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ATTACKS SIMMONS RECORD.

Governor Kitchin Addresses a Large Lumberton Audience—Devotes Entire Time to Attempt to Prove That Senator Simmons is Out of Harmony With Majority of Democratic Party—Majority of Audience Not With Him—Kitchin Club Organized After Speech.

Governor W. W. Kitchin addressed at the court house last evening a large crowd that comfortably filled the court room. He stopped over here on his way from Bladenboro, where he spoke at a school closing yesterday. He was given close and respectful hearing and twice a part of his audience was moved to applause, but there was no manifestation of enthusiasm.

His theme, as per usual with him, was the man who stands between him and the office he seeks, in this instance Senator Simmons, of course. He sifted all the small grain he could find and digged about in shifting sands with a diligence worthy of a better effort, all to prove that Senator Simmons has, according to the Governor's ideas, departed the faith and is worthy now no more to be numbered among the faithful—a faith which the Governor claims to have kept from his youth up. He started out with some general propositions about government of the people, the object of Democratic government and what the two great parties in this country stand for, and then devoted the balance of his remarks to an attempt to prove that the senior Senator from this State has changed from his beliefs, as expressed in various speeches several years ago, and believes now in the Republican doctrine of protection. His speech was practically the same as the speeches made recently in Raleigh and Greensboro, except that for the first time he addressed himself for a few minutes to the charge that he was in favor of making a trade with the Populists in 1898. He said there is not a word of truth in that charge. He was on the platform committee, which received a proposition from the Populists for equal division of offices, which the committee unanimously declined; and then he and Josephus Daniels and another committeeman proposed a counter proposition to divide the offices according to the relative strength of the two parties, so that the burden of refusing to get together should be upon the Populists. This was voted down by a majority of the committee and that was all there was to it.

The Governor declared that on account of the record of the present Democratic House of Congress it looks like the Democratic party is going to sweep the country this year, and then declared that one cannot uphold the record of that House and defend the record of Senator Simmons; that if the record of the House had been such as the record of the Senior Senator there would be no chance of victory. He made the now well-known arguments against the Senator's votes in favor of Lorimer, in favor of ship subsidy, against reciprocity, against free lumber, in favor of a tax on building material, against free quebracho, against free iron ore and coal, and his 19 votes against a majority of the party. He brought forth the first applause when he picked up a copy of the American Lumberman which carried a full-page picture of Senator Simmons on the cover and declared, as he exhibited it to the audience, that Vance and Ransom never had their pictures on the first page of a Republican paper. He referred to the favor the Senator has won with the Lumber Journal of Wilmington, quoted from the Dallas (Tex.) News and Harper's weekly and Collier's—God save the mark for that last!—to prove that the Senator should not be returned to the Senate. He declared there is nothing to the claim that the Senator if returned, and the Senate is Democratic, will be chairman of the finance committee, for he is willing to risk his reputation as a prophet on the statement that Mr. Simmons will never be made chairman of that important committee.

Space will not permit a more

extended report of the Governor's speech. He was "plausible," as ever, and presented his views of the Senator's record as strongly as they could be presented. He was introduced in a short and neat speech by Mr. L. R. Varser. At the conclusion of his speech Mr. R. D. Caldwell asked all who wanted to endorse the Governor for the Senate to remain in the room for the organization of a Kitchin club. About 50 of the audience remained and a club was organized with 48 or 49 members and the following officers: R. D. Caldwell, president; L. R. Varser, vice president; J. D. Proctor, secretary. Another meeting will be held Monday night of next week, when other officers will be elected. The membership included all who remained except one, and no papers have been circulated pledging membership.

The Governor was perhaps hardly at his best, for he was worn out, having gotten up at 3 o'clock yesterday morning to catch a train for his appointment at Bladenboro, but he made a strong presentation of his contentions and was given close and respectful attention, though judging from the number who left at the conclusion of his speech he failed to convince the great majority of his audience of the correctness of his views.

Two More Towns Inundated in Mississippi Flood.

Memphis, Tenn., Dispatch, 9th.

Between 1,700 and 2,000 square miles, including more than 500,000 acres of rich farming lands in northeastern Arkansas in the St. Francis basin, constitutes the area affected by an overflow from the Mississippi river as a result of a break in the main levee of the system about 50 miles north of Memphis near Golden Lake, Ark., today.

