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DR. CAMPBELL TO MAKE CONTEST IN THE EIGHTH

Congressional Committee Finds Evidence Sufficient to Warrant Contest in District.

Albermarle, N. C. Dec. 17.—Dr. J. I. Campbell, of Norwood, was in Albermarle last week, after his return from Washington, where he went to confer with leaders of his party relative to contesting for a seat in Congress. When seen by the News-Herald representative he said that he had put his case in the hands of the republican congressional committee, and that the committee was to shortly meet and go over the data submitted by him, relative to irregularities in the recent election. "If the committee agrees with me, after looking over the evidence which I have submitted, then I will make the contest," said Dr. Campbell. The doctor went on to give some of the grounds upon which he would contest, among them being the loss of several hundred votes in this county and Iredell. He said that some of his friends seemed to think it best for his future that he abandon the idea of contesting for Doughton's seat, "but," said he, "I am going to make the fight, it at all, to the end that justice may be done, and this I want, regardless of what the future results may be." This interview took place the latter part of last week. In The Sunday Charlotte News, Parker Anderson, writing from Washington, had the following news article, which will be read with interest by Stanly people.

Dr. J. I. Campbell, republican opponent of Congressman Doughton, will contest the election of the eighth district congressman. This was decided upon at a meeting of the republican congressional committee, which met to consider the evidence which Dr. Campbell presented when in Washington early this week.

According to members of the committee, Dr. Campbell presented such a strong case that the committee decided to advance him money enough to make the contest with the distinct understanding that such money must be returned by him when he is reimbursed by the allowance which congress allows to those contesting all congressional elections.

Just what evidence, except in a general way, Dr. Campbell gave the committee, was not given out today. Dr. Fess, chairman of the committee, and a prominent member of the house, said today that "outrageous frauds" had been committed if half of the affidavits presented by Mr. Doughton's republican opponent were true. Acting upon this evidence, the committee today sent a telegram to Dr. Campbell telling him to go ahead, that the committee would advance money necessary in obtaining additional evidence.

L. J. Jenkins, of Asheville, who opposed Zeb Weaver, has definitely decided, Dr. Fess declared, not to make the contest. He said it was the opinion of the congressional committee, after giving due consideration to all the evidence presented in the case, that Jenkins did not have much of a case against his democratic opponent, and that the committee had advised the Asheville banker to let the matter stand. Congressman Fess told the News' correspondent that the present republican majority is discouraging contests everywhere except in cases where it appears that the violations of the law have been practiced in the most brazen manner. He so advised Dr. Campbell when he came to Washington.

Dr. Campbell, however, according to Fess, presented some of the most outrageous violations of law which he had ever seen or heard of, and the committee felt that it was only just and proper that the contest should be brought. Dr. Campbell has been advised to submit additional evidence, and to bring witnesses to Washington when the hearing starts.

According to republican members, the contest in the seventh is to be more of an expose of the so-called frauds in Southern congressional elections than a desire to have an additional republican in congress. "Frankly," said Fess, "we do not desire any more republican members. We now have a top-heavy majority. I told Dr. Campbell that this was our attitude. However he brought such strong evidence of wholesale fraud that we considered it our duty to advise him to make the fight for Mr. Doughton's seat."

Will Try to Redistrict State of North Carolina

A dispatch from Raleigh says:

Tucked in some where among the score or so of road bills and the thousand or so measures to protect squirrels, quail and cattle ticks that will flow over the reading clerk's desk in the 1921 session of the General Assembly there will be a simple sounding proposal to redistrict the State to make room for two additional Congressmen that the State gains through the 1920 census. North Carolina gets two more on a population basis.

Whereupon it is believed will be precipitated one of the bitterest fights that has ever raged under the copper roof of the capitol. Twelve districts with seven of them going west of that political equator that divides the State into East and West, all crowd that territory a little, and upset several status quos that suit a good many people very well as they are now. One of the new districts, Democratic leaders, say is going to be out-and-out Republican, so designed and constructed as to make it unlikely it will ever be anything else.

