

## Curious Speech By 'Windy Billy'

Salisbury Orator of the 70's  
Didn't Have Much Reason  
But Plenty of Rhyme

At the request of a number of readers and as an entertaining feature we are reproducing the famous address of "Windy Billy" Henderson as published recently in The State, a publication edited by Carl Goerch. Here is the article with introduction by Mr. Goerch:

Sometime ago we learned about a famous speech made in Reconstruction days by "Windy Billy" Henderson, who apparently was quite a character in his day and time. Knowing that Pete Murphy keeps up with everything of this nature, we wrote him last week and inquired if he could get us a copy of the document. Here is Pete's reply:

"Dear Carl—I am sending you a copy of the speech. It is a gem of purest ray serene; one which brought fame to its author. There never has been one similar to it since the days of Apollon. I feel sure that you will be asked for many reprints of it, for its fame has spread all over North Carolina. The speech was delivered in Salisbury, July 4, 1875. Poor old 'Windy Bill' was one of the most unique chaps ever. He never got anything straight but loved to speak and in his own opinion was a greater orator than Cicero or Demosthenes."

After reading Billy's speech, we are inclined to agree with Pete, and we believe you will, too. Anyway, here it is:

**Christofer Columbus**  
We have great occasion to congratulate ourselves on this, the ever recurring anniversary of that most auspicious hour when Christofer Columbus landed up thar at Plymouth Rock and preached freedom and equality to the benighted citizens of them parts.

I have accepted this invitation to address you on this glorious day because of a message I have to give you on the state of our country at this gloomy time when darkness overshadows the land and obscures the vision of our contemporaries, this day dedicated to political liberty which has been observed in every civilized country since the splendid epoch at Plymouth Rock and one which we have assembled here fittingly and patriotically to observe.

Christofer Columbus was one of the great men of history, the three greatest of which was Lord Byron, the Pope of Rome and Abraham Lincoln, these Abraham Lincoln was by far the most magnificent.

**The Glories of Rome**  
Speaking of the Pope of Rome reminds me of the conspicuous condition of our own country which deplorably soon might follow Rome's illustrious example and fade out into obscurity and destruction. For all of us knows that Rome, the once proud master of the world and mistress of the seas, Rome by whose proud wall the muddy waters of the Tiber flowed for at least ten generations, Rome who had her Plutus, her Demosthenes and her Shakespeare, Rome who gave us Alexander the Great and his horse Buckyfallis, is today a howling wilderness no longer than the city of Lexington peo-

pled by Greeks, Kernadians and other iziles all on account of Dimmicratic rule and misrepresentation, a condition of our own state in the hands of the Dimmicratic party will soon be similar. Turn your eyes to North Carolina and see her follow in the same path of desuetudinous destruction.

Oh, my fellow countrymen, it is a forbidding spectacle too full of potentialities to diagnose with analyticals.

If Christofer Columbus were here today he would hang his head in shame at the sorry spectacle which would confront his illustrious and auspicious vision. If he could see the aristocrats once more in office, if he could see the abuses and the devilry of which North Carolina is now both rampant and pregnant, he would disown it; he would regret with all his buoyancy ever having spoke of freedom to the good people of Plymouth Rock about liberty, would cover his head with sackcloth and ashes like Job of old and retire to his grave in much of a disgust and a high dungeon.

**Two Outstanding Foreigners**  
Lord Byron and the Pope of Rome were both furriners. Christofer Columbus and Abraham Lincoln was our two greatest native born citizens, and as I said before, Abraham Lincoln was the greatest. He was born at an early age of humble parents out in Kentucky where our former illustrious citizen, Daniel Boon once lived. He was not a aristocrat, but just a poor, common boy like the rest of us. He had no education; he never went to school, but by hard work and intrepidity prepared himself for the president's office to which he was elected over three other sets of conspirators and he made the greatest of all not excepting General George H. Washington.

