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## SPEECHES OF COUNTY CANDIDATES AT KERNERSVILLE ON OCT. 17.

**Democratic Nominees Made Splendid Impression and Aroused Enthusiasm--County Commissioners Strickland and Harmon Defended Record of Present Board in Effective Manner. Their Speeches Bringing Forth Liberal Applause--Candidates Deliver Telling Blows--An Effective Day's Work For Cause of Democracy--Speeches at Other Townships the Past Week.**

The second day of the campaign by Democratic candidates found them in the prosperous little city of Kernersville, where seventy-five or eighty persons greeted them in Willis' Hall. The candidates, especially those not known to the public speech-making, were warmly welcomed and they are making most favorable impression everywhere. Perhaps never before have the farmers been more busy than they are at the present time. Very little wheat has been planted thus far and the farmers are taking every opportunity to get the wheat in. On rainy days their tobacco is being stripped. In fact, many are too busy to come to the discussions, though they are out to their candidates as they were by that they will be on hand November 6 and see that the ticket is elected by an overwhelming majority.

At Kernersville, Oct. 17 Dr. E. F. Strickland and Mr. D. W. Harmon, candidates for re-election as county commissioners, were present and made speeches defended their official record. That they did this to the satisfaction of all was evidenced by the hearty applause they received at the conclusion of their speeches.

Mr. Plinix to the Front.

Mr. J. W. Plinix, an old line Democrat who has been in the foremost ranks of Forsyth's Democracy for years, presided over the meeting, introducing each candidate in a most happy style. He had a good word for them and urged his hearers to stand about their standard-bearers as the Democrats should do.

Messrs. Transou, Ziglar, Beck and Kitchin announced their candidacies in a few appropriate words, thanking the voters for past kindness and asking them to stand by the ticket on November 6.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPEAK

Messrs. Strickland and Harmon Defended the Record of Present Board and Show What It Has Done For the County During the Past Two Years. Mr. Harmon Makes Personal Plea.

Dr. E. F. Strickland, one of the candidates for re-election as county commissioner, was the next speaker. He did not ask for the nomination, but the Democratic party saw fit to nominate him and he would do his power to perform the duties of the office to the best interests of the county as a whole.

Dr. Strickland is a graceful as well as interesting speaker and throughout his ten-minute speech every one in the audience bent forward as if eager to catch every word.

Among other things he said: "When the present commissioners came into office there was a debt of \$21,000, made by a former board. We have paid this debt and today the county does not owe a cent. We have built a road of \$25,000, a county home for the poor and aged people that is a credit to Forsyth county. We have constructed more permanent roads than any previous board, notwithstanding that during the past summer the work was seriously delayed by the unusual rains. We have done the best we could for the dirt roads and if we have failed it is not our fault, as every man of you will admit that we could do no better with the weather we have had."

In conclusion Dr. Strickland said if the present board were re-elected it would continue to work for the best interests of the people and perform all the duties to the best of their ability.

Mr. Harmon Makes Personal Plea.

Mr. D. W. Harmon, candidate for re-election as county commissioner, followed Dr. Strickland in a short speech. His remarks were practically the same as those of Dr. Strickland, and in conclusion he addressed his fellow townsmen in particular. Mr. Harmon said he knew the people of Kernersville did not agree with him on the Kernersville school question. "Gentlemen," said Mr. Harmon, "I have no apology to make for the stand I have taken on this question. On the contrary I am proud that I have taken the stand. If you are against me and will not vote for me, then I beg you to vote for the remainder of the ticket and elect it, so that our grand old county will continue to enjoy good government and happiness."

Messrs. Strickland and Harmon received much applause at the conclusion of their speeches.

### MR. COX MAKES FINE SPEECH.

Messrs. There Should Be Remedy for Trust Evil and Ridicule the Republican Cry of Prosperity--Says Republican Success Means That the Negro Will Again Become a Factor in Politics.

Mr. R. M. Cox, the junior candidate for the legislature, made a fine speech yesterday. He is warming up to the fight and surprised all his friends in yesterday's effort.

