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Biographical and Historical Sketches of Our Most Prominent Political Leaders.

THEIR RECORDS AS STATESMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES

MEN WHO ARE BRILLIANT AND WELL KNOWN IN THE POLITICAL ARENA OF OUR STATE.

Their Lives as Sketched by The Tribune Artist—Pritchard and Pearson Our Leaders—Full Directory of the General Assembly, the Clerks and Other Officers Thereof.

THE TRIBUNE this morning presents to the people of North Carolina the likenesses and short biographical sketches of about seventy State Senators and Representatives, including Senator Pritchard, Congressman Pearson, Lieut. Gov. Reynolds, Speaker Hileman and other prominent men.

This is a number of THE TRIBUNE that needs no telling of enterprise. It speaks for itself.

MAJOR W. W. ROLLINS.

The subject of our sketch was a gallant soldier in the Federal army. He was born at Spartanburg, S. C., 58 years ago, moved to North Carolina when but seven years of age. He is an ardent Republican and is an extensive planter, having several large tobacco farms. He was educated by personal labor at Mars Hill College and Sand Hill Academy. He was promoted on the field of battle to the rank of Major by General Thomas. He is located in the city of Asheville in 1885, and in 1886 was nominated by the Republicans for Senator for seven counties, but was defeated by 21 votes, losing the election by the failure to count Mitchell county, which gave him 700 votes, but the ballot boxes were not in time to be counted. In '68 he was appointed a director in the Western North Carolina Railroad, in '70 he was elected president. In 1872 was elected a member of the Eastern Division. In 1878 he ran for the Legislature in Madison county and was defeated by three votes. Was Chairman of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee until 1888. Was nominated Harrison Elector, after refusing the nomination for Congress, and made a thorough canvass of the district and made a gain of 4,200 votes over the Blue canvass four years previous. Moved to Asheville in 1880 and was shortly after elected chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of the county and of the Senatorial Districts. In 1891 Major Rollins was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth Collection District of North Carolina, and when Cleveland was elected he tendered his resignation, which was accepted June 30th, '92. He was nominated for the State Senate in the Thirty-third District, comprising the counties of Buncombe, Haywood and Madison, with Hon. Geo. H. Smathers, and was elected by a majority of 773 votes.



Major Rollins is one of the popular members of the Senate, and in the absence of Lieutenant Governor Reynolds acts frequently as presiding officer. He is a candidate for the Internal Revenue Collectors of the Fifth District, and has strong influences behind him.



SENATOR H. L. GRANT.

A distinguished member of the State Senate is Hon. H. L. Grant, of Goldsboro, who is the representative from the 5th District. He is an able, intellectual gentleman, 53 years old, who was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He is an influential Republican, and is an extensive manufacturer of hickory, as well as a progressive farmer. He was educated by academical courses. He has held many political positions of honor with credit to himself. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1869. Was in the Senate in 1895, and is a prominent member thereof.

In 1894 Senator Grant as a member of the State Executive Committee took the lead in organizing the co-operation movement between the Republicans and Populists of our State, which resulted in the election to the

United States Senate of M. A. Butler and Jeter C. Pritchard. He was recently elected in caucus as Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate, which position he will fill as soon as the Senate is reorganized by the Republican party.

Major Grant is one of the powerful politicians of North Carolina. He is a strong and brave leader, who hesitates at no honorable means that is necessary to make the Republican party the power in our State. He is a gifted and fluent orator and is in fact one of North Carolina's brightest political leaders.

HON. MILTON MCNEILL.

When the Twenty-ninth District sent Hon. Milton McNeill to the Senate as their representative they sent a most influential gentleman, who represents them in a royal manner. Senator McNeill was born and raised in Wilkes County. He is 41 years of age and is a successful merchant, dealing largely



in general merchandise. He is one of the strongest Republicans in the State of North Carolina and is an honor to his party. He has held many local offices of honor and trust. He was County Coroner for twenty-one years, was Sheriff for four years and was Clerk of the Superior Court for eight years. He is thoroughly familiar with politics, and when he entered the race for the Senatorship it was with the determination to win, and the results clearly prove that he was a notable favorite. His majority was 1,051 votes.

Mr. McNeill is a member of the Finance, Education, Proprietary and Grievances, Penal Institutions, Fish and Fisheries committees and others equally important. Mr. McNeill makes an able Senator and represents his district in an influential and intelligent manner. He has many friends among his constituents and the members of the Assembly.

SENATOR GEO. H. SMATHERS.

The handsomest man and one who is popular with his associates is that distinguished attorney Senator Geo. H. Smathers, from the Thirty-third District. He is 42 years old, and was born in the county of Buncombe. He is one of the ablest Republicans in North Carolina.

