

# DEMOCRATS BUSY IN 9TH DISTRICT

## Many Speeches Made for Clyde Hoey.

### Secretary Daniels to Make Several Addresses in the District.

By JOE L. BAKER. (Staff Correspondent The Citizen.) CHARLOTTE, Dec. 9.—Democratic speakers are laying down a veritable barrage of oratory over the ninth congressional district this week. There will probably be half a hundred speakers on the stump before the week-end.

The greater part of the campaigning is being done in Mecklenburg county, where the workers are unusually busy in an effort to get out a heavy vote and roll up a big majority for the democratic nominee, Clyde H. Hoey, just by way of resending the incumbent, the democracy foe, Mecklenburg is indifferent in its support of Hoey simply because Mecklenburg's claim that she ought to be allowed the privilege of naming the democratic candidate was not allowed by the other counties.

Beginning Monday night, rallies were arranged for points in Mecklenburg county for every night up to and including next Monday, the eve of the election. Local speakers are visiting every section of the county, while men of national reputation are to address big central rallies being planned for Charlotte. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels will address a big rally here Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. The rally will be held in the auditorium, and several thousand people are expected to hear the popular North Carolina cabinet member.

If Senator Simmons is sufficiently recovered from the cold from which he has been suffering for several days he will speak here Friday night, while Secretary of Treasury Carter Glass will be here for the big closing rally next Monday night if he is able to get away from Washington. Being busy arranging to surrender his cabinet post to take a seat in the United States senate, Secretary Glass has not yet been able to see his way clear to leave the capital, but has promised to come if it is possible to get away, and it is hoped confidently that he will come.

**Hoey Is Coming.** Mr. Hoey speaks in Charlotte Wednesday night, and is assured a cordial welcome and a big crowd. He will make three speeches at Mecklenburg county points next Saturday, at Huntersville, Cornelius and Davidson. Congressman Bob Doughton, of the eighth district, is also in the district this week. He spoke at Sharon, in this county, tonight, Tuesday, and will make two or three other speeches in the district this week.

Secretary Daniels will arrive in North Carolina Wednesday morning, speaking at Morganton that afternoon and at Catawba that night, coming to Charlotte Thursday. It is also likely that Representative Heflin, of Alabama, who spoke at Charlotte and Gastonia last week, and made a splendid impression, will be back in the district next Monday. He is able to return, Mr. Heflin will speak at Lincolnton next Monday at one p. m. and at Hickory that night.

The democrats seem to be centering much of their effort in Catawba county in the hope of redeeming Catawba for democracy. While it has of late years had the habit of returning republican majorities, sometimes of several hundred, the democratic leaders over there say that they won't do worse than draw an even break for Hoey, and may carry the county. Lincoln seems certain to land in Hoey's column by a safe margin, although it is ordinarily a close county. If democratic expectations in Catawba and Lincoln are fulfilled, Hoey will come to Mecklenburg with a lead over Morehead, and Mecklenburg will finish the job. While it is usually difficult to get out a very heavy vote in a by-election, the amount of work being done this time makes it appear certain that the vote will be fairly heavy, and Hoey is certainly going to win, or there are some badly fooled democrats in the ninth district, and they will be bitterly disappointed.

Several years ago, it was a political maxim that the democrats could be depended upon to do some fool thing at the most opportune time to work their undoing, but if they ever played the fool's game any more completely than republicans in the present congress have been doing, they are going some. The last fool republican stunt was the effort of Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, sometimes termed "Dr. Moses," to revive the old "force bill." On top of the Moses' action, Senator Curtis, of Kansas, republican whip in the senate and standpatter of standpatters, submitted to the republican-controlled rules committee of the senate a motion to permit cloture to be invoked by a majority vote, in other words, to shut off debate by a mere majority vote. At present, it may be done only by a two-thirds vote, and therefore cannot be taken merely as a party step. In Washington, it is reported that there is more than a mere coincidence in these steps. To southern senators, there is a significance attached that does not hold well for southern representation. Some of them fear that the republican majority is going to attempt to either re-enfranchise the negro in the southern states or cut off southern representation in congress from those states where the negro is not permitted to vote. Either would serve the republican purpose. In many states and scores of congressional districts, the negro vote would be predominant, and of course it would be republican. It not only nearly everywhere has been so, but the negro would feel a

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FRANKLIN, Dec. 8.—Mrs. John Trotter is spending several days in Knoxville. Miss Lynn Johnston, who is in the office of the supervisor of the census at Sylva spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore have sold their home and are boarding at Junaluska inn for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Nat Gennett have returned from a two weeks' stay in New York city. Mrs. Lyle Jones has returned to her home here after a four months' absence on account of her health. J. S. Robinson is in the city for a few days. E. G. Campbell, of Atlanta, was here for a few days this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gurney, former residents of Franklin, spent Thanksgiving in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Johnston. Horace Harrison, of Boston, formerly of Franklin, is visiting his father's family here. Masters Lloyd Kingsbery and Neville Sloan, Jr., are confined to their homes with diphtheria. Mrs. Irene Weaver has returned from a short visit to relatives in Clayton, Ga. W. D. Mitchell, of Dalton, Ga., spent several days last week in Franklin. Mrs. L. B. Hayes was hostess to the semi-monthly meeting of the 1915 McDowell club on Monday afternoon. The subject of study was Verdi's Rigoletto. Mrs. Ed Taylor gave the story of the opera in a very charming manner and sang with Miss Eleanor Taylor the duet from Rigoletto, "Over the Summer Sea." Mrs. Shields played a piano arrangement of the famous Rigoletto, quartet, which was also given on the Victoria. Mrs. F. S. Johnston, who has just returned from Atlanta, gave the club a most interesting description of the Kreisler recital and the performance by the vatican choir. The following announcement was made in Franklin this week: "Mrs.

E. R. Kinnebrew announces the engagement of her daughter, Nannie Mae, to Mr. James Cook of Athens, Ga., the wedding to take place December 23. No cards. Mr. Jim Cook is spending the week-end in the city.

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merchants failed to bring about common ground on which Mr. Page could work in getting at the profiteers. The merchants were very firm in their opinion that nothing they could do would materially lower the cost of living. They declared that the buying public was largely responsible for the high cost of living because they demanded those classes of goods which were reasonable and fashionable, rather than the staple lines of goods which could be sold at a lower margin of profit.

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