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THE RETURN OF UNCLE "JEFF."

Hon. Jeffries Zig Zag Davis has returned again to congress from his native North Carolina. That feeling of "giveness" at the nation's capitol is once more relieved.

With the ozone of the plains in his nostrils, and the plaudits of his constituents still ringing in his ears, the renewed enthusiasm generated may lead our Uncle Jeff to still greater achievement.

Uncle Jeffries. It will be recalled, was forced to snatch his personality from the scene of action in Washington and return to Arkansas where certain anti-Davis emissaries had been committing depredations on his flock of native admirers.

No doubt the lethargy witnessed on all hands in congress must have been disappointing to him of the plains, fresh from a rattling of dry bones—for the pulsation of new life in the ranks of the jaded.

It will be remembered that Uncle Jeffries, after making his debut, introduced a resolution which provides for the total annihilation of trusts. It will be further remembered that Uncle Jeffries said he'd get that resolution out of the hands of the senate committee, who guarded it's slumbers, or "know why." Now that the time for getting it out of the hands of the senatorial morgue has arrived we await, with keenest anticipation the commencement of that process of "knowing why." Press correspondents had best have their pencils trimmed and their ears alert, for this son of the tall and the unknown prairies will, without a doubt, start a "hot time in the old town."

TARIFF REVISION "NOW."

The American Economist has all the tariff revisionists outclassed when it comes to time limit. It says it favors tariff revision "by the shortest route and in the shortest time." The Economist argues: "This is the 10th day of April. The Chicago convention assembled June 16. There are sixty-seven days in which the tariff may be revised by a republic in congress. Why not revise the tariff now?"

The American Economist's insistence cannot be considered other than as nerve of the most blatant type. The word "now" has no place along with "soon," "at an early date," "speedy" and other adjuncts of the words "tariff revision," and the president should have a ban placed on the Economist's wild speech!

As if the tariff could be revised in sixty-seven short days! The very idea! The Economist's mind is wandering woefully.

By actual calculation, standard time, the "Republican congress" has been engaged on that tariff revision job exactly 4,015 days, and the task is farther from completion than at the beginning—eleven years ago. How then, would it be possible to revise the tariff in the fleeting space designated by our contemporary? Of course the ambition of the American Economist is creditable, even though the impossibility of it's hopes is apparent. It is lamentable that it has only become aroused to the need of revision at the last watch.

We all realize full well, with the Economist, that the tariff "should be revised." Some of us differ as to the time. Mr. Taft says "as soon as possible." Mr. Fairbanks favors "speedy" revision. All are agreed, however, on the need. Even the president of these United States is impressed with the "need" of revision, and to his lasting credit let it be said, he has, during the past eleven years, frequently expressed the conviction that revision should be effected "at an early date."

But why bother us when all eyes are fixed on "our candidate." No time now. Too late, Economist. We would revise if we could, but we just simply can't now. "See us later about the matter."

Governor Glenn has announced that he will not be in the race for the United States senatorship against Senator Overman. His reasons for making this announcement have been published, and we do not propose to here review them. The position of the governor, as reviewed in his statement, merits only the highest commendation, and his willingness to sacrifice his political ambitions for the sake of harmony, and that his present labors may be more effective, is altogether admirable.

"The republican party is the party of promise and hope," asserts an Indiana contemporary, and the Washington Herald corrects this error by supplying "dope" for "hope."

The Birmingham Age-Herald has decided that "The fly must go." Of course the fly will have it's say so in the matter.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE CLOSING

The Commencement Exercises Begin With Contest in Declaimer's Medal, and Will Come to a Close With Literary Address by Hon. Locke Craig.

The closing exercises of the Southern Industrial Institute began last night at the Woodman Hall, in Chadwick, with the contests for the declaimer's and reciter's medals, and the program was enjoyed by a large audience. Rev. J. A. Baldwin, the principal, opened the exercises with a short prayer, and the Paw Creek string band furnished the music.

The contests were close, all of the contestants acquitting themselves with credit and showed thorough training. The judges were, Rev. W. C. Rudisell, Dr. L. W. Hovis and Messrs. E. M. McGee, Oates and Chas. Gibson. The contest was decided in favor of Mr. Fred James Stillwell, and the others were given praiseworthy mention.

The program consisted of declamations and recitations interspersed with both vocal and instrumental music.

The exercises tonight will consist of drills and tableaux. The commencement proper will be tomorrow, and tomorrow night, Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, will deliver the literary address.

The program last night was as follows: Music, band. Declamation, "The Responsibilities of Young Men," George William Freeman, of Charlotte.

Chorus. Declamation, "The Saloon Must Go," Joseph Porter Gibson, Rockingham. Declamation, "The Black Horse and His Rider," Adrain Alfred Godfrey, Hopewell.

Music, band. Declamation, "The Death of Lafayette," Robert Austin Hines, Rockingham. Declamation, "The Death of Stonewall Jackson," Henry Taylor Lemons, Yorkville, S. C.

Duet, Misses Cole and Bruton. Declamation, "The Victor of Marston," William Herbert Parsons, Covington.