Mr. Cox began his speech by referring to the Republican cry of prosperity. He declared that there was prosperity in this country to a certain extent, but this prosperity was all going to the classes and not to the great mass of people. He referred to the price of tobacco, saying that while the price may have advanced some during the past few years yet the necessities of life have advanced in price more than had tobacco. He said there was a remedy for the trust evil and if there were no laws now on the statute books that could regulate these great combinations, then he was in favor of enacting the needed legislation. "Give us a Democratic Congress and a Democratic president and I guarantee you will find a remedy," declared Mr. Cox, who predicted that the people would not forever submit to the open defiance of the law by these great corporations and their millionaire directors.

Mr. Cox also touched on the negro question. He declared that the negro question is not settled and never will be; that so long as there is a Republican party in North Carolina leaders of that party will make every endeavor to again place the ballot in the hands of the ignorant negro voter; that Republican leaders are too fond of office not to accept such a chance to further their selfish interests at the expense of decent government.

Mr. Cox reiterated his position previously given in these columns regarding county affairs and in conclusion promised to support every measure that has for its object the upbuilding of Forsyth county and North Carolina.

### MR. CARTER'S SPEECH.

**Says North Carolina Should Look After Her Unfortunates--Favors Reduction of Poll Tax if Same Can Be Done--Defends State Administration.**

Mr. W. T. Carter, candidate for the legislature, is suffering from a bad cold, nevertheless he made a vote-winning speech yesterday.

Mr. Carter said that the nomination came to him as a surprise, as he was not in the convention, but declared that he deeply appreciated the honor conferred upon him by his fellow Democrats and urged them to rally about the ticket and elect it by a handsome majority.

In the discharge of the duties of a legislator he will have as his ambition the best interests of all the people. He will represent no clique and will work and vote for those measures which he deems most beneficial to his fellowmen. Mr. Carter declared that he was heartily in favor of the State making ample provision for her insane, her blind, her deaf and dumb and if the present institutions were inadequate for caring for those seeking admission therein, he was in favor of enlarging those institutions.

Mr. Carter said his Republican opponent was promising a reduction in the poll tax should he be elected. "I am in favor of such a reduction," said Mr. Carter, "if such a reduction can be wisely made, but it requires money to conduct everything successfully and we would have to be very careful in this matter."

Mr. Carter defended the present Democratic State administration. He ridiculed the Republican accusation that the Democratic party had been extravagant in the expenditure of the school moneys in this State and quoted figures to show that the charge was without foundation.

On county matters Mr. Carter said he endorsed the road commission idea and believed it would be satisfactory to all the people of the county.

### MR. BUXTON'S SPEECH.

**Discusses Trusts, Railroads, County Affairs, State Administrations and Incidentally Tells The Kernersville People That They Must Settle Their Differences Among Themselves.**

When Mr. Buxton ascended the platform to make his speech he was greeted with much applause, and he put his audience in an even better humor by referring to the low ceiling, saying it was not his desire to "hit the ceiling" this early in the campaign at least.

Mr. Buxton's speech in the main was along the same lines as that of the previous day, an outline of which was given in these columns yesterday. Nevertheless he discussed several other issues and time and again was applauded.

**Contrasts Democratic and Republican Administration of State Affairs.**

Mr. Buxton took up the Russell administration in North Carolina and compared it with that of the Democratic. He told of the scandals that marked the reign of Republicanism in North Carolina from 1896 to 1898, and charged Russell and Butler with being responsible for the Dakota bond scandal, saying that those two men were alone responsible for the State having to pay \$250,000 to bondholders, Russell and Butler getting a big "rake off" as attorneys. He said he was proud that no scandal had marked the administration of State government since the Democrats came into power.

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## BLIZZARD DOES MUCH DAMAGE

**Great Loss of Life Feared as Result of One Raging in Rocky Mountain Region.**

Thousands of Sheep and Cattle Perish in Storm Raging in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah--Destructive Fire at Salt Lake City.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 22.—Scores of sheep-herders, cattlemen and farmers were caught in worst blizzard that has swept Rocky Mountain region in years. It is feared there has been great loss of life. It is known that thousands of sheep and cattle perished in storm that is raging in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah. Railways are seriously blocked. In Utah snow was swept along by the hurricane that did great damage. In addition fire destroyed the Utah Packing Co.'s plant at Salt Lake City. The loss was \$250,000.

### REPUBLICANS' DECEPTION OF IGNORANT VOTERS.

The question is often asked why the Republicans have stopped meeting Democrats in joint debate. There is but one answer: Either the Republicans are conscious of the weakness of their cause when the light of truth is turned on, or they see that their only hope is to deceive the ignorant voter with all sorts of tales, knowing that the ignorant voter is generally easily prejudiced and never reads and will not give a Democrat a chance to refute their argument or dispute their tales.

