

SENATOR SIMMONS REPLIES TO GOV. KITCHIN.

Mr. Kitchin in His Speech Did Not Tell the Whole Truth.—Answers Charge That He Voted With Majority of Republicans.—He Replies Also to Gov. Kitchin's Charge That He's Undemocratic.

I had heard that Governor Kitchin in his speech at Raleigh last night had charged that I had voted with the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill; that I voted for subsidies, and that I was undemocratic and reactionary.

Supposing that this would be the line of his attack, as I see from the News and Observer it was, there was mailed to the North Carolina papers last night an answer to these several anticipated criticisms, and I hope these papers will give me the same space in its publication as I see the News and Observer gives Mr. Kitchin. Mr. Kitchin's labored effort to show an inconsistency in my position on lumber and wheat, as stated in my Snow Hill speech in 1902 and in my speeches on those subjects in 1908 and 1910, was fully answered by me in these latter speeches.

In 1902 we manufactured practically only high grade lumber such as Canada does not produce at all, and there was practically no competition between the two countries in the sale of this article. In 1908 we had largely used up our high grade lumber, and between 60 and 80 per cent. of the lumber we were then and are now producing is almost identical in grade with that of Canada, and in the only market we have for this low grade lumber Canada has a freight rate advantage over us of \$1.50.

In 1902 a duty on wheat, as I stated in my Snow Hill speech, would not have affected the price of wheat in this country any more than a duty on cotton would not affect the price of cotton, because we were then enormous exporters of wheat. In 1910 it was shown to the finance committee, by government statistics and testimony, that he had practically ceased to be an exporter of wheat except what is known as macaroni wheat—a grade of wheat not consumed in this country.

This difference is trade conditions in these two periods makes all the difference in the world in the effect of the tariff duties on the article involved, as everybody who knows anything about this subject knows.

Mr. Kitchin says that on 43 roll calls I voted 19 times against the majority, and there was applause. Mr. Kitchin did not tell his audience that he was referring to the 43 roll calls during the extra session of Congress. Mr. Kitchin is mistaken in his figures. I have in my hand now Senate Document No. 275, being a compilation of all the record votes taken during the extra session. That shows that I voted, on 43 roll calls, with the Republican majority only 11 times, and against the Republican majority 32 times; and that I voted fewer times with the Republican majority during that session than any other Democratic Senator, excepting only three. It also shows that Senator Williams, on 35 roll calls, voted with the Republican majority 24 times; and that Senator Bacon, on 45 of these roll calls, voted with the Republican majority 28 times.

Mr. Kitchin says that I voted against reciprocity, and that reciprocity provided for reduced duties on farming implements, barbed wire fencing, etc., but Mr. Kitchin did not tell his audience that this treaty provided for a reduction in duties on these articles of farm consumption only when imported from Canada, and that Canada makes no farming implements or barbed wire for export.

Nor did he tell his audience, what is a fact, that the farmers free list bill, for which I voted, not only reduced but removed all duties upon farming implements, barbed wire, bagging and ties, etc., imported into this country from anywhere else in the world, and that upon the floor of the Senate I repeatedly stated that I would vote for the reciprocity bill if this free list bill was added to it, by way of amendment, so that the President could not veto the one without the other; nor did he tell his audience that while I voted against President Taft's reciprocity treaty, which Senator LaFollette, a strong tariff reformer, has characterized as a bill against the farmers and in the interest of the trusts, I voted for all of the Democratic tariff bills which passed the House and came to the Senate during that session of Congress. On reciprocity I voted with the insurgent Republicans and against a majority of the standpat Republicans and of my party—it being a Republican administration measure.

Mr. Kitchin says I am undemocratic. Oh, well, he and some of his friends in 1908 charged that one of

his opponents for Governor in that year was undemocratic because he had voted for a Republican twenty-odd years before.

I do not care to say anything more about this matter, at this time, except that the Governor seems to have been oblivious to the fact that, in reading me out of the Democratic party because of my lumber vote, he is also reading out every Democratic Congressman from North Carolina in the 60th Congress, except his brother, as well as a large majority of the Democratic Senators in that Congress, including my colleague, and that in reading me out of the party because of my vote on reciprocity he is also reading out Congressmen Webb, Gudger and Doughton.

F. M. SIMMONS.

Forest Hill News.

Mrs. W. P. Hurt and children returned last Friday from a four weeks' visit to relatives at Asheville and Forest City.

