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Unsheathes His Sword for the A. & M.

#### HERE IS HIS POSITION

Why Compliment Dr. Winston by Saying He Raised the College from Insignificance? Mr. Pickel **Quotes Opinions to Show** the Contrary.

To the Editor:-The A. & M. College in its first decade was one of the most significant and conspicuously

if fact it be, that "He has made of it a great institution?" Why should you add the wholly unnecessary and the wholly false allegation "from an insignificant educational force?" Is it not worth while to try to keep his-

tory straight?
The A. & M. College in its first decade under its first president was, as a matter of fact, one of the most conspicuously successful and significant one of many specimens. It will ameducational forces of that day in North ply suffice to show the absurdity of Carolina. No other North Carolina your allegation. On the morning of college had in its first ten years June the 8th, 1899, one of our city equalled it—not even the State University—in growth.

I submit opinions and facts in sub-

I submit opinions and facts in sub-stantiation of this statement. Opinions: (1) The late Dr. J. L. M. Curry said of the college:
"On my recent visit (1896) to the college of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in Raleigh, I was surprised and delighted at the success which has crowned the efforts of the accomp-

lished faculty of the institution. and intelligence of the students in their laboratory work and in the

"I don't know when I felt more hopeful of North Carolina than when I saw so many young men combining

(2) Julian Ralph in Harper's Mag azine pretty soon after the college had tten well under way, wrote:
'Raleigh has several fine education-

al foundations, but one that interested me very much indeed was the college of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. The other Southern States possess more or less similar institu-States tions, maintained with Federal aid, and if they are in any very great degree as well and even proudly managed as this of North Carolina, it is a grand thing, particularly, where men have been too prone to think it undignified to work for themselves." (3) Judge Walter Clark in one of our city papers a few weeks before the

the college closed its tenth session: educated two sons at the A. & M. College and expect to educate others there." Those are not his precise words, which I have not at hand,

(4) Prof. D. H. Hill, now and from the first a professor in the college, addressing the retiring president five years ago, as spokesman of the fac-

ulty, said:
"A decade ago you came here as the "A decade ago you came here as the head of an institution that was then regarded as an uncertain addition to the State's educational system. With untiring energy you have worked for its upbuilding, presiding always with tact, courtesy and unfailing considera-You have seen this institution outgrow the prejudice and ignorance of those who opposed it, and stand out as a memento to the wisdom of its founders, increasing in usefulness year by year, and now with a body of distinguished alumni who are not afraid to be measured by what they can do. You found one building, poor equipment, no organization; you leave well organized and splendidly equipgiven to see the work of their hands

Facts. Of the many that might by brought forward, I select only two

(1) The college enrolled 72 pupil? the first year and 253 the tenth year (1898-99). No other North Carolina college had ever, to my knowledge, Herrick's Daughter Hears News In approached this growth in its first ten

years.
The following figures, taken except as to the A. & M., from the report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education, are illuminating in this connection: Wake Forest, founded 1834, enroll-

ment 1898-99, 272 Guilford, founded 1837, enrollment 1898-99, 220. Davidson, founded 1837, enrollment

Trinity, founded 1851, enrollment 1898-99, 220.

Belmont, founded 1878, enrollment 1898-99, 95. The A. & M. founded 1889, enrollment 1898-99, 253 founded 1890, enrollment

1898-99, 120. In ten years the A. & M. had attracted to itself an attendance of students which none, save one, of the oldest and most noted colleges of the Herrick. Commenting on it, she said: so unjust, or ill-informed, as to speak "an insignificant educationa)

cance of the A. & M.'s first decade is most conspicuously brought out by in this world; most of it is decidedly. A few instances may be cady to please your most cited to show why Democratic chances we'll both be represented."

that of the State's greatest educational institution—I can mean only the State University. I have no ante belum data of the University. It was re-opened in 1875, and enrolled that year ('75-76), 68 students. Not till the tenth year thereafter did the number rise as high as 220 which is less ber rise as high as 230, which is less by 23 than the A. & M.'s tenth year's enrollment. Even sixteen years after its post bellum opening, the University's highest water-mark was only 248 (including 73 law and medical students), less by 5 than the A. & M. 2

tenth year's enrollment.

