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## JOINT DISCUSSION DECLINED.

Chairman Brooks Challenged Republicans for Joint Discussion—They Refuse to Meet Democrats.

Chairman F. H. Brooks challenged the Republicans for a joint discussion in the following letter: Smithfield, N. C., Aug. 30, '06. MR. JAMES D. PARKER, Smithfield, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—At a meeting of the Democratic nominees for the various county offices, held in my office in Smithfield on the 20th day of August last, I was instructed to challenge the nominees of the Republican party for a joint discussion of the issues by the candidates of our two respective parties in the campaign which lies before us. Immediately thereafter—and just previous to a similar meeting of the nominees of your party, held in your office in Smithfield on the 24th instant—you will recall that I tendered, verbally, through you an informal challenge to the various candidates of the Republican party to meet the candidates of the Democratic party in joint discussion, and I requested you to take the matter up in your meeting and advise me of any action. As I have not been formally advised of the acceptance of my challenge, and for fear that the matter may have been overlooked in your meeting, on behalf of the Democratic nominees for the various county offices I hereby extend to you and the other candidates of the Republican party a formal challenge and invitation to meet and engage in a series of joint discussions of the issues with the various candidates of the Democratic party, at such times and places as we may hereafter agree upon, and I respectfully request that you advise me at your earliest convenience of the acceptance or rejection of this challenge by the nominees of your party.

Moreover, I desire to say that I believe that the time has come when the people of the county are demanding a joint discussion of the issues by the candidates of the two parties respectively. They are demanding a decent and dignified presentation of the various issues in open discussion upon which the two dominant parties are divided. They are demanding that the light be turned on and that the records of the two parties shall be held up before them. The Democratic party, proud of its record in the past, proud of its just and economical administration of the affairs of the county, and with nothing to conceal or withhold from the people gladly welcome this opportunity, and therefore our Democratic nominees, ever ready and willing to accede to the demands and comply with the wishes of the people, have challenged you and your Republican colleagues for a joint discussion. No man is fit to be considered for a public office of large responsibility who is ashamed of his party and who cannot defend his party's record. No man is fit for a position of public trust who is desirous of winning a personal victory at the sacrifice of truth. No man deserves to be elected to a public office who is afraid to meet his opponent in open debate before the people.

In conclusion let me say that if you and your party have no regard for the wishes of the people, if you love wrong and despise right, if you desire to deceive the people by the suppression of truth, if you are afraid for them to be put in possession of all the facts, then you and your colleagues will undoubtedly reject this challenge; but if your party is free from corruption, if you have nothing to hide from the people, if you are not afraid of truth, if the nominees of your party are clean, honest and upright men, then I believe you will accept my challenge and give the people of Johnston County an opportunity to hear the issues openly and fairly discussed.

Thanking you for an early and favorable reply, I beg to remain, Yours truly, F. H. BROOKS, Chairman Dem. Ex. Com.

Mr. Parker transmitted the answer to above letter with the following note:

Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 27, 1906.

Mr. F. H. Brooks, Sir:—Your letter addressed to me and dated August the 30th, 1906, in which you ask for a joint discussion between the Democratic and Republican candidates for the legislative and county offices was received and referred to the Republican Campaign Committee for reply which reply is sent herewith.

Truly, JAMES D. PARKER, Smithfield, N. C.

The Republicans declined the challenge in the following communication:

Sept. 26, 1906.

Mr. F. H. Brooks, Chairman Democratic Executive Committee.

Dear Sir:—Answering your letter of August 30th, which James D. Parker has referred to us, whatever may have been our opinions formerly, after considering your letter and its contents and other recent occurrences, we are thoroughly convinced that there should be no joint campaign such as you request.

We base our conclusion in this matter not upon the fear that our candidates would prove unequal to yours in a joint discussion because we consider them the equal of yours not only in this but in every other respect. Our conclusion in the matter is arrived at from an entirely different premise.

We know of no way to judge what would be the character of a joint campaign this year except by what they have been in the past. It is a matter of common knowledge that so-called joint campaigns in Johnston County of recent years have consisted almost solely of personal allusions, insults, and abuse, the uniform result of which has been to stir up hatred and bad blood, not only among the candidates but also among the voters.

