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STATEMENT BY HON. E. R. PRESTON CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Some of the Constructive Measures for Which He Stands.

WANTS A JOINT DEBATE.

Will Be Glad to Meet Mr. Webb in Joint Discussion. Thinks the Voters are Entitled to Certain Information from Mr. Webb by April 16.

To the Democratic Voters of the Ninth District:

The voters have a right to know what a candidate stands for. The best method of reaching the people is a discussion of the issues. I will therefore be glad to meet Mr. Webb in debate at such times and places in this district as may be agreed upon. Several papers, notably the Republican or near-Republican paper, the Greensboro Daily News, through its Washington correspondent, has ridiculed and attacked my candidacy against Mr. Webb, whom I constantly boost, and I feel it only right that I should make a statement at this time.

The renomination on Monday of Mr. Clayton of Alabama, to take his seat again next year, removes any chance Mr. Webb might have had of becoming chairman of the Judiciary Committee during this administration. Mr. Webb's mere membership on this Lawyer's Committee does not benefit this District in any material way.

Hundreds of Democrats interested in a more vigorous fight for our section have requested me to become a candidate for Congress.

The following are some of the more important measures which I will advocate:

RURAL CREDITS.

For some years I have been connected with organizations favorable to rural credit associations, which have proved such a blessing to the farmers of other nations. If elected I will do all in my power to carry out the plans which those who have studied this subject and I myself think advisable for Federal aid to those associations; and will be glad to give my views on this question in detail to any voter or organization that will communicate with me at Charlotte.

FREIGHT RATES.

With many others I have been working, since 1907, for just interstate freight rates. If elected I will advocate a congressional investigation of the rate making monopoly believed to exist—somewhat similar to the investigation proposed for South Carolina rates upon coal. At least one North Carolina Congressman, according to press reports, has been working for his constituents along these lines.

IMMIGRATION.

If elected I shall work for stricter immigration laws, so that only the desirable foreigners may be allowed to come upon our shores.

GOOD ROADS.

This old Kings Mountain District of North Carolina, the birth place of freedom, has received practically nothing recently from Federal appropriations and benefits—even the monument is in South Carolina. We should not only get our part of the road money under the Shackelford bill, but try to have established a system of Government roads to and from Government property in western North Carolina connecting with State highways. Many well informed men believe that it is entirely possible to do this.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION.

Our public school system should be kept pure in its devotion to American and Christian ideals. Next to the preachers our school teachers have had more to do with the making of a noble citizenship than any other class. Practical and industrial education is one of the needs of the South. If elected I will favor more Federal aid and co-operation along these lines.

Mr. Webb states that he will stand on his record in the House. I have asked him 13 questions, all of which questions have been published and a copy of them mailed to him. I respectfully insist that he make a public statement as to what his record is by April 16, 1914, so that the voters may have 30 days for consideration. The reason I make this request is because it is rumored Mr. Webb intends to decline to make any statement ut-

til just before the election and then flood the papers of the District with attempted explanations and "boosting matter." Mr. Webb should also state what he has done in regard to the measures outlined above, what speeches he has made or bills or resolutions he has introduced as to them and what part if any he has taken in the recent National questions before Congress, such as tariff, currency and Panama tolls for example, except to cast a formal party vote (or be recorded not voting and paired.)

COUNTY SECRETARIES.

The present long distance method of getting assistance from the Government Departments is unsatisfactory, no matter how good a letter writer a Congressman and his secretary are. If elected I will provide a small allowance from my salary to be paid to one man in each county, known as the county secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep on hand all Government publications and help any citizen get any information and assistance from Washington that the numerous Departments afford.

CONGRESS NO SIDE LINE.

If elected, I will remain in Washington and attend to my duties, maintain no law partnership and engage in no private practice during any of the sessions of Congress. I will also pay my clerk each month the full amount allowed him by law. Mr. Webb during the past three sessions of Congress has missed nearly one-half of his roll calls, according to estimates made. Six of our ten Representatives have had better attendance averages than he has.

NO EXTRAS FOR MILEAGE.

Twenty cents a mile allowance for traveling expenses of a Congressman is excessive. This matter I understand is now before Congress. If elected I will only take actual traveling expenses, and turn over to the Agricultural Department the difference to be used for farm demonstration work in the Ninth District. There seems to be no direct Government money spent in this District for that purpose (except a small amount through the General Education Board), until such time as the law is changed.

FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDERS SHOULD BE DEMOCRATS.

Democrats when capable should in my judgment, hold all possible post office and other Federal positions. Republicans should not be allowed to hold over in these positions for an unreasonable time. If elected I will use my best efforts to prevent these long delays.

MR. WEBB AND THE JUDICIARY.

What has Mr. Webb done? He is on one committee, the Judiciary, and on the subcommittee that looks after Federal procedure practice, etc. An examination of reports filed by him shows that with one or two possible exceptions he has during his service in Congress and on this committee been looking after technicalities of courts, admission of evidences, judicial, circuits and marshals' salaries, impeachments, etc. If re-elected he will naturally continue this work which is necessary but which no citizens except lawyers understand or care about. What single law of a general nature has he really been the author or draftsman of? I shall give him full credit for his efforts in connection with the passage of the recent interstate liquor shipment bill, the purpose of which was to prevent illegal interstate liquor traffic. My record on prohibition and anti-saloon issues is, my friends think, (and they include many ardent prohibitionists) as sound as Mr. Webb's—having voted for prohibition whenever opportunity presented, and I stand for proper enforcement of the law. In doing this I have merely cast in my lot with the moral forces for good of this State and desire no special praise for it.

HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN ACTUALLY SPENT IN THE DISTRICT.

Appropriations mean nothing unless we get the use of them. Mr. Webb has mailed everywhere a list of promised appropriations. Why does he fail to tell how much money has actually spent. I was prohibited in Washington by authorities from getting full information as to amounts spent upon public buildings and public works in this District. So far as my investigations went, it appeared that the amount is hardly equal to the salary and allowances drawn by Mr. Webb. I again insist that he make public all information as to his record by

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION.

As to anti-trust legislation, Mr. Webb is quoted as saying as to the interlocking directorates (the backbone of anti-trust law) that he believes in exempting or favoring corporations having under a half-million dollars capital. I am opposed to playing favorites in this way. Mr. Webb is quoted as saying on January 12, 1914, that he is not altogether in sympathy with other measures planned for anti-trust progress. Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, in The Observer of April 8, 1914, says that unless the House Judiciary Committee in which anti-trust bills are being considered, has more harmony among its members, the President will have to take the "bull by the horns."

My opponent's friends seem not to have tried to tell us what he has done. They plead for one more chance, just two more years. He has had six terms—twice the average period of service. The Democrats have been in power in the House for more than three years. My opponent's friends are raising such "straw issues," as "Mecklenburg for Mecklenburg." This slogan was first used by an opposition newspaper and has nothing to do with the issues for which I stand. The expression has never been adopted by me, as my opponents in their desperation are trying to make the people believe.

My friends feel that while Mr. Webb's technical legal training on the Judiciary Committee has probably made him a better Federal court lawyer, the years I have devoted to co-operative and development work in this section better qualify me for advocating these constructive measures which our District needs. The primary has been called at such an early date as to prevent my seeing and addressing all voters, therefore, I take this means of reaching them and appealing to all interested in the measures outlined to help us in this contest. Democrats have never considered a seat in Congress as a lifetime position, but an honor and opportunity for service to one's District and State.

E. R. PRESTON. Charlotte N. C., April 9, 1914. Advertisement.

School Closes at Sweetwater.

The school at Sweetwater came to a close last Thursday with appropriate exercises, consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues by the pupils which were exceptionally well rendered. A short talk was made by Mr. J. W. Mouser on the United Farm Women movement, urging the women of the district to organize a club to augment the work of the Farmers' Union Local which is doing such a good work for the men of the community. The school this year was in charge of Mr. J. W. Mouser and Miss Olive Ingold, and was very successful in every way. A number of Hickory people attended the exercises, among them being Misses Bessie and Arabella Johnson, and Ellen White.

Paint Now

If you ought to have painted last year and waited, how much do you think you made? You'll buy an extra gallon this year. There's \$5 or \$6 for paint and labor. You think you won't, but you will; you can't stretch paint. It is always so: the longer you wait, the more paint and wages. Besides what paint is for. What is it for? DEVOE adv.

Check Your April Cough.

Thawing frost and April rains chill you to the very marrow, you catch cold—Head and lungs stuffed—You are feverish—Cough continually and feel miserable—You need Dr. King's New Discovery. It soothes inflamed and irritated throat and lungs, stops cough, your head clears up, fever leaves, and you feel fine. Mr. J. T. Davis, of Stickney Corner, Me., "Was cured of a dreadful cough after doctor's treatment and all other remedies failed. Relief or money back. Pleasant—Children like it. Get a bottle to day. 50c and \$1.00, at your Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for All Sores.

