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WILSON AND BRYAN DIFFER ON LEAGUE

President Favors Carrying It to People

BRYAN FAVORS SOME COMPROMISE

At Jackson Day Dinner Difference of Opinion on League of Nations Question Develops between the Presi- dent and Commoner. Great Crowd on Hand.

Washington, Jan. 8.—A split between President Wilson and William J. Bryan over whether the league of nations should be made an issue at the coming election topped off the Jackson day deliberations of the Democratic party. It came at the Jackson dinner as the climax of a day in which San Francisco had been chosen as the meeting place of the Democratic national convention on June 28, and it charged the air with political electricity.

President Wilson in his message read to the diners, assembled in two separate bodies, declared that the "clear and single way out" was to submit the question to the voters as "a great and solemn referendum."

Mr. Bryan, showing all the old time vigor with which he led the fight in the president's nomination at Baltimore in 1912, declared that the Democratic party could not go before the country on the issue, because it involved a delay of 14 months and meant success only if the Democrats captured a two-thirds majority of the senate. The party, Mr. Bryan declared, must "secure such compromises as may be possible."

The disagreement between the president and his former secretary of state, the first in public view since Mr. Bryan left the cabinet because he did not agree with the president's course in the diplomatic negotiations with Germany, was thus disclosed as a fact, although it has been rumored and reported in the underground currents of national politics. In the opinion of the political leaders it crystallized an issue.

President Wilson in his message said nothing whatever about a third term for himself, and neither did he make any formal announcement of his intended retirement to private life, as some had forecast he would.

Mr. Bryan in his prepared address said nothing bearing on any ambitions towards a fourth presidential nomination, but before reading his manuscript he said he had nothing to ask and, therefore, the diners would not listen to him with the thought that they were listening to a candidate.

There were a dozen or more other speakers at the dinners and their views on whether the league should be made a campaign issue were either divided in favor of the president's stand or Mr. Bryan's, or else they did not touch on the subject at all.

The list of their speeches might easily be epitomized in this fashion: Senator Pomerene: Ratify the treaty with or without reservations.

Former Secretary McAdoo: An arraignment of Republican administration, but no expression about the league.

Secretary Daniels: "My Bryan is entitled to credit for the league of nations treaty because his peace investigation conventions were the ground work for it."

Senator Hitchcock: "Honorable compromise on the league question or a finish fight."

Senator Owen: "Immediate ratification and proceed with reconstruction legislation."

Chairman Cummings: Inevitable impulses "are carrying the Democratic party each day nearer and nearer to victory."

Governor Cornwell of West Virginia: "American institutions are in danger of being overthrown by the unchecked growth of a labor autocracy."

Vice Chairman Kremer: "We accept the gauge of battle."

Governor Cox of Ohio: "The old guard is in control of the party (Republican) which it well might wrecked by its greed."

Attorney General Palmer: "The war will not be over in fact until the issues which it has raised are passed upon by the great court of appeals in

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REAL ESTATE SOLD WELL

Roland Property on Laurens Street Brought \$22,810. Other Sales Made.

The auction sale of business property and residence lots conducted Friday by the Southeastern Realty Company, of Greenwood, attracted a large crowd of bidders and onlookers resulting in successful sales of the property offered. In addition to the property of the J. J. Roland estate on Laurens street, one lot belonging to Mr. L. B. Blackwell on Caroline street, a lot on West Main street belonging to Mr. P. A. Simpson and thirteen lots of the Fowler property belonging to Mr. J. W. Grimes, of Greenwood, were sold.

The six lots of the J. J. Roland estate brought \$22,810. Lot No. 1, just in the rear of the Moseley & Roland store was bought by Mr. A. S. Easterby for approximately \$3,000. The two lots on which stand the brick residence was bought by Mr. J. L. Martin, who recently bought the old Todd home place, for around \$9,000 and the remaining three lots were bought by Mr. H. Larey at around \$150 per front foot.