Declamation, "The Widow Malone's Pig," Elmer James Reynolds, Roberdel.

Duet, Misses Cassie Reynolds O'Brien and Margaret Caldwell. Declamation, "The Hell Bound Train," Manning Lee Reynolds, Charlotte.

Declamation, "Personal Influence," Fred James Stillwell, Charlotte. Music, band. Declamation, "The Mind, the Glory of Man," William Austin White, Elberle.

Declamation, "The Opportunity of the Scholar," George Clarence Wingate, Charlotte. Duet, Misses Cole and Bruton. Paw Creek string band.

MR. WEDDINGTON APPOINTED.

Governor Names Him a Delegate to Conference at Richmond.

Governor Glenn yesterday appointed Mr. J. H. Weddington, of this city, a delegate to the national conference of charities and corrections which will be held at Richmond, Va., May 5th to 12th. The entire list of delegates from North Carolina appointed by the governor is as follows: Miss Daisy Denson, Rev. R. S. Stephenson, Mr. J. S. Mann, Rev. J. N. Cole, Raleigh; Mr. Chas. A. Webb, Asheville; Mr. J. H. Weddington, Charlotte; Dr. J. H. McNeill, Hope Mills; Mr. E. F. Ardlett, Elizabeth City; Col. W. J. Hicks, Oxford; Mr. Archibald Johnson, Thomasville; and Mr. John C. Scarborough, Murfreesboro.

Former Governor Andrew E. Lee of South Dakota, has consented to go before the June primaries as the democratic candidate for United States senator.

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Editors Will be Here next Week

The Subjects They Will Discuss—Third Assistant Postmaster General Will Make an Important Address.

The official program of the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association, which will be held in Charlotte next week, beginning Wednesday morning, contains several features of more than passing interest. These include an address by Hon. A. L. Lawshe, of Washington, D. C., third assistant postmaster-general, who will discuss "The Postoffice Department and the Legitimate Publisher."

The convention will formally open Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the assembly hall of the Selwyn Hotel. The address of welcome on behalf of the city of Charlotte will be made by Mayor T. S. Franklin, followed by an address of welcome, on behalf of the Greater Charlotte Club, by President E. R. Preston, and an address of welcome on behalf of the press, by Mr. W. C. Dowd. The complete program follows:

Wednesday morning, April 22nd, 9:30 o'clock. The convention will be called to order by the president, Mr. Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children.

Prayer by Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D. Address of welcome on behalf of the city by Mayor Franklin.

Address of welcome on behalf of the Greater Charlotte Club by President E. R. Preston. Address of welcome on behalf of the press by Mr. W. C. Dowd.

Response to addresses of welcome by Maj. H. A. London, of Pittsboro Record. Report of executive committee on new members. President's address.

Address—"The Postoffice Department and the Legitimate Publisher"—Hon. A. L. Lawshe, of Washington, Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

Essay—"The Editor and His Subscribers"—Mr. R. F. Beasley, of the Monroe Journal.

Essay—"Independent Editorials in Country Weeklies"—Mr. J. Z. Green, of the Marshville Our Home.

Essay—"Should a Religious Weekly Enter the Domain of Politics, and if so, to What Extent?"—Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D., of the Christian Sun.

Essay—"The Editor's Duty to His State"—Mr. E. E. Hilliard, of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

Essay—"Should a Newspaper be Non-Partisan?"—Mr. H. C. Martin, of the Lenoir News.

Appointing of committees and miscellaneous business. Wednesday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock. Reading of Historian's Paper by Mr. T. G. Cobb, of the Morganton Herald.

Miscellaneous business, motions, resolutions, etc. After adjournment the editorial part

will be given a trolley ride over the city. Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock at Presbyterian College.

Annual oration by Mr. James H. Caine, of the Asheville Citizen.

Annual poem by Mr. James A. Robinson, of the Durham Sun.

Followed by a special concert complimentary to the editors by the students of the Presbyterian College.

Thursday morning, April 23rd, 9:30 o'clock. Essay—"How to Prevent Freight Discrimination Against North Carolina"—Maj. E. J. Hale, of the Fayetteville Observer.

Essay—"The Linotype in a Country Weekly Office"—Mr. H. B. Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch.

Essay—"Extent of Obligation of a Newspaper to the Party"—Mr. J. J. Farris, of the High Point Enterprise.

Essay—"The Editor in Politics"—Mr. John M. Julian, of the Salisbury Post.

Miscellaneous business, resolutions, etc. Special order 11 o'clock, election of officers. The convention will not be without its social features. The Charlotte editors have arranged a program of entertainment consisting of an automobile ride on some of Mecklenburg's famous roads on Thursday afternoon and a reception at the Southern Manufacturers' Club on the same evening.

The indications are that the meeting will be the largest and most important the Association has ever held. The people and the press of Charlotte are taking much interest in the meeting, and will see that the newspaper folks enjoy themselves thoroughly during their stay in the city. One paper called him "The Martyr"; Come see and hear a real live martyr.



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