

Messrs. Hackett and Cowles

DISCUSSION AT TAYLORSVILLE.

Joint Meet Was a Success and Friends of Each Man Assert That He Just Simply Walked all Over the Other.

Nearly 40 people purchased tickets at the Statesville depot yesterday for Taylorsville and of course practically all of them were enroute to hear the joint debate between Congressman R. N. Hackett and Mr. Charles H. Cowles, republican nominee for the same honor.

The debate was held in the court house and the place was crowded to its utmost.

It is estimated that there were about 500 people within hearing of the speakers and there were probably another hundred who could not get close enough to hear.

By arrangement and agreement each speaker had an hour for the opening speech and 15 minutes for a rejoinder, Mr. Cowles leading off. He was introduced by Mr. O. E. Pool and Mr. J. H. Burke introduced Mr. Hackett.

The audience gave both speakers the closest attention and the applause was about equally divided.

In commencing his argument Mr. Cowles gave the Republican party credit for the prosperity of the last twelve years. He quoted figures to back his argument.

He told of selling a large tract of mountain land for \$6 an acre which would not bring \$1 under the last Democratic administration. The prices of cotton, corn, cattle, mules and apples, were cited to show that it was best for the Republicans to be retained in power.

"My opponent has paramoured two issues," said Mr. Cowles. "They are: the panic and the forest reserve."

"The panic will almost be over when the election comes. We have not felt it here."

"His forest reserve argument has fallen. He pictures a situation that could never exist."

"Like the old man who lost his false teeth, if he had just kept his mouth shut he would have had a decent burial."

"Stock gambling on Wall street started the panic, and it was helped by a defective currency system."

"What did we see here? The Democratic legislature voted a 2 1/4 cent passenger rate on the railroads. I voted for I thought it was the best thing to do under the circumstances. I was afraid that it would be worse. What was the result? The railroads called an extraordinary session of the legislature and changed the law. All improvements on railroads were discontinued. Double-tracking on the Southern was stopped and hundreds of laborers were thrown out of work. This brought the panic home to us."

"If the Democrats get in the tariff will be taken off lumber. Imagine, what we would have here! What did your lumber bring when there was no tariff on lumber? This is the way the Democrats would cure the panic. In 1896 they wanted to give you the free and unlimited coinage of silver. My opponent will not offer you that today."

"They talk trusts to you! Why, where is there a greater trust than The Associated Press, which The News and Observer of Raleigh belongs to? No paper in the world could go to Raleigh and get the service of The Associated Press. The Post died because it could not get service from the great trust. What have the Democrats ever done against trusts? Nothing!

"Publicity? Do the Democrats want publicity? No. Take the Atlantic Railroad! The affairs of that road were never made public. The officials that operated it met behind closed doors. The report indicated rottenness."

Mr. Cowles recalled his record in the legislature. He said that certain resolutions introduced by him and Mr. Grant, of Davie, had been left out of the index of the journal. He asked for information. It was argued that the Democrats did not make public the contributions made to the campaign of 1896 by the silver mines.

"The Democratic record shows a

long list of broken promises," said the speaker.

"They tell you that they give you better schools and asylums. The schools are not much better than they have been. Why, Alexander county men are in jails when they should be in the insane asylum. One dear boy is in the insane ward of the penitentiary without ever being charged with a crime."

"There is but one state more illiterate than North Carolina and that is South Carolina, where there are more negroes than we have in proportion to the whites. Let the Democrats boast of what they have done for the children."

"My opponent said I could not point my finger to a single statute that bore my name."

Here Mr. Cowles recalled two or three local laws introduced by him. He declared that he killed several bills that his opponent had presented to the legislature.

"I do not claim that I got many bills passed but I did help to kill three that he wanted passed," assented Mr. Cowles.

"He charged me with missing roll calls. I did not miss many. His record shows that he answered 132 roll calls, failed on 105, and was paired 96 times."

"What did he do? If he got buildings for Concord and Salisbury he will have to tell the people of Wilkesboro why he did not get more of them."

In closing Mr. Cowles spoke for Mr. Taft.

Mr. Hackett Speaks.

Mr. Hackett said that it gave him peculiar pleasure to be here for he was tired of going alone. He always thought it best for the opponents to face each other on the hustings. A history of his challenges for a joint debate with Mr. Cowles was given. A fair proposition, he said, had been made—six debates, three places to be selected by each candidate—but it was not accepted.

"I met Mr. Cowles at Boone," said Mr. Hackett. "I tried to get him to meet me. He made excuses."

