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PEOPLE'S FORUM.

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"Observer" Replies.

TO THE EDITOR:

It seems that even your readers who care to send an article to you commenting in an unbiased manner on current affairs are liable to attack by that Janus-like arbiter of the political and business welfare of this town, viz: the signer of an article styled "A Reply to Observer."

Dizzy with the victory of May 1, he staggers through two columns of space to get to say what is contained in the last paragraph—to be sure the public do not forget.

His effusion however needs a few errors removed.

If "Observer's" article was "little and malicious" why was Dr. White so eager to notice it? Can it be that he wants to fight fire with fire?

He writes that "the charge was, etc." That is false. No charge was made in "Observer's" article in any manner.

"Observer," in mentioning the First National Bank (beg pardon, "Geo. I. White" is what she should have used,) simply repeated an expression used generally.

No person who knows "Geo. I. White" and the above mentioned Bank would think for an instant that they are not one and the same institution although one was "created under the laws of the United States."

Why, that Bank fills every one of Geo. I. White's waking moments and a goodly part of his dreams.

But what influence would this man have if you separated this "business institution" and him?

"Geo. I. White" writes that he made offers to Dr. Kirby. Did he make them as a citizen? Did he forget that the mass meeting had selected a ticket? And can he not yet "recommend that the town's account be divided equally between the two banks."

"Observer" never referred to the recommendation of a ticket by the "74" as "that petition" but "Geo. I. White" cannot deal with facts and words as they really are.

Further, "Observer" did not need to state the number of signers to the "petition" as he really thinks all who read it could figure for themselves.

Next, "Observer" was shown a carefully compiled list of all who were in the court house at the "mass meeting." It tallied very nearly with a list she had made except it had a few more names of men who went in but did not stay to take part.

There never was more than 110 present at any one time. Many of these did not take part and a few were not residents of the town—and naturally ought not to take part.

"Observer" thinks that "Geo. I. White" ought to explain why he went up and down Main street the night of the "mass meeting" to urge men to come up to that meeting?

Further, "Geo. I. White" writes that "with one or two exceptions,

felt honor bound, etc." Judging from the figures of the election, "Observer" thinks that there were, at least, 41 exceptions.

As to the "honor-bound" part. It is as good a name for it as any. Yet it might have been, job-bound, mortgage bound, threat bound or some other "bound" judging from some of the things "Observer" has heard since the election.

Did "Geo. I. White" think of "honor bound" when he bolted the "mass meeting" in 1900?

But of what use is it to bring out fact after fact? "Observer" kindly asks that R. S. Finley, to whom very, very much credit is due, be given some credit for valiant work done the day of the election and that "Geo. I. White" read Psalms 75-5 and the last sentence in the 44th verse of John 8.

OBSERVER.

Patriotic Sons of America.

The first State meeting of the Patriotic Order Sons of America held in Lexington, N. C., April 27, was to all intents and purposes a grand success. The opening at 9:30 a. m. was held in the opera house and several interesting and instructive speeches were made. The national officers were present with 200 delegates from the 46 local camps of the State and many visiting members. At the adjournment of this session a parade took place along the principal streets of the city, headed by the national officers followed by delegates and members of the local camps, led by the Union Cornet Band.

The afternoon session, held in the Development building, was devoted to the instituting of the first state camp in North Carolina and the election of officers. Officers were elected as follows: C. F. Caudel, p-president, Lexington; T. D. Brown, president, Salisbury; M. T. Ray, vice-president, Bailey; J. W. McCulloch, m. of f., Lexington; G. P. Smith, secretary, Fayetteville; M. R. Kirkman, assistant secretary, High Point; T. Ivey, treasurer, Cary; C. C. Wilkins, conductor, Shelby; A. W. Gilliam, inspector, Old Fort; Daniel Barton, guard, Winston-Salem; J. C. Griffin, chaplain, Bailey.

At the night session a class of about 100 were initiated into the local camp, after which refreshments were served by the Lexington camp, perhaps the largest subordinate camp in the state. The delegates were royally entertained.

This order, though in its 64th year, was but recently introduced in this state. It is purely an American institution having in part for its object devotion to our country and all its free institutions, especially the cause of education. We stand for civic righteousness, for elevating citizenship and for freedom and liberty.

JEHUE

The Confederate monument at Lincolnton was unveiled Wednesday. The monument is on the court square, and is large and handsome. It was erected by the Lincoln Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy.

The Salisbury merchants' association is perfecting arrangements with the Southern Railway under which a cabinet exhibiting the products of Rowan county is to be placed in Salisbury depot.

McDOWELL COUNTY FAIR

Will Be Held In Marion October 19th, 20th and 21st—List of Premiums.

The executive committee of the Fair Association have decided to hold the Fair October 19, 20 and 21.

Besides the attractions in the way of exhibits there will be speakers and meetings that will be of general interest to everybody in the county.

Thursday, October 19th will be known as "Farmers' and Good Roads Day." Friday, October 20th will be known as "Old Soldiers' and Ladies' Day." Saturday, October 21st will be known as "Educational Day" and attention will be given to school exhibits and school parades.

The committee think they will have about \$400.00 to offer in premiums.

There are many other announcements to be made as to the attractions for the different days, which will be given out to the public from time to time as the plans are perfected.

The list of premiums for the Fair are increasing each day, and below we publish a partial list of the premiums which will be offered by the Association. Further announcements of premiums will be made from time to time.

DEPARTMENT A—FARM PRODUCTS.

