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## THE OLD MAN AGAIN TALKS

Not Favorably Impressed With Political Trading.

CHARACTER AND FITNESS NOT IN IT.

A Candidate Selected for the Pull He Will Have in the Campaign—

### What Is Happiness?

As has been his custom for several weeks, past, the "Old Man" came in this week, brim full of politics and what politicians have been doing.

"Lots of stuff is being written in the papers these days," he said, "about political trading and the delivery of the goods. All the political trading I ever heard of was done on a basis foreign to good government and the fitness of the man to occupy the position in which he is to be placed. The Democratic party has recently been very unfortunate along this line and the party will suffer for it. However, the party may suffer to some extent, but to my mind the people will suffer most, because trading in political affairs when a judgeship is at stake, is a very serious matter."

"Along this line I am told that in one district a young man who had not been practicing law for more than two or three years was nominated for judge of the superior court because he would and could help out some other candidate. And further, it is no secret that after he was nominated for the place he went into the convention caucus and attempted to deliver the goods. To my uninitiated mind, this should not be, but the dignity of the superior court judge should be such that he would steer clear of active interest in politics. I do not desire to leave the impression that I am against giving young men a chance, but it does seem that older lawyers who have had more experience, could better occupy the judges' chair."

"Of course men that can get the votes will always be the ones that receive most consideration at the hands of the convention, but what I would impress is that the people should vote only for men that can occupy the position to which they aspire with honor to themselves and credit to the state. Let the people demand this of the political parties and soon only such men will come before them for election."

"In moving around among people I have been impressed more recently than ever before of what contentment in people and the more I think of the question and observe people, the less I know about the question. Here comes one man than enjoys owning and driving fine horses, while another does not seem to care for these and devotes his attention to automobiles and such things, and still you will see another that will enjoy various things; but to my mind the most pitiable man is not the man that has not the price to get these things, but the one that has the price and yet feels himself a beggar. I know of such a man in Durham. He is well educated and has been successful in saving up money and is worth something like \$200,000, but with all this seems to the average man to get very little out of life. He spends his time in looking after his affairs and is scrupulously honest in his dealings with men, but otherwise he lives like a dog. He eats only such things as he prepares for himself and sleeps in a filthy hole of a den that nobody will rent from him. He ignores his kinsfolks to a greater or less extent, and

lives the life of a hermit.

"This man's life is a character study: In early life he was a school teacher and lived and trained children that are today proving themselves useful citizens. He faced duty in the Confederate war and bears marks of the struggle he made. Returning after the war he taught school to get a start in life and was a strong advocate of the public school and all that pertained to education. Today, he is opposed to the public schools if it means more taxes and if it helps to fill his coffers he will condone evil surroundings in the houses he has to lease."

"But, why should I talk so much of this man. He doubtless enjoys life in the opposite direction to the man that seeks to give something to the world, and his selfishness is perhaps only one of the many varieties we find in the world today."

So saying the "Old Man" walked out, saying that if the republicans began doing business in earnest in this county, he would have a great deal to talk about next time he came.

### DURHAM REPUBLICANS MEET.

Are "Harmonizing" the Party in Preparation for the County Primaries and Convention.

The office of Attorney J. A. Giles was the meeting place of about sixty republicans Tuesday night, who gathered to discuss the coming campaign in the county. While there was no discussion of candidates for the offices, it was pretty well conceded that Durham would vote solid for Morehead for state chairman. While there is some opposition to the Butler-Morehead combine, the leaders know where their bread is buttered, and will make the little fellows see it their way. All for the sake of "harmony."

There is little doubt as to the "harmony" part of it in Durham. The republicans want to show the democrats a thing or two about party "harmony" and if they succeed it will show results in the coming election. They've started that way and hope to keep it up.

The republican primaries will be held in the city Friday night, and in the country Saturday afternoon. The county convention will be held Saturday August 6th.

Whether their "harmony" program holds good or not will be seen at that time.

### Operations for Appendicitis.

Mr. E. F. Garrard, who is in the employ of the American Tobacco Co., was operated on for appendicitis Monday afternoon, at the Watts hospital. The operation was performed by Dr. C. A. Woodard, assisted by Drs. Felts and Olive.

