

ENTER SILAS RAKESTRAW.

HE DENOUNCES CORN CRACKER.

An Observer Correspondent, Taken Roundly to Task for His Irreverent Attitude of Mind—Would Rather His Children Should be Ignorant and Have Nigger Hangings as Their Sole Mode of Entertainment Than That They Should Learn to Read Such Stuff and Attend Improper Amusements Like Circuses.

To the Editor of The Observer: I notice, with pleasure, that the infamous old gray-faced Corn Cracker has received a deserved and withering rebuke in your columns. The young man who wrote it has done his duty a service, and will either be heard from as a local exporter, or be clothed with the honors and emoluments of road-overseer.

Mr. Editor, why do you allow such unseemly matter to go in your paper? I am surprised that a paper in the good old State of North Carolina and county of Cleveland should print stuff that makes us all ashamed and turns everything into ribald jokes.

Of course, I don't take your paper, and never see a copy except when I borrow one. Last Sunday evening, at an old folks' singing, I was giving my opinion of the wretch at Double Springs church, when a man asked me why I read Corn Cracker's stuff if it didn't please me, and why, if I never saw a copy except somebody gave it to me, I criticized the policy of The Observer.

He even said that when Corn Cracker was your agent I borrowed copies from him every time I saw him, telling him I just wanted them to read. I told him Corn Cracker didn't believe in heart-felt religion. He said that Corn Cracker had read the Bible through over 23 times, that he paid preachers with respectful toward public worship, and even attended church.

Mr. Editor, I tell you I am agin Corn Cracker, and, if you don't quit printing his sacrilegious non-sense, I'm a-going to quit borrowing The Observer. It fairly makes my blood boil the way he writes about poor folks. I am a poor, hard-working man, and exceedingly God-fearing. This gray-faced reprobate says I do very little, but make a slave of my wife, and am raising my children in ignorance.

I have made my wife and three little girls pick three bales of cotton, and promised them they might go to the nigger hanging at Shelby, on the 28th of this month. Corn Cracker had to put in his meddling mouth about that. He said he aimed to take us folks to the circus on November 2nd, but he didn't think he'd get any pleasure out of seeing a poor devil struggling in a halter. I told him that I am a local preacher, and the rules of my Church are agin sinning in those ways and engaging in those diversions not in the name of the Lord. He asked me if I considered hanging a nigger publicly was a fit spectacle for women and children. I told him that was about all the fun my folks had.

I told him I'd rather my children would be ignorant like the Apostles, than a master who played the fiddle and wrote pieces in papers, making fun of hound dogs and ignorant preachers. He laughed and said I was a bright young man, when I am 56 years old. He asked me if I ever read the book of St. Christopher in the Bible, and the third chapter of St. Jude. I told him many a time. He said the Bible of St. Jude had but one chapter in his Bible, and he didn't find St. Christopher at all.

Mr. Editor, I believe he has a Catholic Bible. I heard him say, myself, that there were good people among the Catholics.

Well, there is one consolation. I rejoice to know that, when I am twanging a harp among the redeemed, I can hear old Corn Cracker bellowing for cold water, and me and the other patriarchs won't give him a drop. The chair will please sing "Hark From the Tomb," after which Brother Haysend will lead us in a prayer of one hour.

SILAS RAKESTRAW, Lattimore, N. C.

CONCORD REGISTRATION HEAVY.

A Gain of More Than 200 Voters Over Two Years Ago—Personals and News Notes.

Concord, Oct. 29.—The registration which closed to-day shows a gain in every ward in the city. At noon the result showed a gain of more than 200 votes over two years ago. While no figures have been received from the county precincts it is a fact that there is a registration fever here in the county. It is estimated that the registration in the four wards of the city will reach 1500.

In the court to-day the case of Thammell v. A. J. York, has been heard on the entire day. About \$1500 is involved and the case has been hard fought by each side.

Dr. S. W. Williams returned to-night from Wake county where he was called on account of the death of a brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Woodcock, of Asheville are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. York.

Concord Lodge Knights of Pythias, expects a visit soon from the grand chancellor and has commenced to arrange for a reception to Mr. Robertson.

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WEEKLY MARKET REVIEW.

Prices Show an Actual Gain, Much to the Surprise of the Traders—Varying Estimates of the Crop.

New Orleans, Oct. 29.—The result of the past week's trading has to be recorded in favor of the bulls to the extent of 2 1/2 points, the first good gain in this month. This is more than remarkable for the reason that all the hangings and influences as they occurred during the week from day to day were of a bearish character and showed a tendency to further lower values. The weather was simply splendid all over the cotton States, facilitating the gathering of the staple to the fullest extent, the movement of which continued to be in consequence of a record-breaking scale for the total for the week being 50,000 bales larger than last year. To all these bearish influences must be added the sudden strained relations between England and Russia, which developed during the latter part of the week. At any other time all this combination of bearish circumstances would have exerted a most demoralizing effect on prices and would have undoubtedly caused severe declines, but to the amazement of everybody, unduly high prices are not only not lower, but show an actual gain of about 2 1/2 points. There certainly must be a reason for such solid resistance to all adverse influences and the market will have to be explained and discussed all over again and reason it out. The most potent cause for this resistance to further declines is undoubtedly the fact that everybody has been and is being taken in by the market and has either acted on it by selling short or at least has refrained from going long, which has had the effect of holding the market, as there is no weak long interest to close out at a loss, and on the other hand shorts are continually in the market as buyers to cover their outstanding short lines and are thus the best support on any weak moments. The general feeling has been almost unanimous that the crop is very big one and that consumption will not be large enough to absorb coming supplies and that according to the law of gravitation prices will have to come down. If this hypothesis was the correct one the solution of the problem would be a simple one, but the market has assumed conditions proves to be wrong, that is, if consumption is larger of the crop is smaller than expected, it assumes a different shape and if both assumptions are wrong we would have an ideal combination for the development of a most phenomenal market.

