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PENCIL PUSHERS MEET IN MOREHEAD CITY

Don C. Seitz, of New York World Present—Business and Pleasure

Last week the editors of North Carolina met in Morehead, "The City by the Sea," and discussed ways and means by which the newspapers of North Carolina might be made more profitable to the public as well as to the individual. With headquarters at the Atlantic hotel and the of the convention hall in the hotel no time was lost in going to and from meetings. A large crowd of the editors, their wives and children were present to take part in the various phases of newspaper work. The mayor of Morehead assured the editors that although they had assembled there in conventions four times before since the organization was formed that they were again welcome. He also spoke of the improvements and conditions of that county. Following came traffic manager of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, who dwelt extensively on the wonderful advantages of that section which could produce "better everything" than any other place.

The most interesting feature of the convention was an address by Mr. Don C. Seitz, business manager of the New York World. He prefaced his remarks by the statement that he had come to North Carolina not to make an address but to "talk shop." This he did in a masterly way which gave the editors many points on looking after the work which means to their advantage and the satisfaction of the patrons. He urged the newspaper men not only to give the public what it wanted but what it ought to have; to be free from partisanship, to be a general agent of the welfare of the community and not to carry other people's burdens without compensation, but to be a servant of the people. As personal advice he advised intensive cultivation, saying that farmers were doing this profitably and editors could do so to equal advantage. This could be done by economizing in paper, margins, packings, etc., also to keep a record of the cost each column and make a profit that will earn a living for the editor and his family. He went on further to say that there was no more reason why advertising space should be sold at a dead loss, as it often done, than a grocer or other merchant should sell his goods at less than cost and that no other business on earth could stand the losses and losses that many newspapers stand. Mr. Seitz closed his address by a motto which he had adopted for himself, "Use and don't be used." Following him came Mr. W. H. Savory, who spoke interestingly on the cost of an inch of advertising.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers resulted in the following:
Mr. Jaa H. Cain, Asheville, president; first vice-president, W. C. Hammer, Asheboro second vice-president, A. J. Comer, Rich Square; third vice-president, Don Sincclair, Sanford; secretary, John B. Sherrill, Concord; historian, B. H. Depriest; orator, J. J. Farris; poet, H. A. Banks. The executive committee is composed of the president and secretary, H. A. London, R. R. Clark, H. B. Varner, R. M. Phillips, D. T. Edwards.

Ex-Governor and Mrs. Jarvis Attend Editorial Meeting.

Ex-Governor and Mrs. Jarvis, who were guests at the hotel took great interest in the meetings. The governor spoke of the progress North Carolina had made since he was governor and predicted great things for the future.

Social Side of the Press Meeting

Even editors enjoy a rest from writing, gathering news, quoting ad rates, etc., once in a while.

The first evening at Morehead City the president of the association allowed the editors and near-editors to enjoy a military ball. Everybody present, except the members of our party, either had on brass buttons or a title of some kind, it seemed, but it was a beautiful ball and everybody had a good time.

The ball room floor is unusually good.

Asheboro Township S. S. Convention

Following is the program of Asheboro township Sunday School convention to be held at West Bend M. E. church, August 4.

- 3:00—Song service.
 - 3:10—Devotional, Rev. J. A. McMillan.
 - 3:20—A Teacher's Duty Six Days in the Week, Mr. E. L. Moffitt.
 - 3:40—The purpose of the Sunday School, Mr. Sidney Robins.
 - 4:00—Song.
 - 4:10—The Teacher With His Class, Rev. T. M. Johnson.
 - 4:20—Reports from schools by superintendent and secretary of each school.
 - 4:50—Election of Officers.
- All schools in the township are expected to send delegates, and the public is cordially invited to attend.
Mrs. L. F. ROSS, Sec.
D. M. SHARP, Pres.

Wednesday afternoon was the first opportunity we could seize for going in the surf. Nearly every one in the party indulged in the luxury of riding the waves. Each one dropped the unpleasant thoughts of the office to the bottom of the sea and remembered only the pleasant ones.

Several of the party were energetic enough to rise at 4 o'clock a. m. and go fishing. Luck smiled upon them and they were able to return with large strings of fish, which they paraded before the editors knowing the tales would be enlarged upon.

