

WOODROW WILSON IN ATLANTA.

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Excepting presidents and ex-presidents, there has never been a visitor to Atlanta who has received more marked attention and been more warmly greeted than Gov. Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey. Everywhere he is being hailed as one of the foremost members of his party. But his unusually hearty greeting in Atlanta is due to the fact that he is a Southern man, and a former resident of Atlanta, where he began the practice of law.

Governor Wilson was tendered a luncheon Thursday evening by Governor-elect Hoke Smith, on which occasion he was hailed as one of the greatest men in the Democratic party and the most likely man for the presidential candidacy.

At the breakfast tendered him by the Young Men's Democratic League Friday morning Governor Wilson was again enlorged as the next president. Everywhere tribute is being paid to him as the leader of the party.

That Woodrow Wilson is one of the strongest and most significant figures in the Democratic party is evidenced by his cordial reception in Atlanta. At the breakfast Friday morning the speakers, with not an exception, paid tribute to him as one of the most likely candidates for the presidential chair.

In his opening remarks, Walter P. Andrews, president of the Young Men's Democratic League, spoke of Governor Wilson as one of the most prominent figures in American politics, and one of two or three to whom the Democratic party is looking for leadership.

Three Presidents. The first speaker was Judge George Hillyer, who signed Governor Wilson's license to practice law. Judge Hillyer said: "Last evening we listened to a man who has been president; this evening we shall hear a man who is president, but we have with us this morning a man who is going to be president."

Henry H. Cabaniss said that the Democratic party has every reason to anticipate a victory in the next presidential election, and that a new leader has arisen to carry the government of greater success. I can think of no better man," said he, "for the Democratic leader than our distinguished guest."

George A. Wendling paid tribute to Governor Wilson's history of the United States and spoke of him as the "great future president of the United States."

Charles A. Douglas said that he could never forget the South and Southern people, and hailed the guest as a Southern man. He said that on the very verge of another national election the party is craving a leader to speak for all parts of the land, to express the thoughts of the people and to lead them to victory. He said that Mr. Wilson, born in Virginia, reared in South Carolina and Georgia and imbued with the spirit of the South, and having spent his manhood in the North, could speak and stand for all sections. He said that he believed that Mr. Wilson would be satisfactory to all; and that the psychological moment has arrived when the Democratic party will nominate the successor to Grover Cleveland.

John Temple Graves spoke briefly, saying that he is a Democrat and always has been.

Governor Wilson's speech. Governor Wilson skillfully outlined the ideals of the Democratic party. He said that he believes that there are only two sets of men who can lead in politics— young men and men who never grow old. "The country," said he, "is not measured by what it has been, but what it is, and what it hopes to be, and only in a determined, definite looking-forward is there hope."

He said that it has been significant of the South that it has had a tendency to shut itself in with the glories of the past, which are the finest in history. He said that there had been in the past an imagined hostility between the North and the South, but that he could now see no traces of this imagined attitude of the North toward the South, and that there seemed to be a universal desire that the South should come into her own again.

He said that the future of the party depends upon the young men and that the party should endeavor to attract to its ranks the young men of the two leading parties. He said that their theories are directly opposed to each other; that the Republican party wishes to govern by trusteeship, putting affairs in the hands of those who are wealthy, but that the only safe government is one in which all the people participate.

Republicans Lack Perspective. "Every time I deal with the present trustees of the United States I see that they lack a vision of the people as a whole. The most serious thing facing us today is the concentration of money power in the hands of a few."

He spoke of New York City as one of the most provincial places in the world, always looking out for New York, and in contrast with this declared: "Our whole problem is to bring the people of the United States into the game."

He spoke of government as fundamentally a matter of "whom do you want to serve?" He said that business interests, and that all should have intentions of public service. He said that the chief asset is confidence.

His closing remarks were a tribute to the Democratic party as standing for honest, wholesome, compact progress.

Toasted at Banquet as Democracy's New Leader. Gov. Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, was extended a most cordial and enthusiastic welcome to Atlanta and the South at an elaborate dinner given in his honor by Gov-elect Hoke Smith in the banquet hall of the Piedmont Ho-

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tel Thursday evening. Gathered around the festive board was a most representative assemblage and in short addresses of welcome Governor Wilson was repeatedly referred to as the next Democratic nominee and President of the United States, and his host, Gov.-elect Hoke Smith, as the most suitable man for Vice-President of the United States.

In response to the warm welcome extended to him Governor Wilson delivered an eloquent address, in which he spoke of the bright prospect of true Democracy in the immediate future and in which he defined true Democracy.

At the conclusion of the elaborate course dinner Governor-elect Hoke Smith introduced P. A. Stovall, of Savannah, a boyhood friend of Governor Wilson. Mr. Stovall briefly summarized the early history of the governor of New Jersey and called attention to the great work he was doing for the country as an educator. Continuing he said: "In welcoming Governor Wilson we welcome a man who has not only successfully fought the machine of the opposite party in his own State, but who has achieved a splendid success for the Democratic party in overcoming the machine which for a time predominated its actions in the State of New Jersey."

Destiny Points to Him. "I think I may safely say that the finger of destiny now points to the governor of New Jersey as the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party. I do not say this is an empty banquet compliment, but am firmly convinced that the peer of New Jersey will be called upon to represent our party as president, and that Governor-elect Hoke Smith, of our own State, will be the future vice-president."

