

McLEAN ABLY DEFENDS DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM; LAUDS PARTY'S RECORD

Opens Campaign In Northwestern North Carolina In Splendid Address At Jefferson—Principles of Democracy Defined As People's Government—Raps Special Privileges.

Angus Wilson McLean, of Lumberton, Democratic candidate for Governor, opened the campaign in northwestern North Carolina for the Democratic party in a splendid address before a packed auditorium at Jefferson, Saturday.

In opening his address, Mr. McLean called attention to the fact that the only practical and effective way for the people to express their will upon public questions and select representatives to translate their will into action is to affiliate with one of the political parties; that is the duty of every good citizen to give allegiance to the party that in his opinion can best be depended upon to administer the affairs of government in such manner as that of all times the best interest of a majority of the people will be observed. In explaining the difference between the democratic and republican parties, he said:

"There are two major groups of voters in this country organized into political parties. One group is composed of those who are generally seeking favors at the hands of the government, either in material benefits or special privileges of some kind. This group believes in the centralization of power in Washington and in keeping the reins of government in the hands of a few influential persons, highly organized and well financed. They distrust political rule by the means of the people, and believe that government should be administered and controlled by a special class, a class which the republican leaders have referred to in recent years as the 'best minds.' While the name of the political party representing this group has changed, the political principles in which they believe have not changed since the days of Alexander Hamilton, the real founder of the present republican party. Some of the conspicuous leaders of this group today are, John W. Weeks, Henry Cabot Lodge, Speaker Gillett of the house of representatives, President Coolidge, J. F. Morgan, and Charles G. Dawes.

Other Party

"The other political party which has also existed from the very foundation of the government is composed of those who believe in the rule of the people through a representative democracy controlled by a majority of the electorate, without regard to their wealth or social status. They believe that there shall be equality of opportunity in all matters relating to the social, economic and industrial activities of the people and are therefore the foes of special privilege in government. This group has for a long time affiliated under the name of the democratic party. The foundation principle of this party is expressed in the slogan: 'Equal rights to all and special privileges to none.' Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the declaration of independence embodying the basic principles of free government, was the early exponent of those principles of government in which the democratic party believes. Others who have since Jefferson's time been outstanding leaders in this school are Andrew Jackson, James Monroe, and Woodrow Wilson. The Democratic party has always been, and is today, the great liberal party in America. It believes in the right of local self-government, as opposed to the republican idea of centralization of government at Washington, and above all, that human rights should always be exalted above material things.

"Upon the whole, I do not think it can be fairly denied that our great leader, Woodrow Wilson was correct when he said: 'I believe, and I think that experience has confirmed the belief, that the democratic party represents a larger part of the progressive power and thought of the country than any other party and that it can be made and is being made the instrument of leadership under the direction which all men who love justice and progress must wish to take.'

Entering upon New Campaign

"We are now entering upon a new political campaign in both state and national affairs. This question naturally arises, therefore, on the minds of the voters: Which of the two political parties is most likely to serve the people more faithfully? Which party will most probably provide the best means of realizing the true purpose of all government—that of affording the people the best opportunity of enjoying the full fruits of government as they relate to the social, spiritual and material welfare of the people?

"There is only one safe method whereby we may answer these questions correctly: 'A tree is known by its fruits, and so a political party must be judged by this test. What has it done in the way of service to the people. Has it so administered the affairs of government that a majority of the people have been made happier, happier, and more prosperous?'

The speaker then reviewed the record of the democratic party in state affairs, since the democratic control of the government in January, 1901, mentioning among the major achievements, the following:

physical, mental and moral defects, and other benevolent causes from \$400,000 in 1900 to over \$2,000,000 in 1924.

"Increase in expenditures for public health work from a nominal sum in 1900 to over \$850,000 in 1924, including both state and county appropriations. 'Nothing has contributed in a larger way to the amazing progress made by North Carolina than the public health work. Our high birth rate and low death rate have attracted the attention of the civilized world.'

