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## STOKES BOY IN A FIX

### P. J. WATKINS WATER-BOUND IN OHIO--HIS IDEAS OF THE NORTHERN PEOPLE AS COMPARED WITH THE PEOPLE OF STOKES.

Huntington, West Va., Jan. 19.  
Mr. Editor:

Possibly no one in Stokes county was ever hemmed in on all sides by water and could not leave their homes except by boat, but such is now the case with your humble servant, and it is a ticklish feeling. If this letter finds its way into print, you may know kind reader that I have escaped.

This city of 15,000 inhabitants, is on the Ohio River in the extreme southwestern portion of the State. Here are located some of the most important industries in the country, and all of them are now paralyzed on account of high water. It has been raining for the past month in the water sheds of the Ohio and water spots have been frequent within the past few weeks, so the river is now high above the danger line. Third Avenue, the street on which I live, consisting of the business and residential station is flooded from 14th to 24th street five feet deep and still rising with the back waters from the Ohio, and hundreds of boats are to be seen during the day going up and down the streets. Everyone seems jolly and good natured over it, and all are living in the second stories of their homes with boats ready to leave from the second story windows, should the water get that high. There is an Insane Asylum on the hill overlooking the city, and if I flee, I guess that is where I should have been maybe, long ago and this is one time I'll go.

I would be glad for you, reader, to pay careful attention to the comparison I am going to make with regards to this country and the South.

Every southerner who goes north knows how to appreciate southern hospitality, because you don't find it in the north; and a man usually knows you here when he is after your money, and by the way, money is not hard to find here. Wages are high, and living is not higher than at Greensboro, N. C. A good place to make money here but not a good place to live always. Of course, the South is somewhat stubborn and set in its ways, but socially there is no country on earth its equal and morally. Well, you folks think you have a bad country, but just get the papers here and read and you will find that all the bad people of the earth are not confined to the limits of Stokes county. I get two fine large daily papers giving full associated press news here for one cent per copy, and there is not a day except you read of some great crime which is worse than making moonshine whiskey.

I am confident, after careful observation, that the greatest menace to this country is foreign immigration and an influx of negroes from the South. I am sorry to see the South taking a stand to get foreigners to come there, if they should get the same class there one sees in this country, in the end the poor laborer will be in a bad way and anarchy will reign supreme. What the people in the South need is to get up and hustle and forget that old idea of "ing for a mesaley set ofiggers" to do the work, but declined to think that climatic conditions have to do with a propensity for work. We are all more or less inclined to wander away from our nativity, when it is our desire to go after something (money), which possibly in the end might not produce as much happiness as we think. With that sufficiency of money,

the writer would not mind to while away his life in sight of the Sauratown Mountains, provided there should be trolly cars, telephones, good roads and an inclination on the part of all the people to be as much in the van of progress as any people in any country. There has to be a desire on the part of the people in any country to keep up with their countries in progress before much can be accomplished in the way of having modern conditions.

Since writing the above, the flood is falling some, and possibly in three days street cars will be running on 3rd Avenue. The Baltimore & Ohio has run no trains between here and Pittsburg, Pa. for four or five days. There can be no estimate at present on the damage brought by this great flood. It will reach into the millions.

We have had June weather here for several weeks, the grass is growing and peach trees are almost in bloom, but the wind is blowing a fierce, cold gale today, and the waves are running 12 to 15 feet on the swollen river. As the danger is past, I shall get a boat to the postoffice this P. M.

P. J. W.

Mr. Shaffer Writes From Missouri.  
Moscow Mills, Mo., Route 1.  
Mr. Editor:

Seeing letters in the Reporter from other subscribers, would like to ask the you to give me space for a few lines.

I came from Stokes county to Lincoln county, Mo., and have been here nearly two years. I like this State far better than North Carolina.

Wheat and corn are the principal crops. Wheat this year is looking fine. My father-in-law put in 260 acres in wheat last fall. He made 5,000 bushels of corn last year with four hands.

