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**"READY TO GO."**

In memorial halls and official buildings from coast to coast of this great country first raised by George Washington stand silent slabs bearing "Our Honor Roll" of the community they represent. The roll has two divisions "Killed in Action" and "Died in Service" and to that roll has been added a name—Woodrow Wilson—that is written in the soil of America and the world. Their commander has passed and his passing was in their service—he caught the torch and "carried on." He has joined the boys who gave their all but the torch will burn forever and peace will prevail.

The Lame Lion of S Street is no more but America's greatest road reads, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Wilson—and the last is probably the greatest. The memory of any of the four touches a responsive chord in the heart of every person, each was the greatest figure of his time, but of the last as Bernard M. Baruch, an intimate friend, says, "No man of any time has left a richer heritage for mankind." His ideals were too high for men, his plans too great, too noble, but on a plane of kindness and good will that some day will be reached by a mankind that will realize its incubator. Other great men have passed on the dark tide and other nations have paid their tributes through their respect for that greatness, but joining the United States in its final tribute, through love, are the nations and people of a world he wished to bind in an unbounded planet of peace.

Head of the world's greatest government at its most trying time, War President during the world's greatest war, the man had given his best and was "ready to go." He knew, and the "broken machine" passed from a day hung with shadows to him unto a morning everlasting.

And as long as time exists his memory will be brought back by the indescribable—the good that is best—such as the chord that tingles the blood as a true patriot views the waves in the Red, White and Blue of America's banner.

**WELL, WELL—**

Ignorance may be blissful but in some cases it is undoubtedly pitiful. The Union Republican says the Democratic "machine" in the state has selected W. C. Feimster as candidate for lieutenant-governor and that he may be all right but that they never heard tell of the man. Which is a mighty good statement to disagree with from "A to Z."

W. C. Feimster has announced himself as a candidate. Friends prevailed upon him to do so, if we remember, was the reason he attributed for the act. Now whether these friends form some mechanical unit in a mythical "machine" we know not. This paper, along with several others in western North Carolina, added its strength, whatever weakness that might be, to his endorsement when his name was first suggested, but the only machine we discerned that was involved was an ancient typewriter. It is true the Charlotte Observer, sometimes called an administration organ, did not look askance at Feimster, but neither did the Statesville Daily, which should offset any all-machine support ideas. Mr. Feimster is not a national figure and has never had his name "screeched" in the headlines in extreme portions of the country, but neither, as we recall, has any lieutenant-governor of North Carolina been called into national prominence. The office is a state office and the discussed candidate is a state figure. State law-makers know him as an able man, and western North Carolinians know him by contact as fit timber for any state office.

**HURTFUL TO QUEEN CITY.**

Not so many days past South Carolina people through South Carolina papers revolt at the strictness with which speed regulations and laws in Bessemer City, this state, were enforced, several South Carolina people "having been 'pulled' there it seemed. Now a similar kick is being heard closer home. Quite number of people in and surrounding Shelby are not at all satisfied with the manner speed and traffic laws are being enforced out of Charlotte on the highway leading to Shelby, more particularly that part of it from Charlotte to the Gaston county line.

Now Shelby people speed just like other people that like to tickle the throttle with their toe, but the kick is that certain officers on that stretch of road seem to have a particular fondness for the scalps of automobile drivers from this section. Certain local citizens, who bear no Jesse James record on the police blotter at home for speeding, wonder why they get nabbed so frequently for infractions between the waters of the Catawba and the Queen City. Perhaps there is some ingredient in that stretch of road that makes the tires sing a little faster, or the throttle go down easier, or perhaps people of this section just to ride faster there and cannot see the railroad crossings as well, but, if none of the above perhaps are in order, the practice is hurting Charlotte more than Cleveland county autoists.

Now every town or small city of Shelby's type has a nearby large city, where a great deal of buying and spending of silver is carried on. Charlotte has been, and is, that city to

**VALUABLE PUBLICITY.**

E. H. Taylor's article in the Country Gentleman of last week is valuable advertisement for Cleveland county because this magazine has a circulation throughout America among readers who are vitally interested in the agricultural progress of our country. Because we have accomplished so much in agriculture, this publicity comes unsolicited and without cost. A great part of the article is devoted to the state at large, but full half of it is to Cleveland county in particular and it is handled in such a way that we might expect inquiries from all parts of the country. As a direct result of this article there came a postal yesterday to The Star from J. F. Ford, Caura, Pa., saying "would thank you for a copy of your magazine I am interested in that section." The Country Gentleman article is not exactly what we had expected it would be in that it only touches the high spots of our rural progress, but he coming last week of Mr. Idan, another contributor of the Country Gentleman, means that we are soon to have an article in this same magazine dealing with our splendid schools and churches and the pioneer ministers of this county whose influence is felt to this day in the men and women of national prominence the county is producing.

The groundhog saw his shadow Saturday and the weather will be just "like it aimed to be" before the woodchuck wandered out in the rays cast by Old Sol. Nevertheless there will be those who will watch for the "next six weeks of bad weather" to pass.

**POLITICS IN GOVERNMENT.**

The Dearborn Independent of last week carries an interesting article on Governor William Richardson of California who has made a remarkable record as a business governor. Not only has he spent millions in building one of the finest systems of roads in America, but he ran the state on the same principles as a private business and saw to it that the state got what it paid for. We like to see business principles applied to government affairs. Politics is too often infected into the affairs of state and nation and the taxpayer has to pay the price in higher taxes.

