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WILSON'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH.

On Receiving Formal Notice of His Nomination Mr. Wilson Speaks Words of Wisdom to the Country.

Woodrow Wilson's speech accepting the Democratic nomination to the presidency, says the *Atlanta Journal*, bears in its every line the ring of sincerity and the stamp of constructive statesmanship. It is not a cry for battle but a call for honest thinking and for business-like performance. It is not a series of catch phrases designed to look in votes but a clear-headed presentation of certain vital matters in which all American citizens are concerned and which must be settled not by war and disruption but by honest government and by a process of readjustment, at once patient and firm. It will strike into the mind and heart of the country a quickened sense of assurance and inspiration. It will shed light upon a season of political murkiness and bring certitude and hope in a day of political doubt.

Governor Wilson's speech is remarkable first of all for its comprehensiveness. It deals clearly, yet succinctly, with all the pressing problems of the time—with the tariff, the trust evil, the cost of living, the adaptation of banking and currency laws to our common economic needs and with the divers questions of national development such as the merchant marine, the opening of waterways for commerce and the protection and use of the country's natural resources.

On each of these problems a vast deal has been said but none of them has been treated with such sanity and foresightedness as is Governor Wilson's speech of acceptance. In discussing the tariff, for instance, he does not propose to undo in a single year a system that has been decades in developing and that intertwined itself with the nation's business fiber.

"It is obvious," says he, "that the changes we make should be made only at such a rate and in such a way as will least interfere with the normal and healthful course of commerce and manufacture. But we shall not on that account act with timidity as if we did not know our own minds, for we are certain of our ground and our object. There should be an immediate revision and it should be downward; unhesitatingly downward."

It is in the same spirit that he approaches the trust problem. He indulges in no noisy indictment of "malefactors of great wealth." Instead, he lays bare the root of the evil; he diagnoses the disease and then indicates the remedy that must be applied, with a view to curing the malady, not killing the patient. Of the trusts and monopolies he says:

"They belong to a very recent and a very sophisticated age when men knew what they wanted and knew how to get it by the favor of the government. It is another chapter in the natural history of power and of governing classes. The next chapter will set us free again. There will be no flavor of tragedy in it. It will be a chapter of readjustment, not of pain and rough disturbance. It will witness a turning back from what is abnormal to what is normal. It will see a restoration of the laws of trade, which are the laws of competition and an unhampered opportunity, under which men of every sort are set free and are encouraged to enrich the nation."

Thus it is the evident policy of Woodrow Wilson, as the representative of the Democratic party and of the soberly progressive thought of the nation, not to array class against class or interest against interest but to rid the government of all class considerations and to unite the people in their common interests.

"We are working toward a very definite object—a universal partnership in public affairs, upon which the purity of politics and its aim and spirit depend."

Around this high and practical standard of applied justice all good citizens can rally. That is the standard which Woodrow Wilson as the Democratic nominee holds aloft, the standard of a strong builder who has the courage to do his work.

Jurors for August Court.

The county commissioners have drawn the following as jurors for a two weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases, beginning Monday, August 13th:

First Week—H. H. Rollins, T. J. Marsh, W. M. Clontz, B. C. Hinson, B. M. Yandle, J. W. McCain, V. A. Ashcraft, J. M. Guin, D. L. Ferguson, R. D. Smith, C. C. Austin, E. J. Sims, A. D. Austin, F. M. Autry, A. C. Griffin, P. H. Johnson, Kemp A. Helms, T. B. Hamilton.

Second Week—W. N. Davis, T. M. Williams, L. Z. Williamson, J. L. Davis, E. L. Collins, W. J. Walters, G. S. Horn, R. O. Winchester, M. M. Smith, J. C. Benton, N. W. Williams, P. D. Dry, J. Y. Godfrey, C. G. Parker, T. B. Liles, J. R. Shute, John D. Biggers, J. C. Braswell.

A Former Citizen of This County Dies in Alabama.

Mr. G. W. Horn, who moved from this county to Alabama in 1856, died June 16th, aged 82 years. He was a brother of the late Sheriff J. P. Horn. Mr. Horn visited relatives here about 10 years ago. He was an upright Christian gentleman. Mr. Horn leaves to mourn for him his wife and two children.

Death of Mrs. Rena Little.

Mrs. Rena Little died at her home in Goose Creek township August 6, of paralysis of which she had been suffering a long time.

She was the widow of Mr. James H. Little, who has been dead more than thirty years.

