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## DEMOCRATIC DOCTRINE.

**Preached With Unanswerable Logic, Wit and Humor by Hon. Francis D. Winston—The Iniquitous Tariff—An Excellent Speech Before a Small Audience.**

Hon. Francis D. Winston of Winslow, Bertie county, ex-judge, ex-Lieutenant Governor, now Presidential elector-at-large, delivered at the court house Tuesday evening before a small audience one of the very best political speeches that has been delivered here in a blue moon. Those who failed to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing this speech missed a rare treat, no less. Wit, humor and apt anecdote ran through it a rippling stream, every flash making plainer and stronger the unanswerable logic and force of reasons he advanced why the Democratic ticket this year is the only one to vote. In introducing the speaker Mr. L. R. Varner apologized, in a way, for the smallness of the crowd, but in beginning his speech Mr. Winston said no apology was necessary, that there are lean years and fat years in attendance upon political speakings, and this is a lean year except in particular instances. Mr. Winston spoke for an hour and 20 minutes and there was not a dull or uninteresting moment.

There is no reason, he said, why any Democrat should fail to vote the Democratic ticket this year, and that ticket should appeal with special force to the young man who will cast his first vote at the coming election; but the Democratic party does not want that vote unless the voter has studied the parties and made up his mind. Taft and Roosevelt are as much alike as two peas, "only one is a little bit more so than the other," and you will find that there is really only one wing to the Republican party. He contrasted the orderliness of the Democratic conventions this year, State and national, with the confusion and charges of fraud and high-handed methods of the Republican conventions; also the candidates, from Woodrow Wilson and Craig down through all the State officers, who are taken from every walk of life—a party and a ticket that appeal to the everyday, plain citizen. The Democratic party is united, hopeful, buoyant, aggressive, while the Republican party reminded the speaker of Private John Allen's nomination of a one-armed, one-legged man for constable—he nominated him as "all that was left of his friend." He said he asked a learned preacher friend for some passage of Scripture that would illustrate the condition of the Republican party but that he said he could find none, for every passage that seemed to describe annihilation and destruction yet contained in it some ray of hope.

Mr. Winston's discussion of the tariff was illuminating. Republicans used to argue that the tariff is not a tax, but that argument fell down; then that if it was a tax the foreigner paid, but the people found out that was not so; then that it was necessary to keep up the American standard of wages, but the people found that wages did not keep up with the rapidly ascending prices; and then that it was necessary to protect American manufacturers and give them a reasonable profit, but that the people had found that it gave protected manufacturers opportunity to rob the people and amass enormous fortunes. The great argument of Republicans is that it is the party that gives good times, good business. He declared that when they got ready to reorganize the Republican party along lines of promoting business they picked out men to represent, not the people but the special interests. And when they got together they said, "Here are the people paying \$3 for blankets; in order to make them know what real prosperity and happiness is, we will make them pay \$6 for blankets; they have been paying \$4 a barrel for flour; in order to be happy they must pay \$6 and \$7 for flour; they must pay a higher price for shoes"—and so on down the line, until every blessed thing you wear or use in any way is taxed. Nobody would complain if it was a

tax necessary to run the government, but have found out that it is a tax which enables men to rob them and build up fortunes beyond the needs of any men, and when President Taft refused to sign the tariff bill passed by the last Congress, which would have reduced these burdens in some measure, the doom of the Republican party was sealed.

Mr. Winston quoted Taft's opinion of Roosevelt and Roosevelt's opinion of Taft and laid down this proposition: If what Roosevelt says of Taft is true, Taft is not fit to be President; if it is not true, Roosevelt is not fit to be President, for no man who will lie about another is fit to be President; if what Taft says of Roosevelt is true, then again Roosevelt is not fit to be President; if what Taft says is not true, then again Taft is not fit to be President; so take it any way you please, believe all or none or only a part of what each says about the other, and neither is fit to be President. And then he contrasted with these two another man, Woodrow Wilson, of whom no man has said that he is a demagogue, the man who will be the next President.

Mr. Winston urged Democrats to inform themselves and they would be surprised at the iniquities of the tariff, which places tax most heavily upon the things the poor must have and taxes most lightly the luxuries of the rich.

Just before closing Mr. Winston paid high tribute to the late Col. N. A. McLean, a college mate, whose portrait hung on the wall behind him. He also referred to Dr. B. F. McMillan of Red Springs, who was in the audience, another college mate, and said he was glad to know this great county was going to send him to the Legislature.

Mr. Winston was given marked attention and his speech was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present. There were a few ladies in the audience.