But the University's first post bel-

But the University's first post bellum decade fell in the shadow of the war and of carpet-bag missrule. Select, therefore, the decade contemporaneous with the A. & M.'s first, 1889-99. During this decade three conspicuously able presidents, Battle, Winston, Alderman, were in turn at the head of the University. One of its most—perhaps its most—brilliant periods of growth fell within that decade. Then it was that Dr. Winston was winning his spurs as one of cade. Then it was that Dr. Winston was winning his spurs as one of North Carolina's ablest college presidents. The University had enrolled (see Venable's report 1902), during the year ending June, 1889, 187 students (including 21 in law). Ten years afterwards (the year ending June, 1899), it enrolled 491 students (64 in the law and medical schools are included). That is to say, the University, starting the decade with an enrollment of 187 students, with a fine equipment, with a long-workedsuccessful educational forces of North out and well seasoned organization, with a century's prestige and hundreds To Mr. Gray:—Why commit the common error of complimenting one person whilst depreciating others? Was it not sufficient, in your reference to Dr. Winston's splendid success at the A. & M. College, to state the fact, if fact it be that "He has made of it." and the ancient learning, 253 students (29 preparatory pupils are included). And yet, Mr. Gray, you print it in black ink that the A. & M. was "an insignificant educational force."

(2) What about the fruits of the A. & M.'s earlier years? I select but one of many specimens. It will amone of many specimens.

exercises of the Agricultural and Me-chanical College. \* \* \* These young men have been armed with practical education, and they are prepared to compete with the rest of the world in embracing the responsibilities of life. A striking instance of this was the announcement of president Holladay that three members of "The teaching of science and of mechanic arts by skilled professors and with excellent appointments was happily illustrated by the enthusiasn; positions. He stated, however, that these young men would finish their studies in the near future and be

awarded diplomas." Facts and opinions, such as the bove, are more than ample to show the absurdity of your characterization of the A. & M. in its first years, Mr. The alumni of its first decade should before it is too late see to it that the facts of its earlier years are rescued and that it be awarded the high place among the forces of that day which it richly deserved.

congratulate the able president

accomplished faculty the college or splendid growth its present and wish them the even greater things for future. As a life-long teacher and as a father with sons to educate, I commend their firmness in suppressing reundergraduate and heartily seniors who manhood acknowledge renounce error resume their studies. There have been from the first, and are now directorate of the college. It is due them to state that no one now or at any time in the past connected with the college has, even in the remotest degree, inspired or suggested the writing of this letter. The facts and citations here put down have been

#### BEEN AWAY FIFTY YEARS. North Carolinians Who Have Pros pered In California.

Mr. Tom L. Gooch and wife, Revera, California, are on a visit to their neice, Mrs. G. T. Powell, at the

Mr. Gooch went from near Durham N. C., about fifty years ago, when a small boy, with his parents, and has made a fortune growing grapes, or-anges and nuts. He sells thousands of dollars worth every year. He is rated at tax value about eighty thousand dollars. They stopped at St. Louis a few days attending the Fair, and will visit relatives around Durham for awhile.

### Buffalo.

(Buffalo Special to N. Y. World.) The happiest girl in Buffalo last night was Miss Bertha Herrick, the young daughter of D. Cady Herrick. Miss Herrick is the guest of Miss Lepage Gallien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Gallien, at their home on Norwood avenue, and it was there that the young woman received the the pretty rooms and chatting. The tea party turned into a ratification meeting. A big flag floats in front of the Gallien home, "and he's the only Democrat Iwould ever hang a flag said Mr. Gallien, an ardent Republican.

