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MR. BICKETT CHARMS HIS STANLY COUNTY AUDIENCE

Candidate for State gubernatorial Chair Discusses National Issues—Tells of Wilson's Great Record.

Reported for The Enterprise.

Mobilization of the Democratic forces for the coming campaign began in earnest in Stanly county when Hon. T. W. Bickett, Democratic candidate for Governor, addressed a large assemblage of Democrats in the court house, on last Saturday afternoon.

When Mr. Bickett arrived on the 1:58 train from Wadesboro, he was greeted at the court house steps with a blast of inspiring music by the Wiscasset Band and in a few moments the large court room was crowded, many ladies being among the number assembled.

After the band had played "Dixie" and all standing room had been taken, Hon. R. L. Smith, Democratic chairman for Stanly County, found his feet and in a few well-chosen sentences, told why every Democrat this year of all others ought to be proud of himself, and how the present year should mean to him a permanent confirmation of his faith and a substantial growth in grace. He then presented Judge Sikes, of the local bar, who with Col. Bickett, Secretary Houston, Andrew Jackson, and others, were born in Union county. In presenting his distinguished compatriot, the Judge proved to the satisfaction of all his worthiness to be Union-born.

He dwelt upon the inspiration that the hillsides of Stanly county must have been to the candidate when as a boy he looked across the river toward them and that he was sure they would be a still greater inspiration to him on November next when he read the election returns from among them. He spoke something of the character of the leaders Democracy was offering to the people this year, and finally handed down a decision in which all, from the applause, seemed to concur—that there was nothing a Democrat any more enjoyed than a Democratic speech and nothing a Republican any more sorely needed.

It was only when, in closing, he said the standard-bearer present possessed the wit of Vance and the oratory of Aycock that the audience thought the Judge extravagant. But he it said, before the standard-bearer had finished with them they agreed that the Judge had been "plenty" conservative.

For two hours and a half Mr. Bickett charmed, thrilled and convulsed his hearers and held them spell-bound. When he had reasoned of peace and prosperity and life in America as contracted with slaughter and death in Europe and showed beyond all peradventure that our good fortune was due to the wisdom of Democratic administration, Republicans trembled and called for a more "convenient season." He dwelt upon the constructive legislation that had been enacted during the present administration, and showed that it had been greater than any other administration could boast since the birth of the Republic.

He went on to show how Mr. McAdoo had at the beginning of the European war, saved the country from financial and industrial ruin when on the brink of the most terrible panic the world had ever known, and how later, the country was delivered from the shackles of the money power by the Federal Reserve Bank Act. This he stated was probably the greatest piece of legislation in the history of the country; and in the course of his speech he gave a clear and comprehensive explanation of the workings of the system.

In substance Mr. Bickett said: "There was a panic during Mr. Cleveland's administration and for the rest of his term Republican spell-binders charged every disaster that fell to the lot of man, to Democratic misrule. If a sitting hen came off a nest of a dozen eggs with only three chicks they thought it was because Democrats were in power. But when in 1907, like a thunder-bolt out of a clear sky, a panic descended they were hard put to it to explain. But I am going to be fair enough with you to say that Mr. Roosevelt was not to blame for the panic of 1907, neither was Mr. Cleveland responsible for the one of 1893. It is rather to the credit of both men that the panics occurred, for they occurred for no less a reason than that both Presidents made bold to interfere with nefarious schemes of money sharks who under the old system had the financial life of the country in its grasp. I don't even blame the Republican party for enacting the old system, for it was inaugurated

TWO KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED AT R. R. CROSSING

Ford Motor Truck Struck by Passenger Train No. 63 of Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad.

Two men are dead and another seriously injured as the result of a collision of a Ford motor truck and a passenger train of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company, which occurred late Thursday afternoon of last week, just north of the city. The dead are: G. K. Kearns and John Merritt, both of Albemarle. The injured man is Claude E. Merritt, a brother of John Merritt.

Seemingly, from the best information at hand, Kearns and the two Merritts were going at a rather rapid rate when they started to cross the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad at a deep cut near the home of G. F. Smith, just north of the city, and did not notice the approaching train until the collision occurred.

