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CLARK PRAISES DEMOCRATIC ACTS

Great Tariff Bill, Efficient Currency And Anti-Trust Laws.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 1.—Speaker Champ Clark, of the National House of Representatives in a speech at the Democratic State banquet here tonight reviewed the legislative record of the Democratic party and expressed confidence in the verdict of the voters in the election of 1916. Speaker Clark said in part:

"To millions of voters, the present political situation is entirely novel. At every presidential election since 1896 the Republicans have held the Federal Government and the Democrats were fighting to wrest it from their iron grasp. Now all this is changed—and as we believe, changed for the better.

"For years those who love us not asserted that Democrats were a party of negation, that we did not have sense enough to legislate. Unfortunately for the country a majority of the people believed their jibberish for a long, long time. We wandered in the wilderness as long as did Moses but at last the scales fell from the people's eyes and they concluded to entrust us with power once more.

"What happened? In two brief years we placed on the statute books more constructive legislation of the most highly beneficial character than the Republicans enacted in two decades—legislation so good that in addition to Democratic votes nearly all the Progressives and a large per cent of the regular Republicans voted for our great constructive measures.

"We passed a great tariff bill—the greatest ever placed upon the statute books. It contains many excellent changes from the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot monstrosity and it contains one new feature that would make it the best of all tariff bills even if the rest of it were as bad as the last Republican tariff bill which most emphatically it is not. That new feature is the income tax. I make bold to predict that the income tax provision never will be repealed, no matter what party holds of the law-making power.

"It is said the Underwood tariff bill does not bring in as much revenue as the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot bill. We who made the Underwood bill knew when we made it that the revenues from tariff taxes would not be as large under our bill as under our bill as under the old Republican bill. We drew it so on purpose; that was one of the ends sought. Also knowing that the Government would need about as much money as usual, we made up by the income tax feature the loss in tariff taxes.

"Republican orators assert that the Underwood tariff bill, even including the income tax feature did not bring in revenue enough to conduct the Government—which is absolutely untrue. Everybody knows that the deficiency was caused and still is being caused by the European war.

"We had for more than half a century a financial system of shreds and patches with a currency almost devoid of elasticity.

"For a generation our Republican friends had been tinkering with it—always promising but never achieving currency reform. The Democrats with the assistance of patriotic Progressives and a patriotic contingent of Republicans placed on the statute books the National Reserve Bank act which is now being praised by all business.

"We passed an anti-trust law which tends to promote legitimate business and crush illegitimate business. Under the new law trusts are being dissolved and are re-arranging their business on a legitimate basis.

"The people seem to have absolute confidence in the pilot of the Ship of State—Woodrow Wilson—and are not likely to drop him overboard in mid-ocean while the storm whips the waters into fury. He did his duty, the Democratic Senate did its duty, the Democratic Senate did its duty. We submit that we deserve well of the Republic—all of us. Having discharged our duty and been faithful to our trust—the people will assume that we will do our duty and be faithful even to the end."

Myatt-Pugh.

Friends in Dunn have received invitations as follows:

"Mrs. Mary W. Myatt invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Amelia, to Mr. Carl Selwyn Pugh, Wednesday evening, the twentieth of October, at half after nine o'clock, Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

"At home after November the first, Wanchese, North Carolina.

COTTON CROP 10,950,000 BALES

Smallest Since Year 1909 In Opinion of Crop Reporting Board. Unusual Decline During September. Production Of Nearly Million Bales.

Washington, Oct. 4.—A heavy decline in the condition of the growing cotton crop during September, almost double the average decline of the last ten years, has decreased earlier in the season by almost a million bales. The Department of Agriculture today estimated the crop at 10,950,000, equivalent 500-pound bales, which would be the smallest crop since 1909.