When Lincoln was elected president it made all the Dimmicrats mad and they brought on the war which ended just a few years ago. Abraham Lincoln won that war. He and General Grant done the hardest of the work doin' it. they put the Dimmicratic party whar she belongs, but it was hard and profound work. Lincoln had a hard and preverse time steerin' the old ship er state in the raging waters of adversity with all its embellishments. It kept him busy and sweatin' to keep the ship from runnin' into Syllibud on one hand or Cherrybosus on the tother; but he brung her right up to dry dock and thar he tied her right after General Lee had surrendered at Appomatticks. 'We is livin' in the rough times now but victory is in sight; this country is backslid and right now thar is so much devilry and gallivantin' alose that it behooves all patriots to rescue and redeem it for if she keeps on we is headed for hell. Only the Republicans can save it and we must do it. I tells you thar is both retribution and recuperation in history and we will get it here once more even if it takes the blood of patriots to circumvent it. My friends and constituents, I appreciates this generous applause you has given me, I is delighted to look in your faces and realize that the destinies of this great country is in your composition—our country the greatest on earth, you love it, I loves it. so right now let us dedicate us and our posterity and other friends the task of preservin' it in the fullness of its glory and the profundity of its nature until it shall ripen as a green bay tree in the plenitude of its immortal destiny. I am no prophet, but, at the last great day, at which time all the patriots and patriarchs will march forward and plant the star spangled banner on the ramparts of Zion and all the world will fall down and pay homage to the party which made liberty possible and which undestrans the profundity of nature. And when the mornin and evenin stars shall sing together, I expects to see the prophet Jeremiah come forth in all his oriental clothes and say the world was made better by the Republican party and all the blessings which it has enjoyed is due to the munificens and impertibility of Abraham Lincoln and Uuderses S. Grant.

Soon after the war were over I happened to be in Washington.

## LONDON PILOT



Washington . . . Here is a new picture of John M. Hamilton of Topeka, Kansas, the man who directed the Landon campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination, his reward being the chairmanship of the National Republican Committee, after Landon won the nomination.

General Grant heard of it and sent me word he wanted to meet a patriot from the land of the rebles. I put on my silk hat and went to the White House where he were a livin'. He seed me a comin' up the walk and come to the door to meet me and when I opened the door he grabbed me by the hand, handed me a seegar and said, "Come in, I am glad to see you."

I had no morn' set down until a nigger with a blue suit on and brass buttons handed me a mint julep, the General a sayin', "I hopes it will refresh you."

We had a pleasant visit and he showed his confidence in me by offering to appoint me envoy penitentiary and ambassador extraditionally over to Berlin on the Dead Sea by the river Rhine, and when I declined, says he, "If you can't go there please accept the same office down there at Rio Janeiro," which is in some furrin' part and has a big salary.

I told him on account of the absence of educational faculties thar, I would have to decline and whereupon he appointed me Deputy Internal Revenue Collector for the western district of North Carolina, in which I now reside and hold office.

Let me ask you, would any Dimmicrat a done like General Grant?  
No sir! And that's why I belong to the Republican party, the only party that rewards the patriots and depreciates their services.

**An Honorific Future**  
My fellow countrymen, we has a great country, we has had a glorious and portentous past and we can have a honorific future if we stick to the right party. And unless we do the future is ablaze with the fulminations of felon-

ious apoctra which spreads its slimy proportions along the disjointed vertebrae of a cataclysm of great magnitude which it at once alarming and great magnitude.

If liberty is to be preserved in its pristine embellishments, if honor is to be maintained as our quid pro quo, as Oeissar says, if the ship of state is to sail on the untrammelled waters of the salty seas, if our future is to be most auspicious and refulgent, if men are to cease being slaves and boundmen, if cotizens of integrity and puchritude are to fill our offices, if peace and happiness is to remain with us indefinitely and indubitably, if our beautiful and wonderful womanhood is to remain un sullied and inordinately attractive in its purity and virtue, if our children are to have a chance to augment and prepare themselves for the serious and conflicting duties of advanced life, if the stars and stripes are to remain afloat in the azure expanse of a comprehensive and inclusive heaven, then my fellow countrymen we has but one thing to do and that is on election day to march in solid falanxes up to the ballot box and vote the straight Republican ticket and then all will be safe; prosperity will be vindicated, and our glorious country will remain as she always has been the fount-of-liberty, the home of unalloyed civilization, the wonder of the world, and the delight of humanity—a haven of rest and the ubiquitous land of contentment and the envy of all the rest of the world, both civilized and uncivilized, both furrin' and ixile, Christian and heathen, Presbyterian and Episcopallian, white and black, and in the words of Oliver Cromwell when he was led to the gallows for killin' Watt Tyler on London Bridge, "The Star Spangled Banner, long may it wave; give me liberty or give me death."

**Upsetting Tyranny**  
We is now 'livin' under tyranny and it must be upset or we is doomed. If our glorious and lugubrious destiny is to be fulfilled, some patriot must arise like that great Republican Patrick Henry to put down sedition and conspiracy, if the Dimmicrats carry this comin' election, the war had just as well not been won, for then the aristocrats will be in power in the nation just as there is in the state. To your tents oh, Israel, the enemy is knockin' at the door; if he gets in, all is lost; if we keep him shut out then we may look to the future with indulgent complacency and conspicuous ability. In conclusion let me say this country of ours will endure if we is successful until the time when old Rory Borealis herself drops into the chasm of eternity and now finally and ultimately let me say in the words of Saint Paul, when he heard of the death of Julius Caesar, "Sick senter Tyrannibus."

