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LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Much Damage in Our Neighboring County by the Recent Heavy Floods.

Lexington Dispatch, Sept. 9
So far as known, four bridges were swept away by the freshet, two over Lick creek and two over Flat Swamp creek. Two were new ones, one costing \$800. The old one over Flat Swamp creek, at the place where they will build a steel bridge, collapsed, and it is said, fell so that the ford cannot be used. All that end of the county is cut off from town. The long approach at the Finch mill bridge was washed away.

W. F. Carry is one farmer whom the floods didn't hurt much. He had no bottom corn. He has 25 acres of upland corn which he expects to make him one thousand bushels. His entire crop is expected to total two thousand bushels. When asked for an estimate of the damage done in Davidson county, he said he had no idea, but it was great, far over one hundred thousand dollars. On the M. K. Gray place on Abbots creek he said that 5,000 bushels of corn had been ruined. The corn this year was the finest for many years, but the freshet on the river, and on Abbots, Lick, Flat Swamp and other big creeks, has ruined thousands of bushels.

An interesting coincidence during the Charlotte republican convention was discovered when Dave Conrad, of Lexington; Marsh Hoover, of Thomasville, and Anson Beaver, of High Point, had a Cox banner made. When they handed out a \$10 bill to pay the workman for same, the bill proved to be one issued by the Commercial National Bank, of High Point, and was signed by J. Elwood Cox, president. In a sense Mr. Cox's money was paying for a banner for him.

It is now common property that the grand jury made a presentment against T. S. Eanes, member of the board of aldermen, for violating the law which forbids an alderman to work for or contract or do business with the town. The charge against Mr. Eanes is that he hauled material that went into some sidewalks. His friends assert that it is all spite work, that there is no graft, that what was done was done with the knowledge and consent of the mayor and the board, and that the wagons hired to the town were making 50 cents more per day than Mr. Eanes charged the town for them. It is stated that the work was done because there was pressing need, sidewalks in West Lexington being very bad, and gave the school children trouble as they passed to and from the graded school. The grand jury is also said to have presented H. Cam Heitman for the alleged larceny of a pistol in the room of Dermot Shemwell, in the Development building some months ago.

Although a great amount of damage has been done to crops by so much rain and high water in the streams, it is likely that farmers in most cases will find that they are not as badly hurt as they thought at first. J. W. Fitzgerald, of Linwood, was here Monday, and speaking of the Yadkin, he said the river was not as high as he had seen it in times past, and that more damage was done along the creeks than in the river bottoms. The high bottoms were not injured so very much. Corn in the shuck will sour and rot, but the cool days we have had will prevent some damage. Where an ear bends over, so the water can run out of it, it is said that the corn is safe. Mr. Fitzgerald said he would be surprised if it didn't turn out that cotton was hurt worse than corn. It is already turning yellow in some places and the shapes have dropped off.

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EDITOR HILDEBRAND DENOUNCES COX.

Republican Nominee for Governor is not Supported by the Only Republican Daily.

The following letter from Editor Hildebrand, of the subsidized News, gives to the public the reasons why with Editor Hildebrand in charge the subsidized News cannot support J. Elwood Cox for governor:

HERE IS THE LETTER.

Greensboro, N. C., July 22, '08.
Mr. C. A. Reynolds, Winston, N. C.

Dear Sir: Upon my return here after spending Sunday in Asheville, found a letter from you suggesting the wisdom of nominating J. Elwood Cox for Governor. It is very rare—in fact, it has been only once or twice in my life, I believe, that I have allowed my personal feelings to enter into my newspaper work. In this instance I have found it to be mentally impossible to lay aside my prejudice against J. Elwood Cox. If either you or any other stockholder should insist upon the publication of a letter urging his nomination, I suppose I would print it, but if he should be given to the advice and he should be nominated, some body else would have to write the editorials supporting him.

