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HON. E. W. POU'S KEYNOTE SPEECH

Addressed State Democratic Convention In Raleigh Yesterday

The people of Smithfield and Johnston county had a peculiar interest in the Democratic State convention which met in Raleigh yesterday, in the fact that a son of this town and county, Hon. Edward W. Pou, Congressman from the Fourth District for more than 26 years, made the keynote speech. His address which reviewed North Carolina progress under Democratic rule and contrasted Republican and Democratic National administrations was practical and convincing. It presented facts that will be of interest to our readers, and therefore, we are publishing the entire speech in our columns. Because of the length, it will be run in two issues, the part today dealing with state progress, the resume of national affairs to be published next Tuesday.

Mr. Pou spoke as follows:
Mr. Chairman Norwood, Ladies and Gentlemen of the convention:

Twenty-one years ago last January, Charles B. Aycock succeeded Daniel L. Russell as Governor. Since then our Party has had control of both legislative and executive departments of this State. We are responsible for whatever has been done, and responsible for whatever has been omitted. We will not evade the issue, nor will we hide behind excuses. What we have done, the world knows.

We are proud of our record. We challenge our critics to show any land upon which the sun shines, with a record of greater achievement during the 21 years our Party has had charge of the government of this State. Let us contrast conditions now and then.

Education: The Common Schools
Value of school property, 1900, \$1,097,654; 1920, \$24,057,838.

Average value of each school house, 1900, \$158; 1920, \$3,009.

Number of log houses, 1900, 1,190; 1920, 94.

Number of new schoolhouses built since 1900, 6,805.

Average length of school term in days for white race, 1900, 73; 1920, 136.

Average monthly salary paid white teachers, 1900, \$24.79; 1920, \$69.55.

Average monthly salary paid colored teachers, 1900, \$20.48; 1920, \$46.85.

Total school population, 1900, 657,949; 1920, \$840,981.

Total school enrollment, 1900, 400,452; 1920, 691,249.

Average daily attendance, 1900, 206,918; 1920, 473,552.

Number of rural libraries, 1900, None; 1920, 4,686.

Percent of school population in average daily attendance, 1900, 31 per cent; 1920, 58 per cent.

Appropriations for State Educational institutions, 1900-1921:

Permanent improvements, 1900, \$8,000; 1920, \$2,005,000.

Maintenance 1900, \$47,000; 1920, \$1,282,200.

Illiteracy for State, 1900, 29.4 per cent; 1920, 13.1 per cent.

White, 1900, 14.0 per cent; 1920, 8.2 per cent.

Negro, 1900, 28.6 per cent; 1920, 24.5 per cent.

Higher Education.

North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro: Enrollment for 1900, 490; present enrollment 984.

The University: Enrollment 1900, 512; present enrollment, 1,662.

State College of A. & E.: Enrollment 1900, 298; present enrollment, 1,234.

Value of college buildings 1900, \$125,000; present value, more than \$2,000,000.

Negro Agricultural and Technical College: Enrollment 1900, 135; present enrollment 426.

Since 1900, Easter Training School at Greenville, Appalachian Training School at Boone, have been established; and the Training School at Cullowhee, if not established since that time, has been greatly enlarged.

Charitable Institutions.

In 1900, the State Hospital at Raleigh took care of 424 patients. Now

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FRANCE OPPOSES GERMAN TREATY

Energetic Measures Must Be Taken Says Premier Poincare

PARIS, April 20.—Instructions sent by Premier Poincare to the French ambassadors in the capitals of the allies and fully approved by the cabinet, are to insist that energetic measures must be taken and penalties applied to Germany if the Russo-German treaty is not abrogated, regardless of what the Genoa conference may decide.

The premier's position is that there can be no more hesitation in the execution of the treaty of Versailles and that, unless its execution is insisted upon now with evidence of determination on the part of the allies, the treaty may as well be abandoned altogether.

He holds that none of the concessions made to Germany has led in any respect to conciliation, but rather than they have been taken by Germany as evidences of the weakness of the allies, and as encouragement for further resistance.

