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## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES TALK.

At Elevation Allen Barefoot and Others Entertain the Crowd With the Use of a Walking Encyclopedia.

The Republican County candidates spoke at Elevation Monday. First on the program was J. C. Stencil, candidate for Sheriff. About all he said was in abuse of the Democratic party, and when asked why they did not have a joint canvass he flatly denied Chairman Richardson's challenge and agreement to cancel Democratic appointments and meet the Republicans.

Next came a rhapsodical Republican "tareloose," by A. L. Barefoot in which he claimed to discuss the issues, but cursed the Democrats a great deal. He first took up the tariff and illustrated that issue by holding up a Republican handbook and saying it cost three dollars per dozen to print them and that we could not compete with the man over the branch because labor was so cheap.

He abused Mr. Bryan a great deal and said it was a disgrace for him to run for the presidency so many times, but failed to say how many times he and Jim Stencil had run for office, and from the Democrats. He then said that the Democratic "politicians" did not mention anything in their campaign but "68" and Russell, and put just enough negro in it to color it, but I think he was only describing his audience, as it was composed of Republicans, several Democrats and enough of his colored brethren to color it. He said that the Republicans did not want the negro in politics any more, but didn't say anything about how they tried to keep him from being disfranchised.

He then belched forth again in thunderous tones and compared the Republican party to the rising sun, but in his astronomical calculations he failed to state that there would be a total of that rising sun Nov. 3rd, 1908, visible to the whole United States and that (Mars) John Parker would be the evening star for the next two years.

Allen told numbers of anecdotes which he said applied to the Democratic party. Some of his remarks brought forth applause from some of the stand pats but at times the better element of the Republicans would hang their heads in disgust (I beg pardon; I meant to say if there is such an element in that party.)

Mr. Barefoot's memory seemed to be short on the issues so he had to be prompted by one Emmet McCabe, and at times it was hard to tell which was the candidate—they both talked so much and at the same time—but I soon learned that McCabe was only a living Encyclopedia of Republicanism, Vol. I, bound in overalls and an imitation vic-kid superbly illustrated in Republican colors, gilded with plenty of brass on back and front. So when Allen was almost exhausted and started to leave the stand he was called back by reference to that encyclopedia of useless knowledge and found that he had not said anything about prohibition. So he put that all on the Democrats and said they were to blame for everything bad, and that our liberties had been taken away.

This prompter (McCabe) then yelled out and commanded him to tell the people what whiskey was good for. So Allen proceeded to say that it was a panacea to nearly all the diseases the Republican party was heir to and that especially that it was a preventative and sure cure for snake bites, typhoid fever and diphtheria. He then wound up by saying that he had nothing against his opponent.

Next on the program was a sermon by elder William Turner. He took for his text the Egyptians in bondage and spiced it up with a few anecdotes.

Then came W. C. Lassiter with

a few words of testimony in which he endorsed all that had been said, or was likely to be said, by the Republicans, after which old man John Parker was called on and pronounced the benediction.

ANON.

## Demonstrations Farms for Johnston.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, special agent of the United States Department of Agriculture was here Tuesday making arrangements to start Demonstration Farm work in Johnston county. The object of this work is to place among the farmers of the county some seventy-five or a hundred Demonstration farms where the best known methods of farming will be illustrated. These farms are practical object lessons in the various communities.

The farmers around these farms can see and know what the methods are and also see and know the results. It is claimed that the average farmer can, and will, do better farming if properly approached. There is no necessity for the widespread deterioration of soil and the poverty of many men on their farms. Like all great reforms this work cannot be done for the people who are to be benefited, but must be done by them. The sick man is the one who should take the medicine.

The Demonstration farms can, and must, show that very much larger yields can be made than are now being produced, and at no increase, or even at less cost than at present. This work was started a year ago in eight counties in the Piedmont section of the State. The results that are being obtained show that farmers are making from ten to fifty and even a hundred per cent more than formerly.