MISS ENGLE, SUFFRAGE LEADER, VISITS HICKORY

Makes Short Talk on Equal Suffrage at Meeting of The Travelers' Club Thursday.

Miss Lavinia Engle, of Maryland, one of the official speakers and organizers of the National Suffrage Association, has been spending some months in the South, lecturing, speaking, and assisting in the organization of local and state leagues. Enthusiastic press notices throughout the South attest not only the cleverness and knowledge of this young organizer, but also her personal charm and womanliness. Herself a southern woman, she understands the conditions and the ideas of the South, and is in entire agreement with its suffrage policies. Miss Engle knows her subject thoroughly, and presents it lucidly.

Miss Engle has just made her visit to Hickory and while here was the guest of Judge and Mrs. E. B. Cline. She made many friends amongst our people by her delightful personality and only the Lenten services prevented her from making many more. While here, she made a short talk on the causes for Equal Suffrage at the Traveler's Club and while no league was organized a committee was appointed to keep in touch with the work. Miss Mary Campbell Shuford was made chairman and Mrs. E. B. Cline, secretary and treasurer and any one interested is invited to communicate with this committee.

Genealogical History of Jacob Yoder.

(By G. M. YODER.)

Jacob Yoder was born December 13, 1767 and was 8 years old when the Declaration of Independence was declared on the 20th of May, 1775, and was 13 years old when the Tory battle at Kings' Mountain was fought in 1780. He was raised on a farm and received a common practical education, both in German and English, that enabled him to transact his every day business. Between 1790 and 1792 he married Catherine Dellinger, a daughter of John and Barbara Dellinger, who was a daughter of the old pioneer, Henry Whitener. By some means he did not like Dellinger and made a warranty deed on May 10, 1796 for all that land that lay west of the Hickory Road, to the children born, which were Henry, Catherine, Joseph, John and Barbara, which amounted to nearly five hundred acres. Afterwards two more sons were born and these were cut entirely out of their shares. Then when they arrived of age these lands were divided and Jacob Yoder built on his wife's portion of land where they lived for a number of years until four children were born. They then took a foolish notion and sold all this valuable land together with about 70 acres, that he got from his father's estate, at a nominal price and left North Carolina. He first went to Kentucky, but did not like the country, and then went to Indiana and located in Monroe county where he lived and died. Prof. Albert H. Yoder, teacher in the State Normal School of Wisconsin, located at Whitewater, who recently made a visit to G. M. Yoder, was a son of Henry Yoder who was born in Lincoln county before his father left this state, about 95 years ago. Henry was the son of Jacob Yoder who was the son of the old pioneer, Conrad Yoder, who came from Switzerland in 1751.

Meets Death in Big Dredge.

Newark, N. J.—Capt. John Hanson, master of a stone barge, was knocked into Newark Bay and drawn into a Government sand sucking dredge half a mile away, then cast through a fourteen-inch pipe 2,000 feet long out into the Newark meadows. In passing through the dredge the body was cut into four pieces. An hour after he had fallen from the barge men working in the meadows were surprised to see parts of a man's body shoot out of the pipe with the flood of sand and water. The sections formed a complete man's body. In a pocket papers were found identifying the body as that of Captain Hanson.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man an unhappy slave. For impure blood and sluggish liver, use Burdock Blood Bitters. On the market 35 years. \$1.00 a bottle. adv't.

APPOMATTOX.

Village Dwindling Into Ruins and Fast Disappearing.

The village of Appomattox, the place of Lee's surrender 49 years ago on April 9, has fallen into ruin and has nearly disappeared. Three houses have survived fire, storm and neglect, but even these are warped and sagging, and the promise is that they, too, will soon rot, and that weeds, followed by scrub pine, will overrun their site. Two of these houses have been long abandoned, but that one is occupied by the large family of a small farmer, stranger to that part of Virginia and unfamiliar with, and indifferent to, the great memories that cluster around that tragic ground.

