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Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 18:10.

BICKETT A LEADER.

It was a happy day for North Carolina when the Democrats of the State voted to have Attorney General W. T. Bickett lead their ticket as candidate for governor. Over at Ashboro Saturday Mr. Bickett formally opened his campaign, and according to reports his speech left nothing to be desired by those who have been waiting for the beginning of hostilities in the State.

As a campaign orator, as an after dinner speaker, or in any capacity in which he may appear before the public Mr. T. Bickett very probably has no equal in North Carolina today. He has a way of saying things that the folks like, and this added to his native ability and experience in the public forum make him invincible and invincible.

Woodrow Wilson for President and Thomas Walter Bickett for Governor is what the Democracy is saying to the folks "down home" this year. And it sounds mighty good. If the Republicans make any gains against a team like that, they will just simply have to "go home."

"Bickett will make the greatest Governor North Carolina has had since Aycock," said a man some time ago. And he gave it as his reason, that Bickett is a man with a head on his shoulders to do his own thinking, and able enough and fearless enough to do the right thing at all times.

North Carolina folks hadn't heard much about Bickett until a very few years ago. In the memorable convention at Charlotte in 1908, he was nominated for attorney general and duly elected at the following election. And North Carolina has had a man on the job ever since in this highly important position.

Off and on for the past four years this man Bickett has been making speeches in different parts of the State and the folks have learned that "what it takes to make a speech he has it." In May, 1923, he went up to

BICKETT OPENS CAMPAIGN AT an epidemic of prosperity.
ASHBORO SATURDAY.

The Greatest Prosperity.
In Thrilling Address Democratic Can-
didate Hails Beautiful Record of
National Democracy.

Attorney General Thomas Walter Bickett, Democratic nominee for Governor of North Carolina, in a ringing speech Saturday at Ashboro formally opened his campaign in the State. The speech was reported for the Greensboro News by Mr. W. T. Boat and it is so good that we are reprinting parts of it. Bickett has no equal in North Carolina today as a campaign orator, is the opinion of many who have heard him. His speeches make good reading matter, and that's a good test.

The fellows wanted to yell and when Dr. E. L. Morris rapped for the beginning and uttered two prophecies—Mr. L. C. Phillips, our next treasurer of Randolph, will present the Honorable T. W. Bickett, the next governor of North Carolina.

The crowd shook up the house.

Mr. Phillips is some orator himself. If he can collect money or even votes as he can gather the "roumements" from the crowd, he will come precisely near getting there in November.

Mr. Phillips told the crowd that Bickett is kin by blood to Vance, has the wit and humor of that great leader, "and is himself the greatest orator in North Carolina."

Mr. Bickett surveyed the crowd and recalled that the first campaigning recorded in North Carolina was held in this country. "And this great throng here, as fine as any man in North Carolina ever spoke to, I am persuaded is the great grandson of that meeting."

He took a rapid inventory of the county, its fine courthouse and jail, beautiful roads built at \$300 a mile, its great wheat production, its cotton mills and its schools and its children, all gained through a county government which had made a bonded indebtedness of little more than \$100,000. "That is one-tenth of what some counties have," he said. "I don't know whether you are proud of that record or not, but I know that your next governor (great applause) is and he does not believe that you are going to turn it over to the dark and uncertain hand of the Republican party."

Quotes Melville Stone.

Mr. Bickett quoted the recent statement of Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press. Mr. Stone was in Raleigh and was discussing the war. "If a man believes in God let him go home, get down on his knees and thank God for peace." The speaker then drew a fine word picturing the American boy at home and the millions dead on the European battlefields. "Why is your boy, and your boy, and your boy," he asked, pointing to men and women in the audience, "why are these dear ones with you while a million others just as dear to their fathers and mothers are dead on the field of battle? It is because there is, I say it reverently in Washington, a divine sense of justice. (Applause.) And to you, young men, I say, if you be-

ing his own to his fall six feet down, that if they attempted any such thing as that he would take their charter away from them. And McAdoo further said that if they would be good he had \$50,000,000 which he had just manufactured and had it down there in the sub-treasury. He gave it to them and that's the last of clearing house certificates."

