

BILKINS WRITES OF NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY.

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clubs that wuz to be his death. This fact hez since bin prominent in the early history of this country.

Durin' the next few years many people cum from England an' elsewhere an' settled in North Carolina. The different Governors of the State along about that time wuz appointed an' somehow t here were many changes.

About the year 1718 a notorious pirate, Edward Teach, commonly called "Black Beard," got busy in North Carolina. He had fitted out a ship armed with forty cannons and had a desperate force aboard. Teach wuz finally killed and his men were killed an' captured. He wuz not the last pirate in the State, however.

At this time the population of North Carolina, leavin' out Indians, only amounted to about ten thousand people. The "legislature" met at various points, New Bern, Edenton, an' sometimes at other places.

What wuz known as the "proprietary" government of North Carolina ended sixty-six years after the charter of Charles II. was granted an' durin' that time many things happened, some sad some amusin'.

In 1742 six of our North Carolina counties refused to pay taxes. Jurors also refused to attend court in a number of cases. You may now guess that the pot wuz beginnin' to bile.

In 1765 William Tryon became Governor. He wuz a fierce one and the Cherokee Indians called him the "Great Wolf of North Carolina." He ruled with a high hand for six years and wuz then moved to New York, then a colony, not havin' become a State.

About this time the State became excited over what wuz known as the Stamp Act, a form of taxation to which the colonists seriously objected. Governor Tryon gave great dinners and tried to make himself popular so as to get the folks to become satisfied with the stamp act. But it wouldn't work. The people seized James Houston, who wuz appointed to enforce the stamp act, and forced him to swear that he would not enforce the act, before they released him. Later the Governor gave a barbecue, consistin' of an ox and several barrels of beer. The folks gathered and threw the beef and beer into the river. The stamp act wuz finally repealed.

Things continued to be somewhat disturbed until 1775 when the Mecklenburg declaration of Independence wuz made at Charlotte. It was written by Dr. Ephraim Brevard and contained some real patriotism. Hit also meant business. Then hit wuz that the country began to exist an' go forward as fast as possible.

North Carolina existed without a constitution until 1776. How hit managed to do this I cannot understand. Constitutions air great things. People, States and everything needs them.

About this time a new State wuz formed, and hit included most of North Carolina an' everything else in site. The name of this State wuz Franklin, an' hit extended from the Virginia line to the river Matthias in Florida and pretty much over the balance of the earth.

Printin' wuz introduced into North Carolina in 1749 by James Davis, of New Berne. He published a small newspaper and later printed the first attempt at a book made in the State. Hit only contained the proceedin's of the Legislature, however, and wuz not very interestin' az a literary work.

One hundred years ergo about one-seventh of the white population in North Carolina could not read nor write, so they wuz not az much interest in education az you will find now. Still they iz a woeful lack of interest still existin' in certain quarters.

Durin' the administration of Gov. Caswell what wuz known as the western district of North Carolina withdrew from the balance of the State and formed a separate government, independent of the State. Strange ter say this fact iz not generally known and but little hez bin sed erbout hit. But that disease iz not entirely dead even today, and there air people in western North Carolina who would be glad to see the State divided and a new State government set up. But hit iz not likely that this will be accomplished.

All in all the State of North Carolina does not change fast in sentiment. No State iz az much like the original az North Carolina.

While the people of the State hev always had a reputation for sterlin' honesty they have made some serious side steps. One of the first cases of this kind occurred less than a hundred years ago. Raccoon hides wuz one of the best circulatin' mediums an' bein' more valuable than o'possum skins some people made hit a practice to sew raccoon tails to possum hides and sell them, the hide bein' folded with the flesh side out prevented easy detection an' the raccoon tail bein' conspicuous, not a few of the hides wuz actually sold in that deceptive manner. The price of raccoon hides wuz fixed by law at one skilling and three pence in those days.

Early in the seventeenth century the religion of the Church of England wuz established in North Carolina by legal authority, and \$150 wuz ter be raised in each precinct to sup-

port a minister of the Church of England.