At the time of the surrender the village was the seat of Appomattox County. It was then, after four years of war, a seedy, ramshackle cross-roads hamlet. A cluster of dwellings, mostly of wood, a few lawyers' offices, a couple of doctors' offices, a tavern, a smithy, a hiring stable and a store or two leaned around the sleepy court house square. The court building was burned down 20 years ago, and today the desolate court house square is cumbered with ashes, charred plaster, shattered bricks and bits of heat-distorted glass.

In a particularly dark patch of a gloomy stretch of pines the visitor comes upon the North Carolina monument. The inscription on this monument, which gives North Carolina, has caused tense and bitter controversy in the South. The inscription follows:

"LAST AT APPOMATTOX, 'At this place the North Carolina brigade of Brigadier General W. R. Cox, of Grimes' division, fired the last volley April 9, 1865."

Major General Ivan Grimes, of North Carolina, planned the last battle fought by the Army of Northern Virginia and commanded the infantry engaged therein, the greater part of whom were North Carolinians.

"This stone is erected by the authority of the General Assembly of North Carolina in grateful and perpetual memory of the valor, endurance and patriotism of her sons, who followed with unshaken fidelity the fortunes of the Confederacy to this closing scene faithful to the end.

"Erected April 9, 1905.

"North Carolina Appomattox Commission: H. A. London, chairman; E. J. Holt, W. T. Jenkins, Cyrus S. Watson, A. D. McGill."

On the opposite side of the monument is this inscription:

"North Carolina. First at Bethel Farthest to the front at Gettysburg and Chickamauga. Last at Appomattox."—Philadelphia Record.

President Wilson in Favor Local Option.

President Wilson is in favor of local option on the liquor question, and does not believe prohibition should be made a part of a party program. Since the order of Secretary Daniels was issued prohibiting the use of liquor by officers in the navy, persons in a position to obtain the President's views have learned that he still stands by his letter written in May, 1911, while governor of New Jersey, to the Rev. Thomas B. Shannon, of Newark, N. J., in which he said:

"I am in favor of local option. I am a thorough believer in local self-government, and believe that every self-governing community which constitutes a social unit should have the right to control the matter of the regulation or the withholding of licenses."

Strengthens Weak and Tired Women.

"I was under a great strain nursing a relative through three months' sickness," writes Mrs. J. C. Van De Sande, of Kirkland, Ill., and "Electric Bitters kept me from breaking down. I will never be without it." Do you feel tired and worn out? No appetite and food won't digest? It isn't the spring weather. You need Electric Bitters. Start a month's treatment today; nothing better for stomach, liver and kidneys. The great spring tonic. Relief or money back. 50c. and \$1.00 at your Druggist. adv't.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, will lead to chronic constipation. Doan's Regulents operate easily. 25c a box at all stores. adv't.

STATE HOSPITAL AFFAIRS.

Officers Elected—Pressure for More Room.

Stateville, April 9.—Rufus K. Clark has returned from Morganton, where he attended the regular annual meeting of the board of directors of the State hospital yesterday. For the first time in several years every member of the board was present. It being the regular time for the election of officers, Mr. Davis, of Morganton, was re-elected president of the board, and Mr. Clark, of Statesville, was re-elected secretary. Messrs. Davis, Clark and A. E. Tate, of High Point, were continued as the executive committee. F. M. Scroggs was re-elected steward of the hospital and his salary was increased from \$1,500 to \$1,800, and Miss Cilla Summers was elected matron to succeed Mrs. C. A. Marsh. Mrs. Marsh, who has been matron since the institution opened, has been in feeble health for some years and recently her mind has failed. She is now a patient in the hospital.

The report of Superintendent McCampbell for the four months ending with March 31 showed that there are 1,302 patients on the rolls. During the four months 56 were admitted, two discharged and 17 died; and for the same period 54 applicants had to be denied admission to the hospital for lack of room.

The pressure for room continues and the directors decided to push the work of construction of the receiving building for women, now under way, and in addition to this a dormitory to accommodate 75 men will be erected. It is hoped to have both buildings ready for occupancy next fall.

For the Weekly And Semi-Weekly Papers.

Arthur Brisbane, of the Hearst syndicate of papers, the world's greatest editor, has for the past several years been paying some fine compliments to the country press—the weeklies and semi-weeklies outside of the big cities.

The country editor he styles the "national policeman, the man who fights for political and industrial trial honesty in his corner of the republic."

Speaking further, Editor Brisbane says, "Every man who spends a thousand dollars with a country newspaper contributes a thousand dollars to the cause of good government."