Mrs. Little was born in this county April 6, 1841. She was the daughter of Aaron Little and Mary Folk Little and was a relative of President Polk. Five children are living. They are Messrs J. E. Little of Charlotte, Z. M. Little of Marsville township and T. J. Little of Unionville, and Mesdames W. C. Hamilton of Goose Creek township and R. H. McManus of Mecklenburg.

Mrs. Little was a member of a large family and only two of that family are left, Mr. J. Laue Little of this county and Elder Thos. Little of Rison, Ark., twin brothers, now 77 years old. Mrs. Little was a lady of fine sense and strength of character, a good neighbor and a faithful friend. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and died in the Christian faith.

County Tax Levy.

Three county commissioners have levied a tax of 82 2-3 cents on the \$100 worth of real and personal property and \$2.48 on each poll. This is one cent on the hundred dollars worth of property and three cents on the poll more than it was last year, the increase being made in the school tax levy at the request of the Board of Education. In order to furnish sufficient funds to run the schools four months during the year. The tax is divided as follows: State—property 25, poll 12; General—property 18 2-3; Public School—property 29, poll \$1.50; Poor—property 3, poll 35; Bridges—property 3, poll 9; Special School—property 3, poll 9.

Found a Chunk of Gold.

How would you like to walk down to the branch to clear out the drinking place for the cattle and there pick up a lump of gold worth \$417? That is what Mr. J. G. Tomberlin and his son, Mr. J. V. Tomberlin, did last Thursday. The nugget was larger than a partridge egg and almost pure gold, weighing 41 pennyweights pure. For twenty-five years Mr. Tomberlin has been finding gold on his farm six miles northwest of town, and in all has probably found as much as three hundred dollars worth. It is often found on the surface or branches after a rain. No mining has ever been done on the place.

Marriage of Miss Flossie Steele to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Paul Smith and Miss Flossie Steele, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Steele, were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Monroe Wednesday evening, the father of the bride performing the ceremony. Dr. H. McClure of Bishopville, S. C., was the best man and Freddy Steele and Blanche Smith were the bridesmaids, and little Miss Christine Steele was the ring bearer. Miss Pet Steele was maid of honor. The bride is a popular lady and has many friends. She is a citizen of Bishopville, S. C.

Prof. Tyner Promoted.

Prof. B. Y. Tyner, formerly principal of Wingate School, has been elected head of the Educational Department of the State Normal and Industrial College of Virginia, located at Fredericksburg, and he and Mrs. Tyner will leave for that place in September. Prof. Tyner has taken a special course in Columbia University, N. Y., and has a diploma from that institution in the course he will teach. He is splendidly equipped for his work.

Woodmen Meeting at Prices Mill.

The W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle picnic held here on Saturday, the 3rd, was a success in every way. Mr. W. B. Love, the speaker in the forenoon, was in fine trim and made a most excellent speech on fraternalism and especially as it relates to the W. O. W.

In the afternoon the first speaker was Mr. J. C. M. Vann, who made a hit in the outset. He is one of the coming young men of the county. His speech was an excellent one and took well with the crowd.

The next was a song rendered by the Woodmen Circle, and was sung by ten members of the Circle. It was appropriate for the occasion and made a fine impression. After this Mrs. Myrtle Biggers made an address in behalf of the Circle, which was appealing to all to become members of this noble order. She is gifted in oratory and her speech will have a most wholesome effect.

Then came the speech of Mr. W. S. Charles, who is known throughout the State as the Sam Jones of the W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle. As always, his speech was full of information and was a powerful appeal to all to become members of the Woodmen and Woodmen Circle.

In all the day was well spent and all seemed to enjoy themselves. There was plenty of dinner and refreshments for everybody. If any one doubts the latter assertion ask Hon. John C. Sikes. The music was furnished by Houston string band and was most excellent. This band has an established reputation and is composed of Woodmen.

The occasion is an annual one and will be held each year on the first Sturday in August.

COMMITTEEMEN ORGANIZED.

Meeting Friday was a Very Encouraging One—Work of the Institute Enriched—The Story of a Local Tax District.

The work of the county teachers' institute came to a close last Friday with a meeting of the teachers and institute people and a large number of the school committeemen in the court house. Probably more than 100 committeemen were present, which Prof. Griffin said was twice the number that had ever met him in any other county. Several talks were made as to how the teachers and committeemen might help each other and all pull together for success of the school work. The idea of co-operation was so well impressed that it was decided to have the committeemen form an association and hold a meeting each year. Mr. P. B. Blakney was elected president of the association and one vice president was selected from each township, as follows:

Monroe, W. M. Perry; Marshville, J. C. Burd; Lanes Creek, B. F. Parker; Buford, J. C. Lane; Jackson, D. M. Walkup; Sandy Ridge, H. L. Price; Vance, J. Lonnie Helms; Goose Creek, T. L. A. Helms; New Salem, H. W. Staten.

