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SENATOR OVERMAN'S SERVICES REVIEWED

Mr. Creech Sums Up the Work of Carolina's Junior Senator and Gives Reasons Why He Thinks the Senator Should Be Re-Elected. Mr. Overman Is Now the Third Oldest Democrat in the Senate in Point of Service.

(By F. Hunter Creech.)

The campaign of 1916 brought to Johnston County some of the most able speakers and campaigners in the State. Two of those speakers were Senator Lee S. Overman and Mr. A. L. Brooks, who are now contesting for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.

This writer had the honor of introducing Mr. Brooks when he spoke in Four Oaks, and he made one of the finest speeches heard during the campaign. He made a most favorable impression upon this writer, not only as a speaker but, as a fine, pleasing gentleman.

Were Mr. Brooks running against a less able and less worthy man than Senator Overman he would certainly receive a great deal of support that he will not receive with the Senator as an opponent.

Having seen a great deal of Senator Overman, in action, for the past four years, I feel that I know something of his ability and something of his record.

A man's real history is not written until he is dead. Not until the real history of Senator Overman has been written will people really begin to understand and appreciate the great, intrinsic value he has been to the State and Nation, most especially for the past three years.

When this Nation is no longer simmering in the International Trouble Pot, and when a true history of America's part in the great World War can be written, the name of Senator Lee S. Overman will brighten its pages and will shed a halo of glory over the Old North State, which he has so ably represented.

There are many reasons why Senator Overman should be returned to the Senate. Each reason is a story within itself, if told in detail.

May I briefly state a few:

North Carolina cannot afford to lose the prestige and position the Senator has gained by his many years of sincere, faithful and honest service.

In point of service, he is the third ranking Democrat in the Senate—only Senators Culberson and Simmons outrank him by a few years.

If the next Senate should be Democratic, Senator Overman would be the Chairman of the all-powerful Appropriations Committee; he would be ranking majority member of the great Judiciary Committee, and of the Rules Committee as well.

This is a position of power and influence that would come to North Carolina that we could ill afford to lose, and we could not hope to acquire it again in years if we should replace Senator Overman with a new man.

This Republican Congress has failed to accomplish anything towards the problems of reconstruction that now face the country. We need our men of legislative experience and ability to settle these things.

If the South is to maintain her position and safeguard her protection, she must keep her men of influence and ability in Congress until a readjustment has been brought about. If we place new men in Congress who do not have the advantage of several years of service, and the prestige that goes with it, we can depend upon Republican politicians to again saddle all the responsibilities of government upon the South, and at the same time restrict the benefits. Not only that, we have an element in the Democratic ranks to contend with that is jealous of the position the South holds within the party.

Mr. Seibold, a prominent correspondent, in a recent issue of the New York World said, in effect, that the people were tired of the influence of the South in the Democratic party and that, whatever else took place, this power must be broken. It will be broken unless we take advantage of the positions gained by our tried and true men. To give up Overman at this time would be to give up one of our mighty bulwarks.

The splendid work of Senator Overman on the Judiciary Committee, for the eight years the Democrats had

control, alone entitles him to the continued support of the people.

As a member of the Committee on Forest Reservations, he was a great factor in securing large appropriations for the purchase of reservations in North Carolina.

While Senator Overman was a member of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, more money was spent for the purchase of sites and the erection and remodeling of public buildings in North Carolina than was ever spent in the entire history of the State, before or since, for similar projects.

As a member of the Claims Committee, he did wonderful work towards the securing of the payment of War Claims in North Carolina that had remained unpaid since the Civil War.

While he was a member of the Military Affairs Committee, his work thereon merited the most favorable comment.

Though not believing in Woman Suffrage—coming as a Federal Amendment, but rather as a State measure—his conduct as Chairman of the Woman Suffrage Committee won the hearts and thanks of many of the leading suffragists in the country for his uniform courtesy to them, as well as the fairness which characterized the conduct of his hearings.

It is hard to estimate the value of the services of Senator Overman as Chairman of the committee that investigated the Bolshevik situation. How often, during this investigation, was his statesmanship applauded and eulogized. He went mercilessly to the bottom of things and unflinchingly traced anarchy to its very brooding places. Yet, at the same time, with the masterful touch of inspired vision and profound influence were at work to blacken and besmirch loyal American citizens.

Senator Overman was largely responsible for the passage of one of the most important pieces of legislation of recent years. That was the Act extending and exploiting our trade with foreign countries. The South has been tremendously helped by this in the increased price of cotton and other Southern commodities.

Certainly his most excellent work on the Rules Committee needs no comment.

Who can forget the tremendous amount of war legislation that he fostered and fought through the Senate. How the hearts of North Carolinians swelled with pride when they read, day after day, how Overman, of North Carolina, had led another great administration measure to victory.