Premier Poincare has held consultations with a number of the leaders of the different parties in the last two days besides keeping the cabinet in close touch with the situation. The conservatives and the nationalists advised a firm attitude as was expected, while the more liberal elements in the Parliament, represented by such leaders as Deputy Merriot, head of the radicals, also gave the Premier to understand they would support the cabinet in demanding that a stop be put to violations of the Versailles treaty.

It was pointed out today that the Russo-German treaty had brought to light violations of the Versailles pact by Germany in respect to military material, the Germans having, it appears, sold the arms which the Russian refugees had left in Germany instead of handing them over to the allied commission for destruction as provided by the peace treaty.

(Article I of the Russia-German treaty, at the end of Clause C, reads: "The Russian government renounces payment of the sum Germany has derived from the sale of Russian army material transported into Germany.")

Speculation is already rife here concerning the form of penalties to be imposed upon Germany, as it is considered most probable that some action of this sort will be taken. The occupation of the Ruhr Valley is the foremost suggestion, although there is no authoritative opinion that the allies are unlikely to adopt the precise penalty which the Germans most expect and are perhaps best prepared to meet. The financial and economic penalties provided for in the treaty, it is argued, would permit the allies to bring pressure of the most effective sort at much less cost and trouble than an extension of the military occupation.

The cabinet today met with Premier Poincare, who read the latest dispatches from the French delegation in Genoa. Messages also were read from the president of the inter-allied commission in Upper Silesia concerning the prosecution of those charged with complicity in the Petersdorf and Gleivitz incidents, in which French soldiers lost their lives. The trials of these will begin early in May.—Associated Press.

Lady Astor In America.

Lady Astor, a Virginia girl who married a British nobleman and won the first seat in the house of commons ever held by a woman, is back in America for a visit. She has been away from her native land 8 years but the papers tell us that she still retains her beauty and speaks with a Southern accent. Lord Astor is here too and will accompany his wife to Baltimore where she will take a prominent part in the conference of the League of Women Voters.

"Obey" Cut Out of Ceremony.

"Obey" has been cut out of the marriage ceremony of the Episcopal prayer book on the ground that women are now the equals of men. The women were none too obedient before they obtained suffrage.—Charity and Children.



CONGRESSMAN E. W. POU

Who delivered the keynote address at the Democratic State Convention which was held in Raleigh yesterday.

RALEIGH MAN TO BE EDITOR TOKYO PAPER

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Edward L. Coon, a native of Raleigh, and well known in North Carolina newspaper circles leaves here in a day or two for Japan, where he becomes Editor of the Times and Mail an English paper printed at Tokyo, but owned by Japanese. The selection of Mr. Coon for this work is a decided compliment to his ability and character.

The King of Italy has awarded Mr. Coon "the Crown of the Cross of Italy" for newspaper work done during the World War.—Wilmington Star.

Recorders Court.

State vs. Harris Johnson carrying concealed weapon. Guilty, judgment suspended until May 9.

State vs. Harris Johnson, larceny and receiving stolen goods. Guilty and fined \$15 and cost, and judgment suspended for two years.

State vs. A. G. Wilson, failure to pay board. Required to pay cost and \$20 to Mrs. Nancy Coats. Prayer for judgment for two years.

State vs. Joe Medlin, assault with deadly weapon. Upon payment of cost, judgment suspended two years.

State vs. Joe Medlin, Clyde Bowen, A. G. Wilson and Chester Thornton, charged with gambling. Each fined \$20 and one-fourth of the cost.

The Older the Better

"Yes," said the old man to his visitor, "I am proud of my girls and would like to see them comfortably married, and as I have made a little money they will not go penniless to their husbands.

"There is Mary, twenty-five years old, and a really good girl. I shall give her \$1,000 when she marries. Then comes Bet, who won't see thirty-five again. I shall give her \$3,000, and the man who takes Eliza, who is forty, will have \$5,000 with her."

The young man reflected a moment and then asked, "You haven't one about fifty, have you?"—Exchange.

To Link America With Rest of World By Aerial Routes.

A company has been incorporated to provide rigid airship service within America and later to link America with the rest of the world by aerial routes. The first dirigibles will be built in Germany. It is expected that service between New York and Chicago will be established before the end of 1923 with two ships, each designed to carry 100 passengers and 30 tons of express and mail matter. Helium gas and a substitute for gasoline will be used.—Dearborn Independent.

