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TAKING HIS FIRST LESSON

The Editor of the News took his first lesson in Alamance county democratic politics in last week's issue, and out Herodotus the rankest democratic politician in the State, all because The Dispatch in a previous issue told the tax payers of Alamance county that the County Commissioners had borrowed within the past thirty days, Seventeen Thousand and two hundred dollars to pay the running expenses of the county. Instead of trying to show the tax payers how and where the money was spent, he indulged in great tirade of the usual democratic argument, in these words: "The way of the Ward politician is like the transgressor, it is hard." He must vent his spleen, spit g.a.l., and sling mud whether he feels like it or not, because his living depends upon it; so whenever his ravellings get low or the prospects of his party get dim, he hies himself back to his old avocation, like the hog that returns to the wallow, he returns to his political tricks and terms. NOW is there a sensible man in either party in the county who can see where such terms are applicable to the case at all. We will admit that we would not have expected any better argument from the former editor of the News, but we were shocked and that badly at such a silly defense of the county administration, by a man who had just stepped into the political Newspaper arena, from the sacred and lofty calling of a minister, from his language one would think that he was an old and hardened political ward heeler and spellbinder, whose sole occupation was to abuse and belittle those who dared to oppose the party who gave him succor. We expected a dignified and masterly defense of the democratic party and good government. But alas, we fear that he took the advice of some unscrupulous partisan, instead of following his own idea of political warfare and fair play. Now the News says that our article was designed to mislead somebody, that it was desired to mislead many. Will the News tell us and its readers how it is possible for the plain unvarnished truth to mislead any one. The truth is that the News is trying to mislead the taxpayers of Alamance county, and after seeing what a neat trap his political counsellors have put him in will admit it in the next issue of the News. We believe at heart the Editor of the News is a high-toned, God-fearing christian man, and that in his anxiety and zeal to serve his party he took the fatal step in printing what his counsellors told him to, without investing its truthfulness or the merits of his argument.

We ask the editor of the News if it is not a fact that upon the night of the first appearance of our article, if he did not meet the former editor of the News in a certain drug store or place of business in the city of Burlington and tell or show him our article, and ask him what to do about it, and did he not tell you that you were up against it, and the only thing to do was to out lie us. And judging from your argument did you not take his advice?

But knowing you as we do, it would be more charitable to say that you were imposed upon, and that you will now hasten to set yourself right, not only in justice to us, but in justice to your readers, the majority of whom are honest fairminded men, even if they do be partisans. The republican party has not had the financial management of the county in about five years. Do you mean to tell your readers that this democratic board of county commissioners is just now borrowing seventeen thousand and two hundred dollars to pay this nine thousand two hundred dollar debt made five years ago by the republican county administration, and why do they have

to borrow seventeen thousand two hundred dollars to pay a nine thousand dollar debt? And again you say that when the republicans came into power in this county the last time that there was three thousand dollars loaned out, and not a penny of indebtedness, and there was where you was imposed upon again. Do you know that the democratic board county commissioners whom the republican board succeeded before going out of office got the legislature to authorize a bond issue of fifty thousand dollars without submitting it to the tax payers for their approval and that they sold them to this same C. A. Webb & Co., who are now so kind as to loan this present board fifteen thousand dollars more, with the hope of getting another bond issue. This fifty thousand dollars worth of bonds issued without submitting it to the voters of Alamance county for their approval was used to pay off the open indebtedness of the county, every cent of which was made by the democratic board of county commissioners, and yet you would allow your political advisers to guide you in to telling your readers that when the republicans came into power that there was not a penny of indebtedness. Will you now since you know better tell your readers that you were misinformed and that they have a debt of fifty thousand dollars in bonds upon them, that they and their posterity will never live to see paid, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF OPEN INDEBTEDNESS THAT THE COUNTY NOW OWES, ALL OF WHICH WAS PUT UPON THE COUNTY BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, EXCEPT THE PALTRY NINE THOUSAND WHICH WAS CONTRACTED BY THE REPUBLICAN BOARD. This does not include the two hundred thousand dollar bond issue voted and used for good roads. The people voted these good road bonds and they are responsible for the making of the debt, but they did not vote the fifty thousand dollar bond issue, and they did not vote the forty thousand that the county now owes, which the tax payers will soon be called upon to pay, either by another bond issue or increased taxes. The people have had their property assessment increased which means increased taxes. It seems to be a new democratic wrinkle to increase a man's property assessment, thereby trying to make him believe that he is richer, in order to filch him for more taxes, all of which is done in the name of democracy and good government. Again you said that when the republicans went out of power they not only left a nine thousand dollar debt but there was not a dollar out upon interest. There again you were misled. When the republican party went out of office the last time in this county there was loaned out \$6,000.00, six thousand dollars or just twice as much as was loaned out when they took charge. In order that you may not err again, or mislead by your counsellors we give the amounts that were loaned out and to whom loaned:

White Williamson & Co.,	\$1,000.00
L. Banks Williamson,	\$1,000.00
Dr. R. A. Freeman,	\$1,000.00
Christian Orphanage,	\$3,000.00
Total,	\$6,000.00

Now Mr. Editor, you say that this record, ought to be known to the remotest corners of the county. WE ARE WILLING. You say speak it out upon the house tops. THAT IS AGREEABLE TO US. You say declare it on the street corners. WE WILL TRY TO OBEY ORDERS. Now won't you do your part by reproducing this article as a whole, with such apology as your conscience dictates for being bamboozled into making such a grave error, but to make your apology complete you should assure your readers that you will not get caught napping again.

WANTED—Position as book-keeper best of reference. Address X care State Dispatch.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republicans of Alamance County are hereby called to meet in the town of Graham, Saturday, April 13, 1912 at 2:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions.

The precinct primaries will be held in all the precincts in the county on Friday, April 12th, at 2 p. m., except Mebane, Haw River, Graham, North and South Burlington and Swepsonville, which will be held at 7:30 p. m. April 12th.

E. S. W. DAMERON, Sec. W. W. BROWN, Chairman.

PLANS IN PROGRESS FOR BIG COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

The Entire County Interested—Parade and Songs By Thousands of School Children—First Graduation From the Public Schools—Able Address—Good Music.

What promises to be the largest educational gathering in the entire history of Alamance is the county commencement on Saturday, April 27th, or the last Saturday in April. Plans are being made and developed for a large gathering of people from all over the county to come together in one grand demonstration and educational rally. A Marshall has been appointed for every township, who with the committee and other friends of education will materialize arrangements for bringing in groups and in entire schools and otherwise the students of each township. Some will come in droves of wagons, others in large floats and some who are near enough will charter Street cars for conveyance. The street car company is joining the movement by offering a percentage of the entire proceeds of the company for that day. The following letter has been received by the Superintendent of the schools from the President of the company:

Burlington, N. C., Mar. 12. Prof. J. B. Robertson, Graham, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Referring to the County Commencement or Educational Fair which you propose to hold at Graham for all the public and graded schools of Alamance County in April, next, will say that in as much as there will be some expense incident to the enterprise, and considering the fact that your plans, if successfully carried out, will be of benefit to our company, we propose to donate to the enterprise twenty percent of all fares collected on the day that the commencement is held. We trust that the amount thus received may to a large extent defray any expense which you and your associates in the enterprise may incur.

Yours very truly, J. W. Murray, President.

Township banners are being made for each township and school penants are being made for each school in the county by the Superintendent and Chief Marshall. These will be furnished from the Superintendent's office or by the township marshals, so they can be used for colors by the schools coming to the commencement as well as in the parade.

The parade will be the largest army of school children ever witnessed in this county in one body.

