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## UP TO MEEKINS TO MAKE GOOD

### Sheriff Bob Griggs Calls on Big Republican to Buy Him Overcoat and to Vote Demo- cratic Ticket

"It's up to Meekins to vote the Democratic ticket Tuesday and he owes me an overcoat besides."

So spoke former Sheriff Bob Griggs of Currituck to an Advance reporter on the street Saturday night following the big speech of L. M. Meekins at the county court house.

As soon as Meekins was through speaking Griggs made his way to where he stood and said: Colonel you have made a wonderful speech. You are the finest Republican orator in the South. But in all your speech you haven't told us one thing that the Republican party is going to do for the plain people of the country and more than that it's up to you to vote the Democratic ticket next Tuesday. You said you would vote if you were not giving your figures straight and you know what you handed out just now about this Government's selling sugar to France at two cents a pound—and it's not so."

"If this Government didn't sell 22,000,000 pounds of sugar to France at two cents a pound," said Meekins, "I'll buy you the finest overcoat to be had in Elizabeth City."

"He owes me that overcoat," said Griggs, "for the price that France paid for that 22 million pounds of sugar was twelve cents a pound plus two cents a pound for transportation. I read about it in the paper the other day. And I'm going to call on the Colonel for that overcoat. At the same time promising me an overcoat doesn't excuse him from his promise to vote the Democratic ticket if he wasn't giving us facts, and I don't propose to let him wriggle out of it that way."

It looks as if Bob Griggs has got the distinguished Republican by the tail on a down hill pull. The following is a clipping from a recent issue of the Philadelphia Record:

"In the general effort to discredit everything done by the American army in helping to win the World War in the hope that they may influence some voters against the Democratic Presidential ticket certain Republican papers have been printing imaginative articles purporting to expose shocking extravagance and waste on the part of the War Department. Startling figures are given and the impression is conveyed that the government tossed away millions of dollars as though they had been pennies. No explanation of the gigantic transactions involved is sought from the War Department, and there is a deliberate suppression of everything that might tend to show that in 1917-18 the work of our Government was largely influenced by the counsel of our Allies and that everything had to be done on an enormous scale because of the general belief by military experts that the war would last thru 1919 and possibly into 1920.

"A sample of such malicious lying recently asserted that the War Department had sold 22,000,000 pounds of sugar to the French government at two cents a pound, causing a tremendous loss to the Government. This was absurd on its face, but probably many unthinking persons were led to believe it. Now the War Department comes along and shows that the sugar was sold to France and Great Britain at 12 cents a pound, plus a transportation charge which amounted to about two cents a pound. The partisan critics of the Government, no doubt with deliberate intent, took these two cents as constituting the sale price, whereas, as the department shows, this was simply an addition to the twelve cents paid by France and Great Britain.

"Many of these grotesque tales about horrible waste could be disposed of in the same way if the whole truth were told. Only one side, however, is given and a deliberately wrong impression is given. This is politics as played by Republicans. It seems a contemptible game; but what can you expect from a party that selected Warren G. Harding for President?"

### LITTLE CHILDREN WITH SISTER

Mrs. John W. Williams, of Portsmouth, has returned home after attending the funeral of her mother, Mrs. A. H. Baker. She took with her the two small children, Edward and Mary.

## Election Returns At Moose Hall

The Western Union has made arrangements to get leased wire election returns at the Moose Hall all night Tuesday and promises the best and quickest of service.

## Struck Twice Before Could Get Off Street

Walter Johnson, about 25 years of age, was hit by two automobiles in succession Sunday evening about eight o'clock on West Church street.

The first car struck Mr. Johnson and knocked him off his feet. Before he could get up another car hit him, tossing him aside like a locomotive. By a miracle Johnson escaped with no more serious external injuries than many bruises. Dr. Z. Fearing, who was summoned, says it will be a number of days before one may be certain that he has not been injured internally.

The first car was driven by a man named Ferrell and the second by a man named Bell, it is stated.

## IN POLICE COURT

Archie Mullen and Arthur Overton were fined \$10 and costs in police court Monday for participating in an affray.

Emmett Gibbs, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was arraigned, but after the State had put on its evidence the case was continued on account of the absence of an important witness for the defense. Gibbs was arrested on Sunday afternoon, October 16th, and it took three policemen and a fire truck to get him to jail.

## SPOKE SUNDAY NIGHT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. T. C. Britton, missionary to China, spoke at the First Baptist church Sunday night and also talked to the Aeneas Bible Class Sunday morning. He was heard with much pleasure on both occasions.

