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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1910.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For Chief Justice Supreme Court WALTER CLARK of Wake County. For Associate Justices Supreme Court. PLATT D. WALKER of Mecklenburg County, WILLIAM R. ALLEN of Wayne County. For Representative in Congress, Ninth District E. Y. WEBB of Cleveland County. For Solicitor, Twelfth Judicial District GEORGE W. WILSON For State Senator JOHN G. CARPENTER For House of Representatives A. C. STROUP, N. B. KENDRICK For Clerk Superior Court C. C. CORNWELL For Register of Deeds A. J. SMITH For Sheriff J. D. B. McLEAN For Treasurer J. Q. HOLLAND For Coroner C. L. CHANDLER For Surveyor C. A. BLACK For County Commissioners JOHN F. LEEPER, J. FRANK McARVER, R. S. LEWIS, J. W. KENDRICK, O. G. FALLS, R. K. DAVENPORT

BUTLER IN CHARLOTTE.

Editor Wade H. Harris of The Charlotte Evening Chronicle comes as near as any editor in the State giving every man his just dues. He is safe, conservative and never over enthusiastic one way or the other, especially when it comes to politics. If the subject is good roads, drainage, textile industries or any other subject relating to the development and building up of the South, the Colonel waxes eloquent and becomes enthusiastic. Never so as to politics, however. For this reason a statement from him relative to any political event is weighty and hence

the subjoined paragraph from Monday's Chronicle anent Marion Butler's speech in Charlotte Saturday will be of more than usual interest to our readers. He says: "The speech of Marion Butler, in the court house, Saturday afternoon, or so much of it as we heard, was not of the effective sort Butler usually makes. He was mad all over, and a mad man invariably says things that do no good. He was abusive rather than argumentative; he was disposed to drive rather than to persuade. The speech he made amused some, aroused the indignation of others, but it made no vote. If all of Butler's speeches are set to the same temper, he is going to do the Democratic party very little harm."

Not only the ladies but every man in Gastonia as well should read the article in today's Gazette recounting the achievements during the past year of the Woman's Betterment Association and outlining briefly some of the things they have in contemplation for the coming year. This organization has done much for Gastonia and will do more in the future. It richly deserves the loyal support both financially and in moral influence, of every man in Gastonia.

The friends of Mr. John F. Leeper, of Belmont, are urging him to make the race for the nomination for the office of State Auditor to succeed the late Dr. B. F. Dixon. Mr. Leeper is a business man of large ability and would fill the position most acceptably. He is chairman of the board of county commissioners, a position he has held for several years and in which he has demonstrated his business ability. We would like to see Mr. Leeper in the race and would like to see him win it.

When the social clubs of Charlotte were indicted some months ago for violation of the prohibition laws The Gazette expressed the opinion that the cases would never be tried. It certainly looked that way in the light of past experiences along that line and it took quite a while to get the cases before the court. In justice to Solicitor Clarkson, who prosecuted the cases, and to the cause of prohibition in general, we are pleased to take cognizance of the fact that last week Judge B. F. Long, in Mecklenburg Superior Court, fined the Colonial Club \$500. The club took an appeal to the Supreme Court and the final judgment in the case will be awaited with interest, inasmuch as it will affect a large number of similar organizations over the State.

Mrs. Fred L. Smyre and little daughter Mary Sexton, have returned from Salem, Va., where they spent three weeks with Mrs. Smyre's parents, Capt. and Mrs. F. W. Kelly.

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DEMOCRACY'S RECORD.

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that any citizen should wish to extend its stewardship?

Has there been educational progress? Let us look at the record.

The free school term in 1896-'97 was only 58.65 days; in 1908-'09 it was 92.7. That is to say, 700,000 school children in North Carolina have 34 more days of schooling (that is, more than 50 per cent more than in 1896-'97, under Fusion rule), because the Democrats have had the care of these schools these ten years.

Again, the pay of free-school teachers averaged \$23.81 per month in 1896-'97. The average now is \$32.31—which means better teachers, better work, as well as better reward for the faithful teachers of our children.

In 1896-'97 there were no rural local-tax districts in North Carolina. Today there are 1,047, and the movement is so sweeping that it commands the admiration of the entire Nation. Nor were there any public high schools in North Carolina outside of cities in 1896-'97. Today there are 175. And our progress in higher education has been equally as great.

