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HON. W. W. KITCHIN

DELIVERS A STRONG AND IMPASSIONED ADDRESS AT MT. TIRZAH.

Shows Up Judge Adams' Record—Will Populists Allow Themselves to Be Sold Out?—Strong Plea For White Supremacy.

Hon. W. W. Kitchin candidate for Congress, on Monday spoke for nearly two hours to a large crowd at Mt. Tirzah.

His speech was received with marked attention and deep interest. After showing how the promised prosperity had failed to come, how cotton is to day more than \$12.00 a bale less than when McKinley was elected, and wheat 27 cents less per bushel than when he was inaugurated, and how extravagance had marked the career of the Republican party, he gave an account of his stewardship and advocated Democratic success. Among other things he said:

My first vote was for Bailey for speaker—always a strong silver man who in 1893 voted with Bland and Bryan against the unconditional repeal of the Sherman Law. No man attacks my record. It accords with our platform and my declarations to the people. Against a large republican majority I have advocated the right and protested against the wrong. For you I cast the vote of this District against the Dingley Bill which added millions of profits to the Republican trust manufacturers who largely contributed to Mark Hanna's campaign fund, without changing the tariff upon the cotton goods of the South.

I voted for the Teller Resolution declaring our bonds payable in silver as well as gold, while 180 Republicans voted against it. Only one Republican voted for it and he declared that he was opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver. I voted and spoke against the Internal Revenue fraud fund, which the Republicans increased to \$75000.

Without power to check or influence Republicans, the Democrats and Populists sustained them against a foreign power in responding to the President's war message. I voted and spoke against the war tax bill with its vexatious stamp taxes, increased tobacco tax, and bonds—every Republican present at its final passage voted in favor of these taxes and in favor of the bonds. I never cast a vote upon any question except in accordance with my best judgment and conscience.

This is known to every intelligent man who is informed upon my record, believed by every honest one, and doubted by demagogues alone. The Populists helped elect me before. My record entitles me to their unanimous support this year. Many of them tell me they will again support me against my McKinleyite opponent. If the people of the Populist party express themselves my record will be endorsed; but a trade has been made and I warn you that there is a probability of my opponent's name being put on the Populist ticket contrary to the wishes of the Populist people. No Populist free from prejudice can vote for my opponent. I have invited my opponent to all my appointments. On Sept. 5th, I asked for a joint campaign, in Roxboro Saturday he refused to divide time with me. Did he desire to avoid charges against

his party which cannot be answered? Did he wish to make charges which can be answered? He made them. Do Populists on one hand, think he is with them for silver and against trusts and for white supremacy?

Do Republican campaign contributors on the other hand think he is with them?

Do administration Republicans think he approves McKinley, and Gage and his National and State platforms? If for silver he should denounce them all.

He is the nominee of the only organization in the State that ever endorsed the single gold standard, of the only party whose Secretary of the Treasury ever proposed to commit our Country more thoroughly to the gold standard.

If he should be elected his first would be for single standard Reed for speaker, against a silver man. Two years hence he will vote for McKinley against Bryan as he did two years ago. Should the next Presidential election be thrown in the House and he hold the decisive vote he would vote for McKinley. He is not superior to Linney and Pearson who voted with their Republican associates on all administration measures.

If elected will he not vote just as would the distinguished and able Republican whom the Revenue powers helped him defeat for the nomination?

In his two hours speech Saturday he never declared his position upon these important matters.

He was once an Internal Revenue officer. For years he has been the most prominent Republican in Caswell county, having been clerk of the court several terms.

Twelve years ago the Republicans of Caswell elected him clerk and on his ticket they elected a negro to the Legislature. Ten and six years ago they elected a negro to the Legislature. Four years ago they elected him clerk and on his ticket they elected a negro to the Legislature. Two years ago they elected a negro County Commissioner in his County and several Justice of Peace.

These facts show his position upon the great State issues over which our people are struggling. For these and other reasons I contend, no Populist who is free—who owns his vote and loves his country, wants to vote for my opponent.

If he should vote with the Populists in Congress, Republicans would despise him. But he will vote with his Republican associates. Intelligent patriots know this and such Populists do not desire to and will not vote for him, but will repudiate the trade which they never authorized and to which they will never consent.

My Populist friend, if the Republicans should offer you \$5.00 for your vote you would be insulted. You would not trade your vote for cash. Is trading your vote for office for yourself or another better?

Is it better when your committee trades it for many offices?

A ballot should be free intelligent and patriotic.

A bought or traded ballot whether for money or office by Populists or their committee for a party or an individual whose political life is avowed hostility to the voter's convictions is wrong.

The fact that elsewhere Republicans are traded to Populists does

not affect it. Two wrongs does not make one right.

Where men agree in principle they should vote together in spite of the wrongs or errors of others.

You had the manhood to leave us when you thought our party was going astray. Can you not exert that manhood again and repudiate the deal by which your votes are transferred to the Republican party, with its trusts, single standard doctrines and negroism, with its national administration filled with wrong and oppression and its state administration marked with scandal incompetency and corruption?