Fellow sitizens, them wuz curious times in the history of our country an' I hope we will not have to go through an' such experiences ergain. Az ever,

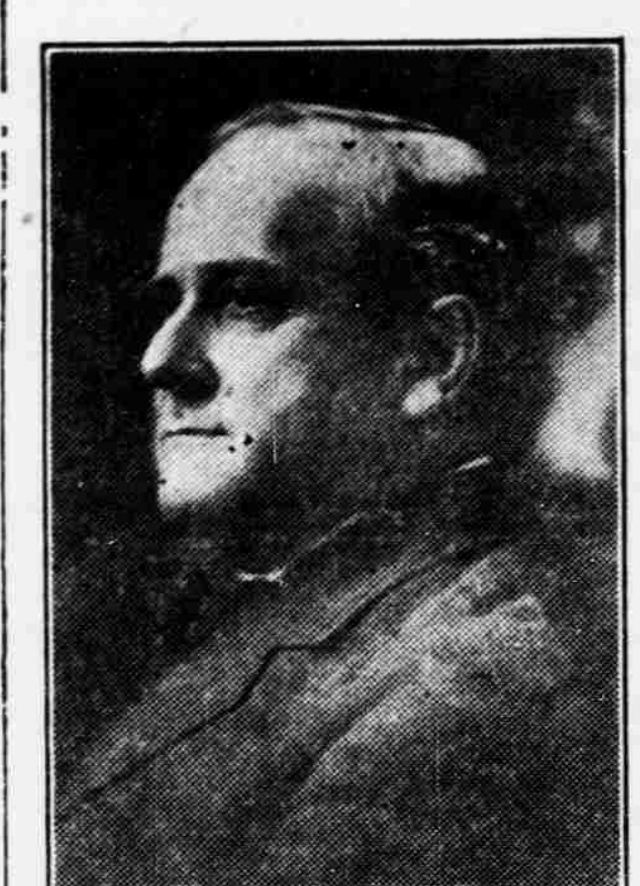
ZEKE BILKINS.

HON. IREDELL MEARES.

Republican Candidate for Congress From the Sixth North Carolina District.

Hon. Iredelel Meares, one of the leaders of the bar in North Carolina, comes of a long line of distinguished forebears. His father, Thomas D. Meares, was long one of the legal lights of the State and an orator of exceptional brilliance. His mother, Jane Moore Iredelel, was a daughter of James Iredelel, the younger, Governor, Senator and leader of the State bar for years.

The subject of this sketch was born in 1856 and is consequently at the fullness of his strength and powers. His father becoming impoverished by the civil war and dying in the early 70's, young Meares was compelled to go to work at an



early age to help support his family. While at work he began studying the law and by the aid of prominent men of his town, who admired the perseverance and abilities of the young man, he was enabled to begin the practice of law in 1889, at once beginning to make his mark.

Mr. Meares is a writer of ability and has contributed largely to the economic literature of his day. On the death of the late Judge Purnell, he was strongly urged for appointment on the Federal bench by his fellow lawyers of the Wilmington bar in a most flattering communication to the President.

As an orator he has few equals in the State. By his ability, learning and thorough acquaintance with the needs of his locality, he is an ideal Congressman and the State will have cause to be congratulated if the voters of the Sixth District send the brilliant Wilmington attorney to the National Congress.

A BRAZEN RECORD.

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by private monopolies, determined to make criminal certain practices by which monopolies often practice their extortions. A bill was prepared embodying the combined wisdom of leaders, known as the Reid-Justice Bill. Among other things, that bill contained six sections, declaring six different practices unlawful and providing punishment. After a celebrated debate, that bill became a law in all its essential features save one. Five of the six sub-sections were approved by the Legislature, and one was rejected—the famous Sub-Section A."

The Governor further on in his address, referring to the legislation of 1909, said:

"The Blow-Bassett amendment passed the Senate. In the House of Representatives, A. P. Kitchin, Chairman of the Committee having charge of the matter, reported the entire Texas Anti-Trust Law as a substitute for the Senate bill. The House voted down the substitute and passed the Senate bill."

This Texas statute was the law which had just been upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in which the Standard Oil Company was compelled to pay in the way of fines \$1,623,900, and the constitutionality of the rights of the State to enact and enforce anti-trust laws was established.

In the case of the Grenada Lumber Company vs. the State of Mississippi, decided May 2, 1910, reported in the 217 U. S., page 433, upheld the anti-trust statute of Mississippi. The Supreme Court in this case said:

"Whether it would be an illegal restraint at common law, is not now for our determination. It is an illegal combination and conspiracy under the Mississippi statute. That is enough, if the statute does not infringe on the fourteenth amendment."