1. One-half bushel wheat, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
2. One-half bushel oats, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
3. One-half bushel rye, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
4. One-half bushel black-eyed peas, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
5. One-half bushel Clay peas, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
6. One-half bushel turnips, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
7. Peck Pop Corn, first premium \$1.50; second premium \$1.00.
8. One-half bushel corn in ear, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
9. One-half bushel Sweet Potatoes, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
10. One-half bushel Irish Potatoes, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
11. Pumpkin, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
12. Cabbage, not less than three, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
13. Tobacco, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
14. Display of Garden Vegetables from one garden, first premium \$4.00; second premium \$3.00.
15. Twelve ears of corn grown in one field, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
16. Six stalks of corn grown in one field, first premium \$2.00; second premium \$1.00.
17. Best collection and greatest variety and most artistically arranged exhibit of farm products, first premium \$25.00; second premium \$15.00; third \$10.00.
18. Exhibit of fruit coming from one farm, first premium \$10.00; second premium \$5.00.
19. Apple exhibit from one farm, first premium \$5.00; second premium \$2.00.

The above is a partial list of the premiums offered for farm products. Other premiums will be added later, and the committee will be prepared to make announcement of premiums for live stock such as horses, cattle, sheep and hogs just a little later. Also the premiums for the poultry exhibit will be announced later, and the premiums for pantry, kitchen and ladies' work exhibits will be put in the hands of a special committee, and announcements will be given out just as soon as possible.

Besides these we will have a list of miscellaneous premiums which we hope to be able to announce soon.

Mr. John C. Pool, one of McDowell County's most progressive farmers, makes the announcement that he will give a premium of \$3.00 for the best six stalks of Pool's Prolific Corn grown on one farm.

Pythian Meeting.

The district meeting of the twelfth district Knights of Pythias held in Lenoir last week was most pleasant event. At the conclusion of the business session a sumptuous banquet was given, interspersed with music and short addresses in response to toasts from the genial toastmaster, Mr. D. F. Clarke.

The following toasts were proposed and responded to: "To the Ladies," Knight R. E. Tuttle; "Twelfth District," S. B. Miller; "Pythianism in the Twelfth District," Messrs. McBrayer of Marion, David Pharr of Mooresville, J. H. Hoffman of Statesville, W. X. Reid of Hickory and others; "F. C. B.," Knight Thomas M. Newland; "Dionysius," Mark Squires, P. C.; "Damon," A. A. Whitener, P. C.; "Good of the Order," A. E. McCausland, G. C.

May Celebration at Charlotte.

Charlotte, May 8.—The Celebration which will take place in Charlotte on the 16-17-18-19 of May, will be a mammoth affair. Several thousand dollars have been raised to care for the many details of the gala occasion.

The Firemen's Convention and Tournament will be the largest ever held in the State of North Carolina as it will be participated in by a greater number of cities than ever before. A long list of handsome prizes have been offered and the event from the point of the Tournament promises unqualified success.

A special low rate has been provided by the railroads for the Firemen. The horses and apparatus will be transported free both to and from Charlotte.

In addition to the attractive features which will be presented each day by the Firemen and which will include an immense parade with twelve bands of music, and daily contests, there will be a number of fancy drills by the Red Men, which will be strikingly spectacular, and a torch light parade by the Red Men at night.

J. D. Elliott, of Brevard, was here on business Monday.

GRADED SCHOOL FACULTY

Superintendent and Teachers for Next School Year Elected.

At a recent meeting of the school board, a superintendent and corps of teachers were elected for the next school year, as follows:

Superintendent, Prof. I. C. Griffin, of the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School.

First grade—Miss Margaret Hudgins.

Second grade—Miss Sallie B. Anderson.

Third grade—Miss Ethel Maxwell, of Rock Hill, S. C.

Fourth grade—Mrs. W. P. Craig.

Fifth grade—Miss Essie Morgan.

Sixth grade—Miss Margaret Stanford.

Seventh grade—Miss Lille Giles.

High School Department—Miss Nan Guy and Mrs. J. L. C. Bird.

Mr. Griffin was formerly principal of the Salisbury Graded Schools.

He is regarded as one of the most efficient school men in this section.

He resigned as superintendent of the Salisbury schools two years ago, it being necessary for him to remove to the mountains on account of his wife's health.

Since that time he has been teaching in the Cullowhee Normal & Industrial School. That the school board is fortunate in securing his services will be seen by the resolutions below, adopted by the Salisbury Graded School committee at the time he resigned his position there.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

At a meeting of the Graded School Committee of the City of Salisbury, held on Tuesday afternoon, May 25, 1909, the following preamble and resolutions, on motion of Ex-Mayor A. H. Boyden, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas Professor I. C. Griffin has signified to the committee that he cannot serve as Superintendent of the Salisbury Schools after his present term expires on June 1, 1909, and

Whereas the Committee is unwilling that Professor Griffin should give up his position as Superintendent without some adequate expression on the part of the Committee for the faithful services he has rendered both as teacher in and Superintendent of the Salisbury Schools;

Resolved, that the Committee deeply regrets that Professor Griffin is unable to serve any longer as Superintendent of the Salisbury Schools.

Resolved, that he has been a faithful superintendent and friend of the schools and discharged with ability and zeal the duty which devolved upon him during the long period he has acted as superintendent.

Resolved, that the Committee greatly regrets that the schools of Salisbury will no longer be permitted to have Professor Griffin for its superintendent.

Resolved, that Professor Griffin is hereby commended for his ability and faithfulness; and that this Committee wishes for him success in any other work that he may hereafter be called upon to do, whether educational or otherwise.

A. L. SMART,
Mayor and Ex-officio Chairman.

JNO. S. HENDERSON,
Act-Secretary.

Watkins Gets 18 Months.

Asheville, May 6.—Fleet Watkins, the Black Mountain constable, charged with the murder of John Hill Bunting, of Wilmington, on the night of August 6, 1909, and convicted this week of manslaughter, was this afternoon sentenced by Judge Webb to eighteen months in the State Prison.

The defendant gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed.