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A STATEMENT.

The following notice was handed the editor last Friday evening by Deputy Sheriff A. M. Rice. It is self-explanatory:

North Carolina,
Rowan County.

To
Wm. H. Stewart:

You will take notice that a criminal action will be brought against you for the malicious publication, in the editorial columns of The Carolina Watchman, a newspaper published by you in Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, of the following false, defamatory and libelous matter of and concerning the undersigned John M. Julian, to wit:

In the issue of said paper of date September 12th, 1906, namely:

"Indeed, why should any capable young man want to go to Washington and bury himself in a little clerkship when he can get the salary and stay at home? But such would be just plain stealing from the people, and yet the Democrats of Rowan are expected to vote this fall for a man who is accepting a \$75,000 salary just this way. Great is graft."

In the issue of said newspaper of date September 26th, 1906, namely:

"The chap, with the \$75.00 per month graft, will wish before this campaign is over that the mountains will fall upon him and hide his little egotistical, presumptuous soul beyond the fingers of scorn and eyes of honest men."

In the issue of said newspaper of date October 17th, 1906, namely:

"What a colossal hypocrite what a superlative egotist, what a megalomaniac, what an abundant cheek is necessary to go on announcing graft, to imagine himself fit above other men."

"I am a free people in the legislature of the state, to believe his qualifications are sufficient to cope with matters of state when Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Davis and Gladstone are known to have made errors, and to stand up before an audience of intelligent citizens of Rowan with no better plea, than service to a boss, for the elective franchise of freemen. But of such is the so-called Democracy of Rowan now burdened."

In the issue of said newspaper of date October 24th, 1906, namely:

"Did you know that one of the so-called Democratic candidates for the legislature, lower house, owns stock in a saloon and has been indicted for the disposing of mortgaged property? Did you? Look before you leap. Think before you vote. If you have the good of the county and State at heart don't you believe Rowan should have clean, decent men in office.
This the 26th day October, 1906.
JOHN M. JULIAN.

The public expects, and has a right to expect, information concerning the fitness, or unfitness, of men who seek public positions, and, no paper that has not the courage to express its convictions is worthy of the support of good people. Hence, THE WATCHMAN has, for the public good, printed from time to time statements that it had good reasons to believe were true, and it has failed purposely, to call names, for the reason that it was attacking candidates for public positions, not private citizens or the private life of citizens, thus hoping to avoid personalities. But, as J. M. Julian has seen fit to presume that all allusions made in this paper referred to him, he has taken occasion to "serve" notice, and consequently starts the ball rolling in a different direction. Bluffs will not go down. We have no fear of the outcome and nothing to retract that the facts will sustain, while on the other

hand, in all kindness, good will, and with the same desire to do him justice that we have for all men, if, we have made any statements concerning him that are not warranted by the facts, we have the honor to offer him full and complete apology for same, and in doing this, we desire that Mr. Julian answer this charge in the columns of THE WATCHMAN and thus assist us and the public in getting this matter straight. We believe the citizens of Rowan are intelligent and just, and that a plain statement of facts is all that is necessary to set the matter straight. We therefore respectfully invite Mr. Julian, or any one who may have cause, to furnish for the readers of THE WATCHMAN his side of the controversy, and in justice to him we offer a reasonable amount of space to be devoted to this purpose.

In the way of explanation we wish to say the above statements were made because we have been led to believe that they are true. Our information has not only been current on the streets of Salisbury more than a year, but we were told by good and truthful citizens who were told by Mr. Julian direct, that he was receiving \$75.00 per month from Washington since the adjournment of Congress; Mr. Julian has, during all of this time, with few short exceptions, continued in his position with the Post, a position that requires the most strenuous and persistent efforts from early morning till late at night, giving no time to a faithful man to earn, by rendering adequate service, \$75.00 a month on the side. Therefore if he has received it, he did not earn it, has not given the government adequate value for the amount received. Hence, we reasoned, that if the government was not being rendered proper service, directly or indirectly for said amount, Mr. Julian was participating in a graft, possibly not the real grafter, but the receiver of a graft. We understand graft to mean money, or other valuable things, obtained, generally from governmental sources, by schemes, tricks, falsification of records, accounts, etc., without returning value received either in goods or services. Now Mr. Julian appears before the people as a candidate for the legislature in the House of Representatives, and having these things before us, and knowing other similar things, not yet mentioned, we believed it to be our duty to let the voters of the county have this information in order that they might know what manner of man was before them and that they might the better cast their vote for the public good. There being no intention, or desire, to be "malicious," or false, a mere plain, but vigorous, statement of facts, was all that has been considered necessary or that has been attempted, all hinging on the matter of and pertaining to the charge of graft.