In announcing the condition report and production estimate, the crop reporting board made this statement:

"The cotton crop condition declined 8.4 points during the month of August 25 to September 25, compared with an average decline in the same period in the past ten years of 4.5 points. The estimated condition of 60.8 per cent of normal on September 25, forecasts a yield per acre of about 168 pounds and a total production (allowing a reduction of 1 per cent from planted area for abandonment) of about 10,950,000 bales. Last year's production was 16,135,000 bales, and the 1913 crop 14,164,000. A crop less than 11,000,000 bales would be smaller than any crop since 1909.

Four More Facts for Cotton Farmers.

The question now seems to be no longer whether we shall have twelve cent cotton, cotton futures for next spring having passed twelve cents early last week, but the question now is whether fifteen cent cotton is not in sight. Meanwhile let us reiterate just a few points:

1. Look out for scab farmers. Farmers who do not know the facts as to the cotton situation are liable to think ten cents a good fair price and so prevent twelve or fifteen cent prices by over-feeding a two cent market. The New York Times says the only cotton bears now are the Southern farmers themselves.

2. Keep the land well cropped. Look out for the merchant who tries to compel customers to sell to him early. Make the merchant safe when his account is fairly due, by borrowing on the cotton and paying him or by turning cotton over to him as security, but demand that the grower have the privilege of saying when it shall be sold.

3. Beware of the banks that refuse to advance money on cotton. If your local banks will not make reasonable loans, at least \$25 a bale, report the exact facts to your Congressman as basis for demanding thorough-going rural credit legislation.

4. Don't sell your cotton seed yet. Conditions almost surely warrant the highest prices ever paid for seed in the history of the South.

Let's manage this crop wisely and recover all last year's losses.—Progressive Farmer.

WOMEN AID CAUSE OF HEALTH

Prominent Health Workers Praise Work of Women.

Women are destined to play an important role in the future health work of the country, according to the press reports of the recent meeting of the American Public Health Association at Rochester, N. Y. Ninety-eight out of one hundred men, members of the Association, expressed themselves as favoring women's suffrage for the effect of woman's influence on public health work in any community is in proportion to the extent of interest the women of the community take in it, and the greater the civic responsibility the greater the civic interest is bound to be.

From the reports of this meeting it seems that women's part in health work has been much in evidence in the past and that all her work is not in the future. Said Dr. W. A. Evans of Chicago: "Woman's influence in the City of Chicago has made public health officials take up questions which they have evaded and has made the council change its views as to public morals." Dr. E. H. Reeds of Colorado said that he ascribed the good health inspection of the schools of that state to the work of the women.—State Board of Health.

Mr. R. M. Jackson, secretary of the Cape Fear Fair, was in town last week. Mr. Jackson is advertising the fair better this year than ever before and is expecting a record attendance. Judging from the papers which have been posted through this territory the fair will be an attractive event and well worth attending.

OUR BENSON LETTER

Interesting News Items About the People of Benson and Johnston County.

Benson, Oct. 6.—Mr. Eli Cananough, of Wilmington, spent a few days in the city last week.

Rev. M. T. Plyler, presiding elder for the Raleigh district preached at the Methodist church here last Thursday night.

Mrs. Willard Woodall, of Duke, is visiting her brother, Rev. J. M. Duncan for several days this week.

Mr. Robert Higgins, of near Smithfield was a business visitor here last Friday for several hours.

Mr. Romulus Johnson, of the Clayton section, was a visitor here Sunday spending the day with friends.

Rev. A. R. McQueen, of Dunn, preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation at the Bijou moving picture building last Sunday night.

Mr. J. M. Barber, of Elevation township, was a visitor here Monday for a few hours.

Mr. K. B. Johnson, of Cardenas, spent the day here Monday on business.

Mr. Frank McCabe, of the Elevation section, was here Monday as a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Eurie Tart, of Sampson county, spent the day Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wilson.

Messrs. J. R. Barbour, Ezra Parker, J. E. Wilson, A. E. Surles, R. U. Barber, Q. V. Moore, Joe Norris, and Claude Cannaday attended the sitting of the Superior court at Smithfield Monday.

Messrs. O. S. Young and B. F. Parrish, of Coats, were visitors here for a few hours Tuesday.