At the solicitation of Congressman Pou and several interested business men the work will now be started in Johnston county. Mr. Geo. L. Jones, who is known as a practical and successful farmer here, has been selected to have charge of the work. He will travel among the farmers, explain the methods to them and establish the Demonstration farms. He will afterwards visit the farms regularly to aid the farmers to secure the best methods possible and to help them in anyway he can.

There is no cost attached to the work so far as the farmer is concerned. Any one wishing to take up the methods can do so by giving his name and post office address to Mr. Jones and stating how many acres of corn and cotton he proposes to devote to the work. However it would be much better to attend the meetings that will be held to fully explain the methods.

This is an opportunity for the farmers of Johnston county to obtain, without cost to themselves, the best known methods of growing corn and cotton. The methods did not come from Washington, but from the most successful farmers over the South.

The civilization of our country, as a whole, can rise no higher than the earning capacity of the farmer to support that civilization. If our country is to progress as it should, our farmers must procure such methods as will increase their earning capacity without increasing the cost of producing the crops. The records kept of Demonstration work in the South for five years, and with thirty thousand farmers this year show, conclusively that the movement is accomplishing that which it was designed to accomplish.

## An Oyster Supper.

The ladies of Corinth Church are going to give an Oyster Supper on Nov. 6th 1908 from 7:30 O'clock till eleven, for the benefit of the church. We are going to provide not only oysters, but that which will suit the most fastidious appetite.

Committee.

## HE HAS STOOD ON 'ALL SIDES.

The Honorable John H. Parker, Republican Nominee for the House, Says He Did Not Sign Petition.

While the Legislature of 1905 was in session petitions were circulated over this county asking the General Assembly to pass a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Johnston. More than two thousand of the qualified voters of this county signed these petitions. Among the signers of these petitions are the names of John T. Cole, H. M. Barnes, Mills Rose, John H. Parker, Republican nominee for the House, and hundreds of other Republicans.

Mr. John H. Parker, in a card published in the Smithfield Journal of October 27, denies that he signed the petition. He did sign one of these petitions, asking the Legislature to give Johnston county prohibition without submitting the question to a vote of the people. Quite a number of as good citizens as live in the town of Selma (who are perfectly familiar with Mr. Parker's handwriting) say that the signature is John H. Parker's, the signature of the same man who is running for the Legislature on the Republican ticket. We have consulted several of the best men of Selma who say they will swear that the signature is John H. Parker's. We have further heard that he signed the petition until he consulted with the Republican bosses.

Why Mr. Parker should deny his signature, we are at a loss to understand, unless it be that his memory is defective. And we ought to be surprised at this not remembering when we remember that he has taken everywhere of the whiskey question. He advocated a dispensary for Selma; he voted to get the dispensary out of Selma; he signed a petition asking the Legislature to pass a prohibition law for Johnston county without giving the people a chance to vote on it; he voted against Prohibition last May! Surely such a man is expecting to catch the voters "gwine and comin'."

Now, Mr. Voter, what kind of a representative do you think such a man would make? What kind of laws would he make? Would he vote twice alike on the same bill?

O TEMPORA! O MORES! To what pass has the Republican party come when it puts up such a man for a legislative office! Pity the party and pity the constituency that supports such a man for such an important office.

## Barbecue and Speaking Next Monday.

The campaign will close at Smithfield next Monday with a big barbecue and rally. Mr. Victor S. Bryant, of Durham and Congressman E. W. Pou will be the principal speakers. Mr. Bryant is one of the finest speakers in the State; as to Mr. Pou, he is so well known in Johnston county as a campaign orator that any commendation from us is unnecessary. Let the people come from far and near and hear the issues ably presented.

A brass band will be on hand to make music for the occasion. There will be barbecue and other eatables on hand. The ladies throughout the county are cordially invited to come out. And the people from all sections are invited to come and bring well filled baskets and enjoy the day.

## Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at Hood Bros. drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## Republicans at Benson.

Benson, N. C., Oct. 28.—The Republican County Candidates spoke in Benson Tuesday. Jim Stencil, the nominee for sheriff spoke first. In his speech he said it was time for the Democrats to reform and give the people local self-government. Just at this point a drunken man yelled out: "I've reformed." Stencil then switched off and proceeded to abuse the Democrats about White Supremacy. Another drunken man yelled, "Dam White Supremacy." Stencil then said: "We favor local self government, when another drunken man hollered out, "We want plenty of corn liker."