The program will be printed soon. Every item on it will be of interest. Thousands of voices of school children in one chorus singing our best and sweetest Patriotic songs will intersperse the entire program. Some catchy renditions by a few of the smallest children of the first grade will be given. Prof. M. H. Stacy of the Department of Mathematics in our State University, will make the address. Prof. Stacy is one of the most winning speakers of today. The Mayor of one of our growing cities recently said of one of Prof. Stacy's speeches: "I have heard only a few speeches in my life time that were worthy to be compared with that."

The first certificates of graduation ever awarded in the history of the public school system of our county will be presented on that day. This feature of the day's exercise will be a marker in the development of our educational system. Because of its significance in standardizing the work of the Public Schools. This item will be observed with more than passing interest.

The Oneida Brass Band will furnish music throughout the entire day. The Superintendent asks the cooperation of every well wisher and worker in this splendid cause. Come and bring your children and your neighbors children that they may all contribute their part and receive their part.

Will Be at Burlington Tuesday, April 16th.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, the Eye Specialist of Durham, will make his regular monthly call to Burlington next Tuesday, April 16th, stopping at the Burlington Drug Co., for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Dr. Rosenstein is an Expert in the Optical line, and he guarantees his work to give satisfaction. So if you are in need of glasses, don't fail to see him Tuesday, April 16th.

Precinct Primary.

The Republicans of South Burlington Precinct will meet in primary convention at Dorsett's old store building on Davis Street, Thursday night, April 11th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the Republican County Convention to be held at Graham, Saturday, April 13th.

W. J. Horn, Chairman, F. S. Cheek, Secretary.

Mr. Cameron Francis Tew and Miss Lelia Poterfield of Haw River drove up to the Reformed parsonage in Burlington last Wednesday April 3rd, and were happily united in the bonds of holy wedlock by Rev. J. D. Andrew. Only a few friends accompanied the happy young couple.

The Dispatch a year for \$1.00.

Republican Fifth North Carolina Congressional Convention Called For May The 14th. 1912.

By virtue of the authority of the Republican Executive Committee of the 5th. North Carolina Congressional District, a Convention is hereby called to meet, at the County Court-house, in the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, on the 14th. day of May, 1912, at 1:30 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing two delegates and two alternates to the Republican National Convention, which is called to convene in the city of Chicago, Illinois, on the 18th, day of June, 1912, to nominate Candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention This the 30th. day of March 1911.

JOHN T. BENBOW Chairman. J. ZEB WALLER, Secretary.

SMITH SAYS OUTLAWS CALLED AT HIS CABIN

Hillsville, Va., April 5.—According to Sug Smith, who lives over Mt. Airy way toward the Carolina line, Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the two courthouse assassins, came to his cabin last night and begged for food. Allen came to his door, he said, and Edwards stood guard. Allen declared neither had taken food that day. They got none from Smith, and took to the mountains. The mountaineer feared to tell the detectives until midnight and it was morning when a posse took up the trail. Sheriff Hayne, of Mt. Airy, took the blood-hounds, but they refused to scent the trail and the posse went off on Smith's direction.

The posses are posting copies of Governor Mann's proclamation calling upon all citizens to withhold aid from the fugitive outlaws. Allen and Edwards are the only free men of the gang of eight which on March 14 raided Carroll county courthouse and murdered five people—three of them officers of the court.

Hillsville, Va., April 6.—Reuben Edwards, another kinsman of Sidna Allen, the fugitive, was arrested today charged with aiding the outlaws to elude capture. He was locked up here tonight with Jordan Edwards, a second cousin, who was taken into custody on the same charge two days ago. He is 17 years old.

The detectives claim young Edwards is the mysterious white horseman they have seen dashing about at night in the mountains. Edwards declares he has not seen his uncle Sidna or Wesley Edwards since March 14, the day of the court house tragedy.

More arrests are looked for on a charge of aiding and abetting the fugitives, though it is believed Governor Mann's proclamation, warning people against assisting the outlaws, will have a good effect.

