tax payers to consider. Are they willing to contribute to such extravagances or do they prefer an administration which will curtail expenditures to the lowest point consistent with good government.

It is now claimed that the Vance banner which is given for the largest Democratic majority in any county will after this election go either to Wake or Mecklenburg. It is quite true that these grand old counties have given tremendous majorities in recent times and while they have a larger population and a larger total vote in consequence than Robeson has, we believe at the same time that the very small percentage of Republican votes in the county make it possible for Robeson to secure the distinction of holding this banner. All that is necessary to accomplish this, is to get the people to come out to the polls. We've got 'em and they are the best kind.

Russia and Japan.

Emperor Nicholas has at last received an official report of the four days assault of the besiegers upon Port Arthur recently and it appeared that the unofficial report from Che Foo was by no means exaggerated. The Japanese displayed frenzied bravery but they lost 10,000 men and their only success was the capture of two redoubts guarding the water works. Since the bloody assaults from the 19th to the 23rd of September there has been comparative tranquility around the fortress. On the night of the 23rd the Japanese after being repulsed, fled in a panic. They are now working actively and are approaching by a tunnel and intrenchments. The spirit of the troops is heroic. Wounded men are daily going off to the hospital to the ranks. It was reported on the fifth that the Russian squadron made a sortie from Port Arthur and that a great naval battle occurred. No details were given. A dispatch to the "Lokal Anzeiger," from Mukden, says: General Kuropatkin has expressed a firm determination to avail himself of this favorable season of the year for military action. Everything points to a coming revenge of Liao Yang. The officers and men hope that the period of retreats is past and that they will be led against the enemy. According to his calculations a correspondent gives a summary of the opposing Japanese as, total 144,000 infantry, 6,500 cavalry and 648 guns.

Freak of Nature.

In a lot of potatoes bought by Mrs. Caroline Jones a few days since, was one whose shape was remarkable. Except for the coloring, it very closely resembled a duck fashioned from plaster, paris or some other such material. It possessed the general contour of this fowl. The arch neck, the flat back, the extended breast, and especially were the eyes noticeable. It was a rare freak in which plant life endeavored to assume shape and proportions of a fowl. To what law of nature such a phenomenon is due, we are infinitely too ignorant to know, but it was a curiosity nevertheless.

Communion at St. Pauls.

Communion at St. Pauls Church Sunday in October. Services will begin Friday night previous and will continue until Sunday night. These occasions are of deep interest to the good Scotch people of this community and are largely attended from far and near. A commission composed of Rev. L. A. McLaurin, Rev. W. T. Walker and Rev. D. Munroe will install Rev. Joseph Evans as pastor on Thursday following.

Republican Convention in Session.

Chairman W. J. Currie called the Republican Convention to order yesterday at 11:30 o'clock and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to perfect an organization whose efforts should be exerted in behalf of good government in North Carolina and especially in the grand old county of Robeson. It was not he said, a Republican convention alone but a republican mass meeting. Secretary B. F. McLean then read the call which was signed by himself and Chairman Currie. The roll of townships was then called and Alfordville and Blue Springs alone failed to answer. The chair then appointed a committee on permanent organization and rules, composed of Messrs L. E. Tyner, W. A. Wilkes, J. J. Shaw, John Prevatt, Carl Howard, Henry Britt and James Smith. Mr. Smith not responding, Mr. W. G. Hall's name was substituted on the list. A motion was then made that the convention adjourn until one o'clock pending the report of the committee. Mr. S. A. Edmund moved to amend the motion, making the hour of re-assembling 1:30 o'clock. A vote was taken and those favoring one o'clock were in so large a majority that Mr. Edmund withdrew his amendment stating at the time that he was "like the Democratic party in Robeson county, in a hopeless minority."

Convention was called to order at 1 o'clock. Dr. Norment was called on and spoke about fifteen minutes. His speech made one almost think that Robeson County politics had been carried back fifteen years. The committee having reported and the temporary organization being made permanent, the nomination of officers was begun.

W. J. Currie was nominated for the Senate, W. H. Kinlaw and W. K. Culbreath for the house, J. W. Hall for Sheriff, R. A. Atkinson Register of Deeds, Thomas Hedgpeth for Treasurer, for Coroner W. H. Barnes, for Surveyor D. B. McNeill.

The following were nominated for commissioners: Wm. Johnson, Nathan Andrews, Rev. K. Barnes, L. E. Tyner, E. L. McCormick. Resolutions endorsing the administration of McKinley and his successor, Roosevelt, and that such administration is for the best interest of the country, and denouncing increased taxation and expenditures as excessive were introduced by Mr. B. F. McLean, Mr. S. A. Edmund stated that the issues in Robeson were local and advised that resolutions be not introduced. Mr. Edmund was haranguing the convention on currency, National Banks and other purely local questions, as these forms went to press.

Other Locals.