Mr. Hackett charged the Republicans with going around getting people to sign a pledge saying that he would vote their ticket. He said this was a fling at the integrity of the voters of this district.

The lowest price cotton ever brought, the speaker declared, was under McKinley's administration.

Mr. Hackett defended his position on the Appalachian park bill. His stand that it was unconstitutional had been proven correct by the vote of the house judiciary committee. The bill, he said, would never become a law with his vote.

"It is wrong," declared Mr. Hackett. "Put yourself in the place of the little mountaineer. The park could never be established without the right to condemn the lands. I do not say that the government would not pay all that it is worth. But lots of mountain people would not like to give up their homes, even if they were paid for them. Gen. R. F. Hoke, a fine old soldier, says that it is not right to condemn it. Our mountaineers love their homes. It is in defense of these people that I shall fight."

"In congress I did what I could for my constituents. I went to the committee meetings and the departments for them. My opponent ought to know that the best work for bills is done before committees."

He read a letter from Representative A. O. Stanley, complimenting him on his speech made before the committee on agriculture. His argument was bold and logical.

What Mr. Cowles said about the panic was ridiculed by Mr. Hackett. A speech made by Leslie M. Shaw, a Republican orator, was quoted from on the cause of the panic. The currency system, put upon us by the Republicans, was charged with it. The sawmills, said the speaker, had ceased to sing in the mountains. Good times are no more. The Washington Post, an independent Republican paper says 3,160,000 workmen are idle. The trusts are fostered by the tariff.

This was followed by an intelligent discussion of the tariff. The speaker compared prices here and in foreign countries. The dominant party was charged with forming an alliance with trust magnates to rob the people. Our own manufacturers, he said, sold goods cheaper abroad than they do at home. The inhabitant of Australia can buy an American made article cheaper than a North Carolinian could.

Mr. Hackett likened this condition to the predicament of the old man

Dr. Richard's Called Again

HAS IT UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Davidson Congregation, Once Unsuccessful, Now Makes a Second Effort to Secure Statesville's Popular Pastor for Its Own.

The following special dispatch, dated, Davidson, Sept 29, has been received at the Mascot office:

"At a congregational meeting held in the church Sunday morning immediately after the morning worship, a call was extended to Rev. C. M. Richards, of Statesville, to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here."

"This is the second call that has been made to Dr. Richards by this congregation."

"About a year ago, almost as soon as the church became vacant by the resignation of Dr. Graham, who removed to Lexington, Va., the congregation with great unanimity and heartiness, asked Dr. Richards to become his successor, but after due deliberation he declined for reasons that seemed to him at the time to be convincing as to why he should decline."

"Now, after a year's waiting, this congregation has turned again to its first choice and has united in a hearty and earnest request to the Statesville pastor to reconsider and see if this college town and twofold congregation does not offer a field of useful labor that he ought not longer to refuse to enter upon."

There are good reasons for believing that Dr. Richards will give the matter a careful study and it is confidently felt that with all the facts before him he will be slow to refuse a second time, despite his attachment for his present charge and his people's devotion to him.

"The church records show that in recent years, and especially recent months, Dr. Richards has been busy in declining offers. His salary here would be \$1,800 and a manse."

Dr. Richards Talks.

When seen this noon by a representative of The Mascot office Dr. Richards stated that the dispatch in question was practically correct.

He had received the call from Davidson and now had the matter under consideration. He could not, of course, give any idea as to what his final decision would be. From numerous sources, however, it was rumored that an exceedingly strong pressure would be brought to bear on the eloquent clergyman, in the hopes of retaining his services in this city as pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Weatherman Here.

Rev. J. G. Weatherman of North Fredell passed through this city last Saturday evening.

He was on his way to High Point where he is now assisting in a revival meeting being conducted in the Baptist church.

In the Interest of His Paper.

Rev. W. L. Boggs, of the staff of the Presbyterian Standard, has been in the city for several days in the interest of his paper.

He preached at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

who let the bull terrier hold his nose in order to give him courage, while the san says: "Hold on, dad, it's hell on you but it's the making of the pup."

Mr. Cowles was informed that his opponent had introduced and passed the bills for buildings at Concord and Salisbury, one for \$60,000 and \$40,000 and that Senator Overman had the one for Salisbury increased \$25,000. Mr. Hackett read from the records at Washington, showing that he had passed six pension bills, instead of four, as his opponent had alleged.

The speeches of Messrs. Cowles and Hackett were of a higher order than one would expect in such debates. There was no bitterness in word or tone of voice.