He was appointed Special Assistant



United States Attorney during Harrison's term in special charge of the litigation of North Carolina Cherokee Indians, and he showed such a thorough knowledge and ability in the case that he was continued in the same office under Cleveland's administration. He was highly endorsed by Glenn on account of his knowledge of the litigation, and was retained in the office by Attorney General Olney upon request of Glenn.

It was upon Senator Smathers' recommendation to Attorney General Olney that the Fifty-third Congress made an appropriation of \$68,000 to compromise with the defendants, alleged trespassers, and this sum of money was paid them and the land turned over to the Indians, which act substantially closed the litigation in this justly celebrated case.

Senator Smathers is a brilliant lawyer, an eloquent speaker and can handle a jury in an able manner. He is

very popular in his native town of Wadesville, where he has been twice honored with the position of mayor. He was nominated for the Senatorship by acclamation and was elected by a large majority. He had two opponents, one of whom he had a majority over of 600 votes, and the other 512.

He is chairman of the committee on Judiciary, which is the most important committee of the Assembly. They make and change the laws of our State, and on account of Senator Smathers' superior ability as an attorney he was elected chairman of this committee. He is also a member of the Finance, Salaries and Fees, Counties, Cities and Towns and other important committees. He is a man with the brightest of possibilities before him in the political field.



HON. R. H. W. BARKER.

The Twenty-ninth district has an able Senator in the person of Hon. R. H. W. Barker, who is a prominent Populist leader in his section.

He represents the counties of Catawba, Lincoln, Alexander and Wilkes, which composes the Twenty-ninth Senatorial district. This distinguished gentleman is fifty-two years old, and is actively engaged in the mercantile business and in agricultural pursuits. He was born and raised in Iredell county, and was educated at the Rutherford College.

He was elected by a majority of 1,400 votes. He is chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, Penal Institutions and Agriculture.

His intelligent methods and open-hearted friendship have won for him a recognized place in the leadership of the



Senator Jeter C. Pritchard.

Ah! who can tell how hard it is to climb The steep, where fame's proud temple shines afar.

When age has silvered the locks and bent the form, 'tis not surprising to find that time in its flight has also wrought to such a one the highest meed of fame; but when laurels crown one who, from the golden shore of youth, has but erstwhile verged upon the sea of manhood, we at once conclude that here is merit of the highest character.

A career of success has been that of Jeter C. Pritchard, the brilliant and progressive Senator of the great State of North Carolina—a life that's marked by characteristics of firmness and determination, and these elements he has brought into use in the policy of his Senatorial administration. Conservative, yet progressive, his beneficial results will be the length and breadth of the State of North Carolina.

Senator Pritchard was, before he was elected to the United States Senate, a printer and newspaper man. Today he is honored above all other men in North Carolina.

Hon. Jeter Connelly Pritchard, was born in Jonesboro, Tenn., July 12, 1857, and was educated at the common schools. He was in his boyhood days (the "devil") an apprentice in the Jonesboro Tribune Herald office; there he learned to set type. In 1873, he moved to Bakersville, Mitchell county, North Carolina, and began the publication of the Roan Mountain Republican. He edited this paper for a number of years, and it was the most popular publication of that section. In 1887, he again moved and settled in Madison county; in 1880, was a Garfield elector. In 1884, he was elected to the Legislature of North Carolina, and was re-elected in '86 and in '90. Was candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1888. In 1892 he was the caucus nominee of the Republican party for U. S. Senator. He was a delegate to the Minneapolis Convention in 1892. He was elected Pres-

ident of the North Carolina Protective Association in '91.

In 1894, Senator Pritchard became the leader in the co-operation movement in North Carolina, and he managed the affair in such an able and influential manner that he was elected by the Republicans to the United States Senate, to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Z. B. Vance, which expired March 3d, 1897. In January, '97, after one of the hardest fought battles ever known in the Republican party of North Carolina, he was re-elected to succeed himself. His campaign prior to election was a brilliant one.

The choice of the Republican party was a wise one, and when the Tribune says that Senator Pritchard makes one of the ablest officers that ever graced the Senate of the United States; it but echoes the sentiment of the people of the great State of North Carolina. Tried and found equal to all emergencies, Mr. Pritchard has won the gratitude and love of our people by his noble actions.

His knowledge of parliamentary law is excellent. As a speaker, Senator Pritchard is forcible, and rarely fails to convince his auditors. In politics he is a Republican of the staunchest type, and has always aided his party in the thickest of the fray.

The names of men have been heralded by the trump of fame, enshrined in marble and perpetuated in song and story for some great deed of self sacrifice, and the applause of generations has answered with its rolling thunder, and it is well, for thereby the inspired hand of genius excites the admiration created an example to be emulated by the virtues of our people.

