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GRAVEN FARMERS IN GOOD SHAPE

Raise Less of so Called Money Crops and More Stock and Feedstuffs.

BUYING VERY LITTLE MEAT

Instead of That They Are Bringing It to Market and Getting Good Price.

For the past year or more the Farmers' Unions all over the country have been urging the farmers to raise more corn, wheat and oats and devote less of their time and land to growing the customary money crops, such as cotton and tobacco. That the farmers in Craven county have heeded this request is evidenced by the fact that the hay and grain dealers in this city, who supply the wants of practically every farmer in the county, say that their trade in these articles has greatly decreased during the past few months and that the amount of feedstuffs being sold at this time is not near as large as at the same time during last year.

Another noticeable thing is that the farmers are now buying but little meat but rather are bringing it in for sale. A few years ago it was not an unusual thing to see a farmer come to the city, go to a grocery store or wholesale dealer and buy one or two hundred pounds of hog meat. This condition was brought about by the fact that they paid but little attention to raising hogs. Every week there are now brought to New Bern many hundreds of pounds of meat and sold to dealers and consumers. The farmers receive a good price for this meat and also do not have to purchase that which they use for their own consumption.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR T. R.

Colonel Has Been Drawing \$12.50 A Week Since He Was Shot.

New York, Nov. 8.—Accident insurance in the sum of \$12,500 a week has been paid to Colonel Roosevelt since the attack upon him in Milwaukee, Wis.

It would have been \$125 a week but for the good luck of the company in cutting down the size of the policy from \$25,000 to \$2,500 a short time before the Colonel reached the Socialist centre.

Ten accident insurance companies originally shared the Roosevelt \$25,000 policy, issued in June, 1910, shortly after Colonel Roosevelt returned from Africa. The former President was at that time comparatively quiet politically. The policy is said to have been made payable to the Outlook Company, which concern had first lien upon the Roosevelt services. Then came 1912 and the rigors of the big campaign just closed.

For several years the accident insurance companies have made a practice of refusing to insure active public men, particularly the more prominent ones, fear of their assassination being the compelling reason. Nine of the companies dropped out of the Roosevelt risk, leaving one Casualty Company in—the Missouri Fidelity and Casualty Company, of Springfield, Mo.

DIES IN JAIL.

Several days ago William Hays, one of the colored convicts on the Craven county chain gang, was taken ill with an attack of malarial fever. He was brought to New Bern and placed in jail and medical attention rendered him by the county physician. His condition grew steadily worse and Friday night he succumbed to the disease. As his relatives did not appear to take charge of the body, it was sent to the medical department of the State University for dissection.

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IN FAVOR OF AN EXTRA SESSION

Democratic Congressmen Arriving in Washington Want Tar-iff Revised.

UNDERWOOD DECLARES FOR IT

The Bryan Following in Congress Stands With Underwood in This Matter.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Democratic Congressmen now arriving in Washington are in favor of an extra session of Congress next spring to revise the tariff schedules downward.

Representatives John N. Garner and William R. Smith, of Texas, arrived here today, and both announced positively for the extra session.

The declaration of Oscar W. Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has strengthened the extra session sentiment, and opinion is growing in Washington that congress will be called to meet some time next spring after President-elect Wilson takes up his duties at the White House.

The Bryan following in Congress stands with Chairman Underwood in his declaration for an early reform of the tariff. One of Mr. Bryan's closest friends in the House reached Washington today and said the extra session should be called. This man is also close to Governor Wilson and said he did not care to be quoted by the press until he has talked with the president-elect.

The fact that Mr. Underwood has announced for an extra session program creates the belief in Washington that it is practically settled one will be called. It is declared that Governor Wilson and Mr. Underwood understand each other on the tariff, and the latter would have hardly given out his statement had he not known the wishes of the man who is to take up the eladership of the Democratic party in the White House next March.

FINANCIERS ARE CHEERFUL

Say Business Interests Will Be Safe Under Wilson.

Washington, Nov. 7.—A Democratic administration at Washington holds no terrors for financiers and business men of the District, according to interviews given out today.