Judge Murphy, who is holding court here this week gave way for the political meeting as is the custom in North Carolina.

The candidates are having another joint discussion at Wilkesboro today.

EDUCATION VS. FARMING.

Dr. Foard of Statesville Contributes an Article to the Carolina Union Farmer That Will be Read With Interest Here.

In the last issue of the Carolina Union Farmer, published by Mr. Z. B. Green at Marshville, N. C., there appeared an article from the pen of a well known resident of this city, Dr. J. F. Foard.

This gentleman had for his subject the interesting subject Education vs. Farming and under this caption he wrote as follows:

An education is of supreme importance and every individual has some kind of an education. It behooves every one to know something of service to himself and others, practice it, hand it around, reflect and keep it going. All men, women and children are producers, but no class of more importance than the tillers of the soil, for the world is fed and clothed by this class. This proposition being true, the best education possible to his calling should be given to all who till the soil.

First, know how to produce something useful; second, know how to preserve what you produce and lastly, know how to dispose of the products of your labor. These facts may (by the permission of the editor) furnish thoughts or arguments for one or more communications for this paper, though only partially considered. No single individual or farm can produce everything necessary to either feed or clothe the human family. Yet it is important to diversify products, for the reason that to depend on any single crop often results in failure, as seasons and other circumstances change annually. Yet, to know how to make all you can, save all you can and market it to the best advantage is the duty of every planter, farmer, gardener, or fruit grower. Some crops require quick growth and careful and speedy marketing to make it profitable to produce them, while others require more time, less labor and will keep longer, with suitable building for storage. Consequently the marketing of such crops is a very important consideration in their production. Cotton, for instance, being the most valuable, financially speaking, and which may require a year to produce and market most profitably, will claim our attention for this article. For centuries this plant has been grown and manufactured to help clothe the human family under the most trying circumstances. More fortunes have been won and lost by the production and sales of this single farm product than any other known to the human family. It has done more to make millionaires and paupers than any other crop. And the producer, using a homely expression, has always had to hold on to the short end of the double tree. In plain English, his profit is the least, or more uncertain, than any of the dozen or more who handle it. While the broker and spinner get the lion's share every time, and those who use the manufactured articles foot the bills invariably. Within the last hundred years more knowledge has been gained and greater fortunes made and lost by handling this crop than any other article in the commercial world. For a scale of prices has been created, like Fahrenheit's thermometer, to run up and down with changes of the weather. The law of supply and demand is not in it at all. But to make the most money with the least labor is the Shibboleth of the hungry manipulators and gamblers that swarm all along the line between the planter and consumer. And there is but one remedy for the evil, i. e., to diversify crops and market them slowly by using the safest warehouse of ample dimensions, to safely hold all of one year's crop for remunerative prices, and curtail production till the demand shall call for what may be produced each year, at such figures as may be considered a fair remuneration, or quit the business and let somebody else become the fulcrum for the lever power.

DR. JNO. F. FOARD.
Statesville, N. C.

ANNUAL RECEPTION.

Westminster League of First Presbyterian Church Delightfully Entertains Faculty and Students of the College.

The Westminster League of the Presbyterian church has instituted the very praise-worthy custom of giving a reception to the faculty and students of Statesville college at the beginning of each scholastic year.

Last night the third annual reception took place in the auditorium and lecture room of the church.

Invitations were extended not only to the faculty and students but to all the members of the Presbyterian church and to those who attend services there regularly.

Receiving at the door were Misses Margaret Turner, president of the Miriams, Sarah Adams, vice president Rae Gill, secretary and Louise Sherrill treasurer. These were assisted by the officers of the Covenanters.

After a delightful social hour the guests were invited to the lecture room where Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Mamie Foster assisted by a number of boys and girls served delicious cream and cake. The supply seemed to be inexhaustible, so that even the small boy got all he could eat.

This event means much to the students and young people of the town, giving all an opportunity to know each other. It also shows the interest which the church takes in the college and all that pertains to it.

The leaders of the Westminster League should feel proud of the work it is doing. Dr. Phillips, superintendent of Young People's Work for the Southern Presbyterian church keeps in touch with every Presbyterian church within the south and says the Statesville League is the most flourishing one of which he was any knowledge, considering of course the size of the place and the membership of the church.

With the Sick.

Mr. J. Victor Heath has recovered from a severe attack of chills and fever and has gone to Danville, Va., where he has a position with the Z. V. Johnson & Co., which conducts a large drygoods store.

