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**ATTENTION CONFEDERATE VETERANS.**

Senator Pritchard has put through congress a bill pensioning the men who deserted you in the hour of danger, and went over and joined the enemy. He places a premium on dishonor. He is the Rewarder of Iniquity! Do you like him?

**THE COMMISSIONERS MAKE ANSWER.**

A Reply to the Statement Read to the Board by Mr. Yarborough, on the First Monday in September and Published in the Record.

W. H. YARBOROUGH, JR., Esq.

As a pretext for your virulent attack of September 1st on us, you say you have been assailed in the columns of a newspaper edited by the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. We fail to discover, in the fact that a newspaper criticizes your political inconsistency, any warrant for your conduct in making us the object of your onslaught. In your communication you take advantage of your relation to this Board as its confidential adviser, to air your newly acquired political opinions, and to distribute a very adroit and misleading campaign document. Your conduct lacked even the saving grace of courage to strike from the open; for you discharged your poisoned arrows from the cover of your official position as Attorney for the county.

You have much to say in an indefinite way, about our "enriching spoilsman;" but you are most careful not to enumerate wherein this very reprehensible conduct consists. Your letter is disingenuous, and your sudden appearance in the role of the "watch dog of the Treasury," so inconsistent with your former record, as to be little short of ludicrous.

It is easy to stand off at safe distance and charge extravagance and official misconduct; but when one remembers your relation to this Board during all the period in which you say this extravagance and misconduct existed, it raises the very natural inquiry of why you waited until you became a political turncoat to find it out.

You were the Attorney for the county, paid out of the county's Treasury to protect the county's interests. If, as you so sweepingly charge, we were wasting the county's money allowing exorbitant accounts and paying illegal fees, you were criminally derelict in your duty not to have advised us of it. None of us are lawyers. Had we been, we might have dispensed with your services. If we ignorantly paid improper accounts and illegal fees, while you sat by as the county's Attorney and knowingly permitted it without protest, there will not be much trouble in the public mind in placing the blame where it belongs.

Out of the vague insinuations of official misconduct made by you against us, we are able to eliminate but two special charges, viz:

(A) That we have allowed improper accounts and illegal fees in the matter of paying for the preparation of the abstract of the county's taxables for the Sheriff and for the State Auditor's use.

(B) That we have been paying an exorbitant price for the board of the prisoners in jail.

(A) Let us examine these charges in the order indicated: Have we paid too much for the work of preparing the abstract of the county's taxables which is required by law to be sent to the State Auditor? If we have, upon what advice and authority was the same paid? Without stopping to discuss whether we have paid too much or too little for that work, let us pass directly to the reason why we paid it. It must be granted that if we sought our Attorney's advice upon the subject, and then followed it, we are blameless, unless we ourselves knew better than did our Attorney. We answer your charge of official misconduct and extravagance in this respect by inserting herein the following affidavits:

NORTH CAROLINA,  
 Franklin County.

John R. Weatherby being duly sworn says: That he was on the Board of Commissioners for Franklin County during the years 1899 and 1900, that during the time that he was on said Board the question arose as to the compensation which was proper to be made to the Register of Deeds for preparing the abstract of the county's taxables for the use of the Auditor of the State. That at that time Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Jr., was the county Attorney, that upon suggestion of some member of the Board the opinion of said county Attorney was asked in respect of said matter. That upon being called on to state what sum was provided by law to be paid to the Register of Deeds for said work the said Attorney replied that the commissioners should pay such amount as in their judgement was fair pay for the work. That the amount for which the Register of Deeds had presented his accounts was then stated to Mr. Yarborough, and he replied that the same was not excessive nor in his opinion more than should be paid. That the amount for which the account was

presented at that year as your affidavit is informed and believes is exactly the same that it has been for the past three years.

J. R. WEATHERBY.  
 Sworn and subscribed before me this 19th day of September, 1902.  
 W. E. TUCKER, J. P.

NORTH CAROLINA,  
 Franklin County.

W. T. Wilder being duly sworn says: That he was on the Board of Commissioners for Franklin County with Mr. Weatherby in the years 1899 and 1900. That during the time he was on said Board the question arose as to the compensation which was proper to be paid to the Register of Deeds for preparing the abstract of the county's taxables for the use of the Auditor of the State. That at that time Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Jr., was the county Attorney, that upon suggestion of some member of the Board the opinion of said county Attorney was sought in respect of said matter. That upon being called on to state what sum was provided by law to be paid to the Register of Deeds for said work, the said Attorney replied that the commissioners should pay such amount as in their judgement was fair compensation for the work. That the amount for which the Register of Deeds presented his account was then stated to Mr. Yarborough, and he replied that the same was not exorbitant nor, in his opinion, more than should be paid. That the amount for which the account was presented at that year, as your affidavit is informed and believes, is exactly the same that it has been for the past three years.

