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OUR STAND IN THE BAILEY-MCLEAN CONTROVERSY

It was not the purpose of The News to get into the primary campaign quite so early, and we are being drawn into it quite against our wish.

However, a news story in the Winston-Salem Journal under date of December 29, which purports to give the views of the editor of The News, would lead one to suppose that the policy of the paper had undergone a radical change.

So far as it applies to the candidacy for governor, the political pot began to warm up when the Roxboro Courier, on December 12, published a long article, entitled, "When the Farmers Needed a Friend."

The race for governor has now narrowed down to two men: J. W. Bailey of Raleigh and A. W. McLean of Lumberton, Roberson county. As Mr. McLean resides in the heart of the cotton section any attack upon him addressed to the cotton growers and tending to show that he in his capacity as a member of War Finance Corporation had failed to do every thing in his power to protect their interests, would quite naturally be a serious handicap to his political aspirations.

Opponents of Mr. Bailey say that he is erratic and unreliable and that it would be perilous for the people to intrust the state's business to him.

About 50 years ago, Josiah William Bailey, son of a Baptist preacher, was born in Raleigh. He graduated from Wake Forest college with the reputation of being one of the finest scholars the institution ever turned out.

Women to Meet in New Room

A. W. McLean lives in a section of the state quite a distance from here and we know of him only by reputation.

tion. We understand he has long ranked with the ablest and best citizens of the state. He is undoubtedly a man of ability and he is said to be wealthy. During the war the government created what is known as the War Finance Corporation, an institution which was virtually a branch of the Treasury and which had almost unlimited financial back of it.

Now the avowed purpose of the War Finance Corporation was to prevent a recurrence of such a condition. The sponsors of the Roxboro Courier article allege that Mr. McLean as a member of that corporation was largely responsible for the cotton farmer's distress three years ago.

We are today printing elsewhere in these columns a story from the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News which purports to set forth Mr. Bailey's attitude and what he wants to accomplish in making his race. If the friends of Mr. McLean wish to present his case in a concise fashion to our readers we will gladly give them space.

Who is McAdoo? William Gibbs McAdoo was born near Marietta, Ga., in 1863, says The Pathfinder. He is descended from a distinguished Southern family. His father, William Gibbs McAdoo, who fought in the Mexican war and was a captain in the Confederate army during the Civil war, was a noted jurist and served as attorney-general of Tennessee.

While practicing law in New York McAdoo became interested in passenger transportation. As early as 1874 a tunnel under the Hudson river from Hoboken, N. J., to New York had been started but was abandoned because of difficulties of construction.

Without any engineering training McAdoo renewed this project and in 1902 formed a company which took over the abandoned tunnel and completed it in 1904. Later other important tunnels were added to the system. In 1912 McAdoo was vice-chairman of the Democratic national committee and during most of the campaign directed affairs for Chairman McCombs who was sick.

Mrs. Hoffman Returns in Time To Claim Victoria

A Junior Tackey Party

Shivering Through Crowd Clothing Store

Old Bessie descended upon Mount Airy Wednesday morning, bringing with him sleet and slush, but even this did not dampen the ardor of the 300 men who struggled in front of J. F. Prather's big clothing store waiting for the doors to open on the mammoth sale.

One farmer declared he had ridden in thirty-five miles on a slow horse just to be in line when the grand rush started. Scores of farmers crowded their way thru the struggling crowd in an effort to reach advantageous positions.

Mr. Prather's big sale, it is thought, will not reach the climax before about Friday. By that time it is thought the clothing hunters will throng the streets as they did on the opening day of the sale.

Friday January 4th, J. D. Smith's \$50,000 sale opens. All the men in Surry county who failed to get a free pair of socks at Prather's Wednesday may have another chance if they are in front of J. D. Smith's Friday morning at 9:30 A. M.

Lads Raid Firecracker Joints And Lay in Christmas Supply

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ARISTOCRAT DARRIES HAVE BIG DAY IN CITY COURT

Recorder's Court Monday after the holidays is usually occupied with drunks, fights and such minor offenses, but last Monday the local court was largely given up to the aristocrats of dardardom.

Defendant takes the stand in his defense. He stales, showing a perfect set of ivories. "Yes, sah, Judge I have done gone and done most of the things they accuse me o', but I had authority to do them and instid o' bein' punished I should be rewarded."

Other cases were disposed of as follows: M. H. Lawson, charged with making a nuisance of himself, swearing on the public highway and before ladies, was found guilty and charged with the cost.

Walter Deatherage, for assauling Mack Hicks, plead guilty and paid the cost. Frel Vernor, for profane language and making himself a nuisance in his neighborhood, was fined \$10.00 and costs.

B. M. Dickerson, indicted for abuse of wife and abandonment of family, plead guilty and wished to go home and turn over a new leaf.

Harvey Vernon charged with carrying concealed weapons was found not guilty. Judson Ashby and Frank Sydnor, two young men of Mount Airy, were fined a dollar each and the cost for shooting firecrackers on the public streets.

How The Community Christmas Tree was Financed

Local clubs and fraternities supplied the "sinews of war" for defraying the expense of the community Christmas tree, the total expense being \$81.80. Several items that might be of value for a similar occasion in the future were turned over to the city for safe keeping.

The committee received \$15 each from the Woman's club, the Kiwanis club and the Masons; from the Woodmen \$10 and from the Pythians \$5, and from the collection of Col. Bell on the street \$7.

Children of Confederacy Meet

Notice of Sale For Deeds

Application to take this opportunity to express thanks to all those who have given us their patronage during the year, which has been the best ever in the history of our business.

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Housewives Here is a long felt want applied. We call for, wash your clothes clean and deliver wet, but rinsed dryer in you can do it.