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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

The new 'cry from Macedonia' is 'pull him off.'

Senator "Buck" Jones cut off the supply of poke-berry juice.

Ernie Bailey, like a wise fox, is 'win' low an' sayin' nuffin'.

A few more scraps and the tribe of buffalo calves may be extinct.

Of course Josephus Daniels will now have sympathy for the underdog.

Those aviators are temperate people. They never take a drop, if they can help it.

It sounded like a "howl from the woods" for sure in the Wake County court-house last Saturday.

The Democrats in New York will make Roosevelt the issue. For once they will have a live issue.

Mr. Daniels was giving a practical exemplification of the North Carolina brand of Democratic harmony. Kitchin's toothless mule and toothless anti-trust law may cause Miss Democracy to have to "gum it."

Dr. Sykes, or Sikes, has discovered that some Wake County Democrats have very weak stomachs, too.

It is said that former Governor Glenn is to speak in Raleigh shortly. What has Raleigh done to deserve that?

The two wings of the Wake Democrats got together last Saturday—rolling in the dust and dirt of the main street of Raleigh.

"You can abuse everybody sometimes, and somebody all the time, but it is rather dangerous to abuse a certain body at any time."—J. D.

"Doc" Faison had better hold onto that red shirt. He won't have anything on when the voters get through with him November 8th.

A Guilford County Democrat states that he is not a candidate for office. Surprised? Well, yes, until he stated he had a job that paid much better.

An exchange announces why they call the News and Observer the "Ole Re-lia-ble." It says that it lies, relies, and is then able to lie again.

The statement that Dr. Sykes, if elected, proposes to move the Capitol to Wake Forest in order to make room for a statue of Josephus Daniels, is denied.

Even if certain Democratic speakers in this State do not feel morally bound to tell the truth, they should remember that there is a final place of fire and brimstone for just such persons.

And the Democrats in Johnston County are running without any platform. It is probably as well for you can't make a Democrat live up to his platform even when he runs on one.

"A Rousing Rally of the People" and "A Beggardly Handful, Mostly Negroes, Attend So-Called Speaking." As it is from "Ole Onreliable," which head-lines goes over the Democratic meeting?

It is astonishing how many falsehoods some of the Democratic politicians will tell in order to hold their jobs. Evidently they are thinking altogether of the present and not considering the hereafter.

When the Democratic party runs the government economically, when it stops creating new offices to pay political debts, when it stops covering up crimes and misdeeds of its officials, when it passes an anti-trust law with teeth, when it does anything for the Confederate soldier, when its officials stand on their platform and when the News and Observer tells the truth—then we shall look for the millenium.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE WRECKED BY FIENDS

Los Angeles, California Times Building Blown up by Explosives.

19 REPORTED KILLED

Attempts Also Made to Blow Up the Home of Editor and Another—Paper Has Long Had Labor Troubles—It is Denied That Labor Union Knew of the Affair—Citizens and Officials Offer Large Rewards for Apprehension of Criminals.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 1.—An attempt to destroy the residence of Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, of Los Angeles by means of an infernal machine was made late today, following an explosion which early today caused great loss of life and destroyed the buildings and plant of the Times, entailing a loss of nearly half a million dollars and suspected effort to blow up the auxiliary plant of that paper. A powerful infernal machine was also found today at the residence of Secretary Zeehandelaar, of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

Telegram From Gen. Otis.

This afternoon the Times made public the following telegram from General Otis:

"Your wire, with its terrible news reached me this morning. I am amazed at the desperation of the criminal conspirators in destroying the Times building and slaying its loyal defenders, whose loss I deeply deplore; but, the Times itself will live on, bravely defending the vital and essential principles of industrial freedom under law which must yet triumph in the entire nation. (Signed)

"HARRISON GRAY OTIS."

The death list of the Times disaster which occurred this morning, will probably total nineteen. There are four known dead and fifteen missing whose bodies probably lie in the still smoking ruins of the Times building.

In addition there are about twenty injured, some of whom may die.

The original suspicion of the police that the Times building disaster was due to a heavy charge of high explosives was circumstantially confirmed by the finding of the other bombs and the statements of those persons in the building, or nearby at the time of the explosion.

It is also almost certain that the explosion occurred in a narrow alley that separated the two buildings occupied by the Times.

Foreman Graybill, of the composing room, in which the full force of the explosion was felt, and where the greatest direct damage was done, is firmly of the opinion that it was due to dynamite in the alley. His statement is the clearest yet obtainable. He said:

"I was standing near the center of the composing room when all at once a terrific force blow seemed to raise a section of the floor clear to the roof. The upheaval came between two linotype machines. Frames and broken timbers flew in all directions. The force of the thing was indescribable. Grant Moore, a machinist, was directly over the spot where the impact came through the floor. His body was hurled against the ceiling. E. A. Jordan, a head setter, and E. W. Wasson, a galley man, were near him, and they, too, were hurled against the ceiling of the composing room.

"Every one of the type-setting machines was thrown and hurled in all directions."

