



THE SUN HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY WEEKLY IN THE TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

THAT DINNER OF BOOKER AND TEDDY

NEGRO EDUCATOR ANNOUNCES IT WAS A FORMAL AFFAIR.

At The White House Dinner Table There Were Members Of The Roosevelt Family Present—Washington Says He Received A Special Invitation.

Some of our Progressive friends have become a little grieved and feel that The Sun did them an injustice by publishing in last week's issue an editorial from the Atlanta Journal entitled, "Go Home, Colonel." Now that we may keep the facts straight The Sun this week takes an article from the News and Observer of the 3rd instant in which Booker T. Washington himself gives in detail an account of the notorious affair:

There are many Republicans, and in the present day many Republicans branded Bull Moose who grow red in the face and utter vehement protestations whenever there is a reference to the entertainment and dining of the negro educator, Booker T. Washington, by President Roosevelt as a formal affair at the White House.

The affair was a notorious one and there were denials that members of the Roosevelt family were present. President Roosevelt tried to hush it up, announcing that it was only a happen-soffair, a cold lunch, that Booker Washington just dropped in, and as both were busy, with short time, that it was just a lunch, the intimation being that it was just hurriedly thrown together, impromptu, on-the-spur-of-the-moment affair.

But Booker Washington himself tells that it was a formal affair, that he received a formal invitation to be present, that members of President Roosevelt's family were present. The dining took place in 1901, Booker Washington did not speak out for ten years, when in an article in the World's Work, February 1911, he gave in detail the account of the dining, showing it to have been the formal dining declared throughout the country, denied by Roosevelt and the Republicans.

The full account of the dining of the negro educator by President Roosevelt, and Washington's own recital is given by Austin Cunningham, the well known New York correspondent of The Times, of Louisville, Ky., in a recent article in that paper, which reads:

"There are so many things that should be remembered in a campaign year. Perhaps it is recalled that Mr. Roosevelt tried to hush up the disturbance following his dining with Booker Washington in 1901 by proclaiming it was a sort of incidental, accidental casual lunch. It happened to be around dinner time, y'know, and, well—a few dishes of cold things left over from breakfast were tossed upon the White House table in careless fashion—perhaps the waiters just 'slid' the dishes onto the table nonchalantly. It was just a bite for two very busy men, the President and the negro educator, and nobody else was there. That was the impression conveyed, seriously, now, by Mr. Roosevelt in a statement given the press at the time.

"Cold lunch—dinner hour—busy men—hurried bite. That was it, as Mr. Jingle, in Pickwick Papers, might have expressed it for the third-term candidate.

"But the negro teacher doesn't seem to agree with that version. In his 'Chapters from My Experience,' published in the World's Work, February, 1911, Booker T. Washington shows it was a formal affair, with members of the White House family present, and another guest besides himself. And if the thought will be pardoned just here, no doubt Booker T. was beside himself with joy at the time.

"During the fall of 1901, while I was making a tour of Mississippi," says Washington in his article mentioned, "I received word to the effect that the President would like to have a conference with me as soon as was convenient concerning some important matters. *** Immediately after finishing my work in Mississippi I went to Washington. I arrived in the afternoon and went to the house of a friend, Mr. Whitefield McKinlay, with whom I was

expected to stop during my stay in Washington.

"This trip to Washington brings me to a matter which I have hitherto constantly refused to discuss in print or in public, though I have had a great many requests to do so. At the time I did not care to add fuel to the controversy which it aroused, and I speak of it now only because it seems to me that an explanation will show the incident in its true light and in its proper proportions.

"When I reached Mr. McKinlay's house, I found an invitation from President Roosevelt asking me to dine with him at the White House that evening at 8 o'clock. At the hour appointed I went to the White House and dined with the President and members of his family and a gentleman from Colorado. After dinner we talked at considerable length concerning plans about the South which the President had in mind. I left the White House almost immediately and took a train the same night for New York."

CRAWFORD AT FOREST CITY Baptist Church Tenders A Call To Rev. J. Q. Adams—Personals.

(Special to The Sun.) FOREST CITY, Oct. 8.—The Forest City Baptist church has tendered to Rev. J. Q. Adams, D. D., of Greenwood, S. C., a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church at this place. Dr. Adams was pastor of this church for four years and it is hoped that he will accept the call and return to this city.

Rev. J. M. Hamrick and family leave today for their future home at Lexington.

Rev. J. F. Moser, pastor of the Methodist church, has been indisposed for several days, but is improving some.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Eriemman was buried at Cool Springs cemetery Saturday.

Miss Etta Proctor and Mr. Goin Wall, of Greensboro, were married by Rev. J. M. Hamrick. They left on the Southern for their future home at Greensboro where Mr. Wall holds a position with one of the large cotton mills of that city.

Misses Ada and Maggie Bridges left last week for Gaffney, S. C., where they are to teach school this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Elliott, of Rutherfordton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Lynch Sunday.

Rev. J. P. Morris, of Rutherfordton, preached at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Hon. W. T. Crawford, of Waynesville, delivered an address here Monday night to about 300 people from the McBrayer Hotel veranda. He handled the Republicans and Bull Moosers with gloves off. Taken as a whole it was one of the best speeches ever delivered in Forest City.

Hon. A. L. Brooks was billed for a speech here Monday night in interest of Governor Kitchin's candidacy for the Senate, but on account of a slight illness of the speaker, it was postponed till a later day.

Mr. Daniel Clark, editor of the Southern Textile Bulletin of Charlotte, was in the city one day last week.

Miss Cleo Young, a returned missionary from Africa, will lecture at the Wesleyan Methodist church Saturday night.

Mrs. Parker and children, wife of the Southern agent at this place, have returned from a visit to relatives near Thermal City.

McKESSON QUILTS.

Morganton Postmaster Withdraws From Congressional Race.

(Special to Charlotte Chronicle.) MORGANTON, Oct. 4.—Owing to a ruling of the Postmaster General that if a postmaster should run for an elective office he would be expected to resign—Mr. C. F. McKesson feels that it would be unjust to himself and family to do this—hence he says he is eliminated from the congressional race. He will call the executive committee together at once, tender his resignation as candidate and leave it with the committee to act as it deems wise in the matter.

He desires to thank the Republicans for honoring him with the nomination and many prominent Progressive for their promise of support and the Democratic press in general, and The Charlotte Observer especially, for the kind things said of him personally.

Mr. McKesson regrets that the ruling eliminates him from the race and many will be disappointed at not hearing the joint debates planned by Mr. Webb and Mr. McKesson, who are warm personal friends as well as excellent speakers.



Uncle Sam—"Honestly, What Are You Running for, the Presidency or for Revenge?" —From the New York Herald.

ALL FOR SIMMONS. The Senatorial Situation in Lower Rutherford.

As evidencing the trend of sentiment in the lower end of Rutherford county concerning the United States Senatorial race, the following correspondence may be of interest:

Rutherfordton, Sept. 14, 1912.

Dear Sir:—

Henrietta, N. C., R. F. D.

I do not know whom you favor for United States Senate, but I desire to ask a favor of you notwithstanding this fact, and feel sure that you will not mind accommodating me, as it will take but a few moments of your time and will be a great accommodation to me. I desire the names of all the Kitchin supporters that you know of in your community, and I herewith enclose to you a sheet of paper and an addressed envelope in which to return your reply. Please jot down the names of all that you know, and return the list to me and I will thank you very much for the kindness.

Yours truly,

Henrietta, N. C., Sept. 18, 1912.

Dear Sir:—

Rutherfordton, N. C.

Yours of the 14th instant asking for a list of Kitchin supporters is received. I don't know of a Kitchin man in our section. Early in the year we fellows began to whoop for Craig, in the summer our cry was for Wilson, and now our hats are in the ring for Simmons and we will continue to shout for him until he is a winner in the November election.

Very truly yours,

MR. CRAWFORD'S POSITION. Will Not Make A Speech For A Democrat Against A Democrat.

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The annual county fair will be held here October 14th to 19th. Numerous prizes are offered for best farm products, live stock and fancy work. The "Great Calvert" of New York will give two open air performances daily on the high wire.

