

COMMENT

WHICH REMINDS US

The news item in a recent Robesonian about Mr. Willie McGill suddenly and without warning losing control of his tongue the other day and being unable to speak except stammering since then, reminds us of a story of Kipling's. This story was about a man who was something of an atheist and was so persistent in thrusting upon others upon all occasions his skeptical views that he was a clacking nuisance. Nobody could drop in his presence a chance remark seeming to give the Deity credit for something wonderful but the—we can't recall the appropriate name Kipling gave him—the nuisance would butt in with his views and attempt to explain that it was due to perfectly natural causes. One day during a thunder storm a knot of men were sitting around a table in a club room smoking and reading. This thunder storm followed a particularly trying hot spell that had left everybody on the ragged edge—it happened in India, where they have hot weather as is hot. When a particularly dazzling flash of lightning blinded everybody for a moment one of the men exclaimed quite naturally, somewhat awestruck, "God!" Then the atheist idiot spoke up and said "I assure you it is due to perfectly natural"—and then he broke off and the men in the room looked up to find the man fighting vainly for speech, which had been wiped away from his lips as completely as a mother wipes the lips of her baby. And though his speech paralysis was due, as he himself might have said under other circumstances, to perfectly natural causes, being struck dumb as he was in that dramatic way was rather calculated to strike awe into those sitting about, especially any who were inclined to be superstitious.

So, naturally, when we first heard of Mr. McGill's rather singular affliction this story occurred to us; but of course we do not mean to say that Mr. McGill has been blaspheming or impudently questioning the Almighty. And since the above was written we understand that he has entirely recovered from his speech impediment.

Governor Kitchin, at his steady job of criticising somebody and trying to make people believe that he himself is the only true man and Democrat, intimated in a speech in Charlotte one day last week that Senator Simmons has subsidized the newspapers of the State and is paying them large sums of money for space in their columns. Senator Simmons, in a statement issued a day or so thereafter, said that the charge was without foundation, that very little has been spent by him and his managers for publishing campaign matter in newspapers; that the further charge of Gov. Kitchin that he was getting money to run his campaign through the lumber interests was also untrue; and that he is a poorer man today than when he first went to the Senate, with the exception of a farm which went to him upon the death of his father. The Governor is mighty careless about the way he flings about mean insinuations that he cannot prove. Certain sections of the State are being flooded with copies of a certain paper that seems to have only one purpose, and that the defeat of Simmons, though it poses as the exponent of true and undefiled Democracy. It must cost the Governor something. We'd welcome, as an advocate of the renomination of Senator Simmons, a comparison of the campaign expenses of the three candidates for the Senate.

It is to be hoped that no candidate for office in Robeson county has his heart so set upon office that he will do like the register of deeds of Haywood county did the other day when he did not receive the support he expected—commit suicide. The man who is not good enough sport to lose with the same grace he would win with has no business entering the game.

Judge Walter Clark, one of the candidates for the United States Senate, has changed the manner of his campaign and began a speaking campaign in Greensboro the other night. He reviewed Senator Simmons' record in the Senate for the past 12 years and said he had done nothing for the farmer and the old soldier, and that the record of Governor Kitchin, 12 years in Congress and now nearly four years Governor, was even worse. The Governor, says the Judge, has not only failed to enforce the planks of the State Democratic platform regarding trusts, but he has "gone the limit" in pardoning convicts. Among the things Judge Clark favors are a "land-bank" institution similar to that established in Germany, which enables farmers to borrow money at a very low rate of interest; legislation that would destroy the trusts; payment of pensions by the Federal government to old soldiers, both North and South.

If South Carolina could cage Blease and exhibit him as a savage who is posing as a civilized man he would be worth more to the State than he is as Governor. He is strong with the "red necks and hill billies," though. The other night in Spartanburg a bunch of hoodlums broke up a meeting at which Mayor Grace of Charleston was trying to tell something about what a crook he knows Blease to be.

News Notes and Personals from Rex.

—correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rex, Aug. 7.—Mrs. W. F. Townsend and children returned to their home at St. Paul yesterday after spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Kate Ausley.

Miss Leon Beard spent Tuesday in Lumberton.

Mr. J. D. Maxwell and family have returned to their home in Florence, S. C., after spending a few days with relatives here.

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Cochran, assisted by Rev. A. W. Shaw of Jonesboro, closed a very successful meeting here on last Sunday night. The services both morning and evening were largely attended.

Miss Cora Belle Johnson of Cades, S. C., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. J. A. McGeachy of Wilmington, has been very ill with fever at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. McLean McGeachy.

Mrs. Mary McEachern of Red Springs, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. McIver.

Mr. John Jordan, who lives near Antioch, spent several days here last week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Smith of Bun's Level have been spending some time visiting relatives here. Mrs. Smith, who was Miss Mary M. Shaw, has many friends here who are always glad to greet her.

Miss Lula Crenshaw has returned to Charlotte after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crenshaw. Katye Belle.

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At the foot of Fourth street also, just beside the town hall, so that a transgressor may be yanked out and taken before his honor the mayor in a pair of minutes, a new guard house has just been completed. It is a tidy little guard house with five little cells.

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