W. T. WILDER.  
 Sworn and subscribed before me this 20th day of September, 1902.  
 GEO. S. BAKER, J. P.

NORTH CAROLINA,  
 Franklin County.

C. K. Cooke being duly sworn, says: That he is now and has been for several years past acting clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the county of Franklin. That two or three years ago, the question arose before the Board as to what sum of money should be paid to the Register of Deeds for preparing the abstract of taxes and for writing up the stub-books for the Sheriff. That thereupon the opinion of the county Attorney, Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Jr., was sought. That when Mr. Yarborough came into the room where the Board was sitting, he was told for what purpose he had been asked to come. Your affidavit advised that during the fusion administration of county affairs a similar question had arisen, and the opinion of the then county attorney was sought upon the same subject. Your affidavit says further that the attorney to the Board at that time advised the Board that it should pay to the Register of Deeds for said work what was right and fair; and upon being advised of the amount which the Register of Deeds had presented his account for, stated that the same was not exorbitant, and should be paid. That your affidavit told Mr. Yarborough when he came in that his opinion was desired upon the question as to the remuneration proper to be made to the Register of Deeds for the work designated, and then told him what his predecessor had advised the Board when the fusionists were in; and Mr. Yarborough replied that he coincided with such advice, and advised the Board that they pay such sum as they thought was fair for said work, and further that the amount of the account presented was not exorbitant nor more than a fair compensation for the labor performed. Your affidavit further says that when Mr. Yarborough, upon the first Monday in September, was read to the Board his communication published in a recent issue of the Record, your affidavit endeavored to interrupt him and asked him the question if he had not advised the Board as above set out; but was not permitted by Mr. Yarborough to ask such question, and was cut out with the declaration from Mr. Yarborough that he was not addressing himself to your affidavit.

C. K. COOKE.  
 Sworn and subscribed before me this 20th day of September, 1902.  
 GEO. S. BAKER, J. P.

Here then, the request for advice came straight to you. Why did you not tell us then, before the county's money was paid out, and before the light of a new political faith shone in upon you, that we had no right to pay what we did. We ALWAYS followed your advice, and we would have done so then, ay, we DID do so then.

Before passing to the second specific charge, there is one other matter we want to call your attention to. Referring to the minutes of our former meetings, we find one instance in which it is possibly true that we allowed an improper account, and of that error you were the beneficiary. We paid you fees, as was right, for the services you rendered the Board outside the usual routine duties. And yet when your account came in for the year's service as adviser, it was made out and presented for one-half as much again as your contract with the Board called for. When we questioned you as to the legality of this overcharge, you advised us it was for committee work, and that we had the right to pay it, which we did. Was this an improper account? It is barely possible we might be asked the question that, if you were to be paid extra for every service rendered the Board, for what was the annual salary paid?

(B) As to your charge that we are paying too much for the board of the convict force, we have only this to say: Whether or not it has been too much, must be determined by the fact as to whether or not we can get it done for less. It is a misleading statement to say we pay \$9 per month for board. This is but one-half the truth, and frequently half truths is more misleading than complete falsehood. The \$9 per month heretofore allowed for each prisoner is the total compensation the jailer gets for every service he renders

to that prisoner. For that sum he must (Section 3464 of the code) "every day clean the room of the prison in which any prisoner shall be confined, and cause all filth to be removed therefrom, and shall also furnish the prisoner a plenty of good and wholesome water three times in every day, and shall find each prisoner fuel, one pound of wholesome bread, one pound of good roasted or boiled flesh, and every necessary attendance." It will be seen that \$9 per month includes compensation for EVERYTHING, and the omission of any one of the things required to be furnished and done, makes the jailer liable to treble damages, and also to criminal prosecution.

For this sum the jailer must provide food, fuel, water, service and attention of every sort. The character of service required, and the environment under which it is rendered, is peculiarly repulsive. Sometimes there are a dozen prisoners in the jail, and sometimes there are, as at present, but two. For the service, water, fuel, attention, and personal supervision for two, there is exactly the same expense as for twelve. The only difference in expense between twelve prisoners and two prisoners is the cost of raw food ten men would require. While there may be some profit in it to the jailer with 12 prisoners to feed, there is most assuredly a loss in it when he has but the two.

