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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

MR. KITCHIN IN CHARLOTTE.

Spoke to a Big Crowd Tuesday Night—Mr. McNinch Says Victory Is Certain.

Charlotte Observer, Wednesday. "I shall make the hardest fight of my career from the mountain to the seashore," he challenged "in the interest of an untrammelled Democracy, in behalf of the people of this State who believe in the old principles and in the cardinal tenets of our political faith. I shall make this fight in the sunshine and not in the dark. I shall strike above the belt. I shall follow all reasonable lines of fairness. I shall do nothing that my worst enemy might count unfair."

These were among the opening remarks which the Governor made. He was introduced by J. D. McCall, his manager in Mecklenburg county. Mr. McCall uttered his belief in the doctrine of Democracy which the governor advocated, stating that he had watched his career since some years ago when he emerged into the political arena, in the fifth district, defeating one of the strongest Republican candidates for Congress in the State.

Governor Kitchin was in excellent condition for speech-making. His voice was clear, his message was inspiring to his friends, many of whom declared that they had never heard him in finer spirit.

Governor Kitchin then went into the Senator's record, specified thirteen charges, and declared that Senator Overman supported Senator Simmons upon only one of them. He first discussed the Lorimer case, showing that Lorimer had favored cutting Southern representation on account of our suffrage amendment, had repeatedly helped to unseat Southern Democrats in the House of Representatives, had declared that he followed Aldrich as his bellwether, and was supposed to be in sympathy with the lumber and the beef trust. Yet Senator Simmons had declared Lorimer the intellectual and moral peer of any other man in the Senate. He wondered if the Senator Simmons of six years ago would have been so anxious for Lorimer to retain his seat under the abundant evidence showing corruption in his election.

"I have stated and repeated that if Senator Simmons thinks I have misstated his position, misquoted his speeches or in any way done his political record an injustice in showing his changes in the last few years, I shall be glad to meet him in joint discussion at any time and place he may name and undertake to make statements good from the record or humbly apologize to him and the people. Every fact that I have stated or shall state tonight touching his record was taken from the official record, and not one of these facts can be denied. This campaign cannot be won by bluff and bluster. Interviews by western men as to conditions in the west have been circulated in the east, in my judgment, for the purpose of misleading the people as to my strength in the west. West of Salisbury my friends think that I am several times stronger than ever before, and that I will carry a number of counties which gave me no vote at all four years ago.

I am going to try to inform the people about his record, for I think it should not be endorsed. When I first discussed it his friends were astonished. They knew if the facts given in my Raleigh speech were correct he was not the same kind of Democrat he was when they first elected him to the Senate or when they re-elected him five years ago. His friends did not wish to believe he had changed. When I cited his departures from Democratic principles they searched the records and found that every statement that I had made was true, and they have never cited one sentence from my speech and denied it. They have, however, written column after column around and about it. When they could not dispute the facts some declared it a personal attack. I shall tonight repeat every charge I made against him, and make if I can fully as strong a speech on his record as I made in Raleigh and Greensboro. If anyone hears me say a word that is personal, unjust, undemocratic or in any way improper in discussing his political record, please let him hold up his hand, for I assure you that it is my wish to avoid personalities and to abstain from all improper methods in this campaign.

MR. MCNINCH'S STATEMENT. F. R. McNinch, State manager of the Kitchin campaign for the United States Senate, returned to Raleigh yesterday afternoon after spending the day and night in Charlotte. "What did you think of the meeting last night?" Mr. McNinch was asked yesterday. "I was simply delighted," said he, "at the cordial and enthusiastic reception to the Governor in my home county. It was a great pity the meeting was not held in a large auditorium so all who desired to could hear him, but the truth is that the size of the crowd considering that it was the beginning of the campaign, was as surprising as it was pleasing to our local manager, as well as myself."

"I have no doubt about the result in Mecklenburg county. I am absolutely certain now that Governor Kitchin will carry it by a handsome majority."