When I came to Greensboro it was not the understanding that the duty of financing this business, which I found in horrible shape should devolve upon me. I have, however, done a good part of this work, thus relieving the stockholders and directors. Shortly after I came here I was told that J. Elwood Cox would help us as he has frequently promised to do so. I made a trip to High Point and he told me that he would give us one hundred dollars for stock. This was about the tenth of December. He said if I would draw on him on the 15th he would honor the draft, but that if I could wait until the first of the year he would appreciate it. His relative, Snow, also promised to help us out on the first of the year, I went to High Point again about the second or third of January and was astonished, upon walking into the bank owned by Cox, to be told by him that he did not have time to talk to me. As he returned to his private office I remarked I was not after an audience but a check, but he made no audible reply. He knew that if I got near him he could not decently get around keeping that promise so he indecently closed the door in my face, and after cooling my heels on the outside of the bank for an hour or so I caught the first train back to Greensboro. Cox had broken both his engagement and his promise, couched in the terms as definite as the English language could make it. When he broke that promise, and I got my snubbing, I was not working in my interest, but in the interest of the Republican daily paper published in this State, and I do not mind putting it in black and white that if Elwood Cox should be nominated for Governor I would vote for Kitchin, for whereas, I have always regarded Kitchin as a good deal of an anarchist, I have always found him to be a gentleman in his relations with his fellow man.

Cox told me he was not asking any favors of the Republican party, but he lied about that, because he got his nephew appointed postmaster of High Point when every Republican in the State knows that the office should have gone to W. F. Ragan. Cox got this appointment through false pretenses. He led the Republican leaders to believe that with his money he expected to aid the party and this paper. But whether or not he has in the past asked favors of the party he is not after some favors right now, and I propose to make it my chief end in life to see that he does not get them.

Very truly yours,
W. A. HILDEBRAND.
I also get a frost from Snow.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Some of Those Who Find That the "Way of the Transgressor is Hard."

Following we give some of the more important cases disposed of at the present term of court:

Etta Brandon, larceny; not guilty.

Jim Brown, larceny, defendant pleads guilty, and is given four months on county roads.

Will Miller, larceny, defendant pleads guilty and is given four months on the roads.

Josie Neely and Lula Knox, alias Vina Knox, a w d w; guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Murray Starnes, larceny; guilty. Four months on county roads.

Thomas Boler, assault; defendant pleads guilty and is given four months on county roads.

George Le Harris, a w d w; defendant pleads guilty and is given four months on county roads.

Lucien Byers, larceny; guilty. Four months on the county roads.

William Taylor, c o w; defendant pleads guilty and was sentenced to the roads for 60 days. Judgment was suspended in the case against Taylor in which he was charged with beating a board bill.

Caarie Dixon, a w d w; defendant guilty and was sentenced to a term of six months in the county jail.

Cary Alexander, larceny; a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered.

Charles Johnson, larceny; defendant pleads guilty was given a term of six months on the county roads.

Jim Luckey, larceny; guilty. Defendant sentenced to four months on the roads.

Mary Warner, larceny; judgment suspended.

John Kerr, c o w; guilty.

Has "Backed Down."

The following letter needs no explanation or comment:

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 2d, '08.
Mr. Henry Reynolds, chairman Republican Executive Committee, Wilkesboro, N. C.:

Dear Sir: After desparing of hearing further from you, and after my letter of August 31st, and Mr. Hackett's direct challenge to Mr. Cowles of August 30th had been mailed, I received, on September 1st yours, dated August 31st, declining my challenge of August 7th to Mr. Cowles for a joint canvass of the district between himself and Mr. Hackett. I regret this, as our people have been accustomed to seeing and hearing the candidates face to face, and from what had been reliably reported to me as to the public statements of Mr. Cowles of his great willingness and desire to meet Mr. Hackett on every stump in the district, I must be pardoned for saying that his present attitude is a most lamentable back-down, which, I am sure, will be a disappointment to his own political supporters, as it is to Mr. Hackett and myself.