E. L. Lovelace spent yesterday here. He left on the evening train for Florence, where he has accepted a position with the Seaboard.

Mr. Clem B. Thompson, of Ashpole, was greeting his many friends here yesterday.

We regret to learn that Master Harold, the little son of Mr. W. H. Humphrey, is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, of Tolarsville, spent Wednesday here shopping.

Mr. Frank McDonald, with his wife, who is a niece of Mr. T. W. Maxwell, were visitors here yesterday.

Mr. Caswell Britt's daughter, Miss Maud Britt, who has been very ill for some weeks with Typhoid fever, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Johnson, of St. Pauls, spent yesterday here.

Mr. Stephen McIntyre spent last Wednesday in Rowland on professional business.

Miss Pauline Osborne, who has been quite sick for several days past, is improving.

On account of the absence of Mr. and Mrs. DuBois, the Bakery was closed Tuesday evening and Wednesday. Our people had not realized how completely they depended on the Bakery until compelled to do without it.

Miss Mollie Sealey made a short visit to the family of Mr. A. E. White this week. She left on the Frank Gough special for St. Louis, where she will spend some time taking in the Fair, before going to her home in Texas.

Whiteville Lady Dead.

Mrs. Roy W. Clark, of Cochar, S. C., a daughter of Mrs. S. E. Memory, of Whiteville, died at her home last Saturday after a brief illness. Her remains were taken to Whiteville and interred there this week, after impressive funeral services by the Rev. Mr. Baock, of Wilmington Star.

Teacher Examination.

The regular examination for teachers will be held in the court house at Lumberton, for white teachers on Thursday, October 13th; colored teachers, Friday, October 14th; Croftons teachers, Saturday 15th. All teachers who are expecting to teach, and have no certificates, will be expected to attend this examination. J. R. POOLE, Superintendent Public Instructions.

Ashpole Items.

Many of our young people attended the ice cream supper at Baltimore Friday night and had a splendid time.

Miss Pat Pitman came out from Lumberton with Miss Christine Floyd Friday afternoon and remained among kind folks until Sunday evening.

Mr. E. V. McDaniel has bought the dwelling and lots of Dr. W. F. Stephens on upper Main Street and expects to occupy the house himself. We hear that Dr. Stephens expects to build on his lot at the corner of Main and Center Streets.

Mr. A. J. Floyd is moving into his handsome brick store. Will be entirely ready for trade in a few days.

Mrs. J. M. Ashby and Paul returned last Friday from a two months stay in western North Carolina, where they spent a most delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nance and little daughter, of Marietta, spent Sunday here with relatives.

The many friends of Mrs. Annie Jans Iums are very glad to welcome her back to her old home after several months stay in Granville county.

Miss Ida Floyd who was trained at the State Normal College has been elected assistant teacher for Ashpole Institute.

Mrs. Lewis Gunn and children are here visiting relatives who are delighted to have them with them again.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church expect to have a public meeting of their society in the church on Wednesday night, October 13th to which the public is cordially invited. The programme will consist of songs, recitations, a history of the society, and an address by the pastor and they hope to make it interesting to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Fisher, of Parkton, spent part of last week here with Mr. N. A. Thompson.

MARION.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schad and Miss Nina Carmichael will leave tomorrow for a trip to the world's fair.

Sunday morning, the day after the carnival, a variegated carpet of confetti covered Main Street from the court house square to the A. C. L. Railroad.

Mr. Walter A. McMullan left Thursday night for Columbia where he has accepted a situation in the freight office of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mr. W. S. Seakhouse was in town Monday, and went to the court house and property with Mr. Harris, an architect of Philadelphia, Pa. Plans for the new building will be made at once, and will commence as soon as material can be put on the grounds.

The Rev. F. O. S. Carris, of the Dillon Baptist church, spent Sunday night in Marion as the guest of Rev. Mr. Brewster, of the First Baptist church, where he will continue this week.

The liberal patronage the church restaurants received during Gala Week was gratifying to those in charge. The ladies of the Baptist church cleared about seventy dollars, and the young men of the Methodist church who had formed a partnership realized about \$125.00.

It has been decided that the first work to be done on the roads of the township with the funds provided by the recently voted special tax is to be on the road leading from Marion to Spring Branch. Mr. L. E. Watson, who has in charge began the work yesterday, just above the town limits.

Democratic Speaking.

The following gentlemen will address the people at the times and places given below.

Hon. F. M. Simmons, United States Senator and Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee will address the people on the issues of the day at Lumberton, N. C., Friday, October 7th, at 11 o'clock a. m. Let all the people attend and hear an able presentation of the issues.

