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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Feb. 26th.—It is becoming more and more evident every day that the Democratic campaign of the present year is to be based largely upon misrepresentation, not to use a term more harsh. Consequently the Republican effort must be largely devoted to correcting these Democratic misrepresentations and promulgating the truth about the policies of the Republican party in general, and the new tariff law and the present Administration in particular.

It will not serve the Republicans to say in regard to the effect of the new tariff law upon prices that there is not in the Payne tariff law a single advance in rate above the Dingley rates that justifies an increase in the final retail price to the ultimate consumer of a single necessary article of food clothing or of household use—it will be necessary to go further and refute one after another of the Democratic falsehoods and make definite explanations as to specific articles.

Attention has already been called in these letters to the fact that there is no justification for the increase in price on boots and shoes, as the tariff on boots and shoes was reduced 60 per cent, and the duty on hides repealed altogether. It has already been stated, too, that there was no change whatever in the woolen schedule except a slight reduction and therefore no dealer is warranted in increasing the price upon clothing. Other examples have been given and will continue to be enumerated during the campaign.

But the latest Democratic pronouncement is of peculiar interest, even if it is not true. For the last few days a paragraph has been going the rounds of the Democratic press and finally got into a Democratic speech in Congress—that Bibles are to cost more after March 1st because of the new tariff on leather and paper. A large Bible publishing house is quoted as saying:

"Bibles are now about 20 per cent, higher than they have ever been before. The materials have gone up so high in price on account of the tariff that we cannot afford to sell our output at prices now listed."

Well, it is a very simple matter to get to the truth or falsity of this statement. The new tariff provides a lower rate of duty on paper suitable for printing newspapers and books, except in the highest grades of paper, on which the duty is the same as in the tariff acts of 1897 and 1894, and lower than in the acts of 1890 and 1883. The new tariff makes the duty on all kinds of leather suitable for bookbinding 25 per cent, lower, and on skin for morocco tanned but not finished 50 per cent lower than the tariff acts of 1897, 1894, 1890 and 1883. And further, it is not claimed that the labor cost in the marking of Bibles has been increased since the new act.

Another sort of misrepresentation that seems to be very popular is the alleged polls that have been made by certain magazines and newspapers in their effort to discredit Mr. Taft and his Administration and the new tariff law. The latest of these is a poll of editors of certain States, a large majority of whom it is claimed have replied that they are dissatisfied with the new tariff and with the Administration of Mr. Taft. Since this poll was announced returns have been coming in which give another side to the situation. In one Congressional district, for instance, the editors are represented as being about two to one against the action of the Speaker and the President in endorsing the tariff law. When the truth is ferreted out it is found that only one, or at the most two, of the papers in this district so replied, and individual letters from editors are pouring into Washington stating that the poll is grossly in error and that it does not reflect by any means the views of the Republican editors of the State so polled.

There have been previous instances where attempts have been made to win elections by means of misrepresentation and false-

hood. One or two of these attempts have been successful. Polk and Dallas undoubtedly would not have been elected in 1846 had not the Democrats played a very false game by announcing one policy in on part of the country and the opposite policy in another part of the country. The election of Grover Cleveland would not have been possible in 1892 had not the Democrats spread false information and appealed to the voters by means of misrepresentation.

It is well then that the campaign of 1910, which is evidently to be a campaign of misrepresentation on the part of the Democratic leaders and Democratic press, has begun early enough for the Republican leaders to correct the falsehoods which are being spread and to place before the county the truth regarding the tariff and regarding the policy of the Administration and the party. But the people must do some thinking for themselves and must take the matter into their own hands if they are not again to be buncoed by the tactics of Democracy.

Every Republican who is told by his tailor, or his shoe dealer, or his merchant in any line of goods, and this includes the market man, that a certain article has been increased in price because of the tariff, should make it his business to find out whether the tariff was increased on that article or not. This he can do by writing to his Congressman or by sending a letter to the Republican Congressional Committee, Washington, D. C.

We may in this connection quote an extract from the great speech of George William Curtis, made at the Republican convention of 1884. First, Mr. Curtis spoke of the Republican party as follows: "I shall not repeat to you the splendid story of the Republican party; a story that we never tire of telling; and that our children will never tire of hearing; a story which is written upon the heart of every American citizen, because it recounts greater services for liberty, for man kind, than those of any party in any other nation, at any other period of time."

"And what is the secret of this unparalleled history? It is simply that the Republican party has been always the party of the best instincts of the highest desires, of the American people. This is its special glory. It has represented the American instinct of nationality, American patriotism and American devotion to liberty."

