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## Forget All the Past--

When the Republican Party Gives No Reason Why You Should Vote the Republican Ticket, or Why You Should Not Vote the Democratic Ticket.

The Republican party had no record of infamy behind it in North Carolina—if it could be called all of its race—its placing of a thousand insolent negroes in office in the State, its mismanagement of State institutions—its squandering of public money, its paralyzing of the school system, the betrayal of the interests of the State by the traitors whom it put in high office—if these and all the long list of abuses which aroused the honest man in the State to revolution to drive them from power. It would not deserve the support of any fair minded man in the State. Forget it, and let it stand today under the leadership and domination of a man who as a judge and partisan he was lashed from the bench by the almost universal scorn of the press and the people of the State, and then it neither points out any reason why the Democrats should not be continued in control of the State government, or why they should be entrusted with it.

The Democrats have had charge of the legislative machinery of the State for a decade, and during that time they have been so clearly and so universally in excess on the people and on the State itself that the Republicans in their state platform could not point out but one thing that every fair minded man will be compelled, in the light of subsequent developments, to believe that its position is right. The one thing that the Republicans condemn is the reduction of passenger fares. It is sufficient answer on this question to say that the railroads themselves agreed to this rate now in force. It is a complete knock-out to their criticism to show the sworn reports of railroad officers do show that under the reduced rates the earnings of the railroads from passenger fares have been largely increased, while the people of the State have saved a hundred thousand dollars a month in passenger fares.

The Republicans in their State platform say that our people had a much more substantial grievance about freight rates than passenger rates, and that the Democrats for neglecting these grievances did not neglect freight rates—about which they say there was a substantial grievance. They passed a law giving as much relief on intrastate freight rates as was deemed proper, and they put the power and the money of the State behind the Governor and Corporation Commission to fight the inequalities of inter-State freight rates before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which they are now doing. After acknowledging this grievance on freight rates the Republicans nominated for Governor "the handy man of the Southern Railway," Mr. J. Elwood Cox, who rules on a pass and has a fine hotel located on the right-of-way of the Southern, and who went to Washington and testified before the Senate committee under oath that he did not believe in government regulation of railroad rates, that there was "very little" complaint of rates being too high in North Carolina, and that he favored leaving these matters to adjustment between the private citizen and the railroad officials.

So on this issue the Republican candidate clearly does not deserve the vote of any man who believes in government regulation of railroad rates—or of any Republican who believes in the declaration of his platform that the inequalities of freight rates constitute a grievance of the people which the State should regulate in preference to passenger rates. Their platform favors a further extension and improvement of the public school system, and on this question they do not deserve support, even forgetting the record of their disastrous management of the schools when they were in power, for the public schools are being improved and extended now by the Democrats as rapidly as the wealth of the State and the ability of the people can be taxed with justice.

They favor doubling pensions to Confederate soldiers. Forgetting that our system of pensions to Confederate soldiers was begun by the Democrats in the face of unanimous opposition of Republican members of the Legislature, and that after it was established and when the Republicans came into power they did not increase it one penny, they do not deserve support on this issue, even if we admit that their proposal to increase the pension fund at each session of the Legislature, as substantially as the ability of the State permits, and until the fund has now reached a total of \$10,000,000, and that the National Government gives us \$1,000,000 for Confederate pensioners, that the National Government gives us \$5,000,000 for Federal pensioners.

They favor election of county school boards and superintendents by popular vote in each county. They do not deserve the support of any man on this proposition, for it would place the schools back into politics again as it was when they were last in power in the State, when the average attendance in the schools actually decreased in the State. One of the most glorious achievements of this decade of Democracy is the tremendous improvement of the public school—in improved equipment, new buildings, and largely increased attendance and efficiency. The Democratic policy and management of the schools is so clearly entitled to be continued that their Republican nominee for Governor, Mr. Cox, opposed by the convention any change being proposed in it, but was overwhelmed by the Adams and Butlers.

They favor increasing the personal property exemption from twenty-five to two hundred dollars, which would relieve nearly all of the negroes of the State from property taxation. They surely do not deserve support on this proposition.

They pretend to favor restriction of immigration, but their party in power in the Nation, ever subservient to the employing classes of the country, keeps on the statute books the laws which admitted the millions of foreign immigrants until the Roosevelt panic made labor conditions in this country so hard that within the last year, for the first time in American history, more people left the United States for foreign countries than came to it from foreign countries. As Governor Aycock put it in one of his speeches which has been made in this last year of the subjects of the war, fleeing to our shores from the terrors of the Russian bear, upon landing upon our shores, finding the Teddy bear yet more terrible, and returning to his native land.

