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OVERMAN AND POU AT BENSON

The Senator Makes a Powerful Speech—The Congressmen Silences One Little Republican Who Wishes He Hadn't Butted In.

Benson, Oct. 25.—Senator Overman spoke here Tuesday to a large audience, that for the time at least seemed to live upon his logic and more upon the stirring eloquence of his oration, and grow stronger in the faith of their fathers, as pearls of truth fell from the lips of a man whose face, whose conduct, whose past life, and whose every act and utterance spoke the truth. He had little to do with the usual formalities of opening a speech, but dug down deep into the merits of the question at once, and made one of the strongest speeches ever heard in this county, and its effects will be far-reaching. Very briefly he reviewed the formation of our government, the part the Democratic party has played in the development and preservation of our government, and the everlasting success of the party that has built the nation and made it what it is. He thinks that the hands that have wrought so wonderfully and achieved so much must have been guided by the hand of Providence, and in this he shares the opinion of almost all Democrats in this country. The visible guiding hand through all these perilous times must have been upheld by the invisible, all-powerful, ever-ruling hand that suffers nothing to go beyond the limits of His endurance. He showed by all the truth that history teaches, that when we had thrown off the yoke of British oppression there rose up among us a set, a class, a gang who were better friends to foreign foes than they were to people at home. Some of those got into authority and thereby built up a party which has always been in favor of foreign people rather than their neighbors. The Democratic party stood for the weak as against the strong—for equal rights and justice.

In his brief review of reconstruction he paid Gov. Holden and Judge Pearson his respects, and in connection therewith turned the x-ray on Russell's and Butler's conspiracy to use South Dakota as a cat's paw to help them out in robbing the State of their nativity to pay fraudulent bonds.

He made one challenge that has not been accepted and will not be. It was to this effect, that no Republican could name the time when their party was in power, that it did not bring disgrace and scandal upon the State; that they could not name the time when Democrats had control of the State government and all was not peace and harmony. As void of conscience as Republicans usually are they could not stand this, and the dozen or more who were hiding behind goods boxes and sheltering under other coverings dropped their heads in shame, and not one of them dared open his mouth.

He showed by the different factions that neither was fit to rule, Adams against Blackburn and Blackburn against Adams. Their replies to each other shows neither side is fit to rule and that both put together are no more fit to rule than both of them put together. The pot need not call the kettle black as Adams and Blackburn are doing. So fully endowed with a spirit of fairness as the speaker is, he left the question to a jury which after mature deliberation returned the following verdict: We believe both sides of the d—n Republican party is black in spite of all that Democrats have done to purge them. We have prayed over this matter and have diligently striven to return a true and correct verdict, our Maker being our helper, and the answer to all our prayers is this: "Put the Republican party on fever grass, Black draught and calomel for eighteen months and if that don't cure 'em hang 'em." It might be good for the country if the suggestions of the jury are carried out to the letter.

He was glad to acknowledge that Democrats had spent money for schools. "We want to educate the rising generation," he said, "so they can meet the constitutional amendment in apt time—not only to meet the amendment, but we want to make men and women of them fit to take our places when we are gone and preserve forever the priceless heritage won by the blood of our fathers, preserved by the integrity of the present generation, to be handed down to posterity, unsullied and unsmirched, clean, bright and shining as the stars of heaven." He showed how that the Republican party had done nothing for our unfortunate, poor nor insane, but had filled the penitentiary full to overflowing with members of their own party, fit for nothing but to work under bosses.

"While we spend so much now," said the Senator, "it comes from sources that Republicans refuse to tax. We spend for schools but we collect from railroads and insurance companies to pay it just as Republicans ought to do. A slave would hardly try to force collection from his master, nor will the Republican party try to collect from the railroads and insurance companies that put so much into the campaign funds of the Republican party."

Butler's hide would not have sold for five cents, except as a relic, after he got through with the South Dakota bond suit, and showed up the foxy Butler as he is and as he wants to be.

He mentioned some of the vast fortunes accumulated in our country and said: "Had Judas Iscariot lived until now and had made \$200 per day he would not be as wealthy as Rockefeller. Had Adam, the father of all, lived till now on a salary of \$50 per day he would not be as rich as Vanderbilt." These are figures to think of. They shock the man who has paid no attention to the subject when he gets down his calculator. He dealt terribly with the trusts and the Republican legislation that fosters them. He showed with such argument and force that no one would dispute him, how foreigners buy our goods cheaper than we can buy them at home.

