

A CYCLONE OF CHEERS FOR GOVERNOR AYCOCK

Educational Conference Rises En Masse to Applaud Him.

HIS BROAD VIEWS THRILL

Dr. McIver Tells of Work in North Carolina Since the Last Conference.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR

Of these Robert C. Ogden is President, J. Y. Joyner, Walter H. Page, E. C. Bran-son Vice Presidents, Rev. A. B. Hunter Sec'y.

Athens, Ga., April 24.—The eloquent address of Governor C. B. Aycock, of North Carolina, was the feature of the session of the forenoon Southern Educational Conference. Governor Aycock's subject was "Education and the Voluntary Tax." He was repeatedly interrupted by applause and when he ceased speaking the entire audience rose to cheer him. Governor Aycock said that the State of North Carolina had determined that every child of the State, white and black, should be educated. If there were some who did not think that the negroes ought to be educated, he did not agree with them. No uneducated force, he said, could do as good work as one that had been trained. The speaker's closing words to the audience and to the Northern visitors told how the North and the South, once contending for union and independence were now united in a more glorious independence than had ever been enjoyed.

Mr. Ogden presided. Dr. Charles D. McIver, president of the North Carolina State Normal and Industrial College, at Greensboro, told something of what had been done in his State since the meeting of the conference last year. Over thirty cities or towns have voted on the question of increasing the school fund by local taxation and only three, which voted have not agreed to do this. Four hundred libraries have been established in connection with the public schools.

Dr. H. B. Friswell, of Hampton, and Dr. Robert Frazer, of Richmond, reported on the work done in Virginia. President Edwin A. Alderman, of Tulane University, New Orleans, reported for the year in Louisiana, three parishes, 26 wards, nine towns and 17 school districts have been added to their school facilities by special taxation.

The session was closed by a general discussion led by Dr. John Massey, president of the Alabama Female College, at Tuskegee, Ala., and Chancellor Robert B. Fulton, of the University of Mississippi.

At a business meeting the following officers of the conference for the next year were elected: President, Robert C. Ogden; Vice-presidents, J. Y. Joyner, Walter H. Page and E. C. Bran-son.

Secretary, Rev. A. B. Hunter, of Raleigh; Treasurer, George Foster Peabody, New York.

Executive Committee, Dr. H. B. Friswell, Dr. Sanford, J. Y. Joyner, Hon. Hoke Smith, W. A. Blair.

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Intelligence and justice. "Would we be so foolish," he said, "as to leave half our population groveling in ignorance? Those black people did not come here of their own accord. We brought them, they cannot so away, and we do not want them to go. Then it becomes our duty to educate the minds and hearts of the negroes as we would educate the minds and hearts of the whites."

Hon. H. St. George Tucker, of Virginia, in his address urged the conference to meet in Virginia next year. This invitation was seconded by Dr. Paul Barringer, of the University of Virginia.

Prof. P. B. Claxton, of Tennessee, explained the methods of the publication board of the session.

The session was closed by a general discussion, conducted by William H. Baldwin, of New York, and taken part in by Hon. H. H. Hanna, of Indiana, and Dr. Charles W. Dabney, of Knoxville, Tenn.

At the evening session of the conference the speakers and their topics were as follows:

Carlton B. Gibbons, Superintendent of Schools, Columbus, Ga., "Education Through Handicraft."

Lawton B. Evans, Superintendent of Schools, Augusta, Ga., "The Child of the Operative."

President Edwin A. Alderman, of Tulane University, New Orleans, "The Child and the State."

Dr. Hamilton W. Mabie, of New York, "Co-operation in Educational Work."

Chancellor Hill, of the University of Georgia, announced that a friend who did not wish his name disclosed, had given \$50,000 to the University for a library.

WHY REORGANIZE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

If We Were Right Before, We Are Right Now.

NO CHANGE IN CONDITION

Can We Succeed by Turning Our Backs Upon the Country's Wants.

SILVER ISSUE MIGHT BE SUSPENDED

Danger We Should Now Most Guard Against is Swinging Too Far From Our Former Position. Can We Win by Trimming Platform?

To the Editor: Why all this clamor about the reorganization of the Democratic party? And from what source does it come? Is it not because the short-sighted selfishness of a few, who once affiliated with the Democratic party, were led by the spirit of commercialism and mammon worship, to desert the party of the people, of liberty, of honest justice and of high spirited American manhood, in 1896 and 1900?