## UPRENNERT WAY.

**School Opens—Politics Warm—Sorghum Cane a Profitable Crop.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rennert, Oct. 19—The farmers are about through saving their hay crop and the cotton crop will be gathered in a few more weeks.

The school at this place opened last Monday with Mr. Waldorf of Asheville as principal and Miss Wright as assistant. They opened with about 35 scholars present.

Politics is pretty warm here. Messrs. Kitchin and Simmons seem to stand about an equal chance. We have not heard of any Clark men in this section, though there may be a few who will show up later.

Much interest is manifested in regard to the cotton picker being a success, as it will fill a long-felt want among the farmers.

Mr. W. A. Graham has the finest sorghum cane we have ever seen. He has about an acre planted and will make 250 gallons, worth 60 cts per gallon. This beats cotton all hollow. We hear of others who made 150 gallons and over per acre. With syrup so easily made there is no necessity for anybody to be without sweetening, even if sugar is high. Corn crops are good also. Mc.

## WILSON CAMPAIGN FUND

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H. M. John, Lumber Bridge 1.00

Total \$185.50

On the 22d inst. North Carolina had dropped from second place, which it occupied on the 9th, in popular support to the Wilson campaign among Southern States, to fourth place. It will take at least \$30,000 to put North Carolina in the lead. Now is the time to make your contribution. Every little helps.

## Gaddysville Grits.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, R. F. D. 1, Oct. 19—We have had some ideal weather this week and our farmers are making good use of it cutting hay, gathering corn and picking cotton.

The quarterly meeting is in session at Centenary today.

## WITH COUNTY CANDIDATES

**Canvass of County Begins and Probably Ends in One Grand Burst—An Attentive Audience—What's the Use?**

That spellbinding canvass of the county to be made by the Democratic nominees, mention of which was made in last Thursday's Robesonian, was started Tuesday at Barnesville. The first gun was fired by Mr. C. B. Townsend of Lumberton, candidate for county commissioner.

He stood on the porch of Mr. R. R. Barnes' store (also the Democratic platform and Mr. Townsend said he had always stood on that) and his audience consisted of two men, a post and a tree. Some audience, wasn't it? But there was no scrapping for seats, for the two men sat on the roots of the tree and the post stood idly by to hold a horse for a gentleman that drove up to pay his taxes. Mr. Townsend made a brief but good speech, though this reporter is of the opinion that he would have failed in his effort to address that "vast" audience had it not been for his backing—two other candidates, Sheriff McNeill and The Robesonian reporter, who were seated on the porch.

Mr. R. E. Lewis, candidate for sheriff, was next to appear on this stage of action and in a few words he expressed his appreciation of the support received in the primary and said that he hoped the voters would do even more for him in the general election. Dr. B. F. McMillan of Red Springs, candidate for the house, was the only other candidate present. His turn came last but he took his medicine without a frown and said his say. He succeeded in holding his audience. The post stood still, the tree did not shake a leaf, but

The two men were interested in something more vital; but sat still, though whittling with their knives, and were discussing things for which they have title—Trying to learn to better take care of their wives.

They were talking improvements of soil—Not selling cotton seed for oil; But the Doctor's faithful toiling They had no intention of spoiling.

So goes a summary of the beginning of this canvass, and in this reporter's humble opinion there will be but little more to report, for this canvass is a useless piece of business. As Dr. McMillan expressed it in his few remarks, the voters generally have easy access to newspapers through the rural mail routes and are in many instances as well posted as the candidates. And that is true. The people know what the candidates are going to talk about and do not see anything to be learned by attending these meetings. Unless the Republicans or Progressives "dare" to throw a little ginger into this year in Robeson is just about to an end, as far as is concerned the county ticket.

This canvass was to have started Monday at Ornum, but not a single candidate was there.

**Railroad Connections for Meeting of Robeson Association.**

Supt. Russell has kindly agreed to hold the V. & C. S. train for passengers coming on Seaboard to attend the Robeson Association at the Marsh church next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning, provided the Seaboard is not later than 10:15. This will enable the delegates coming in from Maxton and other points in the western part of the county to make connection at Lumberton, and reach St. Paul's for the morning sessions of the Association.

C. H. Durham, Chairman Executive Committee.

**Short-Lived Mexican Revolution.**

Washington dispatch, 23d.

Reports of the recapture of Vera Cruz by Mexican Federal forces and the surrender of Gen. Felix Diaz and his staff with practically no show of resistance was received with astonishment in official circles here. It is generally believed this event marks the complete suppression of what had been looked upon as the beginning of a general rebellion involving entirely new elements.