"The present conditions throughout the State are excellent, exceedingly fine, from our point of view. Since opening headquarters in Raleigh and getting in touch with the people of the State I am as absolutely confident as I can be of anything that the Governor is going to win an overwhelming victory. The response to his candidacy by the masses has been spontaneous, and is confined to no particular section. I have been especially gratified at the very strong support he is receiving in the west, where he had little or no support before, and we are going to surprise the piedmont and eastern sections of the State at the following Governor Kitchin will have by the sturdy, uncompromising Democrats across the Blue Ridge. If the primary were to be held tomorrow I feel absolutely sure that Governor Kitchin would be nominated by a safe majority, and as the primary is six months from now I confidently predict that by that time the people of North Carolina will have become thoroughly familiar with the record of Senator Simmons on the tariff, subsidy, Lorimer, etc., and that he will be beaten by a crushing majority. Just say to our friends that I hope they will keep up the fight, and share with us the certain and brilliant victory that awaits us in November."

Allen Trial in Progress.

"I'll stand for any fine, but if they try to put me in the penitentiary I'll make the biggest hole in that court any man ever did, and if Judge Bolen don't do his duty, I'll leave him there with them." This threat was made by Floyd Allen shot at William M. Foster, the dead Commonwealth's attorney. One said Sidney Allen, and not Claude, fired the first shot.

Nine witnesses for the Commonwealth against Floyd Allen have testified when court adjourned early Saturday afternoon, to permit Judge Staples and four of the attorneys for the defense to go to Roanoke to vote in a municipal primary.

Witnesses testified that Victor and Friel Allen participated in the shooting and that Floyd Allen shot at William M. Foster, the dead Commonwealth's attorney. One said Sidney Allen, and not Claude, fired the first shot.

Jack Allen, brother of Floyd, and several other members of the Allen clan who have been attending the trial, left for their homes.

The Allen jury went to church Sunday and on returning to its room in the court house held a long service. The hearty voices of the twelve stalwart countrymen blended in the harmony of an old hymn, "Are you Ready for the Judgment Day?"

Across the court house green Floyd Allen, the prisoner on trial—first of the gang which shot up the Carroll county court in March—heard the song. Yesterday his trial continued with the prospect that it may not be ended before two weeks. Eighteen witnesses have been examined and the prosecution still has forty-seven to swear. The defense has as many or more.

Allen's mental strain, and the physical agony which he has endured from his broken leg, which was improperly set, give him a pitiable appearance.

He is now little like the rugged mountaineer who once spread fear over a countryside.

Waxhaw News.

Correspondence of The Journal. Waxhaw, May 6th.—The Osterheim Male Quartette, the last number of this season's lyceum course, came Saturday night. The musical evening was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. We seldom see so harmonious a blending of voices in a male quartette.

Miss Pearl Rodman spent Saturday and Sunday in Matthews at the home of Mrs. Annie Heath.

Mrs. J. P. Steele of Charlotte is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Howie.

Messrs. Will and Fred Niven of Monroe spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. W. H. Howie.

Miss Louise Nesbit of VanWyck is visiting Miss Florence Strange.

The Civic League awarded prizes on Saturday last to those having largest trash piles, cleanest premises, etc. The season of cleaning up extended from April 22 to May 1, and the children took great interest in working for the prizes.

The Leap Year Club met with Miss Edna Niven on last Wednesday and after business transactions were delightfully entertained for an hour or more.

Mr. Karl Hudson spent Sunday at his home in Monroe.

Miss Jane Boyce of Tennessee visited relatives here last week.

A play, "All a Mistake," will be given by the local Dramatic Club Friday night of this week. Proceeds to go for the benefit of the Civic League, and Baseball club.

Miss Minnie Massey is visiting at Mr. C. S. Massey's.

Special Tax for Colored School.

The county commissioners yesterday, in response to a petition, ordered an election in district No. 5, colored, on the line between Buford and Jackson, to see whether or not the colored people in the district wish a special school tax. It was agreed that since the policy has been not to tax colored people in special districts for the white race, that the whites in this district should not be taxed for the colored school. This is the first colored district that has applied for a special tax. The election was set for June 25th and G. G. McCain was appointed registrar and L. W. McDonald and Charlie Massey judges.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD.

