

THE Republicans are distributing throughout this county (and probably all over the State) a circular giving thirteen reasons, "Why you should not vote the Democratic ticket," which we will answer serially, as follows:

1. "It is the party of aristocrats and bon tons."

This is not true, but it is the white man's party, and a large majority of the white men not only in North Carolina but in the United States are Democrats. More white wage-earners and laborers are Democrats than are Republicans.

2. "It creates offices for the Democratic politicians."

This is not true, but it is true that the Fusion Legislatures of 1896 and 1897 created more offices than any Democratic Legislature has ever done since then. And not only did these Fusion Legislatures create so many offices, but they filled many of them with negroes!

3. "It has burdened the farmer by raising taxes and increasing the valuation of his lands. (Proof—compare your tax receipts of 1903 with those of previous years.)"

This is not true. The rate of taxation for State purposes is less now than it was under Fusion rule, and the rate in this county (including the road tax) is less now than it was the last year of Fusion rule. If there is a farmer in Chatham whose land is valued higher than he would take for it, name him! Now, "put up or shut up."

4. "It has taxed the merchants of the State until they can hardly remain in business."

This is not true. The last Legislature reduced the license tax on merchants, especially on small merchants, and we defy any man to name any merchant who has failed to "remain in business" on account of the increase in taxes on merchants.

5. "It increased the number of Superior Court Judges and Solicitors from twelve to sixteen, when twelve could easily have done the work."

It is not true that "twelve could easily have done the work," for on account of the increase in business and population sixteen are kept as busy now as twelve used to be. No doubt there are many Republicans who wish there were no Judges or Solicitors!

6. "It increased Governor Aycock's salary from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and furnished him a mansion to live in."

Yes, and the last Republican Governor (Russell) strongly urged it in his last message. Aycock's salary is not as large as the salary of a majority of the Republican Governors in the United States, and if Russell got \$3,000 a year surely Aycock is well worth \$4,000 and cheap at that!

7. "Its present State administration cost the taxpayers of the State the enormous sum of \$2,201,604.31 during the year 1903, or nearly as much as the entire four years of Governor Vance's administration."

Vance was elected Governor nearly thirty years ago when the ordinary expenses of the State were much less than now, and his administration was not called on to pay any of the extra expenditures that are now deemed necessary and demanded by the State Republican platform. If we compare the expenditures of last year with the expenditures of the last year under Russell we will find the former were \$157,166.67 less than the latter, after deducting the increased expenditures for schools, pensions and charitable institutions. The disbursements in 1900, the last year of Russell's administration, were more than three times as great as the total disbursements in 1880, the last year of the Vance-Jarvis administration, and Russell spent during the last year of his administration for schools, asylums and pensions to confederate soldiers \$631,557.77 less than the Democrats spent in 1903 for the same purposes.

8. "It conceals from the voter its plans and purposes until it has secured his vote, and then it passes drastic measures depriving the honest farmers of privileges which it bestows upon the inhabitants of cities and towns."

This, of course, is intended as an attack on the Watts law, but we hardly think that "the honest farmers" feel aggrieved or deprived of any "privileges" by abolishing barrooms and whiskey stills

throughout the country!

9. "It has increased our State debt over five hundred thousand dollars."

And it should be added that a large part of it was on account of contracts made by Russell's administration!

10. "It tried to impeach three honorable Judges of the Supreme Court for purely partisan purposes."

The only partisanship displayed in the impeachment matter was by the Republican members of the Legislature. Every one of them voted against impeachment, whereas the Democrats divided, some voting for and others against impeachment.

11. "It so grossly mismanaged the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad that the people of the State arose in their might and demanded its lease."

This is not true. That road was far better managed under its last administration than it was under Fusion rule, and it was chiefly through Aycock's efforts that a satisfactory lease was secured.

12. "The Democratic party is a professional acrobat on finance. It jumped from Cleveland's gold standard policy in 1893 to Bryanism and free silver in 1896 and 1900, and leaped back to that 'gold-telegram' plank and that 'irrevocably established' in 1904."

But that does not begin to compare with the jump made by those men who left the Democratic party because Cleveland was "a gold bug" and are now hurrahing for Roosevelt and the gold standard!

