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The Knocker and the Booster.

There is but little difference in the end result of the knocker and the would be booster—the knocker knocks and the near booster talks too much or at least in the wrong direction. A real booster will say good things of his town and everything will be as he says; the essence of his boosting will be "come and look over our town." Well if the town can deliver the goods, if it is a good town offering both healthfulness and business possibilities you will land your citizen all right. The trouble with the average boosting is that it is nothing in the world but a groundless and sonorous howling, or an idle boast of a bum town. As we said before our idea of an honest boost is ability to say good things about your town and when the prospective citizen comes to look over the field he will find things about as you told him. Don't over stock him with groundless stories and information because if you do no sooner than he alights from the train he will be disappointed and catch the next train out.

As a matter of both truth and fact you can't hardly say too much about Marion and the goodly county of McDowell, so in boosting you would not say less than "we've got one of the best little cities on the face of the earth, a good county to back it up, our railroad facilities are almost perfect, our natural resources well nigh inexhaustible, our citizenship is pure and great, the healthfulness of the locality is incomparable. Marion and McDowell are all that and more."

State Experimental Farms.

One of the greatest boons for the farmers of North Carolina is now being offered by the Agricultural Department. The idea of the department is to establish two or more experimental farms in each county. These farms, which should not be far out and should be on some public thoroughfare, will be of much value to the several counties. To the farmers conducting these farms will be given both seed and fertilizer by the department.

Old McDowell should have several of these experimental farms; in farming, as in all things else, she should keep abreast with the times. Should we not ask for them? To those receiving the appointments for these experimental farms there is fastened only the task of reporting to the department and to the county paper the result of their work.

Relative to the announcement of Hon. W. J. Cocke it would seem that he has gone at things with a vim when he says he is in for dismantling those three wretched, Aldrich, Cannon and Grant, for indeed they make highly possible three winning issues. Again he takes a decided stand against what he terms legalized robbery, meaning the tariff, which he terms "Aldrichism." The brushing aside of the will of the people he terms "Cannonism," and the distribution of offices to the neglect of the district's material good he calls "Grantism." The prospective issues he thus raises seem wholesome indeed and the gale blows in his favor in that he places his opponents on the defensive.

Announcement was made at Spencer Saturday that the Southern Railway Company will at once expend \$100,000 in building a modern boiler shop at its plant at the Spencer plant. It is said the building will be of brick and steel, and will be equipped with all the latest appliances known to modern railway shops. It is stated that the force of boiler makers will be doubled. Orders are said to have been placed to increase the capacity of the plant 500 horse power.

HON. WILLIAM J. COCKE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Declaring He Will Carry This Congressional District If Nominated.

The formal announcement of the candidacy for the democratic nomination for Congress by Hon. William J. Cocke, of Buncombe, which has been expected by his friends and supporters, has been given to the press of the district. Mr. Cocke in that announcement says that if nominated he will re-deem the Tenth district; that is a pledge which he makes to his friends and the democrats, and it is a pledge that his friends know full well he is able to fulfill. He says, however, that if the honor is given to another that other will have his earnest and loyal support. He refers to the fact that the democrat slogan this year will be "Down with Aldrichism, Cannonism and Grantism" and discusses eloquently these three propositions. Mr. Cocke's friends are greatly encouraged and enthused over the indications for his nomination and believe he will be next representative for this district in Congress. Following is Mr. Cocke's open letter to the democratic voters of the district:

"To the Democrat Voters of the Tenth Congressional District: "If you nominate me for Congress I will carry this congressional district for the democracy, if you nominate someone else I will labor for his election with earnestness and loyalty. There are so many loyal and deserving democrats in every county in the district who are more able than I am to conduct the approaching campaign, and more able than I am to represent all our people in the halls of Congress, that I hesitate to make this formal announcement of my candidacy.

"I am mindful too that already in the running are Hon. Sol. Gallert, of Rutherford, Hon. Erank R. Hewitt, of Buncombe, Hon. Walter E. Moore, of Jackson, and Hon. James M. Gudger, jr., of Buncombe. Every one of these men are stalwart democrats and worthy gentlemen. Their friendship I have had the honor to enjoy for years. But I would be less than human if I were unresponsive to the flattering suggestion which is coming to me daily through word and letter and district press.

