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The excuse given for donating to a campaign fund a large sum of the money of policy holders held in trust that the success of the opposite party might work disastrously to the interests of the company (the New York Life) opens up a question of no mean importance. It has to do with the debauch of the ballot box. Has a man a right morally to buy voters in order to make money as he may buy cattle to make money. That is the contention of the management of the company in question. The large donation, near \$50,000, shows it was not intended to be used for paying the travelling expenses of speakers, campaign literature and other legitimate doings of an honest campaign. No, it was intended for the added corrupting and destructive work of buying voters. The toleration of such uses of money in politics is equivalent to turning the government over to the rich people of the country. We see the effects of it probably in the large number of very rich, not great, men in the United States Senate. Of course a natural consequence of the practice is large immunities and special privileges to the large campaign contributors by the party which is their beneficiary and in charge of the administration at Washington. There will come a day of reckoning by and by when the people are fully aroused.

Twenty years ago a Robesonian, who had gone to Texas several years before, got homesick. He resolved to come home. All his possessions he could convert into money was a Texas pony. He resolved to sell him and come homeward as far as the proceeds of the sale would bring him. When his money gave out he stopped and picked cotton twice and made money in order to reach old Robeson at last. He landed with nothing. Without delay he began farming and is a farmer yet. He has made all his money by farming and is worth about seventy-five thousand dollars. This fact shows several things. It proves the value of our lands and the profit that is possible in farming in our county. Let this story be pondered while reading or hearing of the great sums of money that are made now and then in the South and West. We have the soil, the climate, the water, the equable seasons, the educational advantages and social attractions that are peculiarly fitted to draw the best people to our borders and keep our boys at home.

Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, is unquestionably a great force in his State. At no time has a man appeared in politics in any State in the history of our country who could control a commonwealth so fully against such odds. He is now on the stump against the preachers, prohibitionists, anti-dispensary men, whiskey men and blind tigers, in the great dispensary campaign and it is said the prospects point to victory for him. Great crowds come out to hear him from the rural districts. The masses appear to be his followers still. He is an exceptionally captivating stumper with the populace. There is no man his equal in his State in the work of capturing and leading the plain folk. He knows their vernacular and how to select anecdotes and illustrations that are fascinating to their taste. With the light before us we feel fearful of the results if there should be an overthrow of the dispensary. What are the people ready to substitute for it that would restrict the evils of strong drink any better, is the question.

The oath of Vice-President Perkins, of the New York life insurance company, that his company contributed about \$50,000.00 to the campaign fund to elect President Roosevelt was startling to the country and has aroused intense indignation in all quarters and will probably prove to be an epoch maker in our history. The excuse assigned for it was fears that the success of the Demo-

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Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mrs. Annie Belle Smith and Master Douglas expect to go down to Perry, Fla., this week to spend a month.

Mr. Tom Hubbard, of Clinton, N. C., is the new salesman at Mr. Neill Shaw's store.

Rev. J. A. Caligan was called home from Hot Springs, Ark., unexpectedly by the sickness of his children. We are glad to hear his children are better. He conducted communion services at Lumber Bridge last Sunday.

We urged the sale of cotton last year from the gin. This year we urged the farmers to hold it.

Miss Mittie Cobb has returned from Baltimore and her stock of new millinery makes her store a popular resort.

The Townsend Hotel at Red Springs has been purchased by Mr. J. M. Goddard, of Fayetteville, who is now installed and pleasing the public with his service.

A called meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery is to be held 28th of September at Cameron to receive under its care J. C. Rowan and others as candidates for the ministry.

Miss Ellen Love has reached home much improved.

Mr. J. A. McGeachy and bride, of Wilmington, spent a night with his uncle, Mr. A. L. Shaw, the past week and was the recipient of many-fold congratulations.

Mr. S. H. Kefauver has returned home from an extended visit to Virginia, Washington City and elsewhere.

Rev. R. D. Cross closed his interesting series of meetings here Tuesday night. He was assisted very acceptably by Rev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton. The church was revived perceptibly and there were six accessions to the church.

Miss Julia McEachern went up to Kenly last Wednesday to resume her school work there.