So, forgetting all the things that are passed, yet the Republicans of North Carolina give no intelligent reason why any man in the State should vote the Republican ticket or why he should not vote the Democratic ticket.

**BUT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE WILL NOT FORGET!**

As long as Spencer Adams remains in control of the party, unchallenged except by Marion Butler, they SHOULD not forget.

As long as the Montgomerys and the Suttons retain their venom they WILL not LET them forget.

The power they would have if in power to practically annul the amendment by appointing Republican registrars make it important that they DO not forget.

As long as Republican National platforms threaten us with Crumpacker reduction of Southern representation in Congress, and Republican candidates for President maintain a position of hostility to our Southern constitutional amendments and the crow-bar laws to placate the negro at the North it would be FOOLISH to forget.

As long as there are sponsors for Reconstruction and Fusion government let us remember they CANNOT forget.



ZEBULON B. VANCE,  
Governor, Senator—The Leader of a People.

In revealing the familiar features of the illustrious Vance, the plot of the people, it may be stated that in its entire history of government of the State of North Carolina, the Democratic party has never placed a man of guard in high official station who failed to measure honorably and faithfully to the requirements of high office. It can "point with pride" to every administration for which it stood sponsor, and challenge its enemies to find a vulnerable spot.

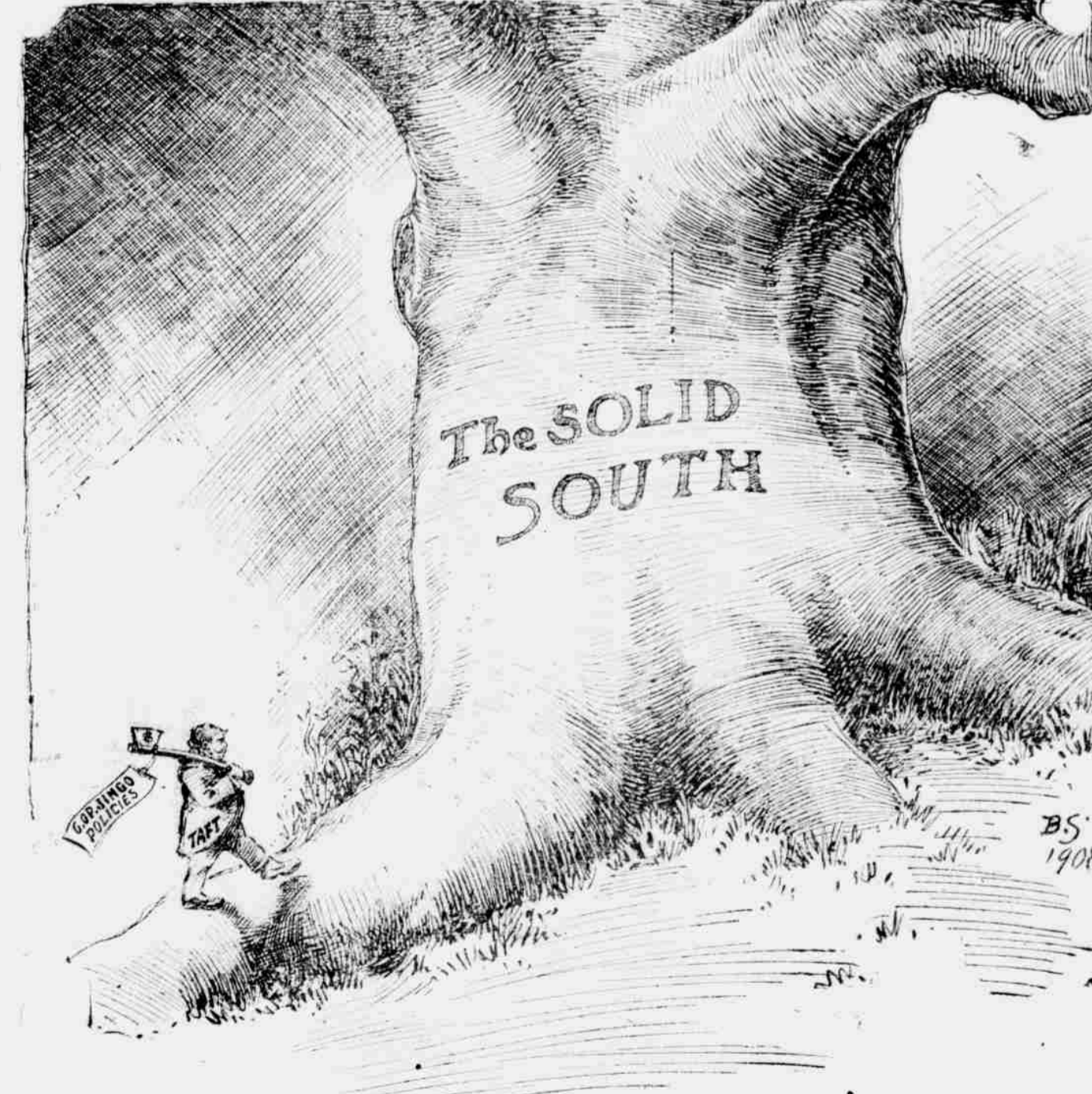
It was the great Vance who brought to an end the high carnival of corruption and shame of reconstruction by welding into a solid army of "soldiers of the common good" the great majority of the patriotic citizenship of the State, and succeeding a regime in which wealth and corruption in office was the rule, set the standard for succeeding Democratic administrations of the close of his term as Governor by his famous declaration to the multitude on Capitol Square "Not one dollar of dishonest money ever stirred these mines."

