

JOB WORK OF ALL KINDS.
THIRTY ELECTIONS.
Something less than 2,100 votes will win the cause for removal.

Our estimates further indicate the failure of the school-tax in every township in the county.
AS TO MR. HOFFMAN IN CONCLUSION.

Controversy, distasteful to us at all times, is especially so when it involves disagreement with a good and long-remembered friend.
Knowing that Mr. Hoffman will have no opportunity for a reply in these columns, we shall be brief and shall try to make our answer of the kind that would not provoke him to reply even had he the opportunity.

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A CLOSING WORD AS TO MR. WILSON.
Disparaged at his own unwillingness to answer three simple questions pertaining to the court-house discussion and at his own failure to exparise this writer, Mr. Wilson makes this week a last blind rush, slashing wildly right and left, little recking whether good or ill comes of it.

But in the plenitude of our charity we let all these things pass, and in goes our correspondent's farewell address. Never in clearer good humor than now, we still maintain a peaceful attitude towards all the world and the rest of mankind, and still have abundant symptoms of that "sweet-spirited docility and most ethereal mildness" which, contrary to our intentions, has so disturbed the spirit of our correspondent's dreams.

How could we be otherwise in the presence of our friend's ludicrous performances?
After exhausting all his vials of irony upon us for perching, a la Mark Hanna, upon Caesar's throne and asking an answer to three simple little questions, he jerks us down by the breeches leg and jumps on the throuse himself and flaps his wings and crows and struts, and—would you believe it?—the erstwhile culprit in imploring attitude gets to asking questions himself! Yes, sir, he demands a "speak or die," the worst of it all being that his questions haven't the remotest connection with the matter at issue.

And then it was unkind in him to make a comparison in size with Mark Hanna. Big men are sensitive about their corpulency. Now if he had only called on Old King Cole, that merry old soul with his questions three, there would have been more of the temporal fitness of things in the similitude.

In another respect also is his strange way of looking at things illustrated. Having hurled us from our throne, he taunts us bitterly with still possessing the power of a Caesar, intimating that we had the high sheriff at our beck and call to arrest the natives at pleasure and that the noble-heartedness of a single citizen of his town was the only check upon our power to have men marched off and thrust fast into the inner prison at the slightest nod of our imperial dome of thought.

That any such dangerous man as this should be at large in the community is an awful thing to contemplate, and it does look like the natives might combine somehow and do him up and get rid of him.

Reverting to our correspondent's questions, as irrelevant as they are and as spiteful as they, therefore, appear to be, we have answered them every one promptly, briefly, and truthfully. We have tried to set him an example of how questions that are relevant should be answered. And let us add that if there is anything else he wants to know about the matter in which he is so suddenly interested, he can get the information provided his questions have no terrors for us.

Finally, we want to commend the tireless energy with which Mr. Wilson has fought for the cause of his town in this contest. The tide of circumstances and our own choice has swept us into unsought controversy with our correspondents. We would have preferred to see them debate with each other, but it has been decreed otherwise. The battle in types is over: the burst of it for Dallas has been borne mainly by Mr. Wilson. For his town he has stood the fire right along—not without some dodging and winding and finching, it is true—but he has stood it just the same. And if Dallas should unfortunately win this fight and then decide to pension those who were battle-scarred in her service, the name of F. L. Wilson should lead the roll. We want him to accept our best wishes for all sorts of good things to come his way except victory at the polls next Tuesday.

The court-house discussion is over for the present, and we are glad of it. We want to take hold of something else. And with the assurance to everybody concerned that in this heated court-house controversy not the slightest animosity has been kindled in our feelings toward anybody we bid one and all our

"Finally, brethren, farewell."
W. V. HANNAH, Editor & Proprietor.

COUNTY-SEAT ELECTION,
Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1897.
Some Reasons Why
You Should Vote to Move the County Seat to Gastonia.

- 1. Because Gastonia is nearer the geographical center of the county than the present site is.
2. Because Gastonia is nearer the center of population than the present site is.
3. Because Gastonia, by reason of her railroad facilities from the four points of the compass, is easier of access than the present site is.
4. Because Gastonia county should have new county buildings, as the present buildings are inadequate to the needs of the county.

OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.
1. It is objected that perhaps the county will be compelled to pay heavy damages to certain citizens of Dallas if the court-house is moved.

MR. WILSON'S FAREWELL.
SAYS OUR QUESTIONS WERE IMPERTINENT AND IRRELEVANT.
People Who Demand Answers are too Much Like a King on His Throne—Difference Between Solvency of Persons and Validity of Bonds—None of the Bondholders Retained—Let the Fire Roll on—Mr. Wilson Asks Some Questions—And Gets Answers to Them.

We notice you have prepared a nice little blank for us and with the authority of a king upon the throne you demand, "Write yes or no. Cut it out and return it." Reading such language, one would imagine you were as large as Mark Hanna's picture, seated on an imperial throne, looking down with frowning indignation upon a poor condemned culprit.

My friend, your impertinence in demanding an answer is equalled only by your supreme folly in asking any such questions. [Why, what has possessed you, sport? Last week you didn't call them impertinent, but even said something about their being fair, that you had no objection to answering, and that you were really glad we asked.—EDITOR.]