And the greatest single piece of legislation during the entire war is known as the Overman Bill. This will, indeed, be a bright page in the history of North Carolina when historians transcribe their notes.

Overman was the man who had charge of, and put through the Senate, the great Clayton anti-trust law, which was designed for the purpose of curbing those gigantic trusts and monopolies that would kill and make alive, crush the weak and fatten off the labor of the poor,—sweetening their sop with the sweat-drops of the toiler.

There has been practically no measure of importance before Congress during Democratic Administration but what Senator Overman has had a prominent part in its consideration. His statesmanship lent aid to such vitally important measures as the Federal Trade Commission Act, the Ship Purchase Act, the Rural Credits Act, the Federal Reserve Banking Act, the Warehouse Bill, the Agricultural Extension Bill, and numerous other measures whose benefits have been so pronounced that details are unnecessary.

It was Senator Overman who introduced in the Senate one of the first bills providing for Federal aid to good roads, in cooperation with the States.

He took a most conspicuous part in the passage of legislation providing for Vocational Education, thereby opening up a new field of opportunities to the boy or girl who is desirous of exploring.

We cannot forget that it was Senator Overman who introduced a Resolution in the Senate which resulted in the Cuban Government withdrawing its suit before the Supreme Court of the United States for the collection of forty odd million dollars of fraudulent bonds which were issued by a carpet-bag legislature right after the Civil War. Thus were the well-laid plans of Marion Butler again thwarted.

We might continue to enumerate. We might go into many of the things

HEARD IN THE DAY'S NEWS

Brief Paraphrases About Men and Other Matters of Interest.

There are 73 Mexican War pensioners still living in the United States.

New York University has opened a drive to raise \$6,450,000 for its endowment fund.

Dunn is beginning to make preparations for its biggest Fourth of July celebration.

Strikes, lockouts, and labor disputes in England during 1919 caused a loss of 34,430,000 working days.

E. T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture, says: "The more we work, the more there is; the more there is the more to divide."

Wilmington women have petitioned the legislature which is to meet in special session in July to ratify the suffrage amendment.

Vermont suffragists are asking for a special session of the legislature for the purpose of ratifying the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment.

About 4,000 union clothing cutters in New York who are now working only 44 hours and getting \$51 a week are demanding an increase to \$60 a week.

While sitting on the bank of the Catawba river near Fort Mill, S. C., Hezekiah J. Brawley fainted and fell in the river and was drowned one day last week.

Cam Morrison is beginning his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor in dead earnest. He is out on a tour of the State in which he expects to make 48 speeches.

Mrs. Marie Anne Houde Gagnon has been found guilty of murdering her 18-year old step-daughter at Quebec, Canada, and sentenced to be hanged October 1. The time of the hanging is put off too late to ever be pulled off.

Attorney General Palmer beat Hoke Smith for President in the Georgia preferential primary. Thomas Watson received more votes than Smith. The enemies of discontent did not get in the lead in Georgia.

Representative Humphreys of Mississippi has proposed a constitutional amendment that would limit Presidents to two terms only. That is already fixed. The people have never yet elected a man to a third term.

The overalls craze has had one effect already. The New York department stores have already cut their prices on clothing and have thus reduced the cost of living to those who will continue to buy regulation clothes.

The Chaswick-Hoskins Mill Company of Charlotte, has recently increased its capital stock from \$1,800,000 to \$5,800,000. The company has a group of six big cotton mills and is one of the largest cotton manufacturing concerns in the South. The six mills contain 119,576 spindles and 2,757 looms.

Joseph Caillaux, once the French Prime minister, and regarded as one of the brainiest men in the French republic, has been found guilty of "commerce and correspondence with the enemy" and has been sentenced to prison for three years. He is denied any political rights for ten years. He was charged of the crime of treason but was acquitted of the charge.

Max Gardner has been touring the First Congressional District in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Like Messrs. Page and Morrison he is meeting with great success. In fact all the candidates are very much pleased with the receptions they receive. North Carolinians are very polite and give encouragement to each candidate who aspires to be Governor.

that he has accomplished, through the various Government Departments, that have yielded inestimable benefit to North Carolina. The more the people investigate the record of Senator Overman, just the more will he become embedded in their confidence.

The aspirations of good men for a seat in the Senate of the United States are worthy and laudable, and under different circumstances should be seriously considered. But this is a time when North Carolina needs the legislative ability, experience and wisdom of Senator Overman.

It is the duty of North Carolinians to return him to the Senate for the State's sake, and not only for the State, but for the sake of the Nation which will need him sorely during the trying period of reconstruction, which we are yet to face.

