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WOMEN OF THE WEST DID IT

Mrs. Bass Claims That They Are Responsible For Wilson Vote—Balked At "Millionaire Special."

"The women of the west elected the President," says M. George Bass, manager of the Western Women's Bureau of the Democratic Campaign Committee.

"Despite the deceptive suffrage appeal of the so-called Woman's Party, claiming to represent the women voters of the United States, ten of the twelve voting states have made the re-election of President Wilson certain."

"The principal factors which contributed to the result in the ten voting states were:

"First, the sending out to the voting states of the west the Hughes special, the so-called 'billionaire train.' The very idea enraged the women of the west.

"Second the slogan, 'Wilson has kept us out of war,' used in derision and reproach by the Hughes campaigners, proved really to be a great winning argument with the women of the voting states.

"Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, on the Hughes special, made impassioned appeals for the protection of the Mexican border, and the Mexican border to a woman responded by voting for Wilson."

"The record of the President, his constructive, progressive legislation made a tremendous appeal to the women of the west, and this was not broken down by the efforts of the Republican campaigners to belittle the value of the Child Labor Bill in the face of the indorsements of experts like Owen Lovejoy and Senator Albert Cummings of their own party."

"As against this record the attempt to set up outworn party shibboleths, like a protective tariff, failed to convince. Women remembered, even though they are but little interested in the purely economic phases of legislation, that a non-partisan tariff commission has been formed to take that question entirely out of politics."

"The attempt of the militants to inject the suffrage issue into the campaign, aided by the empty declaration of the Republican candidate for a Federal amendment, which he did not reinforce by any statement of what he would do, or how, and the active support of this propaganda by the Republican national campaign, contributed more largely than any other factor to solidify the votes of the women of the west against the election of Mr. Hughes."

"Once more the women of the west resented the invasion of women from the non-voting states of the east backed by the millions of Wall Street, trying to sow the seeds of dissension and creating sex antagonism."

AFTER THE MONEY SPENDERS

Department of Justice Seeking Facts About Slush Fund in Ten States.

In his letter to the News and Observer Mr. H. E. C. Bryant of Washington says that United States District Attorneys and Special Investigators of the Department of Justice are on the trail of people who have violated the federal laws by contributing and using money to aid Mr. Hughes in his race for the Presidency and various candidates for the Senate and House.

Ten States—New York, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia—are being gone over with fine tooth combs by Department of Justice agents. The facts gathered will be presented to grand juries. Leading Democrats of these states are preparing the evidence now.

The following named cities are being covered for violations in campaign contributions: New York, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Detroit, Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Representatives of the Department of Justice tonight refused to discuss the statement from Chicago that railroad heads, bankers and other corporation officials have been summoned to present their books to grand juries in five big cities but the cities in question are said to be New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. Great drives were made in those places, and much money collected by the Republicans.

It is estimated that the Republicans spent \$5,000,000 in an effort to elect Mr. Hughes and that they got \$3,000,000 of that in New York during the last week of the campaign. The Democrats claim that \$1,200,000 were spent in New York and that they will produce evidence to show that an effort was made to buy the labor vote in the up-State counties of New York. The allegation was made today that \$600,000 was set aside by the Republican leaders to be used in "getting the labor vote."

The money of the Republicans was distributed as follows: New York State, \$1,200,000; Connecticut, \$250,000; Ohio \$500,000; Indiana, \$300,000 and Illinois, \$500,000.

Much money was collected in Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Indianapolis and Cincinnati. In New York, Indiana and West Virginia the Republicans put forth great efforts to win United States senatorships. Democrats in Washington tonight believe that President Wilson is entitled to the vote of West Virginia, and that a recount would show it.

THREE NEW PROHIBITION STATES

New York World.

Michigan is now added to the growing list of Prohibition states. Further west, South Dakota and Nebraska have aligned themselves with North Dakota in barring the sale of liquor. Florida, profiting by the example of its neighbor Georgia, which had previously imposed the rule of self-denial upon its people, elected a Prohibition governor.