Miss Bonnie Johnson, of Dunn, was a visitor here Sunday spending the day at the home of her father, Mr. Willis Johnson.

Mr. Arthur Gasque, of Dunn, spent the day here Sunday with relatives.

Messrs. George Holland, J. R. Barbour, Ezra Parker and Lonnie Dearying were visitors at Lillington Saturday.

Mr. Arthur G. Johnson, of Benson, was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Austin, of Clayton, spent several days here recently visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie McLamb.

Mr. Ransom Durham, of Four Oaks, was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lam Lassiter, of Spilona section, spent the day here Saturday.

Mrs. Harvey Benson and children of Danville, Va., arrived Friday to spend some time at the home of Mr. Benson's father, Mr. C. H. Benson, of Elevation.

Mr. Horace Barber, of near Clayton, was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. Ira Rose, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. John Rose, of Wilson, spent the day here Sunday in route to the home of their father, Mr. John J. Rose, of Meadow.

Mr. D. Heber Creech, of Smithfield was here for a few hours Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massengill spent the day with friends in Four Oaks Sunday.

Mr. Chester Lassiter, of Four Oaks, was a visitor here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Jim Smith, of Rocky Mount, spent the day here Sunday with his father, Mr. J. G. Smith.

Rev. J. M. Duncan preached the regular sermon at the Parrish Memorial church near Smithfield Saturday and Sunday.

An interesting service was held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon by the B. Y. P. U. under the leadership of Mrs. M. T. Britt. Interesting talks were delivered by Messrs. J. L. Hall, W. H. Slocum, J. F. Woodall and Clarence Britt. Quite a large number was present for these exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Rose, of Scotland Neck, are here today for a short visit to friends. Mr. Rose is now principal of the graded schools of Scotland Neck.

Mr. J. W. Whittenton had a phone message Saturday that the sister, Mrs. John Bullock died Friday night. The burial was at the family burying ground near Fayetteville Saturday afternoon.

Officers Moore and Stell caught a large still last Saturday in Meadow township. There were also two men with the still who were captured as they made no effort to escape after finding that they were surrounded. It is continually rumored that Benson is to have a newspaper started in the near future, but as yet nothing definite is known to its name, who will edit it, etc.

Little Ruby, the four years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McLamb, died last Friday from complications of the throat. She taken almost suddenly Thursday night and died the next day. She was unusually bright and attractive and all who knew her will greatly miss her, and especially will be missed from the home so saddened by her untimely death. The funeral was preached Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Duncan, and the interment was at the cemetery in Benson.

THINGS HAPPENING AROUND DUKE

Items of News That Will Be of Interest to You.

Duke, October 6.—Two hundred thirty pupils were present the first day of school, Monday. Prof. B. F. Dalton will be in charge again this year and with two new teachers, Miss Rose Wyche and Miss Bettie Fleming, of Greenville, will run the schools on the same plans as last year. Miss Wyche will have charge of the school of domestic science and in addition to the regular school work will have a special night class for those who work in the mills, and a class in the afternoon for the mothers. Prof. Dalton assisted by two of the regular teachers will also open a night school for those who work in the mills and wish to attend. There will be no charge for either the domestic science class or for the night school work. At the teachers' meeting Saturday morning the year's work was outlined and methods of carrying on the work were discussed.

A special service was held at the Baptist church Sunday morning. The regular state mission program was used and occupied the entire morning service. A liberal donation was made to the cause of missions. Five new members were received into the church. Mr. J. H. Wilkins, a confederate soldier passed seventy three years old drove from Lane, a distance of more than ten miles, for the night service to be baptized and returned home after the services. He was accompanied by his wife.

The Presbyterian Sunday School is making preparations for Rally Day which will be held next Sunday morning at their regular hour. A special program will be used and an effort made to increase the attendance of the school.

Mr. J. H. Webb and family have returned from their auto trip through Virginia, Pennsylvania, via Washington, etc. A heavy rain overtook them on the return trip to Rocky Mount, Va., and the road was so deep that the auto was stuck and the party was stranded.

