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BULL MOOSE OR REPUBLICAN? An Unsigned Challenge for a Joint Canvass.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The following unsigned letter, typewritten on the stationery of the Farmers' Educational & Co-Operative Union of America, has been received by the county chairman of the Democratic executive committee and for lack of any further communication identifying the writer is now published: "Lumberton, N. C. Oct. 5 1912 R. F. D. No. 6, Mr. S. B. McLean

Dear Sir I am writing you today to learn your wishes in regard to making a county, joint canvass, of the two political parties of Robeson county, now if you wish we will meet you as each precinct and discuss the matters that confront the people to day to gether. Mr. McLean as I am not personally acquainted with you but I am convinced that you will take it on to yourself to improve the condition of our county government so as to reduce the burdens of our tax payers, give to them a more Equinomial government free from favoritism of any man to this end I will agree to meet you half way and so far as I can do anything for the betterment of our county government and the welfare of our people you will find me working to that end as we are both Farmers your interest is my interest and my interest is your interest and we need an Equinomial government putting men who work for the county on salaries something like what the Farmer gets for what he does I hope in the next two years we will find our county government in better shape and every thing more Equel a mouning our feller man And I wish to solisit your frindship in working to gether for the up building of a mor equinomial government of our county, please let me hear from you at once

Yours respectfully"

The envelope enclosing the above letter is postmarked at Lumberton on October 7th, 1912, and was received after a canvass of the Democratic candidates was made up and given out for publication and as no challenge had been received at that time, two appointments a day were made for the Democratic candidates on every day of their canvass except two, and this would hardly give time for a joint discussion and it is now too late to rearrange the schedule. However, if either the Republican or Bull Moose factions have any regularly nominated candidates and any one authorized by either faction to ask for a joint discussion will indicate the desire of his party for such a discussion, the Democrats will divide time with them.

S. B. McLean, Chairman

State Banks Prosperous—Condition as Shown in Corporation Commission Report.

Raleigh Special, 18th, to Wilmington Star.

A gain of \$4, 352, 981 in the resources of the State banking interests, not including the national banking interests, is shown in the summary of the condition of reports of State banks by the Corporation Commission as of September 4th, as compared with condition September 1st, 1911.

The number of these banks has increased from 355 to 366 during the year. The deposits subject to check have increased from \$24,235,705 to \$29,362,189; the savings deposits have grown from \$8,931,330 to \$11,037,564. The increases in the various classes of deposits for the year have been \$5,129,483 for deposits subject to check \$2,106,233 for savings deposits; \$1,455,367 for time certificates of deposit. The capital stock of \$10,104,316 against \$751,754:

Mrs. Victoria Patterson, widow of the late Calhoun C. Patterson, died at her home near Maxton on the 15th after a short illness. She was about 80 years old and leaves no children. She was the aunt of Hon. Gilbert B. Patterson, Mr. Dan A. Patterson and Mrs. E. M. Baldwin.

According to Brother Claude, as per his speech here last week, Senator Simmons is little better than one of the wicked.

MT. ELIAM MATTERS.

Farmers Standing by the Man Who Has Stood by Them—Dirt Valuable on the Mount—Prospects for a Farmers' Warehouse—Bumper Potato Crop—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mt. Eliam (Ornum, R. 1), Oct. 21—Talking politics is the order of both night and day on the "Mount" and other places where we have been for the last while. Everybody, especially the farmers, seems to be standing for the right man, Simmons, for the United States Senate, and good they are, for in our way of looking at the matter we think of all the national office holders that have worked for the interest of the farmers, Simmons stands first. We think it is very becoming to the farmers to stand by the man who has stood, and not only stood, but worked, for their interest.

Rev. Paul T. Britt refused \$4,000 ready cash for a two-horse farm on the "Mount" last week, which shows how land is valued on the garden spot of America.

School is prospering nicely at Ornum. A new teacher has recently been added to the list, and the number of scholars increases each week. People take this to be a No. 1 school, and they take it right.

Several of our farmers attended the farmers' warehouse meeting at Lumberton Friday, and were well pleased with the prospects for a new warehouse in the not-distant future. It was our privilege, pleasure and profit to be among the number. We do hope the farmers have decided to arrange things so they can better manage the selling system, especially that of cotton. Somebody is going to get rich or richer off this year's short cotton crop. Who will it be? The men who hold it till the big selling rush is over. It is a known fact that the cotton crop is sold so far as the farmer is concerned in about three months when it should take twelve months to market a year's crop. There is one right way to do a thing and many wrong ways. Let's find the right way and follow it.