The south has been so widely converted to Prohibition for reasons peculiar to itself that Florida has stood out as a notable exception. Michigan was under no such sectional influences. Of its own accord it has broken away from local opinion and decided to create a new large area of "dry" territory, with a population of nearly 3,000,000. South Dakota joined to North Dakota, means another 1,250,000 in the north voluntarily under Prohibition, as a principle of state government.

At this rate the Prohibitionists as a national party are rapidly losing their one distinctive issue. Northern and southern states, and another group in the west, without regard to Democratic or Republican leanings, have accepted the one doctrine for which the Prohibitionists have steadfastly fought in the face of ridicule and indifference of the country as a whole to their claims to special attention. From Maine to Oregon and from Michigan to Mississippi, Prohibition has won solely as a local issue. It will continue to win as long as saloon-keepers habitually violate and defy the law.

DEATH OF CYRUS B. WATSON

Charlotte Observer.

One of the eminently good and sterling men of North Carolina went to join the great majority when Hon. Cyrus B. Watson of Forsyth answered the summons. Mr. Watson was a homespun statesman. His plainness of manner and speech were matched most strikingly by his honesty of character, his purity of heart and his rugged fidelity to the principles of right and justice. Denied by circumstances of fortune any of the higher positions of honor in the political world, he was yet held in estimation by the people of the State as a man worthy of any of the greater emoluments. They would have made him Governor, but at the time this honor was attempted it was foredoomed to defeat. The State at the moment needed a man who might best hold its political traditions safe from utter wreck and Mr. Watson undertook the thankless task, knowing at the time that so far as his own political ambitions in that direction were concerned, there was utter hopelessness of accomplishment. It was of common occurrence when the name of Cy Watson was under discussion in North Carolina to hear the expressed belief that Watson ought to have been Governor. He was typical of that class of Southern manhood that came home from the war broken in body, but with a will and a determination and a resolution that had been unconquered. He elected to enter the legal profession and he attained position among the strongest legal lights of the State. He was a character of State-wide admiration, and throughout North Carolina the news of his death will be received with sorrow.

NEWS FROM SILER COMMUNITY

Correspondence of The Journal.

The Ladies Aid Society of Siler Presbyterian church gave a Halloween social at Price's Mill W. O. W. hall Monday evening, Nov. 6. The entertainment proved quite a success in every way and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. The witch and ghost met the guests at the door and ushered them into the hall where games, contests, etc. were engaged in by the old and young alike. Cake and chocolate tea was served by the ladies of the society. A free will offering was taken at the door and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church.

Tommy, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, was kicked in the face by a colt one day last week, several gashes were cut in the little fellow's face but no serious damage done.

Mrs. W. H. Price has moved into her new residence which has recently been completed.

Quite a number from this community attended the fair in Charlotte last week and reported the "best yet."

Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Plyler of Lowell visited relatives in this vicinity last week. They made the trip in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis spent Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Davis.

The Misses Huneycutt of Union community and Mrs. M. E. Plyler visited Mrs. E. H. Morris last week.

Miss Blake Reid of Monroe visited homefolks last week. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Roberta Penegar.

Mrs. J. L. Burns of Charlotte visited her mother, Mrs. W. H. Price, Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Kate Price will leave in a few days to take up her school near Monroe.

Mr. Braxton Furr and family of Matthews visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Price last week.—Betsey.

PRESIDENT BACK AT HIS DESK

Is Troubled by Mexican and Submarine Developments—Has Accepted the Verdict of the Polls and Will Make No Radical Change of Policy—Will Push Legislation in Short Session—Cabinet Changes Will Be Voluntary If Any At All.

Washington Dispatch, Nov. 13.

President Wilson, back in the White House for the first time since the campaign began two months ago, plunged into work today in an effort to clear his desk of accumulated business. Taking for granted that he had been re-elected, he asked no questions about electoral votes, but did display anxiety over the political complexion of the next House of Representatives.

Through Secretary Lansing the President got in touch with pressing foreign problems, including the submarine, Mexican and British blockade issues; and in a talk with Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic National Committee, he became acquainted with the latest developments in the political situation.