Stewart's Creek and Grove townships, both adjoining Duke are circulating petitions for the issuing of bonds for improving their roads. If these bond issues go through and good roads are built in these townships and Duke keeps up their good work the eastern half of Harnett county will have excellent roads.

Mrs. O. M. Johnson, of Duke, R. F. D. No. 2, suffered with an acute attack of appendicitis Saturday and was brought to Good Hope Hospital by Dr. Sexton, of Dunn. It was decided that an operation was not necessary and Mrs. Johnson is much improved.

The Builders, a Wesley Intermediate Class at the Methodist Sunday School, had a social meeting at the home of their teacher Mr. R. W. Barfield, Saturday night. Each member of the class invited a friend and they had arranged seats in front of the Barfield home with the necessary lights. Many games were played. Cream and cake were served. Talks were made by R. W. Barfield, Rev. M. A. Osborne and E. S. Yarbrough.

The Robena Book Club held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. E. S. Yarbrough. Invited guests were Miss Emily Young, of Dunn, Miss Eunice Elliott, of Landon, and Miss Isabel Smith, of Duke. After the usual routine business was disposed of, the members vied with each other in telling stories. A cream course was served.

Dr. H. L. Williamson, of Corro Gordo, North Carolina, opened up a dental office Monday morning in the Bank building. Dr. Williamson is a young man recently graduated from the Atlanta Dental College and comes with very high recommendations.

The mission started at the Episcopal church Monday night, Rev. N. C. Duncan conducting the services. Rev. Tracy Walsh, in some way disappointed in reaching Duke for this service, will be on hand Tuesday night.

Hal Rapper, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Stevens died Saturday night and was buried Sunday afternoon at the Benson cemetery.

The little boy was about one year old, and had been sick for only a few days. The funeral was preached Sunday afternoon from the residence of the child's parents on church street.

ANGIER LOCALS

Mr. D. F. Melvin, of Parkersburg, N. C., is here, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. D. E. Dixon.

Misses Kathleen Creel and Mota Godwin spent Saturday and Sunday at their homes in Dunn.

Professor and Mrs. Dowd, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Lucile, and Miss Fannie Robertson, were visitors to the capital city last Saturday. While in the city Miss Robertson called on her brother.

Mr. P. S. Cooper, of Dunn, was in town Monday on business.

Mr. Frank Deal, a former resident of this place, but of Durham for the past two years, has returned to Angier and will make his future home at this place.

Mr. J. C. Williams, Jr., was taken to Watt's Hospital, Durham, Tuesday a. m., where he will receive treatment. Mr. Williams has been for his past several months and is reported as in a very serious condition. Mrs. Williams accompanied him to the hospital.

Much comment is current upon the recent illness and healing of Mr. Preston Gardner, of near this place, who, we understand, was pronounced as being afflicted with diphtheria and pneumonia by physicians. It appears that Mr. Gardner summoned his pastor to the bedside and petitioned his prayers. After several minutes of prayer we understand Mr. Gardner was divinely healed and is now up and about his daily duties. Truly, God moves in a mysterious way.

Angier High School is doing things. If you are in doubt, read this: a new music room has recently been completed; the campus has been beautified by numerous shrubs; new blackboards have been installed; windows rejuvenated, if that's the correct expression; twenty new desks for the high school department have been installed; one extra teacher for high school department has been added; fourth year work added; enrollment numbers sixty more than this date last year; \$10 has been donated by the public for a new library; debating societies are being organized; students enrolling weekly; Mr. and Mrs. Dowd entertained trustees and wives first of last month. Refreshments served and popular games played. The occasion was one of real enjoyment. And don't let us forget to mention the splendid spirit prevailing among the good ladies of the town. Prior to the arrival of Mrs. Dowd and the faculty a number of good women volunteered and armed themselves with dusters, brooms, etc., and made a victorious march upon the dormitory all germs, etc., and giving the buildings a real shine. The writer of this article is requested by the principal to express his sincere thanks for this work, and commend the ladies for their thoughtfulness.