The statement of Charles C. Glover, president of the Riggs National Bank, is typical:

"I have never felt less pessimistic as to the business future than now. I am delighted that with President-elect Wilson there will come in a Democratic Senate and Democratic House. This will mean that the responsibilities of government will be solely upon the Democrats. And responsibilities brings a conservation on business lines that cannot be overestimated.

"Mr. Wilson has made a favorable impression on people of all classes. He will be confronted by terrific pressure from the most radical element of his party to turn things topsy-turvy, but I am absolutely confident that whatever overturning he may attempt will be with the country's best interests at heart, and that the business world may feel safe to go forward with its work of progress."

John Joy Edson, president of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, expressed much the same statement:

"I am not personally acquainted with Governor Wilson, but I am satisfied that he will make one of the best Presidents we have ever had. He has a reputation as a conservative man, and the business interests of the country will undoubtedly be safe under him."

UNDERTAKES HUGE DRAINAGE SCHEME

John L. Roper Company Plans to Reclaim Over Half Million Acres of Land.

TO CONVERT IT INTO FARMS

Territory Includes a Large Part of Dare, Tyrrell, and Hyde Counties.

Norfolk Nov. 9.—Reclaiming hundreds of miles of swamp land in Eastern North Carolina and converting it into fertile farms is the mammoth project just inaugurated by the John L. Roper Lumber Company. The territory comprises all of the area between Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds including a large part of Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde counties and consists of more than half a million acres.

Never before has such a tremendous project been attempted in this country and when completed will add to the nation's productive area thousands of acres of the richest soil.

C. G. Elliott an expert engineer formerly employed by the government, has been engaged by the lumber company to carry the drainage proposition to a finish. Mr. Elliott began work on November 1.

Tons of gigantic machinery have already been ordered and much of it is on the way to the scene of operations. Enormous steam shovels, dredges, pumps and other equipment is included in the contract which went to a big machine company in Chicago.

One of the greatest engineering feats included in the work will be the draining of Lake Mattamuskeet, in Hyde county, a sheet of shallow water 48,000 acres in area which surrounds some of the richest farming land in the Old North State.

Adding to the development of this territory, the Norfolk Southern railroad is preparing to extend its lines, having already secured rights of way and for the greater part of the route having graded its course, through the heart of the new section.

Extensions will probably be made from Columbia in Tyrrell county and from Belhaven across through Hyde county. Certain it is that the Norfolk Southern contemplates invading this newly opened land as soon as conditions will permit.

Draining Lake Mattamuskeet is the biggest piece of individual work contemplated in the project. To accomplish this huge pump with a capacity of 75,000 gallons per minute will be employed and with this tremendous pressure at work the vast sheet of water, which covers an area almost as large as the whole Princess Anne county will be pumped dry within a short time.

A dyke will be built entirely around the lake and a canal eight or ten miles in length will be made allowing the water to flow off into Pamlico sound. The beauty of this piece of work is that when completed it will present an unbroken field without so much as a tree to be cleared. The land bordering on this lake is famed for its productive qualities, comprising some of the finest soil in the country.

It has been conclusively demonstrated that it will yield large crops of cotton, wheat and garden truck. For years farms have been producing great crops and the quality of the soil is such that artificial fertilization is unnecessary.

The United States Government has already been over most of the territory in these three counties and made preliminary surveys under expert supervision, and has been pronounced full of wonderful possibilities.

C. I. Millard, president and general manager of the Roper Lumber Company, said yesterday that never before has such a project been undertaken in this country by private capital.

"We do not know the real possibilities of this land," said Mr. Millard. "In fact it is hard to appreciate the wonderful productiveness of this soil. For years small farms have been operating in this section and their yield has been marvelous, but under the arrangement proposed in our project we expect to develop even greater possibilities that the most sanguine mind has conceived."

CONSIGNS KITCHIN TO THE POLITICAL SHADES.

When Senator Simmons addressed the voters of this city last Thursday night, the platform on which he stood had as a background a large arch illuminated with many small incandescent lights. The arch which was used for this purpose had on former occasions been used at the Elks' Memorial exercises and had the words "In Memoriam" painted across the top. These had been covered by a strip of cloth and suitable sentences for Senator Simmons painted on them. Yesterday some was removed this strip and just underneath wrote the words "Kitchin." Later all who passed the court house were surprised when they read the inscription which was as follows, "In Memoriam—Kitchin."