The Sandy Run Association will convene at Mount Olivet next Thursday.

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A DEATH AT SUGAR HILL. An Epidemic Of Whooping Cough —Locals And Personals.

(Special to The Sun.) SUGAR HILL, Oct. 7.—Rev. R. L. Doggett, of Old Fort, preached an able sermon at Pleasant Grove on last Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Crawford and Mrs. C. M. Hall are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. C. S. Grayson, at High Point.

Mrs. M. A. Hemphill is visiting her sister at Rutherford College.

Mrs. B. L. Ashworth, of Marion, visited relatives here during the week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones, of Marion, visited the latter's parents here last week.

Quite a number from here attended the Baptist association at Bill's Creek Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Marlow is quite ill at this writing.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Womack, of Thermal City, were visiting here during the week end.

Mrs. M. F. Hensley, of Old Fort, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. J. Marlow, who is seriously sick.

A large rattlesnake having thirteen rattles, was killed in the neighborhood last week.

There is an epidemic of whooping cough passing through this section, and it seems to have reached its destination and taken up its abode in this neighborhood. Everybody has it who hasn't already had it and some have it who has had it before.

Mrs. Lillie Godfrey's little boy died last Sunday of meningitis and was taken to Providence Monday for burial.

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COTTON CROP PROMISING.

Mr. J. P. Jones Remodeling His Residence—Uree News Items.

(Special to The Sun.) UREE, R-2, Oct. 7.—Was not that a rail splitting utterance full of truth which we have seen demonstrated over again—when Woodrow Wilson said prices climb faster than we can push our earnings up.

Mr. J. P. Jones is remodeling the residence on the farm which he recently purchased from Mr. Lum Williams, known as the late N. C. Lovelace place. We would like to see more such men as George Biggerstaff and J. P. Jones cast their lot up on the Hickorynut Gap road. Enough such men evidently would mean a dispensation of so much mud during the winter months on said highway.

Mr. F. H. Jackson has purchased a handsome residence in the town of Hendersonville and contemplates moving there in the near future.

We farmers should seed a large acreage to small grain this fall, as it will add humus to the soil and prevent winter bleaching and washing. The two great problems we have to confront is the addition of vegetable matter to the soil and washing of same if we expect our farm land to ever reach a high state of cultivation.

We farmers are generally through pulling fodder. Corn gathering will soon be here. Cotton picking is now in full blast, while the crop is very promising.

A number of our people attended the Green River Association at Bill's Creek Sunday last.

Mr. Andy Gibbs, of Hendersonville, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jackson on last Sunday.

SEEN BY OUTSIDER. N. Y. Times Staff Man Says Simmons Probably Will Be Elected.

The New York Times had a staff representative on the train with Colonel Roosevelt, on his trip through North Carolina and this is the account he sends his paper. It will be noticed that the correspondent says that the Republican party in the State is dead and that Senator Simmons probably will be elected to succeed himself.

"Colonel Roosevelt got a warm reception throughout the State. At Hillsboro, although it was known the train would not stop, there was a great crowd out just to cheer the train as it whizzed by, and a band played 'Dixie' in the Colonel's honor. At all the stops in mill towns crowds had come for many miles to see the Colonel just for a moment; bands played and the mill whistles blew.

"At Hickory some college students cheered for Wilson just as the Colonel was beginning his speech. A big farmer grabbed hold of the cheer leader and said: 'I'm a Taft man, but I don't stand for any insulting of Roosevelt,' and hurled the youth out of the crowd.

"A score of husky farmers followed his example, and though the college boys put up a good fight, they were overmatched and were thrown out with black eyes and crimson noses.

"Most of his speeches in North Carolina contained little that was new, excellent assaults on E. C. Duncan, the Republican National Committeeman, for his participation in the 'theft' of the Roosevelt delegates at Chicago. At Raleigh, however, he varied his references to the trusts by tackling the Tobacco Trust in its home. He declared that the remedies for the trust evils proposed by Taft and Wilson would not injure the trusts at all and cited the 'dissolution' of the Tobacco Trust as an example—a dissolution which, he said, did not dissolve. What Taft and Wilson had to offer, he said, was simply a modification of detail. His plan was that when the Supreme Court found a trust to be violating the law, as it had found in the case of the Tobacco Trust, a receiver should be appointed just as would be done in the case of a National bank, and there should be no reorganization until the trust adjudged guilty of criminality had purged itself of the sins which the court decided it had committed.

