

# YATES WEBB MADE GOOD IMPRESSION WITH HIS SPEECH

Congressman From the Ninth Took a Shot at Claude Kitchin

## SPEECH WITHOUT ANY BITTERNESS

Was Against Reciprocity but at Same Time Was Filled With Kindliness

Citizen Bureau, Congress Hall, By H. E. C. Bryant.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Representative Webb took a shot at Representative Kitchin for his reciprocity speech. The words of Mr. Webb spoken in the kindest way. They left no sting. When he had concluded many democrats and republicans went over and congratulated him. The speech was in good taste and clever. He said:

"I am grateful to my good friend, Mr. Underwood, for yielding me this time. No democrat regrets the necessity for my speaking on this subject more than I do, but circumstances and conditions have arisen in the last few days over which I had no control which impel me to make my position plain and to answer some of the strictures and part of the lecture of my colleague, Mr. Kitchin, delivered to his North Carolina colleagues who are opposed to this reciprocity measure. Mr. Chairman, I have never regarded modern reciprocity as democratic doctrine. Reciprocal free trade between Canada and the United States as embodied in the agreement in 1854, may be democratic, but there is no more similarity between that treaty and the measure now under consideration than there is between day and night. For thirty years after 1854 the democrats never mentioned reciprocity until 1893 when they did declare in favor of trade interchange on the basis of reciprocal advantages, but denounced the sham reciprocity which juggles with the people's desires for enlarged foreign markets and freer exchanges by pretending to establish closer trade relations between a country whose exports are chiefly agricultural products with another country whose exports are also agricultural while erecting a barrier of prohibitive tariff against the richest countries of the world that stand ready to take our entire surplus production and to export their commodities which are necessities and luxuries of life among our people. That clause in the democratic platform of 1892 fits the description of the present reciprocity measure, for I say in all candor that it is a sham and a fraud and as undemocratic as it can be. I ask now, if there is any democrat in this house who will rise in his seat and say that this treaty is democratic in principle. Modern reciprocity was born in New England. It is a New England cult, originated by James G. Blaine, advocated by Grant, Arthur, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt and now by Mr. Taft. Republican platforms in three different election years praised modern reciprocity and pointed to it with pride. The democratic congressional campaign committee of 1902, the year I was first elected to congress, sent out a hand book and in that hand book a chapter was devoted to reciprocity, and in that chapter we find such choice expressions as 'Reciprocity is a delusion and a snare. Reciprocity is not sending men to Washington for the passage of such reciprocity treaties for it cannot help them.' I think it is a delusion and a snare. On this campaign committee were such distinguished democrats as Gov. W. W. Kitchin, of North Carolina; Judson Harmon, Clark Howell and other leaders in the party. The democrats in 1897 repealed the reciprocity treaties then in existence, and the republicans inserted section 3 of the McKinley tariff law of 1890, at the instance of Nelson W. Aldrich, and under this section three various treaties were negotiated which were later repealed by the democratic congress, and for which the republicans

# WONDERFUL HOW IT CURED

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condemned the democrats severely. In 1897 the republican members of the ways and means committee signed a report declaring that the repealing by the democrats of this reciprocity treaty was a public calamity, while the democrats of the ways and means committee declared they could see no good reason for entering into commercial alliances restricting the freedom of commercial legislation in this country, that uniform rates applying equally to the products of all nations is the only safe policy to pursue as it can give occasion to no complaint of unfair treatment such as must arise under a scheme of discriminatory duties.

"Mr. Chairman, there are several groups of people advocating the passage of this treaty. The first group I should mention is composed of those who favor the annexation of Canada to the United States. I am bitterly against this because our country is big enough now. I would like to give away some of the territory we already possess. Our continental United States is capable of sustaining one hundred million people, and if our population was as dense as Belgium's every soul in the world could be taken care of within our borders. Then there is a large element of Latin class in Canada which class has never accepted a republican form of government with any staying fidelity. They are mainly monarchists. The second class I should mention is that composed of persons who strongly believe in the doctrine of free raw material and a tariff on manufactured articles. I am opposed to this doctrine. I believe in the fundamental principle laid down by that father of democratic tariff, Robert J. Walker, when he announced that the tariff should be placed on every import, making the tariff very small in proportion to the necessity of the article and large in proportion to its luxury, giving no advantages to anyone; then if it is a blessing everybody shares it, and if it is a burden everybody bears it. When the democratic party gets away from this great standard and principle we are swamped in a maze of party difficulties. When you put a great many articles on the absolutely free list there is no place to stop and the ultimate end of such a policy is absolute free trade, which is at best but a Utopian dream, for under our present constitution we are compelled to raise about \$350,000,000 by levying taxes on imports. It is not right or proper to give the manufacturers of the country the right to buy all raw material, including farm products on the free list and then compel the producer of the raw material to purchase the manufactured article at the world price plus the tariff tax. The fourth class advocating this treaty is composed of extreme free traders, who are willing to swallow the big protection hook on this treaty in order to get the free trade bait. No man will deny that at