Then he followed with a brief description of the Democratic party in the following words: "We are confronted with the Democratic party, very hungry, and as you may well believe, very thirsty; a party without any distinct national policy which it dares to present to the country; a party which fell from power as a conspiracy against human rights and now attempts to sneak back to power as a conspirator for plunder and spoils."

The same descriptions will fit both parties today.

### A Request From the Ministers.

We, the Ministers of Burlington, have learned with disappointment through observation and common report, the open violation of the law of our town and common decency, such as drunkenness on the streets, street fights and other disorderly conduct, especially on the Sabbath, indicating the unlawful sale of liquor.

We therefore express our disapproval at the failure of the Mayor and police officers to enforce the law, and urge them to a more diligent discharge of their duties in compliance with their oath of office. We assure them of our moral support and call upon all citizens of Burlington to co-operate with them in the proper enforcement of the law.

Rev. J. D. ANDREW,  
C. BROWN COX,  
J. D. WILLIAMS,  
S. L. MORGAN,  
E. L. OGILBY,  
J. A. HORNADY,  
R. L. WILLIAMSON,  
D. MCIVER.

Feb. 28, 1910.

A national cement trust is being formed. Better lay in your supply of cement while it is cheap

## THE UNIVERSITY LETTER.

The winter number of the University Record has just been issued from the press. The feature of the issue is President Venable's report. Among the interesting changes in the faculty as reported by him which have occurred in the last twelve months are the resignation of Dr. C. A. Smith as head of the English Department and Dean of the Graduate School to go to the University of Virginia, the resignation of Prof. J. D. Bruner of the Department of Romance Languages to become President of Chowan Institute, of Prof. J. E. Latta of the Electrical Engineering Department to go into commercial engineering in New Jersey, of Dr. R. O. E. Davis to go into the Bureau of Soils at Washington. The following additions are among those reported: Dr. Edwin Mims, fifteen years Prof. of English in Trinity College, elected Prof. of English; Dr. Wm. Dey, acting head of Romance Language Department in the University of Missouri, elected Prof. Romance Languages; A. E. Woltz, superintendent of Goldsboro Schools, elected Bursar to succeed Marjor W. T. Patterson, for twenty five years Bursar; C. T. Woollen appointed Professor; Dr. C. L. Raper, Dean of the Graduate School; Dr. H. M. Wagstaff promoted to be full professor of history; and Prof. E. K. Graham elected head of the Department of English and Dean of the College.

Registrar T. J. Wilson's report show following enrollments: '06, 683; 1907, 731; 1908, 738; 1909, 786; 1910, 820. By schools, the enrollment in 1910 is as follows: In the College 586, in the Graduate School 27, in the Law School 105, in the Medical School 82, and in the Pharmacy School 41. Ninety-two and one-fourth per cent of the total 820 are from North Carolina. Seventy of the number come variously from Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Oklahoma, Alabama, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, District of Columbia, Mississippi, Texas, Ohio, Cuba and Japan. Counties having as many as ten are: Mecklenburg 34, Wake 34, Guilford 32, Orange 30, New Hanover 26, Durham 26, Cumberland 22, Forsyth 21, Pasquotank 18, Johnston 17, Wayne 17, Buncombe 16, Iredell 14, Roberson 14, Burke 13, Pitt 13, Alamance 12, Rowan 11, Surry 11, Davidson 10, Edgecombe 10, and Gaston. There are 258 Methodist, 184 Baptists, 146 Presbyterians, 123 Episcopalians, 22 Lutherans, 21 Christians, 15 Roman Catholics, 7 Hebrews, 5 German Reformed, 5 Moravians, 2 Friends, 1 Adventist, 1 Disciple, and 1 Unitarian. Of the Freshman 123 came from public schools, 26 from private schools, and 10 from colleges.

The Alamance County Club held its regular meeting in the Y. M. C. A. hall Monday. Officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: W. P. Henley, Pres., A. C. Kimery, Vice Pres., V. O. Perret, Sec., W. L. Cooper, Jr., corresponding Sec.

### What Time Will the Clock Stop.

The Freeman Drug Co. are giving tickets with every purchase made at their store. Commencing Saturday, March 5th, at 2:30 they will take the paper from the face of the old clock which is in the corner the person in the store who has ticket nearest to time shown by clock gets two dollars. The same process will be followed each week for two or three months. Wonder who will get the \$2.00 Saturday?

