

NO GAG RULE; NO BASE RULE; A SQUARE DEAL AND ALL WILL BE WELL.

In one two counties Democratic conventions this year have suppressed the voice of the minority. It is such things as gag rule which lessen and weaken the power of democracy.

"If in the near future the control of the state should pass into the hands of our political enemies the blame will rest with the men who force this gag law on the minorities in the county conventions.

While we feel that the Messenger is unduly exercised and has singled out one or two counties and has become disgusted with conditions where candidates are put out in back rooms of those who are trying to over-run the will of the people to gratify their selfish desires and personal interests, and having selected the persons for whom they wish the people to vote, then put forth strenuous efforts to see that their candidates are nominated, sometimes against the will of the people.

Several weeks ago THE COURIER published the following which in a measure is largely true:

"There is no 'boss' in the State, county or nation in the Democratic party; the rank and file of the party is a law unto themselves. The only King and the only 'boss' who has any right or can dictate in democratic councils is the will of the sovereign people.

In the history of their party in this State they have been obstructionists and have opposed material and industrial improvement when in power. They have arrayed themselves against the sovereignty of the people, against public improvements, against the improvement of highways, against the farmers, the tax payers, the laborers, and general improvement. When in power in North Carolina they made no public improvement. The only monument that marks their efforts is the penitentiary, and they did not complete

it. Not a mile of permanent road nor a public building did they ever erect. Yet when out of power they talk about what they would do and what ought to be done and yet they have done nothing when in power. The people have long memories and will not forget in the few short years the record of wreck and ruin."

The leading republican paper of this state which is owned and controlled by the republican bosses felt called upon to have something to say in criticizing the statement that the democratic party was a party, the rank and file of which was a law unto themselves. The charges that the republican party was boss ridden and controlled by courthouse cliques and rings was not denied, nor was there any denial of the record of the republican party when in power in North Carolina.

THE WRONG BRUTE BLOWN UP.

Considerable has been said recently concerning the Guilford county man who blew up a balking horse with dynamite. It has been said, we think with entire propriety, that the wrong brute was blown up.

The Wilmington Messenger urges that there should be some society in every community and when abuses are discovered the law should be pressed to its fullest extremity in punishing the person who would maltreat one of God's creatures.

And yet the law now punishing for cruelty to animals is practically a dead letter. Under the present law as changed by the code commission the offence is placed wholly within the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace, and it is not until the offence has been committed for a period of twelve months that the grand jury can act, taking up the offence and then only, of course, if it has not been disposed of by some justice of the peace. Usually if the case is not an aggravated one nothing is ever done in any court; but if the case is one that attracts attention the offender usually goes up and submits before some justice of the peace and pays a fine of twenty-five cents or some small amount.

We favor restricting the jurisdiction of the Superior courts and some offences have recently been taken from the Superior Court and given exclusively to justices of the peace. In some instances it may be well to do this but not as to cruelty to animals. We have on different occasions seen defendants in the Superior Court fined twenty-five dollars or more and sent to the roads for thirty days for cruelty to animals; and in almost every such case the punishment had a wholesome effect. When did you ever know an offender punished for cruelty to animals since the change in the statute.

A poor horse is overloaded and his nature cries out against the cruelty and he refuses to pull sometimes because he is so exhausted he cannot move the heavy load. A brute beats the poor horse and no punishment is inflicted.

Ex-Chairman Rollins of the State Republican Executive Committee, gives out a long interview in which he uses some choice sentiments in speaking of Mr. Chas. J. Harris, the last republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina.

"In this connection I might say that the Republican State committee is composed of gentlemen every one of whom is the equal of Mr. Harris physically, socially or otherwise; his base insinuation is cowardly in the extreme, and if he meant to insinuate that any member of the organization has accepted money in consideration of the use of his influence in securing Federal patronage I brand him as a liar and he will stand before the public as a base slanderer unless he makes good his foul insinuations which he has made against the men whose character and honor are above reproach."

The country and the town should work together in harmony and an effort for the common good. The demagogue respected neither at home nor in the country can accomplish but little in this enlightened age in trying to array one against the other.

It is about time for us to begin to hear republicans say that it is time for a change; that the republicans should be placed in power in this county because one party ought not to remain in power long and that there should be a change every two or three years. It is also time for the bosses to send word round to begin a tirade of abuse on THE COURIER. This word is always passed round in every campaign, but it has got so it has little effect because the people have learned that THE COURIER appeals to reason and does not resort to abuse and that its statements can be relied on as the policy of the paper is to be conservative and fair and just to all men.

The cleanest and best men should be nominated for every office from constable up. Let fitness be the only test. Follow this and the democracy will be invincible.

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS.