Had the tone and statements in your letter given any indication that you and your party desired a different campaign from the past ones the demoralizing character of which we have just described, we might have looked with some favor upon your challenge, but to our surprise such was not the case. You consider your past record a thing of party pride. Your State chairman and leader, Senator Simmons, in his recent speech at Smithfield voiced the same sentiment as pervades your letter, when he stated with a show of pride that your party's lawless red-shirt campaign methods needed no defence, but that they were a part of your party's boasted record. So it necessarily follows from Senator Simmons' utterances in his Smithfield speech and the tone of your letter referred to us, that if the occasion in your opinion demands it that you will resort to the same campaign methods which you have in the past, red-shirtism included, as your State leader and yourself by boasting of all your party's record endorse them in every particular.

We freely inform you that we will under no circumstances be a party to or consent to an arrangement the probable result of which would be a repetition of the disgraceful campaigns of the past. To do so, we should be recreant to our duty as citizens to the State and society. The present attitude of your State chairman, your party and yourself as gathered from the above-mentioned circumstances and facts is conclusive to us that a joint campaign would not be a discussion of issues but would be such as no good citizen would desire to occur and that our candidates would be forced to meet abuse and lawlessness with the same things, abandon the campaign in the midst of it, or quietly submit to your candidates' bulldozing and abuse, neither of which we can afford to put them in the attitude of having to do. Let us remind you of August 1st, 1900, at Selma the last day our candidates ever met yours in joint debate.

## LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Primitive Baptists Hold Splendid Session at Clement—Large Number of Ministers Present and Preached.

The seventy-seventh annual session of the Little River Primitive Baptist Association was held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Clement church, seven miles west of Smithfield.

The introductory sermon was preached Friday by Elder J. T. Coats from the text Deut. 32:4. The Association was organized by the re-election of Elder J. T. Coats, Moderator, and Elder J. A. T. Jones, Clerk.

The following preached Friday: Elder B. Wood, of the Seven Mile Association; Elder J. W. Gardner, of Contentnea Association; and Elder T. W. Walker, of Upper Country Line Association.

The following preached on Saturday: Elder William Woodard, of Black Creek Association; Elder G. D. Roberson, of Kehukee; Elder C. C. Bland, of Contentnea; Elder L. H. Hardy, of Upper Country Line; and Elder J. A. Mouses, of Abbott's Creek.

On Sunday the following preached: Elder P. D. Gold, editor of Zion's Landmark, of Black Creek Association; Elder J. T. Rowe, of Baltimore; Elders Isaac Jones and E. E. Lundy, of White Oak; and Elder W. B. Williams, of Contentnea. There were present, besides those who preached, the following: Elders W. M. Mouses, J. S. Ward, L. P. Adams, C. C. Brown and others, nineteen ministers, in addition to the members of the Little River Association.

The session was an harmonious one, characterized by evidences of the Holy Spirit and that fellow-feeling which is always seen in those gatherings.

The next session will be held with Mount Gilead church at Clayton, beginning Friday before the last Sunday in next September.

Large crowds were present each day, conservative estimates placing the number in attendance on Sunday at about 4,000. Good order prevailed. The way the community took care of such a crowd of visitors and delegates speaks in the highest terms of praise for the good people of that section.

## A Young Mother at 70.

"My mother has suddenly been made young at 70. Twenty years of intense suffering from dyspepsia had entirely disabled her, until six months ago, when she began taking Electric Bitters, which have completely cured her and restored the strength and activity she had in the prime of life," writes Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick, of Danforth, Me. Greatest restorative medicine on the globe. Sets Stomach, Liver and Kidneys right, purifies the blood, and cures Malaria, Biliousness and Weakness. Wonderful Nerve Tonic. Price 50c. Guaranteed by Hood Bros' drug store.

## Picnic and Barbecue.

We are requested to announce that there will be a Sunday School basket picnic and barbecue at Pauline Baptist church in Bentonsville township on Saturday, the 13th day of October, 1906. Several prominent speakers have been invited and expected to be present. Everybody invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

Whenever you and your party show signs of repentance as to your campaign methods (and there is abundant room for repentance) and the indications are that you really want a decent joint campaign we shall consent gladly to one, but not before.