## DRAINAGE CELEBRATION

**Most Important Industrial Event Celebrated Near Maxton Yesterday.**

The celebration near Maxton yesterday of the beginning of work on the Back and Jacob swamps drainage district was a great event. It was held in a grove about three and a half miles south east of Maxton, near where the dredge is at work, on the land of Mr. J. M. Payne. About 400 or 500 people attended the celebration, among them 100 more children and young ladies from Carolina College and the Maxton graded school. Elegant lunch was sold on the grounds by ladies of the Carolina College Club.

Speeches were made by Messrs. O. L. Clark of Clarkton and J. A. Brown of Chadbourn, two of the pioneers in drainage work in North Carolina, after which the crowd visited the dredge, which is at work near the scene of the celebration.

A fuller account of this celebration will be given in Monday's issue of The Robesonian.

Messrs. D. B. McNeill, one of the drainage commissioners, C. B. and J. P. Townsend, A. Nash and J. A. Sharpe were the Lumberton people who attended the celebration.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

**Tuberculosis Day—Rev. A. E. Baker to Preach.**

Rev. A. E. Baker, for several years pastor of the Lumberton Presbyterian church, but now pastor of Rivermont Presbyterian church in Lynchburg, Va., will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Baker is expected to arrive this afternoon on the V. & C. S. train. He is coming to return with Mrs. Baker, who has been visiting here for some time, and his host of friends and admirers here will be delighted to learn that he will preach here Sunday. There will be some special music at each service and it is expected that Mr. Baker will be heard by a large audience both morning and evening.

Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, will preach on tuberculosis Sunday morning. Sunday is "Tuberculosis Day" throughout the entire country, and churches have been asked to observe the day either on that date or as near that date as possible.

Rev. A. McCullen, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, will conduct special services at Chestnut Street Methodist church Sunday evening for the young ladies' foreign missionary society. The usual offering will be taken and will go toward supporting a Bible woman in Korea. There will be special music.

Rev. C. H. Durham will have for his subject at the morning service at the First Baptist church Sunday, "The Possibilities of Discipleship—Thou art Simon, thou shalt be Cephas," John 1:42, this being the fifth of a series of sermons on "The Meaning of Discipleship."

## Revival Services.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Rev. J. W. Little of Lemon Springs, Lee county, the evangelist, and Rev. C. H. Martin, of Polkton, who formerly taught school here, are conducting a revival at East Lumberton Baptist church. Daily preaching during the week, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Services next Sunday will be at East Lumberton cotton mill auditorium at 11 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. At the 2:30 o'clock service, Mr. Little will give a temperance lecture, illustrated with charts, showing the terrible condition of a man with delirium tremens and the Plyer murder case and the shooting at Hillsville, Va., in which the presiding judge, solicitor, sheriff, clerk of the court, and one of the jurors were murdered by the Allen outlaws. Great and lasting good has always resulted from the exhibition of these charts. Let everybody come.

The Lumberton Motor Car Co. received Tuesday a carload of Hupmobiles. The load consisted of two touring cars and one roadster.

## POLITICAL SPEAKING.

**Mr. Jas. A. Lockhart Here This Evening.**

Mr. Jas. A. Lockhart will speak in the court house here this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the interest of the candidacy of Judge Clark for the United States Senate. Mr. Lockhart is a gifted speaker and he makes a most interesting speech. He addressed good audiences at Red Springs yesterday and at Maxton last night.

**In the Interest of Senator Simmons.**

Mr. N. J. Rouse of Kinston will speak in the interest of the candidacy of Senator F. M. Simmons for the United States Senate next Monday morning at 1 o'clock at St. Paul's and at Lumberton Monday night at 7:30.

Mr. Rouse is said to be an able speaker and it is hoped that he will be given large crowds. Ladies are especially invited.

**Speaking Appointments in Robeson of J. A. Brown, Presidential Elector.**

Hon. Joseph A. Brown, presidential elector for the sixth congressional district, will speak in Robeson county at the following times and places:

At Fairmont at 2 o'clock p. m. on October 30; Pembroke, at 8 o'clock p. m. on October 30, in the Croatan Normal School building; at St. Paul's at 2 o'clock p. m. on Thursday October 31.

Mr. Brown is well and favorably known in our county and is an able speaker. He presents the issues of the campaign in a very interesting and attractive manner and the character of his speeches deserves good audiences. S. B. McLean, Chairman

## Leave for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Hoover left this morning for Dania, Fla., where they expect to make their future home. For the last three years Mr. Hoover had been representing the Mecklenburg Marble & Granite Co., of Charlotte, in this section. He has decided to quit the marble business and goes to Florida to engage in the fruit business with his brother-in-law. Mr. Hoover says that he has arranged for all the monuments he has sold, and which have not yet been shipped out, to be erected, and his going will not in any way affect his unfinished business or obligations with his customers in this section. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have a host of friends that will regret to learn of their departure.