The county superintendent was elected secretary and the next meeting is to be held at his call.

One hundred and six certificates were given the teachers who attended the institute, and successfully stood the examination. This certificate entitles to a first grade certificate.

RESOLUTION BY TEACHERS.

The following resolution was passed by the teachers:

Resolved 1st. That we consider ourselves most highly favored in that Prof. Griffin and Miss Cross were appointed as conductors of our institute.

Resolved 2nd. That we esteem the character of the work done by them as being of the highest order.

Resolved 3rd. That we shall ever hold in remembrance both Prof. Griffin and Miss Cross, because of the kind and congenial manner in which they have given instruction.

T. H. WILEY and R. H. CLINE, Com.

THE STORY OF WESLEY CHAPEL.

Mr. H. L. Price was called upon to tell how local tax had helped his district. His remarks were so interesting that they are given in full:

Since the voting of the local tax in our district, the following definite benefits for the children and community at large have been gained: Our school term has been lengthened from four to eight months, thus giving to every child a chance to attend a good school at home, and on account of our levying this special tax, the State Department of Education located one of the State High Schools at Wesley Chapel. This school now prepares a boy or girl not only for entrance to any of our standard colleges, but also prepares them for the active duties of life. It enables them to take their places in the world's great family of intelligent, enthusiastic workers and to do the work and enjoy life as educated men and women. It has enabled us to secure better trained teachers than we could have done had we not levied this special tax. It has given us a better house and better equipment in every way. Then, again, by having a longer term and better facilities, we enroll pupils from different districts of the county and this mingling together of different pupils from other sections has a very beneficial effect on all the children. This in turn reacts on the parents and in this way helps the whole community. Again, the special local tax has enabled us to place our school on a much higher plane. It stands for something definite, it holds out to each pupil who enters its walls the opportunity and certainty of completing its course of study and receiving its diploma, if he is willing to do the required work. We now have a nice library of well selected books which help the pupils very much in the different departments of study. Again, for those who are not able to send their children off to be educated, this school enables them to educate their children at home without any additional expense, except for books. For instance, we have one patron who has to pay only about \$1.50 tax and for this small sum he sends six children to school eight months in the year. We have quite a number of others of the same kind.

Now, to sum up our benefits, let us see what we had and what we have received since levying the tax. We had no school site, but had a building on the church lot, valued at about \$125. It had slab seats with no backs, and a work bench for a writing desk, and a \$25 per month teacher to teach the 40 or 50 pupils. Now we have a 2-acre school site with a neat two-story building containing four recitation rooms and an auditorium capable of seating 1000 people. This property is worth at least \$3000. In addition to this we have a teacher's home consisting of a nice two-story six-room house, nicely finished inside and out, together with the necessary out buildings and garden, all valued at about \$1200. The school furniture is worth about \$300. Total value of school property \$4500. An increase of about \$4400, and an intellectual increase of incalculable value. We now employ three college trained teachers besides the music teacher and have enrolled 131 pupils.

Now, in view of the above facts, can any reasonable man say that special local tax does not pay?

PALACE AND OCCUPANTS GO.

President of the Colored Republic and Four Hundred of His Retainers Blown Up.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Aug. 8.—The national palace was blown up by a powder explosion and burned to the ground today and the president of the republic of Haiti, General Cincinnatus Lescote perished. Members of the family who were awakened by the terrific shock found themselves almost surrounded by flames but managed to make their way to safety.

The first explosion was followed by others when the fire reached the cellar of the palace where a great quantity of ammunition was stored. So great was the force of the explosion that a number of small cannon, fragments of iron and shells were thrown for great distances in all directions. Many police attendants were killed, and it is estimated that the casualty list will reach 400 persons killed or injured.

For a time a great panic prevailed and the military authorities took action shortly after 3 o'clock charge of the situation. The explosion in the morning and within an hour the fire, which confined to the palace, was extinguished. The structure was a mass of ruins from which it will be impossible to recover the body of the president.

The cause of the explosion of the powder magazine has not been ascertained.

At a Joint meeting of the chamber and senate this afternoon General Tancred Auguste, senator and minister of public works, was named as president.

Death of Mrs. C. L. Helms.

Mrs. Laura Helms, wife of Mr. C. Leander Helms, died at her home three miles southwest of Monroe, August 6th, after an illness of only four days of congestion of the brain. Mrs. Helms was the daughter of the late Mr. Archie McLarty and was born at the McLarty homestead two miles east of Monroe, April 28, 1845.

Mrs. Helms was one of the very best women in the county. She was noted for kindness, for neighborliness, and for all the other Christian virtues. All who knew her loved her for these virtues, and her whole life was spent in that quiet and sweet atmosphere which makes the home happy and marks it as a haven of rest. She thought of others before self and her service and her thinking were such as mark the ideal Christian. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church since childhood. She was married to Mr. Helms in 1877, being his second wife, and he survives her. One brother, Mr. G. C. McLarty, and two sisters, Mrs. Frances Helms and Miss Sarah McLarty, survive also.

The remains were buried at the McLarty-Lee burying ground east of Monroe.

FARMERS INSTITUTE WORK.

Not a Very Large Crowd Present—Superintendent Ray Makes Important Talk Regarding Blind Children and the Work of the School.

At the farmers' institute held last Saturday Mr. John E. Ray, the distinguished principal of the State School for the Blind, made a very interesting and important talk. He said that the State of North Carolina is doing more for the blind children than any State in the Union in proportion to population and wealth. The school takes the helpless children and not only trains them to make their own living and to be useful men and women, but gives them a means whereby they may have some of the beauty and happiness of life in spite of their misfortune. The school at Raleigh has 14 more pupils than the school to which all the New England states send their blind. This is not because we have more blind, but because we search them out better and get them in school. In this connection Mr. Ray called upon all the men present to report all the blind within their knowledge so that he could take up the matter of getting them in school with their parents. Some parents hesitate to send their blind children off to school, but they are thus doing them a great and cruel wrong. In one county alone in North Carolina are two strong and physically able men who have never done a lick of work because they are blind. Had they been sent to school they would now be self supporting and happy instead of being paupers. In this State the law requires that all blind children of sound mind be sent to school.

Another very important thing that Mr. Ray talked about is the fact that at least one-fourth of the children who are blind should not have been so had they had proper treatment at birth. There is a certain solution, which, if applied by physicians immediately at birth to the eyes of the child, prevents much of the blindness. Few physicians take the trouble to use this, but in this particular they are to be greatly censured. Mr. Ray's business during the vacation of his school is to travel over the State and look up blind children and try to get them in school. He spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Luther Rushing, a graduate of the school from Union county, now a teacher.

While Prof. Newman, Dr. Roberts and Mr. T. B. Parker were talking to the men in the courthouse, Miss Ward and Miss Phelps were holding a meeting for women at the car on the railroad. They were talking on bread making and other subjects of domestic importance. The meetings were not very well attended.

Recollections of an Old Time School.

Squire R. W. A. Rogers of Buford who is seventy-one years old and made his first speech in the courthouse Friday when he gave some sensible advice to the teachers and committeemen, told *The Journal* of some funny old time school experiences. There was one famous old teacher in this county who could not lay much claim to scholarship, but he was big and strong and could lay on the rod. He couldn't pronounce all the words in the spelling book and often got into trouble. On one occasion a boy got stumped on the word jangle, and went up for the teacher to pronounce it for him. The old man looked at it for a moment and saw he was stumped. "Go sit down," he said, "and you may call that word John Dick for the present." At another time he was holding a spelling match and gave out "swith," and nobody could spell it. The old man got mad and said that any fool ought to be able to spell that word, scythe—swith.

Items from Indian Trail.

Correspondence of *The Journal*.

Mr. R. L. Thompson and daughters, Misses Iris and Kate, of Page-land, S. C., have been spending a few days with relatives in this community.

Mr. W. J. Anderson of Plant City, Fla., visited friends in the village last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Crowell spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Crowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Davis, near Union.

Miss Blake Reid has returned to her home near Beulah church, after spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Thompson.

Mr. Sam Boyd of Ft. Mill, S. C., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. P. Boyd, for a few days.

A number of the young people of the village attended camp-meeting at Antioch Sunday.

Mr. H. G. Boyd is visiting relatives near Pineville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marthews and little daughter, Daisy, and Messrs. Frank Conder and James Underwood and Miss Daisy Conder of Sanford spent Friday and Friday night at the home of Mr. J. M. Tomberlin.

Child Killed by Street Car.