However should any of your candidates attend any of the appointments of our candidates and request it, a fair division of time and respectable treatment will be accorded them.

Truly, J. C. STANCL, Chmn. A. L. BAREFOOT J. W. NEIGHBORS. DOCK STEPHENSON.

## PEACOCK IN JAIL HERE.

Found in the Norfolk Jail Last Monday Night and Brought Back by Deputy-Sheriff Sanders Tuesday.

Charles S. Peacock who stands charged with the murder of Lonnie Jones is now in Smithfield jail, having been placed there Tuesday afternoon.

It will be remembered that the grand jury brought in a true bill for murder against Peacock late in the afternoon of September 13th. It was at once announced in court that Peacock was then at his home in this town ready to submit to arrest. A capias was issued and an officer went to his home to arrest him. But it was learned that he was not at home.

Late the same evening of the return of the true bill it was learned that Peacock was taken by his brother to Pine Level where he boarded the east bound train about noon. It was supposed that he had gone to Norfolk and the police of that city was notified. From that time until last week nothing was heard of him by the authorities so far as we know.

Last Wednesday night Mr. A. H. Boyett, brother-in-law of the murdered man, supposing that Peacock was in Norfolk, went there and employed detectives to assist him in searching for the accused. Mr. Boyett made a thorough search of the city and returned home Saturday. He did not find Peacock but learned that he had been there only a few days previous.

Friday afternoon Mr. Ed. S. Abell, one of Peacock's attorneys, went to Deputy-Sheriff A. M. Sanders and asked him to go with him to Norfolk to search for Peacock. Mr. Sanders armed himself with a capias and that night he and Mr. Abell left for Norfolk.

All day Saturday and Sunday the air was full of rumors of various kinds but no one could learn anything definite. Sunday afternoon Messrs. Abell and Sanders returned home, having learned nothing concerning the whereabouts of the man they sought. They secured a detective and searched the city thoroughly as Mr. Boyett had done, but with the same result.

Early Monday it was reported that Mr. W. L. Fuller received a telegram from Norfolk, reading in substance as follows: "Send me fifteen dollars care of city jailer, Norfolk. Am sick. Charles F. Smyth."

Mr. Abell was informed of the telegram and at once saw Deputy Sanders and told him that he thought he could find his man. Mr. Sanders, in company with Mr. Hugh Peacock, brother of the young man, left Monday for Norfolk.

On reaching Norfolk they went to the city jail but the night warden would not allow them to enter. They went to police headquarters and later got permission to enter the jail. They first looked over the records and found that there was a prisoner there by the same name as the one signed to the telegram mentioned above. As soon as they started on their search to see if Charles F. Smyth was the man they wanted they found him and he proved to be Charles S. Peacock. Sheriff Sanders approached him and told him he had come after him and asked if he would come without further trouble. Peacock expressed his willingness to do so. According to the records as related to us by Sheriff Sanders, Peacock was arrested on September 25, for drunkenness and fined one dollar and cost, amounting to \$2 75 in all. Being unable to pay this he was committed to jail. This fact accounts for Mr. Boyett and Mr. Sanders not being able to find him last week.

Next Morning Mr. Sanders and Mr. Hugh Peacock went to the jail for the prisoner. The jailer discharged him and as soon as this was done Mr. Sanders arrested him and brought him to Smithfield. Peacock came without any trouble thus saving the expense and trouble of having to procure requisition papers.

They arrived in Smithfield on the 2:35 train Tuesday and Peacock was lodged in jail as mentioned above to await trial at the next term of Johnston Superior Court.

## Temperance Speaking.

Rain prevented the temperance speaking at Carters Chapel Baptist church last month and Mr. J. M. Beaty and Prof. I. T. Turlington are expecting to speak there the second Saturday in October at 3 o'clock.

## Superintendent's Notes.

To the Teachers, School Committeemen and to all others interested in the educational advancement of Johnston County: My term of office as County Superintendent of Schools to fill the unexpired term of Prof. I. T. Turlington, resigned, began October 1st.