What bearing have those momentous questions propounded by "His Imperial Highness" upon the validity of your Gastonia bonds or upon anything we said in regard to them? [A very direct bearing—so direct, that the moment you answer them correctly your bond argument goes glimmering.—EDITOR.]

We presume your mind was resting upon the guaranty of those bonds when that first question presented itself, something upon which we have made no comment. [Exactly! but you'd break the force of it if you could.—EDITOR.]

You say we "must stand the fire galling though it be until we go down or win a flag of truce." On your throne again, are you? Our position was taken deliberately and is endorsed by men towering above even your "Majestic Highness" and we don't have to "down." Let your galling fire roll. [That's the stuff! Let 'er roll!—EDITOR.]

Your genius for invention is leading you astray. These men were not "marched in a body to jail" anybody. Not a one of them would have gone to prison even if he had had no bondsmen, and not a one of them, therefore, was kept out of prison by their friend. Now you see what you've told!—EDITOR.]

and Judge Burwell, and Mr. Walker, and Mr. Candler, and Capt. Hason, learned lawyers of Charlotte, have to say to this? They have written and signed and published their opinion as follows:
"The county cannot be held liable to the owners of these lots [sold them by the county] for depreciation in value thereof by reason of the removal of the court-house, nor can the heirs of Jesse Holland be heard to assert any claims against the deed made by their ancestor."
2. It is objected that perhaps the donation will not be forthcoming which wanted. A long list of Gastonia's citizens, the first 15 of whom are well able to make good many times over the whole amount, have signed a paper, as published heretofore, declaring that it will be forthcoming. Do you believe these men can afford to repudiate an obligation like this?

Will you accept the \$15,000 and have handsome county buildings situated where they will be most convenient and advantageous to a great majority of the people, or will you by remaining at home on election day let the opportunity go by and thus compel the county to bear alone at no distant day the cost of providing better public buildings.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.
No Recommendation of the Report of the Business Men at Their Indianapolis Meeting.
The President's message on the currency question, if printed in full, would cover more than half a column in this paper.

LOCALS FROM LOWELL.
Alick Improving—Quarterly Conference Meeting—Bible Society Next Thursday—Mr. Hedgins, in the New Teacher—Mr. Hunter Erecting New Buildings.

And finally, in order that the good people of Gastonia county may have further evidence of our sweet-spirited docility and most ethereal mildness, you might explain to them your intimate connection with the indictment and arrest of those noble, conservative, economical citizens, Caleb Pasour, John F. Thomas, G. A. Patrick, J. T. Carpenter, and J. H. Council. [It is in extremely bad taste—this may be information to our correspondent, if so we make no charge—it is in extremely bad taste to list the names of these gentlemen into a controversy with which they are not visibly concerned. But if our correspondent will get their written consent to have their names bandied about, it will give us great pleasure to explain all we know about it. We challenge him to do so.—EDITOR.]

Let us, fellow tax-payers, be actuated by that noble sentiment, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." [And yet, when you can't meet people's arguments, you make facts at them and call them names.—EDITOR.]

As previously announced, the county Bible Society will meet here on Thursday the 31st. The plan now is, as all the churches and Sunday schools are interested, that they bring out dinner and spread together and have a social good time. Perhaps it would have a little jingle with it to some if we would call it a picnic. Any way, let's all come out and give the Society officers a hearty welcome.

Mr. R. U. Hunter is building a cottage at Albany for Mr. Jno. O. Rankin. Several more will be built there this summer. It looks now that the two towns, Lowell and McAdenville, may yet be linked together with dwelling and business houses.

WHO'S SHELLABERGER?
The Wagon Wheel of Gastonia, S. C. is for all purposes, the only one in the county.

They Are Out of Sight!
A great many of those Summer Shoes, Clothing, Dress Goods, etc., we advertised 2 weeks ago are now out of sight.

But There Are Others
We want to sell and if you want to buy Men's, Youth's and Boy's Suits cheaper than you ever saw or even heard of, don't fail to give us a call during this special sale.

Only About 30 Days Longer to Buy Clothing at These Prices.
Don't Fail to See
our Bargain Shoe Counter. Odd lots Men's, Boy's and Ladies' Shoes to close out. Ask to see them.

Special Bargains in all Lines to Make Room for our Mammoth Fall and Winter Stock.
Yours to serve,
P. T. Heath,

THE RACKET MAN.
Turkey and Greece.
Turkey seems to have gotten the better of Greece in the recent war and the Sultan is much elated over his triumph.

But the Point
that should interest housekeepers is not how to get the better of Greece, but how and where to obtain the BEST GREASE, for their bread and for other cooking purposes.
Kingan's Lard
gives universal satisfaction to all who use it, and if YOU have not tried it, you should send up an order and let us supply you.

Wanted.
A wide-awake salesman to travel Gastonia county to sell a popular article and collect who can furnish small honesty bond and a horse. Experience not necessary. Apply at once to H. B. Scott, special traveling agent, or to THE SINGER MFG CO., Charlotte, N. C.

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Blacksmithing and Wood Work.
GASTONIA, N. C.
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For Bargains.
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24 " Light Brown Sugar, 1.00.
Good Flour
that will make Good Bread at \$2.60.
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In this line we have some elegant vehicles for the little folks. At our prices they are bargains, good bargains, hence we are "pushing them along." Come in to see them.
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