13. "It has forever turned its back on the old Confederate soldier. Proof—(a) His pension has been reduced; (b) Julian S. Carr and Cy. Watson, both generous and patriotic Confederate soldiers, were defeated for the United States Senate by machine leaders who never smelt powder; (c) Charles M. Stedman and Theodore F. Davidson, two old Confederate soldiers, were defeated by the professional politicians for the nomination for Governor."

The idea of Republicans pretending to pose as the friends of the Confederate soldiers! Did you ever know such "cheek"?

The first legislation enacted in this State to pay pensions to our Confederate soldiers was passed by Democrats over the votes of Republicans opposing it. Not only that but the Democratic Legislature of 1901 passed the bill written by this writer increasing the amount appropriated for pensions to twice the amount appropriated by the Fusion Legislature!

Republicans cannot complain that the Democrats did not nominate an ex-Confederate for Governor, when they have nominated as their candidate a Connecticut Yankee!

Nor can they complain of the Democrats not electing an ex-Confederate to the Senate, when they never did elect one themselves. The first United States Senator they ever elected in this State was a Yankee General (Abbot) and the last was Pritchard, who advocated the pensioning of Confederate deserters!

The Yadkin Water Power.

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 15.—The harnessing of the Yadkin and the development of the "Narrows" situated some eighteen miles from this city, will take a new turn next week upon the arrival of Mr. G. L. Whitney, president of the Whitney Reduction Co., and the secretary of the company, Mr. F. L. Stephenson, of New York, who will spend about ten days on the grounds for the purpose of completing the preliminary arrangements for active work. These gentlemen, who are expected to arrive Monday, will be accompanied by a corps of engineers and contractors who will assist in the surveys and other work to be done at the site of the power plant which is to be the greatest of its kind in the South. The matter of utilizing the enormous power available at this point on the Yadkin has long been a subject of speculation but it now seems certain that the mighty cataract will be used in furnishing power for the many industries in this section of North Carolina. It is understood that no less than \$5,000,000 will be expended on the development of the plant.

Fatal Mortar Explosion.

Boston, Oct. 15.—Three United States soldiers were killed and eight injured, one fatally, by the explosion of a mortar at Fort Banks, Winthrop, today. The accident was due to a premature explosion of powder as a ten-inch mortar was being loaded. The artillerymen were having the customary morning in the battery which overlooks the entrance of Boston harbor.

Washington Letter.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Washington, Oct. 18, 1904.

As election day approaches interest in the campaign becomes more intense and little else but politics is heard in Washington. Ex-Senator Davis passed through Washington this week and was greeted at the railroad station by a number of prominent Democrats with the usual accompaniment of a brass band. The venerable ex-Senator was looking his best and spoke most hopefully regarding the political situation, although he would not allow the newspaper men to quote him. He was accompanied by Senator Daniel, of Virginia, ex-Governor Whyte, of Maryland, who described himself as "a young man of eighty summers," ex-Senator Hill and several local Democrats as well as a corps of newspaper men. The vice-presidential candidate was on his way to "the invasion of West Virginia" where he is to follow the same route as that taken by the vice-presidential candidate of the Republican party some weeks ago, but the Democratic special train will make more stops. Much good is looked for from this trip. It is argued that Mr. Davis' popularity will go far towards turning the tide to the Democrats in West Virginia and well posted Democrats assert that if the vice-presidential nominee will follow his speaking tour with a very liberal contribution to the campaign fund the Republicans will be "snowed under" in West Virginia.

News of the Democratic National Committee reaches Washington chiefly through the Democratic Congressional Committee which has its headquarters in this city, but such information has thus far proven more accurate than much of the alleged news which has appeared in the New York press. The course of the campaign of William J. Bryan in Indiana will be watched with the keenest interest by all Democrats. Chairman Taggart expresses the utmost confidence in Mr. Bryan's sincerity and Messrs. Hill, Sheehan, Belmont and others believe that Mr. Taggart's confidence is not misplaced. There are those who insist that Mr. Bryan was disloyal in admitting that Parker and Davis stood no chance of carrying Nebraska. Mr. Bryan's friends, on the other hand, say that his course was not only warranted but wise. They submit that a declaration that Nebraska would inevitably "go Republican" is no more disloyal than such an assertion regarding Ohio would be, coming from John R. McLean. Moreover, they insist that Mr. Bryan was wise in thus disposing of a futile effort to carry the electoral ticket, in order that the entire force of the local Democracy might be concentrated on the effort to carry the legislature and thus recover the seat in the Senate now occupied by Chas. H. Dietrich.

