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Prof. J. R. Wilson Has Somewhat To Say

He Shows That "Facts is Facts"

Before our great National Baptist convention was split, as now, I was, at one time, the corresponding secretary of its Educational Department. My duties, as such, required me to attend the State conventions, and other annual bodies, of Negro Baptists throughout the United States. I readily perceived that the proceedings of no other State convention of Negro Baptists functioned with so little of politics in evidence as was unmistakably true of the Baptist State convention of South Carolina. Of that fact I was ever proud. And of it, I have often boasted.

Since scrambling for office had previously been so unknown in our State convention, I was greatly pained when, immediately after the death of Dr. Durham, the query, "Who will be president?" became rife and candidates for that position began increasing to make their ambition known. So disgusted was I because of this change for the worse in our conventional life, I gave utterance to my disgust in an article which appeared in the People's Recorder of January 15th. In that article, among other things, I said:

With absolute certainty, I can tell you who will not be chosen. But the subject, while a most delicate one just now is and will increasingly be, a most important one because—thus far, in all of its long history, the convention has had but three presidents, Brockenton, Raiford, Durham, each of whom had much natural, as well as acquired, ability, together with ripe and varied experience, for leadership. Each of them was signally characterized by a remarkably placidity of temperament and, under just cause for provocation, unusual self-control. Other than as a larger field for quantity and quality of service, none of them had cause to desire the presidency of the convention, for the reason that each of them, prior to being president, had already held within the denomination positions that in importance were not far behind it. Since the presidency of a strong man may magnify his position, it is not magnified by it, either of them would have, apart from the position, been equally influential in the councils of the denomination. The facts are that a man who is made greater by the office he holds is not a big enough man for the given office. For that reason, men best suited for positions do not the positions seek but are for the positions sought. Neither Brockenton nor Raiford, nor Durham made aught of personal effort for the place. They did not do so because the place needed them more than was their desire for it.

"I once attended a Baptist State Convention in another State where more than a whole day was consumed in an effort to elect a president. A president was finally chosen. But while the political methods employed placed a man in the position, those very methods, at the very same time, divested him of the dignity and respect which with the position ought have gone. You may well consider it a truth eternal that until politics shall have become more nearly pure or Christianity wholly altogether rotten, the two can be mixed only to the detriment of the cause of Jesus Christ, our Lord. To the employment of any such admixture, the Negro Baptists of South Carolina have thus far scorned to go. And I earnestly hope that I shall have long lain in my grave before, if ever, any such evil day shall upon them come.

"I know well the rank and file of the Baptist brethren in South Carolina. And because I know them so well, I tell you, without any hesitancy, this: Should any man dare to lower our Christian and denominational ideals by personally canvassing or otherwise self-seeking the place, he will surely be awakened to the fact that he has automatically eliminated himself from consideration for it. What ought to be done in the matter of the choice of a president and denominational leader will be done, and that will be this: When the Convention has assembled, and at the psychological time, a session of earnest heart-melting prayer for guidance will be held, followed by nominations, in which no great speech making will feature, and then will be chosen for the place a man in whose selection no mistake will be made because the Holy Spirit will have guided in the choice." Selah!

What I then wrote was, at that time, exceedingly appropriate. Just now, it is far more so because we are now seeing newspaper discussions, and hearing of swappings of influence, in behalf of this and that candidate for the place. "These things ought not so to be." "Facts is facts," and, under present conditions, it is undeniably true, political canvassing to the contrary notwithstanding, that as rightly might a man aspire to become the lawful husband of a woman whose lawful husband was yet alive and adequately on the job, as for any candidate to

aspire to oust Dr. Earle from the presidency at the next session of the Baptist State convention. Because—

1. With the knowledge that Dr. Durham was in feeble health and with the understanding that, in the choice of a vice president, the man most suited to be successor to the presidency must be chosen, Dr. Earle was, year after year, for five succeeding years, re-elected vice president that the mantle of the convention's Elijah might fall upon him, the convention's deliberately chosen Elisha. "Facts is facts."

2. In recognition of that Elijah and Elisha understanding, the Executive Board of the convention, at its meeting in January, did, on motion of Dr. J. C. White of Columbia, formally declare Dr. Earle the convention's president. In addition, all the members of that Board and all the Baptist preachers, in Columbia gave President Earle, pledges of their loyalty to, and hearty co-operation with, his administration. In consequence, every member of that Board and every Baptist preacher in Columbia is morally obligated neither to give, nor be used to give, President Earle any opposition at the next session of the convention. "Facts is facts."

