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T. H. Vanderford has been getting in some telling blows lately. His last circular letter was a warm number.

Are there any matters pertaining to the city's welfare which could not be managed by any honest man of good business ability?

The lust for office is a queer thing when it gets hold of a man's system, and when it gets such a strong hold that the man believes he owns the office, it may be termed a disease.

From the talk one some times hears, he would feel constrained to wonder what would become of Salisbury if our present mayor should be gathered to the bosom of his fathers, provided he did not know him.

No one is in a position to assert that this or that particular candidate will win at the primaries. But it is certain that Mr. Vanderford and his friends are becoming more confident as to the result, and there is reason for this feeling.

Only recently we were reading large scare heads about the great success of the Charlotte banks, and now one of them is \$68,000 short owing to an embezzling cashier by the name of Jones. If this is taken into consideration in making the next reports the surplus and dividends we fear will be somewhat reduced. Mr. Jones should have had more civic pride.

Some one says that we will have a second primary in order to select a candidate for mayor, because at the first primary neither candidate will be lucky enough to secure a majority of all the votes cast. This may be a correct view, but we question it. There is a strong Vanderford sentiment existing in every ward of the city, and this sentiment is growing every day. When this sentiment finds expression at the primaries in votes, there may be a surprise for some of the candidates.

Those who have read the communications of Mr. Vanderford, with reference to sundry irregularities in the management of our municipal affairs, will remember that he has stated time and again that he stood ready to prove every statement he made. He has not been called upon for proof, nor have any of his charges been denied. He has made some charges which should be disproved if they are not true, but not a word has been heard from the other side. What does silence under the circumstances usually mean?

During the past few days a number of campaign buttons have made their appearance, and numerous citizens have ornamented the lapels of their coats with the. These buttons bear the likeness of Mr. Vanderford's principal opponent, with the words, "Everybody's Friend, A. H. Boyden." It is quite good for one to be known as the friend of everybody, but there is something far better, and that is to be known as the friend of justice and fair dealing; to be known as an advocate of equal privileges to all men under the law, and the opponent of any and all things which savor of oppression, tyranny and a studied indifference to the rights of others.

We thoroughly understand and appreciate the fact that a great many men will support a candidate for an office, not on account of his fitness for the position, but merely because of a friendly feeling or personal liking for the candidate. While a feeling of loyalty to one's friends is highly commendable, yet in some cases it may be carried beyond reasonable limits. So long as it is a personal matter between a man and his friend, this loyal spirit is all right, but it should not be allowed to be a controlling element when it comes to a matter in which the public has an interest. In other words citizens ought not to endeavor to place men in office merely because those men happen to be their friends. We all have warm personal friends we would like to aid in any way we could, but we would hardly take the position that the fact that a man is our friend necessarily makes him a proper man to place in office. Private, personal feelings are all very well in their place, but that place is not in those matters which vitally affect the public good. When we select a man to fill an office of responsibility and trust, the selection should be made on grounds of ability, judgment, honesty, capacity, and not from personal bias or prejudice. Often one hears a man say, such and such a candidate is a good fellow, he is my personal friend and I'll support him. One evidently has a peculiar conception of the duties of citizenship who would support a candidate solely on such a ground as this. If we do our duty as citizens we will not vote for any man simply because he is our friend, nor will we oppose him just because we happen to have a feeling of personal dislike for him. Whether he is our friend or not, if he possesses the qualifications a public official should possess, he is the man for whom we ought to vote. It is certainly no discredit to a man that he possesses friends, neither should it be taken as proof that he is the person in whom to repose public trust and confidence. We ought to consider these things carefully and conscientiously, and let our judgment rather than our feelings guide us when we cast our votes. We all desire the best for our city, and when we vote at the primaries let us place our love for the best interests of Salisbury above every other consideration.

The Minister's Side of it.

The Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says, under date of the 26th: "Rev. W. R. Hutchins, of New London, a well known young minister of that place, was here this morning and gave his side to a sensational event in which he figured last week. Mr. Hutchins declared he had no desire to see the matter in print, but that if it came out, he wished a candid statement would be made. The matter having reached the public prints, his side is in order. Mr. Hutchins says he and Henry S. Trott have not been on the best terms, their differences arising over matters of theology, in which they are far apart. Last week Mr. Hutchins was a witness in a case, testifying to a state of facts that the free-thinker denounced as d--n lies. When they met Mr. Hutchins told Mr. Trott that he had a natural impulse to resent such talk, but restrained himself. Later Mr. Hutchins declares that Mr. Trott called him a vile name, adding to it an oath and then he struck the lumber dealer. The impact knocked his arm out of place and this, he says, is all there is to it. There was no effort on the part of Mr. Trott to pursue him. Mr. Hutchins admits having knocked the layman down. The people of New London have willingly offered to refund the small fine of \$2.95 imposed upon their minister and he has asked that the conference investigate the matter if it thinks he has done wrong. His church people do not expect any action to be taken, the young man standing high in the conference and being a preacher of fine ability."