In the matter of public highways, he said: North Carolina has outstripped every state in the nation in the progress it has made. The state highway system in North Carolina is the most constructive piece of work in commonwealth building ever accomplished, and it is today not only the wonder of America, but of foreign nations as well. The cost of maintaining the roads, payment of interest on the money borrowed, and the creation of a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds issued for construction, are paid entirely by funds derived from taxes on gasoline and license fees on motor vehicles. Those who walk or who ride in other vehicles have the use of the roads, without cost.

"Speaking in terms of the future, it is reasonably certain that state highway construction must continue as far as it can be safely done. A careful survey should be made as to the revenue probably available in the future, taking into consideration any recession which is likely to occur, on account of unusual emergencies like business depression or otherwise, and if it is reasonably certain that the revenue available in future years will be sufficient to pay all maintenance charges, interest on bonds, and create a sinking fund to retire the bonds at maturity, then additional bonds should be issued, in such an amount as a high degree of business prudence will permit."

He then described the great contribution which the state highway system has made to the progress of the state, and the tremendous amount of money expended in the state highway system without the slightest suggestion of graft or dishonesty.

In referring to the industrial development of North Carolina, he called attention to North Carolina's outstanding position among the states of the union in practically every line of industry. As an evidence of the material progress of the state, he said that our people own approximately 280,000 motor vehicles, including pleasure cars which represent at a conservative valuation in cost of machines and garages about \$300,000,000.

He called attention to the wonderful progress made in the work of the department of agriculture and the improvement which has been noticeable in agricultural training, both scientific and practical.

"The taxation system of state, is modern in every respect except that there is certain inequalities and administrative defects which should have attention at the next session of the legislature." He especially commended the principle in our taxation system whereby no taxes are levied upon land and personal property for state purposes.

Commenting on the record of the democratic party in North Carolina since it reassumed control of the state government, twenty-three years ago, he said: "No state in the union can show such progress along all lines of human endeavor. During every administration from Aycock to Morrison, inclusive, the record of the party in the state has been one of unparalleled achievement and progress in the building of a great commonwealth."

Every Year

"Every year during this whole period, has brought us nearer the goal for which we have been striving—the best governed, the most progressive, the most prosperous, and the most contented people in the world."

"During the less than four years that Governor Morrison has been at the head of the state government, more progress has been made and more has been undertaken than during any other period in the history of this state."

"We must see to it that the investment which has been made in the form of increased facilities are capitalized on a sound basis in a return by producing a better educated, a more cultured and a more prosperous citizenry."

"I hope to see the state continue to go forward just as fast as its material resources will reasonably permit. Certainly we must not stand still or go backward in our most important activities of education, agriculture, and rural betterment."

"The democratic party has written this splendid record in the history of the state. North Carolina during the last twenty-three years has made greater advancement than at any period in her history. Her record of progress in education, in rural betterment, in general welfare work, in industrial and financial development during the past few years are unparalleled."

"I do not claim that democrats are entitled to all the credits. Some patriotic republicans acting in their individual capacity, have cooperated with the democratic majority in this great work, but the democratic party has organized responsibility has been in control of the state government, and it is the democratic party which has written this record of progress."

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only change that could possibly take place is to substitute a republican administration for a democratic administration of our state affairs. How shall we reach a correct conclusion as to whether a change is best or not? No fair-minded person will deny that the only correct way to answer this question is to judge the republican party in North Carolina by its record when it was in control of the government.

"The republican leaders say that the republican party has reformed since the days of Holden or the days of Russell; but how can they prove it?"

"These same leaders say that the only way to judge the democratic party is by its record, but they desire a different method adopted in judging party. It is true that they do not suggest what other method should be adopted. They do not attempt to defend the record of the republican administration under Holden or Russell, though they know that these are the only two administrations the republican party has given North Carolina in fifty years. The present leaders of the republican party in North Carolina know only too well that there is nothing in these two republican administrations to which they can point with pride. For this reason, they ask us to pass over and waive the republican record in North Carolina. These leaders adopted the method of judging a party by its record but they refuse to discuss the record of their own party, when it was in control of the government in North Carolina."

