

The Fight on Bryan.

All political observers who ever look beyond the surface know that the talk so often heard about defeating Bryan for the nomination is inspired. While many appear to think that the opposition which talks so much means that the people are tired of Bryan and want to try some one who "can win," everybody who is keeping up with the times knows that it is not the people who are tired of Johnson, but the law breaking corporations that fear he might be elected. They are the ones who are paying for the tons of free literature that is being sent out advocating Bryan, Gray or anybody against Bryan. And the talk of an unopposed delegation from North Carolina is a part of the general scheme to defeat Bryan if possible. Lincoln Stephens, the famous magazine writer, says that the railroads are already laying their plans to capture the national railroad commission. The News and Observer says:

"The Democratic party in 1901, accepting the assurances of New York leaders that Judge Parker could carry the Empire State, nominated the New York jurist for President. The power behind the throne in that campaign in New York was Mr. Ryan. He had succeeded wonderfully in the metropolis and fallen heir to the railroad management long directed by Mr. Whitney. He retained his residence in Virginia, was a member of the Democratic State executive committee from that State and was a delegate to the National convention. It was generally believed that he was a legal Democrat. Since then it has developed that, while acting as an official in the Democratic party, he had sanctioned stealing money belonging to street car companies in New York city, and giving that dishonest money to the Republican campaign fund. Think of such treason!"

"It has been understood that this year this same Ryan is one of the New York coteries that has been putting up the money to maintain the expensive bureau to try to make enough public sentiment to defeat the popular demand for the nomination of Bryan. They do not care anything about Johnson, and would desert him, as Parker was left fall, but they believe that if Bryan is nominated he will be elected, and they are ready to commit the same party treason this year as when Ryan and his associates took money belonging to stockholders and gave it to Republicans to defeat the party to which they professed to belong."

"There should be no place as leader in the Democratic party for such treacherous Democrats. And yet, it seems a Democratic constituency in Virginia has elected Ryan a delegate to the coming State convention at Roanoke."

The trouble is that the public doesn't think enough about these things to understand them, and men like Ryan, who want to continue to fleece the public, get in their work while the people are asleep, and arrange to control both parties. They claim they have to do this in order to do business. It is a lie. They do it because they want more than they are entitled to, because they want to rob the public and pile up millions. And the public hasn't got sense enough to see that many men elected to represent the public rights and welfare really represent the Ryans and their allies. Maybe the public will wake up some day, though the signs are not hopeful now.

What is Behind It?

When ex-Governor Aycock came out some weeks ago and publicly threw his influence against the nomination of a Democrat whose ability, public service, democracy, or principles he never questioned, and a man whose private life and public honor no man in North Carolina has been vile enough to assail, people wondered what such an unusual proceeding meant. There were not wanting insinuations concerning ulterior motives, but everybody has confidence in Governor Aycock, and the general opinion seemed to prevail that the ex-Governor had simply followed a generous impulse to be of service to his own friend. Thus it passed, with only mild protests by the Governor's own friends, who were willing to overlook the matter.

But now Senator Simmons, from his official position in Washington, has sent a long public letter to the people of the State, telling them whom to vote for. Neither does he dare attack the private life or public honor and ability of the man whom he essays to defeat. His unwarranted assumption is a blow in the face of his own friends. It raises a serious question as to the future of the Democratic party of North Carolina.

What we want to know is, what is back of this unheard of business in North Carolina? It is driving idiocy to longer tell the people that these powerful men are arrayed against one candidate merely in their private capacity and from mere motives of friendship for their candidate. All men with two grains of gray matter know better than that. What does it mean? What is back of it?

The Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligence says:

"Senator Simmons seems to have changed his ideas as to propriety. In 1902 when Hon. Jas. A. Lockhart, who had sided with him in his fight for the Senate and had fought the battles of Democracy as hard as any man in the State, was a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Mr. Simmons wrote him that he would like to assist him and support him actively, but that he deemed it improper for a United States Senator to take part in any contest for a nomination in the State."

The Senator seems to be changing his ideas on other things than propriety.

The Waxhaw Enterprise gives The Journal a column this week. But we are not going to quarrel with Editor Way. He was first displeased with the "misguided zeal" of the ladies of a neighboring town Monroe; but now he says he most heartily endorses it. When Bro. Way gets himself located we may discuss the matter.