## Tar Heel Happenings.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Tar Heel, Oct. 22—Miss Lilly Ward returned to her home at Clarkton last Friday after spending several days here with relatives.—Dr. J. R. Ballance spent last week in Raleigh.

School opened here Monday. Miss Zara Shaw of Elkton is teaching.

Several from here spent last Saturday in Lumberton.

Hurbert Clio, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Monroe, died Saturday afternoon, October 12, after just a few days' illness. He would have been two years old the 23d of the present month. He was buried Sunday afternoon at the Monroe burying ground. Rev. P. T. Britt conducted the service. The family have our deepest sympathy.

We are expecting to hear the wedding bells ring soon.

We are sorry to report Mr. Z. V. Tolar on the sick list. Hope he will soon recover.

Every one seems real busy gathering in their crops. Blue Eyes

**Special School Tax Elections Carried.**

County Superintendent Poole has just received reports from two special school tax elections which were held and carried on the 16th inst.—a local tax district including districts 2 and 3, Smith's township, at old Floral College, for a tax of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and 75 cents on the poll, 19 registered, 15 for and 1 against; and district No. 4, Smith's, at Wakuila, a tax of 20 and 60 cents, 16 registered, 13 for and none against.

This makes 57 special tax districts for Robeson.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

—Cotton today is 10½ cents.

—"Discontinue our ad—it brought the men," writes a company that placed an ad for help in the penny column of The Robesonian. All Robesonian ads bring results.

—Mr. U. M. Edwards, who for some time has been suffering from derangement of the mind, was taken Tuesday morning to Raleigh, where he will undergo treatment in the State hospital for the insane.

—Miss Dorothy Britt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Britt of route 4 from Lumberton, was taken yesterday to Fayetteville, where she will undergo an operation at St. Luke's hospital for appendicitis. She was accompanied by her father and Dr. W. A. McPhaul.

—Mr. A. W. McLean has gone to Raleigh today to attend the meeting tonight of the State Democratic executive committee, of which he is a member, called in special session by Chairman Webb to modify the ruling recently made as to who shall be allowed to vote in the senatorial primary.

## NOTES OF TRAVEL.

**With the Coast Line Surgeons and Their Wives in Richmond.**

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Tuesday night. The Doctor, being fresh from "the sticks," could not sleep very well last night, so he has turned in early and I am rather tired after our strenuous day but will endeavor to give you a few notes.

We were awakened early by the city's roar and were soon in the dining room doing justice to hot coffee and fish. They feed us well here but we have to wait so long for it we could (almost) eat dog; so maybe that helps the taste.

More doctors came in during the night. Among them we are pleased to see Dr. Croom and wife of Maxton and Dr. Luther McMillan, wife and daughter, of Red Springs. We walked fully a half mile and back down Broad street admiring the show windows before time for the opening session held at 11 in the splendid hall of the hotel on the 9th floor. The mayor of the city, Mr. Ainslee, welcomed us to the city in a delightful manner and the addresses and papers were all interesting to me. Our surgeons are a fine, sensible-looking set of men, even though some of them wouldn't take a prize at a beauty show. We deserted the meeting after dinner though, as the ladies of the party were guests of Mrs. Robbins, the lovely wife of the Coast Line surgeon living here, to five-o'clock tea on the grounds of the Country club. I won't tell you what we had to eat or drink. It was not intoxicating, but the view from that lawn was. Cute little white-covered tables, comfortable chairs, and out before us miles of rolling green hills with a background of trees and on one side the James river shining like a silver ribbon as the glorious October sun warmed the landscape. A lovely young lady sang for us. We were shown over the grounds and house and invited to come again, and as our special car slipped along the trolley on our way back to the city we were all glad we were better halves of A. C. L. surgeons.

F. S. B.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 15, 1912.

**A Killing at Laurinburg.**

Mr. Peter A. Jones, a highly-respected citizen of Laurinburg, was shot and killed in Laurinburg Tuesday afternoon, apparently in cold blood, by his brother-in-law Will T. McKenzie, a rural mail carrier. Some family trouble is said to have been the cause of the killing. McKenzie escaped and application has been made to the Governor to offer reward for his capture.

Rev. David Fairley of Fayetteville

Fayetteville Observer, 23d.

Rev. David Fairley, D. D., died at 10:45 last night in this city, at the home of his son, Rev. W. M. Fairley, in his eighty-second year. He had been in declining health for some time.