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## MAN OF DESTINY

ONE BY ONE THE DOUBTFUL STATES FALL IN LINE

The Indications Are That There Will Be a Democratic Landslide on November 7th.

One week from today the voters will determine at the polls what shall be the policy of the National Government for the next four years not only, but their decision will have its effect upon the country's welfare for a long time in the future. Meanwhile, the nation will be full of politics.

What is to be the outcome? Intense partisans on either side have no difficulty in figuring out a result to suit their preferences. Today both the managers of the Democratic campaign and the managers of the Republican campaign are sending forth claims of victory, and one or the other must be wrong. These claims, together with various accusations and miscellaneous hysterics, will be kept up until election. The thoughtful and well-balanced citizen will be on his guard.

What ever advantage one party or the other may seem to have today may be changed in the one week ahead. There has been no time in many years when, at this stage of the campaign, it was so difficult to feel entirely certain of the result as now. Four years ago the division in the Republican party assured Wilson's election; eight years ago the election of Taft was not in doubt for a single day of the canvass, and 12 years ago the Democratic party hardly attempted to make a campaign against Roosevelt.

This year the figure-men and prophets have not had the basis of normal party divisions at the last election upon which to make their calculations. But both parties freely admit that there is abundant evidence that the political tides are in active movement at this time. There can be no doubt that the drift is toward Wilson. For the first time in the history of the nation corrupt money failed to capture the great silent vote of the country.

The Republicans should remember that the prayers of the righteous avail much and that there is no power on earth to defeat those who are guided by a Superior Wisdom.

### TRUCK GARDENERS

A Motely Crowd on Wheels Pass Through Oxford.

On Saturday there came down the National Highway a caravan of five automobiles filled with men, women, children and the necessary camping outfit to make life pleasant.

The tourists stopped for a couple of hours in front of the Johnson Warehouse to replenish their larder. They bought among other things three fine hams, several loaves of bread and half a dozen head of cabbage. They had in store when they reached here four chickens and about a bushel of eggs.

The party are making their way from Bar Harbor, Maine, to the East Coast of Florida. They left Bar Harbor three months ago and are making the trip by easy stages, and hope to reach Florida by Christmas. They gave no reason for the slowness of the journey.

Their quaint looking outfit, as it moved along, resembled a band of Gypsies. They claim to be truck gardeners and will try their hand on early vegetation in the sunny climate.

### HESTER COMMUNITY FAIR

Eranson, Brogden and Joyner Will Be Present

The community at large, the school committee, and the faculty of Hester School invite the people of Granville county to attend our community fair to be held at the school building, Friday, November 3rd.

Dr. Branson of Chapel Hill will make an address in the morning. Free picnic dinner served on grounds at one o'clock. Dr. Joyner, and Mr. L. C. Brogden will be present.

Hester is starting something new, as this is the first community fair ever held in Granville.