OUR HONOR ROLL. And Still the Names Come In. Another List of New Readers.

That people like the WATCHMAN and want to read it is evidenced by the list of names we are publishing each week. We are receiving new subscribers and renewals every day and this week we are sending out about 2,500 copies of the paper to actual paid subscribers. We will make an effort to double this number by June 1st, and if the interest in our buggy continues to increase, we may pass the 5,000 mark. Below will be found the names of those who have sent in subscriptions since our last issue: A A Miller, M A Weaver, C A Hess, C R Williams, S M Yost, H C Farmer, U M Pless, H A Wilson, O M Gullett, John Hannah, Charlie Thomason, Edward Swink, J N Cress, C J Earnhardt, Geo B Kesler, G M Thompson, D C Koonce, J T Rhodamer, Peter Boggs, M A Cauble, W L Cauble, M J Pool, Jno H Frick, Mrs. Mary Brady, Joseph Holshouser, Annie Trexler, Sidney Trexler, Mrs C S Earnhardt, Calvin Earnhardt, J J Wilhelm, A B Lisk, J I Morgan, Chas H N Safrif, Dr J H Peeler, Albert Waller, P A Hartman, J F Fry, J A Fisher, W A Kirk, Sr, Jno D Earnhardt, J T Fry, Jesse L Williams, W L Eagle, Miss Susan A Hartman, J A Eller, D J Misenheimer, J W Honeycutt, J G Moose, J D Misenheimer, J R Dorton, Mrs B T Atkins, E W Cross, A G Eagle, Jno A Morgan, Jacob A Morgan, Miss Mamie Morgan, Miss Bettie Bean, Berry Basinger, D C Morgan, C A Campbell, W V Loflin, W A Fowler.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, death has taken from the fellowship and protection of this Lodge our beloved brother, A. H. Dreher, And while we humbly submit to that Providence whose decrees we are not permitted to know or comprehend, but which we are persuaded are wise and just, still we are deeply grieved by our sad misfortune, and therefore adopt these resolutions in honor of our brother's memory:

- 1. That Cordon Lodge, No. 168, I. O. O. F., in the death of Brother Dreher has lost one of its most worthy and efficient members,
2. That we, as a Lodge, tender our sincerest sympathy to the members of the family of our dear brother.
3. That our charter be draped for thirty days as a token of our regret, and that these resolutions be copied in the minutes of our Lodge as a witness of our esteem and as a perpetual memory of his many virtues.
4. That a copy of the same be sent the family of our deceased brother and also be published in the Post and CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

WM. H. STEWART, JOHN HOWARD, G. O. KLUTZ, Committee.

Our Extraordinary Expenses.

Extraordinary expenses to the United States up to date, caused by sending an army of pacification to Cuba, aggregate about \$2,500,000 according to the figures prepared by the war department. The navy has made no extraordinary charges for the part it has taken in the maintenance of peace in the island, but the marine corps has charged extra expenses for the organization of a brigade of marines to assist in preventing trouble. It has not been determined exactly when this money will be collected from Cuba by the United States, Congress authorized the collection of as much of this money as Cuba can spare, and practically allowed the war department to exercise its judgment in the matter.—Washington dispatch.

Arrested for Theft.

A white brakeman on the Southern, C. R. Cook by name, was arrested Monday afternoon on the charge of having stolen a watch from H. J. Williams at the Spencer Y. M. C. A. The officer found the watch in Cook's possession and he was not able to give any satisfactory account of how he got it. Williams also lost \$25 in money.

Destructive Fire.

Danville, Va., March 28.—Patrick county is being swept by a forest fire and heavy damage has already been sustained. The fire started at Stuart, the county seat, and has extended as far as Patrick Springs, a summer resort, a distance of ten miles. The cottages at Patrick Springs have been burned, but the main hotel, which is protected by an open space, was saved. The fire is still in progress.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina,) In Superior Court,
Rowan County,) May Term, 1907.
John D. Alexander, defendant,
vs.
Adeline Alexander, Sallie Alexander, Alice Alexander, Walter Alexander, Jane Alexander, John Alexander, Bush Cannon and Mattie Cannon.
Bush Cannon and Mattie Cannon, two of the above named defendants, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Rowan county to declare the plaintiff, John D. Alexander, part owner of a certain house and lot just beyond the West Ward of the city of Salisbury, N. C., purchased in the name of John Alexander, deceased, and to have the same sold for division; and the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court, at a court to be held for the county of Rowan at the Court House in Salisbury, N. C., on the 9th Monday after the 1st Monday of March, the same being the 6th day of May, 1907, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, which relief as stated above consists in having the plaintiff declared the owner of one-half the premises above mentioned, and the sale of the house and lot for division.
This March 27th, 1907.
J. F. McCUBBINS,
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WALTER H. WOODSON, atty. for plaintiff.

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