"Down with Aldrichism, Cannonism and Grantism," will be the slogan in the approaching campaign, the party in power, violating its written promises to the people, has legalized a public robbery that has amazed the whole world—among other things this is Aldrichism. Time and again a sovereign people, through their representative in congress, have undertaken to register their determined will, but it has been brushed aside by the Speaker of the House with a tyranny that would put to shame the despotism of a Russian czar—among other things this is Cannonism.

"The distribution of offices to the neglect of his district's material good, the utter lack of a conception of the high possibilities of a congressman for his people's welfare, the shameful filing of secret charges against a defenceless widow with an orphan child to support—this among other things is Grantism.

"This condition of affairs is repulsive to that high sense of patriotism and justice that has ever distinguished the people of the mountain region. The mind of the district must and shall be convinced of an awful folly and of the righteousness of democracy's claims to ascendancy and power. The tenth district must and shall line itself up once again in the great cause of the people, and it must and shall be redeemed from the county-wide ill-repute into which well nigh indecent republican political wiles and arts have placed it.

To accomplish this great service, democracy must be united. Whom you select as your standard bearer is of small moment compared to the great patriotic services before you. My party's welfare and success has always been a higher ambition to me than my own personal advancement.

"I ask harmony then in the friendly rivalry into which, by this letter, I launch myself. To your party wisdom and your sense of party justice I commit my claims, and your verdict will be final with me and by every effort I shall seek to have it approved at the polls. Yours obediently, "Wm. J. COCKE."

Chairman Morgan has issued a call for the Republicans of McDowell county to meet in Marion March 26th to elect delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial conventions.

The Democratic State Executive Committee has been called to meet in Raleigh March 11th to name the place and time for holding the next Democratic State Convention.

Closing Exercises of Chapel Hill School.

School closed Friday night March 4th, in district No. 2, Marion township. This school is known as Chapel Hill School. To say that the exercises reflected credit not only on the teachers but the entire community as well, is stating it mildly.

Mr. J. W. McCall and Miss Florence Hunter have been the teachers for the session just closed and in their work they displayed that earnestness, zeal, enthusiasm and interest that is characteristic only of good teachers. The community is not only proud of their work but is proud of them, and they leave the community with the unanimity of good-will of the entire citizenship.

This comment would be entirely too long if I should undertake to tell how well each child rendered his or her part. They all did well, very well, and every parent there has a perfect right to feel justly proud of his son or daughter.

The people of this community are to be congratulated on their good school and upon the undivided interest which they have shown in supporting it. About a year ago they voted local tax; following this they erected a good modern school building, and then at the opening of school they showed that spirit of pride in their school and in their teachers that will bring results in any community. The people of McDowell county have a right to feel proud of Chapel Hill school and the good people in that community that have made it possible. May the people continue to have the interest that they have had this year and succeed in building up a school that will compare with the best schools in McDowell county and this part of the State.

A FRIEND.

Muddy Creek Items.

Special to MARION PROGRESS. Muddy Creek, March 7.—Millard Tate and Nellie Davis, of Marion, spent several days on the creek last week rabbit hunting.

Jake and Miss Annie Caraway, of Hansens Ferry, Wash., visited their aunt, Mrs. J. W. Ballew, the latter part of last week.

Rev. C. D. Richardson, of Nebo, visited at the home of M. F. and S. P. Tate last Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Philip Anthony died last week with pneumonia. She had been sick only a few days and her death came as a shock to her many friends. She was a good Christian woman and a member of the Methodist church at Snow Hill. She will be greatly missed by all in this community. She was buried at Glen Alpine. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. E. Corpening, of Caldwell county, Mrs. Posa Simmons, of this county, and Mrs. Eunice Leonard, of Burke; eight children, six girls and two boys, all of whom are married and living near here, except one son, who is in Denver, Colorado.

Master Millard Wilson, of Glenwood, and little Mary Olive Conley, of Marion, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tate.

Dr. J. B. Riddle, of Morganton, was called here Tuesday to see A. E. Rowe, who was seriously ill with blood poison. Mr. Rowe is still seriously ill. Dallas Rowe is also seriously sick with pneumonia.

Sam Thompson died at his home near Bridgewater last Sunday, and was buried at Snow Hill Monday.

We are expecting a young physician, Dr. Dameron, of Charlotte, to locate here soon. We will be glad to welcome a physician in our midst.

Robert Hodge attended the funeral of his cousin, Grace Bowers, who died in Morganton last week.

Mrs. M. F. Tate spent Thursday at Nebo.

A. P. Hunter and son, Charlie, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hunter at Grace Hospital, in Morganton. Mrs. Hunter is improving rapidly and it is hoped she will be able to come home soon.