WAYNE'S SENATORIAL CANDIDATES' PLATFORM

GOLDSBORO, April 19.—Mr. Arthur Roseower, promoter of tax reform in Wayne county, is the only Democratic candidate for State Senator so far. His platform as it will appear in the local press tomorrow, summarizes six important bills he promises to introduce if elected: Cancellation of bond issues, except by the will of the people; abolishing unnecessary offices; reduction of salaries; lower taxes; rigid enforcement of all laws on statute books, and last but not least, an income tax for judges, state and county officers.

BUIE'S CREEK COMMENCEMENT

Editor of "Dearborn Independent" To Deliver Address; Eighty-one in Graduating Class.

W. J. Cameron, editor of Henry Fords' paper, the Dearborn "Independent," will deliver the address to the graduating class at Buie's Creek school on Thursday, May 17, according to announcement made yesterday by Dr. J. A. Campbell, head of the institution, who was a visitor in Raleigh. Rev. J. A. Ellis, of Raleigh, will deliver the alumni address.

This year's class at Buie's Creek will number 81, said Dr. Campbell, and the enrollment for the year has passed the 550 mark. Commencement exercises will begin with the annual program by the primary grades on Saturday, May 13. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday, May 14, by Dr. Paul Bagby, of Wake Forest.—News and Observer.

Lieut. Gov. Seeks Board Vacancy.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, is a visitor to Washington on matters he is taking up with the Treasury Department. He states that he is a candidate for membership on the Federal Farm Loan board to fill the vacancy that will be created this week by the resignation of Asbury F. Lever, of South Carolina, one of the Democratic members of the board. During the day Mr. Cooper conferred with Senators Simmons and Overman and his name will be presented by them to the President.—Edward E. Britton in News & Observer.

Meeting at Smithfield Baptist Church.

The meeting to be held at Smithfield Baptist church which was postponed a week will begin Sunday morning, April 23. After Sunday services will be held at 9:30 a. m. each day and at night at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. L. Jenkins and his singer, Mr. Sims, will aid the pastor, Rev. Fred T. Collins in this meeting.

TOBACCO GROWERS ARE SIGNING UP

The Association Announces Appointment of Men To Handle Tobacco

Hundreds of contracts reaching Raleigh, headquarters of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, every week mark the successful start of the campaign for a 75 per cent membership.

Carrying out its policy of obtaining the services of leaders in the tobacco trade, the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association has announced the appointment of another group of men whose names are widely known in the tobacco world.

Charles L. Smith, District Manager of the Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., has accepted the position of District Supervisor of Graders in the Leaf Department of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association.

Commenting on Mr. Smith's appointment, R. R. Patterson, Manager of the Leaf Dept., said, "We consider him one of the best leaf tobacco men in the business and his reputation among the tobacco men in the Eastern Carolina section is unsurpassed."

Another veteran of the tobacco trade, who leaves the Imperial Tobacco Co., for the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, is W. I. Skinner, of Greenville, N. C., according to announcement by R. R. Patterson, Manager of the Leaf Department at Richmond, Va.

Beginning his career as a buyer with J. M. Meadors at Oxford, N. C., when 15 years of age, Mr. Skinner was later connected with E. S. Carlton & Co. Later going to Wilson, with Richmond Maury & Co., he became connected with the Wilson Tobacco Co., after the death of Mr. Maury and remained with that Company until the formation of the Imperial Tobacco Co., in 1902.

For 16 years, Mr. Skinner has been Branch Manager for the Imperial at Greenville, N. C., and is described by General Manager Patterson as an expert in the tobacco business. He will go to the Leaf Department of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association.

E. L. Walton, until recently owner of the Banner Warehouse at Danville, Va., will become Manager of Warehouses for the Bright Belt of Virginia in the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association. Mr. Walton has had 28 years of experience in the warehousing business.

W. M. Fallon, for 18 years Branch Manager for the Imperial Tobacco Co., of Durham, N. C., joins the Leaf Department of the growers' association. C. O. Dixon, of Mullins, S. C., well-known to the tobacco trade, has become Manager of Warehouses for South Carolina.

J. S. Neal and John Dixon, prominent warehousemen of Mullins, S. C., have transferred their warehouses to the Association and will aid the organized growers in their Warehousing and Leaf Depts., respectively.