State Department officials make no secret of their belief that dangerous possibilities are represented by recent developments in both the Mexican and submarine questions, but Secretary Lansing today said no immediate action was in prospect. It was stated definitely by officials in the confidence of the President today that his re-election will mean no radical changes in any of his policies. He is said to feel that in general his course has been endorsed by the nation at the polls.

It was said today that the attitude of the government toward submarine warfare laid down in the note following the sinking of the channel steamer Sussex and in previous communications will be followed strictly, and State Department will continue to press for American rights in connection with the Allied blockade and mail censorship.

If a satisfactory agreement can be reached for the protection of the border and American lives and property in Mexico it is believed that the United States troops in Mexico will be withdrawn soon, although a strong force will be kept along the border. The confused situation in the State of Chihuahua and the uncompromising attitude of General Carranza on some points, however, are understood to cause the President to view the Mexican situation with anything but composure.

Mr. Wilson has begun the preparation of his message to Congress. Because of the probability that the next House will be Republican, he will seek to get through as much general legislation as possible during the short session ending March 4.

The President is said to desire no general changes in the personnel of his administration. It was stated definitely today that no Cabinet officers will be asked to resign either now or next March, although it is possible that one or more may wish to retire for personal or business reasons. Among those who have been reported as considering resigning have been Attorney General Gregory, Secretary Redfield, Secretary Baker, Secretary Daniels and Secretary McAdoo.

Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Senator Walsh, who had charge of the Western Democratic headquarters at Chicago in the campaign, it was thought today, might be asked to join the administration. Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams College, and a son of former President James A. Garfield, also is said to be looked upon as being of Cabinet caliber.

The President will catch up with his official business as quickly as possible and then may take a brief rest at some winter resort before Congress convenes.

Thursday night people in Washington plan to give a "home-coming" celebration in honor of the President, a feature of which will be a serenade outside of the White House.

THE ARGYLE SHOWS TO COME HERE

The Argyle Shows have completed arrangements to show at Monroe on show grounds, western Heights, one full week, beginning Monday, November 20th. This is the same show that played on the city lot this spring. But since then the show has added many new features, paramount of which is Madam Zira and her troupe of performing Leopards and Pumas. This show in itself is worth time and expense to pay it a visit. This entertainment compares favorably with any of the larger wild animal shows and the price charged to view it will be within the reach of all, it being one of the closing stands, Mr. Gibbs, the General Manager, has ordered the show to reduce its price at Monroe to 15 cents. This will give everybody a chance to see this wonderful exhibition of trained wild performing animals. Jo Jo, the Human Gorilla, is another feature; a gorilla who walks erect like a man; he dresses and undresses himself in full view of the audience, rides a bicycle, skates on roller skates, smokes pipe, cigarette and cigars, eats with a knife and fork and in fact does everything except talk—the wonder of the 20th century. The beautiful spider girl is another feature—the head of a woman, body of a spider, and lives.

Then the Georgia Minstrel and old Plantation, The Fountain of Youth and Merry Go Round. The 49 camp. In fact, a beautiful midway of shows and riding devices for one week, a week of carnival of fun, clean and moral shows. No gambling; that's the motto of the Argyle Shows.—Ad.

TWAS A JOYFUL OLD TIME

County and Town Democrats Broke Lose Friday Night in Celebrating Wilson and Bickett Victory.

Pandemonium, abandon, and the Old Nick himself broke lose Friday night, when Democrats from Lanes Creek, Goose Creek, New Salem, "darling" Buford, staid Jackson, Marshville, Sandy Ridge and everywhere else in the vicinity gathered in Lanes to celebrate the Bickett and Wilson election with a big torch and bonfire. Nobody knows just how many people were in the celebration, some say there were 10,000; other place the crowd at 7,000; but nobody denies that there were between 7,000 and 10,000 people lined up around the court house square and in nearby streets.