At least two thriving towns—Marked Tree and Wilson, Ark.—are inundated and many other villages and country store settlements are threatened. No loss of life has occurred so far as known here tonight. Telephone lines to Marked Tree and Wilson are down, but those acquainted with the territory express hope that all the inhabitants are safe. The damage will run into millions. Thousands of head of live stock perished. Hundreds of farmers probably will suffer loss of household goods, houses, barns or farm implements. Townspeople are certain to be heavy losers. Boats bearing rescue parties already are in parts of the flooded area nearest Memphis.

Temporary Halt in Work of Devastation.

Memphis, Tenn., Dispatch, 10th.

The Mississippi river's angry torrent has temporarily halted its work of devastation. Aside from a continuance of the break in a cut-off embankment above Natchez, Miss., no further crevasses were reported last night along the threatened stretches of dikes.

Despite this temporary abatement of the damage caused by the torrents which sweep down the valley, the crisis is not past. As the tide continues southward, many points between Baton Rouge, La., and Helena, Ark., must stand a terrific test. If they fall then hundreds of square miles in some of the world's richest agricultural territory may be flooded, many bustling cities inundated and life threatened.

Rev. Plato Durham to Deliver Literary Address at Graded School Commencement.

Rev. Plato T. Durham, presiding elder of the Winston district of the Western North Carolina Conference, will deliver the literary address at the graded school commencement on May 7. Supt. Sentelle is extremely fortunate in securing Mr. Durham for this occasion and Lumberton is to be congratulated upon the treat that is in store. Mr. Durham is one of the most charming and able speakers in the State and his address no doubt will be something to be long remembered in the history of the school.

—Cotton today, middling, 10½ cents; good middling, 10½.

SIMMONS' CLUB ORGANIZED.

Supporters of Senator Simmons Hold Enthusiastic Meeting and Organize to Promote His Candidacy.

A Simmons' club, to promote the candidacy of Senator F. M. Simmons to succeed himself in the United States Senate, was organized at a meeting held in the court house here Tuesday evening with 130 charter members. Mr. Frank Gough was elected president, Mr. Lester B. Townsend secretary, and the following vice presidents were elected: A. W. McLean, H. McE. McMillan, C. B. Townsend, J. P. Townsend, R. E. Sentelle, J. D. Taylor, Geo. L. Thompson, W. J. Prevatt, D. B. McNeill, J. H. Floyd, Marshal Bodiford, Irwin Jenkins, Mr. A. E. White called the meeting to order and was elected temporary chairman, Mr. J. A. Sharpe being elected temporary secretary. The temporary chairman appointed the following committees, upon authority of the club: executive—Frank Gough, Pres.; L. B. Townsend, Sec.; H. McE. McMillan, A. W. McLean, J. P. Townsend; membership—W. S. Wishart, C. M. Fuller, W. K. Bethune, R. C. Lawrence, D. D. French, Gus Prevatt, E. B. McMillan, Dennis Biggs, S. J. Webb, D. B. McNeill.

Mr. Lewis Hall of Wilmington and Mr. Dorman Thompson of Statesville were present as on-lookers and responded to calls for speeches with encouraging remarks in regard to the outlook in New Hanover and Iredell counties for Senator Simmons. Mr. Hall said that a Simmons' club was organized in New Hanover some time ago and that its membership included about all the voters. He said that he does not believe that any other Southern Senator has the prestige and influence that Senator Simmons has in Washington and that it is an honor to the State to be represented by such a man. Messrs. A. E. White and A. W. McLean responded to calls for speeches with strong reasons why Senator Simmons should succeed himself. Both speakers expressed the opinion that Simmons will receive 75 per cent of the vote of Robeson. Mr. White stated that while it is the purpose of the club to promote the candidacy of Senator Simmons in every fair and legitimate way, it is not the purpose to attack either of the other candidates, who are honorable men. Mr. McLean stated that if conditions were reversed he would support either of the other candidates, but that under present conditions Robeson county could not afford to go back on Simmons. He spoke forcefully of Senator Simmons' service for his party and State, of his never-to-be-forgotten work in redeeming the State to the Democratic party back in the days when Fusion forces gained such a strong hold that none of the leaders believed it was possible to redeem it. His wise leadership won a victory then beyond the most sanguine dreams and made it possible now for a fight within the party for the seat Senator Simmons occupies. It is a mistake the South has made too long to retire men after they gain experience, and Simmons has greater influence in Washington than any other Southern Senator. Mr. McLean referred to Senator Simmons' position on the tariff and reciprocity, showing that he had voted in every instance for what he conceived to be the interest of the people, and showed also how his vote for Lorimer was the only thing an honest man, sitting as a juror and rendering a verdict according to the evidence, could do.