Mr. J. F. Hines will move his family to Rowan county this week, where he will farm this year.

Mrs. A. C. West and children have returned from a three weeks visit to relatives at Hope Mills.

Mr. J. A. Russell has returned to Kannapolis after spending a few weeks in the city.

Mr. Cal Beaver has resigned his position as clerk with Wilkinson-Widenhouse Co. and has gone to the country to run a farm for Mr. Geo. L. Fisher. Mr. Beaver's family has moved on the farm for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Edwards, of Asheville, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook. Mr. Edwards represents the Evansville Stove Co. and put in a line of his stoves with the H. B. Wilkinson Furniture Co.

Mr. John Crowdy has accepted the position as clerk at Wilkinson-Widenhouse Co., made vacant by Mr. Cal Beaver's resignation.

With Mrs. MacLaughlin.

Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin was hostess to the members of the Embroidery Club and a number of invited guests Saturday afternoon. Especially enjoyable was the entertainment in this attractive home. And this meeting, given with the graciousness characteristic of this hostess, proved a source of delight to those so fortunate as to have an opportunity to enjoy her hospitality.

There was a "word contest," which created much interest. Two prizes were given, each being dainty pieces of hand crochet.

At the close of the meeting a three course luncheon was served in the dining room which was artistically decorated in red and green. The table was made beautiful with American beauty roses, and maiden hair fern, being lighted with red candles. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Stephens at her home on Dept street.

Store at Richfield Robbed.

Albemarle, Feb. 17.—The store of Miller Brothers at Richfield, this county, was broken into by some one and quite a lot of valuable property taken. The thief, or thieves, are supposed to have entered through a broken window pane, as there seems to have been one broken out a few days prior to the burglary, caused by a chicken having flown against it. They went out at the door and forgot to close it after them, thereby, no doubt, causing a more early discovery of the theft. A search warrant was issued and a lot of the stolen property was found in the barn of Berry Fraley and four of his brothers, who lived together. Bogart Tuttle also lived with the Fraley brothers. As a result of the discovery of the property, Tuttle and two of the Fraley boys have been arrested and placed in jail to await the next term of Stanly Superior Court.

Pinchot For Roosevelt.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Gifford Pinchot, in a signed statement, made public tonight, announces that he has withdrawn his support from Senator LaFollette's presidential candidacy and that he will hereafter advocate the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Pinchot declares that the events of the last month have made it apparent that Senator LaFollette's candidacy will either hold the progressive Republicans together as a fighting force, nor prevent the nomination of a "reactionary Republican."

"The course which the Senator has elected to pursue," says Mr. Pinchot, "will not keep the progressives together, and in that course I cannot follow him."

Mrs. J. W. Fisher has returned to her home in Spencer, after visiting her sisters, Mrs. Howe Peck and Mrs. J. O. Moose. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. John Cook, of St. Johns.

MR. C. G. MONTGOMERY DEAD.

Death Occurred Thursday at His Home in Mobile, Ala.—Funeral Held Here Saturday.

Many friends in Concord and this section of the country will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Charles Gaines Montgomery, which occurred Thursday afternoon at his home in Mobile, Ala. He was 67 years of age.

Mr. Montgomery was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Montgomery, of Montgomery county. Soon after the war he went to Salisbury and accepted a clerical position in a large mercantile establishment. He stayed there for about a year and in 1871 moved here, where he engaged in business under the firm name of Smith, Montgomery & Co. The store was located at the Hudgins corner and continued business for several years. He later sold his interest there and engaged in business with Mr. Charles Dowd, of Charlotte, under the firm name of Montgomery & Dowd. The firm opened a store in the building now occupied by the Ivey Shoe Co. For a number of years they did a large business but later became involved and were unsuccessful. Mr. Montgomery then engaged in business as a cotton broker, being associated with Mr. R. E. Gibson. He later engaged in merchandising, conducting a store in the Allison building. He left here in 1896 and moved to Gadsden, Ala., where he lived for several years. He moved from there to Mobile, where he has since resided, and where he was engaged in the insurance business.