It is also stated that the train force did not see the truck until the train struck it. Kearns was killed outright, his neck being broken, while Merritt survived only a few minutes. Kearns and Merritt and also the injured man were rushed rapidly as possible into the station, a distance of about a mile, and then up town for medical attention. Mr. Kearns was about 26 years old and leaves a wife and two children, while Merritt was about the same age, and also leaves a wife and two children. Claude Merritt will recover from his injuries unless complications set in.

Mr. Kearns was a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Kearns, and was working for Debbie Moss, merchant, at time of the accident. Mr. Merritt was a son of Harris Merritt. Both of the deceased were buried last Friday; the former, at Kendall's church, Rev. W. S. Hales, of First Street Methodist Church, preaching the funeral sermon, and the Junior Order looking after the burial; the latter was buried at Canton Baptist Church.

Wiscasset-Efird Schools Open September 18.

The Wiscasset-Efird Graded School will open Monday, September 18, and patrons are urged to have their children enter the first day and have their names enrolled and work assigned at the beginning. By entering at the opening children have an even start, and it is the first step for promotion. A good start is half of the victory.

The Superintendent wants the children east of the Coley Branch and the creek to come Monday morning, and all those west of the Coley Branch and the creek to come Monday evening. Do not fail to take notice of the time your children are to come to school as the work has been arranged to assign teachers, pupils, and grades at the above named time.

O. D. RITCHIE, Supt.

A Surprise Birthday Dinner at Mr. Pickler's.

A surprise birthday dinner was given D. F. Pickler, Sr., at his home near New London, Sunday. There were about 200 people present, representing Spencer, Norwood, Albemarle, New London, and the Plyler, Misenheimer, and Randall church communities. All seemed to enjoy the occasion, and the dinner was very greatly appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Pickler.—Contributed.

during the Civil War, and as a war measure, it was efficient, but where they committed their great sin was, after they saw the danger of such a system in the times of peace, they took no steps to remedy it. The Democrats when they came into power struck at the root of the evil and have removed the most fruitful source of panics."

Mr. Bickett's closing remark was significant. In substance, it was as follows:

"So far as Mr. Wilson is concerned, it makes little difference what his enemies say. It makes little difference whether you elect or defeat him. The work he has already done will stand as an enduring monument to his eternal glory, but it will make a difference with you. It will be a test of your ability to govern yourselves; a test of your ability to discriminate between a prophet who hides himself and goes out to serve you and a demagogue who seeks to use you for his own ends. Shall it be said of us, that a prophet walked among us and we knew him not? I think not. I still have faith in the 'ninety-and-nine' when they know the truth."

Throughout the long and forceful address there was not one word of bitterness against the Republicans, not even harsh criticism, and when it was over both Democrats and Republicans seemed impressed.

Unquestionably it was a triumph in so far as speeches may be triumphs, and the Democrats of Stanly county are prouder than ever of Mr. Bickett as their leader.

TWELVE CENT MINIMUM SAYS FARMERS' UNION

Organization of Entire South Into Marketing Units Will Begin at Once—Organized in Thirty States.

New Orleans Dispatch, Sept. 8.

The annual meeting of State Farmers' Union Presidents which has just closed here fixed 12 cents per pound as the minimum price of cotton and urged all that bankers, merchants and business interests of the south co-operate in maintaining this price in order that the cotton industry of the South might be placed upon a stable basis.

Peter Radford of the Texas Warehouse Commission was appointed chairman of the committee having these matters in charge. Mr. Radford immediately called a meeting of his committee at Houston on September 19 and invited leading officials of the Union in all cotton states to attend. The committee will discuss with the business men of Houston the warehouse financial and shipping facilities with a view of determining the percentage of the Southern cotton crop which can be stored, financed and handled through Houston. The organization of the entire South into marketing units with the Farmers' Union locals as a basis will begin as soon as suitable men can be put in the fields.

Henry N. Pope was elected president of the association and I. N. McCollister, of Louisiana, Secretary. The Union has state organizations in thirty states and President Pope will make a tour of all states at an early date.