Mr. Britton has been in China for 32 years. He and Mrs. Britton have been in North Carolina on their furlough this year and have spent the summer at Ridgeway with their son, Roswell Britton.

While in Elizabeth City, Mr. Britton was the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. A. Cooke, on Seiden street. Leaving here Monday, he went to Potosi, Northampton county, his old home, to visit another sister. From there he will go to Richmond, where he will be stationed until his furlough ends, when he and Mrs. Britton will return to China.

## ALKRAMA TONIGHT

A six reel story of mystery and romance, made without the use of a single studio setting, will be presented at the Alkrama Tuesday under the title of "A Midnight Romance," starring Aulia Stewart in the second of her super productions made under the management of Louis B. Mayer, the Boston film magnate.

Miss Lois Weber, who directed the production of the story which was suggested by Marion Orth, gave the picture realism in settings far beyond the possibilities of the most capable geniuses among the studio painters and carpenters.

## AYDLETT AT HIS BEST AT NEWLAND SATURDAY

The men and women of Newland turned out Saturday night to hear E. F. Aydlett in the new school building.

Mr. Aydlett made a strong speech on political issues and many who heard him pronounced it the best speech they had heard during the campaign. He aroused the Democrats of the community to their responsibility and they declared that they will do their full duty on election day.

## ELECTION WEATHER

Washington, Nov. 1.—Rains on election day in the Atlantic States and the Upper Ohio Valley, and the region of the Great Lakes, with the probability of snow in Northern Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, is the forecast by the weather bureau.

## ATTENTION, MOOSE!

All members are urged to be present at tonight's meeting at the club rooms at 7:45. After the meeting a Dutch supper will be served.

## MEEKINS SPEAKS TO LARGE CROWD

### But Does Not Convince Democratic Hearers of Soundness or Sincerity of Republican Arguments

The big gun of the campaign in Pasquotank was fired Saturday night in the County Courthouse by L. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City. The speaker was heard with vast delight by the Republicans in his audience and the Democrats, though not convinced by his eloquence nor impressed by the logic of his argument, were entertained notwithstanding. The "Colonel" got a bigger crowd than the Republican gubernatorial nominee, though not so large a crowd as would have attended a speech by a Democrat of equal prominence; and in the matter of arousing enthusiasm among hearers of like political faith, Meekins had the Republican candidate for governor completely outclassed.

An unusual feature of the occasion was the introduction of the speaker, which was made by former Democratic Senator W. L. Cohoon, who presented Mr. Meekins as "the city's most distinguished citizen."

Mr. Meekins spoke for an hour and twenty minutes, giving his entire time to national issues. He did not mention revaluation or any other matter of particular local or State interest. He did not even chide the Democrats, as in a recent statement given to the Greensboro News, for injecting the negro issue in the State campaign. He talked of the prosperity of the country under Republican rule and argued that whenever the Democrats got in power they all but bankrupted the Government and impoverished the people. He criticized the Democratic administration for extravagance in the conduct of the war and attacked the League of Nations. He did not, however, as does Senator Harding, utterly repudiate the League and argue for a new association of powers, but stood for the League with reservations which, he said, would be needed to protect American sovereignty and to prevent American boys from being sent to fight in an European quarrel in which America has no interest. He made, presumably, the same speech that he has been making in his campaign all over the country, but when asked for a copy for publication, courteously answered that he would be glad to give it to The Advance but that he had no manuscript.

Meekins is a rapid speaker and it would take a stenographer of more than ordinary ability to report a speech of his verbatim. No such report is here attempted and quotations are used merely for the sake of clearness. In substance the main features of his argument follow:

"It has never been my policy or practice to abuse anybody or anything. I invite you to approach the issues of the campaign as a seeker after truth and when you have found out what the truth is to vote according to your findings. I am here to present the Republican claims in this campaign, the issues that you are called upon to decide, from the standpoint of a Republican.

"Government is a simple matter. Though the administration of government may be difficult the process of government is very simple.

"Take a bank the affairs of which under mismanagement are in a bad way. Deposits are falling off, profits are dwindling and stockholders are dissatisfied;—there is a lack of confidence in the institution on the part of the public. Choices split on the board of directors, but their heads together and effect a reorganization. New officers are elected, more modern and efficient methods of banking are put into force and the institution regains public confidence and prosper. That is government. That is a successful administration of the affairs of a bank.

