

## APPEAL FOR DEMOCRATIC UNITY.

Watson's Notable Speech at Winston Ringing and Thrilling—No Reason for a Democrat to Desert.

At the organization of the Democratic Club with 726 members, in Winston-Salem, on Friday night last, Hon. Cyrus B. Watson was called upon for a speech. Fortunately a stenographer happened to be present, who has furnished us with the words of this great Democrat. He said:

**MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:**

I will commence what little I have to say this evening by announcing to you that this beautiful banner, made of silk [pointing to a handsome banner on the platform] and costing more than \$70, is the banner of the Democratic Club of this county that was made and presented to the club in 1898, just as we were commencing the greatest battle the Democratic party ever fought in North Carolina, which resulted in the utter overthrow of the enemy and that placed in the hands of the Anglo-Saxon people of the State of North Carolina the management of the State Government for all time to come. It is brought in this evening to be presented to this club as its banner during this campaign.

The chairman of your committee asked me a short time ago to be here tonight to make a political speech. I have not made a political speech in two years. My time has been taken up with other matters up to this very time—matters in which I was engaged, matters to the interest of myself and clients. But I never have had much difficulty in finding something to say when speaking for the Democratic Party, or much difficulty in addressing a Democratic audience. [Applause.] I have never had any difficulty in addressing the Democratic Party or the people of North Carolina for the period of forty years that I have been in the fight for that great party and the right. [Applause.]

I will start out by saying that we have secured from our forefathers, through their patriotic efforts, a Republican form of government which always will be a Republican government, in form if not always in substance. Under the plan of our government it becomes the duty of every voter to belong to some party organization, so that his fight may amount to something. Alone, he can do nothing. If he fails to combine his efforts with the efforts of the party his efforts are lost and he is useless. He ought to belong to a political organization. He ought to unite in his efforts with the party until that party so differs from his ideas and conscience that he is compelled to withdraw from it.

Now, is there anything this evening, September 18, 1908, that would make a man who was a Democrat in 1904 desert his party? I submit there is nothing. I differ frequently on certain questions with my party, but in the main I have never disagreed with its principles. I disagreed with the Democratic party of the last Legislature in some matters. I disagreed in such a manner that lifelong friends of my party, and leaders of the Democratic Party, in which I had labored all these years, would have to say in the future that the disagreement was an accident that I would have avoided, had I been more of a Democrat. I have never disagreed with its principles. I disagreed with the Democratic party of the last Legislature in some matters. I disagreed in such a manner that lifelong friends of my party, and leaders of the Democratic Party, in which I had labored all these years, would have to say in the future that the disagreement was an accident that I would have avoided, had I been more of a Democrat.

the United States at this time. They are hearing him as never before, and no man can answer him.

Now, to come down to our State candidates. Is there on the ticket a man you would not be proud to vote for? Is there anything against any one of them? Is there any reason why you should not vote for them? None in the world. [Applause.]

There are men on the county ticket who differed from me on the prohibition question last May—men who fought my opinions—but I would be tyrannical to put punishment upon them because they differed with me. Liberty of thought is one of the great principles in the foundation of our government. No, my fellow countrymen, I could not quit the Democratic party for a thousand reasons. I was with the party before the war and after the war. I was with it at its birth after the war. I helped to rock its cradle. After that bloody war I was like Bantz, the Democrat, and Graham, the Wing, and many others who organized the Conservative Democratic Party. It was named at the time when we were wading in the sea; it was named at the time when we were wading in the sea; it was named at the time when we were wading in the sea.

Now, I have done the best I could tonight—the best in my way. But later I hope to make a more logical talk. I wish that I were able to go from the East to the Tennessee line and tell this message to all the people. I have not long to live. I have children and grandchildren; but I say to you that no stroke of this right hand shall aid in putting the Republican Party over these children and grandchildren. [Applause.] I say it because I have tried it in the past and, having tried it in the past and having found nothing but ruin and disgrace, I cannot help but fight it now.