The work of organization will be rapidly extended to meet the needs of every product and every section, the association has invited the co-operation of the commercial clubs, business men's organizations, state and federal governments and all efforts to improve agricultural economics and contends that a higher degree of efficiency can be obtained by all agencies for progress working through the organized farmers.

WILL RAISE \$20,000 FOR ALBEMARLE INSTITUTE

Charlotte, Sept. 8.—The election of Rev. J. C. Shive as president of the Albemarle Normal and Industrial Institute was heartily endorsed by the Mecklenburg Presbytery at its meeting at Queens College Wednesday. The determination of those in direct charge of the institution to raise \$20,000 to put the school on its feet financially was also heartily approved. This will be done by the board and Rev. Mr. Shive. In the estimation of the Presbytery, the Albemarle school is doing a very fine and lasting work in Stanly county in educating girls and young women at a moderate cost. The report of the institution was made Wednesday by Secretary Huncycutt.

OLD TIME STORIES OF THE OLD NORTH STATE

There are many loyal North Carolinians who do not know that a delightful book of true stories relating to the history of our State has been written in charming style and compiled into a volume called "Old Time Stories of the Old North State."

While these stories are of great interest to both old and young it is for the latter that have been especially prepared.

They are such stories as develop the love and sympathy of the heart, bring splendid examples of courageous nobility and fortitude, encourage to a life of useful citizenship, and illustrate the laws and conditions that governed the lives of the founders of the great commonwealth of North Carolina.

The book is a factor for both pleasure and profit, and should be used as a supplementary reader in all our schools, and also be in every library.

Teachers who have used it have had gratifying results, and eminent scholars and professors commended it in flattering terms.

Mrs. L. A. McCorkle is the author and deserves the thanks of the State for her excellent work.

We live, little as the majority realize it, upon tradition, and the study of history enables us to extend, verify, and perpetuate tradition. North Carolina is rich in traditions and we are robbing ourselves to be ignorant of them.

We would say to all, read this little book. It may be obtained from State dealers, and from D. C. Heath & Company, Publishers, New York, for 45 cents.

FOR SALE: Nice, clean bank or river sand. Write or phone D. N. Bennett, Norwood, N. C. s14-6p

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH OUR CORN CLUB BOYS?

Answer: Nothing—They're All Right—Loving Cup Won at Raleigh for Largest Attendance.

S. J. Lentz, our County Demonstrator, came into The Enterprise office Saturday, lugging a mysterious package. We did not know at first whether it was a pig in a poke, some new cotton, or a big ear of corn, that he wanted to show us. It proved to be none of these things. He unwrapped the parcel and displayed before our eyes a beautiful loving-cup. We were interested of course, but wondered what in the "Sam Hill" Sam J. Lentz was doing with a loving-cup. But Mr. Lentz bade us to read the inscription on the cup. This we did, and we quote herewith the inscription: "Awarded to Stanly County for Largest Attendance Considering Distance Traveled of Club Members at 1916 Short Course, A. & M. College, August 22-25, by President W. C. Riddick, S. J. Lentz, County Agent, Carl Mabry, Captain."

Mr. Lentz said that twenty-three corn club boys went from this county, the distance traveled being 123 miles. Wake county, which had a larger membership, was not allowed to compete for the cup, so Stanly came off victor.

Our Demonstrator made the trip with the boys over the Norfolk-Southern from Norwood. It was the trip of their lives for many of the boys, and the things they saw and heard will exert a tremendous influence in their lives. They are to be among our future farmers—rather they are Stanly's good farmers now—and we do not think we are too optimistic when we say that Stanly will have bigger and better crops than ever before as a result of the boys' trip to Raleigh. Better poultry, cattle and livestock may also result. Mr. Lentz has done well and the boys have reason to congratulate themselves.

FORMAL OPENING OF THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

The formal opening exercises of the Collegiate Institute will be held in the Chapel at 10 o'clock Thursday, September 14. Boarding students are expected to report in Mt. Pleasant on the 13th.