Detective A. H. Baldwin returned here today after a twenty-four-hour visit with a posse in the Blue Ridge, but declared no trace of the two men had been found. He said no trail had been obtained for the blood-hounds to work on since the fugitives were lost in the fog last Tuesday.

Freeman Drug Co. have a full line of garden seed.

Names of Those Who Have Entered the Dispatch Contest.

NAME	NO. VOTES
Aurelia Ellington, Mebane, R. No. 4,	23000
W. J. Brooks	18600
Addie Ray	21000
Bertha May Horne	17700
Mary Lee Coble, R. No.1	15700
Lizzie Cheek	8100
Bettie Lyde May	8000
Waller Workman	5600
W. I. Braxton, Snow Camp,	3700
Mrs. B. L. Shoffner, R. 10,	3000
May Carr Hall	1000
Margie Cheek	1000
Doyle Heritage	1000
Carrie Albright,	2000
Haw River,	
F. Matkins,	3800
Gibsonville,	
J. R. King,	1160
Greensboro,	
Martin L. Coble, R. 1.	2000

Organization Completed.

The new corporation, The Dixie Construction Co., mention of which was made sometime ago in the columns of the Dispatch, met in the law office of Mr. J. H. Vernon last Monday and completed the organization by electing the following officers: Mr. W. K. Holt, President; R. F. Hart, First Vice President; J. Hall, Second Vice President; H. H. Abee, General Manager, with J. D. Hart and W. N. Thompson, Assistant Managers; M. A. Coble, Sec. & Treas., with the following board of directors: W. K. Holt, A. F. Barrett, H. H. Abee, J. Zeb. Waller, J. R. Abee, J. D. Hart, W. P. Ireland, J. C. Staley, W. N. Thompson, D. E. Abee, and Dr. J. A. Pickett. The offices of the company will be in the Alamance Loan & Trust Co.'s Building. This is a strong organization and will be a factor to be reckoned with in their line of work. The company is composed of some of the best business men in Burlington, and some of the best business men in the county are stockholders. Immediately upon completion of the organization the managers and assistant managers left for Charlotte to bid upon a large piece of work that will be let within a few days. We wish them success with a big S.

"Cherry Blossom," a Japanese Play.

The charming Japanese play "Cherry Blossom" by Van Tassel Sutphen will be given at the Graded School Auditorium on Monday April 22 at 8 p. m. This play will be impersonated by Miss Florence Davis of the faculty of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

Also by special request Miss Davis will repeat the most interesting parts of "Merely Mary Ann" for the benefit of those who were not so fortunate as to hear her when she was in Burlington before. There will be music between the acts.

Under the auspices of ladies of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Wade P. Bostick of China will speak at the Baptist Church Thursday night at eight o'clock. Everybody should hear him tell of conditions in the newest and largest republic in the world.

Rev. S. L. Morgan, Mr. J. H. Vernon and others will speak at Glencoe next Sunday afternoon and organize the work of the International S. S. Association. All Sunday Schools in Faucette township are asked to send delegates. It will be an all-day meeting beginning at 10 o'clock.

PREMIUMS OF GREAT VOTING CONTEST

1 FORD, Model, T, 5 Passenger Touring Car	\$900.00
1 Indian Motorcycle	250.00
1 Pony, Harness and Cart	250.00
1 Gold Watch, Diamond set in back. Ladies or Gents	75.00
1 Diamond Ring, Ladies or Gents	75.00
1 Speedmore Bicycle Ladies or Gents	60.00
1 New Home drop head sewing machine	60.00
1 Bed Room suit	50.00
1 Scholarship Draughon's Business College	50.00
1 Double barrel breech loading hammerless Gun	40.00
1 Automatic repeating rifle	25.00
1 Leather couch	25.00

Three months subscription entitles you to 100 votes, six months 300, nine months 600, one year 1000 votes. Five years 10,000 votes ten years 25,000 votes. No coupons given unless cash accompanies subscription.