Things that Have Happened In and Out of the State.

The 235th Annual Meeting of Orthodox Friends, was held in Providence, R. I. last week. Among the participants was Prof. Thos. Newlin, of Guilford College, N. C.

The South Atlantic Lumber Company of Greensboro is chartered, with \$50,000 capital authorized and \$34,000 subscribed, by the W. L. Clement Lumber Company, Cheraw, S. C.; C. J. Angel, Claud Kiser and J. T. Penn.—Releigh Times.

—Messrs. J. F. Leeper and K. Davenport and Dr. Falls, a committee from the board of commissioners of Gaston county, a visit to Guilford county to see the road machinery being used by the highway commission in macadamizing the public roads of this county. Gaston has just voted \$300,000 in bonds for road improvement.

Fire in the boiler room of the Greensboro Electric Co. last Thursday did \$500 damage. A serious conflagration was narrowly averted by the firemen.

A recent bill in Congress appropriates \$60,000 for a public building at Salisbury and \$50,000 at Asheville.

Robert Carter, an esteemed Confederate veteran, of Rowan county, went to Cabarrus county last week to see his brother who was ill. When he arrived the brother had been buried. Sunday when he returned to his late brother's home from church he dropped dead as he entered the house.

G. W. Wynn, a mill operative at Tazboro, was instantly killed Sunday while standing on the porch of his home.

Geo. Mullis, of near Jennings, Iredell county, was found shot to death on his front porch Saturday. A pistol by him and powder burns on his clothes indicate suicide.

Saturday Geo. H. Brown, of Statesville, was confirmed successor of Collector Harkins, of Western North Carolina District Internal revenue. President Roosevelt has taken his deputies under the civil service to keep Republican office seekers from trafficking with them during the fall election.

Miss Eleanor Elliott has gone to Franklinville on a visit to her friend, Mrs. Herbert Russell. Her sister, Guelda, is spending the summer in Lexington with relatives.—Greensboro telegram.

Salem voted \$125,000 bonds Tuesday for the purchase and extension of the water works plant now owned by a corporation.

Railroad employees are raising a fund of \$500 to fight the case of Switchman Welser, who was convicted of manslaughter at Greensboro last week, in the supreme court. The decision of the court against Welser if sustained will be far reaching in attaching criminal blame to employees in cases of disastrous wrecks.

Mr. Silas C. Dodson, a confederate veteran of Greensboro, died at his home Tuesday, aged 72 years. The funeral was conducted yesterday morning, attended by a large delegation of Confederate comrades. He was buried with Masonic honors.

Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, of Greensboro, left yesterday for Europe in the interest of the B. J. Fisher estate.

The Rev. Hight C. Moore, Sunday school secretary of the Baptist state convention, is at Jackson Springs, where the Sunday school

assembly will be in session from June 25th to July 1st.

Mrs. Amanda Caldwell, mother of J. P. Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer is critically ill at Statesville. Mrs. Caldwell is 86 years old.

The annual meeting of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage will be held July 4th and 5th. The address will be delivered by Rev. O. L. Powers, of High Point.

Assistant General Superintendent E. H. Copeman, of the Eastern Division of the Southern, and his entire office force of 40 clerks and stenographers will be moved to Danville, Va., from Greensboro after July 1st.

Sam S. Osborne, a telegraph operator for the Southern at Greensboro, was arrested Saturday charged with having two wives. He did not deny the charge and was locked up. Two months ago he was married to a daughter of County Surveyor Gilchrist, of Guilford county.

The Lexington Telephone Co. has improved its system placing all private lines in district communication with long distance lines.

Lexington, Thomasville and High Point Chair manufacturers, at a meeting at High Point last week decided on another advance in the price of their product on account of increased cost of material.

Jno. L. Currie, of Carthage, says fruit growers around Carthage and Cameron are doing fine with dew berries this year. It is said that \$500 a day has been paid out to pickers for the past two weeks. They receive \$1.50 and \$2.00 a day.

Principal O. V. Woosley, of Pleasant Garden High School has issued a neat catalogue setting forth the advantages of this school. Mr. Woosley is a son of Rev. J. E. Woosley, who was a few years ago pastor of the Asheboro M. E. church South.

Jno. W. Smitherman and W. M. Stout have purchased the merchants grocery company of Greensboro.

A. H. Price, assistant district attorney general of Western North Carolina, of Salisbury has resigned, effective at once. Ex-Judge A. L. Coble, of Statesville has been appointed as his successor.

Mrs. J. L. Burgess, of Pleasant Garden, left last week for Lincoln, Neb., where her husband is employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Walter Murphy, Esq., candidate for representative from Rowan, will also be a candidate for speaker of the house at the Democratic caucus in January.

