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JUDGE A. B. PARKER'S SPEECH

Late Presidential Candidate Made Significant Utterance in Charlotte Recently.

The Associated Press handled the judge's Charlotte speech in its entirety, and probably every paper in the south that uses the full Associated Press reports published it. The significant portion of Judge Parker's speech is as follows.

"The time has come when new duties and responsibilities must be undertaken by the democrats of the south. It is more than two score years since the war closed and your people find themselves upon the threshold of what promises to be the most remarkable business development the world has ever known within the same time and space. Some of your men have gone forth to command the highest success in the most honorable way, in the greatest financial and commercial movements of the time; others have become the managers of great railway interests; you have developed great manufacturing enterprises, and most difficult of all, your people, as a whole, have so maintained and increased their position and the dominance of the country in one of the greatest products of the soil as to make them the wonder and the admiration of the world. In spite of your devotion to principle and consistency, in the face of numerical importance that was predominant, in politics only have you stepped aside. From the earliest days since self-government was restored you have sent your best men into public life. They have been at once modest, able, devoted, patriotic and honest. No jail or penitentiary has opened its hospitable doors to admit your senators, representatives or governors, nor have the officers of the law, from detectives to attorney generals, been compelled to hale them into the criminal courts. In the face of this record you have not only permitted us of the north to present to you candidates for president and vice president, but you have insisted upon our doing so and have therefore voted for them, and that, too, when sometimes no other state would do so. In 1896 you tried Nebraska, and since that day, no old democratic northern state has accredited one of our party to the United States senate and in none has there been a friendly governor. All the democratic training schools of the north—elementary, intermediate and higher—were closed and have remained so. The party paralysis was complete and almost fatal. In 1904, hoping to cure or palliate it, you advised returning to New York for your candidate only to meet the worst defeat in our party history. It is now nearly twelve years since any man professing devotion to our party has been chosen in the nation or in any northern democratic state to fill any important executive office. At the last election, perhaps eight out of ten of the voters then under 30 were ranged with our opponents and today the party organizations are lifeless, their one time leaders are dead or have abdicated, or worse, have become republicans, while in more than one state the threat hangs over them that they may become the victims of the spoiler, the destructive, or the corruptionist. When such conditions confront you, why should you hesitate any longer? Until the democrats of Nebraska and New York and other northern states have brought forth fruits meet for repentance—or at least so long as they are threatening to give themselves and the party over to further destruction—should you not assert yourselves? You

CRAWFORD AND PEARSON.

Will These Two Political Giants be Pitted Against Each Other in the Fall Campaign.

It is stated by the Asheville Citizen that the congressional contest in the convention this year will be quadrangular, and that the candidates for nomination are Gallert, of Rutherford, Gudger and Hewett, of Buncombe, and Crawford, of Haywood. It is also stated by the Citizen but in a different issue, that the present minister to Persia, Hon. Richmond Pearson, may possibly be the republican candidate, as he is impetuous by republicans to return and become their standard bearer in the tenth district in the next campaign. It would be fitting for Crawford and Pearson to measure lances again in this district; and it is evident that no man in the district is better qualified to meet Mr. Pearson, or any other man the republicans can put out, than Hon. W. T. Crawford. Crawford is a campaigner. Crawford is an orator and debater, Crawford is a statesman of no mean type as his speeches and record in Congress abundantly show; Crawford is conversant with the past and present conditions in this district; and he is not uninitiated in the modus operandi of national legislative machinery; Crawford is favorably known among the members of both houses of congress as he is known and loved by the people of the tenth district; and from what we have learned from various parts of the district, Crawford is sure to get the nomination. And what a vote he will roll up for the democratic party!—Waynesville Courier.

EDITOR DANIELS FOR BRYAN.

Thinks The Nebraskan Will Be Democratic Nominee For Presidency In 1908.

The Washington Post of the 14th contained the following interview with Mr. Joseph Daniels, of Raleigh: Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, one of the leading papers in North Carolina, was seen at the Raleigh, last evening. Mr. Daniels is now serving his fourth term as member of the Democratic National Committee, and no man is more thoroughly in touch with the Democratic masses of the South. In conversation with a Post reporter, Mr. Daniels said: "I believe that W. J. Bryan will be the nominee of the united Democracy in 1908. There is no shade of doubt that our state will be for him. The whole drift of public sentiment, as shown in the railway rate bill and the insurance investigation, is a vindication of Mr. Bryan's position in 1896, when the big insurance companies were pouring out money for the Republican nominee. Bryan made the charge then that they were doing it, but he did not, at the time impress the public, because the scandals had not been uncovered. The agitation for railroad-rate legislation, now championed by the President, is exactly along the line Bryan advocated in 1896. "In North Carolina the people look to see Mr. Bryan lead a winning fight in 1908, and he would undoubtedly head the ticket were the convention to be held this year. No other man in the party has grown as much as the Nebraskan in the confidence of the thoughtful people of America. "The chief source of Roosevelt's popularity grows out of his advocacy of doctrines which he condemned Bryan for preaching, and the president must himself realize that his only hope of securing the legislation he favors is in Democratic co-operation. In describing the true paternity of the railway rate bill it should be called the "Bryan-Roosevelt measure."