Several speakers have been secured who will deliver addresses. The local pastors will extend greetings to the students. Among the alumni who have signified their intention to be present for the opening is the Rev. J. B. Moore, of Bluefield, W. Va., who has agreed to make an address. Word has been received from a number of the alumni and ex-students that they would be at the opening. Patrons and friends will be welcome to these exercises. It is a fine opportunity to exercise a helpful influence on young men entering upon a course fraught with great possibilities, and the management will be gratified to see a goodly number present and thus evidencing their interest in the young men.

The outlook for the coming session is encouraging. Despite the agencies which have crippled the resources of many of our people, the indications point to a good enrollment. Thanks are hereby tendered to the alumni, pastors and friends who have brought to the attention of young men the advantages afforded at the Institute. The faculty are grateful for this valuable assistance.

The plant is in good condition for the comfortable care of the student-body. Considerable renovating has been done, and electric lights have been installed in all the buildings. The students will be pleased with the added conveniences.

Mrs. Sarah A. Misenheimer, who formerly served quite satisfactorily as matron of the boarding hall, will again be in charge of that department.

The teaching staff is unchanged except that Prof. P. E. Monroe succeeds Captain Weeks who will take post graduate work. Expressions from patrons and friends indicate decided satisfaction with the choice of the new faculty member. Mr. Monroe is held in high esteem by those who knew him as a student of the Institute several years ago.

The teachers have been benefited by the recreations which came by way of change, not vacation, and are ready to enter heartily and enthusiastically upon the work of the session, with high hopes for a good year.

COTTON-SEED ----- 60c
COTTON-----14 3-4c

MAINE ELECTION SHOWS MARKED DEMOCRATIC GAINS

State Again Enters Republican Column But Former Majorities Are Reduced.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 11.—At a late hour tonight the indications, based on a tabulation of the vote from a little more than half the precincts, were that the Republicans had won the State election today by safe pluralities.

If the ratio of the Republican margin is maintained, Carl E. Killikin will be elected Governor by about 11,000 plurality.

Bert M. Fernald, Republican, seems to have been elected for the short term in the United States Senate and the same ratio of gain would give him a plurality of 9,500.

United States Senator Charles F. Johnson, Democrat, apparently has been defeated by Frederick Hale, by an indicated plurality of 7,500.

If the Republican congressional candidates hold the lead they had late tonight, three, Louis B. Goodall, in the First District, Congressman John A. Peters, in the Third, and Ira G. Henry, in the Fourth, are elected. Congressman Daniel J. McGillicuddy, Democrat, appeared to have been defeated in the Second District by Wallace H. White, but this fight was close.

The total vote may prove to have been the largest ever cast in the State.

Culmination of Hot Fight. The election was the culmination of one of the hottest fights ever waged in the State and marked the reunion of the Republican and Progressive parties, whose differences in 1912 gave the electoral vote of Maine to President Wilson and two years later resulted in the election of Governor Oakley C. Curtis, a Democrat, by a plurality of 3,189. Tonight's figures indicate that the largest percentage of the Progressive vote which two years ago was 18,225, was cast today for the Republican ticket.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 12.—Practically complete returns from yesterday's election show no changes in the general result. The Republican victory was complete, scattering returns from outlying districts today showing the trend of the early forecasts. The total vote, approximately 150,000, was the largest ever cast in a State election. These figures have not been approached since 1880, when 142,802 were cast. In the last Presidential year and two years ago it fell below 142,000.

Maine in 1912.

The vote in the State of Maine in the year 1912 in the Presidential contest stood as follows:

Roosevelt	48,493
Taft	26,545
Total Republican	75,038
Wilson	51,113

Difference ----- 23,925

It will be seen by these figures that Wilson had a plurality over Roosevelt in 1912 of 2,620.

The combined vote of Roosevelt and Taft was 23,925 over Wilson, and this compared with the 13,000 Republican majority does not look so bad for Republican Maine after all.

Wilson friends believe that he will poll a good many of these votes in the November election.—Salisbury Post.

A Wilson Convert. "Permit me to congratulate the Republican upon its discussion in regard to President Wilson and the administration. Its course blazes the way of independence and honesty before that of subservency and partisanship," said Edward Kemble, of Beverly, Mass., in a letter to the editor of the Springfield Republican.

