

The South in National Politics

(ARNOLD A. M'KAY.)

About three years ago, while on a Washington street car an elderly lady sitting beside me turned and said: "The Confederate veterans are meeting here this week."

"Yes," I replied, "they seem to be having a good time of it."

"They are certainly a rough-looking lot. Why in the world don't they shove?"

"Probably," I suggested, "safety razors have not been introduced down there yet."

I should like to have told the lady that these same old fellows were ninety per cent native Americans, whistlers and all; but from the corner of my eye her rigid profile told me that the conversation had come to an end.

And politically the civil war is not over. It will be a long time before it is. One has to remain in Washington only a short time to see that there is in both parties a strong and active animosity for everything Southern. Such prejudice is natural in some cases, for provincialism and sectionalism belong to no clime nor set of people, but the South's prominent and successful participation in national affairs during the past few years has given rise to a feeling of envy and jealousy on the part of certain Northerners who, like a few Southerners, are not capable of seeing farther than their own noses. This feeling while general and active, is in various forms among some. It is an organized effort to dig up sectional bitterness and to discredit the work of Southerners whose achievements are already well-known; among others it is prejudice which emanates from crass ignorance of the South and all that it stands for. But it does exist; and the fact that Southerners were largely responsible for our public policy during the war and for the splendid management of wartime matters does not help the feeling any. The whole thing is silly and unnecessary, but what can be done about it? How are you going to convince a man whose mind is already made up? How are you going to reason with one who insists upon discussing national issues on narrow and sectional grounds? As Mr. Dooley says, "There you are."

Now let us set ourselves right. This is not a warm effusion on Southern chivalry, nor a schoolboy harangue beginning "There was a South of olden time" and so on. Let us bury all such sweet nothing beside the late John Barbercy. He was the best friend of sentimentalism and oratory ever had and for that it is too bad that he is no more. Let us bury the two-sectionalism and John-Alongside and think of the South as politically youthful and energetic deserving of consideration because it has accomplished much and anxious to be of further service to the nation because it has shown its spirit and its power. How can it hope to be of greater use in national affairs? In only one way and that is by giving its undivided support to a Democratic candidate who shows a willingness and an earnestness in his relations with the South and its problems.

The South is, of course, hopefully Democratic. It should be; it could be anything else, for it need not expect much from the Republican party. Other than a sentimental interest in the negro and a belief that all Southerners chew tobacco and make moonshine, that party is not much interested in things which are vital to our interests and industries. The average Republican conception of the South is a curious mixture of motion picture melodrama, car window views and tank tourism. It is what they want to believe about us, and so why shouldn't they?

Yes, the Republican party must be eliminated as a factor in the upbuilding of the South and in reconstructing our enterprises along new lines; but what of the Democratic party? What has it done or what will it do to look at matters in the same light as we see them? We have a right to ask that question, for are we not the oldest and most loyal branch of the family?

Democrats have not always shared the views of the Southern states. It was not long since that the leading Democratic newspaper of New York blamed the South for thrusting the blessing of prohibition on the country, and at it is no uncommon thing for a certain type of Democratic politician to hint at the backwardness, illiteracy and general unfitness of Southerners to take leading parts in national affairs. The charges are never substantiated, of course, nor are such matters discussed when party harmony may be endangered or when the sectional issue might become prominent in political circles. They are merely subtle and cheap attempts to discredit Southern public men who have accomplished what they set out to do.

Such men do not think as we do and never will. They will never be brought around to any other point of view—their type of mind is too fixed and static. They will go on, as Riley would say, "Havin' our opinion of us and we havin' our opinion of them." They still believe prohibition is tyranny; they still view it as a good thing. They still try to create the impression that certain men are incapable of big ideas, and they go on believing in certain small town ideas of what is right and wrong—and neither goes anywhere.

And so the only thing left for the Southerner to do is to stick to his "raising". He has been brought up in the wholesome atmosphere of Americanism, and he knows very little about anything else except the simple and sturdy things of life. Probably he has a hazy idea of what they may call "independence," but he is never more than that vitally independent man voting sincerely. There is no good reason for not voting the Democratic ticket, because there are plenty of good men in the party who think as we do, and while we certainly do not have the monopoly of good qualities when it comes to politics, I believe this much can be said of the Southern point of view: on the whole it is more distinct, more realistic and that is more nearly representative of the true American spirit than that of the North or East. While there are not economic and racial reasons for this belief, we could argue until Tuesday and never settle it. Talk is worthless, but the fact remains:

"The only thing for the Southerner to do is to stick to his 'raising' and to support a Democratic candidate who has the Southern viewpoint. This man should be a man who thinks as we do, and is willing that the party should stand for what we stand for. The answer to the question depends entirely on what Southerners public men and voters are doing to do to

BROOKS WITHHOLDS HIS FINAL DECISION

Friends and Advisers, However, Expect That He Will Enter Race For Senate

(Special to The News and Observer.) Greensboro, March 21.—Following the recent announcement of the possibility that the seat now occupied in the United States Senate by Senator L. S. Overman, of Salisbury, may be contested for by Aubrey L. Brooks, of this city, in the June primaries, much comment on the probability of Mr. Brooks' entrance into the race for the Democratic nomination has been heard.