"They should be made to suffer," he said, "in precisely the same way that Mr. Morse was made to suffer." Parenthetically he added that if he had been President he would not have pardoned Morse.

"Normally there are about 116,000 Republican votes in North Carolina. If President Taft gets 10,000 of them, say the Roosevelt men, he ought to offer a prayer of thanksgiving. He may not get more than 5,000, and probably will not get more than 7,000 at the outside. All the rest will go to Roosevelt. Wilson, however, will carry the State. Roosevelt is not likely to get many Democratic votes, though he will get some. The old Republican party is as dead as a door-nail in North Carolina, and the few votes Taft will get will be those east by the friends of Federal office holders. The normal Democratic vote here is about 135,000, but this year it will probably be larger because of the interest taken in the senatorial election. The fight is between Senator Simmons and Governor Kitchin, but Simmons probably will be elected."

SIMMONS' FIGHT. Appears From A Distance That His Re-election Is Certain.

A very lively campaign is on in North Carolina for the United States senatorship. Senator Simmons is a candidate to succeed himself and has earned re-election by conspicuous service for his State and his party, ranking high among the Senators, both for ability and accomplishment.

He is opposed by Governor Kitchin and the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court. Governor Kitchin served several terms in Congress and is a strong man. The justice is a demagogue of the cheapest kind and has worshipped at all the political shrines.

Both at the outset attacked Senator Simmons' record in the Senate, especially with respect to his votes on nineteen propositions. Since the Democratic national convention declared in favor of practically all the issues upon which Mr. Simmons' nineteen attacked votes were cast, his opponents are left without gasoline in their tanks.

It appears from this distance that the re-election of Senator Simmons is certain. His retirement would convict North Carolina of ingratitude and inability to appreciate great ability, earnestness and faithful service.—From the Roswell (New Mexico) Morning News—"A Democratic Daily Newspaper for the People of the Great Southwest."

TAFT LOSES IN CALIFORNIA. Supreme Court Holds That Republicans Are Not Bound To Him.

(By the Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Oct. 3.—President Taft will be without representation in California in the electoral college and not a vote for him can be cast in the State, unless it be written in following a decision by the State Supreme Court today under which electors pledged to him cannot appear on the November ballot as Republicans.

The issue was presented in the form of an application by attorneys for the Taft Republican organization seeking to have made permanent an alternative writ obtained some days ago, directing Frank C. Jordan, Secretary of State, to designate on the ballot as Republicans the presidential electors named by the Taft adherents.

Attorney General Webb for the Secretary of State, filed a general denial of the allegations in a demure to the petition. He argued that the Republican party of California was not affiliated with the National party and was in no wise bound by the decisions of the Chicago Convention; that the petition of the Taft men was supported by insufficient evidence and that the court lacked jurisdiction.

The State election in Georgia Wednesday resulted in the election of the Democratic ticket headed by John M. Staton for Governor, practically without opposition.

FERRY ITEMS. Mr. Henry Jenkins Improving His Residence—Death Of A Child.

(Special to The Sun.) FERRY, Oct. 7.—Rev. Z. D. Harrill filled his regular appointment at Floy's Creek church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Joseph Grant is right sick with fever. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

The little child of Mr. R. C. Cartee, who had been sick for some time, died last Friday night, and was buried at Goode's Creek Saturday.

Mr. Sam Haynes, of Cliffside, visited his uncle, Mr. W. M. Haynes, Saturday.

Mr. Henry Jenkins is having his house improved by painting. Mr. W. P. Alexander is doing the work.

Messrs. Gaither and R. C. Kennedy spent Monday in Rutherfordton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haynes attended church at Henrietta Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Crawford spent last Saturday in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. T. C. Holland spent Monday in Rutherfordton.