This calls to mind the fact that politics is being played in the matter of road building in North Carolina. Some of the counties have gotten more than they are entitled to of the sixty-five million dollar bond issue while many other counties have been treated unjustly in the distribution of road funds. Cleveland is an example, along with Rutherford and others. We have gotten only 14 miles of hard roads and have no assurance of more until there is another bond issue. There is already talk in North Carolina of an additional twenty-five million for roads and the sponsors of this movement are holding out to the dissatisfied counties that they will get what is coming to them if their representatives will support the issue. This district has the only Republican on the state highway commission and the Republican counties have been favored.

If there is another road bond issue, every representative should withhold his support until it is incorporated in the bill that the next issue will serve as a sort of equalizing fund between the counties; that is, they should demand that each county gets its proportionate part of the road money in hard surface roads. This is a matter which we think is well worth the careful

**Mrs. Wallace Gives Her Appointments for Week**

The home demonstration work of Mrs. Irma P. Wallace for this week is as follows:  
 Monday, report to boards. Office work.  
 Tuesday, Union, poultry.  
 Wednesday, Spake club, gardening.  
 Thursday, Patterson Grove, poultry.  
 Friday, Mt. Pleasant, poultry.  
 Saturday, office.

In January my work suffered somewhat as I could not make my schedule on account of bursted engine block and radiator. "Lizzies" health is in good order now, and I shall be able to meet all engagements.

IRMA P. WALLACE, H. D. A.

**Mrs. Sallie J. McIntyre Dies of Pneumonia**

Mrs. Sallie Jane McIntyre, wife of Andy McIntyre died at her home near Union church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock following an illness of eight days with pneumonia. Mrs. McIntyre was 69 years of age and a member of the Union Baptist church. Before marriage she was a Miss Wilson of near Blacksburg, S. C. Surviving are her husband and six children. Mrs. Toy Mode, Misses Maggie and Mary who live at home, Messrs. Rawson, Lewis and James Roberts McIntyre, the latter living at Thomsville.

The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon by Rev. D. G. Washburn at 3:30 and the interment was at Union Baptist church amid a crowd of sorrowing friends.

While the church row continues, doubtless the devil will maintain benevolent neutrality.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

A Yorkville Enquirer dispatch says Chester girls "cuss." Sure now the South is up and coming.

Farmers from Maine to California that heretofore have heard very little about North Carolina are now reading about Cleveland county, thanks to the Country Gentleman.

Perhaps if the ground hog's prophecy be true the next six weeks will be hard on his friend, the boll weevil.

If woman was made after man it's no sion she leaps after him during Leap Year.

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**(POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT.)**  
**THE BAILEY IDEA.**

**Brother Woodson Puts Up Argument For His Candidate.**  
 To the Editor of The Charlotte Observer.

I cannot see why it is necessary for McLean to flood the State with testimonials as to his fidelity as a member of the War Finance Corporation. We all know he did his full duty, and his honesty, capability and fidelity is universally conceded. If Mr. McLean were an obscure personage seeking a position in some banking or mercantile establishment, he would be expected to furnish testimonials as to character and competency from his former employers. But it is considered somewhat derogatory from the dignity of a candidate for the high office of Governor to do so. So far as character and ability are concerned, both candidates are above reproach, and have administrative capability of a high order. Both have made a high success of their personal business from a financial point of view, and our public affairs would be safe in the hands of either.

I have no personal acquaintance with Mr. McLean, but have known Mr. Bailey rather intimately for 40 years, and I know he is an advocate of the most rigid economy in personal as well as public expenditures, and I am sure when he assumes the Executive chair he will do all in his power to put a stop to the orgy of extravagance that has characterized the present Administration; but at the same time will do nothing to hinder or arrest the State's progress along every line of agricultural, industrial or educational development, but will do all in his power to hasten the day when North Carolina will be recognized as the brightest star in the galaxy of American States.

Mr. Bailey was Collector of Internal Revenue for eight years under the Wilson Administration, and he is asking no one to testify as to his fidelity in the discharge of his duties, and is perfectly willing to stand or fall on his record. I will say this for him, that during his incumbency the expense of collecting the revenue was reduced from 75 cents for each \$100 to 25 cents each \$100. Quite a saving.

To my mind there is no question of character or qualifications involved in the governorship contest, but only one of representative Government in contradistinction to ring rule and machine politics; or, in other words, whether the sovereign people of North Carolina shall be permitted to select their own candidates or whether they shall be hand-picked by self-constituted party bosses, who arrogate to themselves superior wisdom, and handed to them on the eve of a primary. I, for one, protest, as being inconsistent with the genius of democratic institutions.

Yes, I know you will say many has a right to enter primary. True, but I know, and everybody knows, he does so under a serious handicap, and is hardly treated by the opposition with any fairness, or even common courtesy. As a general thing, machine politics means a subsidized press, and everyone knows what that is. A few days ago the Raleigh correspondent of The Observer had this to say: "Max Gardner and almost every man of high standing in the State is for McLean." That part of this statement which says that almost every man of high standing is for McLean I pronounce unqualifiedly false, and I am surprised that The Observer, which claims to be fair as between the candidates, should carry such stuff in its columns. From such fairness may "Angels and Ministers of Grace defend us."

But I still hope that the campaign may be without animosity or mud-slinging, and conducted upon a high and gentlemanly plane, as becomes the dignity of the office; and also to maintain the solidarity of the Democratic party, which is more important than individual aspirations.

C. J. WOODSON.  
 Shelby, January 26.

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