Democrats would not vote for a man who would not meet his opponent, and I do not believe honest Republicans will do so, either. Your suggestion (quoting your own language) that "one or more joint discussions may be arranged, I think, if the times and places can be mutually agreed upon," is to indefinite and evasive to merit reply. Yours very truly
THEO. F. KLUTZ, chairman.

It's a pity when sick ones drug the stomach or stimulate the Heart and Kidneys. That is all wrong! A weak Stomach, means weak Stomach nerves, always. And this is also true of the Heart and Kidneys. The weak nerves are instead crying out for help. This explains why Dr. Shoop's Restorative is promptly helping Stomach, Heart and Kidney ailments. The Restorative reaches out for the actual cause of these ailments—the failing "inside nerves". Anyway test the Restorative 48 hours. It won't cure so soon as that, but you will surely know that help is coming. Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Mrs. Hooper Lacks One Year of Rounding Out a Full Century.

Statesville Landmark, Sept. 1.
Fred Allison, the young negro who was mysteriously hurt at W. M. Westmoreland's stable before daylight Thursday morning, is still in a dangerous condition and his recovery remains doubtful. He is rational at times, but suffers much from concussion of the brain. He is still unable to give an intelligent account of how he was hurt.

A gentleman who takes note of such things wants to know "how come" that after the Statesville ladies, by The Landmark's permission, had adopted the cross-saddle style of riding, the circus ladies came to town and rode in the old-fashioned way. The circus ladies hadn't heard, probably, that the modern style was permissible in Statesville.

R. J. Shoemaker, of Statesville, and Miss Myrtle Rash, of Jennings, were married Sunday at the home of the bride. The marriage was planned as a surprise and was a very quiet affair. The bride is a daughter of the late Squire A. A. Rash.

The Statesville baseball team has disbanded. The managers of the local team had hoped and expected to arrange several games with Hickory for this week but the Hickory team disbanded Saturday and the local team followed suit. The Statesville team lost money and came out about \$200 in the hole. The team has not been able to play for some time because of unfavorable weather. It is believed if Hickory hadn't disbanded and several games could have been played with Hickory this week the local team would have made some money.

Mrs. Hooper, who will be 99 years old next May, who is the guest of her son, M. L. Hooper, in Bloomfield, was driven down street Saturday by N. P. Watt. Mrs. Hooper is very deaf and feeble physically, but she is in full possession of all her faculties.

Wm. Miller, of the New Stirling neighborhood, fell from his buggy Saturday morning while on his way to town and his left hip was dislocated. The accident happened near the State Farm. A physician set Mr. Miller's limb and Saturday afternoon he was able to go about.

He Would Make a Good Promoter.

As he is the only man with young children in a district of Lane county, Ore., John Larkin formed a school committee, of which he was elected chairman and his wife clerk. Mrs. Larkin was installed as teacher by the chairman, and the five little Larkins now go to school to their mother, who is recommended by the State.—Ex.

A Tough Story.

Speaking of the hard rain that fell Thursday evening, Peter Jones, of Gullede township, says that a reliable gentleman of his acquaintance down there was returning from the creek, where he had been fishing, with a water bucket on his arm, during the rain. Noticing that the bucket's weight was increasing on looking he found that it was full of water. He emptied it at once and had to repeat the operation twice more before reaching home. Mr. Jones will not vouch for this but asserts that more rain fell next day than Thursday. J. M. Flake, of Brown Creek, spoils this good story by declaring that "you have to yield a little to Gullede's,"—Wadesboro Ansonian.

A clever, popular Candy Cold Cure Tablet—called Preventics—is being dispensed by druggists everywhere. In a few hours, Preventics are said to break any cold—completely. And Preventics, being so safe and toothsome, are very fine for children. No Quinine, no laxative, nothing harsh nor sickening. Box of 48—25c. Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Compare It with the One Put Forth by the Democrats and Then Choose.