One morning we heard of a large "Sea Cow" that had been run ashore by some other fish. Ever ready for "fish stories" we went to see it in gasoline launches. Being unable to land at that place we were deprived of the pleasure of a close inspection. Therefore, we had to take the word of the winner of the "mendacity medal" last year, Editor I. S. London, of the Siler City Grit, backed by the son of the winner of the medal this year, David Whitehead, of the Greenville Reflector. They being the only ones who were willing to wade over waist deep in water to get to tell the tale. They said the fish had a head like a cow with a fan-like tail. The body was almost like rubber and having no scales. It was over 20 feet long. We could see from where we were that that statement was plausible.

When we editors from the Piedmont section could steal a few minutes we would be found sitting on the pier in silent admiration. The ocean was new to some of us, and to the others it is so different from our part of the state that we could find something new to enjoy each time about.

"The sea, the sea,
The bounding sea;
The blue, the freak
The ever free."

One of the most, if not the most enjoyable social features was a moonlight sail given by Dr. Smith of Edwards and Broughton Co., of Raleigh. We started about 11:30 and enjoyed Dr. Smith's hospitality until after 2:30. But we just enjoyed it all so much we could hardly realize the hour. Every couple was provided with a box of "Lowney's." Now what more could any editor wish for than a box of candy, and moonlight on the water? There is no adjective capable of fully describing the beauty of that scene. By the soft mellow light of the moon on that calm, beautiful sheet of water we, just plain editors, felt something that could not be expressed otherwise than in song therefore we expressed our selves—

"In the Evening by the Moonlight," "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," "Old Folks at Home" had never meant half as much to us as then, and we wished it could last forever—but it couldn't, for alas! The printer says he can't print any more moonlight dreams. Next week we will tell something of the inland waterway to Newbern, Cape Lookout and the Harbor of Refuge.

"THE HAMMERS"

METHODISTS AT DENTON

The Greensboro district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, met at Denton last Thursday. The conference was well attended, only two preachers, Rev. R. L. Melton and Rev. B. Margeson being absent, both on account of illness. About forty lay delegates were also present.

Among the addresses were those of Dr. H. K. Boyer; Mrs. Fordham, representing the woman's societies; Rev. W. M. Curtis, from Greensboro Female College; Miss Poindexter, representing Brevard Institute; Prof. W. W. Peeler, speaking for Trinity College and the Park school; Prof. Hayes, telling about the Children's Home; and Rev. H. M. Blair, discussing the Advocate's problems and prospects.

During the discussion of the Sunday School, the phenomenal growth of the Baraca class of Washington Street, High Point, from fifty members to nine hundred in four weeks attracted much attention.

Hearty support and encouragement were pledged the Epworth League in its efforts to build an infirmary at the Children's Home, Winston. Among other things, the conference was noted for the warm discussion of the report of the committee on temperance. The special point was the question whether a minister does or does not hurt himself in the esteem of the church and the world by the use of tobacco. The eyes won by a good majority. The report also condemned the use of coca cola, and urged that people exercise temperance in the matter of food as well as drink.

Resolutions of appreciation of the services of Presiding Elder Ware during the past four years were passed.

Rev. R. A. Taylor reported 77 accessions to the church at Randleman as the result of a revival recently held there. Coleridge circuit reported a good meeting with 12 or more professions, the presiding elder doing the preaching. A seven thousand dollar church is being built at Franklinville, and half of this sum has already been subscribed. At other points in the district improvements are being made. Centenary, Greensboro, has paid off its \$9,000 debt, and Spring Garden has provided for its \$2,500 debt.

A warm contest among Asheboro, Gibsonville and Rameur for the next district conference resulted in favor of Rameur.

Denton, the seat of the conference, is a young growing town of about five hundred population, situated in a fine farming and lumbering section. The people received the conference with generous hospitality, for which they were given hearty resolutions of thanks.

Another Orphanage.

The Methodist Protestant church has decided to build an orphanage that will be a credit to the denomination and they have wisely located it in this glorious Piedmont region. A tract of 60 acres of land has been secured on the national highway near High Point, and work will begin at once to develop the property and erect the buildings.

For some years a few good women led by Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, have kept a few children in a small cottage at Denton, N. C. What they did in the way of caring for orphans was small, and their equipment was crude and inadequate even for the little bunch they housed and fed, but out of that faithful effort has grown this larger work that will ultimately become an institution ranking with the best.