Will Mr. Julian accept the invitation to set himself straight?

If you are not man enough to vote your honest convictions stay away from the polls.

The "device" has forced them to set up and take notice. In fact they have been running around like something at its wits end. Let those who are hit howl.

Like a thief in the night the so-called Democrats are planning to steal enough of your votes to elect their candidates. Vote the WATCHMAN ticket and defy them to do their worst.

The article on another page of this issue, from the Lexington Dispatch, concerning the Rev. Lichtenstein, does that gentleman a grave injustice. Rev. Lichtenstein has been investigated by Charlotte and Concord gentlemen of irreproachable character and standing, and they warmly deny his being a fakir.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR JNO. M. JULIAN.

If Mr. Julian is desirous of setting himself straight before the people on this "graft" matter, will he kindly favor us with a categorical answer to the following questions?

(1) Were you not promised the secretaryship to Senator Overman, should he be elected?

(2) Why did you fail to get said position? Please tell us about the trade made during the Senatorial fight at Raleigh four years ago?

(3) Isn't there a trade known to Senator Overman, Fred Carr and yourself whereby you have been getting, at stated times, a portion of the salary of said position?

(4) Haven't you been receiving a portion of said salary since Congress adjourned? If so what amount?

(5) Do you receive a salary from the government in any other capacity? If so what?

(6) Have you ever rendered any service for said money? If so when and how much?

(7) Do you believe such services have been equal in value, to the government, to the amount so received?

(8) Haven't you recently told people that you were receiving \$75.00 a month from Washington?

(9) Do you believe it is right to take money from the government without giving adequate value for the amount received?

(10) What is graft?

(11) Isn't it hypocritical for a grafter to go about denouncing graft?

We tip our hat to Mr. Julian and again ask him to favor us, at his earliest convenience, with explicit answers to these questions. In the mean time we desire to assure Mr. Julian of our most distinguished consideration,

During the next few days, when our friends are in town, we would be glad to have them call at the office, get a supply of our tickets and take them out in the country with them to be used next Tuesday at the polls.

The gentleman who is always to be found at the polls advising citizens as to how they shall vote, will be on duty as usual on November 6th. Determine how you will vote, before you leave home, then secure your ticket and vote it.

And we are to be indicted. Vote the WATCHMAN ticket and help us keep the gentleman at home. It has come to a pretty pass when a newspaper can't print the facts about a candidate seeking the votes of freemen. Will you stand for such a deal?

Under the present election law those who either buy or sell votes are indictable. To interfere with a voter or cause a disturbance at the polls is also indictable. Do your work quietly and earnestly, and remember, every vote given Houston, Frick and Albright is just that many towards the redemption of law and order in old Rowan.

The Stanly Enterprise, of Albemarle, has just entered upon a new volume, and here's hoping that it may live and prosper through many more volumes. The name "Enterprise" is a most appropriate one for the paper; it is an enterprising sheet, has an editor whose most prominent characteristics are enterprise and ability, and that he has made his paper what it is speaks volumes in his praise. Good luck to the Stanly Enterprise.

We wonder how many offices the so-called Democratic candidates for the house of representatives want? Mr. Murphy is the attorney for the city of Salisbury, and Mr. Julian is, well, eh, seems to be drawing a salary, for, eh, looking pretty, we suppose. But seriously, are these men eligible

to the legislature? Isn't it contrary to law and good government for men to hold two offices? The best way to settle this is to vote for Frick and Albright. The county will really be the better off if the latter named gentlemen are elected.