A Warning.

A public dinner was given to General Harrison, former President of the United States. At the close of the dinner, one of the gentlemen drank his health. The General pledged his toast by drinking water. Another gentleman offered a toast, and said, "General, will you not favor me by drinking a glass of wine?" The General, in a gentlemanly way, begged to be excused. He was again urged to join in a glass of wine. This was too much. He rose from his seat, and said, in a most dignified manner, "Gentlemen, I have twice refused to partake of the winecup. I hope that will be sufficient. Though you press me ever so much, not a drop shall pass my lips. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink. That vow I have never broken. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated at college together. The other sixteen members of my class now fill drunkards' graves, and all from the pernicious habit of wine drinking."—N. C. Baptist.

There were no services conducted in the Presbyterian church Sunday on account of Rev. A. E. Baker having an appointment at Duke.

Mrs. Gregory Lennon and daughter, Miss Bertha Lennon, of Bellamy, spent Saturday night here visiting the family of Mr. Joe. S. Thompson, Jr.

Prof. P. S. Vann and Mr. Curtis, a student of Robeson Institute, went to Saddle Tree Sunday, where Mr. Vann filled Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth's regular appointment.

A ten dollar bill was lost on Front street between the postoffice and L. H. Caldwell's store Saturday. A suitable reward is offered the finder for bringing same to the Robesonian office.

Cotton 25 Cents Per Pound.

Mr. George Howell, of the cotton firm of Van (Landingham & Howell), has returned to the city after spending several days in South Carolina. He stated to an Observer reporter yesterday that the crops between Charlotte and Columbia, S. C., were the worst that he had seen in years. I have in mind," said Mr. Howell, "one large and prosperous farm which, in the past has made from one to one and a-half bales to the acre.— This year ten acres will barely produce one bale of cotton. This is true, in a measure, of many other sections of that State. There can be no question," said he, "but that the crop is much shorter than usual, the acreage has been reduced, and by proper manipulation I believe the farmers can get, not 12 cents, but 25 cents per pound for their cotton."

"It is very generally known," declared Mr. Howell, "that many of the mills have already disposed of their output for some time to come. This being the case, certainly it is to their advantage to secure the cotton as reasonably as possible. If they can secure it at 10 cents, that means as much more for them. If they can run the market down to 9.80, so much better for them."

"I believe," reiterated Mr. Howell, "that if the farmers will hold together, if they will market their crop judiciously, if the Southern Cotton Growers' Association will work in the interest of the farmers, both large and small, then any price may be demanded and secured for this season's crop. I am a bull," declared Mr. Howell, "and one of no uncertain frame of mind."

Mr. Howell's ideas are shared by other well posted cotton merchants who have been watching the crop conditions for the past several months.—Charlotte Observer.

Governor Returns.

A special of Thursday, from Waterville, Maine, to the Raleigh Observer speaks very highly of Governor Glenn, in the following manner:

Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, spoke at St. Johnsbury yesterday, and at Waterville today. He will start for his home at Raleigh, N. C., tonight. He was given an earnest and cordial reception by the people of this city, and his utterances were heeded as the words of a wise man from the South. He stirred his audience to a high state of patriotic enthusiasm, and when he would leave his facts and figures, picturing the new industrial activities of his State and the South, and relate anecdotes, exhibiting his great store of humor and human nature, the crowd would be almost transported.

Governor Glenn's tour of New England in behalf of a better understanding and more friendly commercial relations between the South and New England, is of almost historic importance. Time and again he has changed the sentiment of the people at the places he has visited and everywhere the people were eager to hear him. Today he is the most popular Southerner known to New England, and he has been literally bombarded with invitations to deliver addresses at cities not included in his itinerary. As Governor of North Carolina and President of the Southern Industrial Parliament, he is regarded as the spokesman for the South, and his message to this section has been universally applauded.

The town of Maxton is to have a new cotton factory.

Bring in White Laborers.

The Batters Lumber Company, located at Boardman, have decided to bring in white help for their lumber business and also to work on a railroad being built into the timber belt. Yesterday twenty-seven laborers were brought in from New York and it is understood that 50 more will arrive next week. They came in on the 9 o'clock train from the North and are at the Bonitz hotel.