W. C. Lassiter, Candidate for Legislature, was then introduced. He began by saying: "I am in favor of local self-government and it's time for all men who have orchards to repent. I started from the ground, always stayed out of bad company and left the Democratic party because they took our wine and cider away. We always had brandy before and it's wrong to take our liberty away. Democrats have took our liquor and put it in the drug stores where the ladies go."

A. L. Barefoot, nominee for treasurer, then began to speak by saying: "I am no politician; I favor local self-government. Our forefathers with Geo. Washington won our freedom from Lord Cornwallis in 1781. Will you allow the Democrats to take away that liberty?" He then referred to the Cleveland Panic; saying that it brought starvation to thousands of homes in Banner Township. From this he switched on to the railroads, saying that the passenger fares were cheap enough; that Democratic courts indicted the railroads for violating the law; the railroads appealed to the supreme court of New York, where Glenn's Lawyers went to fight the case. He then said after 1908 there would be some boys in the state who would be so unfortunate as to learn to read and write, that all who are not thus unfortunate will be disfranchised.

John Parker nominee for the House was then introduced. He began by saying: "I am independent so far as this world's goods are concerned. I favor local self-government. The Republicans, if elected, will bring your liquor back. The word wine is used 72 times in the Bible. God Almighty loved wine and loved liberty." He then said the letter D stood for Devil, Drunkard, Democrat, Druggist, Doctor and Deacon. A large number of Democratic votes were made by these speeches.

## Chairman Mack Confident of Victory.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 26th.—The following telegram was received at Democratic Headquarters here this afternoon:

"We are confident that Bryan will win in the electoral College. I am wiring to urge you to call upon the voters of your State to be active and to appeal to those in strong Democratic sections to bring out the full Democratic vote so that a big majority of the popular vote will be cast for Bryan and Kera. A large majority of the popular vote will help to secure the reform legislation to which our party is committed. A big majority in your State will help the Democratic party everywhere. Please leave no effort untried to get out the full Democratic vote in your State. Appeal to the Democratic papers which have done so much in this campaign to aid in this work."

NORMAN E. MACK.

The Democratic administration of affairs in this county for the past twenty years and more, has proven their ability to give the people a safe, clean economical government and there is no reason for any Democrat to fail to vote the Democratic ticket this year.

## BRANDENBURG IS ARRESTED.

The Forger of the Cleveland Letter Now in the Clutches of the Law.

In the first issue of the Smithfield Journal there appeared an article advocating Mr. Taft, purported to be written by the late Grover Cleveland. It has since turned out that it was a forgery and was sold by one Broughton Brandenburg to the New York Times. It is strange that the New York Times should have been imposed upon in such a manner.

Mr. Cleveland's friends began an investigation to clear their dead friend's name of such a charge. Knowing him as they did they were confident that he never wrote such an article. Last week at Dayton, Ohio, Brandenburg was arrested charged with the forgery and placed under a \$2,500 bond. He was started to New York Wednesday in charge of a detective. He will have to stand trial on the charge of forging Grover Cleveland's name to an article and selling it to a newspaper. It is mean enough to wrong the living, but when it comes to slandering the dead there is no word in the language sufficiently strong to properly characterize such villainy.

When Brandenburg reached New York yesterday he was carried to Police Headquarters and measured and photographed for the Rogue's Gallery just as any other common criminal.

## Bryan as a Campaigner.

The physical stamina and mental alertness displayed by Mr. Bryan during this campaign are nothing short of marvelous. As a campaigner he has eclipsed the records of the most famous stump speakers of American history. He seems to be made of something more durable than flesh and blood. On many an occasion he has reached his bed in a Pullman car long after 1 o'clock in the morning after a day of ceaseless strain, to arise at daylight and deliver speeches, shake hands and endure laborious travel for another eighteen hours. Other men have accomplished this feat for a week or ten days at a stretch, but Mr. Bryan seems to be able to make such tasks his regular occupation.

