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Publisher's Announcement.

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MR. KITCHIN ON THE LUMBER SCHEDULE.

The speech of Hon. Claude Kitchin in the House of Representatives last week in opposition to the tariff on lumber has attracted wide attention. The Washington correspondent of the News and Observer sent that paper the following highly complimentary account of it.

No man has ever been complimented more on the delivery of a speech in the House of Representatives than Representative Claude Kitchin, whose discussion of the lumber schedule in the tariff bill on Tuesday, brought the members of both sides of the chamber to a realization of the fact that they have a debater the equal of any of the old-timers and an entertainer who is superior, if anything, to Cushman, of Washington.

Mr. Kitchin's brilliant effort places him in the same class with Speaker Cannon, Mann of Illinois, Champ Clark and DeArmond, of Missouri, who rank as the best debaters in the House. True Mr. Cannon has not participated in a debate in the House since he became Speaker, but he had it on all his Republican colleagues as a rough and tumble debater when he was the Republican floor leader.

Anybody with a voice, a vocabulary and nerve can make a speech. That is the reason that most of the speeches delivered in Congress never get mentioned outside of the Congressional Record and in home papers. A man who can hold the attention of his colleagues on the floor of the House in a dry old tariff discussion, who can meet all comers in the course of debate and sustain himself, and keep this up for three hours, is considered some pumpkins here in Washington, where speech-making is as common as rabbit-hunting in Chatham. But that is what Mr. Kitchin did and that is why his speech attracted so much favorable attention.

Mr. Kitchin has never delivered but two speeches in Congress. His first and maiden effort was turned loose on the House six years ago and attracted almost as much attention as did his tariff speech this week. On that occasion the Congressman from the Second paid his respects to Mr. Roosevelt, and he certainly made a neat job of it. That speech was made on the eve of the presidential election of 1904. It was in reply to a defense of the occupant of the White House by General Grosvenor, then a member of Congress from Ohio. Mr. Kitchin made it so hot for old man Grosvenor that he finally left the House, much to the amusement of his Republican colleagues. It so happened that Mr. Kitchin had saved a copy of the New York American, in which the Ohioan had criticized Mr. Roosevelt on his appearance at the Republican National Convention that nominated McKinley and Roosevelt. General Grosvenor wrote a series of articles for the paper under his signature and he showed that he did not wish the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt. Imagine General Grosvenor's confusion when Congressman Kitchin sprung this article, following his laudation of Roosevelt on the day previous. And Mr. Kitchin rubbed it in. He did not refer to the distinguished Ohioan as a member of Congress, but as "a reporter for the Hearst papers." That was the only time I ever saw old man Grosvenor on the run.

Mr. Kitchin will not wait another six years to deliver a speech in the House. The principal reason is that Champ Clark, the minority leader, won't let him. The Missourian realizes now that Claude is about the best debater he has on his side of the House, and from now on he will be drafted into service. That is one of the penalties of making a great speech. Senator Overman said today that Mr. Kitchin's speech was the greatest by far that he has heard in the House since he has been in Washington. I have not heard a speech that impressed me more during my nine years here at the capitol. It is enough to say that Mr. Kitchin's effort has made him one of the leaders of his party in the House, and has given him a national reputation as a debater.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Some days ago a visitor to Scotland Neck, who came as a representative of the Roanoke-Chowan Times, writing in that paper, paid the following complimentary remarks to our town and its people:

"First I must speak of the beautiful town of Scotland Neck. Here we met many old friends who gave us a warm welcome. It was really inspiring to a greater and nobler life to meet and mingle with a people so full of smiles based upon light and love for the upbuilding of every good work. I would like to mention many of them by name and to speak of their many enterprises, their churches, banks, factories, spacious stores, beautiful homes, school buildings, wide streets and many other things that go to make a beautiful and prosperous town, but space will not permit."