In days to come when hundreds of happy children will enjoy the benefits and blessings of this orphanage, the labor, faith and sacrifice of these women should not be forgotten. They did not despise the day of small things—the men did, and do, but as tall oaks from little acorns grow, so the larger things of life are the outcome of little things that are launched in weakness and in tears—Charity and Children.

A recent statement of the North Carolina Corporation Commission shows that there are 377 banks in the state with a combined wealth of \$71,144,154.25.

GENERAL NEWS

William E. Yelverton, managing editor of the News and Observer, is to be married to Miss Lillie Stewart Converse, of Macon, Ga.

William Jennings Bryan will take the stump for Woodrow Wilson and make a point of opposing Roosevelt in the debatable states.

General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, leads the Wilson and Marshall campaign list with a contribution of two hundred dollars.

A. E. Nifong, of Winston-Salem, raised a cucumber this summer measuring 36 inches in length, says the Winston-Salem Journal.

Kermit Roosevelt, second son of the ex-president, sailed recently for Brazil, where he will engage in rail-roading.

We would be willing to bet that the North Carolina Press Association has the longest-serving secretary and the largest vice-president of any in the land.—Charlotte Observer

Democrats and Republican Progressives united in the Senate last Thursday, and by a vote of 36 to 18 passed the Democratic excise tax bill, extending the present tax on corporations to the business of individuals, private firms and co-partnerships.

Harry, the ten-year-old son of T. D. Johnson, of High Point, while playing in the yard with his 12-year-old brother one day last week, was accidentally shot in the abdomen with a 22-calibre bullet and seriously if not fatally injured.

Eight aldermen and the secretary of the Common Council committee of Detroit, Mich., were placed under arrest one day last week on charges of accepting bribes and conspiracy to accept a bribe for their votes, and information in the passage of a measure affecting city property transferred to the Wabash Railroad.

The Salisbury Evening Post, burned out May 29, has reorganized and purchased a new outfit of the latest and best equipment and has appeared in a seven-column, eight page paper. The new editor and business manager is J. F. Hurley and F. B. Irvin is local news editor. Since the paper was burned out it has been printed in the office of the Spencer Crescent in Spencer.

Messrs. Joe X. Rouché and Clint N. Brown, who are no longer connected with the Post, have prepared the way for the larger paper. They were untiring in their efforts to serve. They did a grand work.

Of course J. P. Morgan is disgruntled with the political situation. He controlled at Chicago in nominee and platform. He starts in at Baltimore in good heart but he came out at the little end of the horn. It is said that Morgan and Taft will confer on Morgan's return from Europe.

Primaries and County Convention

The Democratic voters of Randolph county are hereby called to meet in primaries at the polling places in the several townships of the county, on Saturday, the 31st day of August, for the purpose of recommending names of candidates to the Democratic County Convention for nomination to the various county offices; of a Senator and a Representative in the General Assembly and to elect delegates to the County Convention.

These primaries are called to meet promptly at 3 o'clock P. M., except in Asheboro, Randleman, Columbia, Coleridge, East and West Franklinville townships, where the meetings are called for 4:30 o'clock P. M.

The Democratic County Convention of Randolph county is called to meet in Asheboro on Saturday, the 7th day of September, 1912, for the purpose of nominating Democratic candidates for the various county offices; of a Senator and a Representative to the General Assembly.

It is urged that the township primaries elect full delegations, and thus assure a large and popular attendance at this convention.

By order of the executive committee:

HAL M. WORTH, Sec.
W. J. MILLER, Chairman.
This July 31st, 1912

APPEAL OF DEMOCRACY TO THE YOUNG MEN

By Bruce Craven in News and Observer.

I know an aged minister of the gospel who believes in the Democratic party just as fully as he believes in anything. He believes the fundamental truth of the Christian religion, and trusts his church to apply them. Likewise he believes the fundamental doctrines of Democracy and when his national convention speaks to him it is the law. It is a matter of principle, for he has never asked anything of his party nor received or expected anything Polley, the instigator of most corruption, has no place with him. He is a Democrat because he believes in Democracy and when his party defines a platform or nominates a ticket, he votes for that platform, that ticket, (all of it) not because he has to do it, but because he believes it is right to do it. This man is my answer to the much discussed question, "What is a Democrat?"

