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## THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM IS GOOD

Stands for Progressive Policies for the Farmer.

### COUNTY CANDIDATES

Start Off Auspiciously at Dr. Foard's and Pleasant Grove-- Council Gaitner, W. J. Shuford, A. C. Shuford Make Telling Speeches.

"Mr. Jonas, of Lincoln, made a speech in Highland or East Hickory, the other night, and I am told he sent a man to see me to invite me to divide time with him, and that I would not come. That messenger must have missed the trail. I guess he is still hunting for me, but I am not expecting him to find me. I would like to have the chance to hit him between the eyes with some facts, and to find out whether he is a Republican or a Progressive or a Bull Mooser, or what. Nobody knows."

This was one utterance of Judge Council who made a spirited and brilliant speech when the county candidates spoke at Foard & Whisnant's Store in Bandy's township last Saturday afternoon. There were 37 auditors present in the grove in front of Dr. Foard's home but this was about twice as good as the Republican audience the previous Saturday, according to a man present on both occasions, who said the Republicans had 16. But the farmers are very busy at this harvest time. There was a better audience of 100 or more at the Pleasant Grove school house at night.

Messrs. R. Lee Hewitt, candidate for Sheriff; E. D. Gamble for Register; W. S. Sherrill for Treasurer; F. A. Yoder for county commissioner briefly declared themselves and bespoke the support of the voters as men who had made good, while Mr. W. B. Gaitner, for the House, and Judge W. B. Council, Jr. for the Senate, made the principle speeches.

County Chairman J. D. Elliott introduced the speakers in a neat but brief address.

### Mr. Elliott Introduces

Brief and to the point were Chairman Elliott's introductions, often interspersed with a joke. Our hope is in the national ticket this year to relieve the people of their burdens, he said. He wanted to show the people the kind of candidates the Democracy is offering them. We owe Roosevelt a vote of thanks for "busting" the Republican party wide open in the middle, and the New York Herald predicts Wilson's election by one of the biggest votes ever given a candidate.

### Brief Declarations

Mr. Hewitt for sheriff said that his nomination two years ago was taken as a joke and the Republicans gave him the horse laugh. He was elected, however, and had come before the people with clean hands. He had offered his opponent to meet him on the stump but he refused. Messrs. Gamble, Sherrill and F. A. Yoder declared themselves for register, treasurer and county commissioner.

### Mr. A. C. Shuford for Wilson.

At Pleasant Grove school house where the candidates spoke at night to over 100 men, Ex-Congressman A. C. Shuford was in the audience. He seemed to be a little surprised when Mr. J. D. Elliott called upon him at the conclusion of the candidates' speeches. It was then 10 o'clock. "It is late," said Mr. Shuford, as he rose, "and I hope for some other occasion to speak, as an explanation should precede what I may have to say. I have been one of these independents to whom Judge Council referred. I am somewhat of a free lance in politics. But I consider myself Democratic to the core if we judge Democracy by principles. I am for Woodrow Wilson and the national Democratic ticket. Before he was nominated I was for him. Frankly, if Champ Clark or Underwood had been nominated, I would not have supported them. "One reason I am for Wilson is because of the record he has made. He is Democratic to the core. He is for measures that I have been for. He worked to make Princeton University Democratic when he was its president. He never would have accepted the presidential nomination if he had had to obligate himself to any man. I don't be-

lieve there has been in North Carolina a more conscientious man on the bench than Judge Council but he would not sit on a case in which he had a personal interest. A public official cannot judge impartially the business interests of men who contributed to their election, not because they are not honest, but because a sense of gratitude marks their judgment. No, these evils proceed not from direct bribery but from failure to properly weigh evidence, and men throw themselves under the influence of the Big Interests in order to satisfy their ambitions. I cannot help supporting a man who keeps his judgement free. "I wish we would all look at government as a business matter. Let us throw away party feelings and elect fit men."

### County Platform for Progress

Mr. W. J. Shuford made a highly practical and effective speech. He said that the farmer was interested in rural credits, which many European governments have long had. The U. S. can borrow money at 2 per cent, the big corporations at from 3 to 4 per cent, our large cities at 5, commercial interests at 6, but the average farmer had to pay from 8 to 10 per cent. In Germany rural co-operative societies lend money to farmers at 4 1/2 per cent. The speaker believed that under Woodrow Wilson we will see such rural credit societies springing up all over the land. In all its history the Republican party has never so much as considered this vitally important subject.

Mr. Shuford read a number of questions asked in the last number of the Progressive Farmer. Has your county 6 months school, was one. The speaker showed that the county Democratic convention had declared for increasing the school from three and four to six months.