The country editors of the United States should appreciate the great work that Mr. Brisbane has done for them. By his editorials in behalf of the country editor he has transferred myriads of money from the coffers of the big national advertiser into the small till of the country publisher.

The words quoted above were spoken by Mr. Brisbane before a body of 250 representatives of the national advertising agencies, whose expenditures into the channels of publicity run up into the hundreds of millions annually.

Without a reasonable prosperity, no country editor can be the effective and independent national policeman "in his corner of the republic," about whom Mr. Brisbane has had so many kind words to say. Brisbane says that every country editor should be as well rewarded for his services as any other leader of the community, whereas in many instances he is the most poorly rewarded.—Shelby Highlander.

Federal Control of Radium Bearing Lands Proposed.

Debate in the Senate on the bill for the Government control of the radium-bearing lands of the West was opened by Chairman Walsh of the Mines Committee. Emphasizing the importance of the measure, Senator Walsh said radium-bearing ores not only were found in Colorado and Utah, but in Montana, and probably would be found in other States.

The committee's report upon the curative properties of the radium, Senator Walsh assured the Senate, would be discussed fully before the bill was taken up in detail. Senator Gallinger and Senator Works insisted that this was not the most important part of the subject, the latter declaring that a distressful condition would result if Congress vouched in effect for a cancer cure that later might prove a failure.

Accidents will happen, but the best regulated families keep Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for such emergencies. Two zes 25 and 50c at all stores. adv't.

CITY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE APRIL 24

Present Term Very Successful—20 Per Cent Increase in Enrollment Over Last Year.

The schools of Hickory will close April 24, after a term of eight months. The year's work has been very successful, despite the prevalence of mumps and other contagious diseases.

In the South school there have been enrolled 844 pupils; in the primary and grammar grades of the North school, 330 pupils; and in the high school grades, 122 pupils. The total enrollment in the white schools is 796, and in the colored school, 256. The increase in the white schools over last year is 131, or 20 per cent. At this rate the enrollment will double every five years.

An increase of 131 pupils in one year means that more teachers will have to be employed. And it is a question of only a short time before another building will have to be erected. One room in the South building has not been in use this year, and that is the only vacant room.

The pupils have made very satisfactory progress, and in some of the grades unusually good work has been done. In some of the rooms the average each month for the entire grade in spelling has been above 95. In most of the grades there has been marked improvement in writing, a subject which is apt to be neglected if the teacher does not fully realize its importance.

In school work those subjects should be emphasized which are most important in life. Good reading, correct spelling, legible writing, correct use of the English language, and accurate work in arithmetic are essential to success in life; and so these subjects are stressed in the primary and grammar grades.

In the high school grades subjects that will develop and broaden the intellectual faculties are taught along with subjects that are of direct practical value. Those things which will aid pupils to make a success of life should not be neglected.

It is proposed to add to the work in the high school a brief course in domestic science for the benefit of the girls. The beginning will be in a small way, and no extended course will be introduced at first. Probably one afternoon a week will be devoted by the girls in the high school grades to a study of subjects connected with domestic science and household economics.

This work in school is not intended to take the place of the more practical work done in the homes, but to make a closer connection between the school and the home. The boys study physics in the schools because this subject has a direct bearing on their work in life. Why should the girls not study in school the subject which has the closest connection with their work in life? It is believed that the school and the home can work together in full accord in preparing girls to become good housekeepers.

Mrs. S. F. Watson has returned home after teaching a term of school in Clinton, S. C.

The graduating recital of Misses Stella Wessinger and Yoder will be held at Lenoir College, Monday evening, April 20, in piano and expression respectively. Everybody cordially invited.

Miss Mollie Fetzler, of Reidsville, spent the week-end with Mrs. L. R. Whitener.

Recently several towns and cities in the State passed ordinances requiring the bread sent out by bakeries to be wrapped in sanitary paper in order that it will go to the consumers in a clean and wholesome condition. In this connection it is worthy of note that the City Bakery here, over a year ago, commenced wrapping their bread and this without any town legislation requiring it. The City Bakery is always to the front in serving their patrons and deserves the trade of every home in the city that uses bakery bread.

Spring Laxative and Blood Cleanser.

Flush out the accumulated waste and poisons of the winter months; cleanse your stomach, liver and kidneys of all impurities. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills; nothing better for purifying the blood. Mild, non-gripping laxative. Cures constipation, makes you feel fine. Take no other. 25c, at your Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for All Hurts. adv't.