Republicans feel that if they can get an ignorant man full of prejudice keep him away from Democratic speakings they have got him yoked up. Notice how they get their little band together whenever a Democrat is going to speak. Last Tuesday night in Winston-Salem was an example. They knew it was dangerous to allow their voters to hear Congressman Kitchin. Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Kitchin's opponent, was afraid to meet him and refused to meet him after being challenged in joint debate. The question with the Republicans was, How shall we prevent our voters from hearing Mr. Kitchin? They decided to have a meeting just across the street where they hooked-in some of their boys and held them fast until Mr. Kitchin's speech was about over.

It seems any man with eyes could see this, but blind prejudice still rules in the minds of many.

## TWO BOYS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE

Two boys whose names were not learned had a narrow escape from drowning Saturday. They were on the flat attempting to cross the Yadkin river at Shoals, when the cable broke. The flat floated down the river, which was greatly swollen as a result of excessive rains. The boys after going down the stream for half a mile or more, managed to steer the flat near the bank, and thereby escaped.

Many of their friends knew that the boys could not swim, therefore there was intense excitement in the neighborhood until it was known that the young men were safe. The flat, it is presumed, is still floating.

## REV. GEO. E. HUNT OUT OF POLITICS FOR GOOD

Rev. Geo. E. Hunt, pastor of St. Paul's M. P. church at Greensboro, went to Pleasant Hill, Yadkin county, today to conduct a protracted meeting. A few years ago when Populism was cutting a wide swath in North Carolina, Rev. Mr. Hunt was an active politician in Davidson county. He was elected State senator.

"I went into politics thinking I could reform it, but I soon found out that this was out of the question and I got out," said the reverend this morning. The Greensboro pastor reported that there had been 165 conversions and 70 accessions to his church this year.

### A SPLENDID CHANCE.

It is seldom that a county has the opportunity to have a Senator such as Hon. J. C. Buxton, one who can take care of its interests on all occasions. He was no candidate for the nomination. He accepted it with reluctance and at a great financial sacrifice.

He is making a great campaign and Democrats should see to it that he gets every vote possible.

Portner's Halfbrau is the beer for the luncheon and dinner table. It aids digestion. If dyspeptic, just try a bottle with your meals, and drink and eat slowly.

## MORE DETAILS ABOUT STORM

**Quite a Number of People Lost Their Lives in Boats at Sea.**

Others Had Narrow Escapes While Out in Boats Along The Florida Coast--Governor Brouvard Replies To President Roosevelt's Telegram Offering National Aid, Saying He Will Let Him Know if Anything Is Needed After Making Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Weather Bureau this morning received the following dispatch from Florida: "From Miami south along the keys were hundreds of men employed in building Florida East Coast Railway. The storm and high seas did great damage. Many lives were reported lost. Reports say eighty laborers on one living boat and thirty-one passengers on steamer are known to be lost. Many were washed off low keys and drifted to sea in house boats. Two steamers are reported here as having picked up a house-boat crew at sea."

**Governor Brouvard's Telegram.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—President Roosevelt this morning received the following telegram from Governor Brouvard, of Florida, in response to his message of sympathy with people of Florida in regard to storm disaster: "I express sincere thanks of people of Florida for your expression of sympathy and sincerely thank you for offer of national aid in any practicable way. Will advise you further after investigating the matter."

### KEY WEST, Fla., Oct. 21.—Survivors from one of the house boats of the Florida East Coast Railway extension along the keys tells a harrowing tale of death and destruction during the storm of Thursday.

W. P. Dusenbury, civil engineer in charge of the work on Long Key, who miraculously escaped death, arrived here on the Russian steamer Jennie, among other survivors rescued. He says house boat No. 4, on which were 150 men was struck by the storm at 5 o'clock Thursday morning and was driven out into the Gulf through Tawks' Channel. At 6 o'clock the house boat began to break up, and as the great waves hit her men, singly and in bunches of two or three, would be washed into the sea and drowned. Some went below for protection, but when the top of the boat was carried away the waves rushed in and the boat soon went to pieces, 30 or 40 of the men being crushed into the collapse, the others grabbing timbers to save them from drowning. Engineer Dusenbury was in the hold, but succeeded in getting a log and floated until Friday night, when he was rescued. On one piece of timber 16 men were clinging and were hanging to another. The side of the house boat was crowded with men. It turned over over three times, each time reducing the number.