Being charmed and dazzled by the tinsel banners of imperialism, and the gilded gewgaws of wealth, extended trade and commerce and the dream of being a great world power, they grew tired of their devotion to honest truth and plain justice, and sought congenial fellowship in the Republican party, or joined its secret service organization, by allying themselves with the 130,000 who voted for Palmer and Buckner.

Does not all this agonizing cry of reorganization, and anxious solicitude for Democratic success in the future, come from those 130,000 who voted for Palmer and Buckner and helped defeat the party, for whose triumph they now yearn, with groanings that are unutterable.

How would the reorganizers have us succeed? I will tell you. By deserting the principles of the party; by turning our backs upon the wants of the country; and stopping our ears to the cry of the people for relief. Can we hope to win by trimming our platform until there is not left in it even a shadow of the noble principles for which we have contended for the last decade? Can we win by offending and alienating the 6,000,000 who stood firm for the party, the platform and its principles and voted for Mr. Bryan, and whose loyalty gleamed with increased brilliancy even in the gloom of defeat, in 1896 and 1900, in order to please and win back the 130,000 stragglers, whose allegiance to party was so weak as to desert the cause of the people in the time of its sorest need, and whose respect for party majority rule has grown weaker and weaker ever since by their feeble arguments and vain efforts to justify their party perjury and betrayal. Can we ever succeed by changing our position upon the great issues between the two political parties in this country without a change of conditions? I see no change in the conditions in this country that would justify a change of position on any of the great principles for which the Democrats have contended, except the financial question. And in my opinion this is only a temporary change, caused by the war disturbances at home and abroad and the failure of the policy of the Republican party, except in so far as by these circumstances it has been forced, to a limited extent, to adopt and carry out the Democratic idea of finance, to-wit: To increase the volume of the currency and distribute it among the people. And this it has been compelled to do by the payment of government contracts and the vastly increased number of government employees.

Whatever the cause may be, we do see farm products, and the creations of labor, in almost every department of business, bringing better prices, at least for the present. So I think this would justify us in suspending for the present the agitation of the silver question and change of the financial system—not an utter abandonment of the principle, but a mere suspension of agitation, such as we have adhered to in regard to the tariff for the last two national campaigns. "Only this and nothing more." We can never inspire the people with confidence in the tenets of Democracy by clinging to the enemy's note by abandoning the position we have taken on the great questions of government.

If we were right four and eight years ago we are right still. If the Republicans were wrong then they are wrong still. If they were right then, we were wrong, and we are wrong still. Can we stimulate zeal in our own hearts and gain recruits by adopting their views? Will we not lead our forces over into their ranks? Is not this where all who think we were wrong and they were right will go? I believe we are right now; and I believe we are right now; notwithstanding a majority voted against us—majorities are not always right.

The danger we should now most guard against is swinging too far from our former position.

It has been said that the face of man is easily turned from the grave of the dead to the home of the living. It is equally true that the adulation and praise of man is easily turned from the defeated champion and patriot to the victorious traitor and trickster.

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upon the Hon. William Jennings Bryan by the little patent outsiders all over this land. What a different song they would have sung had he been elected. He may never be President, but the noble principles which he advocates will yet prevail, or this government will totter and fall and crumble into dust. Then why abuse him who led us so gallantly—who so ably and nobly defended the principles of the platform, which the people made and chose him to defend? Though defeated, his words and deeds will live in the hearts of a grateful people as long as Americans love truth and virtue. And his defiance of the money power to always oppress the people, as expressed in transcendently beautiful phrase—"you shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon this cross of gold"—will be treasured among the beautiful gems of literature as long as the English language is spoken.

Who thinks of traducing the memory of George Washington because he marked the frozen snow around valley forge with a trail of blood drawn from the feet of his faithful followers as they retreated before the legions of George the Third? Then why deride Mr. Bryan because the Democracy, which he so gallantly led, were defeated? He may yet be victorious. Is there a son of the South who would speak lightly of the name of "Stonewall" Jackson because he fell on that fatal field at the Wilderness in 1863, leading a charge for the "lost cause"? Is there a Confederate soldier with soul so dead as to take the stainless sword of Robert E. Lee and hack and batter and deface the monument erected to his memory in the capitol square at Richmond because he was defeated at Gettysburg and was compelled to surrender to overwhelming numbers at Appomattox? Then, I ask, should there be found in all this broad and beautiful Christian land a Democrat so utterly destitute of gratitude and grace as to reproach Mr. Bryan, our noble, true and brave leader, simply because he was compelled to yield to the overwhelming influence of many?