Mr. Z. P. Council returned from Greensboro, Sunday, where he attended the bedside of his brother, Mr. J. G. Council, who had just undergone an operation for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Dr. Long and Mr. Council was in as good condition as could be expected.

### Wake Murderer Caught Here.

Tom Carr, the Wake county negro who killed his sister and disappeared Saturday, was arrested by Sheriff Harward here Monday evening.

The negro, while admitting that he killed the girl, says that it was accidental, but the facts show that he was quarrelling with his sister at the time the shooting occurred. The girl was only twelve years old and the boy is eighteen.

Carr spent the night in jail here, and was carried to Raleigh Tuesday where he will be confined until the trial.

### MAJOR STEDMAN NOMINATED.

Rockingham's Solid Vote Nominates Stedman on the Four Hundred, and Thirty-Eighth Ballot.

After four hundred and thirty-seven unsuccessful ballots, the fifth district democratic congressional convention at Greensboro yesterday morning nominated Major Charles M. Stedman, of Guilford as candidate for congress. On the 438th ballot the vote was as follows: Stedman 227.54, Jones 90.49, Royster 88.98, electing Stedman by a majority of 24 votes.

After three days of struggling for a nominee, beginning July 5th, the convention reassembled Tuesday, and continuous balloting was going on until 11 o'clock yesterday. The delegates were becoming tired and it was seen that a break was close at hand. Several names were proposed at dark horses, but without any avail.

A consultation with the candidates by a committee from the convention resulted in the withdrawing of Dr. Mebane, and the releasing of all obligations of the delegates to all candidates. This took place at 2 o'clock a. m. Balloting was resumed until 6 a. m., when a recess was taken until 10 o'clock. At this time, Mr. C. O. McMichael stated that Rockingham would cast her solid vote for each candidate four times in an effort to nominate.

When the convention reassembled at 10 o'clock, Rockingham cast her vote for Royster and on the 433rd ballot he came within 21 votes of the nomination. Rockingham's vote then went to Jones four times and his vote reached 180. On the 438th ballot, the solid Rockingham vote went to Stedman, giving him 227.54, which was a majority of 24.

The candidates were then conducted to the hall, and speeches were called for. Major Stedman spoke briefly in accepting the nomination, and expressed his appreciation of the great honor conferred on him. Judge Jones thanked his friends for their efforts in his behalf and pledged his support to Major Stedman and urged democrats to be active in their support of the candidate. He then took occasion to roast the democrats for their lack of support of Brooks last year and shamed anyone who would participate in the convention and then not support the ticket. General Royster briefly thanked his friends and pledged support to Major Stedman. Dr. Mebane moved that the nomination be unanimous which was done.

Without more ado, the fifth district democratic congressional convention adjourned sine die from its meeting the 4th of which never occurred before in this district.

### Boy Accidentally Killed.

Willie Nichols, a fifteen-year-old boy, was accidentally shot and killed by his friend and playmate, Eugene Watson, Sunday afternoon at his home.

The Watson boy was attracted by a gun which was in the room and asked if it was loaded. Nichols said it was not, and Watson in taking it accidentally struck the hammer against the bed and the load was fired. The bullet entered the forehead and death was almost instantaneous. After being shot the boy said he was not hurt but lived only a few minutes afterward. He was the only child of his mother and the blow is indeed a hard one.

The funeral was held from the home Monday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. W. C. Barrett.

### CHILD IS KIDNAPPED.

Mrs. Roscoe Ayers Kidnaps Her Own Child Away From Her Husband—He Tries to Get Child Back.

A case of kidnapping occurred in the city this week that has caused great anxiety on the part of the father of the stolen child, and promises to bring about a lawsuit for its possession.

When Mr. Roscoe Ayers, the father of the child, returned home and found the child missing, he began a search which revealed the fact that a woman, unknown to the neighbors, had taken the child and carried it off. Upon investigating it proved to be the mother and wife, who was separated from her family, who had after a long search found both and taking her child had left town.

Mr. and Mrs. Agnes had been separated for the last two or three years, neither knowing the whereabouts of the other until a short time ago.

Mr. Agnes immediately left for Raleigh, where the mother and child had gone. He secured a writ of Habeas corpus from Chief Justice Clark and the case was heard Monday. By agreement of both parties it was decided to postpone the trial until Friday of next week. In the meantime the child will be held in charge by Mrs. Rogers, of Durham.

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