Little Evelyn Boyd, daughter of Mr. L. S. Boyd of Charlotte, was run over at noon last Saturday and killed by a street car near the home on North College street. The child was three years old and the little body was cut all to pieces. The child had been to a neighbor's and was hurrying home, and ran in front of the car.

The Roosevelt Republicans of Ohio have bolted the Taft ticket in that State.

A MOST BRUTAL CRIME.

VERY OLD WOMAN BEATEN NEARLY TO DEATH.

Mrs. Tomberlin of Goose Creek Assaulted and Left for Dead and Robt. Moser, a Young White Man, Charged With the Crime—Moser Now in Jail—Beat the Old Woman With Her Own Walking Stick.

Mrs. Ferebe Tomberlin of Goose Creek township, 78 years old, was beaten all most to death on Monday evening of last week and Robt. Moser, a young white man of her community, is in Monroe jail charged with the crime. Nothing more brutal or uncalculated for loss ever occurred in the county. The supposed motive of the crime was robbery, as the old woman had the reputation of always carrying a small amount of money about on her person.

The crime occurred about sundown in the afternoon. It was not reported here till Wednesday. Just as soon as Sheriff Griffith heard of it he went to the scene and never rested till the man upon whom suspicion had fallen had been placed in jail on Saturday afternoon. Suspicion fell upon Moser at once and upon the circumstantial evidence a warrant was issued and he would have been arrested, and no doubt brought to trial. But the old lady, who was beaten to insensibility and remained unconscious till Thursday, has come back into her sanity and has said that Moser is the guilty one. The deed occurred away from the house where the old woman was gathering bark. She says that Moser walked up to her, snatched her stick from her hand and "killed" her with it. One fearful gasp runs across the top of the head and there are bruises in other places on the head.

The story is told by Wm. Tomberlin, a son of the victim, who lives with her. He says that he came from the field about an hour by sun for the purpose of going to a neighbor's to get his cow. On reaching the house he found Robt. Moser sitting in the house alone, and partly drunk. They talked a little and he told Moser that he must be going for his cow. Moser said he would walk with him. They walked some distance together to the place where a road turns aside towards the pasture. Some distance away William saw his mother gathering bark from an old tree near the pasture fence. Moser went that way and he kept on towards the neighbor's. He got back a little before dark, and not finding his mother about the place went to the point where he saw her on leaving. He found her body inside the pasture fence. Pools of blood were on both sides the fence. There was hair on her walking stick. She was taken to the house and the neighbors notified. Everybody seemed dumfounded that such a thing had occurred and nobody thought of sending for the officers. Everybody thought the suffering woman would die right away, but on Thursday she became conscious and told her story. She said that she had seen her son and Moser walking down from the house together just as William had said. That Moser came to her and took the stick and knocked her senseless with it. The supposition is that he threw the body over the fence for some purpose.

The evidence seems to be that Moser hurried at once to the place of Mr. C. A. Scott, changed his clothes, and started in the direction of Pineville, where he has acquaintances. On Wednesday Sheriff Griffith and Messrs. Jule Griffith and Clifford Fowler began search, and on Saturday afternoon Moser was put in jail in Monroe. He had been arrested at the house of a Mr. Burnett above Mint Hill, by a constable of that township, who had been notified. Sheriff Griffith went for him. On the way back he denied the deed.

The scene of the crime is two miles north of Unionville. The old lady is very well known in her community, and is very old and feeble. A blow at her was next to striking a corpse. Moser is between twenty-one and twenty-five years old and does not bear a good reputation.

If the old lady lives he will be tried for assault with intent to kill, the penalty for which is one to ten years. If she dies, it will be of course a charge of murder that he must face.

Republican Convention.

The Republicans of the Taft persuasion held a meeting in the courthouse Saturday. Mr. J. J. Perry was elected county chairman. The former chairman, Mr. John E. Haigler, said he was willing to be succeeded by a Taft man, but never by a Roosevelt one. A county ticket was nominated as follows:

Sheriff, J. Allen Baucum; clerk, J. J. Perry; register of deeds, D. A. Baucum; treasurer, T. C. Braswell; county commissioners, L. M. Williams, John W. Love and J. C. Baucum; legislature, G. B. Haigler and J. D. A. Secrest; coroner, F. M. Yandle; surveyor, William McCauley. This last is supposed to be a non-partisan nomination, as Mr. McCauley had not heard of it till Monday morning.

Delegates to State convention: J. J. Parker, W. B. Love, T. C. Braswell, J. D. A. Secrest, D. A. Baucum, Leonard Lathan, J. E. Haigler and Blair Secrest.