A newspaper containing a picture of Justice Herrick was shown to Miss State had attained in a quarter to over half a century of effort. And yet there is found a North Carolinian isn't that way at all. When he's at home he is smiling and pleasant looking, but I suppose in court he does look serious like that."

Harmony in Empire State a Helpful Tonic Everywhere.

It Has Inspired Workers with Confi dence. The German and Independent Vote is Strongly for Parker.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—From the men in charge of headquarters here to the humblest Democrat, there is the strengthening effect of tonic in the action of the State convention in New York. Democrats are unanimous, as far as I have heard today, in the declaration that it makes sure not only of New York but also of some other necessary States. The harmony attained will increase the confidence of all Democrats in New York New Ign.

are improving all the while—instances within my personal knowledge, for the most part. Some Democrats who have had their projects turned down by the campaign committee are disgruntled and see only peril to the party, while frank Republicans in social confidence reveal their fears of the defeat of Roosevelt. In the in-terior of New York a local worker who belongs to the old Platt regime, predicts the large Democratic majority on the State ticket of 100,000, and yet smilingly figures out a majority for Roosevelt and Fairbanks in the State of New York. Of course this is impossible. It is not politics, and nobody knows it any better than this candid worker who merely goes through the metions of keeping up confidence in the national campaign. He may think that the Presidential ticket is safe without the Empire State. But if the Empire State goes by a large majority, as it may, for Parker and Davis, and the fact is known in advance for a few days that it will thus go, what can keep all the nearly doubtful States from following suit?

There are other pointers. In Rhode Island, say Democrats, the Republicans are so badly scared they have taken a man from the Chief Justice-ship and are are running him for Govall Democrats in New York, New Jersis prejudiced against Radicalism of the map of the Vanceboro (North Caroboth in tonnage and richness. It is sey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and sort Roosevelt is characterized by as a lina) quadrangle, recently published reasonable to expect that this plant Delaware. It will likewise give new life to the campaign beginning in Indiana. It will inspire with confidence the workers in all debatable States. It is freely said here that the following States are now very likely to cast their votes for Parker and Davis: The sort Roosevelt is characterized by as a public man. These Germans do not love war for war's sake, Many of them left Germany to avoid the long terms of military service, and Roosevelt is the special representative in this country of the military spirit—the pot of the bumptious chauvenistic that are supposed to be parts of most

Object Lesson in Social Equality at Republican National Convention.

### What Topographers Say of Residents of Vanceboro.

The Geological Survey Report Says They are Periodically or Perennially Afflicted With Chills and Fever.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—The atest Press Bulletin of the United States Press Bulletin, has an article on the recent topographical survey made in Pamlico county, North Carolina, that will no doubt create interest in that county and may also create com-

The topographers who made the

al localities.

The country is generall very flat and is covered with a sandy loam. With the aid of fertilizers for example. erations are now carried on at sever-

the aid of fertilizers fair crops of cot-ton and corn are raised. A little tobacco is grown in the northern part of the quadrangle. Better transportation facilities might make of this area a fine country for truck gardens. The people are as a rule poor, and with a few exceptions the farms are

This quadrangle was surveyed in co-Rapid Industrial Growth operation with the State of North Carolina. Messrs. W. L. Miller and Robert Coe are the topographers who represented the United States Geoogical Survey in the work. The map may be obtained for the sum of five cents from the Director of the Survey, Washington, D. C.