I did not know whether I was going to get through tonight to fight in this campaign, but when the Republicans mentioned me and put my name on the ticket, I thought I would have to go. I thought I would have to go. I thought I would have to go. I thought I would have to go.

on the banking question, which was put into force shortly after the war; a system which was to allow men of great wealth to regulate prices on such things as you are compelled to buy, and these men now control the transportation of the country, thus controlling the prices of products generally. We have attacked them along this line until they are started at the conditions which they have brought about and feared all these years. A few men in New York make prices and amass great wealth, while the common people of that great city are fed at the "saw-houses," as has been the condition for the past year of panic. Now, all this was caused by a run on the banks. Mr. Bryan offers to protect the people by a guaranty, and when this is brought into effect, there is no such thing as a run on a bank. Whenever you make it impossible to make a run on a bank, you make it impossible for these people to bring on a panic and destroy business.

I was in New York last fall. There was no cloud over the financial sky when I left here. I was gone a week. While there a run was made on the Knickerbocker Bank, and men and women stood in line in the streets waiting for their turn to get their money—our little deposits—all they had and laid out in the line. Suppose the deposits in this bank had been guaranteed? No such thing would have happened. Mr. Bryan says, "If you vote for me and put the Democratic Party in power I will stop this." Look back to last fall, the same sounder could not furnish the money to carry on our commerce and manufacturing business; they had to pay off in "scrips" while our own money was locked up in New York vaults. We have begged and pleaded with these plunderers for years; we are willing for them to make money, but we don't want them to enjoy a high protective tariff to such an extent that their wealth and power will throttle this government. The Democratic party has awakened at last from its dreams and we have raised such a howl 'round Mr. Taft that he says, "If you will elect me, I will call an extra session of Congress to revise this tariff." Mr. Bryan says, "For all these years you have oppressed these people and now you only promise relief when you see they are threatening your power." And still they tell you that this is the year for you to stay away from the polls and not vote the Democratic ticket.

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## KITCHIN AT RANDLEMAN.

Candidate for Governor to Visit Randolph October 24th.

State Chairman A. H. Eller has written County Chairman W. J. Miller that Hon. W. W. Kitchin will visit Randolph county on Saturday, October 24th. Mr. Miller has placed Mr. Kitchin at Randleman and is co-operating with the citizens and business men to have a grand Democratic rally and basket picnic on that date.

## TRAVELING MEN'S DAY.

"Knights of the Grip" Will Have Charge of One Day's Program at the Fair.

The traveling men of Charlotte are putting an elaborate program for "Traveling Men's Day" at Mecklenburg's big fair, October 20, 21, 22 and 23. Not only will the "Knights of the Grip" of Charlotte participate in the day's exercises but all visitors as well.

## Building New Schools.

The patrons of Hopewell school, in Cedar Grove township, have secured an appropriation from the County Board of Education for a new building to be erected at once. The work is in the hands of Messrs. Levi Deason and L. T. Lusk, who compose the building committee. The new house will cost \$500, of which the county agrees to pay half. An additional appropriation of \$100 was also made for the new school building at South.

## Death of Mrs. Burns.

The funeral of Mrs. B. B. Burns, who died at High Point early Saturday morning was conducted at the cemetery in Asheboro Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Burns died at her home after a stroke of paralysis received about a week before, though she has been in ill health for some time.

The deceased was the mother of Capt. A. E. Burns and a sister of Mrs. E. B. McCain, of Asheboro.

## Kern in Greensboro.

Hon. John W. Kern, the Democratic nominee for vice president, arrived in Greensboro from Asheville Tuesday and proceeded at once to the Battle Ground. Thousands greeted the nominee, giving him a great welcome and the enthusiasm ran high. Mr. Kern spoke on national issues and his words were warmly greeted by the immense throng.

## New Bell Phone Line.

Mr. Brown, manager of the Bell Telephone Exchange at High Point, appeared before the board of commissioners Monday and secured the privilege of building a telephone line from High Point via Trinity and Archdale to the residence of Dr. J. D. Bolla in Trinity township. The line will follow the public road.

## Three Dead, Twenty Hurt.

Spencer, N. C., Oct. 3.—Three lives were lost and twenty or more persons were injured Friday by the explosion of a powder storage house in the yards of the Southern Railway company. The fire consumed twenty or more cars and other material.

## Deaths of Miss May Hendricks.

Miss May Hendricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Hendricks, died at her home in Greensboro, N. C., on Monday, October 6, at the age of 21 years. She was a member of the Trinity Episcopal church. Her father is a prominent business man in Greensboro.

## Funerals.

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## EXPOSURE OF REPUBLICAN DUPLICITY.