The potato crop is a bumper. Mr. W. A. Britt caught recently a new kind of bird. He is a large fellow, and something like we haven't been accustomed to seeing in these parts.

Happy Jack

Political Speaking.

Ex-Lieut. Gov. F. D. Winston, presidential elector, will discuss the political issues at the court house here tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Jas. A. Lockhart of Wadesboro will speak here Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the interest of the candidacy of Judge Walter Clark for the Senate. He will speak in Red Springs Wednesday, at Fairmont Thursday morning and at Maxton Thursday night.

The county candidates begin their speech-making canvass at Ornum today. They will be at Barnesville tomorrow, at Fairmont Wednesday morning, at Rowland Wednesday night, at Ked Springs Thursday morning, Maxton Thursday night, at Lumber Bridge Friday afternoon, at Parkton Friday night, at St. Paul's Saturday morning, at Lumberton Saturday night.

Mrs. J. Luther McLean of Maxton.

Mrs. J. Luther McLean died yesterday morning about 1 o'clock at her home in Maxton. She had been in ill health for two or three months and death was not unexpected. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and interment was made in the new cemetery in Maxton.

Deceased is survived by her husband; three sons, Messrs. M. L., M. P. and Lacy McLean, and one daughter, Miss Clarkie McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean and Mr. A. T. McLean were among those from here who attended the funeral.

Saves Leg of Boy.

"It seems that my 14-year old boy would have to lose his leg, on account of an ugly ulcer, caused by a bad bruise," wrote D. F. Howard, Aquone, N. C. "All remedies and doctors treatment failed till we tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and cured him with one box." Cures burns, boils, skin eruptions, piles. 25c at all druggists.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

The Robesonian's Fairmont Correspondent Visits Richmond.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I am getting to be quite a traveled old lady. I go to Ornum and Lumberton once in a while and now behold me a voyager out for new experiences on board "his majesty" Pullman's car "Myola" en route to Richmond, Va., and the annual meeting of the Coast Line surgeons.

Yes, the Doctor said I might go and I "peartened up" at once and tried to feel young instead of old and achy, and this morning we got off and as I write are away up further than I've ever been before on the old W. & W. Ry.

We are accompanied as far as Selma by Rev. Wm. Black and his snger, Mr. Burr, who have just completed a fine meeting in our town. They with Mr. Sandy McMillan of McDonald are on their way to the Synod meeting in Goldsboro. With them is also Rev. R. W. Lattimer. The Misses Thompson of McDonald are also on a shopping trip to Fayetteville and the wait at Elrod is passed pleasantly and soon the iron horse is bearing us through fields white unto the harvest—cotton, cotton, cotton. It seems enough to clothe the State, even though the women should return to the voluminous skirts of years ago.

Dr. Frank McMillan of Red Springs joins us at Fayetteville. Already there are about 20 from Southern points and all complaining of the cold. It is rainy and cool but feels good after the recent hot spell and I am glad to see it, though we are hoping for bright weather to view the sights of historic Richmond. The train is crowded except the Pullman and we have plenty of company for pleasant conversation and on every side you can hear appendicitis, pellagra and a lot more names I don't know how to spell. The wives talk shop, too, but don't forget the latest in hats and what a good place Richmond is to shop and what a pretty 5 and 10 cent store they have there. Trust a woman to find out about the latter, you know.

The train is on time and reels off the miles in a satisfactory manner. Fayetteville, Dunn, Selma, Wilson are passed with the usual crowds round the depots, everybody "scrooched" up with the cold. At S. Rocky Mount we stop for dinner and some of us take advantage of the stop to walk through a car ahead in which are 27 Greeks on their way home in answer to the call of their country's need. We admire their patriotism but not their common sense. I really think I'd let Greece shift for itself if I were safely Americanized.

Weldon and the big Roanoke bridge are the last things we can see, the cloudy sky making necessary the lighting of the lamps but the electric lights of our luxurious car serve to remind us of the great differences in traveling now and 25 years ago. What a change!

We roll into Richmond a few moments late and the first man we meet is our dear kind chief, G. G. Thomas, M. D., of Wilmington, surely one of nature's noblemen, waiting to greet each of us with his happy smile. So here we are domiciled at the Richmond with its white marble pillars, mosaic floors, bright lights, everything necessary to complete our comfort. The orchestra is playing to welcome us, and doctors and the wives are thick on every hand greeting old friends and meeting new ones.

We hope for bright weather tomorrow and perhaps will write you of some things we see.

F. S. B.

Richmond, Va., Monday October 14.

