

NOT GONE TO BOW-WOWS YET Country More Prosperous Than Ever Under Democratic Rule

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Washington, Feb. 27.—The business being done by the railroads, steel mills, manufacturers and banks of the country at the present time is considerably in advance of that of a year ago.

And business men in general are preparing for improvements and extensions. Financial arrangements have recently been made by several railroads for raising \$90,000,000 to use in extensions. The Erie railroad plans to expend \$10,000,000 in the next ten years for completing the double-tracking of its main line between New York and Chicago. The Atchafalaya is raising \$50,000,000 for new work and equipment, and other companies are preparing to put smaller amounts into improvements.

This after a Democratic house has been at work a year, and, on the eve of a Democratic presidential victory, does not look as if business interests were standing still, or had any fear of a Democratic president. As a matter of fact, the business men of the country know that a Democratic administration would not harm any legitimate industry. The leaders of the Democratic house have proven themselves as safe and sane business men as any Republican leaders ever were.

The gross earnings of the railroads for the first week of February were 8.81 per cent better than a year ago. For the fourth week of January the reports from forty-four roads indicate a gain over last year of 12.27 per cent. Reports for December show an increase of net earnings over December, 1910, of no less than 7.83 per cent.

Bank clearings last week were better than a year ago.

Foreign trade in January was very large. The exports exceeded those of any preceding January except in 1898, and the imports were larger than for any preceding month with a single exception.

In other words, the pre-election forecasts of the standpat Republicans to the end that the stagnation of business would immediately follow the election of a Democratic House, are not being fulfilled. While it is true that some of the illegal trusts which have been throttling competition and boosting the prices of the necessities of life are not particularly enamored with Democratic procedure, legitimate business understands thoroughly that it has nothing to fear from Democratic ascendancy, and welcomes it.

Protection Vs. Tariff For Revenue

Workmen in Germany are "protected" by a tariff wall approximately as high as the Payne-Aldrich tariff wall. In England the workers are not so "protected."

Result: Bricklayers in free-trade England receive \$9.72 per week of 52 1/2 hours, while the protected bricklayers of high-protection Germany receive \$7.50 per week of 59 hours.

Here are a few more comparisons which tell their own story:

	England	Germany
Carpenters, per week,	\$9.44	\$7.50
Fitters, " "	8.84	7.68
Compositors, " "	7.92	6
Plumbers, " "	9.45	6.88

And the cost of living is much higher in Germany than in England!

La Follette not Ditched.

There has been in existence a general conspiracy all over the east seeking to make the people of the country believe that Senator La Follette is out of the race for the nomination for President. The conspiracy has pretty largely succeeded, because many people believe La Follette has quit. Senator La Follette is not that kind, however. He will go down fighting, if necessary, but he will not run up the white flag.

The following extracts of a telegram sent by Senator La Follette personally to North Dakota Republicans shows where the Wisconsin senator stands on the subject of "laying down."

"The report that I have withdrawn as a candidate is false, and the statements regarding my health

Manufacturers Club Banquet at High Point.

The High Point Manufacturers Club held its annual banquet at the Elwood on last Friday evening between 8:30 and 1:30, the principal event of the evening being a short address by Gov. Kitchin on the subject of "Manhood."

Following Mr. Kitchin were E. J. Justice, of Greensboro; Zeb Valseur, of Lexington; Whitehead Watta, of Salisbury; State Auditor P. Wood, of Asheboro, and Mayor Tate, of High Point. All of the speakers made short, timely and well chosen talks, full of allusions to Piedmont county and the progressive spirit of High Point.

The banquet began at 9:30 with the president, J. J. Farris, as toastmaster. The divine blessing, was invoked by Rev. W. C. Tyree. Music was furnished by Hood's orchestra. The speaking began at 11 o'clock with the governor's address and what with the excellent menu served and the short and pithy speeches the occasion was the most successful of any previous banquet of the club.

Telegrams of regret were received from Hon. Oscar Underwood, Hon. Josephus Daniels, ex-Gov. Aycock and others.

Random Remarks

Notice that another president was proclaimed, ad interim, in Mexico last week. Talking about an office seeking a man, the Mexican presidency runs over one every day or so.

"Take that thing away. What I want is food." This is alleged to have been the remark made by a negro well digger of Virginia when he arrived at the top of the ground after having been buried in a cave-in for 74 hours and saw a coffin there ready for him. This must be a slander; even an F. F. V. would have said "Gimme sumpin' t'eat."

are gross misrepresentations. They are a part of the pressure brought to bear to force me from the contest, which I unwillingly undertook time when no one else could be induced to make the fight.