Does your county get all the time of your county superintendent of education? After Nov. 1st., Catawba county will enjoy this advantage.

Has your county issued bonds for roads, Newton and Hickory townships have voted \$50,000 each, have started to building sand clay roads, and have created non-partisan boards for expending the road funds.

We have county institutes, well attended.

We have corn and tomato clubs for the boys and girls of the county. The Democratic board of county commissioners gave \$75, the State Department of Agriculture \$75, making \$150, which made possible the organization of the girls tomato clubs, under a highly efficient leader, and they have canned altogether 3000 cans, worth \$800. Our present commissioners have spent \$250 for the hookworm campaign and \$500 toward securing the county commissioner of agriculture.

Our county Democratic platform declares for fair salaries to county officers and the abolition of the old fee system. The Republican county platform says nothing of this.

The county platform declares for simplifying land titles, which is about equivalent to the Torrens system. These are the things which the Catawba Democrats stand for, and which ought to give the ticket 500 majority.

### Mr. Gaitner's Speech

Woodrow Wilson is a great man, for limericks, and Mr. Gaitner quoted one of them at the beginning of his speech. Mr. Elliott had bragged on the good looks of his bunch, but Mr. Gaitner quoted as applicable to himself Mr. Wilson's tribute to his own paltritude: For beauty I am not a sjar, There are of others more handsome by far, My face I don't mind it, For I am behind it. It's those out in front that I jar.

Mr. Gaitner said his opponent, he understood, had said that if Gaitner went around making a canvas, he (Mr. Killian) expected to be there. Mr. Gaitner said he had treated this with silence, until he found Mr. Killian was leaving the impression that he was afraid to meet him, whereupon he promptly issued a challenge for a joint debate, which his opponent through the papers declined. Mr. Killian reminded him of Ikey, who put up his old blind scrub of a cow for sale. The auctioneer cried: "This is one of the finest Jersey cows ever offered for sale." When Ikey jumped up and said: "Vait, vait, I didn't know she was so good. I will not sell her. I had changed my mind."

His opponent had boasted of the way he had plowed and planted until he had bought a big farm, made a great success and owned bank stock. He doubted if Gaitner ever plowed a furrow. Mr. Gaitner had plowed and ditched and cradled wheat, etc., but he did not believe Catawba county

## Clark and Victory

(Fayetteville Daily Observer)

**DON'T LET THEM DECEIVE YOU.** The farmers do not talk much but they cast 80 percent of the votes.

They remember their friends and they know that Walter Clark has been their consistent friend for many years, and **THEY ARE GOING TO STAND BY HIM NOW.** And remember that from the battle of Sharpsburg in 1861 to this day, Walter Clark has faced all kinds of enemies and opposition and fought in many battles, and he has never surrendered and **HE HAS NEVER BEEN DEFEATED.**

## Catawba County Fair

OCT. 30-31 AND NOV. 1, 1912.

\$2000.00 in purses and premiums. Three dazzling and thrilling Aeroplane flights by noted aviators, also other interesting features: Demorest Dramatists, Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Athletic contest, Live Stock and School Parades. The worlds best production in motion pictures. Addresses will be made by noted speakers along agricultural and educational lines. States Dept's. Agricultural car.

Better displays than ever before in field and garden crops, horses, cattle, sheep and swine, dairy products, horticulture, pantry supplies, children's department, education, judging, manufacturers' displays, poultry and special premiums.

It will be well worth your while to attend every day. For full information write, E. L. FLOWERS, Secretary, Hickory, N. C.

### In Social Circles

The Thursday Study Club held an enjoyable meeting Oct. 10th, with Mrs. Geo. Bisaner. After quotations on Life Mrs. Harte gave a sketch of the Empress Frederick; Mrs. Bost gave the topics woman in the Antediluvian World and Woman in the Professions; and Mrs. L. R. Whitener gave a continuation of the Women of Homer.

Following the meeting a delicious luncheon was served in courses. The rooms were beautifully decorated with cosmos and dahlias, and a large vase of magnificent pink roses adorned the centre of the dining table. Mrs. Ferrell of Missouri and Miss Phillips of Ohio shared with the club members the hospitality of the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Whitener.

### A Log on the Track

of the fast express means serious trouble ahead if not removed, so loss of appetite. It means lack of vitality, loss of strength and nerve weakness. If appetite fails, take Electric Bitters quickly to overcome the cause by toning up the stomach and curing the indigestion. Michael Hessemer of Lincoln, Neb., had been sick over three years, but six bottles of Electric Bitters put him right on his feet again. They have helped thousands. They give pure blood, strong nerves, good digestion. Only 50 cents at C. M. Buford, Moser & Lutz and Grimes.