A number of the voters of the county have expressed strong approval of THE WATCHMAN's ticket, and having reason to believe many of them will be voted, we will try to see that there is a supply of them at the polls on election day. We do not expect that every voter will care to vote this ticket, but we think that it is decidedly the best one in the field. At all events we can safely assure the voters of the county that it is a CLEAN ticket. There are no grafters, owners of saloon stock, drunkards or disposers of mortgaged property on it. The ticket is composed of straight men, who will act squarely and honestly by the people of the county, and they can be counted on as true men. If you think this is the best ticket to vote, VOTE IT, and don't let any smooth talker around the polls argue you into voting contrary to your honest convictions.

There are some matters referred to in a recent issue of the Post, entirely legitimate in themselves, but set forth in an entirely wrong light, and for the evident purpose of misleading the unwary, and causing ill feeling where none should exist. We refer specifically to the question of challenging men at the polls. The bright genius who presides at the editorial desk of the Post and daily scatters his scintillations of wit and his sparkling gems of wisdom through the community, is worrying himself muchly. He is almost in tears, pulls out his hair and refuses to be comforted, and because the Republicans expect to challenge doubtful voters and see that no one votes unless he has a legal right to do so. But why all this weeping and wailing over this matter, when the Democratic party proposes to do the same thing. It is stated, though one can hardly believe it, on account of the kick he makes, that the editor of the Post now has in his pocket a list of names he expects to challenge next Saturday. But here's where the joke comes: isn't it just slightly idiotic for a Democrat to stir up a muss because a Republican contemplates doing something at the poll which a Democratic election law gives him a right to do. We fear our friend is growing a trifle woolly.

We publish with this issue of THE WATCHMAN, the full Democratic, Republican and WATCHMAN county tickets. This is done in order that every one may see exactly who all the candidates are. Every man has a right to this information and a right to use such information as it may suit him. These tickets are put out boldly before the voters so that he who runs may read. THE WATCHMAN's ticket, along with the others, will be found at the polls. We have gone to this trouble and expense in order to assist in defeating bossism, the ever increasing corruption of ring rule and in keeping improper persons from being elected to positions where they will have greater opportunity to oppress and bulldoze the people. This ticket is complete with two exceptions. Those of county treasurer and register of deeds are left blank and will so appear at the polls. We have had nothing to say of these candidates, but will probably vote for one of them, hence the blank places are to be filled in by the voter who will select whom he may desire. There is no trick about this ticket, it is simply composed of the best men before the people and is being urged for the public good. By voting it you cut out the grafters, drunkards, saloon stockholders and incompetents. Look over it and carefully compare it with the others and be man enough to vote your convictions.

Just six days until the county election takes place. Just six days until we shall know whether the people of Rowan county will have a clean, honest government, or whether they prefer to be boss-ridden. This is the last issue of the WATCHMAN until after the result of the election is known, and, therefore, we deem it advisable and in keeping with the eternal fitness of things, that we should add a few words to what has already been said on the very important question of how we will vote. The political agitator, the would-be boss, the seeker after spoil, the person who casts a vote on one side or the other simply because he hopes thereby to win some favor from the boss, are not the persons addressed here. We do, however, desire to speak a few plain words to thinking and intelligent citizens of our city and county; to those who place honor, integrity and purity in public life, above a slavish partisanship; to those who take pride in their citizenship, and who recognize their rights as men; to those who care something for the name and reputation of Salisbury and Rowan county; to those who have no axes to grind, and to those who believe in, and will stand for, a clean and capable administration of our public affairs, especially in so far as they concern our city and county. We do not assert that every good citizen will vote our ticket, but we are honestly of the opinion that if the class of citizens we have described above, will be honest with themselves and true to their convictions; if they will calmly and coolly reason over present conditions, and carefully consider the merits of the men who have been nominated for the county offices, the large majority of them will conclude that it is their plain duty to vote for the best men in the field regardless of their party affiliations.