Mr. J. W. Hockaday was a business visitor to Faquay Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Price, of Raleigh, were in town Sunday visiting the parents of Mr. Price.

Attorney Charles Roscoe Partin, of near Coats, was in town Wednesday on business.

"Sambo" has returned from Raleigh after a desperate effort to reach the Exposition. He says Raleigh is only a short portion of the way to California. There are others who will attend the Exposition in the same manner. And, allow us, "glad to see you back, Sam."

DICK.

Germany Fails to Satisfy U. S. In Arabic Case.

Germany has failed to satisfy the request of the United States that the sinking of the Arabic with a loss of American lives be disavowed and liability for the act assumed by the Imperial government. This became known after a conference tonight between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing at which the latter submitted a note given him yesterday in New York by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador. No announcement was made after the White House conference. Secretary Lansing declined to say what the next step would be, but it was learned later the German Ambassador would be asked to come to Washington soon to receive the view which the American government takes of the last German note. Count von Bernstorff is fully authorized by his government to conduct the submarine negotiations.

—Washington Dispatch, Oct. 6.

Out of the Mouths of Babies.

The Minneapolis Journal relates that a mother trying to get her little daughter, three years old, to go to sleep one night, said: "Dora, why don't you go to sleep?"

"I am trying to," she replied.

"But you haven't shut your eyes."

"Well, I can't help it; day comes unbuttoned."

WIRELESS TALK TO HAWAII IS LATEST

Radio Telephone Bridges 4,600 Miles From Arlington In Test Yesterday.

New York, Sept. 30.—That wireless telephone communication from the Atlantic seaboard to Hawaii, a distance of 4,600 miles, is now an accomplished fact, was announced today at the offices of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Exceeding even in success the transmission of the human voice from Arlington to Mare Island, California, a distance of 3,500 miles, accomplished yesterday, it was stated that subsequent experiments had resulted in successful telephone communication between Arlington and the naval radio station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The distance over which this wireless communication was held is greater than the distance from New York to London, Paris, Berlin or Rome. The voice had to travel over the whole of the United States, a distance of 2,500 miles, before it encountered the more simple wireless conditions which exist over large bodies of water. For the purpose of this test it was stated that the receiving was done on small wireless antennae erected by engineers of the telephone company by permission of the naval authorities in the Pearl Harbor station.

STATE FAIR

October 18-23, mark the dates down in our memory as four gala days of festivities—the week of the great State Fair at Raleigh.

Scores upon scores of wonderful events are awaiting you in the Capital city—marvelous attractions that have never been offered at any previous Fair. The agricultural and industrial exhibitions are interesting and instructive, the Midway, one great line of unusual attractions, and the free attractions the most marvelous ever shown at a South Atlantic Fair.

Heading them all is the thrilling aeroplane spectacle copied from the actual destruction of a German Fort by a French aviator on the European continent.

In the air drops bombs from a solid fort below, the fort returning the fire with sham shrapnel shells, which burst around the aeroplane, high in the air. For many minutes the battles rage until the fort is destroyed in a cloud of dust and smoke by a bomb from the aeroplane.

Of the scores of other free attractions there are the human loop-the-loop, the skating bear, the chair balancing act, Cotton's Comedy, Donkeys and many others. Famous Miss Collier, from 100-foot ladder will dive in shallow tank of water.

For those who are interested in the agricultural welfare of the State, there are the corn and stock judging contests, the tomato clubs and competitive county exhibits, boys' corn clubs, pig clubs, boys' and girls' poultry clubs, free motion pictures of all diseases of poultry and cattle, perfect types of cattle and many other interesting and instructive things.

This year will see another innovation that bids fair to eclipse any feature of the Fair, and one that should interest every town in the State. This new feature is a monster floral and industrial parade of the agricultural and industrial resources of the State. Those interested in a float in this parade should wire or write Mr. M. W. Tyres, Raleigh, N. C., Chairman of the Arrangement Committee. This parade will include floats from business houses, manufacturers, towns, schools and colleges, etc. In addition to this there will be the Marshal's parade and a grand review of the National Guard by General Young and Staff.