During his residence here Mr. Montgomery was a moving spirit in the social and commercial life of the town. He was one of the leaders in civic life, being Mayor one term which was in 1876. He was one of the pioneer advocates of the prohibition movement which took birth in this State about that period and was largely instrumental in making Concord one of the first towns in North Carolina to vote the saloons out. In church work he was always active and no religious cause found a more loyal supporter. For a number of years he was superintendent of the Sunday school and one of the leading laymen of the Western North Carolina Conference. He was elected secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference when it was organized in Concord in 1890, and held this position for two years. He was one of the most loyal church members we ever knew.

Mr. Montgomery was a man of virile and positive character, and was always in the forefront of any movement for the betterment of his community. As a foeman he was worthy of his steel, and any man who measured lances with him in any contest soon found this out.

In 1871 he was married to Miss Isabelle Davidson, of Mecklenburg county, who with seven children survive, namely, Brevard and Springs Montgomery, of Atlanta; Harry Montgomery, of Gadsden; Charlie and Frank Montgomery, of St. Louis, and Misses Jennie and Lilly, of Mobile. He is also survived by two brothers, ex-Judge W. J. Montgomery, of this city, and Mr. H. P. Montgomery, of Montgomery county.

The remains of the late Mr. C. G. Montgomery, who died Thursday afternoon at his home in Mobile, Ala., arrived Saturday on train No. 36. The following pall bearers met the remains at the station: Messrs. J. P. Allison, L. D. Coltrane, W. C. Houston, R. A. Brower, F. L. Smith and J. B. Sherrill. The corpse rested at Central Methodist church until Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when the funeral was held. The service was conducted by Rev. J. H. West and the interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Montgomery, Misses Jennie and Lillie Montgomery and Messrs. Harry and Springs Montgomery accompanied the remains from Mobile. They were met in Charlotte by Mrs. Dr. Abernethy and Miss Mary Springs Davidson, of Hopewell, Miss Sallie Davidson, Mrs. T. H. Strohecker, Mrs. E. C. Register, and Mr. Baxter Davidson, of Charlotte, who accompanied them to Concord.

Clark Leads in Oklahoma After All.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 17.—Returns from fifty-one of the seventy-six Democratic county conventions held throughout Oklahoma today to select delegates to the State convention show that 189 of the thirty-five delegates accredited to these counties had been instructed to vote for Champ Clark as the presidential nominee; 136 were instructed for Woodrow Wilson and thirty-one delegates from Oklahoma county were uninstructed.

Mr. H. W. Culp, of New London, was a Concord visitor yesterday.

NO MAIL DELIVERY LAST SATURDAY.

Mr. C. H. Peck, the Carrier Has the Work of Two Men to Do On His Route.—Needs an Assistant.

There has been considerable complaint on account of mail not being delivered in the city promptly. The government requires that city mail carriers work forty-eight hours a week. After they have done this they are at liberty to stop, no matter if it is in the middle of the week. The work on Mr. Hoke Peck's route has been so heavy lately that he has been unable to get around with it at the regular schedule time and even by putting in extra time. The mail has grown to such proportions on his route that one man cannot handle it working eight hours a day. The matter has been called to the department's attention and they have instructed an inspector to come here and investigate it. In the meantime if Mr. Peck don't get to you on schedule time don't blame him. He is working all the time the government expects him to work. Postmaster Buchanan has done and is doing everything possible to have the matter remedied, but so far without avail. The mail delivery on Mr. Peck's route makes work enough for two men all the time, and the extra carrier should be allowed by the Postoffice Department. There was no delivery on Mr. Peck's route at all last Saturday, and there was much complaint about it.

Carleton Sisters This Week.

One of the best and most thoroughly equipped popular priced attractions on the road is said to be the Carleton Sisters Associate Players, which comes to the Concord opera house for one week, commencing tonight. The plays to be presented during the week are all new to Concord play-goers and are full of the best and smartest comedy lines ever written. Tonight the offering will be "The Whirlpool," a strong western comedy drama. During the action of the play, vaudeville features will be presented by Carleton Sisters, Nelly Lyons Healy, Russell Dunn, Edmond Moses and Bobby Parkinson. A special courtesy will be extended the ladies tonight, when they will be admitted free with the first one hundred seats sold. Popular prices will prevail during the engagement. Seats are now on sale at Gibson Drug Store.

Prizes Awarded.

Several months ago Mayor C. B. Wagoner, cashier of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., offered a prize of \$10 to the members of the 10th grade for the best essays on banking. The essays were submitted some time ago and Mr. Ball, teacher of the grade, and the other judges selected by him, have announced their decision. Miss Annie Cline won first prize; Miss Mary Fisher, second; Misses Mabel Stratford, third, and Miss Blanche Boger, fourth.