Be that as it may, the Board desires to administer the county's finances economically and honestly. If you will cause an offer to be made to us in GOOD FAITH by any RESPONSIBLE person, to provide the items required by sections 3464 and 3746 of the code, for the period of one full year, as by law required, at a less price than \$9 per month per prisoner, the offer will either be accepted or the present incumbent required to accept the lesser sum.

In respect of that part of your communication in which you call our attention to the law governing the several county officers, we have only this comment to make: It smacks of impudence for you to attempt to read us a moral lecture upon our duties when, as you are well aware, our very self-respect required us to ask you to sever your relation to the Board.

Apparently, accepting what you say to be true, during a long incumbency you gave us much advice which was bad, and withheld from us much that was good, for which you received pay; and it is, to put it as mildly as possible, in shocking disregard of good taste for you, just as you are leaving the room, and closing the door behind you, to read us a lecture upon our sins committed, if at all, under your advice, and omitted, if at all, with your approval.

T. S. COLLIER, } Committee for  
 J. C. WINSTON, } Commissioners.

If the newspaper reports are correct Locke Craig is giving Senator Pritchard all he wants in the joint discussions which they are having at various places in the State.

As will be seen by the call elsewhere in the TIMES, the Democratic Executive Committee is called by the Chairman to meet in Louisburg next Monday. The purpose of this meeting is for calling a convention to nominate a Democratic candidate to fill the vacancy on the ticket, caused by the death of W. K. A. Williams. A full meeting of the Committee is desired.

**WATCH YOUR PRETENDED FRIENDS.**

The Chatham Record says that all the old leaders of the Populist party seem to have abandoned both their party and its principles. They used that party for the promotion of their own personal advancement, while professing to be such dear friends of the people. Having gotten all they could out of it they threw it aside like a squeezed lemon and have no further use for it.

For instance, the first chairman of their State executive committee, Marion Butler, is now the attorney of a syndicate of capitalists and is reported to be almost a millionaire. His voice is no longer heard pleading for the relief of the "dear people." His successor, as the next chairman of the Populist State executive committee, was Hal Ayer, a name no doubt well remembered by all our readers. His voice, too, is no longer heard in behalf of the oppressed masses, for strange to say that delectable youth is now a Wall Street broker in New York!

This list might be extended to great length, for with scarcely an exception every former Populist leader who has obtained "relief" for himself has made no further effort for the relief of the people.

**60 Days Special Bargains**

at J. P. Winston's. 100 Suits Clothing less than cost, I have 100 frock coats and vests at just 4 cost to make, 2,000 pairs Mens' and Women's Shoe at and below cost, women shoes Nov. 3, 2 1/2 and 4 at a bargain, don't miss calling for these numbers if you want a cheap fine shoe, Calico best prints, 4 and 4 1/2 cents a yard, Blouses, Coats, Corsets, Dress Goods. I mean business, to close everything out before Xmas. I have all kinds Patent Medicines such as Ramona's relief, Graves' tasteless chill tonic and a thousand other things too numerous to mention. 63 dollars worth needles just one-half price. Woolen underwear. Come to J. P. Winston.

To those who are interested in the Main Street Baptist Church, I would like to say that we are now preparing to plaster Rev. Debel, our former pastor, has returned to his work in Plymouth. Rev. P. T. Hall of Raleigh, has charge of the church and will preach every first Sunday, twice during the day, and every second Sunday night. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

The church is getting on very well. We most heartily thank the many friends for what they have done for us in the past. And we trust that you will continue to give us your sincere prayers.

A. T. Neal.  
 P. S.—Our grand rally will take place the first Sunday, the 1st of October, 1902, of which due notice will be given.

**E. W. King**

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

**SPECIALS.**  
 New lot Oakes and Crawlers at L. P. Hink's.  
 New lot Hines Sweet Pickle at L. P. Hink's.  
 King's pure hog sausage, always fresh at J. W. King's.  
 Olives in bottle at J. W. King's.  
 Onion Pickle at J. W. King's to a bottle.  
 Just received 100 barrels sweet King's hair patent flour, price to suit you, and Family patent flour, liberty mill, also soft, new and one shelled on hand at J. W. King's.  
 Mason's fresh crackers, 25-cent ginger snaps, suet biscuits at J. W. King's.  
 Call on me or if you want of anything in salt, premium and free delivery, J. W. King.  
 Genuine "Hot country" home made Young's granulated sugar, keep anything made by it, by J. W. King.  
 Armour's Pork and Beans  
 Armour's Canned Ham  
 Armour's Canned Corn  
 Armour's Canned Beef  
 Armour's Canned Mince  
 Armour's Beef Steak and Onions  
 at J. W. King's.

