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BRYAN TO LABOR MEN.

Labor Day Turned Into Bryan Day in Chicago—An Except From His Speech.

William Jennings Bryan addressed a multitude of laboring men in Chicago last Monday, Labor Day in that city being made Bryan Day. Among other things he said:

According to the Declaration of Independence, governments are instituted among men to secure to them the enjoyment of their inalienable rights, three are specifically enumerated—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The second and third, however, are really parts of the first, for life means nothing to the individual if it is confined to mere animal existence. Man is distinguished from the brute in that the latter merely eats and sleeps and dies, while man is endowed by the Creator with infinite possibilities. Liberty is necessary for the realization of man's possibilities. His conscience must be left free that he may fix for himself the relation between himself and his God. His mind must be left free that he may devise and plan for himself, for his family and for his fellows. His speech must be free that he may give to the world the result of his investigations and present to others the ideal which he is trying to realize in his work. His pen must be free that he may scatter seed thoughts to the uttermost parts of the earth and leave to posterity a record of his work. He finds in government the cheapest, as well as the surest, protection of this liberty, to be, to think, to speak, to act.

And what constitutes the pursuit of happiness? Man must have home and friends—family and society. He must have food or he will starve. He must have clothing and shelter; he must have books, he must have instruments with which to work. He must provide during the period of strength for the years when age dulls his energies and begets his hands. He may have ambition, he may have willingness to work and an environment that spurs him on; but the government may encourage or it may discourage his efforts. Government may bid him hope or leave him to despair.

When I visited the valley of Jordan I learned that it is fertile and productive, and yet, instead of being cultivated like the valley of the Nile, vast stretches of territory lie untilled. Why? I was told that under the reign of the Sultan the toiler is not protected in the enjoyment of the fruits of his soil. If the farmer plants and tends his crop, the roving Bedouins will sweep down from the hills at harvest time and carry away the fruits of his industry.

If the government does not assure to the individual the enjoyment of the result of his effort, there is no stimulus to industry. We have the best government on earth. It gives the largest liberty, the greatest hope and the most encouragement to the citizens, and yet, even in this country, it is always necessary to be on the watch to keep the instrumentalities of government from being turned to private gain.

A MODERN PROBLEM.

One of the greatest problems of today is to secure an equitable distribution of the proceeds of toil. The material wealth of this country is largely a joint product; in factories few people work alone, and on the farm a certain amount of co-operation is necessary. Where men work together, the army organization applies to some degree; that is, some direct, others are directed. The difficulty has been to divide the results fairly between the captains of industry and the privates in the ranks. As the dividing is done largely by the captains, it is not unnatural that they should magnify their part and appropriate too large a share; neither is it unnatural that there should be complaint on the part of the toilers who think that their recompense is insufficient.

The labor question, therefore, as it presents itself at this time, is chiefly a question asked for legislation which will secure to each that to which his services entitle him. As legislation is secured through the ballot every one should use the ballot to obtain the legislation necessary. The Democratic platform presents the ideal toward which the Democratic party is striving, namely, justice in the distribution of rewards. The Democratic party proclaims that each indi-

DRAINAGE OF SWAMPS.

Representatives of Seventeen Eastern Counties of the State Meet in Newbern to Discuss the Matter of Swamp Drainage.

A drainage convention was held in Newbern Wednesday and Thursday for the purpose of discussing the important question of drainage. The following is taken from the report of the convention to The Charlotte Observer:

The first speech was from Hon. J. H. Small, of Washington, N. C. His remarks were based on the proposition that what was practically regarded as valueless land has been demonstrated to be fertile. As the lands of the West have been reclaimed by irrigation, so the swamp lands can be easily reclaimed, and the Southland may claim for its twentieth century heritage a rich and priceless treasure. Not only do the swamp lands require drainage, he said, but also the open lands a little higher in position but more or less under water. He referred to conditions in Hyde county where at present there is no certainty of obtaining good results because the land is under water. Fertile river bottoms of the trucking and the piedmont sections are also subject to this treatment. Drainage concerns the whole State and what is done for a section in this work will benefit the entire Commonwealth. The study of the drainage question is something of a revelation. By it this section will be transformed not only in agricultural and commercial lines but also in altering health conditions. Drainage has two benefits. One is to the private owner, his land being increased in value, and one to the public in the health improvement of the community. We must get together and co-operate to accomplish the results offered by this idea. The project is too gigantic to undertake in a private capacity. No corporation could do it. Only through co-operation with the government can they be accomplished.