A rather remarkable feature to the contest is the fact that only one boy figured in six prizes. It is made more so when it is taken into consideration they were writing on a subject that is considered by all (except suffragettes) as rather foreign to the feminine sex.

Epidemic of Measles Causes Anxiety in Greensboro.

Greensboro, Feb. 16.—An epidemic of measles has become apparent in the city and the indications are that the disease has gained a widespread hold. At least 33 cases have been reported to the health officer of the city and all efforts will be made at every precaution against the spread or bad results.

The condition is regarded as serious by the physicians, who say there is as much danger of not more in measles than in smallpox. Warnings to guard well during the severe weather have been given, physicians saying that it is very easy for a cold to develop during the sickness; that there is then the danger of pneumonia, and that this contracted with measles almost means fatal results.

Will Have one of the Finest Armories in the South.

Charlotte's two companies of the National Guard are to have one of the finest armories in the South, according to an arrangement made by Senator Overman. Representative Webb and representatives of the companies with the treasury department by which a portion of the United States mint building is made available as a drilling place for the North Carolina soldiers. The idea of the mint building being used as an armory was conceived by Capt. John A. Parker at a banquet of the Greater Charlotte Club. He presented the idea to Senator Overman and Mr. Webb and secured their support.

A NORFOLK SOUTHERN SURVEYOR IN CONCORD.

Now at Work Between Albemarle and Mt. Pleasant—Work of Grading Expected to Begin in Sixty Days.

One of the surveyors of the Norfolk Southern was here yesterday. The surveying corps is now working between Albemarle and Mount Pleasant. They expect to reach Mount Pleasant Saturday and Concord a week from that day. After they have made the survey of the route from Mount Pleasant to Concord it is very probable that definite announcement will be made as to what route leading into the city will be determined upon. The surveyors are making good progress with the work and a statement made yesterday from a reliable source was that the work of grading and putting down rails would begin within the next sixty days.

Funeral of Mr. C. G. Montgomery.

The funeral of the late Mr. C. G. Montgomery was held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Central Methodist church. The church was well filled with relatives and friends of the deceased, many of whom were intimates and admirers of this good man when he was engaged in business here. The service was conducted by Rev. J. H. West, pastor of Central Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. T. W. Smith, a life long friend of the deceased. The casket and altar rail were covered with many beautiful floral designs, tokens of esteem from friends in various sections, where Mr. Montgomery was known. The choir, composed of Mrs. R. A. Brower, Misses Grace and Janie Patterson and Messrs. R. P. Benson, J. L. McKay, Ed. Sherrill and Kay Patterson, rendered several beautiful and appropriate selections.

The interment was made at Oakwood cemetery, in the family burial lot.

Honor Roll Georgeville School.

The following is the honor roll for the third month of the Georgeville school. First room, Miss Lena Barringer, teacher: First Grade—Novella Shinn. Second Grade—Gus Widenhouse, James Teeter, Harry Barrier, Theodore Black, Fetzter Cox, Laura Mae Shinn. Third Grade—Inez Shinn, Alma Furr, Willie Widenhouse, Ira Shinn. Fourth Grade—J. L. Barringer: Fourth Grade—Mittie Cox, Pearl Teeter, Pearly Litaker, Carl Widenhouse. Seventh Grade—Corrie Barrier, Will Widenhouse, Zeb Teeter, Lee Shinn, Carl Furr.

J. L. D. BARRINGER.

No Evidence of Foul Play.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—The presence of only that character of poisoning incident to death by asphyxiation in the parts of the bodies of the three young men from Benson, Johnson county, found in Wilson's apartments two weeks ago, is reported by Chemist W. A. Withers, who made the analysis at the instance of the coroner and solicitor thus confirming the theory of asphyxiation for the death of the three—Alton R. Johnson, Hugh Porter and Fred Jernigan. The analysis was of the viscera and the poison found was carboxy-haemoglobin, generated by the illuminating gas. Coroner Separk will reconvene his jury, conclude the inquest and close up the investigation the coming week, with indications that no one will be incriminated in connection with the affair.

Baby Loses Appendix.

Baltimore Sun. Elizabeth Quinn, the 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Quinn, 2110 Mount Holly street, Walbrook, was operated on yesterday at Mercy Hospital for appendicitis by Dr. W. L. Nichols, 30 North Fulton avenue.