### DR. LUMPKIN AT CORINTH

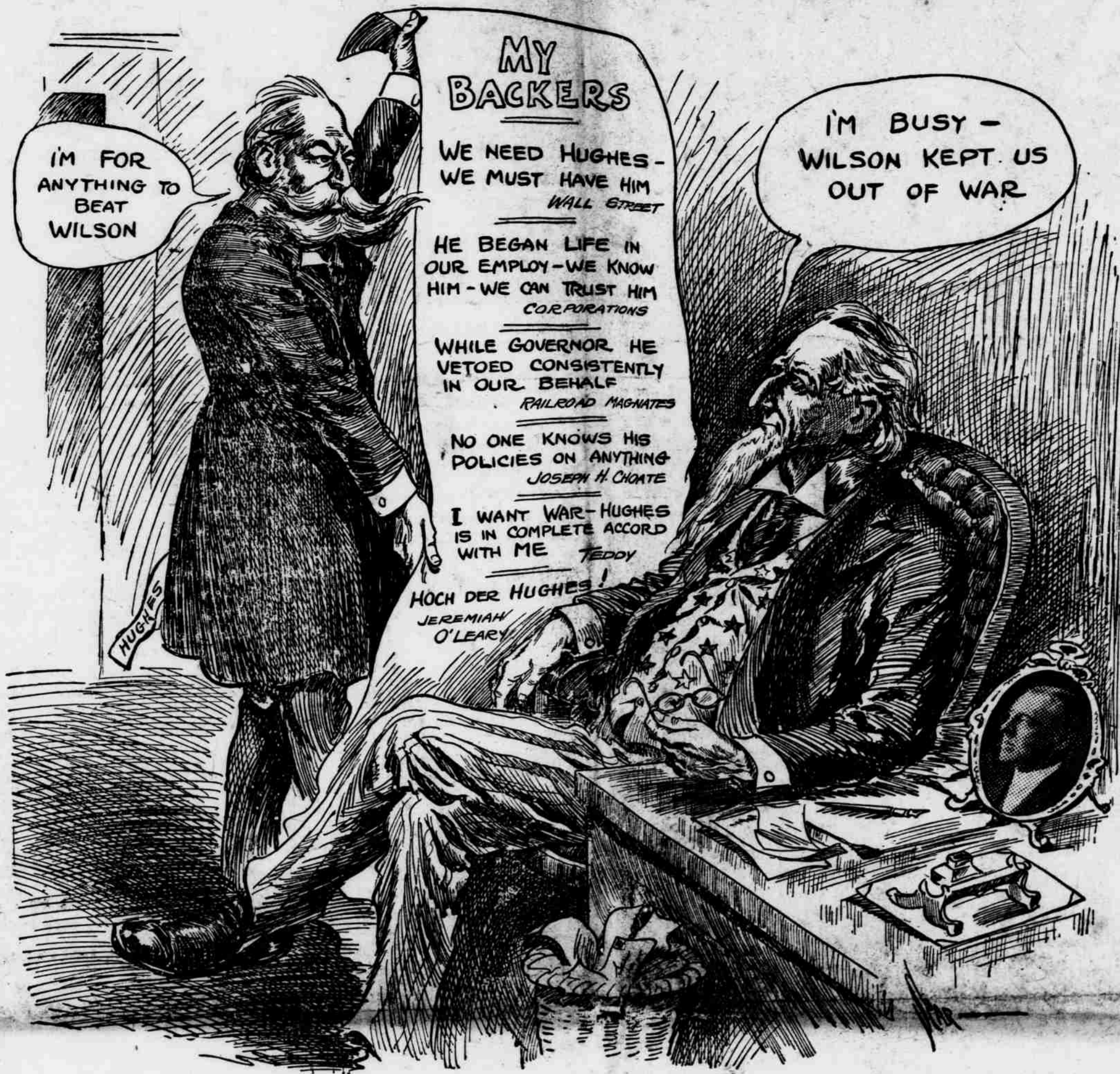
Will Be With the Brethren Second Sunday in November

We learn that the good people out at Corinth will have Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, with them on the afternoon of the second Sunday in November at 3 o'clock. "You can put in a line at the bottom," says an old friend out at Corinth, addressing the Public Ledger, "and state that we are very thankful to Doctor and Mrs. Lumpkin for what they have already done for the Lord in our midst."

### At Home

The ladies of Oxford College will be at home to their friends on this Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6:30 o'clock.

## The Real Hughes Platform; Uncle Sam's Opinion of It.



## The Secret That We Tried to Keep Inviolate

O. HENRY WROTE SHORT STORIES WHILE CONFINED IN A PRISON CELL

The fact that William Sidney Porter and the editor of the Public Ledger were class mates when we were little boys, attending the school of his aunt, Miss Lina Porter, on West Market street, Greensboro, fills us with regrets that an incident in his career has come to light. There were only a half dozen of his friends who knew that he served a sentence and we were among the number that hoped that the incident would never leak through seive. Sidney was one of the most honorable boys we ever knew, and the fact that he protested his innocence to the minds of those who knew him that he was guilty of embezzlement in the sight of God.

It was not until the prison doors swung open and freed the world's best short story writer that William Sidney Porter chose the pen name of "O. Henry." It is said by those who knew him best that when any one would ask him why he chose the pen name of O. Henry the tears would fill his eyes.