Mr. Francis L. Herbin died in his home at Altamahaw Feb. 28, 1910, aged 52 years, 3 months and 4 days. He had suffered with Asthma for about five years. He leaves a wife and six children and a large circle of friends to mourn his death. His remains were laid to rest at Gilliam's Primitive Baptist church on the 24th, the service being conducted by Rev. J. D. Andrew, of Burlington.

## MARION BUTLER'S LETTER TO HOUSTON (TEX.) POST

Washington, Feb. 11th. 1910.  
Editor Houston Post,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

A friend sends me what purports to be an editorial clipping from your paper, which contains the following:

"There is a Marion Butler of North Carolina, at present engaged in a conspiracy to bleed North Carolina for the bonds fraudulently issued by the carpetbaggers."

There is not a word of truth in this statement; yet you make the charge as a fact and on your own responsibility.

I have no connection with any effort to collect any of the fraudulent carpet-bag bonds. I was employed several years ago by the holders of the North Carolina Second Mortgage Bonds to establish their validity and enforce their collection. The judgement of the Supreme Court of the United States established the validity of these bonds and they have been paid. They were not carpet-bag bonds and there never was any taint or fraud connected with them. They were issued by a Democratic Legislature, and signed and sold by a Democratic Governor (Jonathan Worth) and a Democratic State Treasurer (Dr. Kemp P. Battle). The bonds were sold at par and the state received every dollar of the proceeds. Unquestioned evidence to this effect was before the Supreme Court at the trial of that cause.

Since the judgement of the Supreme Court in that case, I have been approached by holders of several classes of carpet-bag bonds to represent them as counsel. I have advised these parties that I was not in favor of any attempt to collect any fraudulent carpet-bag bonds, and besides, that I was satisfied that the Supreme Court would never uphold their validity.

You have probably been misled by a certain newspaper in North Carolina, the Raleigh "News and Observer." That paper first published the charge which you now make, and did so, probably through ignorance and malicious recklessness. The editor of that paper knows now, however, that the charge is false; yet he has never had the honesty or manhood to make the correction. Indeed, that paper has just copied your editorial, without correction and with apparent approval, knowing that it is basely false. Besides, that paper, in a recent editorial, says:

"The recent attempt of the bond syndicate, which formerly operated through the Republican Governor and Fusion Senator from North Carolina, to induce Rhode Island to sue North Carolina, has served to call attention to the venal acts of the carpet-bag legislation that cursed the South."

This clearly is an effort to charge by indirection that I am connected with the New York syndicate, which recently presented some carpet-bag bonds to the State of Rhode Island for collection. In order that you may not be further misled, I take this means to brand that editorial, so far as it seeks to connect me with that New York syndicate or any effort to collect fraudulent carpet-bag bonds, as wilfully mendacious.

Yours very respectfully,  
MARION BUTLER.

### John Andrews Dead.

Mr. John Andrews, who had been suffering a week or ten days with pneumonia, died Thursday at eleven o'clock and was buried Friday at Pine Hill Cemetery, funeral services being conducted by Rev. Vickers at two o'clock at Webb Avenue Chapel. Mr. Andrews was 46 years old. He leaves a wife and several children. This death is especially sad owing to the fact only a few weeks ago the home and property of Mr. Andrews was destroyed by fire, shortly after which he contracted this fatal disease.

## STATE'S CONFEDERATE HISTORY

Letters Written by Governor Vance Will Aid in Its Correctness.

The following is being sent out by the North Carolina Historical Commission:

"The North Carolina Historical Commission is making a collection of the letters and papers of Gov. Z. B. Vance, with a view to their preservation and publication. Through the co-operation of Mrs. Vance several thousands of such documents have been secured, making one of the most important manuscript collections ever made by the State. The publication of these papers will do more to establish the State's Confederate history beyond dispute than any other collection in existence."

"But, unfortunately, this collection contains but few of Gov. Vance's own letters, most of those in the collection being letters received by him. It is most important that the publication should contain as many of his own letters as possible."

"The Historical Commission, therefore, takes this means of requesting those who possess letters of Governor Vance to turn them over to the Commission, either for permanent preservation or for copying. No letter or paper is so unimportant or trivial but that it may have its place in such a collection; and, we think, the personnel of the Historical Commission is sufficient guarantee that no improper use will be made of any letter or paper. The publication has the sanction of Mrs. Vance."

"Nor is the publication a private enterprise undertaken for the purpose of making money. It will be issued by the State as other State printing; and its purpose is to perpetuate the fame of North Carolina's best beloved son, to extend the reputation of the State, and to make available for the historian the material for studying her history during its greatest epoch."