While it is seldom that such an operation is performed on children, particularly of the age of little Elizabeth, it was stated last night by a physician that such operations are by no means rare.

The appendix was removed from the baby and the little patient was reported getting along as well as can be expected. Every hope is entertained that she will recover.

OUR CHINA FAMINE FUND.

Previously acknowledged... 23.50
Mt. Olivet Methodist church 8.61

Total to date... \$32.11
We shall publish the list each Monday and Thursday.

"I am a faithful Taft, and with the Tafters stand," sings Postmaster General Hitchcock on the front seat close up to the band.

ROOSEVELT IN CABARRUS.

Prominent Republican Says a Roosevelt Club Will Soon Be Organized Here.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt may or may not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States, but he has a following among his party in Cabarrus that are going to make an effort to nominate him in so far as their power lies. According to a well known local Republican, who has always taken a prominent hand in the councils of the party, there will soon be organized here a "Theodore Roosevelt Club." He claims the club will have at least five hundred members at the start. A club will also be organized in every township.

In conversation with a representative of this paper he said: "You can take it from me that the Republican convention of Cabarrus county will instruct for Mr. Roosevelt for President or the will of the rank and file of the Republican party in this county will be thwarted."

"How are the leaders?" he was asked.

"They are playing a 'shut mouth' game and won't come out in the open until they find the will of the majority of the people," he replied.

Mr. Taft has some supporters here. Men who will stand up and make a fight for their man and when the Roosevelt forces start a resolution endorsing the Colonel of the Rough Riders for President they will rise up and swear it with all their might.

If the Republicans in Cabarrus do endorse the Colonel it will be the first convention they ever held here that was not dominated by the office holders and administration forces.

The Lentz Literary Society.

The Lentz Literary Society held its regular meeting Friday afternoon. The programme was as follows: Essays were given by Mr. Carl Furr entitled, "The First Steamboat," Miss Ella Peck, entitled, "The Spectroscope," Miss Janie Morrison, entitled, "Botany."

Recitations by Miss Nellie Dry, entitled, "Let Us Cross the River and Rest Beneath the Trees," Mr. Joe Hendrix, "Autumn Thoughts."

The debate, Resolved, "That U. S. Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people."

The affirmative speakers were Messrs. Robt. Fisher and George Fetzter and Misses Ethel Lippard and Florence Graeber. The negative speakers were Messrs. Fred Dayvaux and Fred Peck and Misses Dessa Phillips and Ida Sides.

The judges decided in favor of the negative. Prof. McLeod was the critic for the day.

SECRETARY.

Mr. Fetzter's Will.

The will of the late Mr. P. B. Fetzter was probated Friday afternoon. The will was made in Philadelphia the 25th of January and witnessed by Mr. Joe Hartsell and Dr. R. M. King. Mrs. Fetzter was named as executrix. In the application for letters testamentary the value of the estate was given as about \$75,000.

By the will Mrs. Fetzter was bequeathed forty-five shares of stock in the Young-Hartsell mill, five shares of the stock in the Brown mill and all the household and kitchen furniture. The other provision of the will directs that the residue of his estate, after all just debts have been paid, shall be shared equally by Mrs. Fetzter and Messrs. Morrison, Bernard, William, Robert and Nevin Fetzter, with the exception of \$2,500 paid Mr. Morrison Fetzter since he attained his majority.

Mr. Gray Left Large Estate.

Gastonia Gazette, 10th. The last will and testament of the late George A. Gray, president and treasurer of the Gray Manufacturing Company, who died last week, was opened and read Wednesday and will be probated tomorrow.

According to the terms of the will his widow, Mrs. C. Jennie Gray, is named as executrix and Mr. J. H. Separk, his son-in-law, and Mr. J. L. Gray, his son, are named as executors.

After all the indebtedness is paid it is estimated that the estate will be worth approximately \$175,000 to \$200,000. This is largely in real estate, stocks and bonds. Of the amount between \$40,000 and \$45,000 is in insurance.

Home State to Endorse Clark.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 19.—Many delegates and visitors are arriving in this city for tomorrow's Democratic State convention, which will be the first of the State convention to select delegates to the national convention at Baltimore. The general expectation is that Speaker Champ Clark will be unanimously endorsed by the convention for the presidential nomination.