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"DAM MUD CREEK!"

The Largest and Most Enthusiastic Mass Meeting Ever Held in Hendersonville, Voices This Sentiment.

Not a Dissenting Voice Heard. Sufficient Money Raised to Start Preliminary Operations at Once. Many Speakers and Much Applause.

The two mass meetings resulted in sufficient stock subscriptions to guarantee immediate preliminary work being started, nearly \$2000.00 being raised. A committee is now soliciting further subscriptions. Major Barker and Dr. Few, who own thousands of acres on proposed lake will sell at price to be set by a disinterested commission. Claimed there is no obstacle which may not be overcome. Meeting of stockholders next Saturday at Court House, at 8 p.m.

At the mass meeting of the citizens held in the Court House last Saturday, the first definite steps were taken which are to make Hendersonville the most beautiful town, not only of the South but of the whole American continent, and one of the most beautiful towns in the world.

Enthusiasm was the order of the day. The speakers were applauded heartily, and of the hundreds present, not one objecting voice was raised.

Sufficient stock subscriptions were made to guarantee the preliminary steps being taken, such as surveys being made, option on the surrounding land being taken, etc. This work is necessary before serious steps toward the actual construction of the lake can be taken.

The court house was full of citizens of the town and from the country, many of them being owners of property on the proposed lake.

Capt. M. C. Toms was elected chairman of the meeting, and T. R. Barrows and T. W. Valentine, secretaries.

The first speaker was W. A. Smith, who made a strong plea for the proposed lake, saying there was no objection to it which could not be answered. He said we were not fighting Asheville, Toxaway, or any other place in North Carolina, that one place could not build up without profiting its neighboring cities, and that Hendersonville had already profited enormously through its proximity to Lake Toxaway. He closed by advocating that every man, woman and child in Hendersonville adopt as their motto, "Dam Mud Creek." Said unless the needed options were secured, there would be no lake, therefore it was to everyone's interest to give the required options and thereby vastly increase the value of their remaining property.

Hon. H. S. Anderson was the next speaker, and his theme was "Beauty as an Asset." Mr. Anderson's speech was a beautiful piece of word painting, and probably no finer little talk has ever been heard in the court house. He pictured the great expanse of water, with the blue sky and the great old mountains reflected there, he spoke of the launches, the white-sailed boats floating calmly on the bosom of the beautiful lake, he drew attention to the fact that mountain scenery has ever been counted the finest, and that when you get the rare combination of mountains and lakes you have a combination hard to beat, and one, in this case which will make Hendersonville the most famous and beautiful town on the American continent. Mr. Anderson's speech was listened to attentively and he was greeted with prolonged applause at its finish.

L. B. Morse followed and said the town was now where it must either remain a village or develop into a great and thriving city.

Col. Pickens said he was 70 years old, and at that age he thought too slowly, weighed his words too carefully, to be able to say in five minutes all he might say in favor of the project, but thought it would put us 100 years ahead of any other town in the United States.

John Orr, in a rousing little speech, said that this was the most important meeting ever held in Hendersonville.

Judge Face claimed it was all "Tomfoolery" for a man of his size to try and say anything in five minutes, and wanted to give his time to Mr. Anderson.

Chas. French Toms said he knew there was something doing because there were so many lawyers in the

meeting, and they were all talking for nothing—without pay. Said it would convert Henderson county into one great truck farm and vastly benefit the farmers, and skilled and unskilled laborers.

Judge O. V. F. Blythe congratulated himself upon being a citizen of Hendersonville, and was glad to see all so united.

Dr. Few said he would GIVE all his bottom land, and said he, for one, would not be guilty of the dog in the manger act.

E. W. Erbank said there was no room for argument, it was simply a matter of ways and means, and if successful would make Henderson the richest county in the state.

Jonathan Williams made a speech which stirred the big audience and his time was extended in answer to loud calls from the crowd. Said you might down free silver and tariff but you can't down this lake. The proposed new railroad will make Hendersonville a great distributing point, and the lake will, in reality, make the town and county, "the Switzerland of America." Said the town would be so beautiful you would want to live in it after you are dead.

Rev. Miller, Dr. Love, Dr. Litaker, and Rev. G. S. Jones then spoke briefly, after which subscriptions for stock were announced, and nearly \$1200 was raised on the spot. Messrs. Smith, Anderson and Garland were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions, and the biggest mass meeting ever held in the city adjourned to meet at the same place on Tuesday evening, Oct. 9th.

Crawford-Britt Debate.