River Still Highest Ever Known and Current Swift—Stories of Suffering and Devastation.

From Vicksburg, Miss., south to New Orleans the Mississippi river is from half a foot to two and a half feet above any previous flood record stage.

An additional rise this week of approximately one foot from New Orleans north to Baton Rouge is predicted by the weather bureau.

Soundings made by United States army engineers show that this record-breaking volume of water in the big river is moving at the rate of 8.1 feet a second, or faster than ever before recorded in the Mississippi's flood history.

Danger points in the levees in Louisiana:

Baton Rouge, Bonnet Carre, 25 miles north of New Orleans; Morristown, Plaquemine, Scott's Landing, Cypress Hall, New Roads and Third District, New Orleans.

Large sections of fifteen Louisiana parishes west of the Mississippi are under water, four other parishes have some flood water and are bound to get more this week; approximately one hundred thousand persons in that territory have been driven from their homes; trains are taking out hundreds of families daily, fleets of motorboats and skiffs are being used to rescue marooned families; about a dozen lives all told have been sacrificed, principally because the people refused to heed the warnings; several hundred thousand dollars worth of ranches have been distributed among the refugees, who are sheltering in all manner of houses from cabins to churches and lodge buildings.

Every day brings stories of suffering and heroic rescues, of new sections inundated by the waters from the crevasses already recorded in the levees of the Mississippi river. The funds that will be required to take care of the flood victims cannot be expressed in a few hundred thousands of dollars.

The question of protecting the remaining levees along the Mississippi river from the mouth of the Red river, south, is causing deeper concern for the moment. Millions of dollars worth of property is at stake and thousands of lives would be jeopardized if some of the biggest of the levees should give way.

Senator Ben Tillman Asks for Re-election.

South Carolina newspapers have received from Senator Tillman a communication addressed to the people of the State in which he says in part:

"Twenty-two years ago I asked you to elect me to the office of Governor. You did it after a very hot campaign in which I spoke in every county in the State. Two years later I asked for re-election. You gave me the office the second time by an overwhelming vote. After four years of service in the Governor's office I asked you to send me to the Senate; and again after a heated campaign you placed me in the office I now hold. "I have held this office for nearly eighteen years and I am now asking you to re-elect me to it although my health is broken and I am no longer the strong and vigorous man I once was. I have a ripe experience and thorough knowledge of the workings of the government and have many warm personal friends in the departments and in both branches of Congress. "I came to the Senate in a cloud of obloquy on account of newspaper abuse at home. I have fought my way in spite of it and have lived to see most of the newspaper men in the press gallery my friends. "I have flattered no man, and feared no man in debate and have a strong desire to 'die in harness' for sentimental reasons only. "Owing to my poor health and in accordance with the advice of my physician, I shall not make any speeches during the canvass this summer. The senatorship has always been regarded by me as a sacred trust and if I knew you wanted me to surrender it, I would gladly lay it down, conscious that I have done my duty always to the best of my ability."

Floods Help to Kill Boll Weevil.

Washington, May 3.—The devastating floods of the lower Mississippi have not been an unmixed evil, for in spite of their destructive work they have helped to clean out a lot of boll weevils.

Secretary Wilson announced today that although early cotton planting ordinarily is desirable, the overflow this year would make it possible to plant as late as the 25th. This applies as far south as St. Joseph, La. Below that point many weevils found winter quarters in Spanish moss, where they would be safe from the water.

"It must not be supposed," said Secretary Wilson today, "that all the weevils have been exterminated even in the northern part of the flooded area, for even there, somewhere above the high water line and during the season, there will be flight of weevils into this territory."

Dante's Inferno will be shown at the Pastime May 10th. This extraordinary production, costing one hundred thousand dollars to produce, is said to be one of the most impressive pictures ever made. Remember the time, Friday May 10th, at the Pastime.

BUTFORD BOYS PARDONED.

Governor Kitchin follows Recommendation of Judge and Others and Frees Everett Melton, Ben and Jeff Starnes, James Richardson and Dexter Stack.