Starving to Death

Because her stomach was so weakened by useless drugging that she could not eat, Mrs. Mary H. Walters, of St. Clair St., Columbus, G., was literally starving to death. She writes: "My stomach was so weak from useless drugs that I could not eat, and my nerves were so wrecked that I could not sleep, and not before I was given up to die was I induced to try Electric Bitters; with the wonderful result that improvement began at once, and a complete cure followed." Best health Tonic on earth. 50c. Guaranteed by Justus Pharmacy

Strike! AN AUDITORIUM NOW NECESSARY

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

The local carpenters union will present their demands for a nine hour day, commencing April 1st. Unless their demands are granted, they will go on strike. They demand 9 hours and same wages. Average wage now is \$1.75 per day. The great majority of carpenters here are members of the union. It is said the contractors are divided as to the advisability of granting the men's demands.

The Silver Anniversary Wedding of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Waldrop.

The silver anniversary wedding of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Waldrop was an occasion long to be remembered by the 150 guests present, and the number and value of the gifts received, the heartfelt words of congratulation, and the many letters received from out-of-town friends, testifies to the popularity of the genial doctor and his ever-youthful wife, who seems to have discovered somewhere the magic spring of perpetual youth. Rev. W. D. Akers, now of Kentucky, who married Dr. Waldrop and his bride 25 years ago, and who formerly held pastorate here, wrote a most beautiful and kindly letter of congratulation. The presents were numerous and beautiful, over 120 different gifts being received, of more than 200 separate articles. The oddest of the collection was a pair of baby shoes, silvered over, the gift of little Theo. Hart. Amongst the most prized is a set of silver, comprising coffee pot, tea pot, sugar, cream and spoonholder, presented by stewards and their wives, and Dr. Litzker and his wife, of the Methodist church. Letters and gifts were received from nearly all over the county, from Ohio to Texas. Mrs. Waldrop wore her bridal dress of brown silk, trimmed with chenille fringe, tight fitting basque, crocheted buttons, with hand made shirring and drapery, with cream lace jabot at the throat, with white gloves. The doctor and wife stood under a white marriage bell, and were assisted in receiving the felicitations of their guests by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Waldrop and wife. The guests were received by Mrs. Ivins and Mrs. Garland. Refreshments of salad, ice cream, cake and coffee were served. Punch bowl was presided over by Mrs. Lila Ripley Barnwell; Salad course by Misses Nannie Edwards, Grace Hart, Lula Waldrop; ice cream and cake by Misses Edwin Hudt, Inez Waldrop, Lucile Litzker; coffee by Mrs. Pickens. The bride's cake was presided over by Miss Helen Smith, and contained a ring, thimble, coin and button. Geo. Valentine found the ring in his slice and Mr. Schenck drew the button in his. The refreshments were enjoyed greatly. The ice cream was heart shaped, half pink and half white, a pretty conceit. The lower part of the house was turned over to the guests and their merry-making. Orme Edwards kept the register in which the guests enrolled their names as they passed in. The room where the doctor and his wife stood was decorated with evergreens and white carnations. Punch room with evergreens and red roses. Refreshment room with evergreens and pink carnation, and the room where the presents were shown was pretty in evergreens and violets. The event was most successful and the guests left only at a late hour. The Doctor and his wife were the happiest of the many happy people present, and they all look forward to the golden anniversary as something not to be doubted for an instant.

Chickens without Feathers.

Three years ago the secretary of agriculture sent out his bulletin in reference to raising featherless chickens. Elias Blaisdell, of Kankakee, Ill., went into it systematically with a brood of 500, and has finally achieved remarkable results. He has 60 pullets which are not only without feathers on back or breast, but have sprouted a stiff hairy coat, which makes them look like two-legged dogs with wings and beak. The hens act in the natural way and are cheerful, but the roosters in the flock are the most woe-begone, shamed things that can be imagined. There is no fight in any of them. They mope around the chicken yard all day as if ashamed of their partial nakedness and unnatural covering. Blaisdell says he will stop further experimentation, as he believes it would be more expensive and tedious to pluck out the hairs with tweezers than to pluck the natural feathers.

Crosses the Ocean to Marry.

Albert M. White, 22, of Transylvania, and Beula Sloan, 22, of Ireland, were married yesterday afternoon, the bride having just completed a long trip over the ocean to wed her swain of the "Old Country."

Indigestion is much of a habit.