Talk about constructive statesmanship! The constitutional amendment and the drumming out of the liquor traffic are pretty good for a decade in North Carolina.

Senator Simmons came out last week in a long letter for Craig, and lots of folks are now coming out for the Senator.

Governor Glenn declared for Bryan last week and was installed as an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Raleigh on Sunday.

The people of Union county go under their own hat crowns for their ideas about voting, not to Senator Simmons.

Union county is drier than even the most hopeful expected to find her.

The Fourth of July will be the next general picnic day for Union county.

Everybody did well but Waxhaw beat the band.

Closing Scenes in Congress.

Washington Special Agent for the Union County Reporter. The first session, the long session, of the Sixtieth Congress is over. It opened the first of December and closed the last of May. The closing days were most interesting. Friday, Friday night, yesterday and last night were full of thrilling incidents. The Senate chamber was the scene of one of the most dramatic fights ever made in a legislative hall. Senator LaFollette, the Populist-Republican Senator from Wisconsin, and Senator Stone, known as "Gum Shoe Bill," of Missouri, and Gore, the blind preacher-politician of Oklahoma, pitted themselves against the cunning Mr. Aldrich, and undertook to talk to death the Aldrich-Cannon currency bill, which was passed through the House by Cannon, the czar at that end of the Capitol. Everybody was interested in this measure, for the public building bill had been held back as a club for bucking Democrats and kicking Republicans. The Democratic leaders, Representative Williams and Senator Culberson, seem to have agreed to let the bill pass, without making further protest than to state their positions and cast their vote against it. The House did not have opportunity to do more for under the rules the debate was limited to an hour, thirty minutes to the side. But in the Senate there is no way to curtail debate. Senator Culberson could have filibustered and kept Congress in session until next March had so willed, but did not seize the opportunity. Although he thinks that he did right, many of his friends feel that he made a grave mistake in not demanding more from the Republicans. Mr. Culberson, as the leader of the Senate, acted according to the dictates of his judgment. It is all over now. What has been done cannot be helped.

Items from Vance.

Hurray for prohibition and the man that voted the dry ticket.

Mr. Mack Freeman is improving very nicely now.

While Mr. D. R. Yandle and family were visiting friends and relatives in Charlotte, some one broke into his house and took a number of small articles. There has been a lot of petty thieving around Stout for some time and the thief will meet with a warm reception some time if he isn't very careful.

Mr. H. R. Lewis is receiving each week a copy of The Courier Democrat, which is the county paper of Pope county, Ark., it being a compliment of his uncles, Messrs. B. V. and C. B. Lewis, formerly of Union county but now residing near Russellville, Ark., and The Monroe Journal goes each week to the above mentioned gentlemen.

The farmers are getting on nicely with their work, but the crops need rain at present.

There is a rumor that Stout is going to lose one of its most progressive merchants, but we hope it is a mistake.

Rev. O. I. Hinson preached a very helpful sermon at Bethel Sunday. He will preach again next Sunday at 3:30 o'clock. H. R. L.

Something special at Dreamland Wednesday night. On account of the local play Thursday the manager will give two reels. Don't fail to see it.

Will Lyon, a 17-year-old lad of Greensboro, was drowned while bathing with some companions in the small lake at the Guilford Battle Ground Sunday afternoon.

See "Among the Breakers."

THE STATE WENT DRY BY OVER FORTY THOUSAND!

The State went dry last Tuesday by over 40,000 majority, and after January 1, 1909, when the law goes into effect, there will never be another bar room in North Carolina. Twenty-one counties went wet and 77 dry.

Table with columns: County, Dry Majority, Wet Majority. Lists 98 counties including Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hyde, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey.

Totals.....51,261 8,279

Net dry majority, 12,982.

Farmers' Union at Work.

Hundreds of acres of cotton in Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, Lincoln and other adjoining counties are being and have been cut out by the members of the Farmers' Union in accordance with a general plan to reduce the acreage by this heroic system of weeding out the plant entirely from whole fields and planting corn, peas and other farm products and grain in the place of cotton. Peas are worth \$3 a bushel, and corn \$1 a bushel in Charlotte, and when the farmers plough up their cotton and put in three-dollar peas and one dollar corn, they do not feel that they are wasting time or labor.