Only an abstemious life, a rugged constitution, and a good disposition could stand the strain to which Mr. Bryan subjects himself. He is admirably constituted to serve as a presidential candidate. The drain upon the vital resources of such candidates is becoming heavier with every campaign, and it is a question whether it will not be necessary to bring about a complete change of campaign methods if candidates are to survive and save their health.

However men may disagree with Mr. Bryan, there can be nothing but admiration for his equipment as a campaigner. He is an antagonist worthy of the steel of any man. If Mr. Taft should win this election, the honor will be all the greater because of the character and energy of his opponent.—Washington Post.

## Mr. Ogburn's View of the Subject.

On April 24th, 1908, Mr. Len O. Ogburn, the Republican candidate for Register of Deeds for Johnston county, wrote a letter which we have seen. A part of the letter reads as follows:

"It is no crime nor sin for a man to take a dram and even get drunk."

## Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

## Mitchner-Deans.

Selma, N. C., Oct. 27.—Married at the M. E. church, Selma, at sunset on Thursday afternoon, October 22nd Miss Alice Ecota Mitchner, of Selma, and Mr. Ernest Vick Deans, of Wilson, Rev. W. H. Puckett performing the ceremony. This was made the more interesting and impressive from the fact that the ring used was the same used when the parents of the bride were married by Rev. Drewry Lacy on September 30th, 1874.

The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Miss Maggie Whitley sang beautifully and very impressively two songs, "All For You," and "For Your Sake." The wedding march was played by Mrs. W. H. Call and the bridal party entered in the following order:

Mr. J. B. Waddell with Miss Alice Mann, Mr. Jno. A. Mitchner, Jr., with Miss Annie Adams, Mr. A. W. Mitchner with Miss Sackie Mitchner, Mr. J. Samuel Mitchner with Miss Mary Mitchner, Master C. V. Mitchner with little sister Rosalia Mitchner. Maid of Honor, Miss Gertrude Blanch Mitchner; flower girls, Mary Guerrant Mitchner and Effie Jones; ring bearer, little James Spiers; bride with her father and groom with his best man, Dr. George Davis Vick.

Ushers, Edward Vick, Maurice Waddell, Hughes Pierce; James Spiers, H. L. Mitchner.

After the ceremony many friends joined the bridal party at the New Wyoming House, found a well prepared supper and refreshments awaiting them. The bride and groom took the first train for their future home amid a shower of rice, old shoes, etc. The young people then returned to the hotel and spent several hours in various amusements. An account of the reception given by the bride to her elderly lady friends on the afternoon of 20th was published. On the evening of the 21st the entire bridal party was tendered a reception at the home of the bride; also on the night of the 22nd was an informal affair to see the bride and groom off.

Many valuable and useful presents were received.

This couple have the very best wishes of many friends who were present and those who were unavoidably absent.

## Clayton News.

Since cotton has gone up to nine cents, the people are selling a little more than heretofore.

Mr. Ashley Horne's gin has turned out over a thousand bales of cotton this season. This is pretty nice work for a ginny.

The women of the Johnston county association of the Baptists are holding their annual meeting with the Clayton Baptist church.

Next Tuesday will settle the much debated question of the election. Whether the result is what we want it or not, we shall be rid of the suspense.

Next Sunday the Clayton Baptist Sunday School will have their annual rally-day and every body in the town and adjoining territory is invited to attend. A splendid program has been arranged.

Our school continues to move along as our people like it to. We hear nothing but praise for teachers and the management. This is very gratifying to our people. Any young people in the county who wish to enter a good school, where they will get all the attention it is possible to get, will do themselves a favor by writing to Prof. B. Carraway, principal.

Hon. J. T. Ellington and N. R. Pool spoke to a very enthusiastic crowd at the Academy on Tuesday evening. The vital issues of the campaign were thoroughly explained to those present. Both the speakers seemed to be at their best and gave us some mighty rich anecdotes. When old Sheriff Ellington tells us the evils of the past republican administrations, we are glad we are Democrats.

YELIN, Clayton, October 28.