GRAVEN COUNTY'S IMPROVED ROADS

State Geologist Says County is Losing One Hundred Thousand Dollars Annually.

URGES ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Many Miles of Roads Have Recently Been Improved—State Highway Progressing.

In a report recently issued by the State Geologist he states that Craven county has three hundred and fifty miles of public roads and that only seventeen miles of this is improved road, leaving a balance of three hundred and thirty three miles unimproved. After careful computation it is found that the annual loss to the county because of these unimproved roads is in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand dollars.

Going further in his report Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the State Geologist, says:

"A number of towns and individuals in Craven county have pledged themselves for money and labor in connection with the rebuilding certain roads leading from New Bern to points in Beaufort County; but aside from what has been done on the Central Highway, the county has not made any advance steps in road building during the past year. Craven County could undoubtedly obtain a good system of sand-clay roads by the issuance of \$200,000 to \$300,000 worth of bonds which could be easily supported and retired by the county, without any increase of taxation."

Since Dr. Pratt wrote the above report the Craven county Commissioners have had the county convicts at work on many of the roads and the total number of miles of improved road has been increased above that shown in his report. In addition to this much work is being done on the roads all over the county and within the next year it is believed that the total number of miles of good roads will amount to more than one hundred. The Central Highway through the county will also be completed by this time.

AT ARMAGEDDON.

(Wilmington Star.) We stand at Armageddon and view the landscape o'er. The field is strewn with wreckage as it never was before; The elephant and moose are numbered 'mong the slain. And the Third Termer's dead as Hector ne'er to rise again. Let the people sing a psalm for the battle they have won, And stand by Woodrow Wilson, the Republic's mighty son; He'll sail the Ship of State and will steer for Uncle Sam, And keep all the sailors straight with commanding epigram.

TAUGHT WILSON

Interesting Story of President-elect's School Days in Wilmington. Joliet, Ill., Nov. 7.—John C. Baker, of Manhattan, was the happiest man in Will county over the election of Woodrow Wilson to the Presidency because it fulfilled a prediction made by his sister, Mrs. Mary Russell, more than 40 years ago.

Mrs. Russell was Mr. Wilson's teacher when he was 10 years old in Tlleston School, Wilmington, N. C., and at the time predicted that the boy some day would be President. She died three years ago at Leesville, N. C., at the age of 84.

As a token of his esteem, Mr. Wilson presented his teacher with a little fretwood picture frame, which is now in the Baker home. Mrs. Russell watched Mr. Wilson grow to fame, and with each advance changed the picture in the frame. When she gave the frame to her brother she remarked: "You will want to keep this, for when he gets to be president you will be very proud of it."

Baker said that Wilson's father, Rev. Joseph Wilson, visited him at Manhattan at the time his son published his first book, and said: "Well, I don't see where Woodrow gets his smartness."

WILMINGTON MEN DEFRAUDED.

Loss \$25,000 By Wire-Tapping Swindle—Three Under Arrest.

New York, Nov. 7.—On the complaint of Dr. J. W. Powell and Curby Cleveland Sidbury, a lawyer, both of Wilmington, N. C., the New York police yesterday arrested two men on a charge of having defrauded the Southerners out of \$25,000 through a wire-tapping swindle. Sidbury identified one of the prisoners as a man who posed as a telegraph company official. The lawyer says he lost \$22,000.

The prisoners gave the names of "Charles Daly" and "Frank Graham." The police have them booked, however, as Charles H. and Frank Gordon, notorious for years as swindlers.

MANY AVAILABLE FOR THE CABINET

No End to the Booms Started by the Friends of the Various Possibilities.

TWO PORTFOLIOS FOR SOUTH

But in All the Sections There is An Abundance of Suitable Material.

Washington, Nov. 8.—As it has always done with newly elected presidents, Washington is already picking Governor Wilson's Cabinet for him. That he will recognize the South with two and perhaps three portfolios seems assured. President Cleveland did this by the appointment of Hillary Herbert, Lucius Q. C. Lamar and Hoke Smith to Cabinet berths.