The parade was received at 9:35 o'clock Friday morning, and how so many people heard the news between that hour and 8 p. m. that night is an unfathomable mystery. Circulars had a part to do with it. The Journal announced it in Friday's paper, but the credit goes to Mr. W. H. Norwood, and a few others, for they utilized the rural telephones and their operators in spreading the good news. Anyhow they were here, but how they got there nobody knows.

With the air teeming with the sweet strains of "Dixie," rendered by the Iceorlee band, the procession started. Hon. R. B. Redwine and Mr. T. P. Dillion, on horseback, wearing old time Uncle Sam beavers, led, and after them the band, with a hundred torch bearers following. The glare of those oil-soaked torches made a picturesque scene, which recalled to the minds of some old-timers the stirring celebration that followed Grover Cleveland's election in 1884. Then came the children, blowing horns, beating tin pans, singing, ringing bells, beating plowshares and with every noise-making device conceivable. Following the kids came automobiles and Fords, each honking and g-r-r-r-ing to beat the band. Closing up the rear followed the p-e-d-e-s-t-r-i-a-n-s (with apologies to Dr. Gurney), who yelled themselves so hoarse that the town was divested of cough drops the next day.

Mr. P. F. Wilson, a railroad man, was in the parade with Hughes' goat. It was a sure-enough goat, and on his sides were signs labelled: "Hughes' Goat." Mr. Wilson, dressed like Hughes (he even went so far as to imitate his whiskers) followed the goat, crying and sobbing as if his heart would break.

Stuck somewhere in the parade was Mayor Jim Fowler's band. George Lee beat the drum, while Jap Holloway, Clarence Laney and Bob Laney bore down on the coronet, trombone and flute. The Mayor was directing the musicians, and he imitated that bloody Palario, or whatever his name is (that guy that went through the gymnastics at the Chautauqua two years ago). This band played itself to sleep, and to all accounts, hasn't woke up yet.

Charlie Chaplin, alais Archie Fairley, was in the parade with his spouse, Pete Russell, and for a while they had the crowd thinking they were the genuine articles come to town. When the parade broke up Charlie made up a band of his own that outplayed, though it lacked tune and harmony. Jim Fowler's and the Iceorlee band. The boys got so tickled at Charlie and his band that they chipped in for a nice little sum, which soon found its way into Charlie Simpson's coffers for soda-water.

Fellows, it was naturally a grand occasion. The people just opened themselves wide for one time, and it was a night that will forever be remembered by the oldest inhabitants-to-be. When the parade was over, a dry-goods box was dragged out into the middle of the street and converted into an impromptu speakers stand. Yells from the bunch soon smoked out R. B. Redwine and J. C. Sikes, who replied in fitting words. They tried to smoke Bunk Lemmond out but he refused to be smoked.

About this time, when things were getting a little quiet, a Goose Creekite, who had more drinks than he could safely stand, under his coat, got on the mule. "I don't know a thing," he shouted, "but Goose Creek has gone Democratic. Hoo-ray." The crowd cheered him long and loud. The speaker made a reputation for himself and his descendants that will not be forgotten when everything else is.

It began to get late, so many left. Some old reliables, however, remained and their perseverance was awarded by two gallons of "white-lightning," or "apple-jack," floating around in gallon water bucket. With their throats re-moistened, the boys commenced to singing again. "Woodrow Wilson was elected just as I 'spected." And they kept it up until the clock struck 12.

Capt. W. L. Howie, J. C. Sikes, W. H. Norwood, G. B. Caldwell, R. A. Merrow, Jim Griffith, W. J. Rudge and Frank Broom all deserve special mention for the part they took in preparing everything for the big parade. Many other good Democrats chipped in with their mite, and many gave personal assistance in getting everything ready besides those mentioned above. Something over \$100 was collected, but when all expenses were paid, it was found that \$28 remained. This was turned over to the Associated Charities by Capt. Howie.

