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The Emporium, No. 45 Patton Avenue.

THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

General Funston, writing to his parents from the Philip nes, says that he and his aid, Bert Mitchell, are both well. They are stationed in the central part of the island, and he has 4,000 men, scattered about in small garrisons, trying to introduce some idea of the civilized government into the towns.

Nome City, the new mining town on the Alaskan coast, already has a newspaper—a four page sheet, which measures about twelve by sixteen inches, but which sells at fifty cents a copy.

Over the main gateway of the Paris exposition, at the entrance of the Champs Elysees, a startling innovation in sculpture will be seen. The figure of the "City of Paris" will be represented as a woman dressed according to the latest fashion of 1900.

Louisville's appropriation of \$20,000 for the coming Confederate Veterans' reunion will now be wholly in the charge of those conducting the preparations for the meeting, as a voucher was approved last Tuesday night by both boards paying to Mr. Attilia Cox, as treasurer, the amount in one sum, to be expended by him and his associates, without let or hindrance by the general council.

In a city where he was not known and loved as he was in Elmira, the Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, who died last Wednesday, would infallibly have been regarded as a crank because of his personal appearance and habits.

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TRICKERY EXPOSED.

We called attention some time ago to the system of political warfare originated by the Raleigh News and Observer for use in the editorial columns of that paper and later by F. M. Simmons in his campaign "interviews." This consisted in misquoting republican speakers in the news columns, and then commenting severely on the matter contained in these misquotations.

This, to our knowledge, the Raleigh News and Observer has been guilty of in the last month on at least four separate occasions, and though called to account by the men who were the victims of this scheme of fraud the Raleigh News and Observer has continued to make campaign capital out of its own fabrications, and Chairman Simmons has joined in this scandalous work.

Dear Sir: On the 28th of February, 1900, I talked for a short time at Newton, N. C., on the proposed constitutional amendment. On the morning of March 4, Sunday, the News and Observer, through its correspondent, reported me as using the following language, to wit:

"In Kentucky civil strife has been on for months because the democrats tried to disfranchise a portion of the citizens, and Goebel was shot down at the steps of the capitol because he was the arch perpetrator of this hellish scheme. It was no more than might have been expected. Then drawing himself to his height he shouted, 'North Carolina democrats may take warning from the fate of William Goebel.'"

This I denied in Winston on March 5, Monday, in the Daily Sentinel, which denial I have never seen copied in any other democratic newspaper.

If you feel that you have had sufficient time to comment on my reported remarks and give general publicity to them, as well as afford Mr. Simmons an opportunity to make what capital he could out of them already, will you grant me the privilege at this late day to deny through the same columns what published in this fabrication, the whole of the above quoted remarks.

Since I suppose it has already served your purpose as effectively as it ever can do, I wish to say that the whole quotation above made is without foundation in fact and absolutely false. Very respectfully, SPENCER BLACKBURN.

Winston, N. C., March 9. This letter was sent to the Raleigh News and Observer on the day it is dated, but if it has ever been published it has slipped our notice; certainly no editorial comment or apology was ever made by the News and Observer.

Some days ago the newspapers engaged in the Simmons disfranchising campaign quoted Attorney General Waiser as favoring the proposed constitutional amendment. The statement was untrue as the following letter shows:

To the Editor of the Observer: My attention has just been called to the statement in the Charlotte Observer that I would support the pending constitutional amendment. I will thank you to state that I will not support the constitutional amendment.

Thanking you in advance for making the correction, I am yours very truly, ZEB V. WALSER. Lexington, N. C., March 7, 1900.

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his luck with Mr. Simmons' ballot-in-the-slot machine.

The returning visitors from Florida who are pouring into Asheville will please judge us by the weather of the first half of the present week. April is near at hand, one of the pleasantest months of the year in the glorious Land of the Sky.

Louisiana is in the throes of a political campaign and the bosses are talking "nigger, nigger" as loud as ever.

If the Rev. Mr. Sheldon succeeds in proving that stuff two years old can masquerade as new what a snap it will be for some newspapers!

PHILIPPINE PROSPECTS. General Joe Wheeler, just returned from the Philippines, avers that after the establishment of a wise civil government the islands will enjoy an era of unparalleled prosperity.

The hustling town marshal is making good progress in collecting the town taxes. It will speak well for our town if every one will call on him at once and settle their taxes.—Mars Hill Enterprise, March 15.

IN CHATHAM COUNTY. Democrats of this county are scared and scared badly. They are beginning to be anxious for democrats who oppose the amendment to keep quiet.

NOT RED SHIRTS. So far, the populists have never rotten-egged any one, or gotten up a drunken, red shirt gang.

BOWERS' SPEECH A DODGE. We heard a democrat say the other day he heard Bowers' speech for the amendment at Newton and that he pronounced it a complete dodge.

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