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## CONGREGATIONS TOO LUKEWARM

MR. FIFE SAYS THE AUDIENCE LAST NIGHT WAS COLD.

Cliches and Cans and Social Distinctions in Asheville, Where Visitors Come With Their Bottal Horses, and North Carolinians Try to Appear Them.

A congregation larger than that of yesterday morning heard Mr. Fife this morning. In endeavoring to infuse life into the singing, Mr. Fife said that all were entirely too lukewarm. The congregation last night, he said, made him feel as though he did not have the prayerful support of a person in the audience. They were cold to a discouraging degree. There were many prayers preceding the sermon that this might not be, that all might awake from their lethargy and that good should be accomplished. It is prayer that can move the arm that controls the universe, he said, and by prayer alone could the people of Asheville be awakened.

Second Chronicles 7:14 was read for the basis of Mr. Fife's remarks. In Asheville there were cliches and cans and social distinctions, the speaker asserted. Visitors came here with their bottal horses, and North Carolinians try to appear them. "We need to seek God and get from Him a proper spirit of humility. How many are seeking God in this community? Some of the business men, perhaps officers of the church, are today seeking for a dollar, while their souls are going to destruction. I believe two thirds of the professing christians in our land are either deceived or lying. They will say they believe in a hell and the teachings of the Scripture, but they do not act it. Fathers will go to church and allow their children to do as they please. Those who are here today should go and plead with the officers of the church and get them to attend the services and get them to do their duty. All is not gold that glitters. Some church people will advocate gold or silver, when they should consecrate themselves to the service of God. How many in this audience have the assurance of salvation?"

"I have wrestled with God since 4 o'clock this morning, that christians might be awakened to the great work of the occasion. Only acknowledge your transgressions and God will heal your backslidings. Only cry 'Unclean' and God will make you clean. I know three men who were discharged this morning because of their positions because of the liquor traffic. I here charge this to the church of God. The community is what you church members have made it. Mr. G. Almighty make us terribly in earnest, and let us humble ourselves. How many have asked God this morning to give me the Holy Ghost, that what I shall say may be effective. We need to turn the church in prayer and ask Him to turn the searchlight into these hearts of ours, that we may do battle against the strongholds of Satan."

A number of volunteer prayers from both men and women were then offered, the congregation kneeling, that God might bless the meeting and that the heart of every Christian might be burdened for others.

Mr. Wolfson sang at the conclusion of the sermon. The solo was admirably rendered.

Responding to a request from the evangelist, 25 or 30 persons quoted promises from the Scripture which they especially relied upon to give them encouragement. Mr. Fife said that wherever he had held meetings the ladies had held up his hands whether or not the men did. The ladies of Asheville, he announced, would hold a prayer meeting every afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Evening Service.

Mr. Fife spoke last evening to a full house, basing his remarks on a portion of John 11:39—"Take ye away the stone." A collection was taken to cover the incidental expenses of the meeting. As soon as these expenses have been met, Mr. Fife said, the collections will stop. While he had held meetings the ladies had remarked that the congregation had more music in it than was being brought out. Alluding to the political meeting in the court house he said the congregation should make more noise for God than the crowd in the court house was making for the devil.

Mr. Fife said a great many were expecting a gracious revival, but there are some stones that must be removed before a great work can be done in this town. "The first stone is prejudice. Some are prejudiced against this meeting, and against revivals, but we cannot throw aside the revival system." Mr. Fife said he probably received more money for preaching than any man in the Southern States, with one exception. He did not say this in a bragging spirit. He gave all his money to God.

"Another stone is sectarianism," continued Mr. Fife. "You've got a good deal of it here. Haven't you got men who are better Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians? Let us ask them are they christians? There are some Baptists who will cry 'Water' and many of them are going to a place where they are not going to get a drop."

"Another stone is unbelief. You know Asheville is known as a great society town, and you know that in a great measure it is as corrupt as the devil. They tell me you have houses of ill fame not by the dozens, but by the hundreds. Men are seen on the streets by the score under the influence of strong drink. There is a dancing, card playing, gambling, theatre-going, and a general debauchery. I believe God will shake this place and bring the sinners to Him not by hundreds but by thousands if the people of God will get the stone of unbelief out of their hearts."

## GENERAL NEWS.

The United States Supreme court will reconvene on Monday, October 12. There are now 815 cases on the court docket of which 28 have been argued and submitted.