That county west of the Blue Ridge mountains, up in the northwest corner of the State, it is declared, is going to be erected into a district, and turned over to Frank Linney, or whomever the Republicans want to send to Washington. No longer will those counties be tacked on to an elongated district stretching away down to safely Democratic counties. They will exist for themselves.

None of which will seem unreasonable to the average Democrat, but to Governor Rufe Doughton, who has his habitation up in that northwest territory, it will not seem good at all. He has been carrying his county for years and years, and seeing his stretched out eighth district go Democratic, but if this new plan goes through, he will not feast his eyes upon such a sight again.

Nor does reason end there. It will amount practically to legislating Congressman "Farmer Bob" Doughton out of a job. His county goes over from the eighth district to this new "outlaw" district across the mountains, and even his 1,400 majority this year would look huge if he should get out and run in that proposed district. Wherefore Representative Rufe Doughton is likely to fight, both for himself and for his brother, Farmer Bob.

The proposed line-up of the new district is as follows: Stokes, Alleghany, Wilkes, Ashe, Watauga, Yadkin, Avery and Mitchell. Of these Alleghany has been going Democratic with fair regularity for years back. The others are hopeless, turning up majorities that make inroads upon the huge pluralities of the east. Altogether they would go as Republican as the second district goes Democratic.

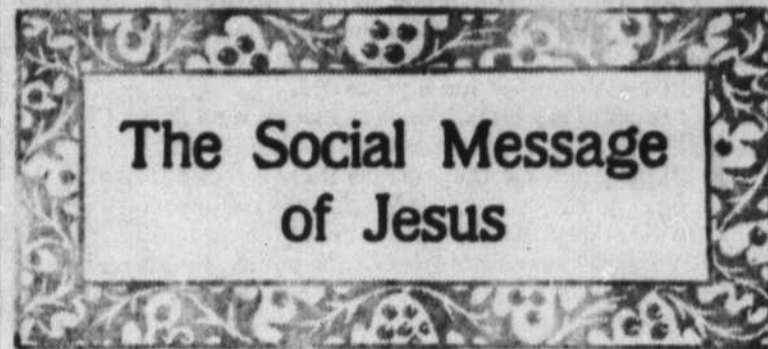
Not a district in the west will look anything like it does now after the General Assembly gets through with it next spring, it is declared. The tenth is going to have some new blood drawn out and some new blood infused into its arteries. McDowell will likely be taken away and in its stead Cleveland county will be substituted. The moving of Cleveland brings the subject inevitable around to O. Max Gardner. Cleveland is closer to the ninth. And there are rumors that Mr. Gardner would prove acceptable to the Democrats of the tenth, and that he himself would not look with too much disfavor upon taking up his residence in Washington for a few terms in Congress.

From the present seventh, eighth and ninth districts, four districts will probably arise, with a new district embracing Union, Anson, Albermarle, Cabarrus, Rowan, Davidson, Davie and Iredell. A brand new district will be made with Guilford, Forsyth and Rockingham counties. This will be the smallest district in the State in area, but will be the most thickly populated.

Dies From Rat's Bite.

Salisbury, Dec. 14.—Capt. Frank Brown, who won his title of captain in the war between the states, where he fought valiantly for the confederacy, died at his home in Salisbury early this morning, death coming as a result of being bitten on the hand by a rat. Several weeks ago the small animal bit Captain Brown and blood poison set in, later pneumonia appeared and he was desperately ill for days.

Captain Brown was 74 years old and stood prominent among the most richly esteemed and respected citizens of Rowan, in which county he was born and lived most of his life.



The Social Message of Jesus

By N. J. DUNCAN-CLARK
(Chicago Evening Post.)



NEVER did the world need more than now to hear the authoritative voice of Jesus.