Last Friday Governor Kitchin pardoned Everett Melton, Ben and Jeff Starnes, James Richardson and Dexter Stack, who were convicted at the July term, 1911, of store breaking. Fred Hinson, colored, convicted with them, will be freed August first. All but Jeff Starnes were sentenced to thirteen months, nine of which they have served, and on account of good behavior would have been out before their thirteen months expired. Jeff Starnes, who is the oldest of them all, and has a family, was given three years. Messrs. J. C. Sikes and J. J. Parker presented the petitions to the Governor about the middle of February. In issuing the pardons, Mr. Kitchin said:

"The judge who tried this case has recommended that prisoners be pardoned May 1st. The solicitor who prosecuted, the private prosecutors, practically all the officers of the law in Union county and a great many of the most prominent citizens join in recommending pardon. It seems that the boys who committed the larceny are young and that it was their first offense. I commute prisoners' sentence to a term expiring this day, except Fred Hinson, whose term on account of his bad prison record shall not expire till August 1, 1912, on condition that they remain law-abiding and of good behavior."

Real Estate Transfers.

T. M. Edwards to F. W. Ashcraft, lot in Marshville, \$100.

Hugh Presley and others to Marion Presley, four lots on Simpson avenue, \$60.

F. M. Sutton to Lemuel C. Polk, house and lot on College st., \$1400.

J. E. Efrid to Will M. Cuthbertson, two lots near north-east limits of Monroe, \$175.

Monroe Realty Co. to Miles N. Bivens, lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 on Vann Heights, \$150.

N. A. Funderburk to A. L. Funderburk, 22 acres of J. G. Doster tract in Buford township, \$575.

J. W. Hill to M. L. Sinclair, two lots in Marshville, \$800.

W. H. Hartis to C. N. Simpson, lot in Unionville, \$912.

Jerry Starnes to J. F. Doster, 57 acres in west Monroe township, \$1000.

V. C. Davis to J. S. Plyler, 61 acres and 22 acres on Twelve Mile creek, \$2000.

Eber A. Griffin to G. Wilson Griffin, 100 acres on Richardson creek, \$375 with life interest reserved.

Monroe Realty Co. to A. A. Seacrest, lot on South side of Winchester avenue, \$650.

John A. Austin, commissioner, to D. P. Austin, 91 acres of Jonathan L. Austin land on Richardson creek, \$2110.

Death of Mrs. Jarvis Presley.

Mrs. Bessie Presley, wife of Mr. Jarvis Presley of Charlotte died April 29th of pneumonia, after an illness of one week.

She was a faithful member of the Missionary Baptist church and died triumphant in the Christian faith. Her daily life was a living example to all those with whom she came in contact, and no one could breathe the atmosphere of her society without feeling benefited. She wore a smile for every one and never had a frown.

This loved and loving sister, wife, mother, friend, died when womanhood's morning had not as yet touched noon, and while the curtains were still rising in the east.

She added to the sum of human joy, and were every one for whom she did some loving service to bring a blossom to her grave she would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers.

She is survived by her husband and five small children, two of them little twins just four months old. Her father, two brothers and two sisters survive.

May the blessings of him who does all things well comfort and cheer the bereaved husband and may his hand be ever guided aright in the protection and care of those dear little ones. A Brother.

Violently Insane.

Mr. Lamar Griffin, who lives six miles south of Marshville, was carried to the Morganton hospital last Wednesday in a violently insane condition. So violent was the unfortunate man that it took several men to hold him. His brother, Mr. Hiram Griffin, and Mr. T. M. Green of Marshville township brought him to Monroe in an automobile Wednesday and got him off to the hospital, and when they left he was no better. He has a wife and a baby and is about twenty-eight years old.

Mr. Ashley Horne Paralyzed.

While on his way to the Confederate reunion yesterday, Mr. Ashley Horne, who was a prominent candidate for Governor four years ago, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. He was taken off the train at Greensboro, where a doctor said he would have to remain awhile, but would soon recover.

The Pastime tonight will have a very fine drama from one of Alexander Dumas' novels entitled "The Corsican Brothers," and "A Love Story Over the Garden Wall."

THE WOMAN'S MEETING.