The candidates for county offices made short speeches and did not attempt to discuss broad issues.

Hon. E. W. Pou made a telling speech and laid Radicalism in the ditch. Little J. C. (by way of interpretation we would say Jac Cass) Stencil, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, tried to interfere with Mr. Pou, and here is Mr. Pou's parting shot, after he had taken hide and hair from what most of men regarded as nonentity:

"Your party and candidates and you as chairman of their committee have refused to divide time with us. We wanted a fair discussion, and while we felt and knew it was condescension we were willing to lower ourselves a little to let the people know who you are. You refused us the opportunity to throw light on your faces."

"After such refusal on your part no Democrat would stoop low enough to ask you a question. Now, when I come to speak to decent respectable men you shall not arrogate to yourself the honor to interrogate a Democrat. You dare not do it. You have been skulking, hiding from the truth, and no such man shall interrupt me when I am laying down facts before the people."

On the 8th of October some thief entered the home of Mr. J. M. Byrd, of Pleasant Grove Township, and stole forty dollars from a trunk. Mr. Byrd and his family were away from that night and no clue to the thief has yet been found.

Marion Butler is the issue in this campaign. That is a fact, let the Republicans deny it as much as they please. Do you Democrats want to be bossed by that man? If you do not then express your opinion by going to the polls and help show under the party that he is now bossing. —Wilmington Messenger.

Democratic County Canvass.

The Democratic canvass is progressing finely. The candidates are being met at each place by large and enthusiastic crowds. We are told that the crowds are much larger than they were years ago.

The candidates will be at Princeton to-morrow; at Pine Level Monday; at Kenly Tuesday; at Hare's Store Wednesday; at Archer Lodge Thursday and at Smithfield Friday.

Hon. Armistead Jones, candidate for solicitor, will be with the speakers at Princeton to-morrow.

Hon. W. A. Stewart, of Dunn, will be with the canvass at Kenly next Tuesday and at Hare's Store Wednesday. Mr. Stewart is one of the best campaign speakers in this section of the State. Everywhere he goes he makes a speech that pleases and enthralls the people.

Ex-Gov. Aycock will be with the candidates at Smithfield next Friday. The people know the educational governor too well for any words of commendation from us.

Congressman Pou will be with the candidates at Kenly, Hare's Store, Smithfield, Selma and Wilson's Mills.

The people who are interested in the great issues before us—and all should be—should attend the speaking. Let good crowds be present at every point.

Why Don't the Republicans Drop the Negro?

The Republican leaders in this State are claiming that their party is no longer a negro party. It is very true that the Democratic party in 1900 disfranchised 100,000 negroes. Are these Republican leaders entitled to credit for what was done by the Democratic party in 1900? What were these Republican leaders doing in that campaign? Were they helping to pass the amendment? Not by any means. The last one of them was opposing the amendment. Here in Johnston County the very men who are now claiming that their party is a white man's party, in 1900 were organizing negroes for the purpose of defeating the constitutional amendment.

What have these white leaders done to merit the confidence or respect of the people? As we have said, they were organizing the negro in 1900 to defeat the amendment. They would repeal the amendment to-day if they had it in their power. Certainly the negro is out of politics, thanks to the Democratic party, but are these Republican leaders any better to-day than they were in 1900? What have they done to make them better? What have they done to redeem themselves in the estimation of the people? Have they accepted the amendment? Not at all. They are trying to capture the Legislature now in order to change our election law so that they can put the ballot in the hands of 60,131 negroes, who say they can read and write. That is the meaning of it all.

But how about the national Republican party? The handbook, published by the Republican National Congressional Committee, boasts that that party has elevated to office more than 4,000 negroes; and that committee has published the picture of prominent negro office holders along with the pictures of prominent white politicians. What have the Republican leaders of Johnston County to say of this?

