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FROM MR. KURFEES

Will Not Be A Candidate For Any Political Office.

SOME PREDICTIONS

Thinks the Progressive Party Will Take the Country At An Early Date

Mr. Editor :

If you will be kind enough to grant me space I wish to make somewhat of an explanation to my political friends in the county. It has already been suggested by quite a few that I become a candidate for Clerk of the Court in the coming campaign. Knowing that I have a host of friends in the county who would like to know, and who have a right to know my feelings in the matter, I decided it was just that such explanation be made now.

Under existing circumstances, considering my business connections, etc., I cannot see my way clear to become a candidate for any political office at this time. In fact the Republican party, nationally speaking, has become so corrupt and boss-ridden, that I can no longer conscientiously affiliate with it. A few of its leaders of today claim to be progressive, and are striving with might and main to purify it within its ranks. But I am sorry to say they are making poor headway. The same things can be said of the Democratic party. It too has a few leaders who want it to move forward and meet the requirements of this progressive age, but it still has its Murphy in New York, its Taggart in Indiana, its Smith in New Jersey, its Watts in North Carolina and so on, throughout the entire country, just as the Republican party has its Barns, its Root, its Cannon, its Aldrich, its Penrose and a host of others who know no progress, but who stand exceedingly "pat."

With this state of affairs existing I see no chance to redeem, reform, or in any way purify either of the old parties from within their ranks. Indeed it is hard to purify a stream while its fountain remains polluted.

In 1855 the two dominant parties in this country were the Whig and the Democratic. In that year it was that the Republican party was born. Born only because neither of the old parties would agree to go forward and keep pace with the onward march of progress and civilization. This, my Republican and Democratic friends, is why the progressive party was born in 1912. Men from each of the old parties, and more particularly from the Republican, who had the cause of progress burning in their bosom, saw to their great chagrin that no relief was to be had, at the hands of either party in which the great mass of our people were being dominated and controlled by the voice of a few.

Nominations in each party are usually made by a "ring," after which the party lash is administered, and the rank and file warned not to split their ticket. A king or a queen would be just as acceptable as where such a mock is made of a democracy.

Our Republican friends tell us that we must abandon the new party—come back into the fold and march under the banner of the G. O. P. Just so did the

divided Whigs tell Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He was admonished that the new party could not win, but that if the division could be patched up and face the country with a reunited party, victory would be his. Without attempting to quote his exact language, he answered them by saying, in substance, "It is not victory alone for which we are fighting, but a principle. A principle so vital, that win or lose we'll fight it out on this line." God bless his memory! He was no "band wagon" citizen. For what he believed to be right, he would fight though the heavens fell; and though he had been the only one to cast a ballot for the cause. In conclusion I wish to thank any and all who might desire to support me for a political office. I fully appreciate your friendship, and as a private citizen I shall continue to do all in my power for the progress and upbuilding of our county and its institutions.

Politically speaking I have cast my lot with the progressive party. Its 1912 platform, both State and National, was the grandest political program since the civil war. Mark my prediction, the bulk of that program will be written into law by some political party in less than 10 years. I am aware that the progressive party got but few votes in our county in 1912. But I am also aware that many a man (because several have told me so) voted the Republican ticket just to keep from being called "out of line." I am aware of the loyal friendship for Col. Roosevelt and the progressive principles of a large percent of our citizens in the county, and when another opportunity is given to vote for those principles it will be made use of. No need to be timid now, even if the vote in our county was small before.

We outnumbered the Republicans in North Carolina, and got over four million votes in the United States. We are now the second party in both State and Nation and a strong second at that.

The Democratic party too is divided asunder in both State and Nation and by 1916 the Progressive party will sweep the country as Abraham Lincoln swept it in 1860.

JNO. W. KURFEES.
Germantown, N. C.

Preaching Appointments.

Walnut Cove, April 14.—There will be preaching and a church conference at Bethesda Methodist church next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, also service at the same place next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Preaching at Pine Hall next Sunday at 3 o'clock, p. m. Preaching at Forest Chapel next Sunday at 5 o'clock, p. m.

E. J. POE, Pastor.

Preaching Here Sunday.

Services will be held in the Methodist church here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Where Are the Dead, and What are They Doing."

T. J. FOLGER.

Messrs. Rufus P., John James and Wesley Mabe were in Danbury Monday attending to some business matters in connection with their father's estate.

WALNUT COVE LETTER WORK IS STARTED

Negro Shoots Two Others At The Road Workers Camp.