Instead of sentencing Charles Gibson, 19, of Rochester, Ind., to 2 to 14 years in the state reformatory for forgery, Judge Robert Miller ordered him to attend church every Sunday for two years.

## Borah Again Wants His Seat in Senate

Veteran Idaho Statesman Announces Intention of Seeking Re-Election

Pocatello, Idaho, June 18.—The Pocatello Tribune said today Senator William E. Borah, Republican of Idaho, has written that he is "willing and rather anxious" to seek re-election—because of questions involved in the coming campaign.

The veteran statesman expressed himself, the paper said, in a letter to R. P. Parry, Idaho Republican State chairman. Parry could not be reached immediately.

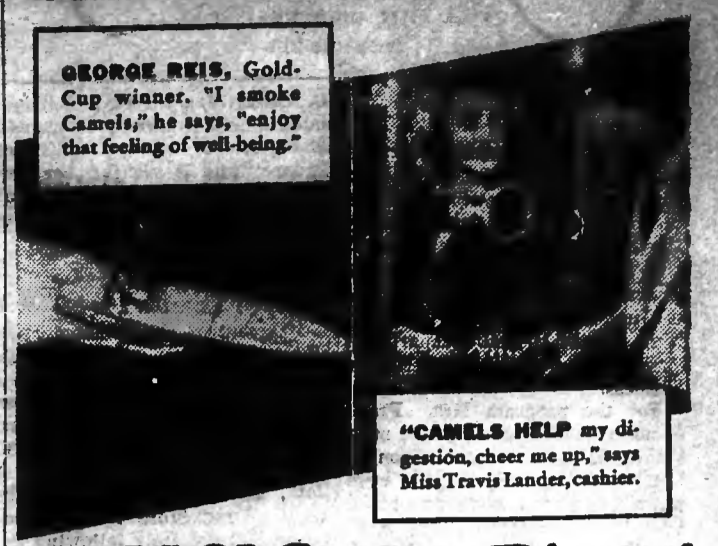
The letter, as made public by the Tribune, said Borah was writing to make plain his position in case Idaho Republicans should wish "to agree upon another candidate in view of Borah's stand on the Republican monetary plank."

Borah, since he left the Cleveland convention after hammering pet planks into the platform, had withheld definite announcement of whether he would again seek the Senate seat he has held 30 years.

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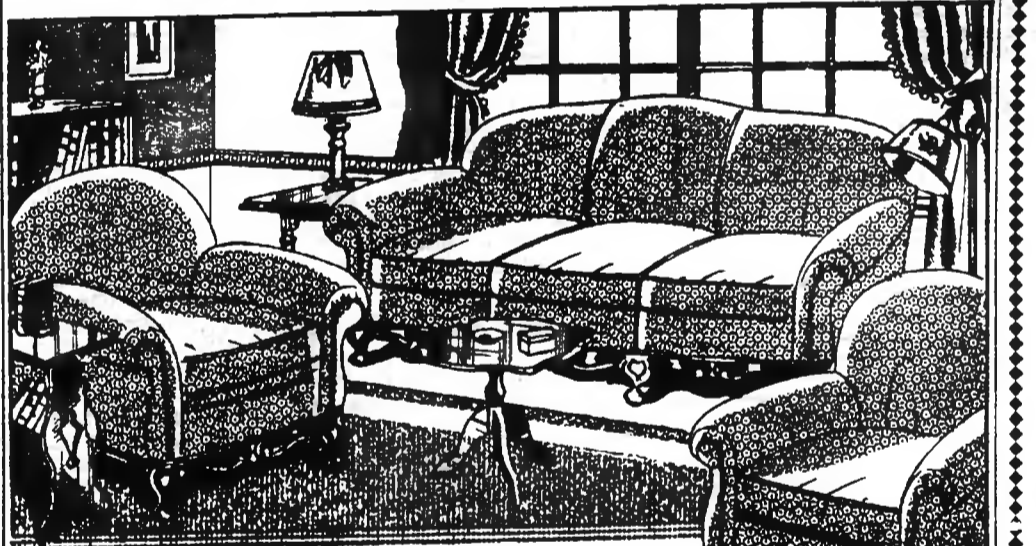
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