Just before Congress adjourned an examination was held in Wake county for the appointment of a rural free delivery carrier over route No. 4 leading out from Raleigh. Several young white men and one negro stood this examination. When the appointment was announced, lo and behold, it was the negro who got the place and the young white men were turned down. Every white patron of the route signed a protest against the appointment of this negro. Reader, bear in mind that one of the rules of the Post Office Department is that no carrier shall be appointed over a route who is

distasteful to the patrons. The protest signed by every white patron of the route was sent to Congressman Pou in Washington. Mr. Pou, in company with Senator Simmons, called upon the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, presented the protest against the appointment of this negro, and called attention to the rule of the Department that no carrier who is distasteful to the patrons of a route should be appointed. What was the result? The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, with a sneer, announced to Senator Simmons and Congressman Pou that the negro would be appointed anyway, that the patrons of the route were protesting merely because he was a negro and that the Department would not think of entertaining a protest on that ground. This negro McCoy is carrying the mail to-day, and the wives and daughters of the white patrons of that route are compelled to register their letters in the presence of this negro and to buy their postoffice money orders from him. It is even worse than the appointment of a negro postmaster in a town, for the patrons of a rural free delivery route are brought in closer contact with the carrier of their route than are the people of a town who do business with the postmaster. Let the people of Johnston County make a note of this matter, and let our Republican friends explain how it is, if theirs is a white man's party, that this negro was appointed in the face of the protest of every white patron of the route.

F. H. Brooks,
Chairman.

Wine and Cider Resolutions.

At the Democratic convention held here August 1, 1906—a convention in which 2,000 people took part—the following resolutions, offered by Mr. Ed. S. Abell, were adopted by an overwhelming majority:

Resolved, by the Democratic Convention of the County of Johnston, assembled in Smithfield, on this the 1st day of Aug. 1906, That the Senators of the 17th Senatorial District and the Representatives of Johnston County in the General Assembly of 1907 be and they are hereby instructed to cause such legislation to be enacted as will legally permit:

First. That the people of Johnston County be legally allowed to manufacture cider from the fruits grown upon their own land and sell the same.

Second. That the people of Johnston County be legally permitted to manufacture wine from fruits and grapes grown upon their own lands and sell the same.

Third. That all local prohibitory laws except the incorporation of churches and school houses pertaining to the manufacture and sale of cider and wine in Johnston County be repealed.

The Old Homestead Quartette.

Despite the disagreeable and rainy evening quite a good audience was present last Friday night at Sanders Hall to hear the Old Homestead Male Quartette, given under the auspices of the Smithfield Lyceum Club. Every number on the program was good and brought forth a hearty encore. Taking it all in all the concert was one of the best ever given in Smithfield. On all sides the local club has been congratulated on their success in securing such an excellent attraction. Mr. Bennett, the tenor, possesses a tenor voice of unusual attractiveness and sweetness; Mr. Hoey, as reader and first tenor, pleases all; as violinist Mr. Bistine pleased and thrilled his hearers, while the deep bass voice of Mr. Lawson was the admiration of all. Every member of the Quartette is an artist in his place and the entertainment they give cannot fail to please any audience.

The Lyceum Club has arranged for three more entertainments here this winter and if all are as good as the one of last Friday night, their success is assured.

Benson News Notes.

Uncle Sam has a boy down here looking after rural carriers. Although it is a new enterprise the people have found it—Hudson & Allen's restaurant.

Democrats are going all the way a mile a minute gaining votes—Republicans are looking blue.

Misses Mollie and Ola Hardee, of Elevation spent Sunday in Benson visiting Mrs. J. W. Whittenton.

Rev. Mr. Stephenson, of Raleigh, will preach here at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and at night.

Mr. Lovitt Eldridge, of Smithfield, paid our town the first visit of his lifetime, Saturday and was agreeably surprised to find such a budding city.

When the county candidates spoke here Tuesday ladies crowded all the store doors anywhere in hearing of the platform. There were no more earnest listeners than were these faithful women.

When J. C. Stencil interrupted Hon. E. W. Pou the other day, it reminded your correspondent of the tumble bug that flew against a brick wall. Nobody knew much of it but the bug and he did not know it long.

A negro caught in the very act of burglary was locked up in the guard house Saturday night. Some of his friends sought to effect his escape by furnishing, through the window, axes and such other tools as he could use to advantage. But he was "coteh" again and is now in jail to answer double charges.

Failing to find other amusements, John Hudson and Frank Parker indulged a little sort of scrap Sunday and Parker brandished his knife savagely. Nobody was hurt except the community at large which is always hurt by such exhibitions of doggedness. Hudson declares he was not in fault and has taken out papers against Parker.