### Catawba Springs Notes.

The Democrat is pleased to learn that Mrs. Elliott at Catawba Springs is much better and able to be up, after having been ill all summer.

### Saved by His Wife

She's a wise woman who knows just what to do when her husband's life is in danger, but Mrs. R. J. Flint, Brain-true, Vt., is of that kind. "She insisted on my using Dr. King's New Discovery," writes Mr. F. "for a dreadful cough, when I was so weak my friends all thought I had only a short time to live, and it completely cured me." A quick cure for coughs and colds, it's the most safe and reliable medicine for many throat and lung troubles—grip, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, quinsy, tonsillitis, hemorrhages. A trial will convince you. 50 cts. and \$1.00. Guaranteed by C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz and Grimes.

### The Dula Orchard

We had the pleasure recently of visiting the famous Dula orchards a mile north of town. The work of gathering, packing and marketing the fine crop of apples in now going on. The Messrs. Dula have a number of varieties of apples, but the celebrated "Dula Beauty" is their specialty. The trees of this famous variety are simply loaded down, there being hundreds of bushels of the finest kind of perfect apples hanging on them. Mr. S. E. Dula told us he was now selling these fine apples in the orchard at \$1.00 per bushel and of course getting a better price for all he ships, while ordinary apples can be bought on the market here for 40 to 50 cents per bushel. Mr. Dula is having a fine sale on his apples the demand for them increasing as they become known. He is attending the Western North Carolina Fair at Asheville this week where he has an exhibit and he also has one at the Central Carolina Fair at Greensboro and we expect him to take premiums at both. In addition to the growing and selling the famous apples he is also propagating the trees and has sold hundreds of them for delivery this fall or as soon as he can get them ready.

Out in the Foard-Whisnant store neighborhood, Dr. Foard was showing Judge Council over his splendid farm. On the big road up above the store, they met Mr. Rudisill, and he and the judge got into a little political dispute. "If Wilson is elected," said Mr. Rudisill, "a working man and a farmer can't make 40 cents a day." "Do you honestly believe that?" asked the judge. "I certainly do," said Mr. Rudisill. "Well," continued the judge, "Wilson is going to be elected, and in order to calm your fears I want to say I will give you 75 cents a day if you will work for me, and I will sign a contract with you for five years." Mr. Rudisill was a little quieter in his argument but he would not sign up.

At the Pleasant Grove school house Saturday night just before the Democratic county candidates spoke, Mr. Francis Yoder called the citizens of Jacob Fork township together and the following township ticket was nominated by acclamation: For magistrates, Colin Yoder, Max Cline, and James Clampitt, and for constable John Sherrill.

Mr. H. Olin Abernethy who has been travelling in Ohio and West Virginia, has returned home and is attending Rutherford College this winter. He took in Pittsburg, Niagara, Buffalo, New York city, Philadelphia, Washington, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Charlotte before returning.

For any itching of the skin, for skin rashes, chap, pimples, etc., Dr. Doan's Ointment. 50c. at all drug stores.

### Wilson, Says The Spider.

By J. W. C. Something happened in Catawba County, near Hickory, yesterday that has struck terror in the hearts of the Republicans, created a panic in the camp of the "Bull Moosers," and caused general jubilation in the ranks of the Democrats, for the incident is looked upon here as being a most wonderful prophecy that Wilson will be our next president.

The thing that happened is this: Yesterday evening several little tots, children of Mr. J. W. Starnes, went for a stroll in a corn field in the creek bottom close by the house. They were chasing butterflies and having a good time in general when Wesley, a bright boy of six summers, noticed a beautiful spider web hanging gracefully between two stalks of corn. So unusually beautiful was the web, and of such splendid design that it attracted the attention of this son of the soil, and he sat down to watch the spider finish his work, as it seemed to be busy putting the finishing touches in the center of the web. After watching for a few moments he saw the spider was taking the fuzz from off the backs of two moths that had become entangled in the web, and was weaving it into letters. And so plain and distinct were the letters that this little boy, who is in the first grade at school, could read them without the least effort. The spider began with a beautiful capital "W", and followed it with the letters "ilson" in a smaller design. And so surprised and astonished was Wesley at the action of the spider that he called his brothers and sisters to come and witness the wonder. And so surprised were they all that they decided to take the web and all to the house and show them to their parents. And so surprised were the parents that they called in passers-by to witness the work.

The spider that did the work was a large spotted variety known to naturalists as the Harlequin, and the writing was as plain and perfect as writing could be made. The word was in the center of the large web, and was made of different material from the web, so that the word "Wilson" stood out very prominent.