If we are to bring order out of chaos, peace out of conflict, brotherhood out of clash of class and group, we must return in humble spirit to the Bethlehem manger, to the Nazareth shop, to the market place, the seashore or the mountainside, where the message of Jesus was spoken to the hearts of men.

Jesus believed in man. It is well to emphasize this fact in an age of cynicism. There was no room for despair in His philosophy. He came into a world where force and fraud and oppression prevailed, and to the hour of His triumphant death He never doubted that love and justice and freedom were possible in human relations.

Jesus believed in man as a potential Son of God. His ideal for society contemplated the emancipation of man from the control of material things. Mammon should not rule; there should be no occasion for anxious thought concerning any need of the body; the spiritual nature of man should be free to realize its highest destiny.

In the program that He worked out as He toiled at the bench He planned that service should be the motive and co-operation the method in human industry. We have substituted self-advantage for service, and mutual exploitation for co-operation. While these rule in motive and method we shall never realize the happiness He desired for us—the happiness we seek.

Jesus set small store by charity. The philanthropy of almsgiving was to Him a mere cloak for the imperfections and inequities of human relations. He put all the emphasis of His teaching and example upon justice and love. In a world where these prevailed charity would be unnecessary.

We have traveled so far from the ideals of Jesus it is not easy to restore them. But there is no other way to find a permanent solution for the troubles that disturb us. His road is the only road. It involves sacrifice. We cannot avoid the cross. But beyond Calvary lies the realization of our hopes.

It is not enough that the spirit of Jesus should be worshiped in our temples or revered in our homes. It is not enough that His sympathy and help should be expressed in our hospitals, our orphanages, our institutions for the poor and the afflicted. To be satisfied with this is to evade the real challenge of His message and to lose the real meaning of His promise. The spirit of Jesus must be brought into factory and mine and bank and railroad system; into store and office.

It must reveal to us that man is more than the machine with which he works; that material wealth was meant to be the servant, not the master, of the human soul; that the making of a life is the supreme thing, for which the making of a livelihood is merely incidental.

Until we get this vision, we will approach the solution of our problems without true understanding.

It is time that men who believe in Jesus should make their faith count—not merely in religious observance, but in human relations; in civic duty; in business; in industrial management; in the tasks of office and workshop.

The hope of the world rests upon the leadership of Jesus.

Pig is Delivered at Asheville in Airplane

Asheville, Dec. 15.—The highest record was made yesterday for pork when a real porker contributed by the people of Waynesville to the basket fund being raised by Asheville's patrolmen was brought from Waynesville to Asheville in the big four-passenger plane of Scott Dillingham by Pilot Harry Runser. Roscoe Turner and Dudley Withers landing on the big flat near Biltmore.

Notice of their coming preceded them, although they made the trip from Waynesville to Asheville in 21 minutes, and a Pathe representative, George Massa, was on the ground to get a picture of the plane as it landed and as the pig, a 50-pound Duroc-Jersey, was unloaded and received by new chief of police, Messer. Photographs of the party and the royal porker's highness were made for distribution by the board of trade to papers to show the first pig that ever made a flight in an airplane, and that for sweet charity's sake. Pilot Runser said he flew at an altitude of 7,500 feet and that the pig seemed to enjoy the novel experience of air navigation and several times granted his satisfaction at the unusual experience.

Commission Meets to Disburse The \$25,000 Fund

Trinity College, Durham, Dec. 15.—Meeting with Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity, the Duke commission, which administers the sum of \$25,000, given annually by James B. Duke, of New York, to be used in assisting in the erection of churches in the country places of North Carolina, where the people are not able to build themselves and in the support of the pastors of these churches, today was the first business session of the commission since its organization to administer the funds through Trinity college.

Danville Pays \$5,000 Damage.

