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Be Sure to Come on the Fourth.

In behalf of the committee which is working hard to prepare a day of fine amusement, and in behalf of the people of Monroe who contribute the expense money. The Journal extends a most cordial invitation to the people of Union and surrounding counties to meet with us on next Saturday, the Fourth of July, and enjoy the day. These gatherings are solely for the purpose of social enjoyment, and afford a fine opportunity for the people to meet together on a large scale and touch elbows. No one should stay away simply because he may not be interested in the amusement features of the program. The mere matter of meeting in large numbers, forgetting care, relaxing from labor, shaking hands with old friends and new, seeing acquaintances from afar, and watching others enjoy themselves, is really the largest part of the pleasure of the day. While we cannot promise any spectacular battles in midair between flying machines and such like, we can guarantee a day of good home-made amusements that will repay all. Come and help us enjoy the day.

Reform in Legal Procedure.

The North Carolina Bar Association is in session at Wrightsville this week. In his address yesterday, Mr. Thos. L. Rollins of Asheville, the president, made an important recommendation. It is that the law of requiring unanimous verdicts by juries in civil cases be abolished, and instead to require only three-fourths, or even a majority of the jurors to agree. This law is now in force in several States and Mr. Rollins says that the result has been to expedite the trial of causes and to save great time and expense. It is time for something to be done to facilitate the trial of cases and to make justice less of a hit and miss affair. Today Judge Clerk will speak on "Reform in Judicial procedure."

The Left-Handed Marriage.

In connection with the murder of the Archduke of Austria and his "morganatic wife," it is interesting to know just what the latter term means. The custom of morganatic marriage, sometimes more commonly expressed as left handed marriage, exists among the royalty and nobility of some of the European states, but not in England. It is a marriage in which a male heir to a throne of lesser titles marries a woman of lower rank, and by the contract of which marriage the wife does not acquire the titles of her husband or succeed to any property or privilege which he inherits in the title. The children of such marriage are legitimate, but do not inherit the rank or privileges of the father. The redeeming feature of the custom is the fact that no other marriage can be contracted while it is in force, and it perhaps affords an opportunity for real love marriages, in a case a titled gentleman is willing to renounce the succession in behalf of the love of a woman of less rank than himself. This seems to be one of the iron clad provisions thought to be necessary to insure that no blood of less rank than the established ones shall creep into the ruling families.

Sentiment Among the Editors.

Last week while the North Carolina editors were in session at Wrightsville Beach discussing ways and means of carrying on the many good things now afoot in North Carolina, President Wilson received a number of the Virginia editors at the White House and to them, but really speaking to the whole Nation, said that there would be no hesitation in legislation till the anti-trust bills had been put upon the statute books. He said that some intreats had manufactured a scare for the purpose of staving off if possible any further legislation. Similar influences had cried out against the reduction of the tariff, which was no sooner accomplished than it was seen by all to be a good thing, and against the currency bill, which the banks strongly opposed, but which they now hail as a great and proper measure. The President said that he and his advisers knew exactly what they were doing, and because they did know, they would not hesitate. It is not remarkable that the President of the United States found it most appropriate to select a bunch of editors to make such a talk to, because he recognizes that as a general rule the editors are the men who are least influenced by selfish motives and are oftentimes those who can take the most disinterested view of public questions from the general standpoint of the public welfare.

At Wrightsville the North Carolina editors took up their time in discuss-

ing all manner of public questions, and things that relate to the vital interest of the people. It was an inspiring meeting, because one of hopefulness, and one in which the note of progress was dominant. There is this difference between a meeting of editors and that of any other class—when the bankers meet they talk of things more particularly interesting to bankers; lawyers discuss law; doctors till recently discussed strictly professional subjects, though they are now broadening out into general welfare subjects. The editors talk about the questions that concern everybody. From the opening address of the president, Mr. Clarence Poe, in which he declared that the editor must be a crusader, to the last thing on the program, the editors were concerned about the things that make for the real progress, the uplift, and development of the people of the State. Better health conditions, better farming, better business, better laws, better politics, better schools, better newspapers, better everything, was the note at this convention.