"Take a church in which preacher and congregation are out of harmony. Leaders are working it every purpose, attendance is falling off, there is a dwindling of contributions to missions and other objects and finally the offerings fall below the current expenses. A few choice souls come together. They get a new preacher. Differences are harmonized. Interest is rekindled and the church becomes again the force for righteousness in the community that it should be. That is successful administration of the affairs of a church.

"Take a farm. The buildings are in bad repair. The land is run down. The crops are poor. The

## E. F. AYDLETT SPEAKS TONIGHT

### Will Explain Amendments, Also Method of Voting, and County Chairman Will Answer Questions

Tonight at the court house E. F. Aydlett will explain the amendments, the process of voting, and other election matters. P. G. Sawyer, chairman of the board of elections, will be present and answer any questions which new voters may desire to ask.

The meeting, of course, is Democratic, for both gentlemen are leading Democrats in local, state and national affairs. However, the meeting is held primarily to acquaint new voters with the details of voting and to help all who really wish to vote intelligently to do so.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting, as Tuesday is Election Day, and this meeting gives the last opportunity to learn how to vote intelligently.

A very special invitation is extended to the ladies.

The hour is eight o'clock.

farm is being operated at a loss. But a new owner takes charge. He builds up the fences, repairs the buildings, buys modern machinery, adopts efficient methods of cultivation, builds up the fertility of the soil and at the end of the year sells the products at a profit and at the same time has added to the value of his property. That is a successful administration of a farm. That is government.

"You had an illustration of successful administration in the New Testament in the parable of the talents.

"In 1856 Buchanan, a Democrat, was elected to the Presidency. In 1861 when he surrendered the reins of government to Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican President, what condition confronted the party? The nation was in the throes of civil war. A number of states were in open rebellion. The Union was threatened. For thirty-two years the Republicans remained in power. Grover Cleveland served his first term during this period. It is true, but Congress remained Republican and that is why Cleveland was so popular at the end of his first term. Within that period peace had been restored, the Union had been restored and slavery had been abolished. Peace had been established at home and the country had gained immeasurably in respect to order. A bankrupt treasury and an impaired credit had been turned into an overflowing treasury and a sound credit.

"Then in 1892 the Democrats came into power. They remained in power for only four years and before the second term Grover Cleveland was compelled to issue bonds in times of peace and two million Americans prayed not for salvation but for soup.

"From Cleveland's second term to Woodrow Wilson's first term, from 1896 to 1912, the Republicans were again in power and the prosperity of the country was restored.

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"In 1900 Bryan made monopolies, trusts and combines and imperialism the issues of his campaign. We opened up the United States history and showed him that the Philippines were not our first insular possessions and he dropped imperialism like a hot brick. We opened up the bible and showed him that the Republican party and the high tariff were not responsible for trusts and combines. That these had been with us ever since the days when a Jew and a Pharaoh engineered a corner in corn. And when they got through Pharaoh had acquired all the money, personal property and chattels of the people and had enslaved them besides.

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## Billy of Japan Is On Tonight

All is now in readiness for the big musical comedy, "Billy in Japan," to be presented tonight at the high school auditorium. The curtain will rise at 8:30. "Billy in Japan" is a merry frolic from beginning to end with pretty dances, dainty songs and a humorous plot, and with attractive costumes. It is well worth seeing for its own sake, but, added to that, it means the beginning of a fund for a public library for Elizabeth City.

## The Woman Vote Will Delay Returns

Chicago, Nov. 1.—Mystery as to the tide of the tremendous woman vote is reflected in many eleventh hour discussions of the general elections situation.

It is stated on all sides that the woman vote will delay the returns. The Socialist party claims the largest proportionate woman's vote in protest to the imprisonment of Debs. They predicted a vote of three million in 1916 and got 600,000.

## EXPORTS SHOW RECOVERY

Washington, Nov. 1.—Exports to Europe and South America showed recovery in September over the August slump but further reductions of shipments to Asia are reported by the Department of Commerce. The United States exported approximately \$212,000,000 worth of goods to Europe over the imports in September.

## Party Leaders Are Confident

New York, Nov. 1.—On the eve of election, both Republican and Democratic headquarters are confident that their candidates will win.

Hays claims that Harding will have not less than 368 electoral votes.

White says: "Cox and Roosevelt will win."

## Night Riders On Rampage Saturday

Montgomery, Nov. 1.—Night riders in the Alabama belt Saturday killed two negroes, burned four negro cabins, two gins, two mills, several barns, a quantity of cotton, cotton seed and corn, two white farmers' houses.