To meet this expected demand, the South is pointing to many favored sons. Texas would like to see either Congressman Robert L. Henry of Albert Burleson named; Virginia offers Edwin A. Alderman, president of its university; Representative James Hay, former Congressman H. St. George Tucker and Congressman elect A. J. Montague, while Louisiana comes forward with National Committeeman Robert Ewing and North Carolina selects Josephus Daniels.

In the East there is a wealth of material. Massachusetts, the home of Richard Olney, today has its Louis Brandeis; New York is no less provided with available candidates. That State is the home of Chairman William F. McCombs, Vice-Chairman McAdoo, Samuel Undermyer and Norman Haggood. All of them have been Wilson men from the beginning.

The Far West has produced Rudolph Spreckels and Governor Burke, of South Dakota, a one-time candidate for the Vice-presidential nomination. The middle West has its Harvey W. Wiley, now transplanted to Washington; Robert M. LaFollette, William Jennings Bryan and a host of others.

Mayor Baker, of Cleveland, who figured conspicuously in the Baltimore convention; Henry Morgenthau, of New York, chairman of the Wilson finance committee, and Senator O'Gorman, of New York, are being "mentioned" as possibilities.

From this array of Democratic leaders Governor Wilson might easily find enough figures to fill all the Cabinet offices. Aside from Mr. Bryan, there is not one who has been named who would refuse a place in the next Cabinet, it is believed.

While Colonel Bryan has been suggested again and again by his friends for Secretary of State, it is a fact that he has told a good many people he would accept no appointive position under Wilson's administration or any other. There is reason to believe, too, that Governor Wilson is personally acquainted with the fact.

For Attorney General there are plenty of able Democratic lawyers. Samuel Undermyer, of New York; Louis Brandeis, of Boston, and Senator O'Gorman are in this list. Governor Harman, of Ohio, who held this position under Cleveland, had been mentioned for it again, but his age would probably eliminate him, if he did not eliminate himself.

Dr. Wiley or Congressman Burleson would be entirely willing to succeed Secretary James Wilson at the head of the Department of Agriculture.

Many people believe Wilson could not do better than appoint James Hay, of the House of Military Affairs Committee, to be Secretary of War. Powerful army influences will be brought to bear upon the President-elect to do this.

Novody, so far as Washington hears, has been proposed specially for the Secretaryship of the Navy.

McCombs, McAdoo and Daniels have been proposed for the Post-master Generalship. The Postoffice Department has become the biggest business institution in the Government, and a strong business man is needed to run it.

A number of leaders would cheerfully accept the Secretaryship of the Interior Department. National Committeeman Fred Lynch, of Minnesota, is among them. So is Josephus Daniels, who was private secretary to Hoke Smith when the latter held the job. So is Representative Henry, of Texas.

For head of the Department of Commerce and Labor Louis Brandeis and Norman Haggood, both distinguished sociologists, are proposed.

It is known by all of Governor Wilson's friends that he is trying to find the ablest business man in the party for the Secretaryship of the Treasury. Morgenthau might be chosen.

MANY SWEET POTATOES.

Mr. Daniel Lane, one of Craven county's most successful farmers, was in the city Friday attending to some business matters. Mr. Lane stated that the farmers in his section were very busily engaged just at this time in getting in their crop of sweet potatoes. This, he said, was larger this season than before in many years and that in addition to this the prices were better than usual.

BOARD MEETS TO CANVASS RETURNS

Large Number of Candidates Were Voted on, Making The Count Very Tedious.

MEETING PROLONGED TILL LATE

The Full Democratic Vote in County Not Very Far From Two Thousand.

The Craven county Board of Canvassers and the Democratic Executive Committee met at the court house in this city yesterday at noon for the purpose of canvassing the returns from the election and Senatorial primary. Owing to the fact that the State, county and national election were held at the same time, the returns were large and much time was necessarily consumed in getting the totals and filling the reports. Until late last night several members of the Canvassing Board were engaged in this task.

In the senatorial contest the total vote in the twenty precincts in the county was as follows: Simmons 1658, Kitchin 209 and Clark 62. The vote by precincts follows:

Maple Cypress—Simmons 49, Kitchin 2, Clark 1.

Vanceboro—Simmons 123, Kitchin 42, Clark 24.

Traits—Simmons 63, Kitchin 0, Clark 3.