Messrs. Crawford and Britt will speak at Mills river on Saturday, Oct. 20th, and in Hendersonville on Monday the 22nd. Let everyone who is interested in hearing the issues of the campaign and make this speaking one long to be remembered. Prof. Britt is an entertaining talker, and of course Hon. W. T. Crawford needs no introduction to the voters of Henderson county, as he is counted one of the ablest political speakers in the whole country. The date is Monday, Oct. 22nd, and every indication points towards the debate being a hot one. If you want to get posted on the issues of the campaign, turn out and listen to these two able exponents.

Can you win? You realize that to win in anything these days, requires strength, with mind and body in tune. A man or woman with disordered digestive organs is not in shape for a day's work or a day's play. How can they expect to win? Kodol For Dyspepsia contains the digestive juices of a healthy stomach in shape to perform its important function of supplying the body and brain with strength building blood. Digests what you eat, relieves indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sour Stomach, Palpitation of the heart and Constipation. Sold by F. V. Hunter.

Why Not in Hendersonville, Too?

Waynesville is to have a great cotton mill, Company is now being organized by W. W. Glenn, with a capital stock of \$150,000, of which more than \$100,000 has already been subscribed. The plant will be located three-fourths of a mile northeast of town on the railroad. The current of electricity will be generated by the Pigeon river.

What the reason Hendersonville cannot also get busy and have a mill? Is there anything more necessary? It would keep the merchants alive and give employment to the idle labor and keep the people here instead of going to the southern cotton mills.

A Lucky Footmistress.

is Mrs. Alexander, of Cary Me., who has found Dr. King's New Life Pills to be the best remedy she ever tried for keeping the Stomach, Liver and Bowels in perfect order. You'll agree with her if you try these painless purifiers that infuse new life. Guaranteed by The Justus Pharmacy. Price 25c.

CRAWFORD-BRITT CAMPAIGN.

Crawford's Chances Good—Britt on the Defensive.—Spoke Tuesday night in Asheville.

Special Correspondence.

For three weeks Messrs. Britt and Crawford have waged a friendly contest for a \$5,000 seat in congress and each has fought bravely and well for his respective party. Tuesday night they spoke to a crowded and enthusiastic house at Asheville, the campaign stops for one week.

Mr. Britt, in a scholarly and logical way, has advocated the beauties of Protection that he claims has brought to the United States prosperity and wealth. His more aggressive competitor in vigorous and forceful manner has denounced the republican leaders in North Carolina. While the rank and file of the republican party are honest, and he has ridiculed the slogan of Protection that protects the trusts, millionaire manufacturers and corporate wealth, while it robs the Southern farmer and makes him pay higher for trust-made goods.

Mr. Britt is a nice, Christian gentleman with a clean record, but is a cold blooded proposition that fails to enthrone or animate his crowd with his speeches.

Mr. Crawford is an experienced campaigner, who warms up his audience with his enthusiasm, and he knows how to win votes. On the day after election you will find Crawford a winner with increased majority, and don't you forget it.

Two years ago Congressman Gudger won his election by less than a thousand majority—about 900 votes. There has been no political upheaval in this district since that election, so Crawford's chances of election are splendid. He is a more aggressive campaigner, and knows Britt on the defensive and is a more skilled adversary than Britt. Often I have heard old farmers laugh and cry, "Crawford is just too much for Britt!"

The three counties of Rutherford, Buncombe and Haywood will give Crawford a democratic majority exceeding 2000 votes. Rutherford is expected to give him 800 majority, and there are several other democratic counties with each a majority of 100 to increase the above estimate for Crawford. Each one of the three above named will give over 600 majority.

Per contra, the biggest republican county—Henderson, will give only 400 majority, or much less, perhaps, for Britt and the two next strongest republican counties will give as usual about 250 each majority for Britt. A few others will give him only 100 majority or less.

But the three above named counties of Rutherford, Buncombe and Haywood insure Crawford's election, and Crawford's campaign is winning him more votes.

Britt complains he has only one little republican newspaper, while his competitor has an able daily and a dozen weeklies to advocate his candidacy. Yet democrats must not sleep on their arms, but do vigorous and systematic work until election and thereby help to increase the majority.

Crawford knows all the prominent men and workers in his district, calls their names at sight and gives them an enthusiastic hand shake, and sometimes stops by the roadside to visit an aged or blind friend of other days. Britt looks dignified like a preacher in his clerical black suit with gold spectacles; is an unimpassioned speaker and as a campaigner is as cold as a North wind to a icicle. Of course he is not a voter-winner like the magnetic Crawford.