Such an unbroken record of honorable service can only be accounted for on the theory—no, not theory, but fact—upon the fact that the party has within it at least three-fourths of all the best people of the State—three-fourths at least of all the best farmers, the best lawyers and doctors, mechanics and manufacturers, business men, bankers, etc., and upon this foundation of patriotic citizenship it has been enabled to build its record of honorable and faithful service. Governments will maintain the level of the power behind them. They cannot exceed it.

The list of Democratic gubernatorial leaders since Reconstruction comprise an honor roll of the State's most illustrious and faithful sons.

**VANCE, JARVIS, SCALES, FOWLE, HOLT, CARR, WATSON, AYCOCK, GLENN, KITCHIN.**

As long as Democracy produces such leaders it proves that it has within itself the savor of life, and that it needs no prod from North Carolina Republicanism to maintain its fidelity to the people. Large majorities are but additional requests of power to be used in furthering the interests of the people.



"Woodman spare that tree, in youth it sheltered me, Touch not a single bough, And I'll protect it now."

Mr. Taft did not flatter the intelligence of the people of North Carolina by inviting them into the Republican party in order to gain influence in the affairs of the National Government. He evidently forgot, or stopped over what he knew when he was in Greensboro, he invited us into in order to enlarge our influence is dominated completely by its Federal office-holders, that these are dominated by Spencer Adams, and that Spencer Adams takes orders as they are issued at Washington. As for gaining influence in national affairs by joining the Republican party in North Carolina we had as well send our proxy to the man in the moon.

The party which Mr. Taft invites us to join is the same party of which Mr. Taft said, just two years ago, addressing them in State Convention at Greensboro, as reported stenographically in the official organ of the party: "In my judgment the Republican party in North Carolina would be much stronger as a voting party if all the Federal offices were filled by Democrats. As long, however, as the Republican party in the Southern States shall represent little save a factional chase for Federal offices in which business men and men of substance in the community have no desire to enter, and in the result of which they have no interest, WE MAY EXPECT THE PRESENT POLITICAL CONDITIONS OF THE SOUTH TO CONTINUE."

The Republican party showed that it deserved the severity of Judge Taft's denunciation by swallowing it as a sweet morsel and by supporting the Judge for the Presidential nomination.

Judge Taft, on his recent trip, was offensive to the whole South in an appeal which could about as appreciably have been made to the Philippine Islands, and which by implication amounted to a charge against the South of disloyalty to the Union, as follows:

"I am going South to make a few speeches, not so much with a view of carrying those States as to show the people down there that, no matter what they THINK, THEY ARE A PART OF THE UNION, and, being a part of the Union, they ought to vote for the Republican party, VOTING FOR WHICH WILL MAKE THEM A PART OF THE NATION, and give to them that influence which people of their intelligence and energy and progress and enterprise ought to enjoy."

## Democracy Will Win!

Ringling Statement From Chairman Eller of the Reasons Which Inspire Confidence in a Great Triumph on November 3rd.