"I want delegates who are ready to win, or lose if need be, in the interest of a great cause. Let me through you assure the voters of North Dakota that I shall as always keep faith with them, and shall remain a candidate steadfast to the end."

Juggling the Figures.

Here is a business secret: If you are running your concern at a big loss, but wish to make the figures show a big surplus, simply put off paying heavy bills until after the reports of the receipts and expenditures are made up for the year.

This is the system by which Postmaster General Hitchcock put the postoffice on a "pay basis," according to charges made by W. D. Brown, formerly a government auditor, whose expose of the situation is so obviously true Mr. Hitchcock has failed to reply.

Mr. Brown shows that the alleged balance of \$219,119.12 announced at the close of the last fiscal year to the credit of the postoffice department in reality does not exist at all, but instead there is really a deficit of \$7,000,000.

Relief from Express Companies.

A charge of 25 cents, instead of \$1.32, for the delivery of a 11 pound package on rural free-delivery routes is in prospect, as the result of the action of Democratic members of the house committee on postoffices and postroads in incorporating in the appropriate bill revisions for a tentative parcels post system; The committee members also agreed upon a general domestic rate of 12 cents and a maximum package of 11 pounds. This is the present international parcels post rate.

Taft Tariff Board to go

The Democrats have had suggested to them a way to kill off the infamous Taft tariff board. The plan is to pass through the House a bill for the creation of a bureau of tariff statistics that shall be responsible to the legislative branch of the government, instead of to the executive branch alone, and that shall investigate and report on facts to the request of the House, which has authority to initiate revenue measures. There will then be no necessity for an appropriation for the tariff board, permitting that body to die with this fiscal year.

Mr. Caudle Writes For Good Roads

Mr. Editor:

Is Randolph county financially able to have better roads? I do not understand why her sister counties are improving their roads and our main thoroughfares are almost impassible through the winter months. When the residents that are already here can hardly put up with such disgusting affairs, how can we expect people from other sections to come and make their homes with us? Now I know some people in our county would vote against good roads (or anything else good) and waste in mud up to their knees rather than pay a little tax for good roads, but I do not believe any fair minded, good citizen of Randolph would vote against a good roads' proposition.

Now if we expect to keep the good citizens we have, and hope to get others, we will have to do something to create a desire to bring people of character and prominence to our county. I am in favor of working our roads in a way that will be lasting, and am one that is willing to do his part. Of course we need more railroads, but listen, we need our thoroughfares worked and built up systematically more than we need railroads. Something on this line will soon have to be done or Randolph will be a "back number" in progress.

Feb. 1912. J. P. Caudle, Randleman, N. C.

The Teachers' Normal Course at Elon College

The teachers' Normal course for 1912 opens on the 9th of April and closes on the 5th of June. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has exempted all teachers who attend a Teachers' Institute this year.

Courses are offered in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, English Grammar, English Literature, Geography, Agriculture, Chemistry, Drawing and Art, Reading, Elocution, Phonics, Spelling, Physiology and Hygiene, German, Greek, Latin, French, History of the United States, History of North Carolina, General History, Civil Government, School Law and School Administration, Pedagogy, and in any subjects that the teachers may want.

Tuition is free. Other expenses are as low as the lowest. The College Bulletin describing and outlining all the courses offered will be sent to all who apply. Application should be made to Thomas C. Amick, Director of the Teachers' Normal Course, Elon College, N. C.

The Dipping Needle

At the recent term of Carthage Superior Court, a blind negro was convicted for fooling negroes out of their money by pretending to have an instrument with a needle to locate money. After stopping the whole outfit just over the spot the needle would then spin around one time for every thousand dollars hid just beneath where it was. By boring a hole in the ground, pouring in quick silver, on top of which was put the wonderful "D. D. drug" which was set on fire the ground was burned away and there was nothing left but to shovel away the ashes and take out the money. Many circulars, written in most seductive manner, pamphlets and booklets and a large red book called "Jacob's rod" were all put in evidence. All these told what had been done with this machine.

Paying Tribute To Bad Roads.

In a recent address at a good roads gathering in Sedalia, Gov. Hadley, of Missouri, said: "I've made this statement before in our war on bad roads in Missouri, but I want to repeat it. I want every person in this gathering to remember it. The farmers of Missouri place a voluntary tax upon themselves each year through bad highways that turned into revenue, would support the State government, the county government and pay all the cost of our school system. That is the tribute Missouri pays to bad roads and highways each year."