So it is with every stranger who visits our town. He is favorably impressed with its beauty and its people. Citizens of Scotland Neck should be glad that this is so, and remarks of praise for us and ours should only make us stronger in our love for what is ours, more zealous in our efforts for what it should be ours, and more public-spirited and enterprising in all matters that concern Scotland Neck's growth and uplift.

It was only a few days ago that a stranger, an old man, who was making a house to house canvass in this place in the interest of his trade said that he had visited no town—and he had visited many—that was more attractive than this, and had seen no people who were cleverer.

Let us remember how we are looked upon by out-siders and sustain the position in which we are held. Let's MAKE Scotland Neck STAY Scotland Neck, a town that grows better as it gets older—always deserving.

The people of Charlotte are preparing to give Mr. Taft the greatest reception ever accorded a President of the United States in a Southern city. The Central Committee which is directing the program of exercises to be held there on the 20th of May in celebration of the 134th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, has invited the Governors of the Thirteen original States to come to Charlotte for the three days' festivities.

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Fayetteville Cor. to News and Observer April 5. The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company have had for some time a large force of experienced men engaged in thoroughly reconstructing their long distance lines between Fayetteville and Wilson, and in providing additional copper wires for improving the service.

The work between Fayetteville and Selma was completed Friday and the new circuits have been put in successful operation, which will enable through connection with the Southern Bell and American Telegraph and Telephone Company's lines at Selma for all points in the United States.

The telephone company has purchased the necessary material for additional circuits from Selma to Weldon via Wilson, Tarboro and Scotland Neck, which will enable direct connections at Weldon with direct lines of the Southern Bell Company to Norfolk and other points. In addition to these through circuits the telephone company has installed numerous additional local lines to reach nearby towns and farmers' communities throughout the eastern part of the State, and is engaged in developing remote sections heretofore not being blessed with the advantages of long distance connections.

Letter from an Old Soldier.

Dear Readers of The Commonwealth A long experience has taught me that the path of duty affords the greatest pleasures while we live, and precious hopes for better things to come when we are nearing the end of life. In the great battle at Bermuda Hundreds and Cold Harbor and in front of Petersburg, bullets never flew so fast that we who wore the gray could ever flinch from duty. We can never forget our comrades who stood by us in the very jaws of death on the line of duty as patriots from North Carolina.

Man has nothing to boast of in this life; it is left for him to go where duty calls. The soldiers of North Carolina were ever ready to do their part in the greatest battles fought on Virginia's soil. Our beloved R. E. Lee could turn his eyes to North Carolina's tattered line, and say "God bless North Carolina for the gift of such noble sons." My prayer is that His blessings may ever rest upon her in ages that come after us.

My hope is that the 10th of May will be a day of sunshine and flowers. I feel that the Camp will join me in

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The Official Piano Jamestown Exposition.

my humble petitions to Almighty God for His sweet blessings on the United Daughters of Scotland Neck and the surrounding country for their many tokens of sympathy and high regard for this Camp.

Sincerely, T. E. AUSBORN.

Cornelius prayed to God always. The Christian loves this holy example. T. E. A.

List Takers Appointed.

The County Commissioners in session at Halifax, Monday, April 5th, appointed the following list takers for the several townships:

- Brinkleyville—W. H. Hayes. Butterwood—W. H. Thorne. Conocoanara—N. Fitzpatrick. Enfield—F. C. Pittman. Faucetts—R. B. Bricheil. Halifax—R. H. Daniel. Littleton—J. V. Newsome. Palmyra—R. H. White. Roanoke Rapids—R. W. Brown.

Roseneath—Colin Allsbrook. Scotland Neck—J. E. Shields. Weldon—Geo. Gary.

The commissioners decided to hold a call meeting in Weldon on Thursday, the 15th of April to consider all preliminary matters concerning the building of a new court house.

DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve is very good for chapped hands, cuts, burns or bruises, scratches, for it penetrates the skin and it heals quickly, but it is especially good for piles. It is sold here by E. T. Whitehead Co.

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