A certain division of the work has been made among the Democratic leaders. Mr. Taggart will be held responsible for Indiana, Mr. Davis for West Virginia, and the New York members of the National and Executive committees will lend their energies to wresting New York from Republican control. The cry of "Odellism" is proving the greatest obstacle to Republican effort, the Governor-Chairman being a great incubus on the neck of the Republican managers, even that was anticipated. Betting in New York is 10 to 7 on Herrick, the Democratic candidate for Governor, which affords a striking illustration of the view taken by the New Yorkers themselves.

Information from Wisconsin to the effect that ex-Governor Schofield, who received the nomination for Governor from the Stalwart Republicans, will not withdraw, as he has been urged to do by Senators Spooner and Quarles, is interpreted here as good news to the Democrats. Had the Stalwarts withdrawn their ticket there might have been a chance of electing the Republican electoral slate, say the Democrats, but with two Republican tickets in the field the prospects for carrying the State for Parker and Davis are excellent and Wisconsin's thirteen electoral votes may be needed on Nov. 8th. It is also believed that the quarrel between LaFollette and the Spooner-Quarles faction is certain to give the Democrats an additional seat in the Senate. It is whispered in inside circles that ex-Senator Vilas will be returned to the Senate to succeed Senator Quarles, by a fusion of the Stalwart Republican and the Democratic members of the legislature. Mr. Vilas was a staunch Cleveland supporter and a man who commanded the highest respect from both parties. He has always stood high in Wisconsin and is the only man who could command the support of both parties.

The President remains in Washington, probably vainly looking for the marching clubs and campaign organizations which, earlier in the year, he declared Oyster Bay would be unable to accommodate, but none of them has come. In view of the fact that the Republicans are in possession of all the "machinery" afforded by Federal office holders, etc., they are making a very poor show of enthusiasm for their candidate.

Vice-presidential candidate Davis made eight speeches Tuesday

The Japanese-Russian War.

From The Charlotte Observer, Oct. 17th.

The past week has been perhaps the bloodiest and most strenuous since hostilities opened, having been marked by almost continuous fighting. The latest reports from the scene of operations indicate that the Japanese are making gains everywhere, and that Kuropatkin, whose offensive tactics seemed to have proved disastrous, is reported to be steadily falling back, fighting doggedly, in a desperate effort to prevent the utter rout of his army. While the three Japanese armies suffered some slight initial reverses, a summary of the week indicates that success has generally attended the Japanese arms. There has been yet no definite conclusion to the fighting, although the dispatches clearly point out the final rout of the Russians and their retreat across the Hun river, in which event there will likely be a brief cessation of the fighting. There is no doubt but that the Russians have suffered heavily. Field Marshal Oyama estimates the Russian losses at thirty thousand, and these figures have been practically confirmed from Russian sources.

There has been little news of interest from Port Arthur, the operations around Mukden occupying the centre of the stage. Altogether the events of the week have remarkable significance. That Kuropatkin, with an army enthused by the prospect of the first offensive campaign, well equipped, closely in touch with a base of supplies, and outnumbering the enemy, according to Russian sources, by 25,000, should meet with such overwhelming repulse, has brought about a feeling of deep gloom at St. Petersburg, which rapidly succeeding reverses are not calculated to dispel. For the first time, it is reported from a high source, since the war began, the Czar has begun to despair of the outcome.

Shipwrecks in New England.

Boston, Oct. 15.—The fierce northerly gale which has swept the Massachusetts coast for two days and which resulted Friday morning in the loss of twelve lives by the destruction of the schooner Wentworth off Chatham, early today caused the wrecking of another schooner, with the crowing of four men. Three other vessels were driven ashore, but the crews escaped. The three-masted schooner Elwood Burton, bound from St. John, N. B., for New York, while trying to make the harbor at Provincetown struck Peaked Hill bar and was ground to pieces. Captain Williams and three of the crew were lost, while the mate and two men were rescued by life savers. The three-masted schooner Annie M. Allen, bound from Hillsboro, N. B., for Newark, N. J., in running for Gloucester harbor, went ashore between Norman's, West reef and Maguolia Point and probably will be a total loss. Her captain and crew of six men reached shore safely without assistance. An unknown schooner also was driven ashore off Chatham, on Common Flat, and life savers have gone to her assistance.