An account of the celebration would not be complete without mention of the sportsmanlike attitude of Mr. Charles Iceman. Mr. Iceman does not make any secret of the fact that he is a national Republican, though supporting the Democratic

State ticket. While the news was wavering back and forth between Hughes and Wilson, Mr. Iceman and some of his friends bantered each other a good deal about who was going to be defeated. But Mr. Iceman was a gamey loser. He not only furnished the torches for his Democratic friends to celebrate with but marched at the head of the band up to the square and helped arrange the procession. His sentiment was "if I can't get my man I don't mind helping my Democratic friends celebrate their victory a little." And his fine spirit was appreciated.

Capt. W. L. Howie, who secured the collections for this occasion, is especially grateful to the railroad men for their assistance. The railroad men of Monroe have been very loyal to the cause of Democracy and President Wilson, and they not only contributed funds liberally for his re-election but rendered valuable personal work.

MATT'S VERSION OF IT

Uncle Ike Told the Truth, But He Didn't Tell it All Avers His Side-Partner in the Safe-Cracking Episode.

Orlando, Fla., Nov. 12, 1916.

The Monroe Journal, Monroe, N. C. Dear Sirs:—I certainly did enjoy reading Uncle Ike Hunneutt's dope in Tuesday's paper. Uncle Ike told the truth but he did not tell all he knew in regard to that night. It was shortly after the safe of Heath & Reid had been cracked at Matthews, and also after one had been broken into at Marshville.

Chief Laney had instructed Uncle Ike and myself to watch the banks very close. The night in question was very cold and there were no lights burning for some cause. Uncle Ike said: "Bad night for safe crackers, Matt." Uncle Ike had a bad cold (so he said) and he had Jasper Mattox to build a big fire in the Mayor's office. I being the younger of the two, he of course told me to watch the banks and he would watch the fire. He claimed that Dr. Nance had told him to take some quinine and two tablespoons of brandy.

As the night was stormy I imagined there were safe-blowers in every store. I left Shute's gin at 1:20 in the morning and went through the alley back of Ashcraft's store, coming on through the Central hotel alley until I got near the Savings, Loan & Trust Company. Then my hat commenced to moving on my head as I thought I heard the ring of hammer and pick on the Bank of Union's big vault. At that time I thought it would be more honor for two of us to catch four or five safe crackers than for me to catch all of them alone. So I went for Uncle Ike. When I found him he was in the Mayor's office sound asleep. A 25 cent bottle of quinine unopened and an empty 2-ounce bottle of brandy lay on the table. When I woke him up he asked me for my knife to remove the stopper from the quinine bottle so he could carry out the doctor's instructions. I told him to hurry as the Bank of Union was being robbed. Uncle Ike then took out his rusty .38, got some oil and put a few drops on it so it would work. We started out, and when we got on the walk east of the court house, Uncle Ike said: "Give me your hand."

There we vowed to die together. Together we went to the Bank of Union and continued our search until we found the cause of the trouble—the chain swinging on the hitching post.

But God bless Uncle Ike! He was always there, and you would know where to find him in time of need.—Respectfully, M. C. Broom.

TO THE VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

It would be impracticable for me to write each of the voters of Union county, who were kind enough to support me in my candidacy for Congress from the Seventh Congressional District in the election held on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 1916 and I take this method of thanking each and every one of my friends for the loyal support which they gave me in said election.

No candidate for office ever received more loyal support than was accorded me in the late contest for which I am profoundly grateful. I desire to state to each and every one of my supporters that if I can serve them in any way I want them to feel free to call upon me. In matters political, I of course, will act with my party, but in matters non-political I will be the representative of the entire people of the District, regardless of party, and I want my friends of opposite political faith from myself to feel that I am their representative and want them to call upon me at any time that I can serve them.

Again thanking my supporters for the handsome vote which I received in the late election and assuring them of my appreciation, I am,

Your very truly,

LEE D. ROBINSON.

"Blacksmiths seem to have a reputation for honesty.

"Deservedly so, but due partly, perhaps, to the nature of the business. Nobody incumbers a blacksmith with trust funds. There is nothing to adulterate in his line. Compared with some of us a blacksmith has few temptations to resist."

That bunch of brood mares which we received last Friday is the best that we have ever received. They are strictly O. K. Better see them while they last.—Fowler & Lee.