Home Mission Society of Western Conference Will Meet Here This Week—The Program.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet here next Friday evening. At 7:30 there will be a meeting of the executive committee and district secretaries. At 8 o'clock Dr. Weaver will hold devotional exercises, and the following program will be carried out:

Five minute talks.

Why they are here, Mrs. J. F. Marr.

The women who came.

The hostess, Miss Maud Boham.

The women who did not come, Mrs. W. E. Frankila.

The women of vision, Mrs. W. D. Nicholson.

The women of service, Mrs. Duke Hay.

Girls to-day, women to-morrow Miss Brem.

Music, announcements, benediction. Informal reception.

SATURDAY, MAY 11.

9:00 a. m.—Study classes.

How to conduct a study class, Mrs. W. C. Houston.

Social service, Mrs. B. E. Moore.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises Mrs. J. F. Marr.

Roll call.

Organization.

Announcement of committees.

Address of president.

Reports.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jas. Atkins.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Hoke.

Conference editor, Mrs. W. L. Nicholson.

Superintendent of supplies, Mrs. J. L. Tholt.

Noon devotional service.

District secretaries.

2:30 p. m.—Devotional service, Mrs. Jas. Atkins.

Roll call.

Minutes of previous session.

Reports of district secretaries conducted round table.

4:00 p. m.—meeting of the committees.

Saturday evening—Plea for America, by children of Central church under Mrs. Rudge.

SUNDAY, MAY 12.

Annual sermon, Rev. J. H. Weaver, D. D.

8:00 p. m.—Devotional service.

4:00 p. m.—Memorial service.

Address, Mrs. R. H. Macdonell.

MONDAY, MAY 13.

9:00 a. m.—Workers' conference.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional service.

Minutes.

Children's work, Mrs. J. K. Norfleet.

Young people's work, Mrs. L. F. England.

Christian stewardship, Mrs. Cora Earp.

Social service of local work, Mrs. Hume.

Noon—Devotional service.

2:30 p. m.—Organized social service, trained workers round table.

4:00 p. m.—Meeting of committees.

8:00 p. m.—Report of council meeting, Mrs. Jas. Atkins.

Plans for the future, Mrs. R. H. Macdonell.

TUESDAY, MAY 14.

9:00 a. m.—Workers' conference.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional service.

Minutes.

Reports of committees.

Marriage of Mr. Stevens and Miss Eck.

A marriage of much interest was solemnized here Tuesday night, when Miss Nealie Belk became the bride of Mr. A. F. Stevens. Rev. William Black of Charlotte performed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left on the Seaboard for New York and other Northern cities, where they will spend several weeks. Delightful refreshments were served after the ceremony. The house was very prettily decorated and the bride was gowned in a beautiful dress of blue whip cord with hat to match and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The wedding was a surprise to the many friends of both bride and groom and it was thus planned. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Belk of this city and has friends by the score. She is a young woman of unusual attraction and is loved for her many womanly qualities. Mr. Stevens is a most popular young man and but few have as many friends as he. He is manager of the local department store of W. H. Belk & Bro., and is indeed a man of sterling worth. He is a son of Hon. R. L. Stevens.

A Bit of Bad Road.

Capt. Fletcher is completing one of the worst stretches of road which he says he has ever seen, about three hundred yards on the Concord road above town near Mr. Jack Fowler's. When the bridge was washed away the road was cut up pretty bad and froze and in that condition caught a lot of rain, which sank down into the holes and ruts while travel was suspended. When the bridge was completed and travel started up the road went all to pieces. One hundred and ninety-two vehicles passed over that road last Tuesday from twelve to six o'clock, going out from Monroe. They were counted by Mr. Fletcher. And it mightily near took three mules to pull an empty wagon. But the road will be in fine shape now. There is a great deal of travel over it all the time.

TEDDY SLUGG'N' 'EM HARD.

Mr. Taft Accuses Him of Things and He Says There's Not a Word of Truth in It.

Slam bang! You're another! Not the truth! And such expressions are flying back and forth between Taft and Roosevelt. It was hot in Massachusetts, where both campaigned and just about divided the State between them, and it's been the same way in Maryland, where the primaries were held yesterday and resulted in about a tie.