A significant thing about it all is the fact that the web was found in the corn field which only last year brought fame and glory to Earnest, an older brother of Wesley's, who tended the field, by producing a record breaking prize-winning crop of 146 1-2 bushels to the acre. This fact is thought to be an omen that tells of a period of great prosperity when Wilson shall be elected president.

The two moths (one was larger than the other) are supposed to represent Taft and Roosevelt, and the spider writing the name with the fuzz from off their backs is supposed to be Wilson writing his name in the annals of history by getting the votes from Taft and Teddy.

This story is vouched for by Mr. J. W. Starnes, a life-long Republican, on whose farm the spider did its wonderful work, by his family, and by an enthusiastic "Bull Mooser", as well as by a loyal Democrat, and the question is being raised that if a common every-day spider could tell Robert, the Bruce of victory years ago, and could shield David from harm when Saul was after his head, why couldn't this ordinary Harlequin spider proclaim victory for Woodrow Wilson in this modern day?

### What is the Size of Your Hat

When you've been with the boy all night and have a dark brown taze and your head feels too big for your hat, call at any medicine Dealer and get a 10c. package Captura. It will make your hat fit better. "Convenient to carry in the pocket. The genuine has name Burwell & Dunn Co.

### Columbia Corn Exposition.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 12.—The Fifth National Corn Exposition meets here next January and February. Exceptionally low round trip rates to Columbia have been announced. Write for literature and art posters.

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Easos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." For sale by all dealers.

**CASTORIA FOR FLETCHERS**

### GO HOME COLONEL, SAYS THE JOURNAL

Atlanta Paper Gives Advice to Mr. Roosevelt.

### SOUTH REMEMBERS THINGS.

What He Has Said Against Jefferson Davis and R. E. Lee Not Forgotten—Don't Mistake Hospitality for Support.

The Atlanta Journal had a recent editorial on Ex-President Roosevelt's Southern trip. It has created a sensation in Hickory and the Democrat has had requests from three different sources to republish it does so herewith: HERE'E your hat, Colonel. The South isn't in your "ring." It's high time you were hurrying home.

On your former visits to our State and section, you have found that considerate welcome to which you were officially entitled. Southerners are by nature a mannerly folk and they have always met you with the graciousness due a President, or a former President of the United States; but, when you twist their hospitable greeting into an omen of political support, you become rather presumptuous as a guest and, certainly, very foolish as a politician.

You seem, indeed, to have mistaken the South for an African game trail, where the natives will flock to dance for your sport and gaze spellbound on your strange trappings. In a guise of sanctity, you come to convert what you derisively call the Solid South; but be not deceived, doughty Colonel; for, the eyes of the section have pierced your missionary makeup and they see you as the political adventurer you really are.

You may shout "Armageddon" and sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" until the young-eyed cherubim yawn with disgust, but you will never find the South a missionary field for a man of your doctrines and your record. The Southern people have longer memories than you imagine.

They have not forgotten your scorn of their heroes and their dead but sacred cause in the days when you cared nothing for Southern votes.

They have not forgotten how you wrote of Jefferson Davis—whose memory is revered in this election at least—as a traitor or a criminal.

Who that is Southern born could ever forget your vicious slander of Robert E. Lee, the knightliest spirit of America's epic war?

You have trampled brutally on the annals and the ideals of the South's Confederacy, and yet you now come among the sons of the men who died for that cause and try to flatter them into following your selfish adventure.

This is a new South, but it is the child of the Old; and, while its sympathies are today as broad as the Union, its heart is none the less warm or reverent to the memory of its sires. It nurses no rancor of sectionalism. Had you fought against its fathers, Colonel Roosevelt, as did thousands of brave men, that could never have been held against you; but when in the peaceful time of returning friendship, you went out of your way to slander them, you then forever barred yourself from political consideration.

Go home, Colonel! Go home andregale yourself on those pages in which you belittled and falsified the lives of Southern leaders. If you fancy that the pharisaic pose you have recently assumed on the negro question will win you this section's support, you are pitifully deceived. You have straddled this issue in both the North and the South, fraternizing with the negro there and execrating him here.

Do you think we are so stupid as not to see through this two-faced and impudent game? Did you bid might-and-man for the support of the negro delegates at Chicago? Would you ever have pretended this sudden change of heart, had you succeeded in capturing the machinery of that party as you violently strove to do?

Why was it, Colonel, that you never awoke to the corrupting influence of the colored delegates from the South until you saw that they would no longer serve but would embarrass your political schemes? The whole country knows that no Republican ever went fatter or steeper lower than you for