My friends, you know that with Gov. Doughton and Mr. Daniels, I struggled at our State Convention to have a counter proposition offered to the Populists, but the Convention was against it. From all that section where Populists had always helped the Republicans, in many instances permitting numerous negro officials, the Democracy was practically a unit against cooperation. Our platform is the strongest silver platform ever adopted in this State, and our entire organization is committed to it. The assertion that our Convention was dominated by goldbugs and Southern Railroad attorneys is a gratuitous misrepresentation.

Eliminate every delegate suspected of such views, and then our convention was overwhelmingly against cooperation. No man who has made or circulated that assertion can name one tenth of the delegates to that convention who were single standard or railroad men. We have been criticized for not bolting. It never occurred to us to bolt. That convention represented four-fifths of the silver anti-trust, income tax, white supremacy men of North Carolina. Had a bolt occurred the Republican party would have carried this State and set its deadly fangs into our beloved commonwealth for the next twenty years, injecting its poisonous doctrines into the government of our children. In my opinion no man understanding the facts can condemn us for not dividing the Democratic forces unless he is a Republican at heart.

Patriot! when will you quit helping the Republican party? Will it be worse next year and disgust you? Can the Democracy have purer principles hereafter? Will there ever be greater necessity for white men voting together? Will you ever receive a gladder welcome? Will the lines between honesty and corruption, between respect and shame, between right and wrong be ever more sharply defined? Will the women and children of the State ever send out a greater cry of distress? Shall you again be the instrument by which Republicans shall succeed? Shall you lay aside your nobler impulses and yielding to prejudice put the happiness and prosperity of your selves and your children under the curse of Radicalism? I have no abuse for the negro. The ordinary negro prefers white officials. Even the negro politician who stirs up his race for the Republican party against us is not to be condemned as much as those few white Republicans who for personal gain encourage him.

Forty negro Justices of the Peace in New Hanover County, 26 in Craven, 31 in Edgecombe, 15 in Bertie, 16 in Granville, 7 in Caswell and others throughout eastern Carolina. Negro Deputy Sheriffs, Constables, Regis-

ter of Deeds, County Commissioners members of Boards of Education and school Committees to supervise white schools, Postmasters, Legislators, Town Commissioners and Policemen too numerous to mention. The colored man and white Republican first drew the color line. For twenty-five years they have not divided. Only an occasional honest and intelligent and courageous negro has voted against the Republican party, and received the criticism and ostracism of his fellows. At any election for the past twenty-five years had a negro held aloft a Democratic ticket at this precinct and announced his intention to vote it, except for the presence of white people, he would have been abused and driven from the polls by the worst element of the negroes, approved by the worst element of the white Republicans.

By pressure they have urged the negro to vote Republican because he is black. We recognize this fact and face the issue. If they can appeal to the negro to vote Republican because he is black, can we not appeal to the Anglo-Saxon to vote Democratic because he is white? Many white Republicans realizing that their party is not what it once was will vote with us and rebuke present conditions, for they have the same spirit that fills us, we have no abuse for them, we have a common cause and a common country, my friends. Let us lay aside, "every sin that doth so easily beset us," and come together in this campaign as men of different parties go together in the jury box in order to find the truth and act upon it.

Two years ago, Major Guthrie the noblest Roman ever holding their commission was condemned by some Populists because he antagonized Republican candidates. Hon. W. F. Stroud whose pure and patriotic public service showed that his sword was not at the command of Republicans, in deference to Republican influence has been defeated in convention, Hon. A. C. Shuford's Congressional record forbade his final capture by Republicans, and their influence defeated him in convention.

Republicans will not build up the influence of a man unless he is pledged against Democracy. As all roads led to Rome, so all Republican contracts lead to the Republican party. You can not follow them in safety, conscience demands that you avoid them.

Can you advocate the people's interest and serve the trusts? Can you favor true principles and serve the enemy's leaders. "No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other."

My Populist friend, You hold the balance of power, and on you rests as great responsibility as voters ever have. Shall prejudice or patriotism guide you? Shall you build up or only destroy? Shall conscience keep you or shall hate lead you? Shall Populist leaders who hold their position by virtue of Republican votes in the last campaign and whose future depends upon Republicans compel you to a course of error, "and force you to bow the knee to Baal?" Remember that like Demetrius who made shrines for Diana and opposed Paul, it is by such craft they have their living. Shall you turn a deaf ear to the whispering voice of truth and right and be ca-

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ried away by a storm of abuse and disappointment? As you see yourself by your executive committees bound to Republicans year after year, you may exclaim in the language of the apostle, "who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Your own manhood and mind must break the ties that bind. Like sleeping Sampson bound with new cords, your locks have not been shorn. You hear the cry, "The Phillistines are upon you." Let the spirit of right kindled by the love of country arouse your sleeping energies, and the new cords with which you are bound will fall from your arms and again you will bear aloft the banner of principle and patriotism above party and prejudice.

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THE STATE FAIR.

EDITORS OF COURIER—The State Fair will be held next month, in Raleigh from October 24th to 29th. I hope that the people of the County will send down a good exhibit of tobacco, corn, wheat, oats, and in addition to the Agricultural products, hogs, cattle, sheep.

The ladies can do a great deal to help the Fair, and I am sure they will do so, there are many things to be found in the Premium List which they can send to the Fair.

I am certain that there are old relics, such as guns, swords, fifes, drums, used in the Revolution, Mexican and Civil War, which the old soldiers have and can send to the Fair.

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