Wilmington and its environment has become one of the most delightful localities in North Carolina. This writer has known Wilmington since the days when the little niggers and billie goats did not hesitate to block the traffic of the old horse car line that served the city, and when the cows and the pine rooters predominated at will upon the public streets. Though not old, we remember well when there was scarcely a house from Ninth street to Wrightsville, when there was not a foot of improved road in the county except the shell road to the sound, and when the streets were half knee deep in sand, except a few of those in the business section, which were paved with rough cobble stones. All that is gone. Fine streets and sidewalks are supplemented by fine roads all over the county, and the most beautiful suburbs have taken the place of barren fields of wire grass and scrub oaks. The possibilities of the city and section are past imagining, and if the whole population would live up to the enthusiasm, unanimity and enterprise of the newspaper boys who did the honors of the occasion, these ideals would be rapidly realized. Wilmington ought to be the biggest, cleanest, and in every way the best city in North Carolina. A larger vision, a more unanimity of spirit, and a little more public enterprise are all that are lacking.

THE PRESS ON "THE TYRANNY OF THE STATUS QUO."

Told the Truth.

We have some Democrats in North Carolina who will not swear that whatever the party does is right. Mr. Roland Beasley is one of them. Here is what he said at the press convention: "One had to look behind the little bosses to see the big bosses." He said the platform committee of the state convention had shown no more progress than did Louis 14th and that the committee had left to individuals the fight for civic and legislative reforms when the convention should have blazed the way. —Catawba County News.

A Meaty Matter.

Among many excellent things in yesterday's News, two articles especially will be found worth reading and pondering. There was Mr. Beasley's oration to the editors at Wrightsville on "The Tyranny of Status Quo," a meaty matter, presented in a delightful manner. And there was Attorney General Bickett's address to the same body, on the constitutional amendments. That governmental machinery admirably adapted to the conditions that prevailed at the time of its installation, said he, is utterly inadequate to the needs of the present hour. "However useful a Washington hand press may have been in its day, it would be junk in the office of a modern daily." —Greensboro News.

Applause Followed.

The addresses of Poe, Rountree, London, Butler, Graham, Beasley and Bickett were heard with noticeable pleasure by the full membership. * * Applause instantly followed the delivery of Mr. Beasley's address, he declared as did the Daily News today that one had to look behind the little bosses to discover the big bosses. He said the platform committee of the last state convention had shown no more progress than did Louis 14 and intimated that there had been a frameup by the machine politicians and said the committee had left to individuals the fight for civic and legislative reforms when the convention should have blazed the way.—Special to Greensboro News.

Timely Suggestions.

Mr. R. F. Beasley, of the Monroe Journal, one of the brainy men of the State, in an address before the Editorial Association the other day said: "In our State we have consigned to the keeping of one political party the welfare of a whole people throbbing with new and generous impulses, aglow with radiant hopes, touched with the spirit of progress, and craving as never before a wise and righteous leadership. This party cannot prove worthy of its great trust by standing still. It cannot satisfy the conscience nor challenge the intelligence of a noble people by dodging issues nor hiding behind the fallacy of letting well enough alone. It can not fill a great mission by mistaking itself as an end instead of as an instrument. Its leaders will betray the principles of a party and a greater people if they think and act in terms of power rather than in terms of service. The Democratic party is today on the danger line. Remember that those of us who sound a warning speak not in hostility, but in love, not in criticism merely, but in friendship. We must face the stern truth that no party can sacrifice obligation for even party welfare. Individual office holding and party power are not the materials upon which faith and fidelity long survive, and we do not have to go back three years in history to learn that though a party may seem impregnable, it can, when drunk with power and deadened to obligation, be wiped off the political map in a twinkling.—Salisbury Post.