Poverty is the only luxury the rich can afford.

UNION MAN KILLED HIMSELF IN CHARLOTTE

Mr. B. Frank Richardson, Becoming Despondent, Took Dose of Carbolic Acid—Wife and Several Children Survive.

Charlotte Observer, Tuesday.

With suicidal intent prompted by ill health and financial straits, Frank B. Richardson, groceryman, 409 East Ninth street, swallowed an ounce of carbolic acid Monday morning at his home at 8 o'clock, dying at 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon, from the deadly effect of the poison. A note was found explaining his act.

For some time previous to his death, Mr. Richardson expressed the idea that due to his ill health he could not live very long and for this reason, he stated to his family, he could not make a living for them.

"I'll be gone for a long time," were his last words to his wife and children, as he kissed them good-bye when starting for his store, corner of Tenth and Myers streets on Monday morning. Previous to this he said to his wife, "Come to the store soon this morning, as I have to go uptown to buy some goods."

Mrs. Richardson did as requested, but upon arriving at the store found that her husband was not in. Already feeling some what alarmed over his peculiar actions of the morning, she went to the drawer of the store to see if the pistol had been removed. It was missing.

WIFE ALARMED

After gaining this information she quickly sent one of her children home to see if her husband had returned and for what reason. The child found his father sitting at the desk in the home writing a note. Seeing his boy, Mr. Richardson inquired as to the reasons of his questions, and upon being informed that Mrs. Richardson had sent him to the house, he smiled and said: "Your mother seems very uneasy this morning."

The boy returned to the store and informed his mother that his father was at home writing. Mrs. Richardson feeling more alarmed than ever, hastily went to the residence to see what was the cause of her husband's continued queer actions.

She entered the home at 9 o'clock. Her husband was lying on the bed unconscious. She called for help. Neighbors quickly rushed to her aid. Drs. C. M. Strong, Oren Moore and S. M. Fetner soon arrived, and began to work on the dying man. The poison had taken its toll, and the efforts of the physicians were to no avail.

The pistol that Mrs. Richardson had missed from the store was found under the pillow upon which her husband was lying. Beside him on the bed was a note which began: "My dear wife and children." In the body of the note he stated that he had for some time fought off the idea of suicide, but as his health became poorer, he realized that he could never make a living for his family, and such knowledge led to the act.

In the postscript of the letter he again bade his wife and children good-bye and told them to "be good always." The note ended with the words, "Do the best you can without me, and don't grieve for me."

Only on last Wednesday he opened the grocery at the corner of Tenth and Myers streets. For two years he had been in extreme bad health, and during the last two months was very despondent.

FORMERLY OF MONROE

With his family he came to this city 13 years ago from Monroe. For several years after arriving here he conducted a boarding house near the Southern passenger station, and later conducted one adjoining the Seaboard Air Line station on North Tryon street. One year ago he moved into the Mansion house on West Trade, and ran it as a lodging house. From there he moved to Ninth street, his last home.

He is survived by his second wife, who was Miss Pearl Griffin of Monroe, and eight children, three of these by his first wife. By the first marriage his children are: Miss Ola Richardson, a nurse at the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton; Mrs. Lucy Craig of Richmond, Va.; Lester Richardson of this county. The children by the second marriage are: Whitefield, age 13; Ola, 11; Lee, 8; Gladys, 4; and Alice 20 months.

The funeral service over the body will be held from the home this morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. The interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

(Mr. Richardson was a son of the late Griffin Richardson of Lanes Creek township, a man well known in his day and one of the large farmers of that section. He lived in Monroe some time before going to Charlotte and married a daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Griffin.)

Does Advertising Pay?

Waxhaw, N. C., Oct. 30, 1916.

W. J. Rudge Co., Monroe, N. C.

Dear Sirs:—I saw your Silver King sewing machine ad in The Journal. . . . I will be in Monroe in a few days to look over the machine.

Very truly, J. G. Rogers, R. F. D. No. 3.

Messrs. Rudge & Co. sold the machine to Mr. Rogers and it was shipped out to him yesterday.