Let the reader judge whether the Democracy of North Carolina deserves, after ten years' stewardship of our public schools, the plaudit of an appreciative master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." It is certain that in no other State in the American Republic has such progress been made for public education within the last ten years. It is really a wonderful achievement.

Again, have our public charitable institutions languished or progressed? What is the record? Progress is written over the doors of every one of them. Ample provision has been made for the insane; and the mute and the blind were never so effectually provided for. And in halls and corridors where scandal stalked and horror dwelt during the days of Russell, all is order, all is peace, all is hope.

Again, has there been administrative progress in the State? Have the Departments of our State Government improved? What shall be said of our Insurance Department, which has supervision of the insurance companies operating in North Carolina; and which has not only saved tens of thousands of dollars within ten years by keeping fraudulent and weak companies out of the State, but which contributed last year to the public revenues \$246,566.89?

Under Fusion, what is there to compare with this achievement?

Again, consider the State's prison. It is a paying institution. All we hear of it these days is the story of its prosperity. Under Fusion what did we hear? Only scandal and deficits.

Is there call for a change here.

And what of the Department of Agriculture? With supervision of fertilizers, with hundreds of institutes, with well-located test and experiment farms, with cattle-industry experts, it is backing the farmers at every point, spending their money for the advancement of their interests; and as a result we are now in the midst of the greatest agricultural revival in the history of the Commonwealth. Our cities have grown, but the farm continues to outstrip them. Land values have increased throughout the State, and the condition of the farmer, notwithstanding the discriminations of the Republican tariff, was never so good as it now is. These ten years have brought his cause to the very forefront in North Carolina, and in that achievement the Department of Agriculture has had no mean part.

Over against this record, what have our opponents to offer? Four years of such stench and scandal in our Department of Agriculture, such incompetence and corruption, that the Department was known as "The State Manure Heap."

What of the State's progress?

Has the Democratic policy of controlling railroad freight and passenger rates been injurious to the development of our carriers? There were 3,574 miles of railroad in North Carolina in 1899. There are now 4,454—a gain of about 33 1-3 per cent in ten years. Has our aggressive policy with regard to corporations "hurt business?" In 1899 there were only 95 banks, both State and National, in the State. Today there are 406. The deposits in these banks in 1899 were \$14,836,607.55; today they amount to \$65,798,032.83. Their total resources in 1899 were \$24,931,811.45; today they amount to \$112,213,767.50.

Our cotton mill capitalization today is \$38,190,062. It was not one-third that sum under Fusion; while our miscellaneous industrial capitalization has risen to the magnificent sum of \$58,517,058.

Such is the record of ten years'

Democratic stewardship of our Commonwealth.

Let the Republicans compare with this record the Russell record or the Holden record. Or, let independent citizens judge of this record by any test. The Democratic party is proud of it. Nay, it is confident in it. It points to its record as the sufficient assurance of its loyalty to the people, its genuine service to the State, and its capacity to administer the affairs of the Commonwealth. And it is entirely willing to stand or fall upon the judgment of the honest citizens of North Carolina upon its work since Aycock took the Governor's chair.

Aycock's administration will live in history for the great educational advancement made under the influence of that progressive statesman.

Glenn's administration was notable for the industrial progress of the State; and particularly was his action in respect to railroad rates and the control of railroad corporations one of the most striking, strenuous and beneficial episodes in the history of our people.

Kitchin rendered the State an everlasting service when by a masterful presentation of the special tax bond fraud he secured the repeal by the Rhode Island Legislature of the act of that State requiring the Governor of Rhode Island to accept donations of special tax bonds and sue the State to recover their principal and interest.

Suppose that the State, at that time, had had the misfortune to have had as Governor Russell, or Butler, or Morehead, or any one ready to carry out the plans of the bondholders?

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We expected to sell \$350.00 worth of furniture last Saturday. We only sold \$207.95 worth. We thank our friends for their liberal patronage but hope to do better in the future

Deducting \$207.95 from \$3,529.44 leaves \$3,311.49 worth of the Williams Furniture Co.'s bankrupt stock for sale.

C. B. Armstrong



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Latest Nobbist Coat Suits

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Notice

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J. W. Carroll Tax Collector

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IF—

the Subject is Real Estate

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