#### MINING IN UNION COUNTY. New Activity in a Field Which Promises to Bring Large Results.

(Special to News and Observer.) Monroe, N. C., Sept. 24.—There is considerable activity in mining Union county with very favorable results. The Colossus Mining Co. opersults. ating the Howie and several adjoining properties about nine miles West of Monroe are installing a large cyanide plant to treat the ore from the immense vein they are now developing. The ore body bids fair to rival some of the larger Western mines will be running early in November, and will soon produce a magnificent dividend to the enterprising men from Pennsylvania who have invested their money and time in developing this

wonderful property. About two miles northwest of Mon-roe the Nichols Mining Co. operating on part of the old Osborne estate have opened up a vein of fine looking ore some of which shows considerable free gold but is rapidly developing into a sulphuret ore showing considerable copper. The shaft now at fifty feet shows the vein to be somewhat broken and about five feet wide, and highly mineralized, and from all appearance will soon develop into a large vein of good ore. In prospecting the surface they have located a num-ber of parallel veins which seem to be coming dogether and indicate a large body of ore when greater depth is obtained. The Nichols Mining Co. is operated by Baltimore people who are fortunate and have shown good judgment in having chosen a property that is developing. that is developing so satisfactorily. Work on the Brown Hill mine located about eight miles north of Monroe is being pushed by Massachusetts parwork and at a depth of eighty-five feet have drifted on the vein about one hundred and thirty feet, and are now crosscutting to ascertain the width of the vein, which is of low grade, but carrying a number of low grade, but carrying a number of low grade, but carrying a number of low grade l grade, but carrying a number of large shutes of very high grade ore. property is admirably located and farmers in this section have a splend did market and, I am informed, are in owner for their confidence in it as good circumstances. Speaking of they have considerable good ore on the farming, I learn that the tobacco dump now.
The Black Mine at Indian Trail ten

miles North of Monroe has been shut down temporarily owing to the change tent about here until recent years. of ore from a freemilling and concentrating ore to a good smelting ore well adapted to the production of fine running high in copper and lead. This grades of tobacco, and since its intro-mine as greater depth is obtained will duction the financial condition of the make a good showing in a very fine farmers has been greatly improved. Much of the ridge land that before smelting ore.

Besides the above are a number of other mines which are worked spamodically. Among which are the modically among which are the modified that before was considered almost worthless, is now considered quite valuable.

The city furnishes ample arrangements of the city furnishes crops of to-

Smart, Stewart, Long, Moore, Bonnie ments for handling these crops of to-Doone, Laney, Crump and Welsh. special mention for the surface showing giving fine results by panning.

### ELEGANT OPERA HOUSE.

New Bern's Handsome Masonic Opera House Opens With Eclat.

New Bern N. C., Sept. 24.-Friday night marked an event that will last our theatre-going people many years.

The occasion was the opening of the new Masonic Opera House by Fred. E. Faust's Minstrels. This play house E. Faust's Minstrels. E. Faust's Minstreis. This play house is modern, convenient and commodious, and will compare with the best in the State, when lighted presents a growth in the last two years is fifty growth in the last two years is fifty. brilliant display of electricity grand, brilliant display of electricity per cent. Their shipments are over from 590 incandescent lights. The \$15,000.00 per month. Their territory

eries of shows that will satisfy all lovers of amusements. Local Manager F. F. Manager B. B. Manager B. Manager B. B. Manager B. Manager

Too much praise cannot be given to the Fred. E. Faust Minstrels, as each artist stands at the head of his profession. Their costume gorgeous and scenery grand. costumes were

The acrobatic performance of the Faust family was wonderful and beically or perennially, with chills and youd conception.

#### More Than He Could Stand.

(Franklin Times.) The editor of this paper met a commercial traveler a few days ago who Africa. This plant is but two years aid he met and made the acquaintsaid he met and made the acquaintance of a gentleman in Salisbury who the best of all.
had attended the late national Republican convention in Chicago as a delegate from one of the western counties of this State. He said he had business. These people make tobacco voted the Republican ticket ever since boxes, chairs and baby cradles, and do he was old enough to vote. He had not expect to go out of business as been a great admirer of President long as babies are born and people Roosevelt and went to the convention care to sit down. with his whole heart and mind set on green log and turn it over to you ready doing his part for his nomination, and for use demonstrating his love for a great The Fulton Manufacturing Com-leader. He was near the platform in pany is the youngest enterprise in the the convention hall and saw the young furniture line, but is starting off with buck negro at the command of the a zest and bosses lock his arm with a beautiful prophecy of the good success that the "pocosons"-elevated carrying the flag. His head became

# Briefly Told.

#### GREAT MARKET TOWN

Enormous Trade in Fruit, Vegetables, Poultry and Tobacco. Furniture and Other Manufacturing Enterprizes Contribute to the Swift Growth.