"They seem to prefer, also, to pass over the great record of achievement written by the democratic party in this state from the administration of Vance to Morrison, inclusive. Moreover, they are not offering any constructive program for the future. They are engaging in this campaign in the small business of 'political sniping' and 'picaunish criticism.' For example, they try to stress an alleged political issue between the parties in this state, the fact that the legislature of 1923 refunded to A. D. Watts \$5,700.00 (they describe it as ten thousand dollars) which was lost in the failure of the Commercial National bank of Wilmington. What are the true facts in regard to this? Here they are—A. D. Watts, then state commissioner of revenue, was required by law to collect a large amount of taxes and turn the same over to the state treasurer once a month. In the meantime, he followed the custom of every official, not only in North Carolina, but in every state in the union, by depositing these funds in what appeared to be reliable banks. He had large sums deposited in many other banks in North Carolina, but only \$8,700.00 was deposited in the Commercial National bank of Wilmington. These monies were deposited in many banks owned and officered by both democratic and republicans. At the time the deposit was made in the Commercial National bank it had the reputation of being safe and solvent. Indeed, a republican comptroller of the currency, upon report of republican bank examiners, had just issued a national charter to this bank, converting it from a state to a national bank, which could not be done unless the federal officers acted upon the bona fide belief that the bank was actually solvent and properly managed. They had all the facts before them and had far superior knowledge than that possessed by Watts. Much to the surprise of everyone the bank failed before the time required by law asked for Watts to transfer the money to the state treasurer. Though he was not required to do so, Watts immediately upon the failure of the bank borrowed a sufficient amount on his own collateral and paid it to the state treasurer. Soon after that, without the suggestion or procurement of Watts, a bill was introduced in the legislature, then in session to reimburse Watts for the sum of money which he paid into the state treasury with the understanding that the state would take over the claim against the bank. When the bill came up for consideration it seemed so just that it was passed in both houses by unanimous consent. Not even a partisan republican could be found who would oppose it. While the bill was under consideration by the committee composed of both democrats and republicans attention was called to the fact that the democratic legislature of 1905 had relieved W. H. Worth state treasurer during the Russell administration and his bondsmen for money lost in the failure of certain banks in western North Carolina. This was done by the republican party, and republican leaders feel that it is just to criticize the legislature for relieving Watts why do they not act with consistency and criticize the legislature that relieved Treasurer Worth of the Russell administration."

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Baseball's Idol

Henry F. Frazier Dead

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at Prospect church, in the northern part of the county, for Henry F. Frazier, who died Thursday morning of last week from the effects of a stroke of paralysis sustained earlier in the week.

Mr. Frazier was 81 years of age, having been born November 5th, 1843, in Randolph county, a son of the late John Frazier and Jerimah Ledford Frazier. He had spent his entire life in the Prospect section of the county and was a prominent farmer.

He is survived by the widow, who before her marriage was Miss Ella Newton; three sons, Mayfield Frazier, a recruiting officer in the U. S. Army stationed in New York, and J. Frazier and Pearl Frazier, of Randolph county; two daughters, Mrs. Martha Whit and Miss Mary Frazier, of the Prospect community; a brother, Addison A. Frazier, of Trinity; and a sister, Mrs. Charles W. Wilson, of near Trinity.

University Has Record Enrollment

The University of North Carolina opened its 131st session last week with record attendance. The total enrollment is expected to reach 2,500. Three new dormitories were constructed at the university the past summer which will accommodate 120 students. A new law building costing \$150,000 was completed about a year ago. The University is recognized as one of the leading educational institutions in the country.