AID SOCIETY MEETS

Mrs. Herbert Smith Recovers From Illness — Dr. Critz Has Grippe — Other Items.

Walnut Cove, April 14.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church met with Mrs. L. G. Lewis at her home on Summit Avenue last week and held their regular monthly meeting. Several matters of business were disposed of. After the business session a delightful social hour was spent during which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The society will hold its next meeting with Mrs. A. J. Fair on Tuesday afternoon May fifth.

Quite a little excitement was caused at the camp near Fulp Sunday night when a colored man came into the camp and at once began firing among the colored road hands. Two of them were shot in their limbs, but it is thought their wounds are not serious. The negro made good his escape.

The N. & W. Ry. Co. operated an excursion on Easter Monday from Winston-Salem to Roanoke, Va., on which they run two passenger trains, each double headed, and each train had eleven passenger cars which were well filled as they passed here.

Col. J. S. Ball, who has been employed by the Stokes County Warehouse, came in last Thursday and will be here for about two months. His son, Chas. Ball, and wife are also guests at the Vaughn Hotel.

Rev. Mr. Poe filled his regular appointment at the Junior Hall last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Scott returned to their home at Winston after spending Easter here with relatives.

Mrs. Charlie Bowles and children of Sampson county are spending two weeks in town as the guests of her mother, Mrs. J. N. Martin.

Mr. George Semple spent the day Monday in town.

Miss Mary Martin spent Easter in town as the guest of friends. She returned to her school work at Mt. Tabor Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Herbert Smith of Liberty, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Dr. Jones, was real ill last week with tonsillitis, but is almost well at this writing, her many friends will be glad to learn.

Mr. Caleb Hairston and daughters have returned from Manatee, Fla., where they spent the winter.

Miss Nannie Jones, a student at the Salem Female College, spent Easter at Stokesburg with home folks.

Misses Ida and Govall Matlock and Matt and Cephus Lasley spent Easter here with relatives, returning to Winston Monday night.

Messrs. M. Y. Wheeler and R. L. Vaughn went to Stokesdale last Thursday night where they took a certain degree in the Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Inez Tuttle and Miss Mabel McKenzie spent Monday in town with friends, and left Tuesday for Germantown.

Mrs. Jim Neal of Meadows passed through town last week

On Roads To Be Built In Meadows Township.

TO JOIN FORSYTH

Two Main Roads Will Be Built Out From Germantown—First Work On Quaker Gap Road.

Germantown, April 14.—Messrs. Hening and Hagedorn, of La Grange, Ga., who bid off half the bond issue of forty thousand dollars to build roads in Meadows township, have arrived with a full equipment of road machinery, some fifty hands and forty-eight mules, and Saturday began actual work on what is known as the Quaker Gap road. The contractors figure that the \$40,000 will build about twenty miles of road. Building two roads, both from Germantown, will give practically all the southeast section of the county good roads to the Forsyth county line. The citizens are anxious to see Forsyth continue the road from James' store via Sullivan's to connect with the Stokes county roads at Germantown, thus shortening the distance to Danbury, about five miles from Winston-Salem.

The writer had the pleasure of attending a surprise birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. Chap Bodenheimer, given by her friends and neighbors. Quite a number being present. Among the attendants were her brother, Mr. Emmett Crouch and daughter, of High Point, who came over by way of Winston-Salem attended the Easter morning service in the Moravian graveyard and reached Mr. Bodenheimer's for an 8 o'clock breakfast. So much for good roads and modern locomotion. The tables were spread in the spacious yard surrounding their beautiful home, formerly known as the Col. Joseph Winston homestead, of Revolutionary fame. As is usual on such occasions, the tables were filled with everything necessary to satisfy the inner man, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Oriental team of the J. O. U. A. M. gave a banquet in their hall Saturday night, which was attended by practically the whole membership, and a royal good time was indulged in. Toasts, speech-making and a beautifully served table featured the occasion.

Mr. H. F. Sammet, while visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. C. Hill, in Germantown Saturday, was taken ill with pneumonia. His physician, however, had him removed to his home about three miles from here and reports him as somewhat improved.

Miss Fannie Davis' appointment as postmistress at Germantown seems to give universal satisfaction to the patrons of the office, as Miss Davis had served in this capacity under President Cleveland's last administration.

Quite a number of Germantown's young people made a trip to Pilot Mountain Sunday, going up on the 10 o'clock train and returning in the evening on the 5:17 train.

enroute to Winston to visit relatives.