Our public speakers and the Democratic Press have given sufficient reasons why the Democracy SHOULD win in 1908. Below are some of the reasons why the Democracy WILL win this campaign:

Our older men have memories, and our younger men have hearts to feel and minds to understand. Reconstruction and Fusion, Holden-Russell-Butler-Adams-Montgomery-Comment is wasted.

The Republicans have not dared to raise any vital issue. Beaten in '98 on White Supremacy, in 1900 on the Suffrage Amendment in 1902 on the charge of extravagance, and with a record on temperance legislation that means nothing but COWARDICE, they now make ONE promise and prefer ONE charge. A promise to increase Confederate pensions and exempt \$200 from taxation; a charge against Democracy for railroad favoritism, and for war on railroads. They condemn passenger rate reduction without offering to increase the present rate; they favor freight rate regulation and name Cox, its inveterate enemy, to work this reform.

There are not enough competent, honest and decent white men in the Republican party of North Carolina to give to her people good government; and it has been settled that none but white men can govern them. The Anglo-Saxon spirit is asserting itself against the yellow peril of the Pacific Coast and the negroes' demands in the North; and Mr. Taft's stand upon the Ohio and National platforms, for Crumpacker's bill and against Southern suffrage laws, is a bid for negro votes at a ruinous price, not only in the South, but everywhere.

Without a foe in North Carolina worthy of our steel, overconfidence is the weakest point in our armor. But very love of our party and its principles, and the determination to maintain the prestige, power, influence and voting strength of each county in our own conventions appeal powerfully to every Democrat to add his vote to the swelling tide of victory.

Bossism has run its course, Communism has become an offense and the big stick has been splintered against the armor of William J. Bryan. The people have learned and expressed a purpose to rule, and despite the protests of the false and the favored few, they know that they can rule by the ascendancy of the Democratic party and by that party alone.

The majority of our fellow men are Democrats at heart; they are now united; the Republicans are divided. Behold them shouting one thing to the public, whispering to "My dear Harriman" another! "There is retribution in history"; "Corruption wins not more than honesty."

With a panic-stricken treasury Republicans are forced to enter the market for negro votes which the empty dinner pail has forced up to the level of the Dingley tariff—a condition which calls for a corruptly paid fund from contributors who know that the day of reckoning is at hand, the dawn of public utility which Bryan's election ushers in.

The slumbering conscience of a nation has awaked to the call of Democracy and its leader. It is known that his defeat in '96 was compassed by a corruption fund that staggers self-government, \$16,500,000 against \$675,000, proclaims that the real issue then on trial was not 16 to 1, but \$1650 to 67 1-2 cents.

Apart from the purchase of this election, the Republicans have made and can make but one appeal, and that appeal is to selfish interests,—privilege against principle, money against mankind, the stomach against the heart. It comes from the privileged interests, from Roosevelt and Taft, a subsidized press, and from those who think that prosperity leads through the coffers of the over-rich. And it takes voice and volume from the paid lips of a political party that shouts "overboard" at its opponents and denies its own offspring. On such an appeal they are lost. The world has outgrown the creed of selfishness and greed, the life of plunder and oppression, and man's inhumanity to man.

The labor vote is in itself decisive of this election. Who doubts the decision of the man who saw his rights spurned at Chicago and recognized at Denver? Who doubts his choice of a trial by his peers, instead of a Federal Chancellor? Who doubts the estimate he puts on himself, whether to be dealt with in the Federal courts as a chattel or as a man?