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COTTON

Best figure today, 11.75. The government report as to crop condition was issued at 12 o'clock today and is 7 1/2 to 10. The report on acreage is 32,000,000, which is more than last year. At a meeting of the State presidents of the Farmers' Union yesterday at Memphis, reports from all the States showed the cotton acreage this year on May 9th to be two and a half millions less than last year.

CORNER OF MAY CORN INDS.

James Patton and His Associates End the Corner in May Corn. Have Made About \$2,000,000 on the Deal.

The corner in May corn which has been run by James A. Patton of this city and his associates, came to an end today and the "Patton crowd" is generally credited with having made about \$2,000,000 on the deal, although it is admitted that all estimates are largely guess work. Mr. Patton personally declared today that he did not know how much had been made.

The market today was highly irregular and nervous in wheat, corn and oats. May wheat passed between 110 and 115 cents, closed at 110 1/2. Corn said anywhere between 77 and 82, and closed at 79 1/2.

Excitement ran high today in all of the grain pits when the weakness was greatest. Values changed with such bewildering rapidity that traders were puzzled. Shorts were anxious to cover, and brokers for the bull leaders had, at times, plenty of grain to sell. It is said that the shorts have delivered to Mr. Patton and his friends not far from 3,000,000 bushels of corn and close to 8,000,000 bushels of oats.

"The corner" has been largely in May corn, and Patton's holdings of this option were accumulated at between 55 and 60 cents. Subsequent buying necessary to support the market at critical periods raised the average purchase price by about 5 cents a bushel.

The deal began early in October, 1907. In that month corn sold up to 64 cents. The financial troubles which set in about that time tumbled the price to 53 cents. After the financial flurry had abated the price of May corn advanced slowly. During February it sold up to 62 cents and in March at 68 cents. Since then it has continued to climb and shorts have acquired the country for corn to deliver on their May contracts. Immense quantities of the grain have been delivered to Patton, but he has paid for it all and apparently stood ready at all times to take more.

Early in May the shorts began desperate efforts to fill the Chicago elevators with corn, and many of the Western railroads issued "rush" orders to apply on all corn shipments. Despite this, however, Patton and his associates were not compelled to let go, nor was their hold on the market weakened to any apparent extent.

SPECIAL RATES AND CARS TO BIRMINGHAM ACCOUNT OF CONFEDERATE REUNION JUNE 6TH-9TH.

Account of the above occasion the Seaboard announces low round trip rates to Birmingham and return. Rate from Raleigh, \$12.05; Durham, \$11.95; Henderson, \$12.80; Oxford, \$12.80; Hamlet, \$10.10; Wilmington, \$12.30; Charlotte, \$8.95; Wadesboro, \$9.60. All other points on same basis. Tickets will be sold June 6th, 7th, 8th, final return limit June 20th; extension final limit can only be secured account of illness, but stopovers will be allowed within the final limit at Athens, Atlanta, Cedartown and Borden Springs. Low side trip rate tickets will be sold from Birmingham to points of interest in that vicinity. Gen. Julian S. Carr, commander-in-chief the Durham Camp, and the Mecklenburg Camp of Charlotte having decided to use the Seaboard, extra coaches and Pullman car will be provided from Durham on D. & S. train leaving Durham at 3:15 p. m. Monday, June 8th, connecting at Apex with No. 11, leaving Raleigh at 4:15 p. m., arriving at Charlotte without change the following day at 12:10. Extra coach and Pullman car will also leave Charlotte by special train at 9:00 p. m. the same date, connecting with No. 41 leaving Monroe at 10:30 p. m. This train has connection from all points north of Raleigh and at Hamlet with train from Wilmington and extra coaches will be provided for other camps on application, and if business is sufficient to justify it, special train will be run from Monroe. For additional information address the undersigned.

Round trip rate from Monroe to Birmingham, \$8.95. These tickets are good on all trains leaving Monroe at 8:45 a. m. and 10:30 p. m. Pullman berth rate from Monroe to Birmingham will be \$2.00, no additional charge for two passengers occupying same berth.

