

## BAILEY'S BRILLIANT SPEECH ON BRYAN

"Be of Good Cheer, the Morning  
Cometh"

### IN THE SHADOW OF DEFEAT

Never in the History of the Country  
Was There So Much for Good Democ-  
rats to Fight for; Never a Higher  
Call to Battle; Never Were the Democ-  
rats More Ready to Greet the Call of  
Battle With a Cheer.

In nominating William Jennings  
Bryan for President before the North  
Carolina Electoral College, Mr. J.  
W. Bailey, of Raleigh, a factor at  
large, made a profound impression.  
His brilliant nominating speech  
evoked much applause and has been  
highly praised. The full text of  
this speech is as follows:

"Watchmen, what of the Night?"  
We stand in the shadow of a great  
defeat; and seeing that it is the  
fourth in unbroken succession, it  
becomes us here as representatives  
of a great and heroic party, whose  
records abound with the evidences  
of memorable services to our Repub-  
lic and to civilization, which today  
command the suffrage of 6,500,000  
American citizens and whose destiny  
no man dare measure;—it becomes  
us to look about us, to reckon with  
our peculiar situation, to take counsel  
concerning the condition of our  
country with a view to proposing a  
program in keeping with our record  
of service; and so, if possible, to  
reasonably answer the inarticulate  
cry to millions of Democratic hearts  
throughout the Republic—"Watch-  
men, what of the Night?"

That we can reasonably give back  
to them the answer, "Be of good  
cheer, the morning cometh," I  
have in the high hopes of my own  
heart the best assurance, and these  
hopes have I set out to communicate  
to you.

#### Democratic Achievements in Defeat

We stand, I said, in the shadow of  
a great defeat,—of four of them in  
unbroken succession. But we stand  
and as we stand our hearts bear wit-  
ness that never in the history of our  
country was there so much for good  
Democrats to fight for; never had  
we a higher call to battle than now,  
and never were we more ready to  
greet the call to battle with a cheer.  
So far from being cast down or  
overwhelmed, our party is more num-  
erous, more united, more deter-  
mined, and more devoted to its stand-  
ards than at any time in its event-  
ful history; and its causes were  
never so dear to the hearts of the  
people.

Good causes never die. Right  
and justice are immortal. And  
therefore it is true that Democracy  
is immortal.

The history of progress is a record  
of defeats. A thousand battles giv-  
ing against the standards of Right; but  
every defeat means a step in the  
long, triumphant forward march of  
civilization. Joseph is sold into  
Egypt, but he rises at last to save  
his father's house; Socrates drinks  
the hemlock, but his philosophy  
guides the ages; Jesus is nailed to  
the cross but the instrument of his  
death is now the life of the race.  
Carlyle hits the idea in one of his  
great paragraphs. Says he, "Up-  
ward of a century more elapse, and  
still the bleeding fight of freedom  
is fought, whose is noblest perish-  
ing in the van; and the Moloch of  
Iniquity must have his sacrifices and  
the Michael of Justice his martyrs."  
But our American poet has put it in  
more popular phrase:

"Truth forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne;  
But that scaffold sways the future,  
And behind the dim unknown,  
Stand the God who in the show  
Keeping watch above his own."

King John gave the Magna Charter  
from the throne; but the barons  
at its foot compelled him. Charles  
II. gave the great reforms of modern  
England, but the ghost of Cromwell  
guided his pen.

In such terms, sir, I interpret  
our present condition. We have  
been defeated, but our faith in our  
cause abides, and our cause rides on  
in triumph. We are cast down but  
not forsaken, and we know that so  
long as we cleave to our cause, we  
have naught to fear. We would  
serve our Republic in triumph, but  
bidding that hour, we know that we  
have served it more worthily and  
more efficiently in defeat than our

triumphant opponents have served  
it in victory; and we are not the  
men to refuse to serve so long as  
that can be said—no matter who  
gets into the places of honor, reward  
and power.

I have just made a bold statement  
namely, that the Democratic party  
has served our Republic more worth-  
ily and more effectually in defeat  
than the Republicans have served it  
in victory. Let me either make it  
good or withdraw it. What is the  
record of the Democratic party?