So, then, as we love truth and virtue, let us heroically stand by our principles and honor those who have defended them, even in the darkness of defeat, being assured that triumph and rejoicing will come with the bright dawn of victory's morning in the near future—if we remain steadfast. As sure as there is a God of truth and justice, if we are right, we will win; if we are wrong, we should not wish to win, and certainly cannot hope to win.

A shifting of sails to every adverse breeze, and changing of front at the appearance of every little cloud that threatens defeat, is unworthy of confidence and inconsistent with truth and honor.

Would the principles of the Christian religion ever have triumphed had the early martyrs and followers of the faith changed it to suit the great majority of self-righteous Jews and unbelieving gentiles who opposed its spread and threatened its overthrow and utter extinction? Would Washington ever have thrown off the yoke of British tyranny and oppression if he had changed his plans, at every little breeze of discontent, stirred by ignorance and misrepresentation, or given up in despair at every little cloud of defeat that darkened the stormy horizon of his activities? Could Jefferson have saved this country from the thralldom of centralized power in the Federal government by a weak heart and "anything to win policy?"

And how did Andrew Jackson subdue the nullifiers and free the government from the smothering grasp of the national bank? Was it by compromising, temporizing and vacillating attitude? No, but by an iron will, and a courageous course of conduct, tending to a definite purpose. And Mr. Benton, in reviewing Jackson's works, said, as Cicero overthrew the conspiracy of Catiline and saved Rome, so Jackson overthrew the national bank conspiracy and saved America.

It was by a stern adherence to the cause of universal freedom that the plain, unlettered Lincoln overthrew in debate the scholarly and experienced Douglas and became President, and the shadow of negro slavery no longer darkens the fair name of America. So let us steadfastly adhere to our party principles of plain truth and simple justice and we shall yet drive from power in our nation the party of trusts, of subsidies and of imperialism.

Very respectfully,
JAS. W. FERBIS.
Greensboro, N. C., April 22, 1902.

TO WRECK THE TUNNEL.

A Dastardly Attempt Discovered and Thirty Lives Saved.

(By the Associated Press.)

Buffalo, April 26.—A special to the News from Niagara Falls says:

"By the merest accident the lives of about thirty men and the tunnel work of the Canadian Niagara Power Company were saved from destruction.

"Last evening as the night shift went on duty was made of a most dastardly attempt to wreck the tunnel and kill the men working 150 feet below the surface of the earth.

"The shaft leading down to the tunnel is 150 feet deep. From the bottom of the shaft the tunnel runs north and south and men work at both headings. The blasts are discharged by means of batteries, which are operated at the foot of the shaft, the wires extending to the headings.

"When the night shift went to work, one of the 'nipper boys' discovered that at a point one hundred feet from the bottom of the shaft the wires from one of the batteries had been cut and a cartridge cap connected and placed in a stick of dynamite. The stick of dynamite had been placed between two boxes of dynamite containing seventy-five pounds of the material. It is customary for the day shift to arrange the blasts and the night shift sets them off when it comes on.

"Had the 'nipper' boys failed to discover the plot the damage and death list would have been fearful. The men at the headings would have been killed and the work, which has cost many thousands of dollars ruined.

"The object or the motive is not known. Detectives are at work on the case."

FOR TARHEEL RIVERS A MERGER EFFECTED

Conferees Promise to Insist on Retaining Senate Amendments.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, D. C., April 23.—Today Senators Simmons and Pritchard saw the Senate conferees on the River and Harbor Bill, Senators McMillan, Michigan; Elkins, West Virginia, and Berry, Arkansas, in regard to the amendments added to the House bill for North Carolina rivers and harbors, notably the upper Cape Fear and the inland waterway.

The conferees promised our Senators to insist on the North Carolina items. Our Senators have done everything possible and it is thought the amendments will be retained by the conference committee of the two houses.

The following is the complete list of the River and Harbor work for North Carolina contained in the appropriation bills:

Completing improvements at Edenton Bay, \$5,000; maintenance improvements Beaufort harbor, \$2,000; completing improvements of inland water route via Currituck Sound from Norfolk to Albemarle Sound, \$23,400; improving Sampson River, \$10,000; improving Pamlico and Tar Rivers and for maintenance, \$5,500; improving Neuse and Trent Rivers, and for maintenance \$20,000, as much of this as may be approved to be used in deepening Neuse River below New Bern, and \$5,000 of this to be used on the Trent at New Bern.