The laborers are foreigners and came from all parts of Europe. Of the 27, there was not one who could not write his name. The men will go to Boardman today.

This is rather a new move on the part of the saw-mills. Heretofore negro labor has been depended on almost entirely, but such will no longer be the case. The mill men have learned that it is cheaper in the long run to employ white laborers. They will bring in more laborers as they are needed and it was understood yesterday that they might employ something like 150 white laborers. The men brought in receive \$1 per day and their board.

Unless negro labor improves thousands of white laborers will be brought South within the next few years. The negro has become less and less reliable and the limit has about been reached.

When the lumber mills cease to employ negro labor it will be a bad thing for the negro in the timber regions, for this is about the only thing they can do. White laborers do not relish the idea of working alongside of negroes and when white help is brought in it means that negroes need not hope to be employed longer. It was learned about a year ago that some of the large lumber mills in the eastern part of North Carolina were thinking of abandoning negro labor, but this is the first step towards supplying his place with white men.—Wil. Messenger.

Small Wreck at Fayetteville.

The Atlantic and Yadkin is an unlucky train, not by reason of meeting with accidents, for it is a rare thing for the train to meet with a serious mishap, but it is nearly always late. The occasion for the train being late as a usual thing, is due to the main line train of the Southern at Greensboro. The Southern's trains from the south are late nearly every day and the Atlantic and Yadkin train cannot leave Greensboro until these trains arrive.

Last night this train was extremely late, being due to arrive at 8 p. m. and did not reach here until this morning about 4 o'clock. This delay was caused by a wreck which occurred late yesterday afternoon at Fayetteville, but had the train been on time it would have passed Fayetteville ere the wreck occurred. The Atlantic and Yadkin train left Greensboro about two hours late.

The Fayetteville wreck was not on the Atlantic and Yadkin road, but on the main line and was only two heavy coal cars which left the rails and fell crosswise of the track. This track is used by the main line and Atlantic and Yadkin trains and consequently traffic was blocked for several hours. The wrecking train left Wilmington last night about 9 o'clock for Fayetteville. The derailed cars were very heavy, and the position in which they were lying made it very difficult to get them upon the track. No one was hurt when the accident occurred.—Wilmington Messenger, 22nd.

Rev. W. S. Ballard is said to have shot and killed the biggest buck ever seen in these parts a few days ago. It weighed about 300 pounds.—Clarkton Express.

Ashpole News Letter.

Mr. J. D. Nutt left Tuesday for Laurinburg looking after Knights of Pithias Lodges.

A well attended meeting was held in the Baptist church Tuesday night looking to the building of the new school house.

Miss Edmundson's music class numbers about 20 and the scholars are much pleased with their new teacher.

Miss Lizzie Taylor, of Chase City, Va., who is teaching music at Bladenboro spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Thompson.

Messrs. W. B. Brice and son, expect to build a large sales stable soon. They are now selling buggies as well as stock.

Miss Kate Saunders a former most popular milliner here, spent a few days with Mrs. Stephens last week to the delight of her many friends.

A new road which will be much appreciated by all was surveyed by D. C. McMillan last week. Leaving the Marion road at the Millsaps place belonging to the McLeod estate, the road comes straight across the Old Field swamp and enters town in front of the depot. This will cross the Stephens farm and we understand they expect to divide it into building lots which will be a most desirable addition to the town. A. L. Jones also owns property near the new street as well as H. G. Byrd and others.

Don't Throw Away Your Insurance!

Don't sacrifice your life insurance, the payment of which, when due according to contract, is as certain as the redemption of United States bonds, because you hear that there has been extravagance and dishonesty in the management of this or that life insurance company!

No matter what may have occurred in the Equitable; no matter what may have occurred in any other of the great insurance companies, their policies are as sound as the United States Treasury for every dollar they promise to pay, and the person who surrenders a policy, receiving its cash surrender value, is only injuring himself and his family.

