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SINCLAIR SPEAKS HERE

Presidential Elector Arouses Much Enthusiasm by Excellent Speech at Court House—Club Formed.

In an interesting address to a large audience at the court house Saturday night, N. A. Sinclair, Woodrow Wilson elector-at-large, discussed in a masterful manner both State and National issues, severely criticising the record of the Republican party without any apologies, stating that no man could intelligently weigh the merits of one party without comparing the records of the two parties. He reviewed the days of the carpet bagger and the scallawag in North Carolina, answered Chairman Frank Linney's charges about democratic mismanagement of state affairs and declared that never in the history of civilization had there been achieved such a record of legislation for the benefit of the masses as during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Sinclair was introduced by Attorney J. W. Pless, as an able lawyer and one of the prominent Democratic leaders of the State. He is a pleasing and convincing speaker and aroused much enthusiasm. For more than an hour he held the closest attention of his hearers and was many times interrupted by outbursts of applause.

STATE ISSUES.

"The republican party," said Mr. Sinclair, "came into North Carolina a few years after it was born and proclaimed as a party of great moral ideas, took charge of the government, disfranchised the Confederate soldiers and enfranchised the negroes. I have a right to refer to the record of the republican party in this state, although I regret as much as any man that this record has been written into the history of our state. The carpet baggers and the scallawags stole every dollar of our school funds, issued fraudulent bonds and pocketed the money. The great Vance turned them out, and a new prophet arose, one Marion Butler. In an unguarded moment the people of the state trusted Butler and Daniel Russell, and they gave us negro rule. You men of the west know nothing of negro office holders. In my part of the state we had negro police officers on the streets of Wilmington. We had negroes on the board of education, and white girls as teachers. We had negro justices of the peace and negro cooks swore out warrants for their white employers. They were arrested, tried and convicted by negroes.

"Chairman Linney cries we are not caring for the Confederate veterans. His party disfranchised them. We are paying them pensions. He says we are doing little for the poorer counties in aiding their schools. His party spent \$10,000 in all the counties. Today we are spending \$668,000. He charges we do not collect interest on the state deposits. Did his party? Did the national republican party? No not in one instance. But we are collecting the interest, from both state and national deposits, Mr. Linney to the contrary notwithstanding."

In placing his vote, the speaker said, he would leave it to the con-

science of the good citizens and also thought that it might be a matter of taste as well.

After dealing with state affairs he reiterated the accomplishments of the Wilson administration, citing the benefit derived from the enactment of the Federal reserve act, the Rural credits act, the vast amount of agricultural extension and educational work accomplished and of the good roads and warehouse benefits; of the passage of the shipping bill to control the freight rates on foreign shipping thus modifying prices on commodities in this country to the consumer and concluded his speech by a scathing denunciation of Hughes' unfounded criticism of the administration legislation during the past few years.

He read from an editorial appearing in the New York Sun at the time of Hughes' retirement from the governorship of New York in which it said that his administration had been a dismal failure and had "left behind him a complete wreck" which had no pilot and answered no helm, and ended by saying that "he had failed." He cited Hughes' acts while the governor of New York in catering to the classes by vetoing legislation in favor of the people and labor, such as the railway fare bill, the full crew bill, Coney Island fare bill and the equal pay for woman school teachers.

CLUB ORGANIZED.

Following the speaking, a Democratic club was organized with Dr. G. S. Kirby as president and J. W. Winborne, Oscar Adkins and W. H. Hill, secretaries. The vice-presidents are W. W. McConnell, E. P. Foy, Marvin Flack, Thomas Wall, Jno. M. Early and D. T. Harris. A large number of Democrats have already enrolled as members and others will be invited to join. The club will meet every Saturday night between now and the election.

Britt Speaks at Marion.

Congressman J. J. Britt addressed a fair-sized audience at the court house here Monday afternoon. He spoke about an hour and took up the greater part of his time defending his record in congress. Mr. Britt stated that he deserved credit for securing the \$3,000,000 appropriation for purchasing additional land in Western North Carolina for conservation purposes. "I have secured eight rural routes for the tenth district," said Mr. Britt, "and I advocate mail service for every family in America, a system by which every family in the United States may have free mail service."