The Press and the People.

If the press voices the sentiments of the people of all sections of North Carolina, it is plain that they are overwhelmingly in favor of a real State-wide primary and the constitutional amendments submitted to the people for their adoption at the November elections. We are judging by the sentiment which pervades the members of the North Carolina Press Association who have been attending the annual convention of the association this week at Wrightsville Beach.

We doubt whether there is any sentiment to the contrary among the State's Democratic editors, but if there was it must have been effectually removed by the double header addresses Wednesday night in the Oceanic Hotel auditorium when the speakers were Editor R. F. Beasley of The Monroe Journal and the Hon. T. W. Bickett, attorney general of the State.

The Monroe editor proceeded Attorney General Bickett with an address on "The Tyranny of the Status Quo." In the editor's address there was a masterful presentation of his views on modern progressive political principles, and there was not only the expression of strong convictions on the lines followed by the speaker, but his address was characterized by fine literary construction, aptness of word, and ornateness of phrase.

Attorney General Bickett spoke on the proposed constitutional amendments submitted to the people by the 1913 General Assembly. He gave a lucid historical sketch of the purpose and aim to amend the constitution and followed it with a logical and powerful analysis of the more vital amendments and their necessity and importance to the greater progress and development of the State. Orator as he is, Mr. Bickett took no flights into the glittering empyrean, but he got right down to business with an address of great strength and extraordinary conviction.

Of course, the editors did not formally commit themselves to all or any of the views of Messrs. Beasley and Bickett, but in the main we got an impression of the matter of course acceptance of the main points so lucidly and impressively emphasized by the speakers.

We are writing of an impression gathered at the night session of the press convention, and we think it is sufficiently notable as indicating the sentiment of the great mass of the people of the State as reflected through the press, which is in such close touch with the people.—Wilmington Star.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS SAY NO.

Text of the Demands Made by Niagara Conference and the Replies to Them.

The attitude of the Constitutionalists of Mexico, led by Carranza and Villa, is now the most important element of the Mexican situation. The definite proposals of the peace conference to Carranza and his replies are said to be as follows:

FIRST DEMAND.

Armistice until Huerta can be "persuaded" to resign, this armistice involving cessation of hostilities throughout Mexico.

ANSWER.

The Constitutionalists will brook no interference in the internal affairs of Mexico, either by the United States or any other nation. No.

SECOND DEMAND.

Guarantees that Huerta will not be killed if he falls into the power of the Constitutionalists.

ANSWER.

Huerta killed Madero; the ancient Aztec blood law now demands a life for a life, wherefore Huerta must die. No.

THIRD DEMAND.

Guarantees to all leaders, whether Nations or individuals, that the international obligations of the Huerta Government will be paid.

ANSWER.

The Constitutionalists will not burden the Nation with useless debts, for the obligations of their revolt are almost nothing. No.

FOURTH DEMAND.

Immediate elections as soon as Huerta quits.

ANSWER.

Banditry, such as that of the Zapatistas, Genevevo de la O, and Jose Mora, must be wiped out; therefore immediate elections cannot be held. No.

FIFTH DEMAND.

Protection to all Spaniards in Mexico; restoration of their property and permission to all of them to return to the Republic.

ANSWER.

The Spaniards have been oppressors and looters of Mexico for 400 years; they must go. No.

SIXTH DEMAND.

Restoration to the Catholic church of all confiscated property; payment for buildings destroyed; protection for all priests still in Mexico and permission for others to return in safety.

ANSWER.

The laws of the reform give all church property to the State when needed; the priests have oppressed the people and held them in ignorance. No.

SEVENTH DEMAND.

Veiled promise of immediate recognition of new Government is held out, if Constitutionalists accept these terms.

ANSWER.

Constitutionalists once in power will not need recognition by the United States; Mexico can rehabilitate herself. No.

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