In a recent issue THE WATCHMAN published the Democratic State platform, and now it publishes a similar document adopted by the Republicans at their State convention in Charlotte.

"We, the Republicans of North Carolina, in convention assembled, commend the wisdom of the national Republican convention and congratulate the people of the United States on the nomination of William H. Taft for the presidency of this great republic, and we endorse the principles and policies of the Republican party as enumerated in its platform at Chicago June 16, 1908; and we endorse the administration of Theodore Roosevelt.

"We appeal to the people of North Carolina to set the welfare of our State above party prejudice; to exercise their freedom to vote according to the dictates of conscience, and to choose those men for public office whom they deem best fitted to serve the public interest. We ask the people to consider whether they will best promote the welfare of the State by committing its affairs to the radical faction now in control of the Democratic party or by voting for the candidates and policies we offer.

"We ask all thoughtful North Carolinians to consider particularly whether the present Democratic Governor and Legislature have dealt wisely or justly with all classes of our citizens in the laws they have recently passed concerning railroads and the violent measures they have taken to give these laws effect. We believe in regulating railroads and other public carriers strictly and carefully, and in compelling all corporations to obey the laws as faithfully as the humblest private citizens. But we do not believe that Legislatures are competent to fix absolutely the precise rates at which passengers and freight shall be carried. We are sure that the Legislature which undertook to fix passenger rates absolutely and neglected freight rates—much the more substantial grievance of our people—had neither the special knowledge nor the right spirit for such an undertaking.

"They disregarded the constitution of the United States and they threw thousands of North Carolinians out of employment.

"We denounce in unmeasured terms the unwarranted and uncalled for attack of Democrats on capital, culminating in the fight on our railroads involving the State, as it did, in costly litigation; paralyzing business; threw thousands of laborers out of employment; drove millions of capital from the State, and sent railroad securities down to less than half their value.

"We pledge ourselves, if the people entrust us with power, to set ourself against two kinds of injustices. The injustice which permits wealthy corporations and individuals to prey upon the poor, and the injustice which sacrifices property and deranges business in order that cheap demagogues may get or keep office.

"We favor the policy of the State furnishing free of charge and under proper regulations, to every child in the public schools, all necessary textbooks; the further improvement and extension, at whatever cost, of the public school system, embodied in the constitution of North Carolina by the Republican party. We favor the education of our children up to the very limit of our available means.

"We favor also a liberal policy with our higher institutions of learning. The South needs highly trained men, and we would have the necessary training provided here, so far as we have the means, and put within the reach of our young men of talent and industry, to the end that North Carolinians may guide our people in the development of our resources in government, in business, in the

EARLY IS PENSIONED.

But Officials Are in a Quandary Unto Whom the Money Shall Be Paid.

John R. Early, the leper, will receive a pension of \$72 a month for total disability incurred while a soldier in the army, according to the statement today of the Commissioner of Pensions. The pension will begin as soon as the legal dif-

ferencing of our towns, our cities and our homes and in the elevation of our daily life.

"This is true also of our institutions of charity, particularly the provision made for the blind, the deaf and the insane, for the efficiency with which any community ministers to such unfortunate human beings is a measure of its civilization. It is equally true of our Confederate veterans who have not the means of self-support; the State loves and honors them, and they must not be permitted to suffer want. We denounce the Democratic party for not keeping its repeated pledges to provide our Confederate soldiers and their widows with suitable pensions commensurate with their services to the State, and we pledge ourselves to double the pension now given by the State.

"We demand a fair election law, which will permit an elector to cast a ballot privately, without interference or dictation.

"We favor, as we have ever favored, local self-government, and demand the right to elect, by direct vote of the people, all members of the county board of education, county superintendent of public instruction, county commissioners and tax collectors and justices of the peace.