Raleigh News and Observer, 18th: John A. Mills, of Raleigh, successful railroad builder, "captain of industry," chairman of the board of commissioners of Wake county and one of the State's most useful citizens, was unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Agricultural Society at its annual meeting held in the Senate chamber last night. He succeeds Col. E. F. McRae, of the "State of Robeson," who declined to stand for re-election.

BETTER MARKETING METHODS.

Editor Green of the Carolina Union Farmer, Urges Importance of Co-operation in Marketing Crops.

Pleading strongly for better business methods on the farm and for co-operation in marketing farm products, Mr. J. Z. Green, editor of the Carolina Union Farmer and State lecturer for the Farmers' Union, addressed a called meeting of the Robeson County division of the Farmers' Union in the court house here Friday. After Mr. Green's address the meeting adjourned for dinner and it is understood that at the afternoon session plans for building a warehouse for holding cotton were discussed, but nothing was given out for publication. Messrs. W. K. Culbreth and Grover Britt were elected delegates to the State convention of the Union which will be held in Raleigh in December.

Mr. Green made an excellent talk. He laid stress upon the importance of co-operation in marketing farm products and showed the folly of putting farm products on the market when the market was not ready for them. Owing to this suicidal method the farmer gets only 35 cents of the consumer's dollar. He declared that the farmer is a manufacturer and that he cannot make a success unless he pays attention to economical production. It is absurd to say that the farmers of this county are not able to build a warehouse to hold their cotton, for every farmer who sold a bale of cotton last fall contributed \$20 to build a warehouse or compress or something somewhere else. He urged his hearers not to get excited over politics or anything else unless it were their own depleted soils, the poor advantages their wives and children have to put up with, and poor educational advantages. He explained something, too, of the only co-operative business plan that has ever proved successful for the farmer, whereby those who trade with the co-operative store get patronage dividends at the end of the year if the business is successful, just as stockholders in any successful business get dividends according to the amount of their stock.

DRAINAGE CELEBRATION.

To Inaugurate Commencement of Work on Back and Jacob Swamp Drainage Project.

Special to The Robesonian.

Maxton Oct. 19—On Wednesday, October 23, Robeson county will celebrate the commencement of work on the enormous Back and Jacobs Swamp drainage canal, the largest drainage project that has ever been inaugurated in North Carolina under the State drainage act.

The celebration is to be held about three miles from Maxton near the place where the big dipper dredge of the Brett Engineering and Construction Co. will be working at that time and a road will be out into the heart of the swamp so the work can be inspected at close range.

The feature of the program will be speeches by Joseph Hyde Pratt, Joseph A. Brown of Chadbourn and O. L. Clark, one of the first agitators for drainage in North Carolina.

The dredge will be soon in actual operation and will demonstrate how it digs stumps, handles big logs and moves dirt. Large stumps will also be shot to show how dynamite is used on the work.

The affair will be exceedingly interesting. Arrangements are being made to take care of a large number of visitors and every person in the State interested in drainage is invited. The ladies of the Carolina College Club will serve lunch.

In all 56 miles of canal will be dug and 31,000 acres of the finest land in North Carolina reclaimed. This will require the continual use of three machines for two years. The cost will be \$150,000.

Speaking will begin at 1.30.

How to scatter consumption and other diseases in Lumberton: continue to raise a beautiful dust every morning cleaning Elm street without the aid of water.

AGRICULTURE.

No Other Industry is Taking on More Life and Vim—Old-Time Methods.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The farther I get away from the farm the more I'm inclined to think about it. I don't know of any other industry that is beginning to take on more life and vim than agriculture. One reason for this upward trend is that farmers are beginning to think and reason on the possibilities of their calling. It now seems to me that in time past we held our noses down to the grindstone of inexcusable ignorance and incompetency. Take our section, for instance, as an example. The people as a whole were fairly well educated, and were surrounded by the ordinary comforts of life, yet the old saying that a man would carry a bushel of corn to mill by putting the corn in one end of a sack and a large rock in the other end in order to equalize the burden, and because his son threw the rock away and divided the corn equally in the bag, and tried to explain to the old man that the rock was useless, was told to go back and get the rock, for that was the way his daddy did, pretty well exemplifies the way of farming in the not-far-away times. It was thought unwise to plow deeper than two or three inches, and if a man stumped his field that he was throwing away time. His implements consisted of a home-made plow that wasn't intended to go deeper than three inches at best, and the sweep used on his potato-ridges cotton rows would require a Sampson of a man to keep it in position.