Danville, Va., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Rosa Bradford, widow of Bertie Bradford, who, on November 30, was shocked to death when he turned the light on in his bathroom, will receive \$5,000 in cash from the city. Papers have been drawn up by City Attorney A. M. Aiken, and were signed yesterday. The city superintendent of works said this morning that the negotiations were not completed and the settlement would have to be approved by the council. The city offered Mrs. Bradford \$3,500, which she refused to accept. A second offer of the large sum was acceptable.

Cheer Up! It's Coming Soon.

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood,
When fond recollections present them to view;
The church Christmas tree and the presents upon it,
Some of them hangovers and others brand new.

How well I remember my dear Uncle Peter.

Who played Santa Claus. How we all used to grin
At the old bearskin coat that we knew in a jiffy,
And the white cotton whiskers that hung on his chin.

The time-honored whiskers,
The long, stringy whiskers,
The loose-fitting whiskers that hung on his chin.

How oft I recall that sad evening when uncle

Lensed over a candle and set them afire;

He singed off his hair and his mustache and eyebrows,

And upset the preacher, the tree and the choir.

HENDERSONVILLE ASKS HARDING TO PAY VISIT

Delegation Headed by J. M. Morehead Goes to Marion To Invite President-Elect.

Hendersonville, Dec. 14.—Headed by National Committeeman John Motley Morehead, and including many men well known throughout North Carolina, a delegation of prominent Hendersonville business men left here tonight in private Pullmans for Marion, Ohio, to extend a personal invitation to President-elect Harding to spend his vacation in this city. In the party of nearly 40 are city and county officials, presidents of two banks here and Jake Wells, owner of Park Hill inn, which, with its extensive grounds will be placed at the disposal of the next President. Governor Morrow, of Kentucky, has been asked to join the party at Cincinnati, and it is expected Senator Harding will receive the delegation on Thursday.

An important member of the delegation is a mammoth bronze turkey, raised on lands owned by the late George W. Vanderbilt, in this county, and which will grace the Christmas dinner table of the next President, while a box of the finest mountain grown apples will furnish a part of the dessert, it is hoped. There are 40 bushels of western North Carolina apples on the train, which will be distributed along the route. It is costing the Hendersonville men about \$4,000 to take the turkey to the next President, and so the bird is referred to as the \$4,000 turkey.

Mr. Wells, who during the past few months has invested approximately a half million dollars in Hendersonville real estate, is sufficiently enthusiastic over the charms of the mountain county, and over the acknowledged tonic effects of its winter climate to believe Senator Harding will accept the invitation which the Hendersonville men are spending nearly \$4,000 to extend personally to him. The property which will be offered for the use of Mr. Harding, and which cost \$250,000, is modern and beautifully situated in the midst of seven acres of landscaped grounds, and while almost in the center of the town, is within sight of Mount Mitchell, the highest mountain peak east of the Rockies.

A distinguished member of the delegation is Judge C. M. Page, the oldest elective officer in the United States. Judge Page has served consecutively for 54 years as probate judge of this county.

Diphtheria Being Conquered.

In the October issue of the State Board of Health's bulletin a successful warfare against diphtheria is indicated in a line of statistics beginning with 1915. Then there were 525 deaths in each 100,000 population. In 1916 the number was 418, in 1917 it was 308, 1918 the drop was 252 and in 1919 to 242. Available statistics for 1918 show that there were 252 deaths in 1,306 cases and in 1919 there were 242 deaths in 3,519 cases, the fatality in the first being 18.47 and in the second 6.88. Thus there is a marked, a radical reduction in deaths. To antitoxin belongs the credit for this assault on the citadels of disease.

This antitoxin is furnished by the State Board of Health at 25 cents which is below cost. Appropriations from the Legislature makes up the difference. The bulletin prints a letter from a woman who says her druggist charged her \$12.00 for the antitoxin. The Board does not rail at the druggist. It appeals to his moral sensibilities and asks him if he will cooperate in saving lives by selling this medicine at cost. The family doctor can get the medicine, and he is asked to do so as he should look after the financial interest of his patients as well as the disease. When the results are the same he should save them money.