Rival Found to Niagara.

St. Louis special to Philadelphia Lee ed.

St. Louis, Oct. 15.—A greater cataract than either the Niagara or Zambesi falls have been discovered in South America. Horacio Amasagasti, Commissioner of Mines from the Republic of Argentina to the World's Fair, fully confirms the statement that the Igazua is the greatest waterfall in the world. He says: "I have recently been in a position to corroborate with my own eyes the marvelous character of the falls of Igazua. The Igazua falls are in the Igazua river, the boundary between Brazil and Argentina. The falls are 60 feet higher than the Niagara, nearly three times greater in width and its volume of water is 60 per cent. larger. The Igazua river is twice as big as the Niagara river and hurries to the sea with incredible swiftness and tumbling 28,000,000 cubic feet of water per minute over a precipice 210 feet high. The falls are 13,123 feet wide, 210 feet high."

Youth Fatally Shot.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 16.—A tragic and probably fatal accident occurred at the home of Rev. W. A. Rogers, on Evans street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when his son, Ralph, a youth 18 years of age, was accidentally shot by a pistol in his own hands. An hour or so before the accident a brother of the young man borrowed the pistol from a friend and in the presence of Ralph Rogers unloaded the weapon. A short time afterwards he re-loaded the pistol, unknown to the younger man. The latter, thinking the pistol still unloaded, attempted to adjust the hammer and the weapon fired. The bullet struck him in the forehead and passing between the eyes ranged up and imbedded itself in the brain. Physicians attending the wounded man tonight say that there is little hope for his recovery.

Young Rogers died tonight from the effects of his injury.

Russian Troops Routed.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—Independent messages from the front state that the retirement of the troops of General Meyerdorf on the Russian right has been turned into a rout.

The force has suffered tremendous losses. These dispatches report that the Russian soldiers at one point charged with bayonets in magnificent form. They captured eleven Japanese guns and a machine gun. The dispatches are not yet confirmed, however.

Rome, Oct. 17.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Giornale E. Di Coma," wires that, after a consultation with the Czar, General Gripenberg has decided to mobilize six hundred thousand additional troops for the war.

Manchuria, the paper asserts, is to be abandoned for the present. A Russian note will probably be issued to the powers announcing the Czar's firm intention of conducting the war.

20,000 WOUNDED RUSSIANS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—A report received at the Russian capital today states that twenty-three thousand wounded Russian soldiers arrived from Mukden during the past week.

FLEET AT PORT ARTHUR SUFFERING.

Tokio, Oct. 17.—Reports received from the seat of war this morning have it that fourteen more Russian guns were captured Sunday. Another report from the neighborhood of Port Arthur asserts that the Russian fleet in the harbor is suffering severely from the shells of the land batteries.

Killed Brother-in-Law.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Lexington, Oct. 16.—About noon today at Piney Church, in Boone township, Clay Grubb, a well known distiller, shot and killed O. L. Davis, his brother-in-law and former partner in business. Grubb says that just as he drove up near the church, where a protracted meeting was going on, he saw Davis attempt to draw a pistol, and believing his own life to be in danger, he shot Davis to save himself. He did not know how many times he shot, nor whether Davis was dead, but said that three chambers of his revolver were empty. Davis lived about ten minutes after being shot, but never spoke.

Pritchard Commits Suicide.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—

The War Department has received a dispatch from Manila today confirming the report that Lieutenant William D. Pritchard murdered Lieutenant Deen by shooting him through the head, and then suicided. Lieutenant Pritchard was insane at the time. Young Pritchard is a son of Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Marshall, N. C., formerly United States Senator from North Carolina, and at present Federal Judge for the circuit of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina.

Cotton Gin Burns.

Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

Monroe, Oct. 15.—Messrs. Austin & Perry's ginning outfit, at Wingate, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The mill, situated about fifty feet distant, was saved by hard work on the part of the citizens. The loss is supposed to be heavy, with no insurance.

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