Hurley Works Out Plan For French Debt

Edward N. Hurley, of Chicago, Democratic member of the American Debt Funding Commission, has worked out a plan for the funding of the French debt, and has submitted his plan to Secretary Mellon. Mr. Hurley's program calls for the funding of the debt over periods of 65 to 67 years, the principal and accumulated interest which would be the subject of the funding operation \$5,000,000,000. It would be provided that for a period of five years from the date of the funding no interest would be charged. At the expiration of five years France would begin to pay interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum, gradually increasing until a maximum of 4 per cent was reached. The average rate under the Hurley plan would be two and one-half per cent.

High Point Postmaster Hits Boy With Automobile

Roland Jaun, five year old boy, was struck by an automobile driven by postmaster O. R. York, of High Point, Friday, the accident occurring on the High Point-Thomasville road about three miles from High Point. The boy was brought to the hospital at High Point and given treatment by Dr. Houston B. Hiatt, and although badly injured is expected to recover. The boy was crossing the road having come from behind another car when hit by Mr. York's machine. Witnesses state that the accident was unavoidable.

Bennett Girl Meets Tragic Death

A very unusual death occurred last Friday afternoon when Beulah, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks, who live near Bennett, climbed upon the back of a wheat drill at the barn, and because of the elevation of the tongue thus somewhat slanting the machine backward, it quickly tilted, pinning its weight on the little girl and causing instant death. The funeral services were held at Brush Creek church Saturday afternoon.

Davis Has Good Chance In West

The political situation in the West is in a state of flux. Reports indicate that Senator LaFollette, third party candidate, is stronger in the normally Republican Western states than Theodore Roosevelt was in 1912. The outlook is for a marked increase in the Democratic vote.

In Iowa LaFollette is so strong that it looks now like he would carry the state. However, there is a decided swing of the more conservative wing of the Republican party in that state to Davis. The outlook in Illinois is decidedly encouraging for Davis.

Senator LaFollette seems to carry Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Washington. He has a chance of carrying Kansas also. It looks likely that Davis will carry Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Oklahoma.

Mendenhall Denies Meekins' Charges

Charges by Col. L. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for Governor, in his speeches throughout the state, that Senator O. E. Mendenhall, of Guilford county, sneaked a bill through the General Assembly to give insurance Commissioner Stacy Wade one-fifth of one per cent of all stock sold under the blue-sky law, has brought denial from the Guilford senator.

"There is absolutely no truth in the statement that I sneaked the bill through," declared Mr. Mendenhall. He indicated that Mr. Meekins was not informed in this as in other matters of state which he has discussed with such scathing freedom in the political campaign.

Mr. Mendenhall stated that Mr. Meekins referred to the Blue Sky law, which was designed to protect the people from worthless stocks, to which they have been so susceptible recently. He said, "The Blue Sky law was not sneaked through the senate," adding that it had been in the hands of the calendar committee four days and received their O. K. before it was passed by both houses. Another bill, proposing reform in the state's prison and introduced at the same time, was not reported favorably by the committee, while the Blue Sky bill was pointed out to the senate by Senator Mendenhall embodied six major provisions. They were: that persons must live in the state two years before being allowed to sell stock; that their commissions be limited to 12 1-2 per cent of the sales; a sworn financial statement of the stock concern must be made to the insurance commission quarterly; stock sales must have the approval of the insurance commissioner; insurance commissioner receive 1-5 of 1 per cent of the sales as his commission for his extra duties; and a tax of 2 per cent be levied on stock sales.

Highest Heroism



Mrs. Marie Franklin of New York, smilingly sacrificed her feet that her baby might live when told by doctors such drastic measures were necessary. This is her homecoming in the loving arms of her husband.

New Store For Troy

Thursday, September 18th, is the opening date of Gregory's Five and Ten cent store. This store is located in the Montgomery Bank Building, in the store room formerly owned by Mr. J. Polakavetz. Mr. W. A. Gregory, from Asheboro, will be in charge of this store. He is somewhat of a hustler, this being the fourth store of this kind under his management.

The news of the opening of this store in our city will be received by the public with a degree of satisfaction as our town has been in need of such a store for some time.—The Montgomerian.

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