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least two-thirds of this treaty is protective for the big manufacturers and trusts of the country while it strips the farmer absolutely and puts everything he produces on the free list. Another class is composed by those who favor it for selfish motives and from the hope to receive gain. Among this class I will put some of the great metropolitan newspapers who get from this treaty free wood pulp and print paper, making the price of the paper no cheaper than it is now, but I submit in good conscience that the great daily papers have no more right to free print paper than have the humble clothes and hats and shoes. Another of this class is the steel trust, and I call upon the Pennsylvania delegation to tell me if it is not true that every steel corporation in Pennsylvania is supporting this treaty. The reason is apparent. The treaty reduces the Canadian tariff on steel trust articles going into Canada and retains the Payne-Aldrich rate practically on all steel articles coming into the United States. The International Harvester company, which has robbed the farmer of thousands and thousands of dollars, gets a lion's share in this treaty, for the treaty reduces the tariff on practically all agricultural implements going into Canada but leaves the same high protective tariff on those products coming in. James J. Hill is supporting the tariff because his railroads run back and forth into Canada, and he is anxious that his tonnage should be increased in order that his dividends be bigger. The beef trust is in favor of the treaty, because it puts cattle on the free list, which will enable it to buy its raw material cheaper; but to charge the same old high protective price on the finished product, meat and beef, which will enable the trust to continue to collect its tribute on every pound of beef the laboring man carries home in his tired hands. There is still another class who believe in the passage of this treaty, and that is the city dweller who, somehow or other, has gotten the idea that it will reduce the cost of living. Such persons are deceived and lured by the fact that they cannot eat cattle, nor can they eat wheat, both of which are put on the free list between the United States and Canada, but they do eat bread made of flour, and meat from cattle; on bread and meat and flour the high protective tariff is retained, which will make it impossible for them to get this food product any cheaper.

"Mr. Chairman, last Saturday my friend and colleague from North Carolina, Mr. Kitchin, suggested that we democrats from North Carolina were being influenced by Mr. John Dabzell, of Pennsylvania. Now, I do not think Mr. Kitchin meant that, for he knows that Mr. Gudger, Mr. Doughton, Mr. Page, Mr. Poy and myself would not be influenced improperly by Mr. Dabzell or anybody else, and yet that statement has gone out over the state. Now that is not argument, but a species of an attempt to prejudice people. If I were to answer him in kind, I would suggest that he has been placed with a republican president, a republican secretary of state, Mr. Knox, who was once an employe of the steel trust, who drew this treaty, and J. P. Morgan, who organized the steel trust; Seneca Payne, the progenitor of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, and Nelson W. Aldrich, and many other leading republicans, not to mention the various trusts that are advocating the passage of this measure. Now, that would be bad company for Mr. Kitchin to associate with, and yet answering his argument, I have the right to suggest that in this company he finds himself in no way advocating this treaty. Yet Mr. Chairman, after all in recent days it is not so bad to be caught in company with Mr. Dabzell, for it hasn't been two months ago when on a vote to create a tariff commission board the Hon. Champ Clark, the present speaker of the house, and the Hon. Oscar Underwood, the present floor leader of the house, broke away from my friend and colleague and voted with Mr. Dabzell for such a commission, while Mr. Kitchin voted with it.

# FAMILY TROUBLES GO UP TO POLICE COURT

Colored "In-Laws" Unable to Live Together in Peace and Harmony and General Scrap Ensues.

Frank Renniman, a young colored man of the city, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with disorderly conduct and drawing a knife on Bud Payne, who is his father-in-law. The Payne household was a scene of general disorder shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday and the "in-laws" seemed to be unable to dwell together in unity. As a result of the row no one is hurt, although Renniman has been locked up, and Payne says that he has suffered "crimination." He did not make clear just what that term implies, however. Payne appeared at police headquarters and asked that a warrant be issued for Renniman on account of the fact that the latter had used some very insulting language to him and had been the means of giving him trouble. The warrant was drawn and Payne had left the city hall to have it signed by the judge, who was out at that time. As he stepped out of the front door of the building he saw the man for whom he was looking and he declared that almost immediately upon looking upon the countenance of Renniman he spied a large knife in the hand of the latter which was held in such a position that he had no thoughts of Renniman's using it for manuring purposes. Payne immediately retreated to police headquarters and asked that a policeman go to the square and nab the man. His request was granted and Renniman was placed in jail. Renniman declares that he is absolutely innocent of any wrongdoing, and that he has been placed in the trouble on account of the fact that after promising to love and cherish his better half he has been unable to do so on account of the interference of her father. He went to Payne's home he declares, for the purpose of taking his wife home with him and in order that she might live under his influence rather than that of her father, which, he declares, is not just what it should be. Judge Cooke will in all probability hear the whole story of the trouble this morning.

My colleague suggests also that if you would scratch a little under the opposition to this treaty you would find in one district of North Carolina mica. Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is exactly what you will find in the Ninth congressional district, represented by myself. Last fall during the campaign I was asked by people interested in mica how I stood upon the tariff with reference to it, and I told them that while I would not promise to vote for a reduction of the duty on mica that I was a democrat who believed in a tariff for revenue and that I would gladly promise them not to vote to put mica on the free list; that Vance had voted for a duty on mica; that Ransom and Jarvis and Vilas had voted for a duty on mica; that the democratic congress in 1894 put the duty on mica and that I was perfectly safe in telling them that I should not vote to put it on the free list; and now, Mr. Chairman, I tell you that those people up there who pay the steel trust the rubber tariff tax on their picks and shovels and axes are going to find me standing by my promise and advocating the revenue tariff on their production.

# ANOTHER TICKET FOR WEAVERVILLE NAMED

"Progressives" Will Be Opposed by "Citizens' Ticket Which Favors Sabbath Observance.

At a meeting of the citizens of Weaverville during the latter part of the past week the following ticket was named: Mayor, E. B. Reeves; board of aldermen, M. A. Vest, R. P. Brittain, L. S. Mick, W. A. Nelson and Charles Stone. This is known as the "Citizens' ticket," there having also been a "progressive" ticket named during the last few days. The "Citizens' ticket has adopted the platform of Sabbath observance strictly, thus favoring the closing of drink stands and business houses on Sunday. The advocates of the "Citizens' ticket contend that the "progressives" favor Sunday traffic. The fight is growing interesting, and the result is looked forward to with keen interest. The campaign has simmered down until politics has been eliminated from the fight, and it is altogether a question over the platform of the advocates of the two tickets have adopted.

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