New Military Company Organized

What's the matter with Company Q of the Second Randolph Infantry? "If you belong to Co. Q you don't do a thing 'less'n you want to," Prime mover and nefarious instigator Serg. L. D. sings it thusly.

That there is such a thing as this company of the foot cavalry of Randolph extant, organized, militant and effervescent was made plain by parades last week. The same parades are purely voluntary, too, for by the nature of the organization there can be no forced marches. True, there were very few members on parade, but then you ought to see the application blanks. It certainly takes a good man to qualify.

In the first place the applicant must be willing to state that he will never do a thing 'less'n he wants to, that he will never turn his back to the enemy 'less'n he is 'skered,' that he will always quit his job when his wages stop, agree to fight a book agent as long as he thinks he can whip said agent 'thout too much exertion, show said agent no mercy if he gets him down and run like the devil if the dispenser of information has the best of the combat. The applicant must furnish the testimonials as to his never having done any of the things forbidden him by the code of the company.

Many feel called but few are chosen, so severe is the final examination. At present of the numberless applicants for membership in this militant, martial, macrocosmic and molybdic military company three have qualified on all counts, but there is hope for final success of the movement. Recruiting Sergeant Burkhead, when interviewed, said that at present the company numbered four, exclusive of Mr. W. D. Stedman, who was unanimously selected as chaplain of the company, and that from all that he could figure out the company stood a chance of swelling the numbers to a round dozen, adding a social feature to its meetings and competing rather strongly with the Randolph and Randleman Clubs, which are universally recognized as the most militant of all Randolph organizations.

Pat on the New Railroad.

Dear Mike: Having read in The Courier last week that there is to be an election called in April for the purpose of voting bonds to build a railroad, and I see that Grant township is to be called on for help, and as Grant is my township, I take this opportunity to say a few words in regard to it.

I would that every voter consider the matter carefully before he casts his ballot.

Just think what a railroad (and main line) would mean towards opening up the wonderful resources of our county.

Railroads and highways will do more towards opening up the resources of a country than anything else.

Some may want to know what railroads and good public highways will do for a county. My dear Randolph friend, I do not ask you to take my word for nothing but investigate for yourself. Compare our county with Mecklenburg county, with Guilford, Forsyth or any other county that has plenty of railroads and good highway facilities and see the difference.

Do not good railways and good highway facilities induce capital? How can a county without any railways or good highways offer any inducement to capitalists, and how can the resources of a country be developed without capital? If we want our county to go forward with progressiveness we must have good roads.

Mike, it looks to me like the mud tax that the people of this county have paid this winter, would show them that the greatest tax they have to pay is the mud tax, and I tell you I believe the people are getting tired of paying that unnecessary tax. Let us set one resolution and that is not to cease work until we get good roads.

Well, Mike, I have not got much in me this time, but let me tell you the Radicals have given up all hope of electing a president now. The Radicals out here say that Wilson is sure to be elected. Pat.

Mrs. Martha Blair is visiting her daughter Mrs. A. M. Rankin in High Point.

Rural Carriers Met.

The R. L. C. Association of Randolph county met at the courthouse Thursday, 22 of February. The meeting was called to order by D. M. Sharpe president at 12 o'clock. There were not so many carriers present, but they had an enthusiastic meeting; The principal cause for some members absenting themselves was bad roads.

Several talks were made by members.

D. M. Sharpe addressed the Carriers on good roads, and pointed out how the carriers can wake up and organize their patrons, and unite them with the people of the towns, and county and by having 20 to 25 good road enthusiasts, working with the thousands of patrons on their routes much can be done.

Sand Clay For the Future

Guilford's roads in the future will be sand clay. This quality of road will be built almost entirely in the county.

Such roads may be built at not more than one-third of the cost of the macadam roads and are believed to be more useful and durable.

Sand clay will be used almost entirely in future road building and repairing, and in the course of a few years, if the system is worked out as planned, Guilford's entire network of good roads will be of this material. Not only will the new roads be built of sand clay, but the macadam roads will probably be resurfaced with sand clay, which will make an excellent surface for the rock already down on the macadam roads.—News.

The Country Going Democratic

The Emporia Gazette, edited by William Allen White, who never had a grouse in his life but looks on the sunny side of everything and is always hopeful when there is any hope for the Republican party had this to say about the last elections:

The elections seem to indicate that the drift of things political is all Democratic. There is no Republican hope in the election returns.