Mike Haskins spent several days in Marion last week.

S. M. Gibson has returned home from Rodgersville, Tenn.

Misses Belle, Hattie and Celia Abernethy spent Sunday at Glen Alpine springs.

J. N. Ballew spent the latter part of last week with his family here.

T. A. Seals was in Marion last week on business.

JACK AND GELL

Labor Men Stopped Work.

Between 50,000 and 75,000 union workers are on strike; 100 different branches of industry affected, and a renewal of rioting in which two men were shot, is the situation which confronted Philadelphia Friday night.

The sympathetic strike which was called by the Central Labor Union and the Allied Building Trades council in an effort to force the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company to arbitrate the differences with its striking employes is in full swing. The labor leaders claim it will gather force.

EDITOR MINER FOR COCKE

Believes He is the Most Logical Candidate for the Democratic Congressional Nomination.

Editor J. J. Miner of the Spilvan Valley News of Bravard, Transylvania county, believes that Hon. William J. Cocke of Buncombe is the most logical candidate for the democratic congressional nomination, and feels that his nomination would result in a redemption of the district from the hands of the republicans. Editor Miner has this to say in the course of his editorial:

"The very poor showing our present congressman is making in Washington owing to his lack of judgement in making his division of 'pie' an undignified bearing under fire, is but fulfilling the prediction of many made before Grant's election. He may be a good-hearted man, one who has sufficient ability to invite you to come and visit him, but he is not of congressional calibre. There are plenty of men who are much better fitted for the position in the republican party in this district—in fact Grant would not have gotten the nomination if the leaders had thought a republican could be elected.

"But Grant's actions in congress not only disgrace the republican party, but also disgrace the Tenth congressional district; and to let the people of the United States think that Grant is a true representative of the people of this district is a slander on us. It is bad enough when we have to be represented by the best quality of republican, but when we have an accident like Grant to represent us, it is calamitous.

"We should endeavor to send a true representative of this district to congress next election and should view the candidate from all points and judge him closely, for not only has he to make good for himself, but even more has he to do, for he must redeem the district in the eyes of Washington and the United States. Who the man is best fitted for the position, should cause us to think carefully.

"We can think of no man who better fill the requirements than Hon. W. J. Cocke, born and bred among us, richly endowed with mental gifts far above the average, combining in himself the best elements and traits of two of Western Carolina's best known families—the Cockes and Johnstons—and having already proven himself a man of ability, being so constituted that he is a good mixer, an eloquent speaker, a most forceful debater, a faithful friend, a fearless and open enemy, of pleasant address and charming manner, sufficiently possessed of worldly goods to be able to assist the needy and helpless, generous and candid, having been tried in the crucible of political persecution of the most heartless and infamous nature, and having arisen stronger than before, and being well known and well liked over the entire district, with a majority of the newspapers supporting him now, we feel that William J. Cocke is the man to rescue the democratic party and the Tenth district from the clutches of Grant and his like.

"It is not long now until the congressional primaries will be held and thinking men should consider who they will vote for. We have carefully considered every man whose name has been mentioned, and while they are all good men and true, still in our opinion W. J. Cocke possesses such strength that he is the logical man, to nominate at this particular time."

The Glenwood News.

Special to THE PROGRESS. Nealsville, March 7.—Am glad to see the sun. If we continue to have a few more pretty days the roads will be in very good condition.

Mrs. Thomas Morris and Mrs. Hattie Keeter, of Marion, were down last week to see their father, Joe Neal, who is very sick with lagrippe.

Mrs. A. P. Poteat has been very ill with lagrippe.

Miss Helen Schenck is visiting in Asheville.

J. A. Poteat has gone to Morganton on business.

Misses Sadie Poteat and Ola Leonard were in town shopping last week.

Dr. Schenck is being kept very busy now a-days.

Miss Lula Rayburn was called home from Morganton on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Rayburn.

Mrs. Sallie Mostella was in town on business last week.

A. P. Poteat went to Asheville on business Wednesday.

The Baptist Sunday School is having very good success. Let us all try to do our part and hope for a better one. GREEN HORN.

NOTICE!

A convention of the Republicans of McDowell county is hereby called to meet in the Court House at Marion Saturday, March 26, 1910, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial conventions. The precinct meeting to elect delegates will be held at the various voting precincts on Friday, March 25, at 8 p. m. J. L. MORGAN, Chairman. Republican Co. Ex. Com.

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