Do your minds revert to those  
early days when our party swathed  
the new born Republic in its swad-  
dling clothes—those great princi-  
ples which are its armor today;—  
when it rocked the new Republic in  
the cradle of Liberty under Jeff-  
erson and Madison, Jackson and Mon-  
roe? They were great days, and are  
not to be forgotten. But they were  
the days of victory; and great as  
were our party's achievements then,  
I venture to show that the achieve-  
ments of the Democratic party those  
fifty years of defeat have been no  
less great.

Review for a moment those fifty  
years since the great war. What are  
the outstanding achievements of  
this great period in our history?

First of them all is the restora-  
tion of the South—within herself  
and her relation to the Republic.  
And who restored the South? Did  
the carpet-bagger; did the fire-eat-  
ers; did the Farkers and the Lodge  
Bills; did Stevens and Reconstruc-  
tion? Did the Republican party?  
Why, sir, it was not yet so much as  
got itself "restored" in the South!  
It has remained for the belated Mr.  
Taft to discover that such an  
achievement was on foot; and he has  
set himself about it with all the ar-  
dor of a sole discoverer! There is  
not but one answer to these ques-  
tions—the Democratic party restor-  
ed the South to herself and the Re-  
public. It was the Democratic  
party that drove the despulers from  
this temple and rebuilt the fallen  
State. And yet we are told that the  
Democratic party is not constructive.  
I answer that this one particular re-  
construction is the greatest achieve-  
ment of any party in any time and  
an evidence of statesmanship beyond  
all doubting. And how signally  
did the Republicans fail at it!

Again, what is the policy through-  
out our Republic today with regard  
to the negro citizen? Is it the Re-  
publican party's policy—whatever  
that may be—whether social equal-  
ity, miscegenation, or whatever  
shape it may take? Is it the Re-  
publican party's policy in Spring-  
field, Ill., the home of its father,  
Lincoln? Is it the Republican  
party's policy in Philadelphia or  
Boston?

The world knows the answer.  
The Democratic party is the only  
party in our history that has had a  
positive and unvarying policy on the  
race problem, and today it looks  
abroad and perceives that wherever  
there the Democratic party's policy  
has been adopted—regardless alto-  
gether of sectional lines. So we  
have given to the Republic not only  
a restored South, but also the one  
policy of safety in the race question.  
These two achievements outrank  
at every point any others since the  
great war. But I have not done—  
by no means!

Of late the Republican party has  
boasted of the single gold standard  
and our national financial policy.  
Need I remind them that when  
their leader, McKinley, was preach-  
ing bi-metalism, our leader, Cleve-  
land, was holding the tiller of the  
ship of State, true to the gold stand-  
ard, and we Democrats who honor  
his memory for the unswerving  
courage with which single-handed  
and alone, with no party to support  
him, he fought the memorable bat-  
tle.

Again, what is the other outstand-  
ing feature of American political  
history since the great war? It is  
the controlling of the public service  
corporations in the interest of the  
people and the warfare on monop-  
olies. And who brought this great  
cause to the front? Who urged it  
on? Who forced it upon a reluctant  
Republican Congress? There is but  
one answer. Not the Republicans,  
for when they were themselves own-  
ed and controlled by these same in-  
stitutions, when they had not one  
notable man who would lift his  
voice against them, the great voice  
of Bryan was heard in our land and  
millions rallied to his standard.  
Who seriously thinks that without  
him this cause could have come for-  
ward, who dreams that but for him

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Leving I. Wrenn has been ap-  
pointed postmaster at Siler City.

Mrs. C. F. Curtis, of Lexington,  
died last Friday, aged 38 years.  
Her husband and three children  
survive her. She had been ill  
several months.

Mrs. M. W. Woody, of Siler City,  
died last Thursday at her home  
after a brief illness with pneumonia.  
She is survived by a husband and  
three children. She was a consist-  
ent member of the M. P. Church  
and a devoted Christian.

Chatham County recently voted  
\$200,000 in bonds for macadamiz-  
ing roads. Work will actively begin  
at once.

Work on the electric railway to  
unite Burlington, Graham and Haw  
River will begin in a few weeks.  
The final survey is being made.

Mrs. Kiziah Harvey, of High  
Point, died last week aged 88 years.  
She is survived by five children.

W. P. Mangum Turner, who  
located at Lexington about a year  
ago to practice the profession of law,  
has decided to move to Wilmington.  
He is a man of vigorous ability and  
force of character.

The editor of the *Stony Enter-  
prise* calls attention in a very forcible  
manner to the fact that school  
teachers are very much underpaid.