The fact that William Sidney Porter did serve three years and three months in the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, comes to light in a New York paper six years after his death. He was charged with having embezzled \$554.48 on October 10, 1894; \$299.60 on November 12, 1894; and \$299.60 on November 12, 1895. He was found guilty on February 17, 1898, and sentenced on March 25 of that year to five years' imprisonment. He entered the penitentiary on April 25, 1898, and came out on July 24, 1901, his term of confinement having been reduced from five years to three years and three months because of good behavior.

On January 21, 1891, William Sydney Porter became paying and receiving

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### Making Money

A well known and reliable tobacco grower residing near Oxford got it into his head last week that a nearby market was paying more for the weed than the Oxford market. He selected three piles of tobacco and off he went to the nearby town. The best he could do was \$39.00. The price he could not suit the farmer and he quietly withdrew and came to Oxford, where he received \$65.00 for the same lot of tobacco.

## A SUCCESSFUL FAIR

GATE RECEIPTS OVER TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Secretary Knott is Now Mailing Out Premiums—List of Awards Will Be Announced in the Public Ledger Next Week.

The three days Granville County Fair held last week goes down in history as the biggest and best fair ever held in the county. Much praise is due Secretary P. W. Knott, who worked early and late for the success of the fair. Mr. Knott authorizes the Public Ledger to state that he is now mailing out the awards and that a list of those who received premiums will be announced in the Public Ledger next week.

**The Floats**  
The National Bank of Granville captured the first prize for having in line the most artistic decorated automobile. Mrs. A. H. Powell was awarded the second prize. Both cars were very handsome. The Enon Agricultural float won first prize.

**Community Exhibits**  
The three successful community exhibits were: Culbreth, first; Enon, second; Providence, third.

**The Bank Pigs**  
We are not able to give a full report of the fine pigs of the National Bank of Granville at this writing. Some were raised according to the prescribed regulations and some were not, but everyone of them were blue ribbon pigs. The fine daughter of Mr. John Currin was awarded a premium for exhibiting the largest pig. That was her idea of a pig and she was successful.

**Gate Receipts**  
While the figures from all sources are not available for publication at this time the Public Ledger is safe in saying that the gate receipts amounted to more than \$2,500. This amount will more than cover the expenses of the fair and there is now considerable talk of annexing a race track next year.

**Predicts Wilson's Election**  
Mr. Cortez Wright has arrived from Washington and will make the rounds with the candidates. Mr. Wright admits that Wilson and Hughes are running close, with the tide favorable to the election of Mr. Wilson.

**Only Two Ex-Presidents**  
History does not record a single instance where three ex-presidents of the United States survived at the same time, and the next four years will be no exception to the rule.

## The Granville County Democratic Campaign

BIG BARBECUE AND SPEAKING AT WILTON

Owing to the County Fair very little campaigning was done in the county last week. On Saturday afternoon the speaking was at Bullock and at night at Stovall. At Bullock there were about 25 present and at Stovall about 150. Stovall turned out one of the largest and most enthusiastic audiences of the campaign. The speaking was in the Auditorium of the Dickerson Building which was appropriately decorated with the American flag. A large streamer bore the picture of the President and the words, "Do you want Peace with Wilson or war with Hughes."

**Mr. Kittrell Talks**  
Mr. Brummitt spoke at both places giving particular attention to a discussion of taxation matters. Mr. Parham was present and gave a most inspiring and logical presentation of certain phases of the Democratic record. Hon. J. C. Kittrell of Henderson made the principal speech both at Bullock and Stovall. For an hour at each place he held the attention of his audience with many apt and interesting anecdotes illustrating his points, with glowing and logical arguments for Democracy, and the true eloquence of conviction and sincerity. Mr. Kittrell makes a fine speech and will be wanted again in campaigns in this county. The speakers on this trip come back with glowing accounts of fine reception accorded them. The Democrats up there are "on their toes" and will roll up an old time majority for the ticket.