The Blackwell lot, on which stands the Job printing plant of Mr. L. B. Blackwell, was bought by Dr. H. K. Aiken for \$6,500. The Simpson lot on West Main street was bought by Rev. C. T. Squires.

The following is a list of the purchasers of the Fowler property:

Lot No. 1 to H. Nicholls for \$1,775.

Lot No. 2 to P. D. Huff, for \$1,390.

Lot No. 3, to J. M. Clardy and Oscar Henderson for \$1,440.

Lots Nos. 5 and 6 to P. B. Irby for \$685.

Lots Nos. 7, 8 and 9 to Geo. P. Jenkins for \$392.

Lots Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 and a small park by Rev. C. T. Squires for \$150.

LAURENS BOYS AT FURMAN.

Jake Raser, of Cross Hill, One of Delegates to Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines.

Greenville, Jan. 10.—The students of Furman University have returned to their work from holiday visits home, and again the dormitory accommodations are crowded to capacity. During the holidays four of the students attended the great Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines, Iowa. The men who went were Jake Raser, Cross Hill; H. M. Reeves, Union; W. H. Barfield, Jefferson; and E. M. Harrison, Plant City, Fla. Mr. Harrison went as the president of the State organization of Student Volunteers. They have just returned filled with a new enthusiasm for the great cause of missions. They will speak in a great many of the churches in Greenville and vicinity.

The following students are enrolled in Furman this session from Laurens: L. M. Bailey, Clinton; G. B. Baldwin, Laurens; L. A. Baldwin, Gray Court; T. N. Berksdale, Laurens; H. Y. Bennett, Laurens; C. A. Bolt, Gray Court; L. N. Boyd, Laurens; M. S. Boyd, Laurens; F. D. Cox, Lanford; B. K. Humphries, Laurens; J. B. McCravy, Laurens; B. S. Pinson, Cross Hill; A. E. Power, Laurens; Jake Raser, Cross Hill; J. C. Reid, Laurens; C. E. Wallace, Gray Court; H. S. Wallace, Gray Court; and J. B. Brown, Cross Hill.

February at Poplar Springs.

Mr. J. W. Henderson of Laurens tells The Advertiser that February of this year will have five Sundays and that no other February since 1876 has had so many. He relates that an evangelist, preaching at Poplar Springs church in that year, called attention to the circumstance of five Sundays in the month and requested the men of the congregation to pledge themselves not to take another drink of whiskey until another such February arrived, that three men "stood up" and that, to the best of his knowledge, they kept the pledge. While three is not a large number, we think it is large enough for the Laurens congregation of those days.

The signs are that a great many men will wait for another February of five Sundays before taking a toddy, whether they stand up or not.

In passing, it may be observed that the Five Sunday February is not peculiar to Laurens, however Mr. Henderson seems to be entitled to the credit of discovering, or at least, of advertising it.—The State.

TO DISCUSS LAURENS GREENWOOD HIGHWAY

Highway Commission to Confer with Greenwood Commission Over Road Connecting Two Counties.

The Laurens highway commission and the Greenwood highway commission are planning a joint meeting at an early date, probably the 22nd of this month, for the purpose of discussing the most feasible route to be followed in connecting the two county seats and coming to a common agreement upon where the state-aid road between the two counties shall cross Saluda river.

At the meeting of the commission Saturday the contract was let for the bridge on Burnt Mill creek about a mile south of Laurens on the proposed Waterloo road. The bridge is to be of concrete construction with a driveway of 18 feet in the clear. H. Beebe, of Spartanburg, was the successful bidder and work is to begin in thirty days.

REPUBLICAN ROW ON.

Spartanburg Reports Fight on Chair- man Tolbert Has Started.

The following dispatch from Spartanburg will be read with interest:

A Republican convention was held here today, attended by thirty-five or forty more or less prominent leaders of the party from various sections of the State. The meeting was called by J. D. Adams, it was said, at the request of the national committee, for the purpose of discussing the condition of the party in this State. Chas. A. Harmon, State chairman for Virginia, and G. W. Bean, member of the national committee from Florida, were present and made speeches. They said the national leaders were sick of the party organization in this State and wanted an organization that could command respect.