Bridgeton—Simmons 83, Kitchin 2, Clark 1.

Taylor's Store—Simmons 22, Kitchin 0, Clark 0.

Lee's Farm—Simmons 35, Kitchin 7, Clark 0.

First Ward—Simmons 140, Kitchin 9, Clark 1.

Second Ward—Simmons 370, Kitchin 10, Clark 6.

Third Ward—Simmons 202, Kitchin 4, Clark 4.

Fourth Ward—Simmons 150, Kitchin 4, Clark 4.

Bern Precinct—Simmons—30, Kitchin 0, Clark 0.

Tisdale—Simmons 22, Kitchin 0, Clark 0.

Dover—Simmons 48, Kitchin 57, Clark 3.

Fort Barawell—Simmons 64, Kitchin 44, Clark 3.

Cove City—Simmons 60, Kitchin 16, Clark 8.

Jasper—Simmons 98, Kitchin 8, Clark 0.

Gum Row—Simmons 8, Kitchin 0, Clark 0.

Ernuls—Simmons 63, Kitchin 0, Clark 5.

Beech Grove—Simmons 20, Kitchin 0, Clark 5.

Thurman—Simmons 18, Kitchin 1, Clark 1.

In the results for Governor, Craig received 1860 votes from the twenty precincts, Meares 152 and Settle 105. Giving Craig a majority of 1603 votes in the county.

For President, Wilson received 1819, Taft 89 and Roosevelt 204, giving Wilson a majority over his opponents of 1526 votes.

In the election for county officers on the Democratic and on the Republican tickets all of the former were victorious by a large majority. The combined county vote on each follows:

	Democrat	Republican
Clerk	1946	147
Surveyor	1932	151
Reg. Deeds	1943	146
Sheriff	1944	151
Treasurer	1937	134
Coroner	1934	151

TO BRING MORE HOME SEEKERS

Seventh Party of Western Farmers Will Probably Arrive in December.

COME BY NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Descriptive Matter Being Sent Now To Prospective Tourists

The Land and Immigration Department of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company is making preparations to bring another party of western home seekers to North Carolina. This will be the seventh party of westerners brought to this section by this company. On each of the former occasions the visitors were well pleased with what they saw and learned and several of them have moved from their western homes to this State.

Mr. B. E. Rice is in charge of this department of the road and he is an untiring hustler. On his last trip through this section and while in New Bern he stated that the company was doing all within its power to aid in developing this country by bringing these men to look the land over with a view of settling and that so far the results have been more than gratifying.

The tour will start at Cincinnati, O., and descriptive matter is now being sent out to prospective tourists. From Cincinnati the party will be taken to Norfolk and from there brought on down through North Carolina, stopping at every prominent point along the road between Norfolk and Beaufort. At each place, as on former occasions the visitors will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce or some other public organization.

The exact date of this seventh home-seekers' excursion has not been announced, but it will probably be during the first week in December.

FLAT OVERTURNS.

While the tug Margaret was towing a flat loaded with lumber across Neuse river from Bridgeton to this city yesterday morning, the flat overturned and several thousand feet of the lumber went overboard. The cargo was being brought over to the Neuse Lumber Company. The crew at once went to work and succeeded in recovering the part of the cargo that had been lost.

ALLEN JURY DISMISSED.

Prospective Juror Had Discussed Case in Presence of Others.

Wytheville, Va., Nov. 8.—After a jury had been secured in the Wythe county Circuit Court here today for the trial of Sylvia Allen on an indictment charging him with the murder of Judge Thornton L. Massie, the defense moved that the jury be dismissed. Immediately the prosecution joined in the request, and the court so ordered. Another venire of 50 men will be summoned from Grayson county.

In the examination of prospective jurors it developed that one of them had discussed the case in the presence of the others and this was apparently the reason for the motion of the defense to dismiss the jury first selected. Court adjourned until Monday.

Official returns from Beaufort county show the total vote for each of the candidates as follows:

Senatorial ticket, Simmons 967, Kitchin 428, Clark 355.

Presidential ticket, Wilson 1605, Roosevelt 548, Taft 285, Debs 61.

Gubernatorial ticket, Craig 1825, Meares 482, Settle 293, Hodges, Socialist, 72.

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