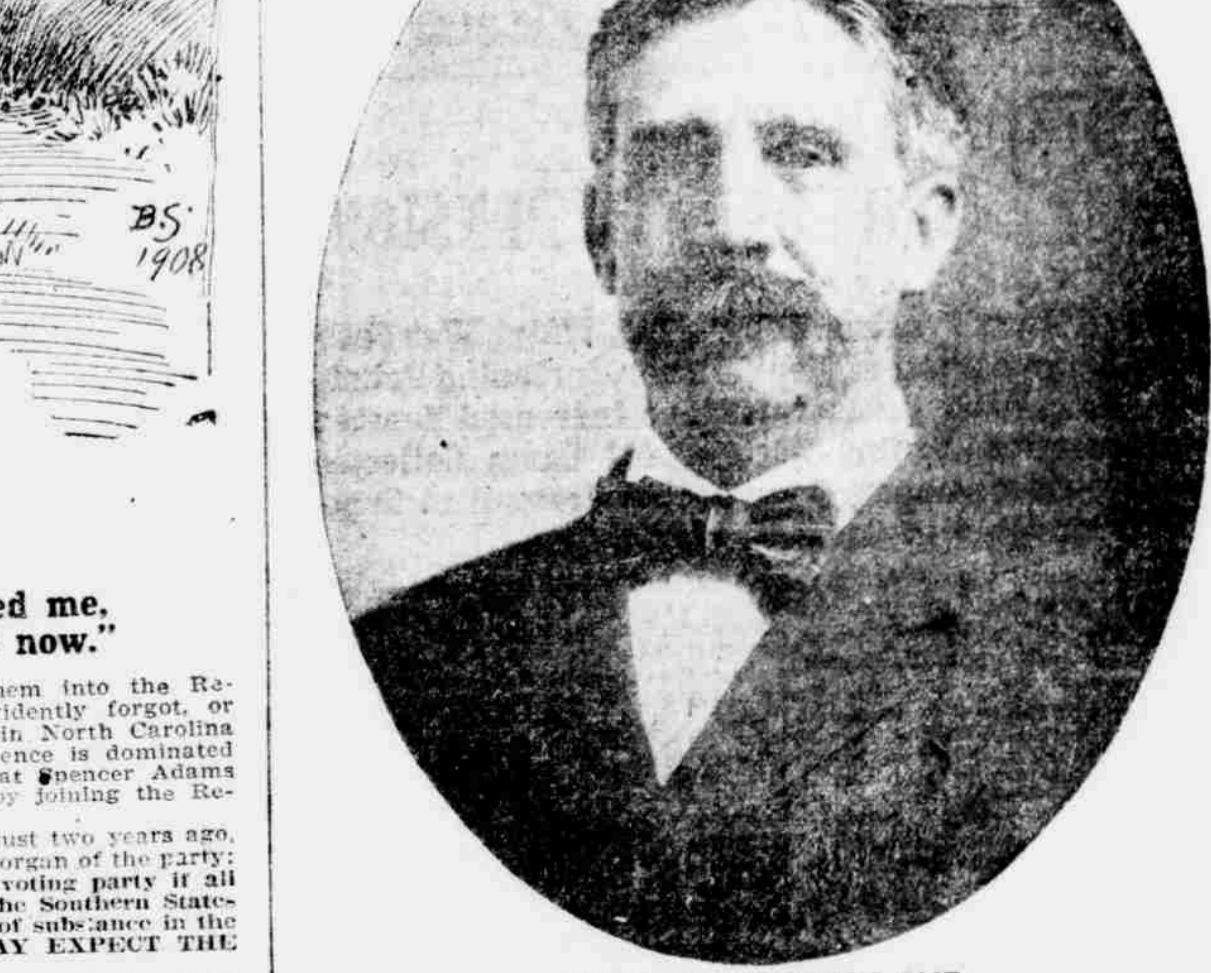
The business world has decided that the night-mare of "bank panics" must go, that money must come out of its hiding, that good banks must be protected against runs and the humiliation of script, and that depositors must be guaranteed a return of their deposits. First dismissed by Mr. Taft, next approved by him to win Kansas, and now opposed by him to placate Wall Street—the people understand.

There is a ground swell for Bryan and Democracy like that of '92, first felt in the Central West; this is the heart beat of the country and is unmistakable evidence of the party's vast and sure victory.

The people have made up their minds that Congress must again become a deliberative body; that the tyranny of a Republican speaker must be met; that a man must be elected to the House, that Bryan must have a Congress in sympathy with the people; and to this end every man expects every man to do his duty in the election of TEN Democrats to Congress.