"We favor an extension and improvement of the public roads of the State, and believe that the employment of the State's convicts on such work is the best use that can be made of criminals convicted of crimes; we further favor a law prohibiting the use of striped uniforms upon all persons convicted of misdemeanors in the courts of North Carolina.

"We favor the establishment of one or more reformatories for the correction of youthful criminals convicted of minor offenses, and we favor a separate reformatory for females convicted of similar offenses.

"We pledge ourselves to a liberal appropriation for the care and support of our charitable institutions.

"We favor the exemption from taxation of \$200 worth of personal property owned by one household in the State of North Carolina.

"We believe in the dignity of labor and the elevation of the wage-earner and pledge our party to the enactment of such laws as will best promote this end; we believe that labor and capital are co-ordinate branches of our industrial life—each necessary to the other—that neither can prosper without the other, and looking to this end we pledge our party to the enactment of such laws as will, so far as possible, create the kindest feeling between labor and capital, remove all caused for conflict between the two, and promote the upbuilding of both classes.

"We favor restricting immigration rigidly, admitting none but the better class to our shores, and protecting American labor against foreign cheap labor.

"We believe that the South should no longer hold itself politically separate and apart from the rest of the country. We believe the time has come when no interest or principle any longer demands such isolation. We ask the people of North Carolina to give us their suffrages, not merely because the Democratic party, under its present leadership, both in the State and in the nation, is unfit for power; not merely because the candidates we here nominate, and the policies we recommend, are worthy of acceptance, but because every Republican vote cast in the South is a vote for freedom, a vote for the right of our children to enter fully into the life of the great republic which our fathers labored and fought and suffered to establish."

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Result of Floods. Best Family Reunion. Cases on the Docket.

Concord Times, Sept. 1st.
Rev. Dr. J. M. Whary, who has been supplying the Presbyterian pulpit at Davidson for the past three months, has been asked by the session to continue his ministrations till the 1st of November, by which time it is thought that the church will have succeeded in securing a regular pastor. Dr. Whary has promised to give the Rocky River church a week of preaching, beginning with the first of next week.

The following are the cases on trial docket for August Cabarrus Superior Court, which began yesterday. Two cases of embezzlement, two cases of house-breaking, three cases of rape, about half dozen cases of larceny, about half dozen cases of assault with deadly weapon and several cases of carrying concealed weapons, three cases assault and battery and three cases of selling liquor without license.

As a result of the big floods last week three mills on Rocky River, were washed away, Turner's, Garmon's and Crump's, all in the lower part of the county. The mills were torn all to pieces, and the lumber in them scattered all over the below. The water at Smith Ford was 9 feet and 8 inches over the floor of the new steel bridge, which is 7 feet and 7 inches higher than during the great flood of 1875. This was a rise of 35 feet and 6 inches above normal.

On last Saturday at noon, when Anthony G. Bost returned from his farm to his home on East Depot street, he was puzzled to find an unusual number of guests in waiting to dine with him. He was unable to account for such a rush on his hospitality until it dawned on his mind that it was his 63rd birthday. The self-invited guests had filled his table with contributions from their own dinner baskets and [many were the nice and useful presents also there arranged to greet him as gifts from loving hands. There were in attendance 11 children, 10 grandchildren and a number of near relatives, making a happy company of 82 persons in all who joined in the celebration of the interesting occasion. The weather and sickness kept a number of others away.

difficulty which surrounds the payment of the money can be solved. These difficulties are due to the fact that the man cannot, because of his segregation, spend the money himself, and the judge advocate-general of the army has been asked to solve the problem.

"The case is unique in the annals of the army. If Early were a drunkard or insane or a minor, we could have a guardian for his estate appointed, but he is none of these."

It has been suggested that he be placed in a house in the vicinity of a soldiers' home so that he might technically be considered an inmate of that institution. The officials of the home could then sign and execute the vouchers and the money be paid over to his wife.—Washington correspondence Charlotte Observer.

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