

To The Voters of Rowan County:

I herewith submit the original affidavit of Luke F. O. Ridenhour, of Gold Hill township, signed by making HIS MARK and the Sergeant of the Personal Department signed his name and both acknowledged same before Lt. Gold, the proper officer appointed by the Summary Court under the law of South Carolina to take acknowledgements, which I think is sufficient answer to that part of C. F. Montgomery's reply. However, in addition, I herewith submit Mr. J. A. Earnhardt's affidavit, which bears out LUKE RIDENHOUR'S statement. Mr. Earnhardt, is one of Gold Hill township's best men, and for that reason I suppose, Luke Ridenhour, went to him for help, when he discovered, that Montgomery, had fixed to vote him contrary to his will, which he SWEARS was made known to Montgomery, at the time he signed the BLUE CERTIFICATE. Mr. Earnhardt says in addition to what he sets out in his affidavit, that when he first spoke to Montgomery about the matter, that Montgomery denied the whole matter, said he had no recollection of it whatever, but that he would think over it and let him know. Mr. Earnhardt says that later he met Montgomery in the court house in Salisbury, and told him he wanted to settle that Ridenhour matter, that Montgomery said he would do fair about it, that he had prepared Democratic ballot for Luke, but that he still had them in his office, and that he would cancel and destroy the Democratic ballot, and that he, Earnhardt, could vote a Republican ticket for Ridenhour on the certificate he held.

Why did Montgomery fix up a Democratic ticket for Luke? Why did he put Mr. Earnhardt off at the first? As the active head of the Democratic party in Rowan County, why did he put himself to so much trouble to vote a Republican?

To those who do not know the parties personally ask any reputable citizen of Gold Hill (as to the reputation of the three men for truth and veracity, and if they say that Montgomery's word or oath is entitled to PREFERENCE over that of Mr. Earnhardt's or Luke Ridenhour's, then Montgomery need not reply again. In this connection, I want to say that there is about as much in Montgomery's reply, as that of State Chairman Tom Warren's reply to Mr. Morehead's statement except that Warren goes out of the way to say that Mr. Morehead was attacking the legality of the away-from-home-voting law, and that Mr. Morehead had actually called upon Ex-Senator Marion Butler. You know Senator Butler asked them who tried to get Cuba to collect some bonds, and rather than tell, they give up their old-time slogan "Butler and Bonds" and as they have made an American citizen out of the Negroes, and filled the army full of them, and say they make good soldiers their best and old-time slogan of all "Negro Domination" has reluctantly been given up also, so Warren evades any answer to Morehead, about his explanation of the spirit of the law meaning that sick men could be voted, if unable to attend the polls and the further information, that we (the Democrats) could not take any chances and the advice, that they should not argue or talk with Republicans about it. Why, of course not Mr. Warren, you have the help at hand to pull off anything you want to without talking to the Republicans about it or referring to the law at all.

I suppose everybody knows it is Democratic law that poll taxes must be paid on or before the first day of May to entitle anyone to vote under 50 years of age, or otherwise exempted from paying poll tax, and that the sheriff has to file a list of the names of all those who paid their poll tax on or before the 1st of May, with the clerk of the court on or before the 10th of May. Mr. James Kri-

der, like other sheriffs performed that duty. I paid \$15 for a certified copy of the list filed by the sheriff and herewith insert certificate of same. Under another Democratic law all who failed to pay their poll tax are subject to challenge, and another clause in the same Democratic law makes it the duty of the registrars to notify those challenged to appear and show why they should not be challenged. Several men, whose names does not appear on the certified paid list hold receipts, showing they paid their taxes before the first of May, as I remember one dated the 24th, another the 29th of April, this last being a candidate for office in the present election, another who does business in the court house, whose name is not on the paid list, but marked among the delinquents, says he paid his poll tax before the 1st day of May. Comparing this certified list with the registration books it appears that about 300 names do not appear on the paid list that are registered, who appear to be under 50 years of age, and otherwise qualified to vote.

Neither I or the Republicans had anything to do with the enactment of these laws or making the records in this county. We have paid our honest money for what we believed to be the proper records as made out by Democratic officials elected by the voters of Rowan County. The outstanding poll tax receipts may be correct, and lawfully obtained, as claimed by those holding them, or the officers in some instances may have made honest mistakes with that we have nothing to do, whatever, further than ask that the registrars carry out the law, which we ask to be done with Republicans the same as with Democrats.