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Strike! AN AUDITORIUM NOW NECESSARY

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

There has been more or less agitation of late regarding a building to accommodate large gatherings, conventions, and so on. Such a place could be erected in some suitable location, easily accessible, at a very small cost, and Hendersonville would then be in a position to make a strong bid for conventions of any kind. We have unsurpassed hotel accommodations, and our other advantages are too well and too widely known to need repeating here. What we do lack is a building large enough to properly house a very large gathering, and the time is now ripe for the agitation of such a project. The auditorium could be built, it is suggested, on the side of a hill, open at the sides, with a great raised platform at one end. It being open at the sides would add much to the attractiveness, insuring coolness and comfort during the summer months when all conventions are held. A building of great size, it is claimed, could be erected suitable for such uses, at comparatively small cost, about \$1500 or \$2000 at the outside, and would be a most desirable adjunct to the Western North Carolina Fair, for one thing. Some of our citizens are in favor of building it on level ground, when its usefulness would be still greater in its adaptation as a roller skating rink, when not used for other purposes. At all events, Hendersonville has now reached the stage where we have outgrown our present facilities along that line, and if certain plans of the Board of Trade are carried to a successful issue, the building of a modern auditorium of some kind, will be an assured fact within the next few months. The Hustler invites its readers to give their ideas as to the proposed building. Where to build it, how to build it, what kind of a building, what size, or anything else you may have to say about it. Make your letter brief and to the point. It is the opinion of many of our prominent citizens that such a building would pay for the start, in the increased facilities for handling religious gatherings, political conventions, or any other large gatherings, and they claim it is the one thing lacking to make our beautiful city be convention place of the South.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE

The last meeting of the Board of Trade appointed a committee to see what could be done towards beautifying the town. Dr. A. H. Morey is chairman of the committee. It is proposed to form a Civic League, to create sentiment amongst property owners and business men, for the beautifying of their premises, by removing old fences, rubbish, objectional signs, etc. It is also suggested that householders could at very small expense hide woodpiles, etc., by erecting a trellis work in front of them and planting some quick growing vines. More flowers should be in evidence. The grounds around the depot are now in a deplorable condition, and it is proposed to make a strong effort to give the thousands of visitors who come here a more favorable first impression of the town by beautifying that part of the city. It will be the hardest and at the same time the most important work of all. Every progressive city realizes the importance of having a proper entrance to their town, and the condition around the depot is now exactly opposite to what it should be. The civic leagues of other cities have uniformly accomplished a vast amount of good along these lines, and it is not to be supposed that Hendersonville with its newly awakened public pride will lag in the background. The expense to property owners will be so small as to be insignificant. They will increase the value of their property, will help to bring more tourists here, and push Hendersonville to her proper place as the FIRST resort city of the South. We bespeak for the Board of Trade Committee and for the Civic League, when organized, the heartiest co-operation on the part of all our citizens, as the movement is entirely for the public weal.

From Roosevelt.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ledbetter, a little girl. Mr. J. M. Lyda had the misfortune to lose his milch cow on Sunday. Dixon A. Lyda is remodeling his store preparatory to receiving his spring goods. Messrs. Bill McKillop and Flave Rhodes were guests of the Tulahoma Inn last Sunday. Butler Owen has taken a contract to drain W. M. Freeman's bottom, which is to be completed by May first. WM. TRIMBLETOR.

Gerton News.

Mrs. Carry Bradley died at the home of her father, on March 19th, and was laid to rest in the graveyard at Hickory. She leaves father and mother, brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. B. L. Merrell was in this neighborhood last Sunday. This is Ben's old home and we are glad to see him any time. Alex Huntley has moved from Asheville to this neighborhood. He is going to farm on a big scale. M. M. Wall has bought a pair of fine horses. I expect he is going to farm too. J. T. Laughter and R. W. Freeman have made another round trip to Asheville. LUKE SHORTFIELD.

From Mills River.

O. E. Blythe and Sheriff Rhodes are opening up some of the finest farming lands in the county. They are clearing and ditching what is known as the big swamp on the Myers land, the land is very rich, there is only one thing that keeps it from being the most valuable lands in the state, it is subject to inundation. There is a remedy for that. I would suggest that Mr. Blythe and the Sheriff ought to support Mr. Gudger for congress until he gets his Buckhoals bill through, it will be worth a great deal to them as well as the entire valley.

Mr. D. L. Johnson has been operating his manure spreader (the American) made by the American Hardware Co., Detroit, Michigan. It does the work to perfection. I think the manure spreader is one of the greatest acquisitions to the farming implements that has yet been brought in to the township. Dan knows a good thing when he sees it. Mr. J. H. Kimzey bought an incubator and is preparing to satisfy the craving of the inward man. D. L. Johnson had the misfortune to lose one of his fine horses last week. Died of colic. I had the pleasure yesterday of hearing the Rev. Mr. Freeman preach to his Mount Gililand congregation. That church has been very fortunate in securing the services of this man. He has his subjects well prepared. B. T. M.

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