The help drainage would give to highways was also mentioned. Illiteracy and the inactivity of Southern people was criticised and cited as a cause for the neglect of this important feature of agricultural improvement. We need a law which shall say to the farmer, "You shall drain your land." It is a necessity and there must be a compulsory feature to make the plan universal. On closing Mr. Small referred to two men whose work in behalf of drainage has been signally successful. Prof. J. O. Wright and Dr. J. H. Pratt.

SCHOOL MATTERS.

Business Transacted at Monthly Meeting of County Board of Education.

The county board of education was in regular monthly session on Monday morning, and on account of the crowded condition of the paper Thursday it was necessary to defer publication of its proceedings until today. The following business was transacted:

It was ordered that the school building in district No. 10, Thompson's township, be located at Purvis. The committee of district No. 3, Alfordville, were instructed to open their school on or about the first Monday in October. Superintendent Poole was instructed to sell the public school property at Rowland to the best advantage.

The following transfers were ordered: P. J. Adams, from the special district at Raeford to district No. 2, Blue Springs; Mrs. Susan Davis and M. C. Lovin, from district No. 1 to district No. 3, Blue Springs; S. F. Jenkins, from district No. 3 to district No. 5, Sterling; J. W. Baker, J. A. Purcell, Willie Hubert, H. Townsend, Sarah Rountree, from district No. 3 to district No. 2, Alfordville.

The following school committees were appointed: J. H. Bass, No. 3, White House; Walter Faulk, Jesse Turner and M. Oliver, No. 5, White House; A. S. Locklear, Walter Strickland and Enoch Oxendine, No. 1, Croatan, Raft Swamp; Jim Jacobi and R. H. Carter, No. 1, Croatan, Back Swamp.

The application for a new colored district near Rennett was granted, the boundaries to be as follows: Beginning at Raft Swamp on the A. C. L. Ry. and running with the swamp to the mouth of Carpenter's branch, thence a direct line to E. J. Biggs', to Saddle Tree and Rennett public road; thence with said road to the Rennett and Rozier's public road, thence with said road to and to include the town of Rennett; thence from Rennett up the Lumber Bridge public road to the Lowery school district line, thence with said district line to Raft Swamp, thence down said swamp to the beginning.

An application for a new school district for the Croatan race near Saddle Tree was ordered approved, the boundaries to be as follows: Beginning in Raft Swamp at the A. C. L. Ry., crossing the lands of W. McMillan and Z. Bateman, down Raft swamp to Williams' bridge, thence a direct line to Ten Mile swamp at Thesia Carlyle's, thence up Ten Mile swamp to the A. C. L. Ry. at Rennett, thence with said railroad to the beginning.

Petitions were presented from districts No. 5, White House and Blue Springs, for special tax elections. These petitions were approved and, as stated in the report in Thursday's Robesonian of the meeting of the county commissioners, the commissioners ordered that these elections be held on October 17. J. H. McKenzie, John Deas and Hiram Hall were appointed committee-men for the last named district—No. 5, Blue Springs.

In the case of George Deal against the commissioners of district No. 2, Croatan, Lumberton township, it was ordered that the case be reopened on account of new evidence being produced, and Supt. Poole was instructed to issue notices to both parties.

WARM CAMPAIGNS.

In Carpetbagger Days and Now—Some Robesonian Contributors.

In perusing the columns of your valuable paper, which is a welcome visitor to my sanctum, for twice a week its smiling face beams on us, we find contribution after contribution from many sections of the county, the grand old county of Robeson, and of other sections of the country as well. Among them I notice, and with pleasure, too, one from A. L. Davis, a former Robesonian but now of the Birmingham District, the State of Alabama. (Here we rest.) He has favored us on occasions with his ever bright and always spicy articles, for he has a knack at pleasing one's palate, especially the kind and pleasing references given "Aunt Becky," one who has for a term of years continued to place us all under lasting obligations to her for the many sweet and delectable things said of men and things concerning the issues of the day.