Mounted whites and blacks rode through the countryside applying the torch until officers arrived.

## JAP AMBASSADOR REASSURED

Washington, Nov. 1.—The Japanese ambassador was reassured today by the State Department that no anti-Japanese legislation in California will be acceptable to the country that "does not accord with existing and applicable provisions of law and the national interest of justice."

## TALLEST MAN DIES

Texarkana, Tex., Nov. 1.—J. W. Patterson, seven feet five inches tall, and said to be the tallest man in the United States, is dead.

## ROOSEVELT IN LAST SPEECH

Hudson, N. Y., Nov. 1.—Franklin D. Roosevelt in his last campaign speech said that the issue is tightly drawn between "Cox and our place in the league at its head or Harding and flat rejection."

## Cox Closes His Campaign at Toledo

Dayton, Nov. 1.—Cox closes his campaign at Toledo today and will return home to vote and will receive election returns at his newspaper office.

## STOLEN FROM LIBRARY

Lebanon, Oct. 15.—Authorities of the National Library have been mystified by the theft of more than 100 gold coins of inestimable value from the famous numismatic collection at that institution. The fact that the keys of five doors were used and replaced and that all the most valuable coins were stolen leads to the belief that the theft was committed by a member of the library staff. The thief carefully rearranged the remaining coins so that those taken would not be quickly missed.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

The County Commissioners met in regular session Monday. Only routine business had been transacted when the board adjourned for noon.

## ALL IS SET FOR ELECTION NEWS

### Advance Protected by Western Union and Wireless For Continuous Report on Election Returns Tuesday Night

The Advance has made the most complete arrangements in its history for receiving election news.

The paper will be in continual communication with the Moose Hall, where election returns will be received by election fans over the special leased wire.

Kermit Kramer and William Overman have arranged an outfit to receive the returns by wireless and have agreed to telephone The Advance latest developments throughout the night. Mr. Kramer is a skilled wireless operator and it is only by lucky chance that he happens to be at home at this time. He and young Overman have rigged up a wireless outfit that they believe will be in constant communication with other wireless stations throughout the country and they are confident that they will get the first flash of the result ahead of the wires.

The Advance has asked the Associated Press for a flash as soon as the result is certain and for a complete election story for an extra edition Wednesday morning. Subscribers who want this extra edition Wednesday morning probably can arrange with their carrier to get it. If not, they are invited to call The Advance office.

As soon as The Associated Press flash announcing the result has been received, The Advance has arranged with Fire Chief Flora to have the city siren sounded. One blast of the siren will indicate that the result is announced. If the first blast is followed by two more it will indicate the nomination of Harding; if by three more it will indicate the election of Cox.

Friends of The Advance and the public generally are invited to call The Advance office at any time during the night for the latest news as the office will stay open all night, however, The Advance building will not be open to the general public. Those who desire to receive the returns at first hand over the wire should arrange for seats at the Moose Hall.

Out of town readers of this newspaper are especially invited to call the office any time during election night.

## Will Take Women To Polls Tuesday

Elizabeth City women are asked to vote between the hours of nine and eleven Tuesday morning and between the hours of two and four Tuesday afternoon.

Those who are too far from the voting precincts to walk, or for any reason cannot get to the polls, will be taken in automobiles.

Members of committees to take the women to the polls are given below, and these should be called by phone tonight or very early tomorrow.

First ward—Mrs. W. O. Saunders and Mrs. Carl Blades.

Second ward—Mrs. R. E. Quinn and Miss Marie Leroy.

Third ward—C. A. Cooke.

Fourth ward—Mrs. Bessie Stewart.

## FEEDS LITTLE ONES

Vienna, Oct. 12.—The American Red Cross unit here is rendering assistance to the impoverished and suffering middleclass, the professional men and women, clerks, civil servants and others whose incomes have materially increased and among whom there really are a large number of utterly destitute. Gifts of clothing to the families of 6,000 teachers have been made in one month alone. Others aided were the destitute political refugees of whom there are thousands in Austria, returned prisoners of war, refugees of every nationality in passages through this country trying to reach their homes. With a very small personnel the Red Cross Unit is working through the large number of established local relief stations, notably the Society of Friends, in feeding children under six years of age, not reached by the great work of the American Child Relief, whose efforts are devoted to children between six and fourteen.

## BROCKETT WITH BANK

D. Guy Brockett assumed his duties at the First & Citizens National Bank Monday.