"But," the excited policy-holder may say, "I can insure elsewhere." If you are in good health you can, but even if in good health you cannot insure on as favorable terms as you insured in the first place, provided you go into one of the great companies, which, as we have said, are absolutely secure. If you give up your policy in the Equitable or any other leading company, and insure again in a company equally sound, you will have to pay higher rates all your life, on account of your increased age. Leave well enough alone!

The great companies have such immense surpluses that if they closed up today, and did not write another dollar of insurance, they could pay up every policy in full when due, and then have millions of dollars left over. It is practically impossible for any of the great companies to fail.

We repeat to our readers who hold insurance policies in the Equitable and other companies of its rank—don't surrender your policies; keep up your premiums, and thereby protect your families, whom your policy will help and safeguard when you are no longer here to provide for them!

The Daily News holds no retainer from any of the insurance companies, but its editor took out a \$5,000 life policy—paid up in twenty years—in the Equitable Life, fourteen years ago, and he advises his readers as he acts himself. Hold on, pay your premiums, make inquiry, do all you can to promote and compel publicity, but don't get soared into sacrifice of your own interests.—From New York Daily News, Aug 6, 1905.

Mrs. L. E. Barus, of Maxton, is in the city the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John S. Blake at No. 704 North College street. Mrs. Barus comes to enter her daughter, Miss Jessie in Elizabeth College. Miss Barus won the scholarship at the Maxton graded school last year.—Charlotte News.

Postmaster Indicted.

Mr. J. Gilchrist McCormick spent Saturday at Maxton, representing Mr. W. R. McNeill in his case before U. S. Commissioner, B. F. McLean. Mr. McNeill, postmaster at Buis, was tried before Attorney McLean Saturday. The charge being embezzling money in the form of a check passing through his hands. The plaintiff Geo. F. Spalding, a Croatan, failed to show any evidence of Mr. McNeill's intention to embezzle.

The court bound him over to the next term of the Federal Court at Wilmington under a \$300 bond, not for the offence charged in the warrant, but for holding the letter addressed to Spalding after the rural free delivery carrier had gone out on the route on which Spalding lived, notwithstanding the fact that this letter had no rural free delivery address.

It seemed that Spalding had tried to work a pretty little scheme for the purpose of making it appear that Mr. McNeill was tampering with the mails, and then, before bringing it before the courts, try to get McNeill to compromise the case by surrendering to him certain mortgages and a debt which the latter held against the plaintiff. McNeill will not, it is thought, be found guilty.

The Fair at Fayetteville.

The Red Springs Citizen contains the following in reference to the Fayetteville fair:

No event affords the people of Robeson, Harnett and Cumberland counties more genuine pleasure than the annual fairs held at Fayetteville. They bring together friends who perhaps would never meet otherwise, and these occasions are looked forward to with delight. The date for this year's gathering has been set for October 25, 26 and 27. The program has been set forth, and is better than ever, presenting many novel and interesting features—none of them objectionable.

We bespeak for the Fayetteville Fair a large attendance from this section, coming as it does at a time when the farmers have laid aside their work, and need such rest and recreation as this occasion affords.

Has the Moon Also a Solstice--That is to Say, a Lunastice?

The Wilmington Messenger, says:

No doubt many persons have noticed that for several nights this week the moon rose at about the same time each night instead of nearly an hour later, as is the usual way of rising with the moon. This is the harvest moon—the one which falls nearest to the autumnal equinox—and because of its peculiar position in reference to the sun and the earth it apparently stands still for several days in its eastward course in its orbit.

Mr. Abner Nash spent Saturday in Maxton.

Mr. Sam Dunie, of Ashpole, spent Sunday here.

Mr. Q. T. Williams, continues unimproved as yet, we are sorry to report.

Miss Mattie McLean, of Maxton, arrived Saturday for a visit to Mrs. A. W. McLean.

Mr. C. M. Fuller spent Thursday and Friday visiting his brother, Mr. H. B. Fuller, of Bennettsville.

Several of our young men are taking a course in telegraphy under Mr. S. H. Hamilton, telegraph operator for the Western Union here. He has an office fitted up and half a dozen instruments for the students.