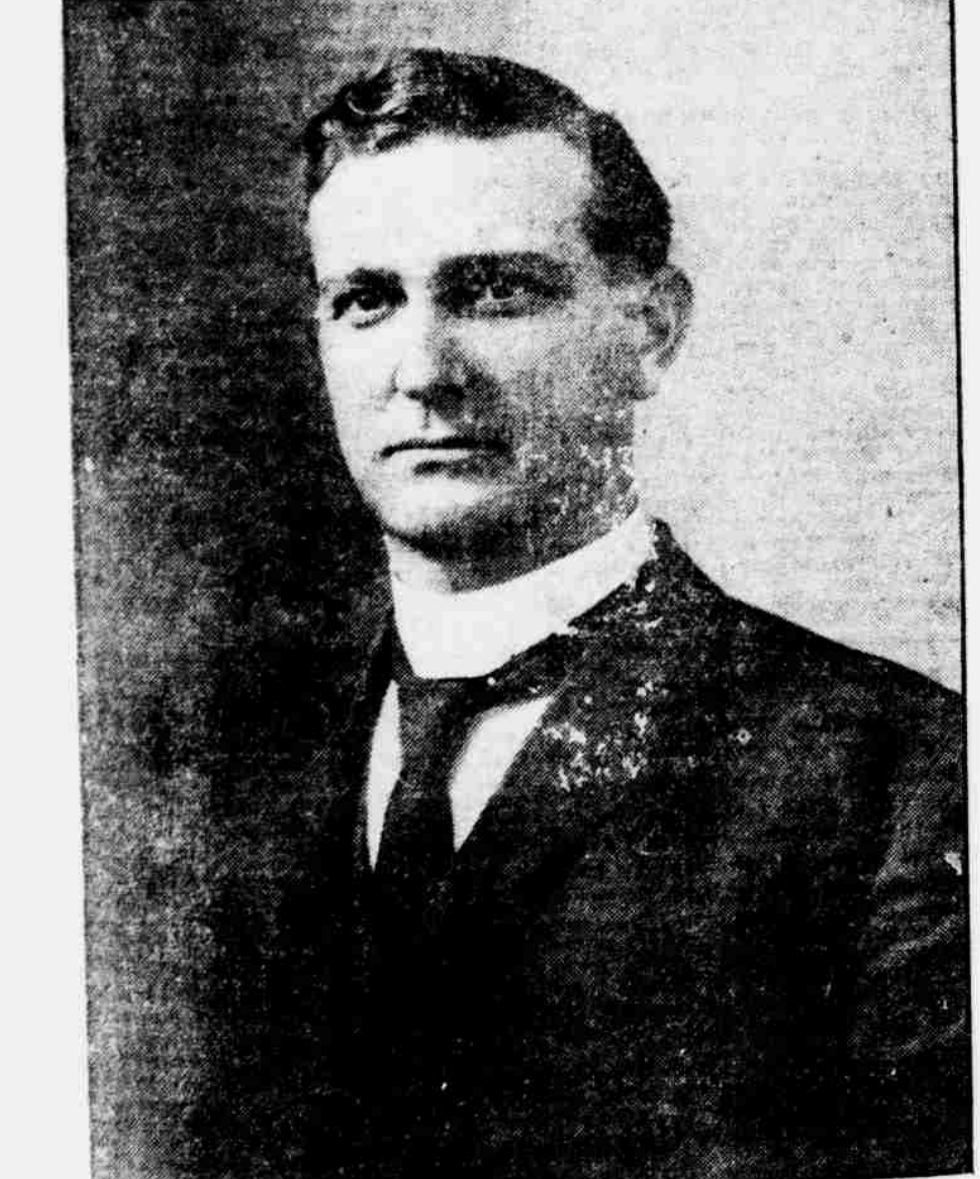
And finally, we are going to win because of the contrast between the standard bearers of the two parties. Bryan, standing upon the wisest and truest platform ever adopted by a political party, bound by what it says as well as what is left unsaid, and with a conception of the Presidency as lofty as that of Washington, as Democracy as that of Jefferson—Taft, standing upon a platform too lofty to hold up his weight, and clinging to nothing but "my policies." Kitchin, true to the people and experienced in the public service, untrammelled by the claims of special interests—Cox fresh from the pursuit of monopolistic gain, fresh from his fight on freight regulation and his long and inglorious service of the Southern Railway of which he is a most complacent adjunct! WHO DARES THE RESULT?

A. H. ELLER, Chairman, State Democratic Executive Committee.



HON. W. C. NEWLAND.  
Democratic Nominee for Lieutenant-Governor.

The nomination of Mr. Newland for this high office when he had not sought it before the Convention met, was a high compliment, and an exhibition of the disposition and the ability of the Democratic people to select capable and worthy men to serve the people, and to distribute its honor with geographical fairness.



HON. W. W. KITCHIN.  
Democratic Nominee For Governor.

I shall strive to give to the people of North Carolina the same kind of clear, economical and progressive administration which my predecessors, Governor Aycock and Governor Glenn, have given to the State. I shall always use what influence I have to keep the Democratic party close to the people.