From this time on I shall perform the duties of the office as best I can. Each week I shall have something to say in the "Educational Column" of THE SMITHFIELD HERALD. As this will be the principal means of communication with all the teachers and committeemen of the county, I hope each will continue to read it carefully.

As I am just entering upon my work it is both natural and fit that I extend courtesies and thanks for the very responsible position I hold. I feel that I am fully conscious of this and at another time when some urgent matters have been dispensed with I shall endeavor to express my feelings in these matters.

It is but a short time before the public schools of the county are to begin, and it is time that all census reports by committeemen were properly made out and returned to the superintendent's office. It is time for teachers to be employed for the respective schools and many committees want teachers.

## PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

There will be two public examinations before the schools commence—one beginning October 11th, (second Thursday in October,) another beginning November 1st, (Thursday in November.)

## TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

For the accommodation of those teachers who have not attended Summer Schools or Teachers' Institutes in compliance with the school law, there will be one week of institute work held at the superintendent's office beginning Monday, October 29th. On Friday and Saturday of this week the second public examination will be held. Then the school registers can be given out to teachers.

## CENSUS REPORTS.

School committeemen who have not already made returns of school census for their school districts are earnestly urged to do so as early as possible, since the school law requires these reports to be made by September 1st. Be careful to make illiterate reports as well and also to quality to your reports.

## ARE TEACHERS WANTED?

School committeemen wanting teachers and teachers wanting schools will please write me at once giving postoffice address, number of district, etc., and I will try to aid in getting schools and teachers. Committees having teachers will please send copies of contracts to superintendent at once.

Respectfully, J. P. CANADAY, Co. Supt. of Schools.

## A Badly Burned Girl

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## CLAUDE KITCHIN TO SPEAK.

Barbecue and Speaking at Elevation Next Tuesday—Speaking at Benson Tuesday Night.

Chairman F. H. Brooks has arranged for a big barbecue and public speaking at Elevation next Tuesday, October 9th. Hon. Claude Kitchin, member of Congress from the Second District, will be present and deliver an address. Mr. Kitchin is one of the most gifted speakers in the State and those who go out to hear him will hear the issues discussed in able manner. Speaking will begin promptly at 11 o'clock. Mr. Kitchin will also speak at Benson Tuesday night.

There are important questions before the people and all should go out and hear the issues discussed and thus be better prepared to vote intelligently.

## A Good Day in Boon Hill.

Thursday, September 27th, a barbecue and speaking took place at Holt's Mill in Boon Hill township. The grove between the mill and Mr. E. J. Holt's former residence was an ideal place for such an occasion. At eleven o'clock Mr. Holt stood up in a two-horse wagon from which the speaking was done and called the crowd together. Among other things he said that forty-six years ago he cast his first Democratic vote at that place and had voted the ticket since that time and did not regret any vote he had cast. He reminded the people of the time when the Republicans got control of county affairs and managed so badly that an order on the county was worth only fifty cents in the dollar. He spoke of good government of the Democrats and then introduced Mr. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State.

Mr. Grimes made a fine speech and one which was unanswerable as he dealt with facts concerning State and national politics. The speech lasted over an hour and was listened to with great interest to the close.

An hour was next taken for dinner. Nine hogs had been barbecued with well cooked pone corn bread to go with them. We did not have to wet our appetites.

After dinner the crowd was called together again and Mr. W. A. Stewart, of Dunn, made one of his characteristic campaign speeches. He made the woods ring with his clear voice. He is an interesting speaker, using a few anecdotes and much strong argument. We never heard a speech which was better received. He was cheered and applauded on all sides.

The crowd was larger than expected and very enthusiastic. There were a number of young men present and they with others took great interest in the speaking. It was a good day for Democracy. About three o'clock the people left for their homes.

## Blood Poisoning

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## High License Cider.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 2.—The Board of Aldermen at their regular monthly meeting last night adopted a prohibitive ordinance requiring a tax of one thousand dollars on all sorts of ciders—cherry, orange, etc., with a fine of fifty dollars for selling same without a license.

The police have experienced much trouble with drunks that were according to the best evidence, caused by these drinks. Last night the Board determined to put a stop to the matter.—News and Observer.