**A CARD.**

I have been informed that I was nominated for Treasurer by the convention held in Louisburg last week by James I. Moore. I decline to permit my name to be used. I shall support the ticket nominated by the Citizens Mass Meeting, and I am not in sympathy with the movement headed by Mr. Moore.

Respectfully,  
 T. J. JACKSON.  
 Sept. 25th, 1902.

New Camp Room, plenty good Stalls. Highest prices paid on all grades of tobacco. Meadows & Harris, Riverside Brick Warehouse.

W. P. Neal & Co. have just received a lot of Sample Shoes which they are selling at New York cost.

Fruits, Jars and extra Rubbers, at Allen Bros. Co.

The Rubicon Crossed—Meadows & Harris the broom and leading. Riverside Brick Warehouse.

Everybody call at Jno. W. King's and see the different presents he is giving away just for selling you one package of the very best Baking Powder.

FOR SALE  
 One pair of fine males, 7 years old. Three good horses.  
 I have also four good one and two horse farms for rent or sale.  
 D. T. HOLLINGSWORTH,  
 Allen N. C.

**WOOD YARD.**

I have opened a wood yard in Louisburg and will deliver at your door wood cut any length in any quantity from 25 cents worth up. Will also saw wood in your yard at 50 cents a cord. Give me a call.  
 J. S. LANCASTER.

**NOTICE I**

Save your nickles and dime and get the great best bargain ever offered. We, the undersigned will on October 3rd open in the town of Louisburg, and run for 3 months only, a first-class, up-to-date Five and Ten Cent Store giving the good people of Louisburg and Franklin county an opportunity of getting the biggest values ever offered for the money. Think of it, a house full of goods and nothing over ten cents. Remember our opening day Friday morning October 3rd at eight o'clock in Backley's old stand next door to Egerton's White front.

Yours to serve,  
 B. H. TURNER & Co.  
 J. A. TURNER, Manager.

**NEW FEATURES.**

To meet the growing needs of this community, new features have recently been added, and is now conducted under three distinct heads, namely:  
 The Commercial Department.  
 The Savings Department.  
 The Safe-Deposit Department.  
 Separate systems of accounts are kept, so that deposits in one department do not interfere with a view to business.  
 CITIZENS BANK, MENDENHALL, N. C.  
 Wm. A. Hunt, Cashier.  
 A. B. Owens, President.

**NOTICE**

Having qualified as administrator of Anne Perry, all persons owing her estate are notified to make payment on or before the 15th day of September, 1902, or the estate will be sold to pay the debts of said estate. All claims against said estate must be presented on or before the 15th day of September, 1902, or the same will be barred in law of their recovery. Sept. 15th, 1902.

**NOTICE**

Having qualified as executor upon the estate of the late Charles Perry, and all persons owing to said estate are notified to make payment on or before the 15th day of September, 1902, or the estate will be sold to pay the debts of said estate. All claims against said estate must be presented on or before the 15th day of September, 1902, or the same will be barred in law of their recovery. This September, 1902.

**NOTICE**

The School Committee of Cedar Rock township will meet at Cedar Rock Academy on Saturday, October 18, 1902, at 9 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing teachers to teach in the Public Schools of said township for next term. Those who wish to apply for schools in said township will please file their applications and certificates with the undersigned on or before said date.  
 JOSEPH T. INGRAM, Sec'y.

**NEW GOODS!**  
**New Goods!**

**Allen Brothers COMPANY.**

Our buyers have just returned from the Northern Markets where they bought the largest and most varied stock of goods in all lines ever before brought to Louisburg. We simply ask you to come and examine our stock before making your purchases for winter goods, and we will assure you we will do all in our power to sell you anything you want at the very lowest prices for the very best goods. We have just fitted up a new store for Clothing and

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and we can offer you as clean a line of Clothing as can be bought, All New Goods. From the smallest boy's suit to the largest man in the county. Nice line men's and boys' Overcoats. All kinds

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Hats, Caps, Groceries and Hardware, Tennessee, one and two horse Wagons, Hackney, Barbour, Rock Hill and Hill City buggies in car lots for cash or on good easy terms. When you come to town it will be to your interest to call and examine our stock. We will always take pleasure in showing you and making prices whether you buy or not. Thanking you for past favors, we are,

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