3. President Earle has not yet had a fair try out nor adequate time in which to inaugurate any constructive plans, much less accomplish their sustained fulfillment. In consequence, to fail to elect him president and thereby give him a square deal opportunity would be un-Christian, unjust, and a gross, unnecessary, but wicked reflection upon his character or ability. Even Christian bodies ought occasionally strive to do that which is Christian and just to one of their number.

4. President Earle is a college and theological graduate of Benedict and as a ripe scholar will take front rank with the best. In constructive work denominationally, he is second to none among us. In parliamentary knowledge and judicial poise as well as in self-control, he is also second to none.

If these things be true—and they are undeniably true—unless righteousness be dethroned by ungodly ambition and simply be given a back seat by misdirected friendship, President Earle will be unanimously elected at the coming session of our Baptist State convention. "What I have written, I have written." "Facts is facts."

John R. Wilson.

DR. T. M. BOYKIN SPEAKS.

The Baptist Educational and Missionary State Convention of South Carolina will hold its annual session in Columbia, at the Union Baptist church, November 16-18.

I am desirous that the brotherhood of "one Lord, one faith, and one Baptism" shall duly know that "all things are ready-come!" For your reception, entertainment and comfort, Union Baptist church has already prepared. This is true of our Baptists in particular and all Columbians in general. Know ye that Columbia is preponderantly a Baptist town and when you come, you will largely come to your own. Send all the delegates you wish and let all the visitors who desire come! We are not only a mighty Baptist host but we are a united host. As one man all of our Baptist pastors are working and as one all of our Baptist churches are preparing to care for you properly when you come.

The Executive Board of the State convention met in Columbia October 4, at which time it was agreed that all persons attending the convention would pay for entertainment \$1.50 per day. All who expect to attend will please notify me at once.

T. M. Boykin,

Pastor Union Baptist Church, 712 Assembly St., Columbia, S. C.

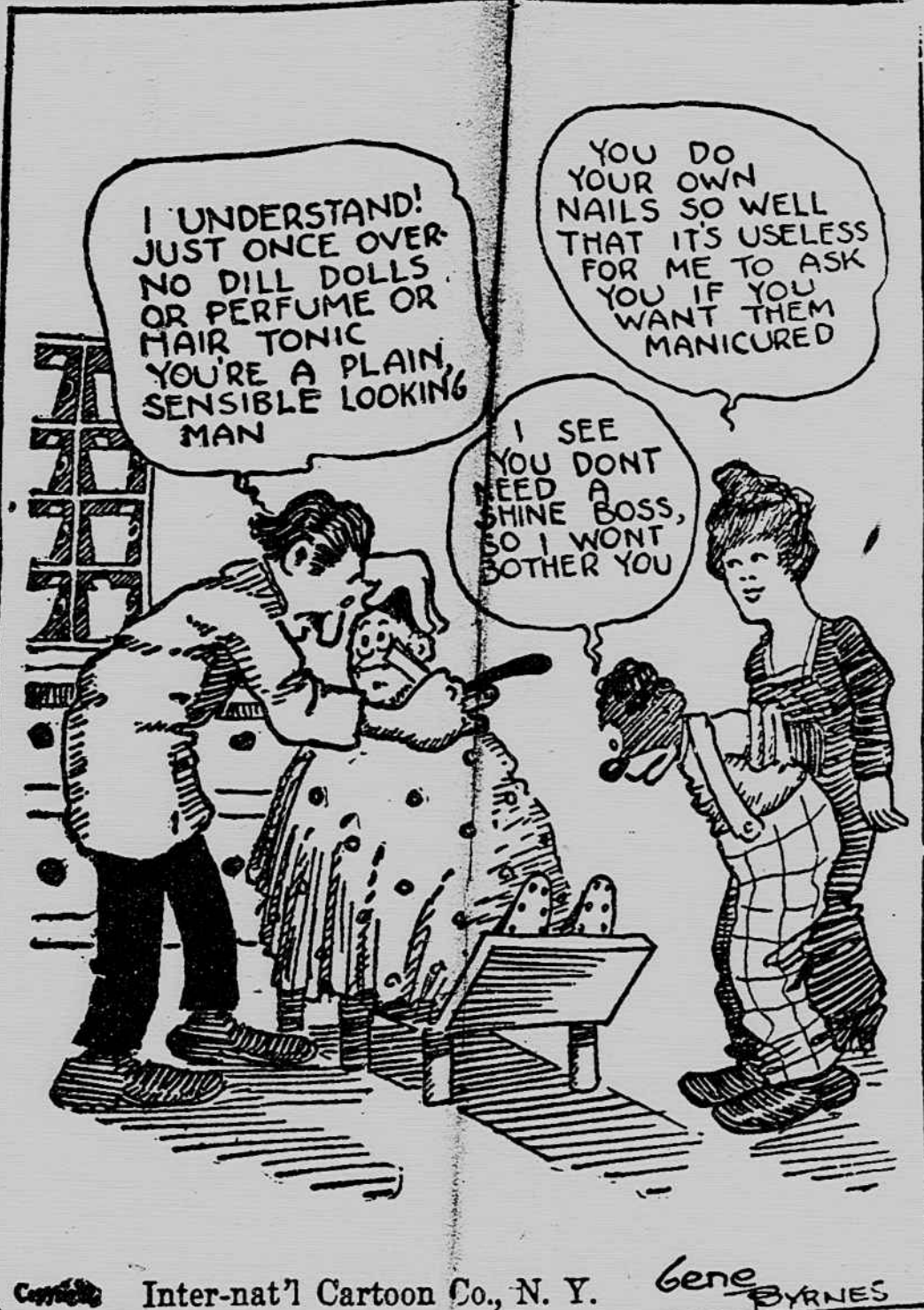
An editorial squib in The People's Recorder last week has the following to say, with the authority of Dr. P. P. Watson:

"In a recent issue of The Recorder an article which had to say about the missionary work in this State. In connection with this same article Dr. P. P. Watson asks that those who are interested in mission work read his report of last year from missionary work done in this State."

It has been the pleasure of ours to read very satisfactorily the reports of Dr. Watson for the past four years and while we have not kept up with many missionary reports that preceded

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



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ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce to our many friends, and to the public at large, that our New Store doors on Washington Street will be opened, Saturday, October 15th, with our counters full of bargains.

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October 15th. and 17th.

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his we can and do say with certainty that none have come up to his in recent years. Not only has Dr. Watson raised his own salary on the field and does a greater amount of missionary work but Dr. Watson's reports show that he has turned over money to the convention, aided young men in school who were aspirants to the ministry and has placed the Ten Commandments into more needed places throughout South Carolina, reminding young men and women of their higher duties than all the combined forces in the State. Aside from this Dr. Watson has also placed the church covenants into the hands of thousands who hitherto knew not of them.

But that's neither here nor there; look through the minutes of last year very carefully for the treasurer's report and at the same time read over Dr. Watson's report and compare facts with any previous record of the convention.

SECOND CALVARY NOTES.

The pastor, Dr. H. M. Moore, was at his best both morning and evening. The Sunday school is still holding its own under Superintendent E. E. Conwell.

The B. Y. P. U. is not only presenting fine programs along with its regular routine of work, but is engaged in actual work to help church work in general. They are now striving hard to place new carpet on the floor, and as means of raising funds for this

purpose, the Union is divided up into clubs and each club is bringing about satisfactory results.

Mrs. Albertha Simons, the unassuming president, is not leaving a stone unturned to keep this organization up to the high standard which it has attained through her untiring efforts.

The Missionary Society, the Church Aid Club, and the Pastor's Aid Club, too, come in for special mention. They are all working in perfect harmony to one common end.

FIRE DAMAGES MRS. DUNBAR'S HOME.

About 8:30 last Sunday morning fire damaged the beautiful and handsomely furnished home of Mrs. A. P. Dunbar, at 1213 Barnwell street. Eyewitnesses to the scene estimate that at least damage to the building alone is not less than \$3,000 to say nothing of the furniture.

The building and contents were covered by insurance.

Just how the fire originated is not known but the blaze was discovered in the roof and serious accidents were narrowly averted.

REV. CARROLL AT LATTA.

The Rev. Richard Carroll is at Latta this week, where he preached three nights. He served Sunday for Dr. Hubert at Darlington and Dr. U. S. Rice in Florence Sunday night.

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Columbia, S. C., Oct. 12, 1921.