Verdict Against Danville Auto-ist for \$10,000 Damage

Danville, Va., Dec. 14.—A jury in the corporation court yesterday brought in a verdict, at the end of a few minutes, for the defendant in the case of W. B. Arey, against J. T. Claiborne. Mr. Arey asked \$10,000 damages for injuries inflicted when he was run down by Claiborne's car. The case hinged on a technicality and quite aside from the facts surrounding the accident it was held that George Griggs, a youth who was driving the machine at the time, was not the agent of the car owner and so could not be held for damages. A motion for a new trial was overruled.

MAKES CHARGES AGAINST COTTON MILLS

Says With Cotton 200 Per Cent Lower They Have Cut Prices Only a Third.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Cotton mills of the south and New England were declared by Senator Smith, Democrat South Carolina, in an address in the senate today, to be in a position to make greater profits now with cotton selling at a low price and with their products cut 33 1-3 per cent, than during the recent days of 40-cent cotton when, he said, the profits of many mills amounted to 300 per cent.

The South Carolina senator charged that the mills had not reduced the prices of their products to correspond with the drop in the price of cotton and also in many cases in the wages of workers. The price of raw cotton he said, had declined 200 per cent, while the prices received by the mills for the finished products had fallen only 33 1-3 per cent.

"Conditions in this country are [rightful]," Senator Smith declared. "Senators come in here with fine spun theories instead of trying to do something to assist the farmers."

The senator upbraided those who, he said, had declared "let the farmers take their medicine in the form of falling prices." "Many millionaires were made during the war, but not one of them came from the farmers," he continued. "You stand here haggling about anti-trust laws breaking the hearts of the farmers when thousands are suffering."

Senator Smith declared there was as much or more profiteering today "in dollars" as there had been a year ago in "commodities," although no word of criticism was heard. He quoted Secretary Meredith to the effect that the farmers already had lost over \$5,000,000,000 this year through shrinkage in the values of their products.

Big Crop Tobacco Was Raised in Rockingham

Reidsville, Dec. 14.—An indication of the size of the 1920 tobacco crop is the fact that Reidsville one day last week passed the total sales of 1919. All the markets show greatly increased sales over this time last year. Probably 40 per cent of the crop—maybe more—is yet in the farmers' hands.

The tobacco growers simply over-reached themselves in increased production this year. It is a costly lesson.

Prices on the low grades of tobacco are almost down to zero. Farmers would help themselves and the tobacco markets by holding the nondescripts off the market entirely. Many tobacco men are strongly of the opinion that prices would stiffen up if the markets could be relieved of the burdens of handling the low grades.

C. H. Rogers, who has been buying leaf tobacco on the Critz, Va., market this season, has returned home. He says prices became so demoralized on the dark heavy tobacco he was dealing in that he could not dispose of what he bought at any price. His last day's purchases on that market averaged only \$1 per 100 pounds.

Vote of the Women Beginning to Count

Monroe, Dec. 14.—The election here today upon the question of issuing bonds for the erection of a high school building resulted in victory for the bonds. Of a total registration of 608 and a necessary vote of 302 to carry the bonds, 319 votes were cast favoring them. This gives a net majority of 35 for the bonds. While only 24 votes were actually cast against the bonds, all of the registrants who did not vote counted against them. The election was looked upon as mainly a vote of confidence in the board of trustees of the school district.

Most of the fight was made against the size of the issue, \$200,000 being authorized but the school board had pledged not to use more than is necessary and in no case more than \$100,000. This, with \$50,000 voted last year and already in hand is deemed adequate to erect the building needed. The women voted and worked with the enthusiasm of experienced politicians today and without their aid the bonds probably would have been defeated.

Good Advice

Take Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as you have finished your supper and they will produce a gentle movement of the bowels on the following morning. They will also improve your digestion and make you feel better in every way.