Mrs. H. H. Leinster continues quite ill at her home on Tradd street.

Mrs. W. E. Warren was taken suddenly ill at Hickory, where she was visiting, last week and her husband has gone there to be with her. A baby was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

Mr. Robert L. Reid and Miss Mollie Anderson were married last night at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Fox on Caldwell street.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. H. Pressly and occurred at 8 o'clock.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. Lewis Anderson and Mr. Reid is from Surry county.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

Mr. J. B. Glover is in Charlotte on business.

Mr. H. C. Wilson was in Charlotte last night, a guest at the Buford.

Mr. S. Moses left yesterday for an extended trip through the north.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Miller have returned from a visit at Davis Springs. M. S. M. C. Walters of Concord is visiting Mrs. G. W. Taylor on Tradd street.

Mr. H. H. Mills, of Lakeland, Fla., is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. L. Cowan on Walnut street.

Misses Sallie and Maggie Chunn have returned to Salisbury after a visit with Mr. Mrs. T. J. Allison.

Mr. Vance Norwood, publisher of The Mascot, returned last night from Charlotte where he went on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pool Carroll who were guests at Mrs. Ellen Wyckoff's returned to her home at Hamlet yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brown have returned to Salisbury after a visit at Mr. Brown's father's in Shiloh township.

Miss Mattie Morrison who has been the guest of Miss Annie Colvert for the past week left today for her home in Greensboro.

Miss Kate Knox has returned to her home at Barber's Junction after several days here and in the country with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Shurman of North Wilkesboro are guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. N. A. Bingham, in North Statesville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lazenby and their little son who have been visiting here for several days returned to their home in Salisbury today.

Mr. J. Bailey Robeson, editor of Mooresville Enterprise spent yesterday in the city. Mrs. Robertson and her young son, Master Palmer, are with Mrs. Robeson's parents in Wilmington.

Williams Comedy Co. at Opera House

The old favorites appeared at the Opera House, presenting "North Carolina Folks," the play dealing with the folks in Yancey county.

Ore is discovered on a barren farm which is immediately sold. The humble owners plunge into high life which is distasteful to "Sweet Esmeralda" and her father. Esmeralda is forcibly separated from her fiancé, who eventually becomes a rich man.

The play is new to our theater patrons and pleased a well filled house. Marie DeGafferly as Esmeralda sustained her reputation made here last season, and was supported by a very able cast.

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Mr. DeGafferly, the manager, guarantees this play to be perfectly chaste and moral, regardless of the subject with which it deals. All the disgusting features have been eliminated and it is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded.

Got a Second Dose.

Arthur White, colored, was in the mayor's court this morning charged with using profanity on West Broad street.

The offense was committed at about 8:45 o'clock last night and the prisoner was arrested on a warrant.

Among the witnesses against him was Lawyer Harry Burke. He was fined \$5 and costs.

While Chief of Police Connor was escorting him down Center street to find a man whom he said would pay the fine, White commenced to use "cuss" and other words and the chief returned with him to the mayor's office where an additional fine of \$2 was imposed. Both fines were paid.

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Bears at Taft Dinner

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Two Real Live Teddies Look on While Candidate Feasts—Mr. Taft Delivers Sixteen Speeches in Two States and His Voice Like His Logic is in Bad Shape.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 28.—Big crowds surrounded the Taft party wherever it stopped today in its course over the Great Northern Railroad through Minnesota and North Dakota.

The sixteen speeches which Taft delivered during the day and evening worked sad havoc with the voice he started out with this morning and tonight it is again in a bad condition.

The day had two features, the Grand Forks, N. D., meeting and the Fargo rally tonight. In both places tremendous crowds were out, and in each city the candidates made three speeches.

The Fargo meeting included the striking feature of a huge barbecue. Ten steers and twenty sheep furnished food for the multitudes. The feast was participated in by thousands of excursionists, who had come from as far as 450 miles distant.

It was just dark when the Taft special reached the end of its day's run, and the people of Fargo were out in force to extend the welcome. A torchlight procession made picturesque by the squad of mounted cowboys with their characteristic yells, escorted the Ohioan through the town and out to the fort.

It had been first planned that bear meat should be a part of the feast, but the two black bears, trapped some time ago and fattened on nuts for the occasion, calmly looked on at the feast of which they were to have been made a part.

They were chained to a table near where the candidate stood to eat his bread and meat and drink hot coffee from a cup. The bears were saved because of the sentiment that it would never do to have the candidate eat up the "real Teddy bear" as they were designated by a large sign over them.

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