Mr. Sam Stewart spent Monday in Madison, returning that night.

Dr. W. H. Critz has been sick with lagrippe for the last few days.

Miss Flossie Crews, who is teaching at Belews Creek, was in town Friday night.

DON'T BE DISFRANCHISED.

It is a disgrace to be disfranchised. Pay your poll tax before May 1, otherwise you cannot vote in the fall election.

Walnut Cove Route 1.

Walnut Cove Route 1, April 13.—There will be preaching at Rose Bud church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Miss Pearl Newsom spent Sunday with Misses Beatrice and Susie Tuttle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Smith spent Saturday night at Mr. G. T. Hampton's.

Mr. R. C. Allen spent Monday at Mr. C. F. Smith's.

Among those who visited at Mr. Thos. Tuttle's Sunday were Misses Rosa and Carrie Will's, Etta Bowles, Pearlina Smith; Messrs. Gray Rutledge, Urel Sizemore, Cicero and Preston Smith.

Miss Catherine Smith is spending a few days with relatives here.

Miss Hattie Smith and brother, Ernest, visited at Mr. J. R. Smith's Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Shore and family, of Rural Hall, spent the week end with relatives here.

There was a party given at Mr. W. E. Rutledge's Saturday night.

Mr. W. E. Butner and family spent the latter part of last week with friends and relatives at King.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith spent Sunday at Mr. Watt Smith's.

Miss Sadie Tuttle spent Saturday night with Miss Etta Fowler.

Misses Dora and Glenn Tuttle spent Monday at Mr. Charlie Smith's.

GOSSIPER.

King Route 2.

King, Route 2, April 13.—The sun has come out and the mud has dried away, and the farmers are beginning their work.

The tobacco plants have come up, and the bugs are getting their share.

There was a surprise birthday dinner last Sunday in honor of Mr. Jim Boyles. Mr. Boyles was much surprised and somewhat excited. At 11:30 o'clock one hundred and thirty of his friends drove up to his beautiful home in their nice vehicles with baskets filled with nice eatables after which there was a table built 50 feet long in the yard. The table was then furnished with all of the nice eatables that could be thought of. Mr. Boyles returned thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gentry of King Route 2 spent Easter Sunday with their son, J. J. Gentry, of Winston.

Mr. C. R. Boyles of Mt. Airy and N. E. and N. I. Boyles of Greensboro, spent Sunday with their father, Mr. Wade H. Boyles.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Venable of Pinnacle Route 2 spent Sunday with Mr. G. W. Smith.

Easter was spent pleasantly with no drinking and no shooting. SCRIBBLER.

MEADOWS CITIZENS

Before County Commissioners Here Today Asking For Road.

MEET AGAIN APRIL 22

County Commissioners and Meadows Township Road Commissioners Will Hold Joint Session On That Date.

A large delegation of the citizens of Meadows township came before the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting here today and asked that the Board take some action in the matter of helping them induce the road commissioners of Meadows township to build the much-discussed stretch of road between Meadows postoffice and J. I. Blackburn's.

After discussing the matter at some length the County Commissioners called a special meeting of their Board for next Wednesday, April 22nd, and also ordered that written notice be sent each of the road commissioners of Meadows township to meet here with them in joint session on the above date for the purpose of devising some plan to secure the much needed road. The Meadows citizens were instructed to send a committee here on the same date to represent the people of that section of the township in which the road is asked for.

In presenting the matter to the County Commissioners the Meadows citizens stated that they had not received fair treatment at the hands of the road commissioners of their township and they appealed to the County Commissioners to give them some relief. They claimed that they were asking for considerably less than their pro rata part of the taxes and had failed to get any assurance that the road wanted would be built.

The road in question is at present in a very deplorable condition, and is all but impassable. It is probably more extensively used than any road in the county, and while it will be a great benefit to nearly all the northern part of the county it is claimed by the Meadows citizens here today that it is used as well by one-fifth of the tax-payers of Meadows township.

It is sincerely hoped by the people of this entire section of the county, as well as by the Meadows township people, that some terms may be reached whereby the road will be built. The wrangle over it has already caused much bitter criticism of the Meadows road commissioners and to this has been attributed the cause of the defeat of the bond issue in Beaver Island township last week.

Messrs. R. H. R. Blair and W. R. Stewart are building a large addition to the home of Mr. William Morefield at Meadows. This will be a nice residence when completed.