"I write," continued Mr. Kemble, "as a lifelong Republican until these very recent years—a business man, not a politician."

"If Mr. Hughes is elected he will have been elected by Theodore Roosevelt, who will become, I presume, secretary of State; but whether he may hold office or not, he will be the governor of the Hughes' administration. This will be lamentable. Theodore Roosevelt has been a power for good, but he has lost his grip."

T. L. ROSS HAS STROKE OF APOPLEXY.

R. E. Austin, Esq., was notified on Monday that his brother-in-law, T. L. Ross, had suffered a stroke of apoplexy at Charleston, S. C., on Sunday night. Mr. Austin left Tuesday to be at the bedside of the stricken man. A message yesterday stated that Mr. Ross was unconscious and that his condition was critical.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak. Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

DAM ACROSS YADKIN AT BADIN NEARLY FINISHED

About 1,500 Men at Work on the Structure—Build Many Houses—In Operation Next Year.

The big dam across the Yadkin at the Narrows is moving rapidly toward completion, and it is expected that it will be finished early next year. The July floods in the river delayed the completion of this dam about 60 days. About 1,500 men are at work on the construction of the mammoth re-inforced concrete structure, included among the laborers being about 400 State convicts. Already the dam has been completed to the full height about one-third the way across the river, and many sections of the remainder are already built from one-third to one-half the required height. The dam when complete is to be 170 feet high, and 18 feet wide at the top and from 50 to 200 feet wide at the base. Work on the power house is progressing rapidly and will be ready for use when the tunnels that have been bored through the Montgomery hills are stopped and the mass of rock and cement turns back 10 square miles of water, ready to be turned on the turbine wheels which will produce 75,000 horse power and change the force that for these many years has gone unharnessed, into thousands of volts of electricity, which in turn the Aluminum Company of America will use in the manufacture of aluminum.

Challenging the mammoth dam the spectacle one views at Badin, and one is almost inclined to believe Bion H. Butler's prediction is coming true when he said that "Albemarle and Badin are destined to become the Pittsburgh of the South in this generation." To give dimensions of the buildings would be futile in describing what is being done. The Aluminum Company of America is building acres of buildings and it looks as if construction work had just begun. The plant is so much larger than anything of its kind in the south that it beggars description.

The old red hills of Stanly near Ebenezer church, which for all time had been abandoned to the owl and the whippoorwill, are now being literally filled with dwellings for the operatives when the electricity is turned on the blast furnaces and sheet aluminum in thousands of pounds is being given to the world every day. These new cottages are being constructed to supplement the large number of apartment houses which the French company had constructed before the war in Europe began. The new dwellings are all one family houses while those of the French company are four family houses.

Another thing that is of interest is the thousands of acres of land that are being cleared where the big lake will be formed, when the dam is completed. One gets a view from the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad for miles between old Whitney and Albemarle, of the thousands of acres that will be covered with water. A splendid view indeed will be furnished to the passengers now traveling over the Southbound railroad from New York to Jacksonville when this big lake will be formed, which is only a matter of a few months.

This, the biggest development now going on in North Carolina, and perhaps in the entire south, is attracting visitors from all parts of the country, and during the past summer months people have been coming to Stanly county, from Richmond, Petersburg, Washington, and many northern cities through the country in their cars to get a view of what is being done on the Yadkin at the Narrows.—W. L. Mann, in Greensboro News.

RECENT CHANGES IN REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP. The John C. Wright place in East Albemarle has been sold to W. M. Furr for \$6,000. This place consists of 8 1-5 acres and has on it a nice residence, recently built. Mr. Furr contemplates moving here with his family early next year. He is a brother of our townsman and worthy County Treasurer, R. N. Furr.

John W. Laton has sold to J. R. Springer 34 1-2 acres, situated five miles east of Albemarle on the Swift Island Ferry Road. The land brought \$20 per acre.

The Albemarle Live Stock Company has bought 25 1-2 acres of the J. R. Springer tract, lying 2 1-2 miles east of Albemarle. This enterprising company now owns some 260 acres, which extend from the Swift Island road to the Badin road. The above deals were consummated through the Albemarle Real Estate and Insurance Company.