Wm. Howard Taft, secretary of war, will speak at Greensboro July 9th, on the eve of the Republican State Convention.

Hail fell in Georgia last week to the depth of 14 inches, destroying both crops and forests.

The three negro conspirators who attempted to kill the two officers at Greensboro a few days ago, have been arrested for murder. Mark Cotton their accomplice, who was shot by one of the gang died Friday.

Fire destroyed the saw mill of Adkins Bros, near Durham Friday, causing a loss of \$30,000. Carl Herndon, of Elon College lost more than \$3,000 in sawed lumber on the yard, and \$2,000 in logs. Besides the owners of the mill Mr. Herndon was the heaviest loser. Mr. Herndon is a brother of Mrs. John T. Moffitt of Asheboro.

Miss Pearl Caviness, daughter of Dr. J. E. Caviness, of Lillington, was married last week to Mr. Eugene Respass, of Eggleston, Va. Dr. Caviness formerly lived in Randolph county.

The State Horticultural Society will meet at Aberdeen Friday and Saturday, J. VanLindley, of Greensboro is president.

James Carruthers, one of the family who were imprisoned in Rowan for four years, escaped from the road force Monday. He was charged with conspiracy against the life of Walter Crump.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison, who recently visited this state in search of the rare mineral cobalt, has left forces at work in Gaston, Lincoln, Jackson and Cleveland counties where the mineral is found in large quantities. He thinks the discovery of the deposits will mean much for the prosperity of the South. It will reduce the cost of storage batteries 50 per cent. and saves thousands of dollars to electric light and railway companies. Mr. Edison is continuing his search in Tennessee.

HAS NO FLAG.

Attorney Price at Salisbury Takes Blackburn and Declares against Republicanism.

Republican Chiefs of Rowan held a pow-wow at Salisbury last Saturday. The occasion was their county convention. Parliamentary rules prevailed in the preliminaries of organizing, but unthoughtfully some enthusiast over the election of the next president of the Union lighted a short fuse which fired a bomb throwing the convention in pandemonium before the committee on credentials could complete its work. However, the assembly declared Chas. W. Fairbanks president, provided Teddy refused to accept the honor.

"Ever how it goes" the patrons of the Federal pie counter in the Western District have favored the administration.

A motion followed to instruct solidly for Spencer Blackburn at convention at Wilkesboro, whereupon some indiscrete fellow arose to amend it by voting solidly for E. Spencer for State Chairman also. This bomb threw attorney A. H. Price from his seat and he spoke—spoke vehemently against the "amendment", too.

He assailed the Republican one-man rule policy of North Carolina, which Blackburn denounced, saying "yet Blackburn's friends are making the effort of their lives trying to place the power and patronage of the entire State in the hands of one man".

He said he was against Blackburn on personal grounds, and he had never favored the leadership of Butler either. During his speech he handled Mr. Blackburn "gloves off". He said his opposition to him began in 1904 when "E. Spencer" accused Price of using his office to aid his (Price's) candidacy for Congress. "And I now have in my possession, a statement written in my hand and signed in his own hand, that this declaration was an absolute falsehood and I am asked to endorse the conduct of a man who does this sort of work".

Voting on the amendment at once the second ballot resulted in the convention giving Adams 18 and Blackburn 32 votes. Just after the motion to adjourn the convention took up the forgotten motion before the house and instructed for Blackburn at Wilkesboro and Mr. Price did not oppose the move. Furthermore he says he will not take the stump against Blackburn this fall.

FOR TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer for Randolph County, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

W. J. TEAGUE.

June 25, 1906.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court of Randolph county subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

J. ROM SMITH, Liberty N. C.

6-21-06.

I will be at Albright's Store, June 26th. Tuesday: Why Not, June 27th, Wednesday: Seagrave, June 28th, Thursday: Michfield, June 29th, Friday: Henry Beane's, June 30th, Saturday, for the purpose of listing taxes. J. C. Lowdermilk, List Taker, Richland Township.

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Items From Bunch.

The farmers of this part of the country are battling with "Gen. Green."

A hail storm passed over this section last Sunday evening but did very little damage.

Mrs. Susan Kearns, who has been very sick, is improving we are glad to note.

The wheat crop is very good in this community.

Miss Kate Kearns, of Salem Church, was married to Mr. Tom Cochran, on Thursday June 21st.

The trustees of Providence Rural Graded school will meet the first Saturday afternoon in July at 3 o'clock for the purpose of electing teachers for the primary grades. S. E. Coble, Sec., of Climax will be glad to receive applications before July 1st.

Business Locals.

Notices inserted under this head at one cent a word each insertion.

WANTED STAVES—Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of staves for Norfolk market. Apply to E. A. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

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