"Any person, therefore, who possesses a letter or other document of Governor Vance will render a service to his memory and to the good name of the State by co-operating with the Historical Commission in this work. Due credit will be given to all who help to forward this work. All communications should be directed to the secretary at Raleigh."

### Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions of the Board of Education respecting the death of W. C. Isley.

Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from this life W. C. Isley, a former member of the Board of Education, and

Whereas, we recognize the hand of an All-wise Father in this dispensation, therefore be it resolved,

First: That we bow in humble submission to the will and wisdom of our Father, who is too just to do wrong, and too wise to err.

Second: That we fully realize that in the death of Mr. Isley the school has lost a loyal friend and supporter, the city one of its best and most useful citizens, and the family a loving husband and father.

Third: That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and pray God's richest blessings and benediction upon its members.

Fourth: That we, the present Board of Education, desire to pay tribute to his memory, not only as citizen and friend, but also as a valued worker in the cause of education.

Fifth: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board, and that a copy of the same be sent to family of the deceased and to press of the city for publication.

J. W. CATES,  
T. S. FAUCETTE,  
F. H. CURTISS,  
Committee.

Adopted Feb. 25, 1910.

Fine sample, that, spring weather. Put us down some more.

## ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Special to The Dispatch.

Elon College, Feb. 25.—The annual public entertainment of the Clio Literary Society occurred in the college chapel on Tuesday evening, February 22, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience of students, villagers and visiting friends. The entertainment consisted of an oration by Russell A. Campbell of Harrisonburg, Va., who also rendered a cornet solo; an oration by Mr. Joe P. Farmer of News Ferry, Va.; the humorous selections of limericks by Mr. Jennings S. Wakefield, Va.; of a vocal solo by Mr. Arlando M. Barnes of Elon College; and of the debate concerning the status of the Carnegie Foundation, as it is at present administered. The debaters being Messrs. J. A. Dickey, of Burlington, N. C., and C. J. Felton, of Cates, N. C., attacking the administration of the Carnegie Foundation, Messrs. G. S. Cornwell, of Wakefield, Va., and C. W. Rountree, of Suffolk, Va., defending the administration of the said foundation. The judges of the debate were W. H. Carroll, Esq., John H. Vernon, Esq., and W. A. Harper, of the faculty, who unanimously rendered the decision in favor of the affirmative, represented by Messrs. Dickey and Felton. same committee also awarded the gold medal for the best speaker to Mr. Campbell. The presiding officer of the entertainment was Mr. John Willis Barney of Clearville, Pa., and the Secretary, Mr. H. A. Moffitt, of Asheboro, N. C.

President Moffitt is away this week in the Valley Virginia, looking of the interest of the college and the endowment, as well as his private interests in that section. He is expected home the latter part of this week and will again begin active work in North Carolina in the interest of the endowment, next week.

Mr. Jessie F. West, Jr., of Washington and Lee University, spent Washington's birthday visiting on the hill, so did Mr. W. M. Pinnick, of New Bern, N. C., and Mrs. Irene Johnson Cook, of Cardnas, N. C.

Dr. J. O. Atkinson is in Suffolk, Va., this week attending to the interests of the publication department of the Southern Christian Convention. He is soon to bring from the press a volume on the life of James O'Kelley, founder of the Christian Church, by Mr. W. E. MacGlenny, A. B. Suffolk, Va., a graduate of the class of '98, who has investigated ever since his graduation with most pains-taking attention, and detail all the valuable documents having to do with the life work of the distinguished man, whose biographer he is so soon to become. This book has been needed by the Christians and will be welcomed most heartily. Dr. Atkinson will also publish a theological work by the Rev. W. L. Long, A. M., D. D., Graham, N. C., the founder and first president of Elon College. A third volume which is now in course of preparation and soon to be published by him is a book entitled, "Preparing the Teacher", which is volume two, of the author's Teacher-Training Course of the Southern Christian Church.

The Comedy Drama which was to have been given on February 26 by the Elon College Dramatic Association, and which bids fair to be one of the most enjoyable public functions of the spring term, will take place Saturday evening, March 5, at 7:30. It was postponed on account of sickness of many who go to make up the cast.

President Moffitt is at home from a recent trip to the Valley of Virginia. He is now confined to his bed. He will as soon as he is able, resume active work in connection with the raising of endowment.

Miss Lois Davidson, member of the sophomore class, was on Sunday evening removed to St. Leo's Hospital at Greensboro, where she on Monday underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her class mates and friends and the entire college community wish for her a speedy and complete recovery.