The Russian steamer Jennie sighted the wreckage and succeeded in rescuing the 49 men who were brought here. Three other steamers with search lights were picking up dead and living when the Jennie left the scene.

There were in all 10 boats at Long Key, mortar mixers, dredges and other boats engaged in the work.

The survivors were furnished food and clothing from the East Coast Railway commissary here and were given medical attention. The extension work of the railway along the keys was not damaged.

### FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF MR. BLACKBURN.

Mr. Shore, one of the Republican candidates for the legislature in this county, is an ardent friend and admirer of Mr. E. Spencer, Blackburn. Much of his training in the way of statesmanship has been received at the hands of Mr. Blackburn. It is natural, then, to suppose that in falling to list his poll tax he was merely carrying to its logical conclusion the doctrine of his teacher that the ability to vote is not a requisite of statesmanship. Further, that citizenship in Forsyth county is not necessary in order to represent the county in the Legislature.

### THE SHERIFF SHOULD NOT BE CARELESS.

It is to be hoped that the next sheriff of Forsyth county will not be so careless as to take away with him \$2,000 of the people's money when he leaves office as one Republican sheriff has done.

It will be remembered by the people that a Democratic board of county commissioners discovered this piece of carelessness and recovered the people's money.

### AS TO GREENGOODS.

No man should ever be chosen Treasurer of Forsyth county who has ever tried to deal in anyway in green-goods. The man who handles our finances should be above reproach.

No other remedy on earth is so good for children as Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea; makes them eat, sleep and grow. Bright eyes, rosy cheeks. Tea or tablets, 35 cents. E. W. O'Hanlon and Landquist and Pfuhl.

## THE REPUBLICANS STILL BID FOR THE NEGRO VOTE

The following is a chapter from the National Republican Campaign Text-Book for this year, which shows how they are still bidding for the negro vote. This bid is made because the negro vote controls in many doubtful States.

(Republican Text-Book for the Congressional Campaign, 1906—page 249.)

"Our Colored Citizens."

"No more striking contrast as to the attitude of the two great parties touching their adherence to the principle that all men are created equal can be made than that afforded by the course of events North and South during the past quarter of a century. In the North where Republicanism is strongest, colored citizens, although a minority of the population, are given participation in the control of municipalities, counties, and States, and are frequently elected to public office in these respective units of our governmental system; in the South, the stronghold of Democracy, the colored citizen is being systematically disfranchised and barred from effective participation in the conduct of public affairs, and each year witnesses a harrowing of his political and civil rights. The mere mention of the facts will suffice to indicate the relative attitude of the two great political parties toward the colored citizen. The Republican party believes in the political equality of all men without reference to race or nationality, and this belief it has supported by the most costly and sanguinary war in the history of our national history. The Democratic party believes in restricting the citizenship of a particular class and has written her opinions into the statutes, constitutions and practices of nearly every Southern State where that party is dominant. The Republican party believes in the doctrine so tersely expressed by President Roosevelt—'All men are created equal'—and it has always encouraged the colored citizen in his efforts and ambitions to rise higher in the scale of civilization. The Democratic party would deny the negro the incentive to high aspirations, and boasts through its representatives of its purpose to exclude colored men from any vote in the control of local affairs. Senator Gorman, high in the Democratic councils of his party, clearly stated the manifest intention of the Democracy to disenfranchise, as far as possible, the colored voters of the country, and in a recent speech declared: 'The South has passed through scenes of turbulence and disorder, and rape and riot. By amendments to the State Constitutions, and by legislation the whites (of the South) have secured control, for the time being, of their own local governments, and the colored race is no longer a political factor in any State south of the Potomac.' Here is a frank admission that Democracy no longer respects the time-honored maxim that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that only a portion of the citizenry are, in the opinion of its leaders, entitled to a voice in public affairs."