C. H. GATTS, T. P. A., June 5th, Raleigh, N. C.

Land Near Marshville for Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Union county, made in a special proceeding entitled Gordon Stegall et al. by their next friend, R. W. Lemmond, ex parte, the same being No. 418 upon the special proceeding docket of said county, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 6th day of July, A. D. 1908, at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house door in Union county, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, all that certain tract of land lying and being in Marshville township, Union county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of D. B. Barrino, the Peter Reed place and others, and lying in about one-fourth of a mile from the town of Marshville and known as the estate lands of Calvin H. Stegall, and contains about 133 acres more or less. Terms of sale: One-third cash, one-third in three months, one-third in six months. Title to be retained until all the purchase money is paid in full. The said land will be sold in three separate tracts and then sold as a whole.

This the 1st day of June, A. D. 1908. JOHN C. SIKES, Commissioner.

RODINE & SIKES, Attys.

Death of Hon. T. C. Eubanks.

Esq. Thomas C. Eubanks, one of the best known citizens of Union county, died at his home in Buford township at three o'clock last Saturday afternoon. He had been in declining health for a long time, but had been able to be up until a short time ago. The remains were buried at Trinity on Sunday, and the service, conducted by Rev. Mr. Hipps, was attended by a large gathering of neighbors and friends from different sections. The deceased was seventy-six years old. He was a native of Chesterfield county, where he was born August 8, 1832. In 1856 he came to Union county, bought and settled the land on which he spent the remainder of his life. In the same year he was married to Miss Arant, who, with seven grown sons, survives him. He was among the foremost volunteers when the war broke out and was a faithful soldier in the famous forty-eighth regiment, being wounded at Fredericksburg and Bristow Station.

In his young days Squire Eubanks was a school teacher and he was a famous one. Many men and women of lower Union are often heard to say now that he taught them better than anyone else. He believed in firm discipline and carried out with strict fidelity the ideas of honor, firmness and discipline that were current in those days. His school, like those of his day, was not noted for noisy frolics, but it abounded in the principles calculated to make boys strong and honorable men. After he quit teaching, Squire Eubanks became a leading public man in his section and county. He served many years as county commissioner, frequently chairman of the board, and in 1893 he was sent to the legislature, and in the following year nominated by the Democrats of Union and Anson for the Senate, but went down in the general Democratic defeat of that year. As a magistrate, he served faithfully and well for many years. He was slow but safe and sure in judgment and gave his neighbors who sought his advice the benefit of sound and mature judgment. There was no man more useful in his sphere in the old days than the wise county magistrate who was the chief adviser of his section and the man in whom everybody relied.

Beside the work above mentioned the deceased was a most active man physically. Few men could excel him in the regular work of the farm, and there was no shred of idleness in his make up. He was a good farmer who following the good old method of having plenty at home.

The deceased is survived by the following sons, W. A. Dr. J. B. T. C. D. F. and Gus Eubanks of this county, John Eubanks of Norfolk and H. M. Eubanks of Statesville, and by two brothers, John C. Eubanks of this county, George Eubanks of Chesterfield, and three sisters, Mesdames Sam Belk and A. H. A. Belk, and Miss Sarah Eubanks.

Theodore H. Price, the most famous New York cotton gambler, has been indicted by Federal grand juries in New York and Washington for conspiracy in the corruption of the clerks in the department of agriculture when the famous leak in cotton crop estimates occurred. Of course the poor thing is innocent, though he is said to have made \$750,000 on the operation.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF UNION,

at Monroe, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, May 14th, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Table with columns: Loans and discounts, Overdrafts secured, County bonds, Furniture and fixtures, Due from banks and bankers, Gold coin, Silver coin, National bank notes and other U. S. notes.

LIABILITIES:

Table with columns: Capital stock, Undivided profits, less current expenses, taxes paid, Dividends unpaid, Notes and bills rediscounted, Bills payable, Time certificates of deposit, Deposits subject to check, Due to Banks and Bankers.

Total \$238,978.92

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

County of Union, ss: I, W. C. Stack, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. C. STACK, Cashier.

CORRECT ATTEST: E. C. WINCHESTER, R. REEFMAN, J. E. STACK, JR., Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of June, 1908.

M. L. FLOW, Notary Public.

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We have on hand about 125 sets of Buggy Harness that must go. We bought these in big lots and can sell them at a price to please you. We still sell Corbett Buggies. We can't keep them. See us. THE SIKES CO., Monroe, N.C.