Improvements above Wilmington on Northeast and Black Rivers and for maintenance \$10,000, for Cape Fear River above Wilmington \$150,000, this to be used to make a navigable channel between Wilmington and Fayetteville; improvements on Cape Fear River at and below Wilmington and for maintenance \$150,000, as much of this as may be needed to be used to place mooring dolphins, and \$1,000 to be used to remove obstructions at mouth of Brunswick River; improvements on Fishing Creek from its mouth to Beach Swamp \$2,000, and improving inland water route and maintenance between Beaufort harbor and New River \$5,500; improving Waccamaw River in North and South Carolina and the Little Pee Dee in South Carolina \$10,500.

Authority is given in the bill for the following surveys: Lockwood's Folly River, Livingstone Creek, Indian Island Sound from Pamlico River to mouth of South River, Carrot Island Slough from Middle Marshes to the main channel in Newport River, the waterway from Swan Quarters to Deep Bay, Bennett's Creek, Neuse River from Goldsboro to New Bern to secure depth of three feet, Shallotte River, Perquimans River and New River.

The appointment of a board of engineers is authorized to consider the matter of a waterway of not less than sixteen feet deep between Norfolk harbor and Beaufort Inlet. Of this survey to be made of all possible routes and to submit plans and recommendations. If the report is favorable it is to contain an estimate of the total cost of construction and probable cost of purchase and improvement to same depth of any private waterways that will be of value to the government to purchase and improve with the first named improvement.

BLEW UP IN A POWDER MILL.

Five Men Killed and the Buildings Torn to Atoms.

(By the Associated Press.)

Shenandoah, Pa., April 26.—By the explosion of the upper powder mill of the Shenandoah Powder Company at Krebs Station, about four miles from here, five employees were killed and all the buildings of the plant were blown to pieces. The killed:

IRVIN WOLF.
AMOS YARNAL.
W. J. LINDERMUTH.
ELMER STAUFFER.
JOHN RUPPERT.

It will probably never be known what caused the explosion, as all the men employed about the magazine were killed. Not a trace of any of the bodies has been found, with the exception of that of Wolf, whose arms were picked up some distance from the scene of the explosion, terribly mangled.

Oliver Mummy, who was employed in the charnel house, said that the first explosion, which was slight, occurred in that building and communicated to the magazine.

A large force of men are searching for the remains of the missing men.

Sports on Franklin Field.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, April 25.—The world's own and two mile relay records were broken, the inter-collegiate pole vault figures were raised and the world's figures for 100 yards were equalled on Franklin field this afternoon in the carnival of relay races and field sports. Harvard won the one mile relay championship and clipped one-fourth of a second from the world's record of 8:05, and Yale took the four mile relay championship in slow time.

The prettiest running in the championships was shown by Smigh, colored, of Pennsylvania, and Boynton, of Harvard, in the first half mile of the two mile race. They kept well together until the stretch was reached, when Smigh drew ahead and won by about a foot.

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The Seacoast Railroad is to Become a Trolley System.

(By the Associated Press.)

Wilmington, N. C., April 25.—At a meeting here today of the stockholders of the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad, Wilmington Street Railway and Wilmington Gas Light Companies a plan of consolidation was adopted by which the three are merged into the "Consolidated Railway, Light and Power Company," with Hugh MacRae, president; M. F. H. Government, vice president, and a board of directors composed of George R. French, M. J. Healy, G. Herbert Smith, W. H. Kean, J. W. Norwood, Charles P. Bolles, Oscar Feasell, Charles W. Worth, J. Y. Grainger, W. L. Parsley, Julius Davis, James H. Chastoura, Hugh MacRae and M. F. H. Government of Wilmington, and W. W. Randolph, of New York. The consolidated company proposes to at once convert the Seacoast Railroad, leading from Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach, into a trolley system.

Preparing For Coronation Visitors.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, April 26.—Permanent residents of London are suffering from the efforts being made to prepare the city for the arrival of the coronation visitors. There is scarcely a street through which the procession will pass but has been torn up. The private houses, restaurants and public buildings are, for the most part, practically owned by decorators and are permeated by the smell of fresh paint, which is giving London its new coat for the new reign.

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