Miss Edith Moore, of High Point,  
is receiving national attention as a  
singer, says the *Observer*. She has  
assisted in professional concert  
and has been accorded the  
un stinted praise of her hearers.

The A. C. L. and S. A. L. rail-  
way companies will erect a union  
passenger station at Wadesboro.

#### Morris-Parker.

Miss Maggie Parker of High  
Point and S. G. Morris, of Trinity,  
were married in Asheboro Tuesday  
afternoon by W. N. Elder, J. P.  
They left for Trinity Wednesday  
morning. The bride is a daughter  
of Mr. Lemuel Parker, of High  
Point and is an accomplished young  
lady. Mr. Morris is well known  
and popular among a host of friends.

and his militant hosts President  
Roosevelt could have hammered the  
Republican Congress into even the  
slight degree of support that it has  
given this great cause?

And, as if to give the Democratic  
party the completest possible ap-  
proval at the present hour the Re-  
publican party is trying to get the  
consent of its owners, the protected  
interests, to enact a tariff for revenue  
only!

I assert that I have spoken only  
the words of soberness and truth.  
Let me review the record. Since  
the great war our Republic has  
made five great political advances:

1. The Restoration of the South.
2. The forming of a race policy.
3. The fixing of the gold stand-  
ard.
4. The controlling of the public  
service corporations.
5. The reforming of the tariff  
(now proposed).

And in every one of them the  
Democratic party has had an incom-  
parably larger part than the Repub-  
lican party. I challenge any man  
in any party, or in any land, to show  
an equally brilliant and beneficent  
record of constructive statesmanship  
by an opposition party.

And so, sir, we can face defeat  
in the light of triumphs like these  
with stout hearts, and we can go on-  
ward with these trophies in our hands  
different to the minor and insignif-  
icant rewards of mere office. If  
they taunt us with our exile, let us  
answer them with these immortal  
triumphs. And if our hearts fail  
us, or our folk were would faint in  
the long, long battle, let us cheer  
them with these great rewards of the  
struggle. We are more than con-  
querors! Our party is superior to  
defeat, because its cause knows no  
defeat!

For my part, I rejoice in the fact  
that the Democratic party is differ-  
ent from any other in American  
history in that it can withstand defeat.  
It has seen perhaps one hundred  
years of defeat and still it stands  
as firm as a rock. It is the only  
party in our history that has  
withstood defeat. But the Democ-  
ratic party goes serenely on. It is  
the one party in America whose life is

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## RAILROADS MOVE ON GOVERNOR

Officials Call For A Conference In  
Passenger Rates.

### GOV. KITCHIN CONSIDERS MATTERS SETTLED.

Many Bills Before the House. But All  
of a Local Nature—Working on Di-  
vorce Laws—Senator Spence's  
Matrimony Bill.

The bill putting all solicitors in  
the State on salaries was passed by  
the House Tuesday. The salary  
fixed by the bill is \$2500 a year, and  
all fees are to be paid into the State  
Treasury.

If the Senate adopts the bill it  
will then become a law.

In the House Representative R. T.  
Poole, of Montgomery, made his  
"maiden" speech on this bill and  
was congratulated on all sides.

Raleigh, Jan. 25, 1909. The  
Legislature has now been in session  
for seventeen days, and has reached  
the point when the proceedings are  
lengthened, and more animation  
thrown into them. In short the  
matter of the work has come.

#### Railroad Move a Surprise.

When the railroad officials moved  
on the Governor last Thursday for  
a rate conference, it came as a  
clap of thunder in winter time, as  
both the incoming and outgoing Gov-  
ernor considered that matter of pas-  
senger rates settled, and so said it  
their messages. But from what has  
been said the roads are not satisfied  
with the earnings under the rates in  
force, and want a raise, yet it is in-  
timated that they want it other than  
spending the matter in the legislative  
body; and perhaps through increased  
power of the corporation commission,  
by a law making that body power  
to reduce or increase rates. This  
move will be regretted by those  
who fought so hard for the roads,  
two years ago, and will be welcomed  
by those who were so anxious to get  
even with the roads at that time.  
Not getting any encouragement on  
the increase it is to be hoped the  
roads will back away, and not  
disturb the peace now seeming exist-  
ing. The roads are entitled to pay  
for their work. No one wants  
them to be losers.