Now, I would mention, if you will permit, that the writer, being a visitor to the old soldiers reunion in Birmingham last June, did not meet the aforesaid A. L. Davis; but will right here and now say that we heard his merry laughter from the sidewalk as we passed his place of residence down there on one of the many green hillsides of the beautiful Pratt City, a pleasant suburb of Birmingham, where we old soldiers and sons and daughters of those who wore the gray collected by the thousands from every hamlet and hilltop of the South to do honor to ourselves and to the cause we had distinguished pleasure to represent. And we would like to say further we found there some dear old school-mates and friends of more youthful days who have found it to their advantage to seek homes and to gain friendships in this great city of the South-West. Among other thoughts crowding in upon our already burdened mind we are reminded forcibly of the very feeling and touching lines of a famous poet—

"Oh, in the stilly night,
"Ere slumber's chains have bound me,
Fond memories bring to mind
The light of other days, etc."

It seems you and your fellow countrymen are just emerging from the warmest political campaign of the age, locally, I mean. Now the writer would say that if there is anything more distasteful to him than personal politics it would be hard to place it. Now again, we can remember when we over here in the Swamp Fox country had a common enemy in a combination of carpet-bagger, scallawag and the negro, just immediately succeeding the civil war, when the poor negro (just emerging from the bonds of slavery) had the right of suffrage imposed upon him by a war measure born in hatred, prejudice and malice by the dirty and polluted minions of the North. Then, and in that event we found pleasure in making what puny and feeble resistance we could to such disaboliing measures as was heaped upon us through a period of years of torture and torment. At such a time and under such conditions as these, I repeat, we could afford to grow indignant at the treatment received at the hands of such an array, but when we have to fight brothers, friends, neighbor in a great political battle such as is almost always the case, from all such we beg to be excused.

Well, I can add that your experience is our experience, for we over here in Marion county have just closed one of the warmest campaigns in history. I have not space, if I had time and inclination, to give details. I will say, however, that the termination, while not satisfactory to all, is, we think, favorable. If you will pardon the length, I will say we selected for Senator, Hon. W. J. Montgomery, a practicing lawyer far many years at the Marion bar, a man of ripe judgment. And then for sheriff, we have another worthy son of Marion and a grandson of Richmond county (now Bonnie Scotland), your State—W. E. Blue, son of Hon. John G. and brother of Ensign Victor Blue, U. S. navy, the man who has gained fame and honor in the service of his country, and, by the way, a nephew of the present incumbent, Capt. Wm. T. Evans, who was a gallant and popular Confederate soldier. He will have, January next, completed his 12th year of service in the office, and with regret to his many friends vacates, that his kinsman may assume charge.

With many kind wishes for the Robesonian and its editor and readers.

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Memento from Stonewall Jackson's Grave.

The following interesting story is taken from the report in The Brownwood (Texas) Bulletin of a recent meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Camp of that place:

Dr. Steel, chaplain of the camp, exhibited a memento from Stonewall Jackson's grave, sent to him by Dr. J. J. Lafferty of Virginia. It is a tiny acorn made from the root of a tree that grew on Jackson's grave. Accompanying the acorn is the statement of its history. "In 1864 a gentleman in Cincinnati sent through the lines a twig of Paulonia Imperialis to Col. J. T. L. Preston, of Gen. T. J. Jackson's staff, with the request that it be planted by the tomb of the Confederate warrior in the cemetery at Lexington, Va. It made rapid growth, and in years disturbed the modest mound. In 1874 Mrs. Jackson directed its removal. The sexton opened the earth, and the company present found that the roots had gone directly to the coffin, entered through the crevices of the decaying casket and embraced by curious curves and bendings, the body of the dead champion of the South. Sections of the tree were presented to the undersigned (Dr. Lafferty).

These little acorns have been made from the under ground root, which held in its twisting fibers the dust of the matchless hero, seeming to hug the heart of the mighty dead. The plant is a native to the warlike Empire of the Mikado, and drew its nourishment, with singular fitness, from the ashes of a chieftain of a like land of dauntless men. This wood holds in its grain and texture the rare riches of Jackson's brain, nerve and heart. To the men who know the memory of the great captain, it is a precious possession, 'better than the merchandise of silver.'

Dr. Steel will place this tiny token of the mighty warrior in the Carnegie Library.

An Old-Time Weather Prophet.

A few weeks ago Mr. Sanford Smith, of Lanes Creek township, told us there would be rains enough to flood all lowlands before the summer was over, for the bugs, which burrow in the earth, the little things which make holes in the ground and live in them knew by instinct, or otherwise, what was coming, and had left the doors of their habitation wide open so they could get out. In dry seasons the openings to these homes of the little burrowing folks are closed, so the older people who know about such things tell us

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