L. W. Blalock of Greenville, was present and made a talk, saying the curse of the party in South Carolina in recent years had been one-man rule, and blamed J. W. Tolbert and his adherents for the present condition of things. Another meeting will be held in Columbia on Monday, it was announced, and similar meetings will be held in the near future in other sections of the State. It was announced that the national committee had appointed J. D. Adams as financial agent in South Carolina, and that he alone will be authorized to collect and disburse funds during the coming campaign. There seems to be a well defined movement on foot, with the backing of the national committee, to oust J. W. Tolbert, of Greenwood county from the State leadership.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Negro Charged with being Implicated in Issue of Three Bogus Checks.

Three forged checks, amounting to more than \$400, have been successfully passed on as many different banks recently and as a result Albert Pasley is in jail charged with being implicated in the forgery. It is thought that others were connected with the schemes but as yet no arrests have been made.

One of the checks was drawn on the Peoples Bank here and had the name of N. L. Langston. Another on the Enterprise Bank carried the name of J. H. Power. Still another on one of the banks at Clinton was also forged.

Laurens Mill Director Dead.

News was received in the city last week of the death in New York of Mr. S. D. Brewster, one of the directors of the Laurens Cotton Mill. His death occurred Wednesday at the age of about 65 years. Mr. Brewster has long been identified with the Milliken selling agency and was credited with being largely responsible for the trade in cotton goods in China. He took an active interest in the conduct of the mill here and often attended the meetings of the board of directors, acting as chairman at one of the recent meetings. He had a number of friends here who remembered him very pleasantly.

Big Cotton Sales.

The return of the cotton price to the 40 cents level has drawn a number of bales out of the warehouses of the city. Among the largest lots to be sold in the city in recent years was that sold a few days ago by Messrs. R. F. and H. C. Fleming, when they released about 350 bales to Mr. Oscar Henderson, local buyer, at 40 cents a pound, basis middling.

NATIVE OF LAURENS DIES IN GREENWOOD

Robert I. Elledge, Member of Green- wood Police Force, Died at his Home Sunday Night.

Mr. Robert I. Elledge, a native of this county who has been a member of the Greenwood police force for several years, died at his home there Sunday night. The following account of his death appeared in the Greenwood Index-Journal Monday afternoon:

Mr. Robert I. Elledge, a popular member of the city police force, died at his home on Hackett street last night after three weeks of illness. Mr. Elledge had been in good health until a short time ago and had been an active member of the force until then. The funeral services will be held at his former home on Hackett street tomorrow at 3 o'clock and interment will follow immediately afterwards in Edgewood cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. C. L. Harris.

Mr. Elledge, at the time of his death, was 46 years old and had been residing in Greenwood for about twenty years. For the past thirteen years he was a popular and efficient member of the city police force. He was a native of Laurens county, having been born in the Poplar Springs section of that county in 1871. He moved from Laurens to Elberton, Ga., where he remained as a mill operative until moving to Greenwood.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Bradford, a native of Elberton, and the following brothers and sisters, Mr. B. F. Elledge, of Waterloo; Mr. L. C. Elledge of Cross Hill; Mrs. Emma Henderson, of South Greenwood, and Mrs. Ola Henderson, of this city. His mother, who was Miss Ellie Griffin and his father, Mr. F. M. Elledge, both died some years ago. Besides these relatives, a host of friends survive him who sympathize deeply with his family in their loss.

Mr. Elledge was a man of many sterling qualities. As an officer of the law he always did his duty and always used admirable judgment in dealing with offenders. His strict attention to duty and his fairness in all dealings won for him the respect and admiration of all who knew him. The pallbearers are as follows: Messrs. A. S. Hartzog, S. O. Harvey, J. W. Spearman, J. W. Campbell, J. B. Harris, C. B. Beaudrot, R. L. Golden, and M. A. Corley, all of whom are officials of the city.