The club will meet again at the call of the president.

Almost a Miracle.

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Holsclaw, Clarendon, Texas, was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for Coughs and Colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

THE BOY SCOUTS.

Easter Egg Hunt and Ball Game—Good Work That Should be Encouraged.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Monday afternoon at 3:30 the Lumberton Troop of Boy Scouts had a most enjoyable party for their parents and girl friends at their splendid Scout house, formerly the public school building. An exhibition of drill, flag salute, Scout yell, and gymnasium work was given, followed by a most exciting egg hunt on the spacious grounds. The first prize was won by Scout Robert Proctor of the "Crow" patrol, who gallantly presented it to Miss Wilma Durham. The second prize was found by Miss Marjorie Steele. An exciting ball game closed the afternoon between the "Bob White" and "Crow" patrols. The Bob White won 11 to 5.

The Boy Scouts now number over 30. They are under the leadership of Rev. R. E. Steele, as Scout master. They have fitted up a library, reading and game room, gymnasium and skating rink, in the old school building. They also have splendid athletic grounds and a good ball field in the grounds outside.

All this has been done by the boys themselves with the aid of a very small fund given by some of their friends. They are appealing to the liberal-hearted citizens of the town to help them raise a fund of \$250, to finish fitting up their Scout house and buy the necessary equipment for their summer camp. A gentleman who has befriended them in the past yesterday presented the troop with two fine gymnasium mats. Let others imitate his example. Lumberton has no more valuable asset than her growing boys, and in the interest of their improvement physically, morally and mentally, cannot afford to be penurious. Any gift of equipment or money will be gratefully received by the Scout master, or the members of the troop.

Godwin Replies to Sinclair—Another Warm One.

Under date of the 8th Congressman Godwin replies to Solicitor Sinclair's letter of the 6th, mentioned in Monday's Robesonian. Mr. Godwin says that Mr. Sinclair's charge that he, Godwin, is trying to force "snap judgment," and have a "snap primary" is false, that the date of the primary was fixed by the State committee; that the statement that he has ever undertaken to improperly influence or control any members of the district or State committees is "a reflection and a vile slander against the intelligence and character of the members of those committees and myself and is a brutal falsehood," also that "any statement to the effect that two members of the district committee received large sums of money from me two years ago, or that I have in any way improperly used money in campaigns is also false and without foundation." Mr. Godwin does not refer to the charge that he promised Mr. Bellamy to retire from the race this year in return for Bellamy's support two years ago. He says that he will ignore any further communications unless they are free from personalities and vicious attacks.

—Rev. R. E. Steele will leave tomorrow morning for Charlotte, where tomorrow night he will lecture at the Y. M. C. A. for the Charlotte Humane Society. From Charlotte he will go to Salisbury to attend the State Baracca convention, and thence he will go to Dunn, where next week he will deliver the opening sermon at Fayetteville Presbytery. In his absence his pulpit will be filled.

The Danger After Grip

lies often in a run-down system, weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the glorious tonic, blood purifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of Grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50 cents. Sold and perfect satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

CORN CONTEST REPORT.

Winners of Prizes Given by Bank of Lumberton for Best Yields of Corn.

With the purpose of stimulating the growth of corn of Robeson county the Bank of Lumberton, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, conducted a corn contest for the year 1911, offering \$100 in prizes for best yields. Following are the prize winners: First prize, \$50, Fuller Locklear, Lumberton, R. F. D., 129½ bushels; second prize, \$30, J. Paul Robertson, Rowland, R. F. D., 111½ bushels; third prize, \$20, Neill McLelland, Barnesville, 80 bushels.

The largest yield reported in the bank's contest for 1910 was 118½ bushels. The winner of the first prize this year raised the largest number of acres ever grown on an acre in Robeson county. In the report it is stated that D. F. Lowry reported 110 bushels, but as his report was not properly filled out the judges could not allow him a prize. The bank has issued an attractive booklet giving the prize winners and the methods they used in cultivation, which is of great value and interest.

Superior Court—Long-Drawn-Out Case Terminates.