Mr. Brooks stated yesterday that although he had not fully decided whether he would enter the race for the nomination in opposition to the present junior Senator from this state, he had received many requests and assurances of support if he should decide to make the race, and if he does ask for the nomination by the Democratic voters of the state in June, he feels confident that he is the man that will oppose Whittier, of Hickory, in the general elections next November.

He stated that should he enter the race, it will be by reason of the fact that duty calls him to do so, as he believes that the time has come for the people of this state to be represented by a man of progressive views. He will declare in the beginning, as he has for many years past, that he is for woman's suffrage, and this is counted upon to give him great additional strength, as it is almost certain that women will vote in both the June primaries, and the general elections next fall.

According to friends of Mr. Brooks, he is the logical man for the position at this time, as with him nominated by the Democrats, the strong advocacy of this amendment by the Republicans would lose much of its weight, as in the opinion of his admirers, he stands head and shoulders above any other man in the public eye in this state as an advocate of votes for women.

His friends state that personal reasons would not incline him to think of entering the race, as he is well situated now, has a lucrative law practice and is entirely content, and he states himself that he has long since lost any desire for public office for personal reasons, and that if he is a candidate for the nomination, it will be from a firm conviction that he is needed for service to the country, and that it is his plain duty to go before the people and ask their suffrage.

Much pressure is being brought to bear to bring out his announcement for the race, but he still withholds his final decision. However, his friends and advisers here and from other parts of the state expect that he will enter the race. If he does he will without doubt make a thorough canvass of the state, making speeches in every section so that all of the people may know just where he stands on the great matters that are confronting the country at this time.

LENOIR ATTORNEY DIES IN HOSPITAL

Moses N. Harshaw, For Many Years Prominent in Republican Politics, is Dead

Lenoir, March 21.—The remains of Hon. M. N. Harshaw, who died at Charlotte hospital last night at 9:30, reached here at noon today. Funeral services will be held at noon tomorrow from the home of his son, J. M. Harshaw. Interment will be made at Collettsville, his boyhood home, ten miles north of here. A special train will take the remains and burial party and friends to Collettsville, leaving here at 1:00 o'clock.

Mr. Harshaw has been sick only a few days. Early in the week his condition became alarming and Wednesday he was taken to a Charlotte hospital in an effort to save his life. For a while after arriving at the hospital his condition seemed more encouraging. However, yesterday afternoon uremic poisoning set in, and the end came within a few hours. For several years he had suffered from diabetes. Two months ago he suffered a broken rib in a fall on ice and it is thought this hastened the end.

Mr. Harshaw was prominent in politics. For years and up until the time of his death, he was at the head of the Republican party of this county. His leadership in the party in this entire section of the State was acknowledged and his counsel was sought in all Republican movements. Twice in 1907 and in 1909, he represented Caldwell county in the State General Assembly and prior to this he had served the district as Solicitor. For many years he has held the place of one of this section's leading attorneys.

Recently he had been endorsed by the Republican convention of Caldwell and Watauga counties as candidate for Congress from the Eighth district and his friends had already started a campaign to secure for him the nomination. Mr. Harshaw was born at Collettsville July 6, 1856, the son of Newton Harshaw, one of the pioneers of this part of the State. He was licensed to practice law in 1885 after a long and dogged fight. His career has been marked with hard fought battles and with success.

He is survived in addition to his wife, by one son, J. M. Harshaw.

DURHAM MEETINGS DRAW BIG CROWDS

Many Respond To Invitation To Become Christians Extended By Preacher

By JAMES A. ROBINSON.

Durham, March 21.—The Rev. Burke Culpepper, with his singer, John U. Robinson, who has been conducting a revival in Trinity church since last Sunday morning, and who has been preaching with great power, to congregations that filled the big church in the afternoon and at night, gave out his first invitation last evening to those who wanted to "get straight with God, and have the Christian people to pray for them," come up and shake his hand. About one hundred accepted the invitation and went forward.

Burke Culpepper is a remarkable preacher. He is a sin dynamiter, and his preaching with all the energy and activity of an electrical machine in action. His style of preaching gospel truths is peculiarly his own.

Board of Health Stands Pat.