The old-times apologists will answer these criticisms by saying that he did the best he could. But is that so? He had the best labor the world ever saw, that could be commanded at any time, and under any circumstances. He didn't know the meaning of the word lien, and as for mortgages, he had but a dim perception of their meaning. In a general way he was not lazy physically, but mentally. He had read Virgil's Bucolics in the log school house at home, and not unfrequently he was a college graduate, and yet he might have learned better farming than he was doing by following some of old man Virgil's precepts. One reason of this lack of intelligent and vigorous prosecution of progressive agriculture was probably due to the deadening effects of slavery. (I can say this with impunity, but I don't want any yankee cant on the subject.) Lord Bacon was probably right when he wrote that it was "a principle which the progress of political science has clearly established, a principal that illustrates at once the wisdom of the Creator and the blindness of cupidity, that it was cheaper to hire the labor of freemen than to compel the labor of slaves." So wrote my lord, and he probably thought himself right, but he never lived in the South, and was ignorant of the old-time negroes' efficiency.

Snyder.

Red Springs, N. C.

State Democratic Committee Will Modify Hackett Resolution.

Raleigh Times, 18th.

Hon. Chas. A. Webb, chairman of the State Democratic committee, today issued a call for a meeting of the committee in Raleigh next Thursday night, October 24, for the purpose of modifying the so-called Hackett resolution as to the qualifications for voting in the senatorial primary on the day of the general election. The action was taken at the request of a majority of the members of the State committee and the resolution to be submitted at the meeting has received the approval of the three managers of the senatorial campaign.

Mrs. T. A. Town, 107 6th St., Wattertown, S. D., writes: "My four children are subject to hard colds and I always use Foley's Honey and Tar Compound with splendid results. Some time ago I had a severe attack of la grippe and the doctor prescribed Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and it soon overcame the la grippe. I can always depend upon Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and am sure of good results." For sale by all dealers.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, a 9-pound boy.

—Mr. Junius J. Godwin, a young lawyer of Raleigh, has accepted a position with the law firm of McLean, Varner & McLean.

—The school at Raynham, of which Misses Sallie Thompson and Lillie Barker are teachers, will give an oyster supper at the school house Friday evening for the benefit of the school.

—Mr. D. L. Edge, of Howellsville, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Edge had the misfortune of losing on the streets here one day last week a bag containing several dollars in paper money.

—Mr. W. D. Barfield, who lives on rural route No. 1 from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday and remembered the editor by presenting him with an enormous pear and some delicious sweet potatoes.

—St. Paul's Messenger: We know of our knowledge that the fare at the Waverly hotel is now splendid and the service elegant. Lumberton is one of the best hotel towns in the State, the only trouble now is a want of room to meet the demands upon it.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller left Saturday night for St. Louis, Mo., to purchase for his sales stables another car load of mules and horses, which will arrive next Monday. This is Mr. Fuller's third trip to St. Louis this fall and this will make his fifth car-load of stock.

—The fourth quarterly conference for St. Paul's circuit will be held at Barker's church Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October. Preaching at 11 o'clock, recess for dinner, quarterly conference following. Preaching by presiding elder Sunday at 11 o'clock followed by communion of Lord's supper.

—Mr. Ellis Miller of White House township, who lives near Fairmont, was the first man to pay his taxes again this year. He got his receipt this morning and this makes the 17th year he has been first to make settlement with the sheriff for taxes. Mr. Miller also paid taxes for Mr. C. E. Miller, his son, and Mr. Berry Hammond.

—Work was started this morning on Mr. H. M. McAllister's handsome two-story residence, mention of which has been made in The Robesonian, to be erected on corner of Chestnut and Seventh streets—Mr. W. R. Marshall of Rocky Mount has the contract for the erection of the building. He arrived last evening, and Mr. John C. Stout, architect, also of Rocky Mount, who drew the plans for the residence, arrived last evening and is in town today.

—Antioch news in Red Springs Citizen: Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Mr. Fred Johnson, editor of Hoke County Journal, and Miss Adele Roberts, of Raeford, which happy event occurred more than two weeks ago, the young people having planned to give their friends a complete surprise, and this they did. Mr. Johnson has been for more than a year editor of the Journal. Mrs. Johnson is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Roberts.

—Spark's big circus was the attraction here Saturday and a large crowd was in town. The crowd is estimated from 5,000 to 6,000 and it was an orderly crowd. Only one arrest was made, and that was a fellow who tried to carry a little too much of the "familiar juice." He didn't raise any disturbance, was just simply drunk; so the mayor let him off this morning with the payment of the costs. The show was all right, and was probably better than when here before, some three or four years ago.

Bank of McDonald Chartered.

A charter was issued Friday for the Bank of McDonald, capital \$25,000 authorized, \$10,000 subscribed by L. R. Hamer, J. L. Townsend and others. This makes the 13th bank for Robeson county.