

THE EDITOR HAS POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS.

The Philosopher of Sniker's Alley is Defeated for Township Constable.

(From The Sniker's Alley Bumble Bee, of Tyrrell Co., N. C.)

By the way of explanation, we wish to say, that we failed to appear last week on purpose. There was no news, positively not a bit.

...the only thing that did happen in the whole of Sniker's Alley. The only thing that did happen, was the death of Sim Solomon's yearling calf. No reasonable minded person would expect us to get out an edition just to publish that.

No, indeed, we are out for news, and when news comes along, we snap it up just like a duck does a June bug.

We will say however, that Sim's yearling calf got choked on a potato. It was very careless on the part of Sim to leave the potato laying around, to say the least. We are sorry for the calf, but we haven't got any sympathy for Sim Solomon. No, sirree, not a bit of sympathy for Sim; for he beat us "all holler, running for Constable in Sniker's Alley Township two years ago."

There are several other persons in Sniker's Alley that we haven't got any use for either. Our readers all know well who we mean, so there is no need of our mentioning names. We don't conceal anything. When we don't like a man, we don't like him, and we don't want him hanging around reading our exchanges for nothing, either.

A hint to the wise is sufficient. We will say, nevertheless, we will say that those we don't like are all candidates, for some office for which they got elected; and we didn't.

The way of the politician is hard. 'Tis better to have never been born at all, than to have been borned with political aspirations."

But gentlemen, we can't help it. We are a natural born politician. We have always had a bankering office, from our earliest recollections, and when quite a youngster showed symptoms of being a very astute politician.

But some how, we haven't got there yet.

Why, we expected to be governor of the State by this time, and Sim Solomon beat us for township constable.

We were sure that his year would be propitious for our political ventures. That things would take a turn so to speak. We started out running for Township Tax Assessor. We thought we had a cinch on that, a dead sure easy thing, for we had the Commissioners on our side, but one of our populistically democratic office-holding, pusselguttered friends knocked our political schemes all to smash.

Let him run for office again, and the Bumble Bee is against him. See if it isn't?

The next thing that loomed up in the political horizon of Sniker's Alley, was either a School Commissioner's place or the office of Examiner of Schools. We selected the biggest office, (it paid fifty dollars,) and by gum, missed them both. We haven't been able to see why we missed them, yet, but they say that a friend "slicked" us. That's alright, we will be on to him next time, see if we don't.

But we are running for office, just the same. We were never in firer trim to run the political race successfully in our life.

We are "on to" a. the tricks, slicks, dodges, ducks, &c., known to the political catalog.

With our experience we offer ourself, to launch any political ragtail boom that may be patched up, if it has the least sign of a chance of success.

In regard to the row that we described looming up on the horizon of Sniker's Alley, we will say that nothing has happened yet worthy of publication in the columns of the Bumble Bee. But we have got our eyes open, or better, the eyes of our wife; for she has been detailed to watch his progress and report to this office.

We assure our readers that we shall have an account of it at first hand, even if we have to run a special edition on Sunday.

Dr. C. W. Littlefield, of Alexandria, Ind., now comes to the front and says that he has created life atoms or animated germs through a solution of common salt, pure water, alcohol and ammonia.

The new battleship, the Edward VII, the largest in the world, was successfully launched by the Princess of Wales at Devonport last week. The vessel cost \$7,500,000. She is of 16,350 tons displacement, and is 425 feet long, has 78 feet beam, has a draught of 26 and 3-4 feet and has 18,000 indicated horse power.

MAKING PROGRESS.

FACTS THAT PROVE NORTH CAROLINA'S RAPID GROWTH.

A Comparison With Other States Results in Gratifying Conditions.

In 1890 North Carolina ranked twenty-third in gross value of agricultural products; in 1900 she was twentieth.

In 1890 according to the figures given in the recently issued "Abstract of the Twelfth Census," North Carolina ranked sixteen among the States in population; in 1900 she was fifteen.

In 1890 North Carolina ranked thirty-first in gross value of agricultural products; in 1900 she was twenty-eighth.

In other words, during the decade we forged forward one notch in population, three notches in agriculture, and three in manufactures.

No other Southern State has made such a record. Texas was the only other cotton state which made progress in each of the three divisions, and it moved up only one notch in each—a total of three notches to our seven.

Of the states around us Virginia fell back two places in population, advanced three in agriculture and one in manufactures.

Tennessee fell back one point in population, two in manufactures, and advanced three in agriculture.

South Carolina fell back one notch in population, two in agriculture, and advanced four in manufactures.

Georgia fell back five points in agriculture, one in manufacturing, and advanced one in population.

Of Southern States not contiguous, Alabama and Arkansas ranked lower in population, agriculture, and manufactures in 1900 than in 1890; Florida held its own in population and declined in agriculture and manufacturing; Louisiana advanced in population and manufactures and declined agriculturally; Mississippi ranked lower in agriculture and manufactures, and higher in population.

But hold! since the foregoing paragraphs were written I have taken the trouble to compare North Carolina's record with those of the Northern and Western States, and with even more gratifying results.

It appears that if we are to accept the criterion of progress with which we started out—that of gain in rank among the states in population, gross value of agricultural products—that North Carolina is not only the most progressive state, but he most progressive old state, North or South.

Let us, see in the decade from 1890 to 1900, as we have said, North Carolina went from sixteenth to fifteenth in population, twenty-third to twentieth in growth, value of agricultural products and thirty-first to twenty-eighth in gross value of manufactured products. In other words, she gained one point in population and three each in agriculture and manufactures—a net gain of seven points in rank among the states. Virginia lost two points in population, but gained three points in agriculture and one in manufacturing; so her net gain was three points.

Taking this method of comparison I have gone over the census reports to get a rating in progressiveness for each Commonwealth and have been as much pleased as astonished to find that North Carolina's net gain of seven points in rank was equalled by no old State, North, South or West, and by but one new State, Montana, and by a net gain of 11 points, and that wonderful new territory Oklahoma with a net gain of 32 points.

If as somebody has said: "the one great question is not where are we standing, but in what direction are we going," then there is no reason to be discouraged about North Carolina's condition. Poor, and slow, and ignorant, we have been heretofore; but if we only keep up the pace we have set, 1950 will find the Old North State well in the lead.

The end is a long way off, but we have struck the right pace at last.—Clarence H. Poe, (Editor of Progressive Farmer), in Charlotte Observer.

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