A representative of a carnival, scheduled to appear here this week, appeared before the Durham County Board of Health, with a request that it be permitted to come. He stated that they operated on fixed schedules, and to change these schedules they must be made to wait days ahead; and the interstate commerce commission did not allow them to operate at will; that his shows would be side-tracked in Durham for a week, at a heavy loss, without income. The board took the stand that regardless of the loss of money which the show company claimed it would lose, and the fact that there were still quite a number of cases of flu scattered about the community, it could not afford to endanger the health and life of the community, and considered a carnival with its mingling crowds, extremely dangerous to the health of the community, and therefore denied the request.

Campaign to Open With Parade.

The Southgate Memorial campaign—the raising of \$100,000 in Durham for a "Woman's Building" at Trinity College in memory of Hon. James H. Southgate, former president of the Board of Trustees of Trinity—will open Tuesday morning with a parade through the principal streets of Durham by the students of Trinity College. It is also decided to have a mammoth Sunday

afternoon meeting, at which Dr. Edwin Mims, of Vanderbilt University, formerly of Trinity, will deliver an address. Rev. Burke Culpepper, and Gen. J. S. Carr are also on the program for speeches on the subject of the memorial. The campaign for raising the amount will be on 23 to 26, inclusive.

John W. Thompson, who obtained a divorce from his first wife last Wednesday in the Superior court, and Mrs. Rosa Lee Dison Stephenson, were married yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock by Justice S. C. Riley, in his office and witnessed by a few friends. This is Mr. Thompson's second wife, and Mrs. Stephenson's fourth husband.

Funeral of Miss Mary E. Martin.

The funeral of Miss Mary E. Martin, 22, who died at the Watts hospital Thursday night from heart trouble, resulting from a relapse with pneumonia, was conducted from the home, on Third street, this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. M. Bradshaw officiating. She was a splendid young woman, of the most genial character, and Christian benevolence. She spent the past three years in training at the Mission hospital in Asheville, and would have received her diploma in a short while. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Martin, two sisters, Misses Margaret and Isabelle; and four brothers, John, Henry, Joseph and James Martin.

Col. S. T. Cantrell, who prior to service as a commanding officer of the United States engineer corps in Siberia, was a prominent railroad man of Philadelphia, is visiting his daughter, Miss Helen Cantrell, a student at Trinity College. He is accompanied by his wife. While in the city Col. and Mrs. Cantrell will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Reams, the two families having become greatly attached as the out-

growth of the war. During his period of service in the marines, Hunter Reams, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Reams was confined in a Philadelphia hospital. Mrs. Cantrell, serving with the Philadelphia Red Cross, helped to make the Durham boys comfortable, and during his days of convalescence had him as a guest in her home.

Exhibition Games

New Orleans, La., March 21.—(Exhibition)—Cleveland Americans: 4, 7, 2; New Orleans, Southern: 0, 4, 3.


Covaleskie, Morton and Nunamaker, Thomas; Torkelson, Walker and Deberry.

DETROIT TIGERS BREAK TRAINING CAMP TODAY

Macon, Ga., March 21.—Barry Heilmann, first baseman and 300 hitter of the Detroit Tigers, arrived here today. Ty Cobb will join the team at Columbus, Ga., Tuesday, manager Hugh Jennings announced. The Tigers break camp tomorrow and will begin a tour with the Boston Braves. "Chick" Shorten, outfielder, will be unable to accompany the Tigers this week, account of injured foot, the result of stepping on two nails.

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ALUMNI TO FEATURE ELON COMMENCEMENT

Great Gathering of Graduates and Former Students Being Planned

Elon College, March 21.—An important meeting of the Alumni Association Re-union Committee, of which the chairman is Mr. C. G. Fonville, of Burlington, was held in Burlington Friday and definite steps were taken looking to the bringing of the alumni of the College back in large numbers at the approaching commencement.

It was decided to invite all graduates and former students of the college to be present for the entire commencement which begins on Sunday May 23 and concludes on Tuesday May 25. Entertainment for the day will be given in the village and in the college dormitories, and to be free to all who come. The two gymnasiums are to be transformed into huge sleeping rooms equipped especially for the large number of visitors who will be expected to be present.

This is the thirtieth year of the College and the Alumni have decided to make it a signal one in respect of the inflow of Alumni and former students. The College authorities too have decided to give the Commencement the Alumni flavor and so for the first time in the history of the College the Baccalaureate sermon is to be given by an Alumnus, Rev. Dr. L. E. Smith, of Norfolk, Va.

Tuesday afternoon of the Commencement is to be turned entirely over to the Alumni to be used in such a way as they may arrange or improvise. The festivities of the afternoon will be followed by the Alumni oration at night by the Honorable S. E. Everett of Suffolk, Va., and the Commencement will conclude with a great banquet in honor of the visitors which will be served in the College dining hall upon the conclusion of Mr. Everett's oration.

bring this about—on how patriotic they are.

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ARNOLD A. M'KAY. Washington, N. C.

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