Here is a sample of Mr. Roosevelt's shot, hurled out Sunday:

"Mr. Taft says I have changed my mind about the anti-trust law. He well knows that the position I take now is precisely the position I took again and again in speeches and messages to Congress while I was President. He was then in my Cabinet and repeatedly expressed his approval of what I thus said."

TAFT SPOKE UNTRUTH.

Mr. Taft says I have said that the anti-trust law ought to be repealed. Mr. Taft well knows that this is not true. I have always explicitly stated that it ought to be kept on the books and really enforced (not merely nominally forced as has been by Mr. Taft, in the Standard Oil and Tobacco trust cases) against all trusts guilty of anti-social practices, but I have always said and now say, that by itself the anti-trust law will never solve the problem of dealing with the great corporations and that to control the great industrial interstate corporations, we should have a law akin to the present interstate commerce law—but without the mischievous interstate commerce court.

"Mr. Taft says that I criticize him because he prosecuted the Standard Oil and Tobacco companies to the Supreme Court and got decisions there. On the contrary, Mr. Taft knows well that I criticized him, not for having thus continued the prosecution of the suits that I had begun, but because after he had gotten these decisions, he then permitted the Department of Justice to shape matters that the result was a complete nullification of all the good results of his suit."

"His conduct in this respect is quite incompatible with any sincere purpose really to enforce the anti-trust law. As a result of his action the stocks of the corporations in question rose greatly in value, the rise in Standard Oil stocks being over \$200,000,000. Mr. Taft can hardly have failed to notice that following his institution of a suit against the Harvester trust, Harvester stock went up two points."

WALL STREET FOR TAFT.

Evidently Wall Street has made up its mind that Mr. Taft's prosecutions are fake prosecutions, whereas the bitter hostility of Wall Street to me shows how lively is its memory of the fact that my prosecutions were really prosecutions and hurt the persons prosecuted."

Colonel Roosevelt refers to the pending investigation of Judge Archibald of the commerce court and asserts that the Judge was appointed to placate a Pennsylvania politician, although the appointee alleged unfitness for the office had already been called to President Taft's attention. The statement continues: "In Kentucky and Indiana, in New York City and elsewhere, Mr. Taft knows well the delegates elected for him represent bare-faced frauds. He stands guilty of connivance at and condonation of these frauds; he stands guilty of approving and encouraging fraud, which deprives the people of their right to express their will as to who shall be nominated."

"In all these primaries and conventions, I have stood for absolute honesty and fair play. Mr. Taft has stood for crooked misrepresentation of the will of the people."

EXPLAINS LORIMER'S CASE.

"As for the Lorimer case, the facts are these: I fought Mr. Lorimer hard and in the open for eighteen months. Originally Mr. Taft was secretly against Mr. Lorimer. As the Illinois primaries approached Mr. Lorimer was the leading Taft worker in Illinois. As long as there was hope that Mr. Lorimer might carry the State, Mr. Taft kept quiet about Mr. Lorimer. But as soon as Illinois was lost, Mr. Taft rushed to Massachusetts, where there were no Lorimer votes, and repudiated Mr. Lorimer."

"Now it was wrong for Mr. Taft to keep silence and therefore really help Mr. Lorimer, as long as Mr. Lorimer could be of use to Mr. Taft, but it was not merely wrong, it was wrong in a peculiarly mean way, after having thus endeavored to use him while he might help Mr. Taft to turn around and for the first time openly condemn him when the chance for using him had vanished."

Horrors of the Chinese Famine.

Washington, May 4.—Vivid pictures of the horrors of the Chinese famine are given today in the Red Cross report from China, prepared at the request of Minister Calhoun. The report said "part of the famine section is a land where no children play. There's no grain, meat, vegetables, or food stuffs of any kind, nothing except the bark of trees, roots, dried grass and the like. Fathers die first, mothers second, then the oldest children, and the youngest last, showing the self-sacrifice of the starving. There were found several homes in which only one child was left, the last of the family."