Personal Letter of the Republican Chairman of Randolph County—Misrepresentation and Deceit Shown Up.

Special Correspondence.

The Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of this county has mailed the letter which is printed below to many Republicans in the county. Many of the representations therein are so palpably false and his effort at defense of his party's action in refusing a joint canvass is so weak, so transparent, that his letter will, in effect, be a boomerang, for rather than a defense the letter is a veiled confession of sheer fear. The terror which fills him at the thought of his candidate's taking part in a joint canvass is so great as to cause him to drop into additional error of judgment in sending out such a document—a paper which is no more or less than the frantic appeal of a desperate man grown incoherent and unintelligible and untrustworthy. The publication of his letter here, in full, "shows him up" in the minds of all intelligent people, with bare necessity of comment. Here is what he says. Listen while we sing:

Asheboro, N. C., Sept. 25, 1908.

Dear Sir:

As you probably know, the Republican County Convention passed a resolution asking a joint canvass with the Democratic party, and I am sorry to say that you, like many other Republicans in this county, that you have not only refused to take part in a joint canvass, but that you have also refused to enter into the reasons which I offer for not entering into this canvass and feel sure that, when you fully understand the matter, you will heartily agree with me. I know there are some persons, who, not knowing the true situation, will be inclined to believe that it is a bad move on our part, but I ask you as a Republican and a true friend, to take a special pains to explain these reasons fully, and know that you can influence a number of persons in your section along the line.

Not one of our candidates has ever held office, so you see they have no political records to fear. And, personally, they would like to join in the canvass, but do not intend to get up crowds for the Democratic candidates, then I will speak to it. If a Democrat refuses to go to you, that we are afraid to meet them, just refer them to the reasons they gave us two years ago and tell them that we ran our candidates out of the field the first day, that he stayed at home pretending to be sick and, just as soon as the campaign was over, he was as well as ever, which is a fact that no one can deny.

Relying upon you to render me all the assistance possible along this line and to do all you can for the success of our party, I remain, Yours truly,

G. G. HENDRICKS, Chairman.

Attention is called to that part of the opening paragraph of the above letter, which is printed:

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two days after the Republican chairman's declination of the challenge had been received.

Falsification in general was not unexpected, but a direct misstatement of facts as made above, and especially in view of the possibility of discovery and prompt exposure, is rather noticeable, even in a campaign where Republican despair is so evident; and the reference to Mr. Blair's appointments having been made before the Republican chairman had time to answer the challenge is a fabrication, pure and simple, built "out of the whole cloth" and written for no purpose other than to deceive and mislead honest men in their understanding of the Republican attitude in this campaign, where they seek darkness rather than light, and in their efforts for even a few moments security in that darkness, they resort to deeds which are distinctly evil.

Referring further to that first paragraph, the Republican chairman is hereby challenged to produce ANY INFORMATION, truthful or otherwise, that any arrangement had ever been made to have any Democratic candidate for any state office, speak such way in the campaign in this county. He says that he has made no informant. Yes, in his mind only, as he can produce no evidence of any such information, unless it has been gratuitously supplied by some of his own adherents.

Once in re-taking a crack at that first paragraph. Gentle reader, glance at the closing sentence of that paragraph, which says:

"Their only purpose in wanting a joint canvass is for us to help them get up a crowd for their men to speak to."

Could a more ruthless, malicious exposure of a fell design, of a dire purpose, be more complete, be more crushing, more humiliating? What is it the Democrats want? Why, just think of it! They want the people, ALL THE PEOPLE, to come out and hear their candidates!! They want a free and full discussion of the issues by the candidates of both parties! By heavens, NO!! The people must not go! They shall not hear a fair debate!! They must be kept away!! They shall hear only our own side of the issues!! How can we manage it, and at the same time let the people know the frightful designs of the Democratic party? We don't want the people to get the facts, so we'll refuse a joint canvass, and talk of "unfair treatment" of two years ago! Then we'll make our own appointments and thus make it secure for us to tell anything we care to, without fear of contradiction or correction!! Yes, we'll refuse "to help get up a crowd for their men to speak to," then we'll have easy sailing!!

The above is the attitude of the Republicans in the present campaign and it is their intention that the people shall not hear our Democratic speakers, and their expressions are quoted, are full of confidence and hope, and promise to present all untrampled, though they have their feet planted on the ground of our own side.

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