Gas Wagon Driver Mashed.

Mr. Alsey Madden, driver of a gasoline wagon for the Standard Oil Company, was painfully injured about the waistline of the body Saturday afternoon by being crushed against his wagon by an automobile. Mr. Madden was standing beside his wagon in front of Mr. W. P. Hudgens' shop when a negro boy lost control of the automobile he was driving and drove into him. The impact of the blow was so great that the wagon itself was pushed sidewise along the street with Mr. Madden's body hanging between. He was rescued by bystanders and given immediate medical attention. Although his injuries were not fatal it is thought that he will be affected by them for some time even after he is able to return to work.

Junior Bridge Club.

The Junior Bridge club was delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Harriet Simpson on West Hampton street. After the usual games were played a tempting salad course was served. Those present were Misses Lucy Vance and Claudia Darlington, Miss Lilla Todd, Mrs. Joan Morgan, of Upton, Mrs. W. Henry Franks and Miss Carolyn Fleming.

Potato Warehouse Open Thursday.

Mr. H. Terry, president of the Laurens Potato Warehouse, said yesterday that the warehouse would be open on each Thursday of the week for owners of stored potatoes to take them out. By appointing one day for this work, it is hoped to do away with much unnecessary opening of the warehouse.

Aldermen Come Out.

As will be seen by their announcements in another column, several candidates for aldermanic honors have shown their heads above the water. The first to hand in his announcement was Mr. Jim Lewis, from Ward Three. The other two announcements are Mr. E. D. Easterby, in Ward 1, and Mr. Albert Dial in Ward 6.

COUNTY DELEGATION OFF.

Held Informal Conference with High- way Commission Saturday in Refer- ence to Roads.

All the members of the Laurens delegation to the General Assembly left their homes Monday afternoon for Columbia for the sessions of the General Assembly, which convened yesterday. Sen. J. H. Wharton, whose health has not been good for several months, was well enough to go down though he will necessarily have to curb his usual activity in the legislative halls. Representative D. T. Kinard, who has been retaining his citizenship in the county by living in the city since his wife and children preceded him to their future home in Ninety Six the first of the year, was with the delegation. The others members of the delegation, including Solicitor Blackwell, are Messrs. Jack H. Davis, of Clinton, and Mr. R. Dunk Boyd.

The delegation held an informal session in the office of the county supervisor Saturday, when a discussion took place as to future plans for road improvement in the county. The highway commission advised the delegation that more funds, in addition to the \$300,000 bond issue, should be provided if the original plans of the highway commission are to be carried to completion or if communities not now included in the plans are to be reached. The delegation was advised that the greatly increased cost of road work since the bond issue was voted had materially reduced the mileage contemplated being built at first. The subject of grading and draining several important roads without top-soiling them at present came up for discussion and was given consideration in the meeting.

TROOPS RETURN FROM SIBERIA

United States Decides on Withdrawal Wait for Transports.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Decision to withdraw the American troops from Siberia upon the completion of the repatriation of the Czechoslovak forces next month has been reached by the American government. The troops were sent to Siberia in accord with an agreement between the United States, Japan and the entente powers to aid the Czechs and protect the Siberian railroad. Japan has been notified by the United States of the cancellation of that agreement insofar as it affects the presence of an American military expedition.

When the Czechs have been removed the American railroad commission, headed by John P. Stevens, which has been in Russia since before the fall of the former czar's government, will leave Vladivostok for home and the American soldiers, under Major General Graves, will follow as soon as transports can be made available. Presumably the same ships which are to take the Czechoslovaks across the Pacific will be used. Two of these vessels, the President Grant and America, are expected to leave New York within a few days.

With the departure of the Americans, Japan will be left alone to assist in the efforts to stem the eastward march of the Bolsheviks. The rapid progress made by the soviet forces has been a source of apprehension in Japan and the cabinet at Tokyo has been considering means of combating what Japanese officials regard as serious menace.