Jeter Pritchard has, by his past acts, created an example to be emulated by rising generations, who, seeing what he has done, will seek to follow in his footsteps, and from the needs of virtue he has shown there springs in time of harvest a self-reliant citizenship that is a blessing to the State.



SENATOR D. REID PARKER.

A member of the General Assembly, who is one of the greatest friends of the farmers of North Carolina, is that distinguished gentleman, Dr. D. Reid Parker. He was born and reared in Sampson county, and is by profession a physician. He was educated at the Randolph-Macon College, in Virginia, and the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Dr. Parker is a Populist, and is one of the progressive farmers of our State. He has made a study for the past 20 years of the needs of agriculture and

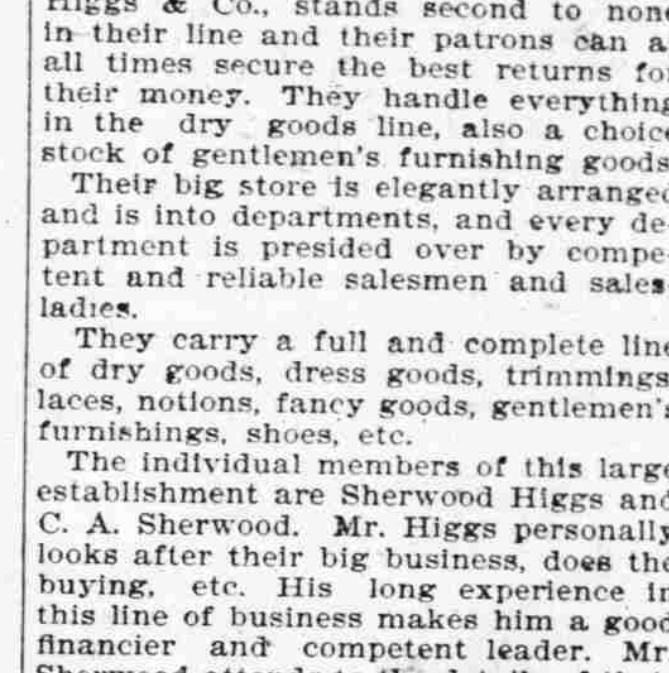
SHERWOOD HIGGS & CO.

One of the most elegant dry goods establishments in the State is that handsome store of Messrs. Sherwood Higgs & Co., on Fayetteville Street. Mr. Sherwood Higgs has just returned from the eastern markets, where he has been purchasing goods for the spring trade. He has bought a large and complete stock of beautiful spring dress goods, consisting of light woolen fabrics of hundreds of varieties and textures, and other choice goods. He has bought, also, a handsome assortment of trimmings, lace, etc. He is determined to make this opening the most elaborate seen in Raleigh for many years.

This popular house of Sherwood Higgs & Co., stands second to none in their line and their patrons can at all times secure the best returns for their money. They handle everything in the dry goods line, also a choice stock of gentlemen's furnishing goods. Their big store is elegantly arranged and is into departments, and every department is presided over by competent and reliable salesmen and sales-ladies.

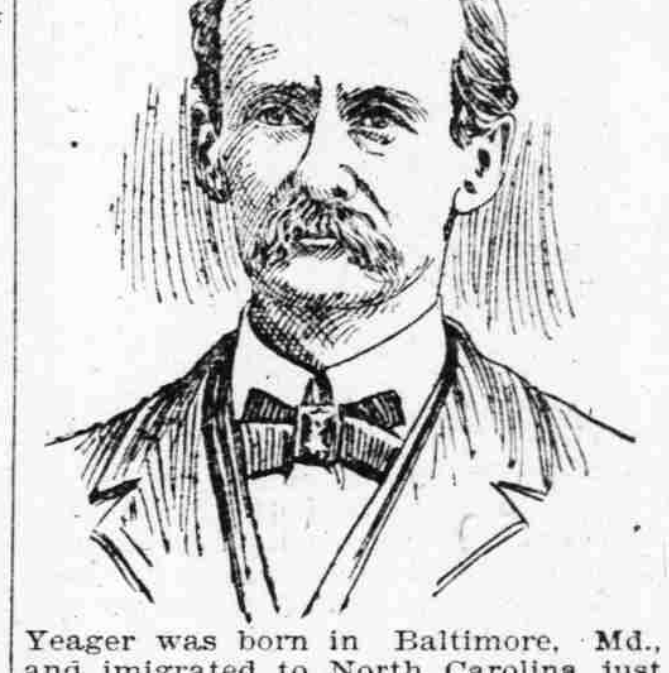
They carry a full and complete line of dry goods, dress goods, trimmings, laces, notions, fancy goods, gentlemen's furnishings, shoes, etc.