On to Raleigh. Begin to plan your trip now and stay all of the week—October 18-23.

All persons interested in securing space, will communicate with Col. Jos. E. Pogue, Secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

Prosperity in Sampson.

Flour mills running day and night farmers who have making their own meat, hereafter going to make their own bread, also; sewerage system soon to be in operation in county seat; highways through county being built; tobacco sales heavy; 5,000 bales of cotton held over from 1914 crop to be sold with this year's crop at and above 10 cents; some holding for 15 cents and expecting probably 20. All this is reported from the prosperous county of Sampson, where people, perhaps, more than any other county in the State, have had it dinned into their ears that a Democratic administration in Washington would make paupers of them all and bring calamity and ruin.—Wilmington Star.

GINNING REPORT YESTERDAY

Nearly Three Million Bales Had Been Ginned Up to September 24, Census Bureau Reports.

Washington, October 4.—The second cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 a. m. today, announced that 2,900,007 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915 has been ginned prior to September 25. This compared with 3,393,732 bales, or 21.8 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to September 25 last year; 3,246,655 bales, or 23.2 per cent in 1912 and 3,007,571 bales, or 22.3 per cent in 1911.

Included in the ginnings were 32,263 round bales, compared with 3,394 last year, 26,935 in 1912 and 19,574 in 1911.

Sea Island cotton included numbered 15,094 bales, compared with 13,297 bales to September 25 last year, 19,570 in 1912 and 3,051 bales in 1911.

GASOLINE PRICES

Difference of 100 Per Cent Between Chicago and Carolina May Bring Inquiry.

The high price and the continued rise in the price of gasoline in the South and the wide difference between the price of the commodity in Dixie and the North has been the cause recently of so much dissatisfaction among motorists and other users of gasoline that a Federal investigation has been suggested, and it is not unlikely that a movement will be organized looking to such an investigation.

Your correspondent has obtained quotations from the chief selling points in the Northern, Eastern and Southern States. These quotations show that gasoline a gallon varies in price from 9.9 cents in Chicago to 18 and 22 cents in the Carolinas. In Atlanta, perhaps the principal selling and distributing point in the South, the price since August has risen from 12 1/2 cents to 16 cents. In the South prices to be paid for gasoline are not only

price of gasoline, but also the reason for the wide difference in the price of the same gravity gasoline upon the same dates in different cities.

In point of supply and demand, it is said, there is no foundation to indicate that the increase in difference in price would be brought about. It has been held by some dealers that the supply from some of the wells has lately been diminishing, while information from other sources is that wells have been closed and the supply cut off by this method.

Successful manipulation of local markets by branch managers for the purpose of showing increased prices is given as one reason for the sudden rise in price. Dealers say that the price of this commodity is not economically created over night. Freight rates cut little figure in the prices prevailing in the South as compared with those in the North.

The variation in the figures in various cities, as shown, by telegraphic quotations, is explained, some dealers say, by local conditions, which have not stability, and are therefore liable to change daily. The enormous exportations of gasoline to foreign countries at a time when certain oil fields were dwindling in output and one of the large oil companies was temporarily incapacitated to meet its orders by the recent Galveston storm, are factors which should be considered in connection with the fact that there has been an increase in the consumption of gasoline by automobiles.

Whatever may be the cause for the condition of the market, several State authorities believe that there is reason to suspect manipulation of the gasoline market. States have control only over the correctness of the advertising of various gravities of gasoline, and they feel that the question of the difference in the prices is an interstate question and therefore proper matter for Federal investigation.

It is understood that developments may be expected in the next several days.—Atlanta Dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Mr. John Den Hatcher, who has held a position with the Barnes & Holliday Company for a number of years, left yesterday for Goldsboro which town he will make his future home. He has been employed by the Stanley Undertakers Establishment and his work there will be similar to that he did here. Mr. Hatcher was one of the town's most popular young men and his many friends here regret that he has left us, however they wish for him the greatest amount of success.