Crawford is a ruddy-cheeked, typical mountain athlete with broad shoulders, six feet high and weighing 190 pounds avoirdupois; Britt is smaller, with a sallow complexion and aggressive nose, 5 feet, and 10 inches high and is 44 years of age, or six years younger than Crawford.

It appears strange to many voters that a revenue man, skilled in the art of cutting up "stills," should be the standard-bearer of the Tenth congressional district, yet the revenue men and postmasters still dominate the republican party in North Carolina. Did the revenue men have a hand in nominating Mr. Britt?

Crawford's charges. Then Crawford attacked Britt's Prosperity and Protection fallacies, so dear to republican leaders, and he shows his statements about the tariff are erroneous, until Britt has several times admitted that the Panic upon which he harps so much came in 1893 under Harrison's administration and more than a year before the passage of the Wilson (dem.) tariff in August, 1894, under Cleveland. So the Panic came too soon for Britt's argument. Then in 1890 under republican rule there was a panic that caused the cry of "Hard Times" and gave birth to the weird, wild conglomerate Populist party that cried in stentorian voice, "16 to 1 or Bust!" So the facts of his story are against Britt's slogan to catch votes—"The democrats under Free Trade" brought Panic and hard times; the republicans under Dingley tariff brought prosperity and wealth.

This was the keynote of national republican party in 1904 and Britt re-echoes in every speech this republican rot. The democratic Walker tariff of 1846 was followed by prosperity, so this negative the republican cry that democratic tariff brings ruin and disaster.

Men sometimes get sick, so do nations. Panics come and go for reasons as varied as the intonations of our Southern Mocking bird. The Panic began in the banks of England and was world-wide. It reached every civilized nation in Europe as well as in America, tariff or no tariff.

Prosperity is now world-wide and the nations have gotten well and recovered from the panic and America is taking too load among the nations of the world.

The South's cotton crop of 400 million dollars in exports, or more than a million dollars each and every day for the year ending Sept. 1, 1906, were shipped to Europe and Asia, besides the 8 million bales of cotton used North and South in the mills brought prosperity to the South, Mr. Crawford claims, and helped to keep the balance of trade on the credit side for this country.

Mr. Crawford said that for years the republican party had claimed that God was on their side in helping them bring prosperity, but since that party had been guilty of so much rascality, He had dissolved the copartnership with the republican party, which now claims, "We brought you all this prosperity!"

Mr. Britt opposes, he says, an income tax and will not vote to so amend the constitution as to allow congress pass an income tax upon all incomes over \$5,000 per year; Mr. Crawford favors an income tax to make corporate wealth and millionaires, with United States bonds free from tax, help bear the burdens of this government, as they do in England.

This government protects the bondholders and corporate wealth, so they should pay for that protection by an income tax.

This district favors an income tax and will give Crawford a good majority in November. Crawford is a winner, and don't you forget it. W. H. MILLER.

JUSTICE AFTER THE "ORGIN."

Charges Butler's Subsidized Sheet With Unfairness and Challenges the Editor to a Joint Discussion of the Issues.

Mr. E. J. Justice, one of the candidates for representative from Guilford county, has recently been making some effective speeches that have thrown consternation into the republican camp. The Industrial News undertook to misrepresent Mr. Justice, but he calls the bluff, as the following letter will show:

To the Editor of the Industrial News: I note in your issue of October 2nd that State Chairman Adams of the republican committee quoted me as saying in a speech at Proximity that the republican party leased the North Carolina railroad to the Southern. I said no such thing. The fact that this error was made by a young man reporting for the Telegram is not sufficient excuse for its publication in your paper, for you had a reporter present. Inasmuch as I did not say this, Chairman Adams' criticism goes for nothing. As a matter of fact, both the chairman and secretary of the Republican State Executive committee inquired of a responsible gentleman who was present whether I made this statement, and were both informed the day before you published Mr. Adams' comments that I said nothing of the kind.

in a speech in Sumner township on yesterday, and your editorial comments are not fair.

I have felt, and am now confirmed in my opinion, that a joint debate upon the political issues is the only fair way of letting the people judge between your party and mine. Our way of debating at long range is neither accurate, fair nor enlightening.

Inasmuch as you have seen proper to pretend to quote me, permit me to state briefly some of the things that I am saying in my speeches.

Friend of the Trusts. I maintain that the republican party is the friend of the trusts, and the beneficiary of contributions from them, and from the interests protected by the tariff, and from the New York Life Insurance companies.