"The Republican party encourages the highest character in the negro; the Democratic party seeks to degrade it. No Republican legislature has ever enacted laws inimical to the progress, happiness and comfort of any class of citizens; numerous Democratic legislatures, on the other hand, have enacted laws which make it impossible for a colored person of refinement to travel in decency and comfort from one part of the State to another. No Republican governor would dare to veto a measure for the education of any class of citizens in the rudiments of knowledge, yet that is just what has recently been done by the chief executive of Mississippi. The Republican party is in shrill throats' (as the Republican party is on record as being in favor the most liberal policies with respect to negro education, believing that no other position is consistent with the preservation of our popular institutions."

"The outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Spain afforded another opportunity for the Republican party to demonstrate its loyalty to the broad principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence and given legal sanction by XIVth and XVth Amendment to the Constitution. In that year over 15,000 black soldiers were called into service, among them over 300 colored officers, a fact without precedent in all our national history. Their service was characterized by gallantry and bravery which aroused the admiration of the world, the valor of the black troops at San Juan Hill contributing largely to the victory achieved on that occasion. As mark of recognition of the heroic services rendered by black soldiers, President McKinley, in 1899, issued an order for the organization of infantry regiments of colored men. Despite the protests of the Democrats,

this was done, and the regiments have been designated respectively the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, with headquarters at Fort Thomas, Ky., and Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

"The following table compiled from official data, shows the number of colored employes in the service of the government, exclusive of the United States Capitol and the Judiciary: Colored Officers, Clerks and Other Employes in the Service of the United States Government, 1904.

Department Service.	No. Salaries.
Diplomatic and Consular service.	
State .....	10
Treasury .....	590
War .....	122
Navy .....	42
Postoffice .....	103
Interior .....	219
Justice .....	17
Agriculture .....	100
Commerce and Labor .....	125
Govt. Printing Office .....	329
Interstate Commerce Commission .....	4
District Government, Washington, D. C. ....	1,181
Recorder Deeds .....	22
Services at Large.	
Customs and Internal Revenue .....	250
Postoffice at large .....	750
Land Office New Orleans .....	3
Miscellaneous .....	5
Army Officers .....	10
Total .....	4,610
Recapitulation by Localities.	
At foreign stations .....	13
At Washington, D. C. ....	3,063
At New York, N. Y. ....	189
At New Orleans .....	148
At Atlanta, Ga. ....	94
At Savannah, Ga. ....	42
At Augusta, Ga. ....	12
At Baltimore, Md. ....	40
At miscellaneous points .....	390
At Richmond, Va. ....	50
Army officers .....	10
Total .....	4,610

The fact that nearly 5,000 colored citizens are in the public service and receiving salaries aggregating about three million dollars furnishes the evidence of the broad and liberal policy of the Republican party, while the further fact that the colored employes are proverbially faithful, courteous and efficient is ample justification of the attitude of the party toward the freedom of the nation."

When the Republicans were last in power in North Carolina (1895-1898) they put 1,000 negroes in office. Naturally the North Carolina negro will vote the Republican ticket. Naturally the white voters of North Carolina will vote the Democratic ticket. Each will be true to his race.

### MR. REYNOLDS' 'CONVENIENCE.'

In stating in a recent issue of the Union Republican his reasons for not meeting Mr. Kitchin in joint discussion when the latter should come to Winston-Salem, Mr. C. A. Reynolds said he would probably be out of the district when Mr. Kitchin spoke here and that, therefore, it would not be convenient to meet him. Mr. Kitchin was here last night. Mr. Reynolds was here last night also but instead of signifying in any way his willingness to enter into a joint discussion or even going to hear Mr. Kitchin he went across the street and addressed a Republican gathering. Why would it not have been just as convenient for him to have gone to the courthouse and met Mr. Kitchin face to face and discussed the issues? Mr. Reynolds personally is a clever man. He is also wise enough to know that a joint discussion with Mr. Kitchin will not do him or the Republican party any good whatever. His excuse about "convenience" is a pretty weak excuse.

### THE DANGER OF REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

A Republican Board of County Commissioners would have the power to elect a Sheriff should the next Sheriff die or be disabled from holding office or resign. They would likewise have the power to elect a Register of Deeds or Treasurer under like circumstances. Democrats, can you afford to have Republicans do this?

## Aycock and Glenn Speak

Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock speaks in Winston-Salem Oct. 29th, at night.  
Governor R. B. Glenn speaks as follows:  
Walkertown, Nov. 3, at night.  
Kernersville, Nov. 3, at night.  
Clemmonsville, Nov. 5.  
Winston-Salem, Nov. 5, at night.