The appointment of P. E. Chambers, of Blackstone, Va., as Manager of the Warehouses for the Dark Belt assures the northern territory of the Marketing Association strong leadership, according to T. C. Watkins, Jr., Manager of Warehouses for the Association.

It Is and It Aint

The little daughter of the minister was visited by the daughter of an ardent Christian (?) Scientist. The little Scientist sneezed. Said the hostess: "You have a cold, haven't you, Mary?" "Oh, no, ma'am," replied Mary, "we're Christian Scientists." The next day the hostess' little daughter returned from school, sniffing audibly. "Why, Francis," said the mother, "you have a dreadful cold." "Yes'm," responded Francis. "Yes'm, I have a cold. We're Baptists."

Found Where a Still Had Been Run.

Last Saturday Mr. J. J. Batten, between Selma and Micro, visited a place where a whiskey still had been running. He found shovels, hoes and all equipment for stilling. One and a half gallons of whiskey and 100 gallons of beer were also found. After destroying the plant he looked carefully for the still but did not find it.

A LARGE CROWD ATTENDS S. S. CON.

Meets Next Year at Winston Salem—Officers of the Association Elected

According to the report from the State Convention held in Charlotte, April 11-12-13, more than 3,000 people were present in the city auditorium of that city at the closing session of the Convention. Seven hundred and forty delegates attended the Convention from 39 counties of the state. There were also present people from 10 other states.

Many of the addresses delivered at the Convention were by people of national reputation besides a large number of in-state speakers. The addresses were all said to be of a very high order. The convention was considered inspiring and helpful to all who attended.

The report submitted at the convention by Chairman of the Executive Committee, J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, indicated that "during the past year 36 new County Sunday School Associations had been formed, making a total of 53 counties organized, and a County Convention has been held in each of the organized counties since the beginning of the State Convention Year, April 1, 1921.

"In the 53 County Conventions 1,024 Sunday Schools were represented by 13,675 people. Among those present were 442 preachers, 602 superintendents and 3,138 teachers.

"A total of 102 Township Conventions was held, 71 of which were held without assistance from the State workers. A conservative estimate would be that in these 71 meetings, 550 Sunday Schools were represented by approximately 8,000 people.

"The free circulating library is growing in popularity. The records show that of the 400 books in the library there is an average of 100 books being read constantly."

Three County Sunday School Associations were given special recognition for the work done during the past year. Randolph and Vance counties having covered 75 per cent or more of the County Aims were awarded the Red Ribbon, and Alamance was awarded the Green Ribbon for having reached 50 per cent of the Aims.

Among other things the report of D. W. Sims, State superintendent, showed that according to the 1920 census North Carolina had 1,783,779 white people. According to statistics gathered in the past few months the total Sunday School enrollment in North Carolina was 617,502, and that of the total population of North Carolina, 1,166,277, or 66.2-5 per cent, were not enrolled in any Sunday School.

Treasurer of the Association, E. B. Crow, of Raleigh, reported that for the first time in 9 years the Association had closed its fiscal year with a clean financial sheet, all bills paid. This report was enthusiastically and gratefully received and put into the spirit of the convention a note of forwardness and progress. The Executive Committee in its annual meeting voted to work on an enlarged budget for the ensuing year.

The last session of the convention Thursday night, April 13, was preceded by a parade in which it is stated between 1000 and 2000 Sunday School men participated. This last night session was held in the city auditorium and the climax address of the convention by Dr. H. E. Tralle of Philadelphia, was heard by more than 3000 people. The address was followed by a pageant of religious education in which more than 150 people took part.

By unanimous vote the invitation of the Winston-Salem Sunday School workers was accepted and the 1923 State Convention goes to Winston-Salem, April 10-11-12, 1923.

The officers of the Association elected are as follows: President, J. E. Ivey, Charlotte; First Vice-Pres., W. L. Balthis, Gastonia; Second Vice-Pres., Jos. D. Cox, High Point; Treasurer, E. B. Crow, Raleigh.

Surprise for Mother.

Marjory—Mamma, were you at home when I was born?
Mother—No, darling, I was at grandma's in the country.
Marjory—Wasn't you awfy s'prised when you heard about it?—London Opinion.