Massachusetts, normally, 80,000 Republican, has gone Democratic on a squarely fought issue of the tariff. In New Mexico with a normal vote of 35,000 Republican out of 50,000 the Democrats have put the result doubt. In the Second District in Kansas, 3,000 normal Republican majority, is turned into a 1,200 Democratic majority. In Cincinnati the Republican boss, Cox, even though supported by the President himself, was overturned by Henry T. Hunt, the man who tried to put Cox in jail and was prevented by Cox's own hand made judges. In Cleveland and Columbus and Toledo, O., the Democrats won. All the Ohio returns are Democratic. The drift is that way. In Kentucky there was a Democratic landslide. In New York where the overthrow of Tammany was the issue and the Republicans took a stand for good government, they won. In Seneca County, the Socialists won. In Rhode Island the Republicans won. And so it went down the line.

It was a Democratic year. No wonder President Taft was blue in Chicago, and ardent in Cincinnati where he swore his vote in as a lawyer and told the election board he might soon be practicing his profession!

Ramsour Notes.

A. H. Thomas returned Tuesday from an extended trip selling brooms.

The debate on Saturday night was well attended and much enjoyed.

Mrs. J. A. Marsh and child returned to High Point Monday after visiting relatives here the past week.

The roads in this community are beyond description.

All of our factories are now behind with orders. Business seems to be brightening up considerably.

M. J. Frazier of Randleman R. F. D. died at his home at advanced age recently.

Jas. Stedman of the American Commission Co., of Greensboro was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton of Winston visited Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Ader last week.

Col. V. S. Lusk, of Asheville, in a recent interview that the nomination of President Taft would annihilate the Republican party in North Carolina.

Col. Lusk is against Tom Settle and State Chairman J. M. Morehead and surges T. T. Hicks for governor. He says Mose Harshaw would suit him very well.

BRIEFS FROM FAR AND NEAR

The United States of Colombia has not only called in her ambassador, who suggested that he did not deem it advisable for Secretary Knox to visit Colombia, but has extended an invitation to the secretary to come and see her when in the neighborhood.

Oklahoma will cast half her votes for Wilson, half for Clark, the state convention instructing its 20 delegates to that effect. For national committee man a man was chosen who has as yet not determined which of the candidates is the best man.

Ex-Governor Glenn upon his return from a western tour has said that western feeling is for Roosevelt but that the standpatters will not vote for him.

Miss Nydia Hadley and Mr. N. B. Bray, of Siler City, were the contracting parties of a surprise marriage one night of last week.

Winifred Ankers, a kitchen woman of the Brooklyn Nursery and Infant's Hospital, on last Friday confessed to have put oxalic acid into the bottles of the babies of the hospital, from which eight are alleged to have died. Her reason was given as a desire for getting even with the nurses, not that she had anything against the kiddies.

Taft has put himself on record as favoring a larger navy—this in spite of his belief in the great results from the arbitration treaties with England and France.

Secretary of War Stimson has refused to send troops to El Paso for the protection of Americans.

A contract has been made by President Venable of the University and Gov. Kitchin with the Peabody Educational Board to expend \$10,000 per year in support of a school education in order that the Peabody board will build a \$40,000 building for this school.

J. R. Davis, who died at High Falls, in Moore county recently, was the husband of Miss Bessie Caviness, a daughter of the late Dr. A. H. Caviness.

Austin Shields, who in time of the Civil war lived much of the time in a hollow gum tree to keep away from the conscript officers, died recently at his home near Carthage.

The Star Drug Company has been organized at Star with Jonah Leach, E. C. Patent and E. Lee Dawson and others as incorporators.

The Twenty Ninth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association at Asheville, April 23-25.

Among the speakers will be Rev. Franklin McElfresh, D. D. Teacher Training Superintendent of the International Sunday School Association; Rev. Chas. D. Baile, Superintendent Wesley Adult Bible Class Department of the M. E. Church, South; Judge Joseph Carbel, General Secretary of the Tennessee Sunday School Association.

Each county is entitled to as many delegates as there are townships in the county. This does not mean that every township must be represented, but that the basis of delegation shall be the number of townships in the county. Delegates shall be chosen by the county officers or Executive Committee. Those desiring to be appointed should send their names to their County Sunday School Secretary, or to J. Van Carter, Raleigh, N. C.

Registration will be provided all delegates by the citizens of Asheville. Every delegate will pay a registration fee of \$1.00. This will be paid at Asheville, when assignment to home is made. All registered delegates will receive: Entertainment during the convention, a reserved seat in the convention with county delegation, a convention badge, a convention program, a right to a voice and vote in all the deliberations of the body.

The railroads will grant reduced rates. These will be announced later.