Tuesday afternoon saw the conclusion of the case of the Seaboard vs. the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry., involving a crossing built by the latter road across the Seaboard's tracks at the Lumberton cotton mills in East Lumberton, the trial of which began Tuesday of last week. The jury's verdict was \$300 damages against the defendant road in case the crossing is allowed to remain, which latter question Judge Peebles has under advisement and upon which he will render his decision at the May term. In any event appeal will doubtless be made. The First National Bank vs. Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont, in which the bank was suing Dr. Brown for payment of a note for \$750 given in payment for stock of the Seminole Securities Co. of odorous memory, was decided yesterday in favor of the bank, which means that Dr. Brown must pay "the note with interest from July, 1908, unless the Supreme Court, to which appeal was taken, reverses the decision. Pink Campbell vs. the Raleigh & Charleston Ry., a suit for damages to land, began this morning. This is the last jury case on the docket and when it is finished court will adjourn. Court has been in session only four or five hours a day.

Thousands Killed by Eruption of Volcano.

Mobile, Ala., Dispatch, 10th.

Thousands of persons have been killed and whole Indian villages swept away by the eruption of Chiriqui Peak near Bocas Toro, in Honduras, according to the story of Captain Olsvik, of the United Fruit steamer Fort Morgan, which arrived here today.

This is the first time this mountain was ever known to be active. The flames shot very high and the smoke and ashes were blown far out to sea. The property loss is reported to be heavy.

STATE NEWS.

Two men were killed and 3 seriously injured at Goldsboro yesterday as the result of the falling of the framework of the Banner tobacco warehouse.

In Iredell county Monday J. Columbus Shoemaker shot and killed his 15-year-old sweetheart, Miss Jeanette Templeton, and then shot and killed himself.

Miss Effye Boone, of Pensacola, Fla., arrived this morning and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lennon, Third and Chestnut streets.

Nineteen Miles a Second

without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of the earth through space. We wonder at such ease of nature's movement, and so do those who take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No griping, no distress, just thorough work that brings good health and fine feelings. 25c all druggists.

IMPORTANT WORK.

Graded School Pupils Examined and the Results—Looking After Physical Welfare of Pupils.

Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, made examinations at the local graded school Tuesday with the following results: Number of pupils examined, 290; No. of pupils vaccinated, 39; No. of pupils with defective vision, 14; No. with throat trouble, 11; No. with defective hearing, 3; No. with adenoids, 5; No. with hookworms, 6. Others are to be vaccinated soon. Arrangements are also being made by Supt. R. E. Sentelle to have the teeth of all the children examined, as it is his purpose to look after the physical as well as the mental welfare of the pupils.

This is a most important work that should be encouraged in every way by patrons and friends of the school.

Combination Chemical and Hose Motor Car Ordered for Fire Department.

It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that the town commissioners had ordered the purchase of a combination chemical and hose motor car for the fire department, subject to the approval of the board of audit and finance. At a meeting of the audit and finance board Tuesday the purchase was approved and the car has been ordered. It will be about four months before the car will be received here. Purchase of the Gamewell fire alarm system was also approved and that will be ordered and installed as soon as the necessary maps and plans have been made. As has been stated, these two improvements, which will place the town in the second class as to insurance rates, will cost about \$6,000 and will be paid for by property owners with the difference between third-class insurance rate, which they are now paying, and the second class, ninety per cent. of the property owners having obligated themselves to divert this difference to the town for three years for this purpose.

A Platform for Town Government.

Mr. A. P. Caldwell, who is a candidate for the office of mayor of Lumberton, has promulgated the following platform as his very own: First, good government; second, to improve Lumberton in every way possible, and he thinks one of the best ways to do this is to eliminate mud holes and continue street paving and building, as he desires that it shall be possible for every citizen to get to his home at all times dry shod; third, he thinks the rate of taxation should be thoroughly investigated and if possible be reduced, also rate on water and lights; and he deems it very important for all the street lights to be kept burning all night, all over town on dark nights, and when any of the street lights burn he thinks they should all burn.

Mr. W. O. Thompson, the only other candidate who has announced himself for this office, says he is in favor of all these things himself.

And it would be hard to find a man who does not favor most of these things.

And whose platform shall it be after the election?

Special School Tax Elections Carry—Fifty-Seven Special Tax Districts Now.

A special tax election was held in Alfordsville township, district No. 5, Saturday and carried. The tax voted was 60 cents on the poll and 20 cents on property. An election was held in Raft Swamp township, district No. 1, Tuesday for a special tax and it carried, the amount voted being 45 cents on poll and 15 cents on property. These two districts made 57 special tax districts in the county.

Gov. Hooper of Tennessee Monday announced the appointment of Newell Sanders of Chattanooga as United States Senator to succeed the late Robt. L. Taylor. Mr. Sanders is State chairman of the Republican party and a prominent manufacturer.