Wheat sells at 75 to 76 cents per bushel; corn, 38 cents per bushel; hay is high, selling at \$15.00 to \$20.00 per ton; wages from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per day. Flour is \$2.20 per hundred; potatoes, 35 cents per bushel; apples, 35 to 50 cents per bushel. Every farmer here raises cattle, hogs, sheep and horses, mules and good crops. We are feeding for market 98 head of cattle and 100 head of hogs also 42 head of stock cattle.

No tobacco is raised here, and there are people here who never saw a tobacco plant, and I hope they never will.

The country here is thickly settled, having good schools and churches.

We thresh wheat here with traction engines and cap thresh from 1,000 to 2,000 bushels per day according to the size of the machine. We threshed 27,000 bushels last year with our machines.

In your issue of the 10th, I saw a letter from Mr. Hutchens, of Ellimore, Mo. He lives south of St. Louis, while I live 50 miles northwest of St. Louis. Land here in cultivation sells at \$50.00 to \$100.00 per acre. Timbered land is scarce, lying only in creek bottoms.

Sawmills are few. There is no pine, mostly oak, hickory, sycamore and elm.

Sincerely hope Mr. Hutchens will write again. No doubt he has forgotten me. We lived in the same neighborhood a few years ago.

We have had spring-like weather since the middle of December. The thermometer stood at 64 to 72 for nearly a week the first of January.

J. E. SHAFFER.

## KITCHIN ADMITS CANDIDACY.

Congressman From Fifth District Declines to Make Extended Statement, But Admits That He Will Be A Candidate For Governor In Next Campaign.

Durham correspondence of Charlotte Observer, Jan. 25th.

For some time there has been a persistent rumor that Congressman W. W. Kitchin, of Roxboro, who is now representing the fifth district for his sixth term in Congress, would be a candidate for Governor of North Carolina in the next campaign. To-night the congressman, who is here in connection with some litigation in the Superior court, admitted as much, although he would not give an interview at this time. He was seen at the hotel by your correspondent and asked pointedly if he was to be a candidate for Governor in the next campaign.

"I cannot deny that I intend being a candidate for Governor in the next campaign," he said, in reply to the question asked him. He added "but it is entirely too far in advance of the election to begin a campaign at this time."

The rumors that Congressman Kitchin would be a candidate for the nomination for Governor at the hands of the Democratic party in the next campaign have been in circulation for several months. While these rumors have been circulated, it is learned from some of his closest friends that he did not fully make up his mind in regard to the matter until since the Christmas holidays. For six terms, twelve years in all, Kitchin has been the nominee of his party in the fifth district for Congress and that without opposition. It is known that last year a great many of his friends importuned him to get ready and come out as the candidate for Governor and as the campaign progressed these requests became more frequent and urgent. Then he began to consider the matter and now comes the positive statement that he intends to be a candidate and that he does not know at this time anything that would prevent him from entering the race for the high office.

Mr. P. C. Sheppard, of Sandy Ridge Route 1, was in town Monday. Mr. Sheppard, in company with his father, Mr. C. H. Sheppard, conducts one of the best roller mills in Stokes county. These gentlemen are now making improvements to their mill. They have by energy and fair dealing built up a splendid business, and their many friends in the county are pleased with their success.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Grippe or Influenza, whichever you like to call it, is one of the most weakening diseases known.

Scott's Emulsion, which is Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites in easily digested form, is the greatest strength-builder known to medical science.

It is so easily digested that it sinks into the system, making new blood and new fat, and strengthening nerves and muscles.

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## MR. W. C. MARTIN IN A RUNAWAY.

Foot Badly Crushed—Mr. Martin A Well Known and Popular Citizen—Had Started to Winston With A Load Of Tobacco.

Mr. W. C. Martin, a prominent farmer of Moore's Springs, had his foot badly crushed in a runaway last week, near Rural Hall, according to the report that reached here.