What are we asking for, and what do we hope to get? The answer to this must be quite plain to the readers of this paper; for it is nothing more, nor a whit less than a clean, honest and properly administered county government. A government not in the interest of a gang or a ring, but for the welfare of the whole people of this county. We want reasonable taxation. We want the public funds economically and judiciously expended. We want a cessation of crime, and we want more speedy apprehension and punishment of criminals. We want the law upheld at any cost and at all hazards. We want the officers upon whom we place the mantle of authority to be men who will do their sworn duty in the face of any emergency which may arise. We want men to represent us in the legislature who have clean records, men who are willing to regard themselves as the servants of the public, and will stand up firmly at all times for the rights of the people. These are some of the things we want, things we have the right, not only to want, but to DEMAND. Will we get them? This depends entirely upon how we vote. It is largely to the people out in the county that we must look to for these desirable things. They are alive to their best interests, they are capable of distinguishing between cant and truth, and we believe they will be heard from in no uncertain tone on November 6th.

At heart, all good people desire good government and the proper administration of affairs for the public good, but no matter how much they may desire it, unless this desire is backed up by work and votes, the desire had as well not exist. Put your desire into some practical form. Don't stand idle on election day, but be up and doing. The WATCHMAN sees no reason to make any change in the ticket it carries at its mast head. Indeed we feel proud of it and would be glad to see every man on it elected. You know the men. You are informed as to their honesty and ability, so nothing more need be said on that point. Good government, whether national, state, county or municipal, is the very foundation of our republic. No fair-minded, intelligent citizen can look over the past in this county and then assert that we do not need a change, and need it badly.

Men! Citizens!! Voters of Rowan county, arise in your might, burst the fetters which have held you chained to a narrow platform of partisanship and bossism. Assert your manhood, take your stand side by side and shoulder to shoulder with those who are determined that Rowan SHALL have a just, honest government. Do your duty on election day and the effect will be apparent in the remotest nooks and corners of our county.

THE WATCHMAN'S TICKET.

As it will appear at the polls.

For Solicitor 10th Judicial District;
W. C. HAMMER;
of Randolph County.

For Senator 26th Senatorial District;
WHITEHEAD KLUTTZ.

For Members of the House of Representatives;
J. H. FRICK,
MILAS F. ALBRIGHT.

For Sheriff;
JOHN O. HOUSTON.

For Register of Deeds;
For Clerk of the Superior Court;
J. FRANK McCUBBINS.

For County Treasurer;
For County Commissioners;
B. A. KNOX,
P. A. HARTMAN,
R. C. CURRENT,
M. G. M. FISHER,
WILLIAM C. ROSE,

For Coroner;
E. ROSE DORSETT.

For County Surveyor;
C. M. MILLER.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Solicitor;
W. C. HAMMER,
of Randolph County

Clerk of the Court;
J. FRANK McCUBBINS

State Senate;
WHITEHEAD KLUTTZ.

Representatives;
WALTER MURPHY,
JOHN M. JULIAN.

Register of Deeds;
E. H. MILLER.

Treasurer;
J. R. NICHOLAS.

Sheriff;
J. HODGE KRIDER.

Coroner;
E. ROSE DORSETT.

Surveyor;
C. M. MILLER.

Township Tax Collector;
A. M. RICE.

Commissioners;
T. M. KERNS,
W. L. HARRIS,
CHAS. KLUTTZ,
P. A. HARTMAN,
R. C. CURRENT.

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Solicitor 10th Judicial District;
ZEB B. SAUNDERS,
of Stanly County.

For Senator 26th Senatorial District;
H. F. TURNER.

For Members of the House of Representatives;
J. H. FRICK,
MILAS F. ALBRIGHT.

For Sheriff;
JOHN O. HOUSTON.

For Register of Deeds;
WALTER BURRAGE.

For Clerk of the Superior Court;
A. E. LYERLY.

For County Treasurer;
JOHN A. HEDRICK.

For County Commissioners;
B. A. KNOX,
DAVID M. BLACKWELDER,
M. G. M. FISHER,
WILLIAM C. ROSE,
HARRIS VANHOY.

For Coroner;
CHAS. F. ATWELL.

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