As County Chairman, I am doing the bidding of my committee, who only ask, that the law be carried out to the letter. We believe that an effort will be made to carry the State and all the Congressional districts in the same manner, that the 10th district was carried by the Democrats in the last election. We are sparing neither time or expense to be able to prove as much of the expected frauds as possible. We are not mad at anyone at all, and will hold our head to the last and at the proper time expect to be able to make out our case before the proper tribunals, and inasmuch as such able local Democratic leaders as Walter Woodson, Walter Murphy, Robert Julian, and others I might mention have been relegated to the rear and such inexperienced men as C. F. Montgomery and Mr. Lisk, and a few other equally inexperienced workers are trying to carry out the active work of the opposition in this county, we feel that we have at least equal to a gain of 300 votes to start with, and we know that scores of good Democrats are going to be our best allies on the Election Day.

One perplexing thing is this, while I have tried to get the Election Board to furnish me, or the registrars with our tickets, as required by another Democratic law, and while I was calling for them and could not get them, the Chairman of the County Board of Election furnished our tickets or ballots to a Democratic candidate for re-election who has placed as I am informed and believe his name on our ticket and distributed the same among our voters.

I, Luke F. O. Ridenhour, do solemnly swear that Chas. F. Montgomery, did on or about the 21st of Aug. 1918, a few days before I left for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., came to me with some papers to sign, and later I found out that he presented to me a blue certificate to sign, stating at the time, that this certificate makes me eligible to vote, and if I signed this blue certificate, I could vote either a Democratic or Republican ticket, or the ticket

of my choice. I found out later, however, that Mr. Montgomery voted me, and that he cast a Democratic vote for me, which was contrary to my wishes. He, Mr. Montgomery, knew at the time I signed the blue certificate that I desired to vote the Republican ticket for I told him so, he stating that I could vote the Republican ticket if I wanted to.

I can neither read nor write and did not know at the time, when I signed the certificate that I was voting, but was under the impression, that I was registering, having never voted before.

I requested Mr. J. A. Earnhardt, to go to Mr. Chas. F. Montgomery, and demand my ballot back, having been deceived into voting the Democratic ticket, but have as yet failed to receive the same.

His
LUKE F. O. RIDENHOUR.
Mark.

By Sgt. J. WOJTALEWICZ. 10-1-18.
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 1st day of Oct., 1918.

ROY W. GOULD,
1st Lt. Inf. U. S. A.,
Summary Court Officer.

Gold Hill, N. C., Nov. 2, 1918.

I, J. A. Earnhardt, do solemnly swear that on or about the 27th day of Aug., 1918, at the request of Luke F. O. Ridenhour, I called on Mr. Chas. F. Montgomery, asked him to return the ballot, which he Chas. F. Montgomery, obtained from the said Luke Ridenhour, under the pretense of registering him, but which turned out to be a Democratic ballot to which the said Ridenhour objected to on the ground that he wanted to vote a Republican ticket, thereupon Mr. Montgomery told me that he would cancel or destroy the Democratic ballot, and that I could get a ticket and vote it for Ridenhour.

J. A. EARNHARDT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace for Rowan County, this the 2nd day of November, 1918.

PAUL T. GOODMAN, J. P.

In conclusion I want to say that the Republicans of Rowan County in open convention have selected me as Chairman of the Executive Committee. I have openly and heartily in connection with other zealous party workers entered into the organization of our voters, and hope to be able to push them "over the top" on the 5th of November. I want to insist, that we are loyal American citizens, and that we fully believe, that we can remain so and at the same time vote the Republican ticket.

I have furnished three of my boys to the government, who I am proud to say are making good. The oldest son of the secretary of my committee resigned a position held under one branch of the government and is now in the military service, his grandson a prisoner in the hands of Germany and many of our people have given up their boys to fight in the ranks side by side with their Democratic associates. We have bought War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds and will continue to do so to the best of our ability. If we are defeated in this campaign we will gracefully submit and remain loyal American citizens by obeying the law in supporting the officers elected in the administration of their duties.

Very Respectfully,

R. A. KOHLOSS.

(POLITICAL ADVERTISING.)

REV. ADAM GRUBB DEAD

Native of Davidson County and former Rowan Man Dies at His Home in Florida—Mother-in-Law Also Dead

Word has been received here of the death Saturday of Rev. Adam Grubb at his home in Deland, Fla., death supposedly being due to influenza. While it is not definitely known it is probable that the interment took place at Deland.