Consumption, according to all reports from mills all over the world, is going on at a most gigantic rate and will reach 10,000,000 bales, which by itself means a consumption of not less than 10,000,000 if the cotton was obtainable in such enormous quantities. The average year estimate runs to about 11,000,000, although Mr. Neill, who was last year over 250,000,000, puts it at 12,000,000, but making proper allowances for the fact that these bear figures should be reduced. Our own information leads us to believe that it will be again over-estimated, just as it was last year. We do not hesitate to express our opinion that the crop will not reach 10,000,000 bales, and if this should actually prove to be correct we are bound to see much higher prices later on.

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POLITICS IN GRANVILLE.

Prospect Good for a Large Democratic Majority—Daughters of the Confederacy to Erect a Monument—The Good Roads Movement Progressing.

Correspondence of The Observer. Oxford, Oct. 29.—The county canvass by the Democratic candidates in now being held and the prospect seems good for a large majority at the election—probably one thousand to twelve hundred. There have been several outside speakers with their candidates among them being Gen. B. S. Royster and Mr. Wm. H. Harrison, of Oxford, Senator Overman, Mr. A. L. Brooks and others whose names have been mentioned to enlighten things on the campaign.

A Confederate monument is to be erected by the Granville Grays chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy at the intersection of Main and Williamsboro streets just fronting the court house in Oxford. The monument will be an imposing one and will have inscribed on it the names of all the soldiers from Granville who were killed in the war. At the unveiling of this monument there will be appropriate exercises by the young people of the town and addressed by prominent speakers. Several hundred dollars have already been raised by the ladies for the purpose.

The friends of Mr. A. W. Graham, of Oxford, are making a vigorous position of speaker of the House in the next General Assembly, and at present he has a large following.

The good roads movement in Granville is fast progressing, a large portion of the county has excellent new turnpike roads, which is adding greatly to the value of both town and county property. Most of the turnpike roads in the county are to be worked in this way.

GRUBB WANTS HIS LIBERTY.

Slay of O. L. Davis Makes Application for Habeas Corpus—Senator Overman to Speak Wednesday at Lexington.

Special to The Observer. Lexington, Oct. 29.—Clay Grubb, who shot and killed his brother-in-law, O. L. Davis, at the Methodist Church, Lexington, on Sunday, October 16th, and who afterwards surrendered and has been in jail here since, has made application for a writ of habeas corpus. His attorney, Judge O. H. Allen, of the fifth judicial district, and is returnable before himself at Greensboro to-morrow evening. The hearing on the writ is continued to give preliminary notice to the witness and counsel for both sides. The hearing will be held at 10 o'clock for the hearing. The relatives of the late O. L. Davis, for the willful murder of whom Grubb was indicted, are Messrs. R. T. Pickett and Wade H. Phillips, of the Lexington bar; L. H. Clement, of Salisbury, and Judge W. P. Hyman, of Greensboro, who will be the attorneys for the State. Mr. W. C. Hammer to prosecute for the State. There will be a Democratic rally held here on November 2nd. Senator Lee S. Overman will be the speaker and there will be a parade. Music will be furnished by the Lexington band.

Mr. W. C. Hammer, Esq., candidate for the State Senate, accompanied by the county candidates, made a series of speeches in this county during the past week. His address was a first-class speech, and is an excellent campaigner. All indications point to a Democratic victory in this year.

Mr. W. C. Hammer, Esq., spoke at a good crowd yesterday at Hammer's store.

Cotton Oil Market Letter.

Correspondence of The Observer. New York, Oct. 29.—Under renewal of manipulation and covering of "shorts" there was an advance to-day of about 1 cent in the price of the oil. This is especially for the distant futures. Whether this advance will be any more permanent than the one a week ago, will depend upon the amount of November oil to be liquidated next week, and whether the consumptive trade will follow it. We quote the market at the close of the week as follows: 27 cents; December 27 1/2 to 28 cents; January 28 to 29 1/2 cents. Prime grade did not participate in the advance, and closed at 25 cents, with sales at that price.

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MR. DAVIS' CHANCES.

A Personal Word Concerning West Virginia's Foremost Citizen—Something of the Little Otter Tunnel—Success of North Carolina's Sons.

The Editor of The Observer: Whether or not Senator H. G. Davis is to be the next Vice President of the United States in the world remains for the people to decide. It is certain that he is making a very strong canvass in his adopted State, where he has been the foremost citizen for many years and the outlook at this time is very promising. That he has done more for the development of West Virginia than any other man within its borders is conceded by every one. He built the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railroad, which he sold eighteen months ago to the Wabash system, and is now actively engaged in building a line from Charleston, the State capital, to Elkins, a distance of one hundred and seventy miles. This line passes through an undeveloped portion of the State almost entirely unpopulated, and will be the first cut in the mountainous part of the world. The road is being constructed in the very best manner possible, all streams being spanned by steel bridges as heavily as any in the world. The road is being constructed in the very best manner possible, all streams being spanned by steel bridges as heavily as any in the world.

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