The President and family took leave of Gray Gables this morning. The President expects to arrive in Washington either on Thursday or Friday.

Survivors from the hurricane in Florida are said to be without food or shelter, and appeals will be sent out to the people of the United States.

Among returning tourists on Saturday were Secretary Herbert and Ada Rehan. Lord and Lady Russell have left for England.

## OIL MEN FOR BRYAN.

They Are Republicans, But McKinley Cannot Down the Trusts.

BRADDOCK, Pa., Oct. 4.—To the people in the oil country the "silver trust," as silver mine owners are called by those who favor a gold standard, sinks into insignificance in comparison with one trust supporting McKinley and Hobart—the Standard Oil monopoly. Very well they know that if it were not for this trust and its influence with the railroads, scores of industries it has ruined might be prosperous today in the oil regions, giving employment to labor, making a better market for the people of the surrounding country, giving the oil producer a better price for his product and consumers the benefits of competition, both as to price and quality.

They know that with equal rights for all shippers on the railroads these industries would quickly revive and flourish. Republicans in principle, though the most of the men in this section have been and are yet, and will continue to be even in the future, they have adhered in the main to the protective policy, but from personal experience they have learned that though half the wealth of the country were to be turned to any other use, it would mean little or nothing to them if the power of trusts were not disturbed to corner it upon its arrival.—N. Y. Journal.

## CANDIDATE SPEARS SPEAKS.

He Succeeds in Enthusiasm the Boys in the Court House.

A house full of the faithful gathered in the court house last evening to hear Oscar J. Spears, the Republican candidate for elector-at-large, and I. N. Ebbs of Madison county discuss the issues. The white and black elements of the g. o. p. were about on a parity as regards numbers.

Mr. Ebbs did not keep his appointment, and no one thought to give any reason for his absence.

Col. V. S. Lusk introduced Mr. Spears and in doing so took occasion to expatiate on some of the glorious things accomplished by the fusion legislature, especially the election law enacted by that body. Mr. Spears is of Hanna-like physique and doubtless could make a good Republican speech were he confronted by the necessity. He said he had come to the platform to represent, and to succeed admirably in enlisting the boys. One of the things the speaker did was to endeavor to compare the \$10 a year, the amount he said, paid in China. He essayed to leave the impression on his hearers that if the wicked Democrats held the reins of government for awhile they would have to labor for \$10 a year, the amount he said, paid in China. It probably did not occur to him to tell his hearers that Senator Pritchard had once said the very policy the speaker was trying to defend would reduce the American laborer to a level with Chinese coolies.

## AN UNCROWNED QUEEN.

Woman's Rights, and the Bilingual Hood of Prejudice.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN.—America is soon to welcome her "uncrowned queen"—as Frances Willard's admirers have long since learned to style their National W. C. T. U. president, who this week sails from England for her native shores.

The above quoted title may alarm some conservative ones, but we would calm such anxious conservatives with the reminder that "the two most glorious periods of English history have been those in which women were on the throne—Elizabeth and Victoria"—and again that other lands present as striking instances of woman's ability to govern Semirania, Russia, under Catherine, Austria under Maria Theresa, and Spain under Isabella. These instances it would seem sufficient to convince Americans that much of the bugbear of woman's rights is but the blinding hood of prejudice.

## WHO KNOWS OF IT?

The Case of Mary Stoneham, as Reported in Atlanta.

The Atlanta Constitution prints a story about the mysterious disappearance of a girl and the visit of her father to Atlanta in search of the missing girl. The man gave the police his name as J. Stoneham, and his place of residence as near Asheville. The girl in the story is Mary Stoneham, is 18 years of age and very pretty, according to the Constitution.

Stoneham traced the couple to Atlanta, but was unable to find them there. Nothing is known in Asheville of the girl's name, and her place of residence is not a familiar one in this section.

## EX-SENATOR BLAIR.

He Compliments Asheville and Speaks For Protection and Gold.

A large crowd, made up, as to more than one-half, by negroes, heard Senator Henry W. Blair of New Hampshire deliver an address this afternoon in the court house. V. S. Lusk introduced the speaker.

Mr. Blair complimented Asheville, and then went into a discussion of the tariff and free silver.

## Three Straight.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 6.—The Orioles took their third straight game in the Temple Park series from the Spiders yesterday afternoon by a score of 6 to 2.