By F. L. TOWNSEND.

Mt. Airy, N. C.—Prior to the coming of the railroad to this place sixteen years ago, Mt. Airy was a quiet little isolated village of a few hundred inhabitants, a few stores, and a few shops. Then miles away, was the nearest railroad point, and roads were bad, and in winter very muddy, so that communication with the outside world was exceedingly difficult.

Now everything is changed and Mt. Airy feels the throbs of life from busy centres of commerce and civilization and is growing apace with a vitality and energy that would surprise the uninformed. She has grown until now she is no longer considered one of the small towns of the State, but one of the leading business centres with a population approximating 4,000. She has but recently equipped

herself with a system of water works, and electric lights as well.

Being situated at the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains it is naturally bages and potatoes are to be found than such as are shipped from this market. The apples also are unsur-They are doing considerable passed for beauty and excellency of flavor. In the spring one may at times see apples of the past year and

butter is also enormous, so that the made in this and the adjoining counties is of an excellent quality. bacco was not grown to a large ex-It has been found that the

bacco. Three or four large warehouses are here where immense quangood payers if worked on business tities of leaf are sold and two very Welsh mine deserves important factories are here, to convert the leaf into plug and other forms of manufactured tobacco for the con-Another thing that has added im-

nensely to Mt. Airy's life and growth is her furniture factories. These fac tories have added greatly to the population of the place, bringing in a class of people—honorable, self-sustaining and thrifty. To speak somewhat in detail about

these factories we may mention the oldest first. Mount Airy Furniture Company. This factory This factory has been in operation about eight and one-half years, and has had a wonderful growth. The

stage is roomy and can carry any scenery used by all companies. The entire house is being equipped with a The lessees, Messrs. Craven Bros., of the finishing and storage departments of this plant. These people make of this plant. These people very handsome full room sui The National Furniture Company

Local Manager F. F. Mathews will furnishes steady and lucrative employment for from 75 to 100 hands, and makes a fine quality of goods, making that the patrons are protected. In case of fire five exits are on the bottom floor, while the balcony has two and one fire escape. A fire panic is impossible.

In that the patrons are protected. In chiffoniers and odd dressers and will chiffoniers and odd dressers and will add full room suits about January 1, 1905. Their shipments go from City of Mexico and along the Pacific, throughout middle west, covering the eastern states, and to Jamaica and South Africa. Trade has grown South Africa. rapidly, having doubled during the

past year. Mt. Airy Mantle and Table Company. This factory makes a specialty of tables and hall racks. Here is done also an excellent class of work as their trade will indicate. They have a good export as well as local trade, making recent shipments to Cuba, the England and South Philippines, last month's trade was

The Banner Manufacturing Com-Thev

The Fulton Manufacturing Comearnestness tha

It will be remembered that less than They are usually covered with made his way out of the convention ing of this place was burned to the (Continued on Second Page.)

The above shows what actually took place at the Republican convention which nominated Roosevelt and Fairbanks at Chicago. When President Roosevelt was declared the nominee of the Republican party a little negroboy, the son of a negro delegate from Alabama, stepped out upon the platform, escorting a little white girl.