**Barbecue and Speaking**  
Tuesday night of this week the speaking will be at Dexter. On Thursday night the candidates go to Culbreth. The barbecue and rally at Wilton on Wednesday, Nov. 1, is being looked forward to with much interest. Gov. Kitchin will speak and the very mention of his name is a sufficient evidence of the kind of speech that may be expected. At the request of Mr. J. L. Peed, Creedmoor precinct chairman, Gen. Royster and Mr. D. G. Brummitt will speak at Creedmoor on Saturday night, Nov. 4. Mr. Brummitt is expected to discuss State and County issues while Gen. Royster will no doubt handle national issues in his usual effective style.

**Senator Hicks Active**  
Chairman Hicks continues his active work for the party. He could not attend the Bullock appointment but joined the boys at Stovall. He brings back most encouraging reports and says that the Democratic majority in the county will easily reach 1200 if the voters come out. Of course, the Republicans have no hope or expectation of carrying the county or State and the indications now are that a mighty sweep has set in for Wilson throughout the Western and middle Western States.

## GILLIS'S SLAYERS

TWO MEN AND A WOMAN SENT TO PEN

Baltimore Thugs Convicted on Charge of Intent to Do Away With Granville County Man.

BALTIMORE—Severe penalties were meted out by Judge McLane in the circuit court Saturday when he sentenced three men implicated in the assault on Hugh M. Gillis, of Stovall, N. C., in the eastern suburbs on July 25, last, to ten years each in the penitentiary.

The woman, Pearl Thornton, who was connected with the case was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

All were charged with assaulting Gillis with intent to kill. In passing sentence Judge McLane pointed out that he was more lenient with the woman because he believed her to be under the influence of one of the men.

### THE MARSHAL'S BALL

The Most Brilliant Success of the Entire Series

Fair week is history, and with it goes the fond recollection of the most brilliant ball ever held in Oxford. Everything was well timed and managed; the hall was neatly decorated and comfortable and the music was fine. The young ladies were handsome and tastefully dressed and the young men were the most gallant set you ever saw. Beginning at ten o'clock Friday night the dancing continued on up to two o'clock Saturday morning. There were more than one hundred of the best people of town and county present.

The dance was led by Mr. Paul Venable with Miss Garcia of Brooklyn. Among those dancing were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Royster, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mellichamp, Mr. and Mrs. George Tillery of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Ferebee, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright, Miss Annie Gregory, of Stovall, with Mr. R. L. Gregory; Miss Sallie Taylor, of Louisburg, with Mr. Lindsay Taylor; Mrs. E. O. Outlaw, of Elizabeth City with Mr. F. W. Hancock; Miss May White with Mr. B. W. Parham, Miss Estelle White with Cadet Compton Bobbitt of the United States Naval School; Miss Ethel Hancock with Mr. James A. Taylor; Miss Helen Royster with Mr. James White; Miss Louise Currin, of Richmond, with Mr. Sharon; Mrs. Arthur Landis with Mr. Outlaw Hunt; Dr. and Mrs. Taylor of Stovall.

Chaperones were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robards, Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Titus Currin, Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Thomas.

Favors of fancy caps, horns, confetti and colored ribbons made an attractive finale.

### OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

Prices For All Grades Goes Still Higher

In point of high averages paid for tobacco on the Oxford market last week, the result of five days of sales, was the best of the season. The number of pounds sold was not as great as that of the previous week, but the average per hundred for all sold was \$24.10. The highest price for a single day of the season was made Friday when an average of \$25.15 was attained.

There was not as much tobacco offered during the three days of the fair as was anticipated by tobacco men, which indicates that the tobacco growers don't care to be bothered with tobacco when they come to the County Fair.

The market opened good and strong Monday with all buyers on hand and eager for the good grades. The grades keep on improving and the indications are that there is going to be a lot of money change hands this week for the weed.

### JONES-BRADSHAW

Comes From Montana to Claim His Bride.

Mr. J. T. Bradshaw, the fine son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bradshaw, was quietly married in Durham last Saturday to Miss Emily Jones, of Milton.

Mr. Bradshaw has for some time held an important position with the Big Elk Mining and Live Stock Company in Montana. His bride is the daughter of Mr. Frank Jones, the leading merchant of Milton, N. C. They are making their home for the present with the groom's parents on College street.

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