Col. N. A. McLean, Kingsdale, Britts Township, Tuesday, Oct. 4th, Sterling Township, Old Mill, Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

Hon. G. B. Patterson, Democratic Candidate for Congress, Sixth District, and Honorable H. L. Godwin, Democratic Candidate for Elector, for the Sixth District at Rogers Store, White House, Thursday, Oct. 6th, Ashpole, Oct. 7th, Friday; Saturday Oct. 8th, at Rowland, at 2 p. m. Hon. H. L. Godwin, Democratic Candidate for Elector, at Red Springs, Oct. 10th, St. Pauls, Tuesday, October 11th.

Hon. A. L. Shaw, Democratic Candidate for State Senate, and Hon. E. J. Britt and G. C. Fisher, Democratic Nominees for House of Representatives, together with the candidates for the various other County officers, as follows: Back Swamp, Monday, Oct. 10, Alfordville, Tuesday, Oct. 11, Thompsons, (Rowland) Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Thompsons, (Raynham) Thursday, Oct. 13.

Raft Swamp, Friday, Oct. 14.

Saddle Tree, Monday, Oct. 17.

St. Pauls, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Lumber Bridge, Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Blue Springs, (McByde's Store) Thursday, Oct. 20.

Red Springs, Friday, Oct. 21.

Burnt Swamp (Bue) Saturday, Oct. 22.

Howellville, Monday, Oct. 24.

Wisharts, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Maxton, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Smiths (Wakulla) Thursday, Oct. 27.

Other appointments will be announced later. Where no time is specified as to the hour of speaking, the hour will be 11 o'clock a. m., unless the Township Executive Committee or the candidates shall decide otherwise.

J. G. McCormick,

Chairman, County Executive Committee.

"I Didn't Think."

If all the trouble in the world Were traced back to the start, We'd find not one in ten begun From want of willing heart.

But there's a sly, wee working elf, Who lurks about youth's brink, And sure dismay he brings away— The elf, "I couldn't think."

He seems so sorry when he's caught, His mien is all contrite, He so regrets the wee he's wrought And wants to make things right.

But wishes do not heal a wound, Nor weld a broken link; The heart aches on, the link is gone— All through "I didn't think."

When brain is comrade to the heart, And heart from soul draws grace, "I didn't think" will quick depart.

For lack of resting place, If from the great unselfish stream, The golden rule we drink, We'll keep God's laws and have no cause.

To say, "I didn't think," —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The forty-fourth State Fair will be held in Raleigh October 17-22, 1904.

LUMBERTON.

Exchange. Mrs. Anna McColl and mother of Rowland, visited relatives in the Scotland Grove community this week.

Hon. Dan Hugh Meloy, of Harriet, opened the campaign in Richmond with a masterly speech at Rockingham last Tuesday.

Mr. Peter McIntosh, Jr., will leave Friday morning for Charleston where he will enter the South Carolina Military Academy.

You will do well to keep your eye on this town of Lumberton. Improvements of one kind or another are daily occurrences nowadays. It is one of the towns of the State.

Miss Mary McCormac, daughter of Mr. Daniel McCormac, near Lumberton, we regret to hear is very ill. Her sister, Mrs. May, of Morven, came down on account of her illness.

The Dickson Cotton Mill is having a coal chut-put in for excise avoidance. If wood is as scarce this winter as last the people of the town would do well to have one put in at the depot for their use.

The fine open weather that has prevailed for the past two weeks has proved a boon to the farmers. The era picked over for the second time is increasing daily. Another week of such weather will probably see the bulk of the cotton housed.

The first depositor in the Scotland County Savings Bank was made by a colored woman, who deposited fifty dollars. This speaks well for our colored population, many of whom are thrifty, respectable and law abiding people.

In Memoriam.

In memory of my Aunt, Mrs. Kate Smith, who died in the town of Rowland, N. C., aged 62 years. Mrs. Smith was twice married. First to Mr. Lewis McPipkin. Four children survive her from this union. She was last married to Mr. W. J. Smith, who still survives her. She was a member of a large and influential family of which three brothers are living, Rev. J. E. Thompson, of the North Carolina Conference, W. B. Thompson, of Rowland, and Rev. Wesley Thompson, of McDonalds, N. C.

The death angel ever takes us unawares, and as daylight faded into night, Monday 12th of Sept. while the family, with the angels watched around her bed, her spirit was wafted on unseen wings to its eternal home.

No more, will her gentle spirit guide us, no more will her motherly love comfort and cheer us, but she has bequeathed to us the legacy of a beautiful christian life.

Her gentleness and kindness, were sweetly tempered with that meekness and forbearance which are born of faith. Around her hearthstone we all loved to gather and enjoy sweet communion with her whom we loved. The sunshine of her generous and sympathetic nature, guided the lives of all who knew her. We miss her now at home and at church. The sweet fragrance, the loved voice, husband, the hands are forever still— in death's icy clasp, but death is robbed of its sadness in the sweet assurance of her awaiting us all at the gates of the eternal city.

Recently, peacefully, angels have borne her Into the beautiful mansions above. Free from earth's toilings forever. Safe in the arms of the God she loved.

A NIECE.