I maintained that President Roosevelt is popular in so far as he has departed from his platform, and that when the people realize and understand how little he has really accomplished, and how much noise he has made about it, he will lose that popularity which he has heretofore enjoyed.

I charge that Marion Butler and Judge Adams juggle with figures, and that their charges against the democratic party are so unfair that in joint debate the men who made the charges will be put on the defensive.

Make North Carolina a Repeach.

I charge that the republican party has never been a power in North Carolina, that it did not only discredit self but made North Carolina a reproach in the eyes of the world.

I charge that if one-half of what the Blackburn faction says about your faction is true, that you are unfit to administer the affairs of the State of North Carolina, and I charge that if one-half of what you and Judge Adams have said about Blackburn and his faction is true, they are unfit to hold office.

I charge that the leaders of the Republican party in North Carolina are divided into two factions, fighting over Federal offices, and that practically all of those who have positions are offensive partisans.

Contention Contradicted

I charge that your contention and that of Judge Adams, that the republican party in North Carolina offers to the people good reason for voting your ticket, and that your argument that your party is founded upon principle, is contradicted by your refusal to meet those who differ with you and discuss before the people these questions which they must settle.

I charge that in North Carolina, as in the nation, the democratic party stands for the rights of the people, while the republican party stands for special interests and is controlled by them. An evidence of this is that the democratic party in June, declared against unfair discrimination in the matter of freight charges by the railroads. It declared in favor of a reduction in passenger charges, and that the men who accept a free pass, like the railroad company that gives them, should be made a criminal and that the interference by public service corporations in politics should be made odious.

The republican party met in convention after the democratic party had adopted its platform, and failed to pledge itself to any of these reforms in its platform, or to denounce any of these wrongs.

I argue that the republican party is easily dominated by favored classes, both in the state and the nation against the interests of the majority.

A Challenge—Meet it.

If you and Judge Adams desire to discuss these matters with me at all, do this, not in a newspaper whose columns are open to you and to him and closed to me, but in joint debate.

I propose that you or Judge Adams meet me upon these issues, if you differ with me in my position with respect to them, at such times and places in Guilford county as you may suggest. If you decline this and continue to answer further arguments that I make, or that you pretend I make, will you give me not over a column in such issue of your paper as I may request to correct the errors that you may fall into by undertaking to carry on a debate at long range.

Will you do me the courtesy to publish this letter in your issue of October 3rd, for if you are unable to publish it in that issue, then on as early a date as you can do so?

E. J. JUSTICE.

Oct. 2, 1906.

Williams is Coming.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14.—Minority Leader John Sharp Williams has indicated his willingness to make several speeches in North Carolina during the campaign, probably as many as three. The selections of the places at which Mr. Williams will speak will be left to State Chairman Simmons. It is probable that other prominent democrats of national reputation will take part in the North Carolina campaign though Chairman Simmons will be consulted before any announcement is made by the congressional committee.

Registration.

Registrars opened their books for registration of voters on October the 5th, and will close same on Saturday, October 27th. Registrars are required to be at polling places each Saturday during this period; all other days except Sunday they can register voters at their respective homes. Registrars should carefully go over their books and erase all names of parties that have died or moved away. Especial attention of the registrars is called to the fact that quite a lot of people have moved out of the county, staying only a short time and moving back. These people are not entitled to vote, as a voter must have lived continuously for two years in this State, 6 months in the county, and four months in the township, except where a man moves from one township to another within the four months prior to election. He can go back to where he moved from to vote but must have been in the State the 2 years and county 6 months.

All who are already registered and have not moved since last election do not have to register now. All who have become of age or otherwise qualified to vote within the last two years must register this year.

A cold is much more easily cured when the bowels are open. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar opens the bowels and drives the cold out the system of young or old. Sold by F. V. Hunter.

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The Purity Laundry is strictly a home institution. The large amount paid out in wages by it is spent right here in Hendersonville. The more work done by it, the more money is paid in wages. You help the town and your own interest always when you patronize the Purity Laundry or any other home enterprise. You work against the best interests of the town and of yourself when you send money out of the city, for any purpose; when you can get equally good service right here at home.

We guarantee our service to be equal in every respect to any laundry in North Carolina.

We will cheerfully correct any mistakes of any kind whatever.

What we want is satisfied customers, and we are in a position to satisfy the most particular, both as to quality and price.

Our handsome delivery wagon will call for and deliver your work promptly.

Our machinery is strictly modern. Our labor is experienced and high class.

We know we can please you in every particular, and solicit your patronage.

We guarantee satisfaction in quality of work, in delivery service and in price.

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Yours truly,

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