Mr. Britt attacked the attitude of his opponent on the Child Labor bill, charging that Mr. Weaver kept quiet on child labor while in Rutherford and McDowell counties and advocated an age limit in counties farther west. He also stated that he was no advocate of making sectionalism an issue, and denounced Mr. Weaver for having caused Congressman Heflin of Alabama to make a speech in Asheville. "Mr. Heflin," declared Mr. Britt, "is the extremest sectionalist in America."

Services at St. John's church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

NEBO

Nebo, Oct. 17.—Revs. Sorrels and Nanney, both of Union Mills, are conducting a series of meetings at the Baptist church this week. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the meeting, and we hope that it will be a success.

Mrs. Marshall McLean, son Hubert, and niece, Miss May Roney, have returned to their home at Gibsonville after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sigmon.

Joe Hunter has returned from Baltimore, Md., where he spent a week with his sister.

Will and Key Landis of Dysartville were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. G. D. Taylor, a few days during the past week.

Misses Tracy Sigmon and Geneva Alexander were shopping in Marion, Monday.

Rev. O. Paul Fitzgerald of Elon College was a pleasant visitor here a few days last week.

Miss Allie Setzer of Morganton is the guest of Mrs. W. J. Bowman this week.

T. B. Landis of Dysartville made a business trip to Nebo last Monday.

Mrs. G. A. Link of Hickory was the guest of Mrs. M. C. Sigmon, Monday. Mrs. Setzer of Collettsville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Bowman.

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, Oct. 15.—M. Simmons made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Vannus Brown of Glenwood was a visitor here one day last week.

Mrs. Mattie Tate visited relatives at Nebo one day last week.

Mrs. W. C. Janes of this place and Mrs. Hattie Wilson of Nebo have returned from Cleveland county after an extended visit to relatives and friends.

J. H. Janes was a visitor at Glenwood, Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Rowe and son, Dan, are visiting relatives at Glen Alpine.

Mrs. J. M. Brinkley of Glen Alpine was a visitor here last week.

Floyd Lawing of Halltown visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday. Ferman and Lafayette Simmons were in Marion one day last week.

D. C. Brown and family have removed to Glenwood.

James Hemphill has purchased the farm belonging to J. H. Hemphill and will soon return to make this place his home.

STROUDTOWN

Stroudtown, Oct. 16.—Stroudtown graded school is progressing nicely with Alonzo Davis as principal and Misses Dora Gibbs and Mae McCurry assistants.

Miss Mattie Hunter and Mr. Albert McKelvy were quietly married Sunday afternoon, October 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Flowers. Marvin Shirlen officiating. Only a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. May gladness and peace reign within their hearts thru long and useful days.

Mrs. W. H. Poteet has returned to her home in Canton after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. Tina Noblitt left Sunday for Spartanburg, where she will spend a few days.

Miss Annie Gray of Asheville was the guest of Miss Ida Pool last Sunday.

A number of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Mrs. Lula Stroud Saturday night.

B. F. Horton, who is teaching on Flat Creek, visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Stacy Noblitt is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frisbie and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Rebecca Tate near Greenlee.

ASHFORD

Ashford, Oct. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Connelly spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Pitts.

E. E. English and daughter, Alda, were shopping in Marion last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lonon of Marion

visited homefolks here Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Anna Conley of Marion is visiting relatives here this week.

Joe Carpenter spent Sunday with homefolks at Altamont.

Mrs. C. A. Peterson of Spruce Pine visited relatives here last Friday.

Miss Lurlene Hicks spent the latter part of last week with her mother at Marion.

Ben Moore of Burke county was here on business one day last week.

Chas. Wilson spent last Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. S. B. Moore, in Burke county.

Earl Brown spent Sunday with friends at Linville Falls.

