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OVERMAN'S SPEECH

Addresses A Good Audience Thursday Night.

Draws The Lines Between Party Principles and Party Tendencies—Great National Issues Treated—Hopeful Signs of Democratic Triumph.

Hon. Lee S. Overman spoke Thursday night to a good large audience.

He was introduced by Mr. L. T. Hartsell in a short but well rounded speech.

Mr. Overman paid his compliments to Mr. Hartsell declaring that no county in the state was better represented in the last legislature than Cabarrus.

He began the discussion by saying that long ago we held two elections in the state in presidential years but that money had been flooding the state to secure advantage to the Republican party and it was concluded to hold the elections together, but when the issue of White Supremacy was to be fought, it being purely a local issue, it was thought best to separate the elections. The matter was settled he hoped forever. That was a politico-social question. The one before us now is purely political and there has been no more important national issues than are involved in this election. It is whether the principles for which our forefathers fought shall be perpetuated or whether the principles which they established shall be overthrown.

He here stopped short to say that he believed that Democracy will win this year. It is our turn. He noted that Democracy won in 1876 but was cheated out of victory by Republicans. The elections have alternated every four years since and this is our year to win.

He eulogized Mr. Bryan comparing him to Washington, Clay and others who established the principles for which he stands.

He named a catalogue of important cities whose late elections point to the triumph of Democracy.

He drew the distinctive lines between the two great parties and their leaders. Bryan like Thomas Jefferson is for equal rights to all and special privileges to none while, McKinley, like Alexander Hamilton, would rear an aristocracy conferring favors on the few and laying burdens on the many. It was Jefferson's contentions that prevailed and gave us the constitu-

tion. North Carolina was and ever is jealous for the rights of the common people and would not enter the union until the 10th amendment to the constitution was passed when she joined the compact in 1789.

Democracy he said had stood for equal rights to all from the earliest history. She goes down before her enemies sometimes but comes up again and combats the wrong always.

He declared that the whole course of the Republican party has been one of spite and hatred toward the south.

Lincoln said he looked with horror upon turning loose upon the southern people 3,000,000 of their former slaves but the 14th amendment came and then the 15th and now if McKinley be elected the whole force of the party will be directed to undoing our late victory for White Supremacy. How stand you my fellow citizens, said he? Will you vote for the party arrayed against what you hold so dearly? What any how has the Republican party ever done for the south but evil?

He declared that Democracy stands for the constitution, for equal justice to all and special favors to none, no entangling alliances with other nations, a small army for defense but none for conquest. We do not want to rank as one of the powers of the earth but be ours the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Republicanism is for centralization of government, militarism, imperialism, colonial expansion, monopoly, industrial slavery, misery.

He declared that we have approached dangerously near to the abyss of ruin for the great principles established by our fathers.

He declared that the only plea of Republicanism is prosperity. This he said is not due to McKinley. He did not bring the abundant crops in America and the famine in India, the gold of Klondike nor the war in Africa.

Prosperity ebbs and flows and its blessings have been abundant in Europe, in all civilized countries now for years. But is not the greatest strike the world ever knew on now, the effects of trust and monopoly methods?

He said that the administration of McKinley had cost \$900,000,000 more than that of Grover Cleveland. Who can conceive of the sum. If the amount were in silver it would take a wagon train reaching from here to Raleigh to haul it.

He said trusts were pushing men out of business, raising the price to the consumer and reducing it for the producer of raw material.

McKinley, said he, has a law but will not get a lawyer to prosecute the trusts. If Bryan

be elected he will find a man to execute the law.

He retraced the history of our relations with Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, declaring that these people had been imposed upon and deceived. The Monroe Doctrine is good, said he. It gave to the Central and South American States the right to be republics against any foreign aggression. We should be guided by it in our relations to Cuba and Porto Rico. The Filipinos have many educated men of the highest type. They should be free. We paid \$20,000,000 for what? The land was not Spain's, the people as subjects we do not want. They must be citizens with us or subjects to us, and Mr. McKinley must be their president or their emperor. He claimed that Dewey took Aguinaldo as an ally and that the latter made due apology for the first Filipino wrong but was treated to volleys as a resentment.

He related Rome's history and Napoleon's downfall as a warning against colonial aggression.

He read from high Republican authorities and enumerated many more whose warning voices are raised against our tendencies toward an imperial form of government and declared that the God of nations would frown upon us.

He gave a graphic account of North Carolina troops at Gettysburg and how they closed in their ploughed-through ranks and carried the flag farthest in battle.

Give us only citizen soldiers when emergencies arise and not great standing armies.

Let North Carolinians, too, get together for the triumph of principles taught by the fathers.

As a peroration he recited, My Country, 'Tis of Thee, etc., with thrilling effect.

The speech was punctuated by great rounds of applause and there was evidenced a degree of awakening to interest in the campaign that has been dosing so serenely.

Cabarrus to be Represented.

Winston will have a five days semi-centennial street fair beginning Oct. 30th. The association desires the presence of one lady representative from each county in the state, a horseback rider preferred. There will be a casting about for one of our fair ladies that will represent Cabarrus and the name will be announced.

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