President W. Y. Ainsworth, of Wesleyan college, was the next speaker introduced to extend a welcome to Governor Wilson. President Ainsworth called attention to the fact that by examining the compendium of information contained in "Who's Who" with analytical care, it would be found that 800 names therein were the sons of ministers and 600 were the names of great teachers. Continuing, he said: "Governor Wilson is another minister's son and a powerful contributor to the world's work. With his broad vision of political and other conditions in many States it seems the inevitable will or the destinies that he shall be chosen to preside over our great republic."

Governor-elect Hoke Smith is the son of a no less gifted schoolmaster and he too, has in his grasp the wild destiny of the republic in the days to come. It is a great pleasure to welcome Governor Wilson to the Empire State as the guest of Governor Smith."

Chairman Wright Speaks. W. O. Wright, chairman of the Democratic State executive committee, was next called upon for a few words. Chairman Wright said: "It is with genuine delight that we are allowed the privilege of coming into social and personal contact with our distinguished citizen, Governor Woodrow Wilson, who loves the South its people, its history and its traditions."

If the next standard bearer of Democracy doesn't fall to Governor Wilson, I think we can assure Governor Wilson of our aid in his nomination and overwhelming election to the presidency of the United States.

Ex-Gov. M. L. Ansel, of South Carolina, related a number of incidents on the early life of Governor Wilson and presented the claim of South Carolina upon him. "It is with sincere pleasure that I extend a most hearty welcome to Governor Wilson in behalf of the State from which I come, and, if I may be allowed to, from the entire South."

Governor-elect Hoke Smith then presented Governor Wilson with the following words of introduction: Governor Wilson was born in Virginia, spent his boyhood in Augusta; afterward lived in South Carolina, attended college in North Carolina and later attended the Johns Hopkins university in Maryland.

"As a southern boy he was called to a Northern college in the face of all the prejudices and theories held by Northerners against Southern men as great educators."

"In the North they have often recognized the ability of the South in producing lawyers and statesmen, but never before in the history of the nation has a Southern man won such success in the educational world as our distinguished friend, Governor Wilson."

"During the past the North has poured her sons into the South to occupy positions of distinction and honor as educators, but in this one instance has the South contributed her share in this great teacher and man."

"Allow me to introduce to you Gov. Woodrow Wilson."

Governor Wilson first stated that he was not a Wilson man. Continuing, he said: "There is a great difference between the South and the region in which I now live. This

fact was brought more clearly to my notice on a recent visit to Trinity College, Durham, N. C. No man can live long enough to solve all the mysterious parts of life, which he does not understand.

"In riding on the train I entered into conversation with a North Carolinian, who upon learning that I was from New Jersey, asked what the people of that State thought of Grover Cleveland, who was at that time president of the United States."

"I was forced to reply that I did not know. He immediately set me down as an ignoramus, but as a matter of fact, it is impossible to ascertain political feelings of some sections of the North as easily as they may be learned in the South."

The South is noted for homogeneity and talkativeness. There is more politics talked to the square mile in the South than in the entire nation. The South can be sampled very much like a bag of cotton. You can pluck a piece here and find the value of the entire bale.

"In the South and in New England the old country life of the mother country has been brought over. They are substantially English. In the States of New York, New Jersey and the middle North this is not true. The population is mixed to that degree commonly termed the American mixture."

South Has Come Back. "The present is a time of rejoicing for the coming back of the South into national politics. The South is certainly coming back to its former position as may be seen from glancing at the House of Representatives and beholding the power of the Southern party in that body."

"The return to power of the South is looked upon by some in the North with a peculiar feeling. To a certain extent the South is misunderstood. Many think that the South is conservative to the point of being reactionary. It is not so. It is a region where the people are not content with such a community as the older I get the more radical I get along certain lines. Radical in the literal sense of the word, I long more and more to get at the root of the whole matter."

"A short while ago I was a guest at dinner with a company of comfortable looking New York successful business men. They were that air of comfort which is not seen outside of New York."

"They seemed to be of the opinion that in my educational work I was trying to make their sons just as different from their fathers as possible. Now success in particular lines had narrowed their scope from habitual concentration. Absorbed in particular lines of business, they had lost touch with the country and the world at large. My idea was to have their sons make a new start, not to take up life where their fathers had left off, but to enter it with a new and broader vision."

"I have studied politics all my life and have found that the successful men are not the ones from whom best advice had information it to be learned. The man who is making \$1,500 or \$2,000 a year in most cases is better prepared to give information in regard to business than the successful owner."

"Everything must be carried back to the people themselves. This is true of business and politics and is the only basis which acts as a safeguard to human interests."

"Have you ever noticed that society is never renewed from the top. It is from the bottom that the rise is made. The old families burn out their places are filled by men from the unrisen sources."

"Did you ever stop to consider that the Roman Catholic church in the middle ages was an example of pure Democracy? There was no peasant who was too humble to become a priest and this Democratic condition kept the government from going to dry rot during the period of the world's greatest addiction to aristocracy."

Organization Necessary. "The machine referred to by Mr. Stovall, in New Jersey, was not a powerful organization supported by the people. It was merely a selfish private corporation and the only power it had was compelled by fear."

"Party organizations is necessary. It is only when the organization becomes implicated with business to such an extent that the people and their interests are overlooked that party organization becomes an evil."

"It will be dead easy for the Democratic party to win victory if they convince the people that they are working for them. There has been a great deal of talk among dissatisfied Republicans of the organization of a third party. These men cannot quite take to the name 'Democratic,' but if men are put up in the next election in whom the people believe, Republicans themselves will form an integral part in casting votes for their elector."

"It is only necessary for the Democrats to show that they are playing a square game and are consistent in saying that their purpose is to serve the people of the United States."

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