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EDITOR H. B. VARNER.

Recently we have seen several articles in the leading newspapers of the country endorsing Hon. H. B. Varner, for the presidency of the National Editorial Association.

The Charlotte News says:

"It is a great pleasure to The News to learn that Mr. Varner, who, in our opinion, is one of the foremost newspaper men of the country, has consented to enter the race for the presidency of the association. We have cause to believe he will be successful in his fight, for, as The Editor and Publisher says: 'He never failed to win out in any campaign he ever undertook for anything.' The Editor and Publisher predicts his election and speaks of him as 'A man who deserves and would wear worthily the honors of the office.'"

"For years Mr. Varner has taken active part in the work of the association. From 1899 to 1904 he was national committeeman from North Carolina. In 1904, at the St. Louis meeting, he was elected third vice-president of the association. Again, the year following, he was elected second vice-president and last year at Indianapolis he was elected first vice-president of the association, which office he now holds.

"Mr. Varner has been president of the North Carolina Press Association and otherwise prominently connected in the newspaper circles of his State and the country at large."

Mr. Varner has truly made The Dispatch, published at his home town, Lexington, not only one of the largest and most widely circulated, but one of the best papers published in the country. We sincerely hope Mr. Varner will be elected president of the N. E. A. at the Jamestown Exposition in June.

The appointment of tax assessors recalls the fact that the assessments of real estate are made every four years and that often there is gross inadequacy as to valuation. There is often much kicking and it usually comes from those most able to pay. This is not only true in Asheboro but it is the same in most other places. It is not right that town lots which the owner refuses to sell for less than \$15 a front foot should be assessed at less than 15 cents a front foot. Let these vacant lots be assessed at their true value. It takes some nerve but we hope the assessors are equal to the occasion and that the vacant lots now assessed at one tenth of their value will help contribute to the enlargement of the town and county treasury.

Marion Butler said in his Clinton Caucasian a few years ago that unless we could get free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, we could never realize more than 5 or 6 cents for cotton. We did not get free coinage of silver, but got the gold standard, although there was a great increase in the world's production of gold. Yet Butler went up and down the State last fall declaring that his course had been consistent, when he ought to know that there is not a decent man in the State but that knows that Butler has deserted every principle he has ever advocated.

The Salisbury Post calls on the Union Republican for information as to the position of the Republican party on the reduction of passenger and freight rates. The representatives from Wilkes and Sampson heartily favored the reduction, while Harshaw, of Caldwell, and Grant, of Davie, contented themselves with making partisan speeches, when the matter of rates was under consideration, says Editor Julian, in the Post. Editor Julian, probably, is not aware that the last two are railroad attorneys.

The man who sells unimproved lots at fancy prices should be willing to be taxed on the same basis as other people and at the true value. The blocks and acres of waste and idle lands in the towns held at fancy prices should as a matter of simple justice be put on the tax books at the true and proper value.

Let Asheboro and other towns see that the idle lands belonging to land capitalists and speculators are put on the tax books with other property at their true value. This act of justice will greatly increase the funds of the town for much needed improvement.

The unimproved blocks and tracks of town property should be put on the tax books this year at their true value.

HUMBLE BROS., RALPH, N. C.

Truth in Poetry.

Let him who loves his town now tell
Why down home-folks to please the Bell.
Shall our 'phone wires be turned to rust,
And home-folks downed to help a trust?

The man who runs a store or mill
Should help home-people up the hill,
And he who 'phones for meat and flour
Should help home-folks with all his power.

Shall we who never spend a cent
For 'phones, except to pay the rent,
Turn on our friends with ugly frown,
And help a trust to hurt our town?

The lawyers and the doctors, too,
Should help our home-folks safely through,
For when it comes to 'cash or bust'
We get no favors from a trust.

My brother, you should never teach
Unless you practice what you preach.
If you should want OUR folks destroyed
Let's make your business null and void.

Pray tell us who can be so sore
To always slam the open door
On our own folks who build up home
While they're inviting trusts to come?

Stand for home-folks; keep out the Bell,
And we will get along as well.
To our own people let's be just,
And help them whip that greedy trust.

This scribe ne'er owned a cent of stock
With that Bell trust or our home flock
But when a trust makes big demand
We always with our home-folks stand.

Why should we not use our own,
And tell that trust "From us be gone?"
Is there a man so over grown
That he's too big to help his town?

We're told on Southern right-of-way
The Bell may come to us to stay,
But he who helps to drag it through
Might hurt his business badly, too.

Ramseyer Items.

Miss Annie Scott is visiting relatives in Chatham County.

Miss Blanche Covington left last week to spend some time at Rowland.

H. C. Ferris went to Greensboro last week to have his eye treated by Dr. Banner, a specialist.

The Sept. of the Winston-Salem Division of the Southern Railway, spent one night in Ramseyer last week to see about enlarging the track so as to be able to handle the large amount of freight that is being shipped from this place.

W. N. Campbell, of Clarkton, visited his daughter Mrs. Dr. Tate the past week.

R. T. McIntyre who has been spending some time in Cumberland County returned home last Friday.

Rev. H. H. Jordan, Lenoir, assisted Rev. C. A. Wood in a most interesting revival at the M. E. Church the past week.

Most excellent sermons were preached and as a result a number joined the church on Sunday.

H. H. Marley is erecting two very convenient houses on Flint Street.

J. E. Brady has recently enlarged and beautified his house until he has one of the handsomest residences in town.

Trinity Commencement Program.

The following is the program for the high school commencement:

Sunday May 26th—Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. E. L. McLarty, Salisbury.

Monday May 27—Concert by Music Class.

Tuesday A. M.—Literary Address by Edwin Mims Ph. D. Durham N. C.

Tuesday P. M.—Educational Address by Governor Glenn.

Tuesday Evening—Essays Contest by Young Ladies, High School Dept.

Wednesday 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.—Declamations Contest by Young Men, High School Dept.

Wednesday Evening—Reception 1.

Mr. Gillead News.

Miss Grace Deberry left last Tuesday for Charlotte, where she will make that her home for a while.

Miss Sallie Tyson is very sick with la grippe.

Mrs. Bud Roberson, of near Mt. Gillead, is very ill.

Will Tom Steward is confined to his room with measles.

Dave Harris Conductor on the Southern Railroad from High Point to Greensboro, spent Sunday with his brother Edmund Harris.

Dr. Fitzgerald, of Albemarle, was in town a few days last week doing dental work.

L. P. Byrd is having his house on the farm occupied by T. H. Graham, painted.

Death at Biscoe.

Biscoe March 15—Mr. J. G. Burt died at his home in Biscoe on Friday morning April 12th, and was interred in the Biscoe Cemetery Saturday 13 at 10:00 o'clock, cause of his death being heart failure. Mr. Burt was one of our most respected citizens, and was one of the old Confederate veterans, having served in the civil war. He was a member of the M. E. Church and his pastor Rev. D. N. Caviness performed the burial rites. Mr. Burt leaves three sons and one daughter, Messrs. E. R. A. W. and T. B. Burt, and Mrs. J. B. Yates, all of whom live here.

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