#### \$1,050 To Inaugurate Governor.

Mr. Cox's resolution to pay the  
expenses of the committee on inau-  
guration, \$1,050, caused some talk,  
and after passing its second reading  
was sent to a committee for action.  
This was the houses own com-  
mittee and it will certainly not  
turn down it in any expense.

The old solicitor on salary racket  
has begun again. It comes up as  
regularly as the meeting of the leg-  
islature occurs, and just as  
regularly gets killed so far as the  
state is concerned. This time the  
bill was reported without prejudice,  
showing the committee was afraid  
of it, and will let the committee as  
a whole fight it out.

#### Contested Election.

The Williams-Stringfield election  
contest, which may have been looked  
upon as a joke at the beginning has  
turned to be a real contest, and  
both are claiming to be as good a  
democrat as the other except one  
is regular and the other independent.  
Mr. Williams has been here before,  
and this time had a majority of only  
three votes on the face. Mr.  
Stringfield has found eighteen men  
who swear they voted for him,  
whereas he had only seven votes  
counted to him at that certain pre-  
cinct in Dare county. So the fight  
was in earnest, and it took two days  
to decide and hear the evidence and  
the argument pro and con. After  
hearing all the evidence it took the  
stenographer some time to get the  
matter so it could be read and  
studied, and it was left in a peace-  
ful state to come up later.

#### Want Eye Doctors Examined.

A bill has been introduced in the  
house to create a board of Optome-  
try, to examine and license all per-  
sons wanting to practice eye treat-  
ment of the eye. It provides the  
same machinery as the medical men  
have, and takes care of all those who  
have been at the work two years, as  
they will not have to do more than  
pay a few dollars and register and  
keep registered. This bill will be-  
come a law, no doubt, as it should,

### DR. MOTT.

Writes a Characteristic Letter to Wash-  
ington.

Dr. Mott, one of the leading Re-  
publicans in the State has this to  
say in regard to the appointment of  
the Eastern Judgeship:

Certain big corporations, doing  
business in North Carolina want a  
corrupt judiciary. These influences  
are responsible for Mr. Duncan and  
his elevation. The party organiza-  
tion has been constructed on lines  
laid down by these corporations.  
The politicians of the Republican  
party in the State are subject to the  
dictation of this constructed power,  
and keep their mouths closed. If  
Adams is appointed judge, Duncan  
will be State chairman.

#### Montgomery News.

The Montgomery News.

Ruth Russell, of Ellorodo town-  
ship, died a few days ago, aged 82  
years.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Leach, of  
Taylorsville, Ill., are visiting rela-  
tives in this county.

J. H. Wood, of Ether, and Miss  
Tea Allen, of Martins Mill, were  
married a few days ago.

D. R. Graves, of Randolph, and  
Miss Della Leach, of Little River  
township, were married on the eve-  
ning of December 31, Eq. J. C.  
McIntosh officiating. The groom  
is a young man of splendid character  
and has many friends. The bride  
is a daughter of Mr. Sandy Leach  
and is a lady who is justly popular.

#### High Point Bank Meeting.

The stockholders and directors of  
the North Carolina Bank & Trust  
Company, of High Point, met last  
week. Officers were elected as fol-  
lows:

O. E. Kearns, president; A. M.  
Rauhin, first vice-president; P. H.  
Johnson, second vice-president; E.  
B. Idol, third vice-president; Lee A.  
Biles, secretary and treasurer; L.  
M. H. Reynolds, manager savings  
department; W. F. Armfield, man-  
ager insurance, W. R. Newby, book-  
keeper and teller.

#### Read Our Advertisements and Save Money.

During the past week several of  
our merchants have inaugurated  
special Sales on all merchandise at  
reduced prices, and in connection,  
some are showing advance styles in  
Spring goods. The sales will last  
several days and are being well at-  
tended. Readers of The Courier are  
urged to read all advertisements  
and note the price. They can  
readily see that money can be saved  
by patronizing enterprising mer-  
chants who use the columns of the  
Courier to talk to their friends.

#### For Prevention of Disease.

In a recent statement issued by  
the vice president of the North Car-  
olina Association for the Prevention  
of Tuberculosis, membership in the  
organization is open to every man  
and woman and child in the state.  
Every person who sends their name  
and \$1.00 to Dr. C. A. Julian, of  
Thomasville, Secretary of Association,  
will be enrolled as a member. The  
Association will not only fight  
the disease of tuberculosis but all  
other contagious diseases in the  
State.