On the same day the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a decision in the case of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky against the State of Tennessee, where, in the Tennessee statute against conspiracies in restraint of trade was sustained.

With these decisions clearly blazing the way there can be no excuse for the failure on the part of the States to enact and enforce such laws as will put an end to trust extor-

DURHAM COUNTY POLITICS.

Republicans Organize for a Determined Fight—Democrats Badly Demoralized—Manning's Defeat Sour Many.

Special to Caucasian.

Durham, Sept. 23.—In the election of two years ago the total vote for the two congressional candidates in Durham county was 3,608, Brooks (Dem.) leading Morehead (Rep.) by an even 20 votes. It is proposed to overcome this small majority, and with this object in view the managers of the Republican campaign are making a united effort to bring out the full strength of the party, not only for the congressional candidate but for the entire ticket, which is one of the strongest that could have been nominated.

D. H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, the Republican candidate for Congress in this district, was in Durham recently and held a conference with the campaign managers at the headquarters on Church and Parrish streets. Public announcement of his coming had not been made, but the rooms of the executive committee were well filled with Republican workers and they gave their next congressman a very cordial greeting, assuring him, to a man, of their approval of his candidacy and of their active interest in his behalf.

Apart from the general increase in the Republican vote as calculated upon this year, there are at least two and possibly other individual factors at work for the success of the full Republican ticket in Durham. This county had a candidate in the Democratic convention of the Fifth Congressional District—and he failed to capture the nomination. Not much was said at the time about Durham's dissatisfaction over the result, and perhaps this might not cut so much of a figure now were it not for the fact that another local sore has broken out on the Democratic body politic—a sore deliberately created by the leaders in the State Democratic Convention at Charlotte, that hurt then, that has continued to hurt ever since, and was made doubly painful Tuesday night when the opening address of the Democratic campaign was made by former Governor Aycock.

Durham wanted Judge Manning, one of her own citizens to succeed himself on the Supreme Court bench. But Aycock had another candidate, Judge Allen, and he succeeded in giving him the nomination. This hurt Durham's pride, as is only natural. But to make matters, as if to rub in the pain and make it grow, the Democratic managers sent to Durham at the beginning of the campaign, to make the opening address and arouse Democratic enthusiasm, the very man who had defeated Durham at the Charlotte Convention.

John T. Pope, assistant postmaster here, voiced the sentiment of the average citizen when he said last Saturday night: "Governor Aycock is a good speaker, at times, and many Republicans often go to hear him, but I'm dead sure that very few of them will attend the service Tuesday night, and I'm equally sure the Democrats don't approve of his coming here. In fact, they seem to feel that the opening gun of the Democrats was spiked in advance, and I'm certain that a good many of them will vote to drive in the spike."

The Aycock meeting was well advertised. Invitation had been sent especially to the women and children, for whom a band had been provided—with the secondary idea of producing harmony for the voters—but the hall where the former Governor spoke was only partially filled and not a single Republican voter was counted in the audience. Governor Aycock is a good talker, but his speech last night suggested a remark concerning the doctrine of the late Colonel Ingersoll, who did not believe in religion:

"I believe," said one church member to another, "that the Colonel's doctrines are sound."

"Yes," he added after a frown, "all sound and nothing more."

Another cause for a gain in the Republican strength this year is the growing dissatisfaction with Democratic mismanagement of public offices; while still another is a desire on the part of the citizens, irrespective of party, to break away from the leaders and take a hand in bringing about a local government, one that is not controlled by party managers from the State as a whole. The statement in this matter is quietly expressed, but it is an active and forcible one and is certain to have its effect on the result next November.

DURHAM COUNTY PLATFORM.

Endorse Local Self-Government—A Reform in Election Laws Needed. Favors Free School Books.

(Special to The Caucasian.) Durham, N. C., Sept. 23.—The Republicans of Durham County have made a declaration of principles on which they will stand during the present political campaign and endeavor to make an issue against the Democrats. This platform or declaration is essentially a local one, and strikes at the base of some of the abuses that have been allowed to prevail in the county under the Democrats. The platform follows:

We heartily endorse the local self-government plank contained in our State platform, and demand the application of this time honored principle in the settlement of all questions affecting the rights of the people; and we denounce the Democratic party for their desertion of same.