Standing there together these two children waved United States flags in honor of Mr. Roosevelt's nomination. A traveling man from North Carolina was there and saw this disgusting spectacle. A few Southern Republicans are denying that this tock place, but there are hundreds of men who were present and saw it, and it is useless to deny the truth. This is in line with the President's policy. He dined with the negro Pooker Washington, he appointed the negro, Crum, Collector of the Port at Charleston, he had a negro, Harry Smythe Cummings, of Baltimore, to second his nomination; and it is not surprising, therefore, that the little negro boy and the little white girl should bave been placed upon a platform side by side as an evidence of Mr. Roosevelt's sentiments respecting social equality. Ne doubt this was done to catch the negro vote in the doubtful States of the North. If Mr. Roosevelt must have the negro vote in these States let Southern men answer the insult by refusing to give him a single white vote in the South.—Smithfield Herald.

East-New York, Rhode Island, Con- class. He is likely, if elected to get Colorado, Montana, Nevada and Utah: the old South not included in the solid tendencies when he is just in front of 151—Maryland and West Virginia, a popular election. While the Gerwith some chances in Idaho and Illimans to whom I have made allusion Congress in other States, notably, Wisconsin. Privately I have had concespensities, they are proud of their nasions that the Democrats would certainly carry the House of Representatives if the election were held this would be involved in the question of war with Roosevelt as President of the week made to me by eminent Republicans who know the whole situation. and whose names I could not divuige. cock looks upon the Congressional campaign as extremely critical for his Herrick's Name Parted in Middle. party. He is not saying such things news of her father's nomination. merely to get money and stir up his When it came a dozen girls in dainty party. He believes they are true and afternoon frocks were sipping tea in that if something is not done in a few weeks the House is lost. This opinion, most sure to go with it. It has been so in the past. It is likely always to be the case in Presidential years. The same causes are operating. The very thing which determines the wind of the votes in the districts to go Demother to Cady Herrick. He said: "The D. Cady Herrick. He said: "The D. cratic for Congress determines them be that for which it stands. If people

only careful in his public conduct and There will be large gains in are not specially fond of their late tive land and have kin and interests United States with a full term of four long years before him. CICERO W. HARRIS.

(N. Y. Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.) Stories about Judge D. Cady Her-Democratic nominee Governor, are now in order. One I know, is shared by one or two of his heard to-day tells why he parted his closest and ablest advisers. Now the name in the middle. He was baptized claim is made that while the House is in danger the President is safe. If the House is lost the Presidency is althus father. But this did not please the House is lost the Presidency is althus father. The latter thought that most sure to go with it. It has been Cady might be softened into Katiecratic for Congress determines them phabet for which it stands. If people to do so for the electoral ticket. choose to think that it stands for a Roosevelt is no stronger than his par- name instead of a letter, they may;

mother.

Then

finished maps. It lacks rivers, lakes, necticut, New Jersey, Delaware; the the country embroiled with some big railroads, turnpikes, mountains, hills, West and Central West-Indiana, power, possibly Germany, for he is and towns. It abounds only in swamps. The village of Vanceboro, which the quadrangle takes it name, is the one metropolis of the region. Its existence is maintained by about 300

> fever. Swift Creek is happily near and offers some escape to the outside world for those who care to patronize the steamer that plies between Vanceboro and New Bern, N. C., once or twice a week. Other parts of the quadrangle ar extremely inaccessible, as the only roads are logging tramways. Neuse River, which cuts across a very small angle of the southwest corner of the

shaking citizens, all afflicted, period-

uadrangle, is navigable for a nonths of the year, but is accessible to ily a small part of the area. Pamlico River, which crosses the quadrangle diagonally in the extreme northeast orner, is navigable all the time, but too remote from the few people iving in the quadrangle to do them much service.

A large portion of the area, especially in the eastern part of the quadrangle, is covered with what are locally white girl and parade the platform men who are behind it merit. swamps which drain in every direcheavy timber, in which pine predominates, with a large percentage of cypress and gum trees to thicken the ungentleman said he should spend the building is being rapidly pushed to He is even—in some places weakbut as for you, write your name D.
cady Herrick—D. to please me and press and gum trees to thicken the ungentleman said he should spend dergrowth. A great deal of timber remainder of his days doing everything completion. It is located has already been cut and timber op-pessible against the Republican party. (Continued on Second