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We need stores of every kind; just to think in the city of Columbia and as many colored people as we have here we have not a Ladies Ready-to-Wear store in town, and it is up to us as a race striving to take our places among other races to establish suitable enterprises so that we might be able to give our boys and girls something to do after they have finished their college career.

Our girls are coming out of college without any place to apply their education, and it is up to us as men to make places for them. The white man is striving daily to create new places for his boys and girls as they march from the college walls and enter the avenues of life. We can do the same by pooling our forces and bending our efforts in the same direction.

Three merchants in a city like this will never be able to educate our people to patronize the Negro enterprises. Our company is known in every nook and corner of this State. There is but one thing short about Negro enterprises, and that is: We have been unable to get competent bookkeeping. We have no Business College like the other race from which we can secure competent stenographers and it is up to us as men that are standing for something in a community to try to see to it that such courses are established.

The constant demand made upon the members of the Woods Haberdashery Corporation to increase our business to larger proportions whereby we will be able to reach customers throughout the State by mail order, etc., and to establish, if possible, Woods Haberdashery Stores throughout the State, where they are necessary, to supply our people with Haberdashery goods in all of its ramifications and in such quantities as will conduce to the influence of a Clothing Business, operated by colored people.

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Miss Minnie Byrd, Blair, \$1.00; Miss Lizzie Douglass, Blair, 50c; Miss Ellen Wallace, Chappens, 50c; Miss Charity, \$1.00; President C. B. Antisaae, Benedict College; \$1.00; Prof. J. T. Williamson, State College, Orangeburg, S. C., \$1.00; Mrs. M. H. Bright, R. N., Capt. St. Luke Hospital, Greenville, S. C., \$1.00; Mrs. A. H. Collins, Columbia, \$1.00; Mr. R. G. Hagood, Columbia, \$1.00; Attorney Jacob Moore, Orangeburg, S. C., \$2.00; Mr. Jesse F. Williams, Darlington, \$1.00; Mr. D. A. Gowan, Darlington, \$1.00; Dr. B. S. Sharp, Seaca, \$2.00; Mr. R. C. Davis, Greenville, \$1.00; Dr. C. L. Euston, Meharry Dental College, Nashville, Tenn., \$1.50; Mrs. A. E. Bell, Washington, D. C., \$1.50.

There are hundreds of others who should have been numbered among the above this week. Shall we not so acknowledge receipt of your payments next week? We are looking to hear from you. Please don't disappoint us.—Editor.

Prof. Wilson's "Somewhat to Say" this week, bearing upon the presidential campaign now waged by some in a very quiet but determined way ought to bring at naught such fallacy.

This article should be read by every Baptist throughout South Carolina; for it really gives the facts in the matter. No Baptist in the State should longer be misguided as to the presidency of the convention nor what has transpired to cause Dr. Earle to be the accepted vice president for the past four years and the most logical and acceptable president at the coming session.

WOULD NOT BE GOAT.

Customer Pays For Shoes After Long Delay.

The State. Greenwood, S. C., Oct. 11.—"I don't want to be a goat," read a note inclosing a check for a pair of shoes taken on approval from a local shoe store here over a year ago, which was received today by the shoe dealer after he had made fruitless efforts to collect or have the shoes returned. The customer, a white man, who had the shoes declared he had read about the separation of the sheep from the goats in the observance of "pay up week" here this week, and wished to be numbered with the sheep.

Editor's Note—This week is "pay up week" with several of our subscribers in Greenwood. We should like for them to conclude as did the person above referred to in their city—"don't be a goat."

Incidentally we say to hundreds in other cities and towns, even here in Columbia, don't be a goat, "be numbered with the sheep!"

NEAL-GARDNER.

Mr. Aaron Neal, formerly of this city but now of Florida, and Miss Mae Gardner, sprung quite a surprise on their many friends when they met in Philadelphia on the 25th of September and were happily united as husband and wife.

Mr. Neal is a successful truck farmer in one of the best adapted sections of Florida for truck raising while his bride is one of Columbia's best and most highly esteemed young ladies. She was a teacher in the Booker Washington High School where she was highly admired by teachers and taught.

APPRECIATE OUR SERVICE

State College, Orangeburg, S. C. Oct. 8, 1921.

Dear Editor Roach: Herewith we enclose check for subscription for "The Southern Indicator." We assure you we appreciate its weekly visit. We wish for you continued success in the worthy service you are rendering our people.

Sincerely yours,
J. T. and M. B. Williamson.

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