#### As To Mortgage Sales.

A bill that the committee killed  
that affected the whole state was  
one to make the advertisement of  
land under sale of a mortgage tell  
how many acres were in cultivation,  
how much improvements, timber  
and such was on the place. It cre-  
ated much discussion, and was killed.  
Some one said that with such a  
provision the leaving out of a small  
thing might invalidate a bona fide  
sale.

#### Collecting Back Taxes.

There are so many bills before the  
legislature at each session, to allow  
certain sheriffs to collect back taxes,  
and all are so near in the same class,  
it has been agreed that a general  
bill be drawn to allow the whole  
state to have the right to go back  
three years and collect, as these  
sheriffs desire, and if that is prop-  
erly shaped, it will go through, most  
likely, and include all.

#### Enough Power Already.

The judiciary committee has kil-

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## RANDLEMAN CHAIR FACTORY TO START

Will Be Operated By Deep River  
Chair Co.

### NEW COMPANY ELECTS OFFI- CERS.

Other County Notes—Crown Roller  
Mills of Asheboro Changes Hands—  
Death at Randleman.

The stockholders in the Deep  
River Chair Co., which recently  
purchased the Randleman Chair Co's  
plant have decided to start the plant  
at once.

The officers of the new Company  
are:

Directors—Geo. T. Penny, John  
B. Ward, E. E. Mendenhall, O. C.  
Marsh, J. J. Nease, W. M. Coble,  
H. F. Bisher, S. E. Holland, L.  
D. Mendenhall, Thomas Farlow, L.  
A. Spencer, W. H. Pickard.  
The directors elected the follow-  
ing officers were elected:  
President—E. E. Mendenhall.  
Vice Presidents—J. B. Ward, O.  
C. Marsh and L. A. Spencer.  
Secretary and Treasurer—W. H.  
Pickard.

The new roller mill company  
mentioned in our last issue, pro-  
moted by W. F. Redding, has pur-  
chased the Crown Milling Co's plant  
from C. C. Crawford and will take  
charge in a few days.

#### Progressive Asheboro.

The store of the Standard Drug  
Co is undergoing a transformation.  
The floor has been lowered to the  
street level, and the interior hand-  
somerly papered and with the addi-  
tion of a new plate glass front and  
new fixtures inside the store will be  
a credit to our town. Mr. Under-  
wood declares the work of remodel-  
ing will not cease until he has one  
of the handsomest stores in this  
section of the State.

The many changes made in the  
business portion of Asheboro during  
the past 6 months have greatly im-  
proved the appearance of our town  
and today we have the most progres-  
sive town in the State. This is the  
comment not only of our own pa-  
triotic enterprising citizens but of  
the traveling public who note the  
conditions of the towns they visit.  
No town in North Carolina offers  
better commercial, educational social  
and religious advantages than Ashe-  
boro.

#### Wadesboro's New Charter.

Wadesboro aldermen desire more  
power to improve the town. A  
new charter for the town asks the  
Board be authorized to call an  
election at any time to vote bonds  
not exceeding \$10,000; gives power  
to pave sidewalks, the town paying  
half and the property owners half  
and to pave streets the property  
owners on either side paying one  
third each.

#### Negro Killed at Biscoe.

Eugene Smitherman, colored em-  
ploye of the Asheboro & Aberdeen  
Railway Company, was killed at  
Biscoe last Friday night. He at-  
tempted to catch an out-going train.  
Missing the step he fell under the  
wheels, and death was instantaneous.  
Smitherman had been in the employ  
of the A. & A. for several years,  
and at the time of his death was  
hostler at Mt. Gilead.

#### Wants \$10,000 From Wadesboro.

Mrs. Lucretia Harrington, widow  
of Jas. Harrington, deceased, has  
brought suit against Wadesboro for  
\$10,000 damages for the death of  
her son, James, who was killed by  
a live electric wire which was  
stretched across a street to a tent  
show. The wire was bare of insu-  
lation.

#### Mr. Harris Goes to the State.

Roland Harris, a well known  
newspaper man of Salisbury, has  
purchased the Mocksville Courier  
and will at once begin to publish  
that paper. The Salisbury  
Democratic organization to send a  
delegation to meet at Wadesboro  
this week.

A small wreck occurred near  
Asheboro on the Southern Railway  
near Randleman Thursday morning.  
Three cars were derailed and  
others damaged. The wreck was  
torn up for quite a distance. Fortu-  
nately no one was hurt.