Mr. Martin had started to Winston with a load of tobacco, driving a spirited pair of young mules. When the vicinity of Rural Hall his team became frightened and ran. The wagon was demolished, colliding with several telephone poles. Mr. Martin's foot was caught in the wreck and seriously mashed.

## DEATH OF MR. GEO. ISOM.

Was An Industrious and Well Thought Of Young Man—Recently In the Sawmilling Business At Meadows.

Mr. Geo. Isom, an industrious, hardworking and respected young man, died of pneumonia and heart disease at his home near Meadows last Thursday. He recently conducted a sawmill near his home. He was a son of Mr. Light Isom, was about 23 years of age, and was well thought of by his neighbors.

Mr. Isom was here a few days ago, and complained of a cold setting in his side. He returned home and never left his home any more.

## Mr. Walter Watkins' Ride.

Campbell, Jan. 25.

Mr. Editor:  
Mr. Walter Watkins killed three fine porkers a short time ago, and that hog killing was the most Christmas we had seen. Mr. Watkins drove a 350 pounder out and patted him on the back and tapped him on the head with an axe. He then jumped astride the hog's back and had a nice ride to the gate. It reminded me at once of the fellow who started to Heaven on an ox. He got on the ox's back and had a friend to tie his feet under the ox's body and the way they went to Heaven and meeting a man on the highway and they were fairly burning the wind. The man cried out "where have you started, my friend?" He said, I have started to Heaven. So Mr. Watkins would have went to Heaven faster than Elijah went on the chariot of fire, if the hog just could have gone through the gate.

## JAS. MERRITT.

Mr. Isaac Hill, the popular rural mail carrier of Meadows Route 1, was here a short while last week.

Mr. S. F. Stewart, a prominent farmer of Mizpah Route 1, was here Monday.

Mr. J. G. Southern and wife were in town a short while Monday.

Mr. E. P. Pepper visited Mount Airy and other places this week.

## THE FIRST \$100,000

### APPORTIONMENT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL MONIES BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STOKES COUNTY.

Following is the apportionment of school money made by the Board of Education for Stokes at the last meeting.

The figures on the left show the amount apportioned to each school out of one-sixth of the reserved school fund for this purpose, while the figures on the right show the regular county apportionment. The two amounts added is the amount due the school at this time.

DANBURY TOWNSHIP.		
Dist. No. 1,	\$50 81	\$133 51
" " 2,	12 00	108 07
" " 1, col,	11 25	57 20
Total,	74 06	298 78

MEADOWS TOWNSHIP.		
Dist. No. 1,	\$ 9 00	\$ 95 00
" " 2,	24 00	100 00
" " 3,	24 00	100 00
" " 4,	24 00	100 00
" " 5,	12 00	95 00
" " 6,	24 00	100 00
" " 7,	24 00	100 00
" " 1, col,	32 50	26 94
Total,	\$173 50	\$716 94

YADKIN TOWNSHIP.		
Dist. No. 1,	\$ 3 88	\$ 108 12
" " 2,	18 75	79 50
" " 3,	16 25	68 90
" " 4,	20 00	84 80
" " 5,	18 75	79 50
" " 6,	19 15	81 62
" " 7,	16 25	68 90
" " 8,	40 25	170 66
" " 9,	12 00	93 28
" " 10,	23 75	100 70
" " 11,	17 75	75 26
" " 12,	22 75	96 46
" " 13,	32 50	137 80
" " 14,	30 00	34 98
" " 15,	30 00	53 00
" " 1, col,	7 72	33 92
Total,	\$329 75	\$1,367 40

QUAKER GAP TOWNSHIP.		
Dist. No. 1,	\$ 60 00	\$ 116 60
" " 2,	—	104 00
" " 3,	22 00	93 28
" " 4,	17 50	89 98
" " 5,	31 56	80 38
" " 6,	21 00	89 04
" " 7,	60 00	103 88
" " 8,	23 96	88 04
" " 9,	14 72	93 28
" " 10,	29 30	154 70
" " 11,	60 25	128 32
" " 12,	19 25	96 62
" " 13,	46	115 54
" " 14,	15 00	93 60
" " 1, col,	—	72 00
" " 2, col,	—	40 00
graded,	—	40 00
Total,	\$375 000	\$1,565 26