## TAR BEEL TRACKS.

The school at Burnsville Hill, two and one-half miles northwest of Asheville, will close October 15. On that day Prof. W. P. Maury, president of Mars Hill college, and also Mr. T. M. Honeycutt of Mars Hill will deliver an address to the school. At 7 p. m. there will be a general concert and a medal contest.

The Progressive Farmer attacks Sewall, terms him "a warty excrement on the body politic," and says it will vote for Bryan and Sewall.

—Zeb. Vance Walser declines to commit himself as to McKinley carrying this State.

—A New England company is planning to build a million dollar cotton mill near Moccure.

—The Yarbrough house, Raleigh, is to be kept open during the State fair.

—Senator Butler is expected in Raleigh this week.

## A BRILLIANT SCENE IN PARIS

THE CITY DECORATED FOR THE CZAR AND CZARINA.

20,000 People Camp Out Over Night to Be in the Front Ranks of the Lookers-On—Formal Reception by President Faure.

CHERBOURG, France, Oct. 6.—The streets were literally packed with people when the Czar and Czarina arrived yesterday evening. The crowd was very orderly and extremely good natured. The quays and every accessible place where a view of the warships or the imperial visit might be had, but gave the police very little room to manoeuvre. The Czar will inspect the French fleet and witness a sham military fight.

PARIS, Oct. 6.—The weather was clear and sunny this morning and the streets were literally jammed with people, many arrived at Versailles in their places all night in order that they might have opportunity of getting a glimpse of the Czar and Czarina as the imperial visitors passed through the streets on their way to the Czar's apartments. The route from the special station at Passy-Ranelagh to the Russian embassy was packed with people long before 8 o'clock.

The route to the Russian embassy in Rue de Grenelle was decorated with magnificent and tasteful arches and pillars. French and Russian colors and brilliant paper flowers, the latter tied to the trees, were everywhere to be seen. The entire route was lined with troops and by 8:30 o'clock the brilliancy of the scene and the size of the crowds had never been equalled in Paris.

At 8:20 o'clock President Faure in a special train arrived at Versailles where he met the Czar and Czarina. The special train conveying the Russian visitors arrived at Versailles at 8:43 o'clock. The Czar and Czarina, after being greeted by President Faure, entered the latter's train which at 9:03 o'clock proceeded for Paris. The train arrived here at 10 o'clock, and the royal visitors were enthusiastically cheered by the vast crowd of people packing every available space, 20,000 of whom slept in the Bois de Boulogne all night in order that they might get places in the front of the crowds.

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The Czarina wore a white satin dress with a cape and a small bonnet. The Czar was attired in a military uniform. The bands played the Russian national hymn as the procession, headed by a body of Arab chieftains and a regiment of soldiers, 2,000 of whom were mounted, started. Members of every French regiment were included in the troops that lined the route and hedged the crowds in.

When the Czar stepped into the carriage, there were many cries of "Vive l'Empereur," but the cries were not unbecomingly and their repetition was not invited. As a whole the assemblage at the start was still in its manner and did not indulge in any great degree of exuberance or enthusiasm but as the procession advanced the ebullitions of enthusiasm became more pronounced. This feeling rapidly increased as the cortege passed through the Bois de Boulogne and at the avenue du Bois de Boulogne the vast crowds became ecstatic. From this stage of the Czar's advance until the Russian embassy was reached there was one continuous roar of cheers.

## Coming Over to Bryan.

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 6.—Major Wm. Wall, candidate for State attorney-general on the Populist ticket, withdrew yesterday. In his card he urges all Populists to stand by the Chicago platform, and to present the electoral vote of Texas soundly to McKinley. The free silver Democrats are jubilant.

## A Letter to Salisbury.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Secretary Olney returned to the State Department today after several months' absence, and plunged at once into diplomatic work.

## POLITICAL NOTES.

The efforts to secure a fusion of Virginia Democrats and Populists on the State ticket failed, but the Democratic leaders attach no importance to the failure and claim that Bryan and Sewall will carry the State by a big majority.

An immense crowd assembled in St. Louis Monday night to listen to Bourke Cockran speak on the money question. So frequently was he interrupted by askers of questions that the effect of his speech was almost spoiled.

W. D. Bynum says: "Anybody who talks about what Indiana or Illinois will do does not know what he is talking about. In the south part of Illinois I know that the whole country is for free silver."

"I'd lay my head on the block before I'd retire from the race to make way for a plutocrat, a bondholder, a national banker and protectionist like Mr. Sewall," says Tom Watson.

Democratic leaders in Florida concede that the plurality for their party in the State election today will not be over 15,000, and that the Democratic vote for Bryan will be 5000 less.

Womping Democrats and Populists have completed an electoral ticket of two Democrats and one Populist. They failed to fuse on Congressman and the State ticket.

Ex-President Harrison addressed a large audience in Richmond Monday night. The rival applicant for McKinley and Bryan interrupted him several times.

Republicans in Texas, it is said, will vote for Populist electors under an agreement that their votes, if they are elected, shall not be cast for Bryan.

Quay says there is not a probability of McKinley carrying Florida; only a possibility.

John Wanamaker wants to succeed Cameron as senator from Pennsylvania. Altgeld says Bryan will carry Illinois by a "tremendous majority."

Hanna has decided to make an active fight for Tennessee.

## BRYAN IN INDIANA.

A Great Battle For Silver to be Fought There.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 6.—Hon. Wm. J. Bryan and party arrived from Nashville at 6 o'clock on a special train over the Louisville and Nashville railroad. The party was met at the station by Governor Matthews, John G. Shanklin, national committeeman for Indiana; Parks Martin, chairman of the Democratic state committee of Indiana; John W. Kern, A. Green Smith, Capt. D. F. Allen, Samuel L. Cook and G. H. Harward, who constituted the Indiana state reception committee.

The party was driven to the Louisville hotel, where they took breakfast. There was no crowd at the hotel to welcome Mr. Bryan, but about 50 men were at the Louisville street station of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, where the party boarded a special train at 7:25 o'clock for the tour through Indiana. John W. Tomlinson, member of the national Democratic committee for Alabama, accompanied the party. The reception committee in New Albany and Ellettsville were aboard, and at 7:30 o'clock the train crossed the Ohio river and stopped at North and Spring streets in Jeffersonville. A stand had been erected close to the track and Mr. Bryan spoke for 15 minutes to 2500 people. The stand sagged twice and Mr. Bryan stopped speaking long enough for part of the crowd to get out. When Mr. Bryan finished the special proceeded to New Albany five miles away.

Mr. Bryan's Nashville meeting was like scores of others—a great triumph. Five acres of ground were half covered by the audience.

## FROM W. J. BRYAN.

A Suggestion as to the Campaign of Fusion in North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 6.—[Special.]—Chairman Manly says a message from W. J. Bryan will be delivered to the State committee at its meeting Thursday evening, and that Bryan will make suggestions. Populist state committeemen assembled yesterday that suggestions would be made.

## Exploded Sensation.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—It is now believed that the "fog" which was said to have been placed across the railroad at Gas Lane before the arrival of the Czar's train at that place, was a mile past which had been blown down a mile or so from the track by the gale which prevailed night before last.

## Pennsylvania Assists Republicans.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 6.—The nomination papers of the Jeffersonian party (Gold Democrats) have been filed at the State Department. There were 340 names on the papers for electors and Congressman at large.

## Fire in Jefferson.

KNOWLEDGE, Tenn., Oct. 6.—A special from Jellico says that Commercial street was gutted by fire at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The blaze started in a building adjoining buildings, destroying a total of eight. The loss is \$25,000; insurance, \$7000.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 7, '96. Gentlemen:—In reply to your favor of the 20th I would say that I have used the PILLSBURY FLOUR for the past 10 years in the Grand Union Hotel, Saratoga Springs. It is my favorite brand and I use nothing else in our hotel today. As firmness in turning out the very best bread and rolls, I have no hesitation in saying that I believe it the best flour in the market. Yours very truly, A. H. CLARK, Prop., Kentworth Inn.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 7, '96. Gentlemen:—In reply to your favor of the 5th as to what satisfaction we receive from the use of PILLSBURY'S BEST FLOUR, would say that we have used this flour for three years, and prefer it to any other we ever used. Its merits are evident, and we heartily recommend it to any one who appreciates good bread and biscuits. Yours, F. H. BRANCH, Mer., Hotel Berkeley.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 7, '96. Gentlemen:—In reply to your inquiry as to what satisfaction I have had with PILLSBURY'S BEST FLOUR, I can say that my bakers insist on having it, and they claim that they cannot get good results without it, as a mixer for winter wheat flour. Yours truly, R. W. RAWLS, Prop., Swannanoa Hotel.

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