Bickett had been able to impart the suggestion of oppression for the small banks by unusual rates of interest. He explained how the federal reserve banks under the control of the federal reserve board always knew just how much money is available and how they respond to the demands made upon them from the board at Washington. Not only did he have that \$50,000,000 to stop a panic but he had \$500,000,000 more at Washington, Bickett said, manufactured to meet all the emergencies of the country, "and the last heard of that panic which a few men on Wall Street in New York had attempted to bring upon the country, it was fleeing with its tail between its legs and McAdoo was in hot pursuit with a bull whip in one hand and \$500,000,000 of the living long run in the other." (Great laughter.)

The inelasticity of the system then allowed the money centers of New York to crush the little fellow of the country, he explained by a movement among the bankers more than 15 years ago to issue clearing house certificates in lieu of "the living green," as he denominated it. Clearing house references may be Greek but he explained that not allowing the banknotes

drawn himself to his fall six feet down on the knee and thank God for peace." (Great applause.) And if Woodrow Wilson hadn't been big enough, brave enough to stand up against the taunts and sneers of those who sat on the walls of death, thousands of our bravest and best boys would have been dead in Mexico and in France. And while the old world is reeling in time's greatest tragedy, and their rulers are living under an epidemic of adversity, America is at peace and living under

know it.

McADOO CALLS THEM.

"The most dramatic event in the financial history of the nation," he said, "was that in which McAdoo was apprised by the New York bankers that they were going to issue clearing house certificates. He wired them that he would be there the next day and not to say anything about it until he got there. And when he came before them he told them," Bickett said,

"I never heard of any such thing that?" he asked. "Whoever heard any farmers' paper in a national bank before? But here it is. And I tell you farmers the American people ought to sing that old song: 'Oh you pretty Master McAdoo, how we do love the way you do do.'"

He would not stop at that. He had done amazingly well at entertaining the fellows, and it was unconsciously so. But Bickett was now speaking to the fellows who must carry the sun. "Not only has our adminis-

tration made impossible another panic,

made possible the borrowing of money

for 30 days or 40 years as the bor-

rower wills, but it has given \$5,000,-

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Houston, "who was born down here in Union county where Andy Jackson and myself were born," he said, the government has gone into the road business. It has taught agriculture, has taught scientific marketing, and "Uncle Sam, shifting his quid of tobacco to the southwest corner of his mouth, says, 'By golly, they haven't any roads to carry their crops over; I will just make 'em some new one. And they provided \$85,000,000 in this country,' he said. North Carolina, he declared, has already been apportioned \$228,000, and that's just a starter. He brought the house to a roar when he rehearsed these acts of the national legislature and told the story of a Franklin farmer who believed in him as a man of pretty fair character, but blamed if I don't believe you've won a-volunt' of the quart law and it's wont to your head." He admitted that it put a burden upon a farmer's creditability but Bickett spoke by the book.

"This is the first time since the days of Abraham Lincoln when the American people have been in the saddle," he said as he approached the end of national things. "The administration has been their administration and these acts have been their acts. This administration has meant more to the average man than any since Lincoln's death.

"A glorious peace is ours. A great prosperity is here," he shouted in quotation from Mr. Hughes. "But you turned out Durand for Sam Hodges, of North Carolina," Bickett mocked to a crowd that caught well the sarcasm. The Republican presidential candidate, Bickett said, could answer the dominant party's record only in sectional disputes over a piece of pie. "But Mr. Hughes says it's too good to last," the speaker said. "Well, thank God, it's here and I know you farmers will join me in singing that new song, 'It's a long, long way

to the leadership of Secretary to Temporary."

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Council Committee.