Rewards which will probably reach a quarter of a million dollars will be offered by the publisher, the officials of the city of Los Angeles and citizens generally. Labor leaders in the East have expressed their indignation and offer assistance.

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Henry T. King, of Pitt, Named for Congress to Oppose Small—A Splendid Nomination—Active Campaign Planned.

Plymouth, N. C., Oct. 1.—At the meeting of the Republican Convention for the First Congressional District, Hon. Henry T. King was named to oppose John H. Small, present incumbent.

Mr. King is an able debater, a writer of force and very popular. He has served in the General Assembly, is a former newspaper man and is at the present time United States Commissioner at Greenville. He will make an active canvass of the district and his friends predict that he will make a winning race.



A Crawfish Governor---A Spineless Attorney General---Toothless Anti-Trust Law.

Where is the anti-trust law with teeth which Governor Kitchin promised? Where is his Attorney General with the backbone to enforce the law? Where, Oh, where. The fact is the people have been betrayed. What we have gotten is a toothless anti-trust law, a spineless attorney general, and a crawfish Governor. Read in another column the miserable record of brazen hypocrisy and broken promises of the Kitchin administration. If this bold treachery is condoned, it will encourage other hypocrits of the Glenn and Kitchin stripe to attempt to work other confidence games upon the brave and patriotic people of the State.

CHARLOTTE SPEECH

Former Senator Butler Flays Democratic Party and Exposes its Hypocrisy.

Greeted by a Crowded House—Arraigns Governor Kitchin and His Failure to Keep Promises—Bond Matter Explained—The Democratic Plan of Campaign is to "Cuss Butler."

The Charlotte News in reporting the speech of former Senator Butler, said:

"With Ex-Senator Marion Butler advertised as the star attraction, the Mecklenburg County court room was almost crowded to the doors when the Republican county convention was called to order yesterday afternoon. Every precinct in the county, with the exception of Steel Creek No. 2 and Providence No. 1, was represented by delegates and many Democrats helped to swell the audience. When the preliminary business of the convention was concluded and the time for the appearance of the ex-Senator rolled around, every seat was occupied and much of the standing room was taken up. The crowd in the main was, of course, composed of Republicans, but there were many Democrats in the audience, anxious to hear what the returned chieftain had to say."

The following is a report of the speech from the Charlotte Observer:

The former Senator was in good form. He entered into the fight with zest and his voice rang clear as with vehement gesture and biting sarcasm he arraigned the Democratic party in this State, charged it with violated pledges, with malicious attacks upon him, and pointed to the Republican party as the only hope for good government in this State. The speaker was heard by an audience which filled the criminal court room, numbering 500 or 600 people. He was cordially received and given good support although some of his most denunciatory periods were not marked by applause.

It was 3.50 o'clock when Chairman Jake F. Newell reconvened the convention after a temporary adjournment, and after the platform had been read and adopted, so that the ex-Senator might comment on it, he

proceeded to introduce him. In his preliminary remarks he referred to the fact that Mr. C. W. Tillett, who had been talked of for a Democratic candidate for Governor, had criticised Butler in a speech at Winston-Salem. He did not think that a man who was big enough to run for Governor wouldn't be afraid to meet the man he's always cussing. He attributed the refusal of the Democrats to send a man to divide time, to the ex-Senator's prowess in debate. "For they know that from his belt hangs the scalps of Simmons, Aycock, and—how many others, colonel?" "Oh, I don't know," rejoined Mr. Butler with a deprecatory smile.

Mr. Newell concluded by presenting him as "a man who has given you more during his brief life than the whole Democratic party has." The speaker of the day was cheered when he arose to speak.

Senator Butler began by expressing approval of the platform just read. "It is sufficient reason for every voter in Mecklenburg to vote the Republican ticket and put the principles therein enumerated into practice." (Applause.) In Gaston the other day he took just such a platform and held it up and called for the Democratic platform for the purpose of comparison, but was told that they didn't have any. Over in the Fifth District, after trading and swapping and swapping and trading, they finally nominated Major Stedman and told him to run as fast as he could but gave him no platform to run on. One man when asked about this said that he thought it was Major Stedman's wish not to have a platform so that two years hence he would not have to go up and down explaining violated pledges, as Governor Kitchin has to do now, telling why he didn't give you any anti-trust law with teeth. (Laughter) It's to their credit that the Democrats have quit having platforms, for thus they don't add to their others, the sin of lying.

Arraigns Governor Kitchin.

The Democrats of the State, in their convention assembled here two years ago, after the nomination of Kitchin and after the friends of Kitchin and Craig had called each other liars and thieves, adopted a platform in line with the promises made by Kitchin all over the State. On every stump Kitchin posed as the mighty, vigorous trust buster. "Elect me," said he, "and we'll have an anti-trust law with teeth."

You elected him Governor on that (Continued on Page 8.)

EDUCATIONAL REFORM

Originated by Hon. George E. Butler in Legislature of 1897.