A young man is always free, and the coming of age of such a vast certain. He votes as his father makes any presidential election uncertain. He votes as his father votes, provided there is no reason to vote otherwise but he is wholly free in his soul to vote as he pleases and he generally does so. He is fighting to get a foothold on the road to success and he will be found every time with the army that appeals to him with the most sincerity and the best promises of success. He does not ask for an easy road, but only for a fair chance; "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none;" "The greatest good to the greatest number;" "The least possible restraint consistent with law and order;" and a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

All the parties and most of the candidates in these days profess the same things, so the young man must study history and human nature, the issues of the day, and above all, the moral fibre of the candidate for whom he votes. Until recent years, our test was "Principles, not men," but this is no longer safe, for to the man is left the carrying out of the principles, and our test now should be "Principles in men," or "Principles backed by men of principles."

The young man of this year, seeking his first party allegiance, will not be led by any platitude or blare of trumpets, nor yet by the honored prejudices or biases. He will instead look for a man who votes his own inarticulate heartfelt devotion to the principles of a fair deal and an honest fighting chance. The duty of Democracy therefore is to place their standards in the hand of men whose sincerity and unselfish devotion to principle is unquestionably superior to their own for office, men whose devotion is to do something for the people rather than to induce the people to do something for them. Whether the young man ever hears or knows the words, his demand of his party is:

- "God give us men. The time demands
- "Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands;
- "Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
- "Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
- "Men who possess opinions and a will;
- "Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
- "Men who can stand before a demagogue
- "And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
- "Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
- "In public duty and in private thinking."

A Successful Wheat Grower

Mr. W. N. Steed, of Trinity R. I., is a good farmer and knows how to improve land for wheat. He has twelve acres of land that he has sown in wheat for the past three years. In 1910 he made 102 bushels of wheat on this land; in 1911 152 bushels; and this year, the same amount. He says that if it had been a good wheat year, he would have raised two hundred bushels.

PROGRAM HAS BEEN O. K.'D

Roosevelt Says Third Party Movement Plans Suit Him

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 29.—A working program for the new party was approved today by Colonel Roosevelt. Senator Dixon, his campaign manager, who has recently been in consultation with leaders of the movement came to Oyster Bay to lay their views before the former president. After a long conference it became known that the fundamental question of policy and procedure had been agreed upon subject to the approval of the national progressive convention which is to meet in Chicago next week.

The program which will be submitted to the convention contains these majority provisions:

"Independent tickets in every state except perhaps six, in which it is believed the Republican organization can be taken over bodily."

"A clean break from both of the old parties, the Republican organizations, which it is expected to capture, to be used as an integral portion of the new party."

Formation of the party with the idea that it is to endure permanently, whatever the outcome of the November election.

Senator Dixon said after he had talked with Colonel Roosevelt, that straight national Progressive ticket would be run in every state except a few in which the Republican organizations would cooperate with the new party and place Roosevelt candidates for electors on the regular ticket. This will be possible in states in which the law does not require the names of Taft and Sherman to be printed on the ballots as the Republican nominees.

The states in which there will be no independent ticket, he said, are Kansas, Nebraska, California, both the Dakotas and probably one or two others.

Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, hesid, probably will be the national Progressive candidate for governor of that state.

"Mr. Beveridge will be elected governor," the Senator predicted. "We will carry Michigan, Illinois, and Pennsylvania."

It was felt that a definite outline should be ready for submission to the Chicago convention, and it was for this reason that Senator Dixon came on from Chicago for the conference.

In a long day the President drove to the works where candidates on either the Republican or Democratic tickets may be placed on the ballot, provided they agree to support the national Progressive ticket.

Insistence upon making the party entirely independent is in accordance with the wishes of Colonel Roosevelt who insists that he and his associates must appeal to Democrats and Republicans alike and look beyond the present contest to the future, shaping their plans in such a way that the movement will come at the end of the present campaign.

Race Riot in Georgia

As a result of a race riot between whites and negroes, at Plainville, Georgia, last Sunday Sheriff Owens of Calhoun, and two other men were shot and right badly wounded. The trouble started Saturday, when several negroes were whipped and ordered from town. An attempt was later made to arrest a party of negroes, who were suspected of plotting to burn the town. Quiet was restored Sunday night when ten negroes who had barricaded themselves in a cabin, were arrested and taken to jail. None of the blacks were shot.

The New York Supreme Court has denied Harry K. Thaw's application for freedom from Matteawan Asylum on the ground that he is still insane and would be dangerous to the public safety.