New York, April 22, 1920.

PREACHER AND SINGER HERE FOR REVIVAL

Dr. Poe of Durham and Mr. Wolslagel of Asheville Arrived Yesterday—First Regular Service in Revival at Baptist Church Held Last Night—Tonight Church Members' Night And Subject Will Be "A Revival"

With the arrival of Dr. E. D. Poe, pastor of the Temple Baptist church of Durham, and E. L. Wolslagel, baritone soloist and music director of Asheville, the revival meeting at the Baptist church for which preparatory services were held last week began with all earnestness and enthusiasm last night. Despite the threatening downpour of rain just at the hour for the services to begin the crowd was a large one and gave great encouragement to the preachers and singer.

Dr. Poe is recognized as one of the best preachers and evangelists in the state and will be heard by large congregations at each service. He is pastor of one of Durham's largest churches having taken charge in December after a most successful pastorate in Dothan, Ala.

Mr. Wolslagel is just from a splendid evangelistic campaign conducted under the auspices of all the churches of Louisburg and which closed with a great service Sunday night. He had nearly 200 voices in his choir in that city and is expecting the co-operation of all the musical talent of Smithfield during the time of the special meeting here.

The meeting while being held in the Baptist church is to be for the benefit of the entire community and Rev. H. W. Baucom, pastor, has invited the participation of people of every denomination. A warm welcome will be extended to all.

Dr. Poe announced at the service last night that he would preach on "A Revival" at the service tonight and gave a special invitation to all the church members of the town to be present. He said tonight would be "Church Members' Night."

Funeral of Mrs. L. H. Lee.

Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the funeral of Mrs. L. H. Lee was preached at the Methodist church here by Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the Raleigh Orphanage, assisted by Rev. S. A. Cotton, after which the remains were interred in the city cemetery.

Mrs. Lee who formerly lived here had been making her home with a son who lives near Selma for some time. It was her intention to return here to live and about two weeks ago she was in the city making arrangements for rooms, when she was taken with a slight stroke of paralysis. She was taken home, two other strokes following which caused her death last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Lee was a good woman always ready to minister to those who were sick or in need. She was a member of the Methodist church here and was a faithful member when this was her home. She was married three times. The first time she was married to Mr. Barrow, to which union two sons, Jim Barrow and Henry Barrow were born both of whom survive. Her second marriage was to a Mr. Price, and one son, Mr. J. L. Price, with whom she had recently made her home, was born to this union. She was married the last time to Mr. L. H. Lee who preceded her to the grave several years ago. One daughter, Miss Lucy Lee, survives. The bereaved family have the sympathy of friends, but they mourn not as those without hope for "Blessed are they who die in the Lord."

Preaching Appointments 1st Sunday.

Rev. J. L. Martin will preach at Carter's Chapel church next Saturday and Sunday at the usual time. Rev. J. R. Everett will preach at Princeton Baptist church the first Sunday morning and night.

There will be preaching at Bethel Baptist church four miles from Kenly the first Sunday in May at 3:30 o'clock.

Clock Dial Is a Shadow

A sickroom clock invented in Switzerland has an electric lamp behind a translucent dial, so that when an invalid in bed presses a button the dial throws the shadow of the hours and bands magnified upon the ceiling.

ONE DAY'S NEWS AND COMMENT

Some of Happenings Of Interest Told In Brief for Busy Readers.

Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, says, at 86, that he "feels spry as a youth of 56."

Judge Nathan Goff of West Virginia died Friday. He was 78 years of age. He was formerly in the United States Senate.

Fishermen are making good hauls in the region of Kinston and good large shad are selling at three and three and a half dollars apiece.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has accepted an invitation to speak in Wilmington at an early date in the interest of the American Legion.

Five hundred striking railroad switchmen in a mass meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, Friday voted to go to jail rather than go to work.

The Cary High School district in Wake county will vote on a \$25,000 bond issue for a vocational educational building for the school on May 18.

City Commissioner E. R. Pace, head of the department of streets and public works of Raleigh, died in that city Saturday after several months of failing health.

Gardner Tyler, grandson of President Tyler, has been made secretary of the Students Overall Club at William and Mary College Club at Williamsburg, Va.

Ten sugar dealers have been arrested in New Orleans for profiteering in the sweet commodity. They are reported to be making more profit than the law allows.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, who has been such a bitter opponent of the League of Nations, has been rejected by the Democrats of his State as a delegate to the San Francisco Convention.

Dr. George B. Strayer, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, has made an educational survey of Greensboro's school needs and states that the building program required for the next five years will cost \$2,025,000. Of this amount \$450,000 is needed for the negro schools of the city.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, has withdrawn from the race for minority leader of the Senate. This leaves a clear field for Senator Underwood, of Alabama, who will probably be selected for the position at Washington today. Senator Hitchcock will doubtless be the administration leader should the treaty fight be again taken up in the Senate.

Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, has become within the past few weeks one of the leading Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination. He is developing a strength that is assuming formidable proportions. He is the second choice of a large number of influential Democrats and the present probability is that he will be in the race at the finish.

Mrs. Josephine Buchanan, of Wake county, has been granted a divorce for the second time from the same man. The couple were married in 1905 in Wilson. They were divorced in Wilson county in 1913. They decided to try it again and were remarried in Henderson in July, 1916. But they were unable to get along any better and were again divorced as stated above. The woman claims that her husband would not support her.

The school boards of New Hanover county and the City of Wilmington have decided to combine the schools under one management. This means that County Superintendent Catlett or City Superintendent Blair is to lose his position and may be both. It is stated in the newspaper that the position is to be offered to Supt. Oscar Hamilton of Goldsboro. Teachers and children in the Wilmington schools are indignant over the practical removal of Supt. Blair.

The debaters in the final contest at Chapel Hill Friday night were Arthur Kale and Clifton Ervin, of the Asheville High School, and Misses Elizabeth Edwards and Blanche Healy, of the Goldsboro High School. The Asheville boys were declared the victors in the State wide contest and were given the Aycock memorial cup. They also hold the record as the champion high school debaters in the State. In the first preliminary debates back in the high schools more than 800 boys and girls took part. In the first contests at Chapel Hill last week there were 176 boys and girls taking part. The contest was then narrowed down until only Goldsboro and Asheville were in it with the result that the Asheville boys were the winners.

FARMERS COTTON WAREHOUSE MEETING

Here Saturday Well Attended—The Manager Was Authorized to Continue the Canvass for Stock Until the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Has Been Secured

"The county cotton convention held here last Saturday was well attended, considering the pretty day for planting cotton," says Mr. S. T. Liles, president of the Farmers Cotton Warehouse, Inc.

Mr. J. W. Stephenson reported what took place at the National Convention at Montgomery; the one biggest thing and issue was "Build warehouses for this year's crop," he said.

Mr. J. M. Workman, warehouse specialist, had five different types of model warehouses at the meeting and discussed their relative merits for economical operation. The stockholders decided to build the one-story brick house.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore presented the warehouse business from a safe investment standpoint and said that it was not only the biggest issue before the South but that it was one of the best investments any cotton farmer or business man could make. He said he wanted to see Johnston county complete and have the first cotton warehouse in operation in North Carolina simply because it is the leading agricultural county in the State, though there are five other counties now starting to build similar warehouses.

The directors met just after the convention adjourned and authorized the manager, Mr. A. M. Johnson, to continue selling stock at \$100.00 a share until \$150,000 has been subscribed. Other matters were left to the building committee which promises to have at least five 1000-bale sections of the warehouse completed by early fall.

A cotton classifier has already been engaged and will be located at Smithfield at the warehouse, says Mr. Johnson.

Young Man Didn't Commit Suicide.

Mr. Neill H. Lucas, of Benson, was in town Saturday and called in and stated that our published report concerning his son's killing himself a short while ago was in the main erroneous. He said that his son on the night of the accident was in good spirits and had no thought of killing himself. Several young people were at the Lucas home and were having some music on the Edison. Soon after about half past nine when all had gone but three of the young men and Wilbert Lucas, the unfortunate youth, went to his room and was showing one of the young men a pistol which he had recently bought. The cartridges were taken out and after they were put back the boys were pranking with each other. Young Lucas put the pistol behind him and the other boys who were with him thought he was slipping them out into his pocket. He then took the pistol and put it in his mouth and snapped it. Then making some joking remark he put the pistol back into his mouth and pulled the trigger again. This time it fired and the boy asked the boys to call. Not moving fast enough he rushed to the phone and took down the receiver and fell over backwards and died in a few minutes. He lived only two minutes after his father, who was sleeping in a near-by room, reached him. Mr. Lucas and the young men who were with his son think that he thought he had taken all the balls out but somehow missed the count and thus killed himself through his own mistake.

His father says that the boy had no cause for killing himself and appeared satisfied, that he had given the boy a cotton patch and that he had a good chance to make some money this year. The boy was 17 years, seven months and 28 days old and was an average boy. On the afternoon of his death he was to see some of the neighbors who said that he was in good spirits. From what we can learn he was not the kind of boy that our informant reported him to be and we are very glad to make this correction.

Preaching Appointments.

We are requested to announce that Elder J. W. Lucas of the Duke section, will preach at St. Mary's Grove next Saturday and Sunday at the usual hour. He will also preach at Hope-well Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.