Dismal Failure of the Democratic Plan of Education—Reforms Effected by Mr. Butler—Township System Adopted—Over a Half Million of Dollars Saved to the State.

The Republican party has always favored public education. They first incorporated a provision in our State Constitution providing for a four-months' public school, free of costs to the poor children of the State.

In every State in the Union where the Republican party shapes the policy of the State, high schools and public schools, as well as colleges and universities, are numerous and generously supported and encouraged. In many of the Republican States in the Union the children are supplied with free school books and are conveyed at public expense to and from the school houses, so that the little girls and boys in bad weather will have no excuse for failing to attend school every day. The school term in these States extend from seven to nine months.

The Democratic party in North Carolina did very little for public education after the war. The State constitution, framed by Republicans, declared for a four months' school in every school district in North Carolina, but this constitutional requirement was ignored. When the Republicans and Populists gained control of the State in 1895, the public schools of this State were in a dilapidated condition. They had, from 1887 to 1895, less than ten years, increased the rate of taxation from 12 1/2 cents on each \$100 valuation of property to 18 cents, an increase of about 50 per cent in taxation for school purposes; yet, under Democratic management, operating under an antiquated and abominable school law, the school term in the State had not increased 50 per cent, to keep pace with the increase in taxes. In fact, the school term had not increased 1 per cent for the school term over the State was two days shorter when the Republicans (Continued on Page 8.)

WAKE DEMOCRATS REJECT DANIELSISM

Hold Big Mass-Meeting and Put Out a Strong Independent Ticket.

REBUKES DANIELS-BAILY

Protesting Against Methods of the Daniels-Baily Organization, Democrats Name Another Ticket—Term Themselves "Straight" Democrats—Four Hot Shot Into Dr. Sikes—An Excellent Ticket is Named.

In pursuance to a call signed by sixty-four representative Democrats of Wake County, a largely attended meeting of Wake County, a largely attended meeting of Democrats was held in the courthouse on Saturday. The hall was crowded and the meeting enthusiastic to the highest degree.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. W. C. Brewer, who proposed Mr. George E. Gill for chairman and Mr. John Fort as secretary, both gentlemen being selected. Mr. Gill said he did not propose to make a speech, but that the convention was there "for business" and it was evident that such was the case.

Mr. Brewer, on being recognized, asked permission to read the call for the meeting, which was done. The reading was frequently interrupted by applause when some telling point was made, and the names of Josephus Daniels and Josiah William Bailey greeted with hoots and laughter. The call recited the fact that the late primaries of the Democratic party were unfairly conducted; that the "self-styled" reformers voted a large number of Republican votes; that at least three nominees were Republicans. It stated that Dr. Sykes, or Sikes, had refused to vote for the county nominees two years ago. It severely scored Josephus Daniels and his paper for the "false, malicious and cruel falsehoods it circulated," and that they had conducted a "villainous campaign."

Mr. Chas. U. Harris was placed in nomination for the State Senate and his nomination was carried with a hurrah. For the House, the meeting named J. W. Blalock, of Panther Branch; Mr. John S. Riddle, of Raleigh, and Mr. E. H. Stallings, of Oak Grove.

When the place of Clerk of the Court was reached there were loud calls for "Russ," and so demonstrative did the convention become and notwithstanding the announcement that Mr. Russ had decided not to accept the nomination, the chairman was compelled to send for that gentleman. His appearance was greeted with a storm of cheers.

Mr. Russ was evidently laboring under deep emotion and in a voice he could hardly control, he stated that he was firm in his determination not to run, that for family reasons which he had fully explained to his friends he had decided to retire. He said that he had no doubt of the election of the ticket; he was sure of its election and he pledged his aid, personally, to every man who would be named. The ovation was a cordial one and was a flattering tribute to Mr. Russ' popularity.

Mr. Burney Hobgood, of St. Mary's, was then placed in nomination for Clerk, being seconded by several and named with a whoop. For Treasurer, Mr. William Taylor, of Raleigh, was unanimously named and there were loud calls for a speech from him. He responded briefly, stating that he was in the fight to win.

For County Commissioners, there were named Mr. Jos. Partin, of St. Matthews; Mr. Y. E. Young, of Panther Branch, and Mr. W. M. Yates, of White Oak.

Mr. Taylor, of Raleigh, then arose and stated that in view of the fact that Mr. Sears, for Sheriff and Mr. Anderson, for registrar of deeds, on the Daniels-Baily ticket, were candidates before the "Jo-Jo" convention and therefore were not the "personally selected candidates" of the two self-appointed leaders, he moved that they be endorsed. This was done without a dissenting voice. An executive committee was then selected to conduct the campaign and to fill any vacancies which might occur on the ticket.

Mr. Charles U. Harris, who was named for the Senate made a ringing speech in which he handled the Daniels-Baily combine without gloves. He pledged his utmost efforts to redeem the party from the hands of the so-called reformers.

The meeting was a revelation to those who had watched the course of events in Wake County. In point of (Continued on Page 3.)