Mrs. J. B. Lonon spent Saturday and Sunday in Marion.

J. E. Wilson has gone to Nebo and Marion on a business trip.

Community Fair at Dendron.

The premium list for the Community Fair to be held at Dendron on October 28 has been issued and much interest is manifested in the fair which promises to be a great success. An interesting program is being planned for the occasion by the citizens of the community with Miss Daintry Graham, of Old Fort, the teacher in charge of the school at that place, as general manager. There will be an all day program, featured by an address by Gov. Locke Craig. Besides the address by the Governor there will be others present who are booked for speeches, among them Attorney D. E. Hudgins and County Farm Demonstrator Bailey of Marion.

The school exhibit will be of special interest. In this will be shown a unique collection of Western North Carolina plants, and also a map of McDowell county showing the natural elevations.

There will be a picnic dinner on the grounds and the public is cordially invited.

School News.

Miss Gowan, agent of the National Department of Education, was a caller at the county superintendent's office on Tuesday. Miss Gowan is traveling in the interest of school gardens, and especially school gardens in the mill towns of the states in her itinerary. She has some surprising and interesting statistics as to the economic results of vegetable gardening in mill town back yards, and the progress in agriculture made by the children.

The enrollment at the Clinchfield school has reached 160. There are beside this number 25 children of school age not yet entered. This is 40 more than can be at present accommodated. Because of the congestion in certain grades in both cotton mill districts, parents are advised that preference will be given to the pupils most regular in attendance. Pupils absenting themselves for any but the most satisfactory reasons are likely to find their places filled.

The first Philippine Congress, consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives, created by the "Philippine independence" bill passed at the last session of the American Congress, convened yesterday.

Mrs. Martha Avery Phifer, aged 74, widow of the late George L. Phifer of Morganton, died Sunday at her home in Morganton. She is survived by seven sons, a daughter and one brother—Mr. Isaac T. Avery.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The fair at Salisbury opens on the 24th.

Quaker Meadows township, Burke county, has voted \$20,000 of bonds for good roads.

Albert Anthony, 68 years old, committed suicide last week at his home in Shelby by cutting his throat with a razor. Despondent on account of ill health.

The Charlotte Observer reports that a North Carolina manufacturer, one of the largest employers of labor in the State—perhaps the largest—has contributed a check for \$10,000 to the cause of President Wilson, and he is a man who it was thought might not be pleased by the 8-hour labor law.

Friends of former Congressman James M. Gudger, Jr., of Asheville, are determined that no opportunity to secure a good Federal job for Mr. Gudger shall be overlooked. He has now been endorsed for a place on the District of Columbia Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Thomas H. Anderson.

John C. Drewry of Raleigh, secretary of the grand lodge of Masons, who died a few days ago, left an estate valued at \$250,000. He willed \$10,000 to the grand lodge of Masons, \$500 to St. Mary's School, Raleigh, and \$1,000 to the vestry of Christ's church, Raleigh. The bulk of the remainder of the estate is left to the wife and son.

Governor Craig has issued an appeal to the people of North Carolina for them to make contributions October 21 and 22 along with the people of the whole country, for the relief of the war, famine and disease stricken in Syria and Armenia. He says that quoting the language of President Wilson, "I feel confident that the people of this State will be moved to aid these people stricken by war, famine and disease."

Meeting at Court House Saturday to Discuss Farm Loan Law.

In a great many counties over the State farmers and bankers are holding meetings to organize National Farm Loan Associations. The wide spread use of this Federal Credit law will mean a new awakening in the agricultural development of the state. There is such general interest in McDowell county that it has been thought well to hold a meeting in the court house Saturday, October 21, at 2 o'clock, when Messrs. B. B. Price, W. T. Morgan, Geo. I. White and others will discuss briefly various phases of the new law. No effort will be made at this time to organize, but we need to know if there is sufficient interest to organize at a later date. Besides the discussions of loans, there will be an interesting address on opportunities in McDowell by J. L. Thurman, of Old Fort, recently from Montana.

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