Suggestions have been made that Japan materially increase its force of 30,000 troops in Siberia and it has opened negotiations with the American government with this end in view. So far as was learned today, however, no agreement has yet been reached.

The American force numbers about 3,000 men and was sent into Siberia last summer. Its presence has been the subject of numerous spirited debates in the senate and resulted in the adoption of a resolution calling upon President Wilson for a statement of the administration's policy. In reply to this resolution the state department said the purpose of sending the expedition was solely to assist the Czechs and to guard the railroad in the meantime.

Moseley & Roland Store Rented.

Mr. J. J. Adams announced yesterday that he had rented the store-room occupied for many years by the Moseley & Roland hardware store from the heirs of the late J. J. Roland and that it will be used as an automobile sales-room for Hudson and Essex cars.

MONTHLY MEETING OF COMMERCIAL BODY

Banquet Decided on for the February Meeting

GOOD ROADS ARE DISCUSSED

Committee Appointed to Confer with County Delegation in Regard to Ex- tension of Road Work in the County. Election of Officers in February.

In order to infuse new life into the local chamber of commerce and to extend its membership more generally among the business men and others of the community, a chamber of commerce banquet was decided upon at the regular monthly meeting of that body Monday night. Messrs. Alison Lee, M. L. Smith and A. S. Easterby were appointed as a committee to make arrangements for the banquet and to direct the sale of tickets. The plan adopted for the banquet is to sell tickets to all citizens of the town and surrounding territory who desire to attend and possibly would take an interest in the chamber of commerce work. The banquet is to be held on the night of February 9th and will be preceded by the annual election of officers.

An animated discussion of road improvement in the county occupied the attention of the meeting for a considerable time. Mr. N. C. Hughes, the county engineer, was present at the meeting and made interesting comments on the progress being made in road improvement here and the outlook for the future. Following a short talk made by him and another one by Mr. W. R. McCuen, the chamber went on record as favoring additional provision for road work in the county, both for the completion of the present system and the extension of road work to those sections of the county not directly benefitted. A committee of three, composed of Messrs. McCuen, Easterby and Lee, was appointed to confer with the county delegation in regard to the matter.

Mr. McCuen, in his talk in regard to county roads, advocated a plan by which roads of secondary importance to the main highways of the county be graded, drained and crowned without top-soiling them at present. He presented statistics to show that roads of this county could be put in good condition by top-soiling less than 40 per cent of their distance and advocated this plan for the lesser roads.

A nominating committee, composed of Messrs. A. S. Easterby, Albert Dial, M. L. Smith, E. P. Minter and W. R. McCuen, was appointed to submit nominees for election as officers of the chamber of commerce at the next meeting to be held February 9th, which is the regular election meeting under the constitution.

More Fifth Sunday "Dope."

Now comes up Mr. J. A. Armstrong and takes issue with Mr. J. M. Henderson, the gentleman who was quoted at length in the last issue of this paper in regard to the five Sundays in February question. It will be remembered that Mr. Henderson said that this "phenomenon" occurred the last time in 1876. But Mr. Armstrong differs as to the date and to uphold his contention pulls out a bog of statistics that would make a modern adding machine look up and take notice. By referring to Page 3, which referred him to Page 8, which referred him back to Page 3, which in turn said move over to the sixth column on Page 9 and then place your finger on the fifth line of the third column of the upper right hand side and you will see 1880. "That's the year," said Mr. Armstrong, and closed the book. When confronted with the figures of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Henderson said he had nothing to give out for publication. Major Robert L. Walker, the gentleman who feeds the papers and does other necessary duties in The Advertiser office, another authority on facts and figures, substantiates the claim of Mr. Armstrong. He has a book too.

Notice to Colored Teachers.

Every teacher in the county is urgently requested to meet at Laurens in the graded school building Saturday, Jan. 31st at eleven o'clock. Let each teacher come on that date.
Sallie A. R. Sweeney, Pres.