We favor the election of the county board of education and the county superintendent of public instruction by vote of the people.

We favor the election by the people, of the city and county boards of health, and the city and county health officers.

We favor the election of the Recorder of Durham township, also the clerk and prosecuting officer of said court by vote of the people of Durham township.

We favor such changes in the Revenue Act as will protect the humbler

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CHATHAM COUNTY POLITICS.

Special to the Caucasian.

Pittsboro, Sept. 23.—There is a prominent Democrat, going around over the county offering money and brandy for votes for a certain candidate on the county ticket. Look out for him for he is very busy.

Now isn't it a pretty spectacle to see a Chatham County Democrat, and a prohibitionist at that, going over the county trying to buy votes with "a jug of brandy?" We have the evidence against this fellow.

It is a sore subject to Democrats to say anything about the speaking and barbecue in this county, at Thrallkill Store, on the 15th, last. It was such a frost that the Demo-

crats do not like to hear anything said about it.

Just after it became known that Maine had gone Democratic, cotton declined 1 1/2 cents on the pound. If the country should go Democratic, look out for 5-cent cotton again. Democrats want low prices for the farmer.

How many Chatham County farmers are there who want to go into 5-cent cotton fields again? The Democrats are complaining about the high prices the farmers are getting for their produce. The farmers are in the saddle now, but if they will listen to Democratic lawyers and politicians they will soon be down and out again.

A dozen eggs now sell for about as much as a bushel of corn brought when the Democrats had control of the National Government.

In former days, when the Democrats had full control of the county government county orders were only worth 90 cents on the dollar. Sheriff Jenkins, backed by an anti-Democratic government restored the value of county orders to 100 cents on the dollar. When the Democrats came into power again in the county they had to pay 100 cents on the dollar, for Jenkins had set the example, but they have had to issue \$50,000 worth of bonds to do it.

As Chatham is an agricultural community entirely, the Democrats in their county canvass, will have a pretty hard time making the farmers believe that they ought not to get good prices for their produce. In various sections, the Democrats are growling over the good prices that the farmers are getting for what they have to sell.

The Democrats are badly scared in this county and are calling upon kitchen, Aycock, Overman, et al, for help. After the election they will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall upon them.

The death trap scaffolds, called bridges, at Cumnock, Woodard and Moore's are monument to the business capacity of N. J. Wilson, Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives in Chatham.

Taxpayers in Chatham will find a new item on their tax receipt this year, that for "interest on bonds." The amount you pay for "interest on bonds," represents what you are paying for Democratic extravagance, or at least a part of it. How do you like it?

There is not a "Booze Artist" on the Republican ticket, in this county. Selah!

A bushel of cotton seed now is worth as much as a bushel of wheat under the Cleveland Administration. Wheat sold right here in Chatham County for 40 cents per bushel.

At one voting place in this county, at the election in 1900, where thievery was the most flagrant, two of the election officers died in a short time and the other is serving a 5-year term in the Alabama penitentiary. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

vocations of life to the extent that the contractor, plumber, sign painter, etc., will not be required to pay a license far in excess of the privilege tax required of lawyers, doctors, and other professional classes as is now the case.

We favor some method of voting similar to the Australian ballot system, that will guarantee to each voter the right to exercise his suffrage, without interference from any source whatever, to the end that there may be absolute freedom of the ballot.

We are heartily in favor of a system of rotation by which no county officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

We favor a system of rotation in the selection of county commissioners that will give to each township representation on the board at reasonable intervals of time.

We most heartily approve the plank in our Republican State Platform declaring for free text books for the public schools, and we denounce as extravagant and unjust the too frequent changes in the text books that now prevails, and the exorbitant charges made therefor under the contract made by the State of North Carolina with the school book trust.

We favor the election of the auditor of Durham County, by the popular vote of the people, believing that the usefulness of the office is totally destroyed by making the office an appointive one at the hands of those over whose accounts he is to administer.

We condemn the present board of county commissioners for their failure to carry out the recommendations of the grand jury of this county, that an accountant be employed to examine the books of the present county officials, which the grand jury found in such condition that they could not examine them.

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