The individual members of this large establishment are Sherwood Higgs and C. A. Sherwood. Mr. Higgs personally looks after their big business, does the buying, etc. His long experience in this line of business makes him a good financier and competent leader. Mr. Sherwood attends to the details of their store and acts as general manager. This house has a large patronage and is considered the leading cash store in the city. They buy for cash and sell for cash, thereby getting the advantage of large purchases and giving their customers the benefit.



SENATOR N. B. YEAGER.

One of the most dignified and leading members of the Senate is Hon. N. B. Yeager, the able representative from the Second district, composed of the counties of Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Dare, Beaufort, Hyde, and Pamlico. When the people of this district selected after the war. He is fifty-nine years of age, they sent to Raleigh and the General Assembly an able member. Mr.



Yeager was born in Baltimore, Md., and immigrated to North Carolina just age, and is a jeweler by profession. He was educated at the Academy at Baltimore; his home is at Plymouth, and the Republicans of that town think so much of him that they have honored him with many positions of trust and honor. He was Mayor, County Commissioner, etc. He was elected by a majority of 2,000 votes. He is a prominent member of the Committees on Corporations, Fish and Fisheries, Insane Asylums, Pensions, Military Affairs, Finance and other equally as important.

Senator Yeager is a courteous, dignified gentleman, with whom it is a pleasure to have business or friendly relations.

SENATOR JOHN F. NEWSOM.

This popular and courteous Populist member from the First District is a Senator whom the Populist party may well feel proud to claim. He is a credit to that party and to North Carolina. His district is composed of the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Hertford, Gates, Chowan and Perquimans.

Senator Newsom was born in Hert-



SENATOR J. A. ASHBURN.

A gentleman who lends dignity to the Senate is Rev. J. A. Ashburn, from the Twenty-eighth district, composed of the counties of Stokes and Surry. He is a fluent speaker, and is a Republican member who has the esteem and respect of the Senate. He is thirty-five years of age, and has extensive farming interests in his section. He was elected by a majority of 1,056 votes.

He is chairman of the Public Road Committee, and is a member of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, Federal Relations, Education, etc.

He has introduced a bill to regulate the sale of fertilizers in the State, and a bill regarding our public school system.

He was born and raised near Pilot Mountain, Surry county, and has many friends there who are proud of their Senatorial representation in the General Assembly.

ditional cost to the insured. It only compels the company doing business to pay the necessary State tax, etc.

Senator Newsom is a man who wants North Carolina to get proper credit for what she properly deserves. He is today one of the most conservative, yet popular, members of the General Assembly, and many of the members accept his superior advice on important matters of legislation.

SENATOR J. L. WHEDBEE.

A distinguished character in the Senate of North Carolina is Hon. J. L.



Whedbee, the able member from the First Senatorial district. Mr. Whedbee is thirty-seven years of age, and is a true and loyal Republican. He is in personality a typical southern gentleman. He read law at the University of North Carolina, and is well posted on the legal statutes of our State. He is by occupation an extensive handler of cotton. He handles spot cotton, and during the busy season is a conspicuous figure in the Cotton Exchange at Norfolk and other important points.

He is also a large exporter of cottonseed. He is an able and influential politician, and if he desires to follow a political life, he has many openings within easy reach. He has an iron will, and the courage of a lion; he is, by nature, a gentleman of charming personality, and is popular with his associates. He is an active worker in the Senate, and is an honor to the Republican party.



SENATOR JAS. L. HYATT.

A gentleman who is making a record of which any man might be justly proud, is Senator James L. Hyatt, of the Thirty-first district, which is composed of Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Senator Hyatt was born in Burnsville, North Carolina, where he has resided up to the present time. He is twenty-eight years of age, and was for a number of years a school teacher. He is an out and out Republican, and he has the confidence of his party. He was general store-keeper and gauger of the Fifth district during Harrison's administration, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace, and was County School Examiner of his county.

Senator Hyatt is a young man with brilliant possibilities. His hard work in the interests of his party has already been recognized, and he stands to-day as one of the leading young politicians of the State. His record is one that every young man should try to follow. He has bright political prospects, and the confidence of the people to buoy him up, and has a bright personality that wins him many friends.

He was elected by 924 majority over ex-Congressman Dower. He is the only Republican who ever carried the county during a Presidential campaign.



ford county and is now 48 years of age. He is by profession a civil engineer and also an up-to-date farmer. He is one of the most able Populists and a politician of note. He is a member of several important committees, is a hard working member in the interests of his constituents.

Senator Newsom has introduced and had passed an insurance bill, which has won him much commendation from our people. This bill will save the State about \$15,000 a year. The bill refers only to fire insurance companies, and it makes a law compelling all insurance to be written through the State agents and not through foreign agents. This act will prevent the manufacturers and others from placing their insurance with agents outside of North Carolina. This will increase the State tax and will increase the agents profits in the State and will not make any ad-