There was good speaking at Poplar Spring School house Tuesday night by Judge Stevens, S. T. Honeycutt, Geo. L. Jones and C. M. Wilson. It was largely attended by ladies as well as old men, boys and the stake of the land. There were only two fools in the crowd and everybody found out who they were without any introduction.

The last scalp Ed. Pou hung in his belt smelt so bad that he threw it into Hannah's Creek with the remark that to carry such a thing made it a costly prize to take. It was nothing less than a worthless trophy when he skinned J. C. (otherwise Jac Cass) Stencil here, Tuesday.

J. C. is Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee and nobody can fully show up the Republican party in motive, principle and intention better than he can do.

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The Work of the Frosts.

The two frosts which came early this month did far more damage than was at first supposed. They were fully a month earlier than the first killing frost a year ago. One month taken from the growth of cotton, peas, sweet potatoes and some other things will any year mean considerable loss. This year crops started late and grew slow which made the loss from frosts greater. People who planted late and cotton on stiff land and bottom land and cotton manured late with nitrate of soda or top dresser suffered the most. In fact as far north as this the usual season is rather short for cotton and when any part of it is taken off by frost or anything else the loss is considerable. Mr. J. C. Hardee, of Clayton Township, says his loss is fully two bales and he thinks Mr. Julian Barbour has a loss of twenty-five bales on his farm near him. Similar losses are reported by others and nearly every farmer is talking about the work of the frosts.

Nichols & Davis sells one barn of tobacco with Boyett Bros. at the Farmers Warehouse for \$182.00 clear.

TERM IN PRISON FOR TWO.

Member of Republican Executive Committee—Rural Mail Carrier Also Gets Sentence—Judge Boyd Is Not Very Lenient.

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 23.—There were several very interesting cases tried on the criminal docket of the Federal Court at Statesville last week. One of the parties sent to the penitentiary was Lisk, a rural mail carrier, convicted of embezzling \$16 given him by a lady to get a money order. Every effort was made to save him because he was ignorant, but an example was made of him and he serves his time. He was the tallest man in the county, being six feet nine and three quarters inches high.

Another important conviction and sentence to the penitentiary was that of Thomas L. Williams, a prominent and influential member of the Republican County Executive Committee. After a warm trial on a charge of illicit distilling, being ably defended by Judge Furches and Ex-Congressman Linney, and as ably prosecuted by District Attorney Holton and Assistant District Attorney Coble, Williams was convicted. An equally strong effort was made to save him from the penitentiary, but Judge Boyd would not relent. The evidence showed that Williams had been running the "block" in north Iredell, near the Alexander line, nearly as badly as had those distillers in other parts of the Eighth district two years ago, which the recent revenue officer trials have exposed. Judge Boyd at the April term of court in Iredell publicly announced that illicit distilling had to stop, and that in the future he would send all convicted parties to the penitentiary. He made this proclamation at all the courts time and again. In spite of this, the evidence showed that Williams kept right on running his still, and his prayer for clemency did not avail.—News and Observer.

A Badly Burned Girl

or boy, man or woman, is quickly out of pain if Bucklen's Arnica Salve is applied promptly. G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., says: "I use it in my family for cuts, sores and all skin injuries, and find it perfect." Quickest Pile cure known. Best healing salve made. 25c. at Hood Bros' drug store.

Picking Cotton.

What it is worth per hundred to pick out cotton? This is a question asked often and one it seems hard to solve. Some farmers seem to want to give below the usual price paid and some seem determined to go above it to try to get ahead of their neighbors with their work. Both extremes are wrong. The price for picking should be one that will be just to the farmer and laboring man and that price should be adhered to. To give less because the acreage happens to be smaller some years than others and the crop lighter is not justice to the picker. To give more because a farmer gets in a hurry is not justice to himself or his neighbors. It does not make one hand more in the neighborhood. When a farmer has to give one fourth of his cotton for the picking and ginning we think it time to stop farming.

A Young Mother at 70.

"My mother has suddenly been made young at 70. Twenty years of intense suffering from dyspepsia had entirely disabled her, until six months ago, when she began taking Electric Bitters, which have completely cured her and restored the strength and activity she had in the prime of life," writes Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick, of Danforth, Me. Greatest restorative medicine on the globe. Sets Stomach, Liver and Kidneys right, purifies the blood, and cures Malaria, Biliousness and Weaknesses. Wonderful Nerve Tonic. Price 50c. Guaranteed by Hood Bros' drug store.