PETER'S CREEK TOWNSHIP.		
Dist. No. 1,	\$ 32 00	\$ 100 00
" " 2,	16 00	100 00
" " 3,	30 00	110 00
" " 4,	12 00	100 00
" " 5,	26 00	110 00
" " 6,	21 00	115 00
" " 7,	26 00	110 00
" " 1, col,	30 25	43 64
Total,	\$193 25	\$788 64

SNOW CREEK TOWNSHIP.		
Dist. No. 1,	\$ 61 00	\$ 145 00
" " 2,	10 00	86 88
" " 3,	50 00	145 00
" " 4,	39 00	147 00
" " 5,	10 00	80 00
" " 6,	10 00	80 00
" " 7,	15 00	95 00
" " 8,	10 00	86 88
" " 1, col,	10 00	30 00
" " 2, col,	16 00	30 00
" " 3, col,	25	24 00
Total,	\$231 25	\$947 76

BEAVER ISLAND TOWNSHIP.		
Dist. No. 1,	\$ 24 00	\$ 100 00
" " 2,	18 00	—
" " 3,	29 00	—
" " 4,	54 00	—
" " 5,	18 00	—
" " 1, col,	8 00	—
" " 2, col,	8 00	—
Total,	\$165 00	\$100 00

SAURATOWN		
Dist. No. 1,	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
" " 2,	—	—
" " 3,	5 00	—
" " 4,	2 00	—
" " 5,	2 00	—
" " 6,	—	—
" " 7,	—	—
" " 1, col,	—	—

" " 2, " 27 50 137 50

Total, \$276.00 \$1,139.50

Teachers and school committee will do well to clip this apportionment and preserve it. The apportionment of the second hundred thousand dollars will appear in the Danbury Reporter in a few days.

## OUR COLDEST WEATHER IN MARCH

A Cold Spring and First Half of Summer to Be Extremely Wet, Says the Weather Man.

The following predictions in regard to the weather for the present year are taken from DeVoe's forecasts:

The year 1907 will present some very unusual and unpleasant weather. Our coldest weather will not set in until March. We will have a very cold spring, the first half of the summer will be extremely wet; danger of floods. After July then we will get some real summer weather.

## Appointments For Preaching.

Elders N. G. Harbor and James Cross will preach at Rock House the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in February, 1907; Piney Grove, Monday; Snow Creek, Tuesday; North View, Wednesday; Wilson, Thursday; Clear Spring, Friday; Flat Shoal, Saturday, and Volunteer on the third Sunday. Elders H. D. Mickey and D. Collins will preach at Flat Shoal on the 5th Sunday March.

## A Fine Tobacco Raiser.

Mr. W. L. Nelson, of Danbury Route 1, was here Thursday. Nelson sold a load of tobacco Winston this week for \$240.00. He is one of the finest tobacco raisers of the county. He is ready sold more than worth of tobacco, and has a considerable quality still on hand. Mr. Nelson estimates that his 1906 crop will bring him close to a thousand.

## Sharp's Institute Burned.

News reaches Danbury of burning of Sharp's Institute at Intelligence last week. This is the second time this popular school has been destroyed by fire. Many boys and girls from Stokes have been students at this institution.

## Death Of Alex Reid.

Mr. Alex Reid, 18 years of age, son of Mr. J. B. Reid, died of pneumonia at his home near Dilard Friday.

It is said that never before within the memory of our oldest citizens has so much farm work been done so early in the year as this. Many farmers have broken all their lands. A big crop of tobacco will be planted this year, probably the largest in years.

Many tenement factory monuments have been erected.