Rev. Mr. Grubb was about 40 years of age and was a native of Davidson county, being a brother of the late H. Clay Grubb. Some years ago he was ordained a Baptist minister and held several charges in this

county up to a few months ago when he left here and went to Deland to accept a call. While a resident of Rowan he lived several miles from the city on the Mocksville road.

It is also learned that Rev. Mr. Grubb's mother-in-law, Mrs. Peck, also died at his home in Deland, her death occurring last Wednesday.

Users of pipes, cigars, cigarettes and those associated with them cannot be too careful about fire that might be started from some carelessness or inattention in the handling of them. They are dangerous hazards at the best in the home, in the yard, on the farm, in places of

WOMAN'S WAR WORK

Including the Various Interests and Activities of Rowan Women in the Fight for Freedom.

Notice

All persons having labels from soldiers overseas for Christmas boxes, please call at Red Cross office in the Community building and get box with instruction at once, as we must if possible have boxes back ready for inspection and wrapping not later than Saturday of this week. Please return boxes for inspection, etc., to federal court room in postoffice building where committee will take charge of them.

F. E. LLOYD,
Chairman.

On Saturday the following contributions were sent to the Red Cross emergency fund:

Mrs. Ella B. Carson	5.00
Miss Charlotte Hambley	2.00
Miss Johnnie Hobson	1.00

Mrs. Wallace B. Scates and children, Louise and Wallace, arrived in Salisbury yesterday and are at the home of Mrs. Scates' mother, Mrs. J. D. McNeely. Col. Wallace B. Scates, who has been stationed at Newport News for sometime, is now preparing to go overseas, and during his absence Mrs. Scates and children will be with Mrs. McNeely. The late queen of Denmark used to be known as "the mother of kings," so many of her sons-in-law being crowned heads. In like manner Mrs. McNeely might be deemed "the mother-in-law of colonels," for she has three sons-in-law colonels in the American army.

Mrs. Samuel Hamilton Wiley was called to Raleigh Saturday night on account of the critical illness of her father, Mr. Walter B. Hay. Mr. Hay heart in a weakened condition. Mr. Wiley went to Raleigh with his wife.

A splendid shipment of hospital quilts went out from the Red Cross meeting room for October—56 in all. It is marvelous how the country branches have responded, and how eager to work they all are. Three knitted comforts were also donated, one by the In His Name Circle of the King's Daughters, and two by a knitting club, called the Friday Afternoon Knitting club, of which Mrs. Nannie Hill is the moving spirit. These knitted comforts are beautiful

and getting so costly on account of the high price of wool, that its doubtful if many or any more come in.

The supervisor of reclamation work is very much gratified at the way the 500 pairs of gloves disappeared from the work rooms. It was a case of "now you see them," "now you don't," and they are fast being made into respectable looking affairs. In two days the allotment had been taken up by the women of the chapter and branches. The supervisor says the rural operator at the telephone office is a wonderful factor in the placing of work, and is so indefatigable in her efforts to put headquarters in touch with the branches that much time is saved and work accomplished through her kindness. On Saturday night when both the Red Cross women and operators were tried, for two hours the telephones were busy notifying rural branches. And this is what people who have not phones do in their eagerness to help out the cause these days. A member of a branch—by no means youthful—said she would walk to the homes of the different members of her branch to tell them about the coming bazaar (which bazaar by the way will be one of the biggest things ever pulled off in Salisbury) and that meant covering eight miles.

Every passenger engineer on the Western road, running out of Salisbury, is off duty on account of sickness, and freight engineers are taking their places.

Capt. R. B. Hayes, of the army medical corps, stationed at Fort Worth, Texas, was here this morning on his way to his post, from Hillsboro. Captain Hayes came here to attend the funeral and burial of his aunt, Miss Mary Beard, which took place in Salisbury last week.

Glenn Foster, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Foster, living on North Main street, just below the Western railroad, was struck by an automobile in the street in front of his home Saturday afternoon and painfully, thought not seriously hurt.

In the county court this morning two defendants were up charged with larceny of goods to the value of more than \$20 and probable cause was found and they were required to give \$100 bond each for their appearance at the next term of Rowan Superior court. A negro man and woman for violation of an ordinance regulating morals, were taxed \$5 each and costs.

Ed White, a young man of Chestnut Hill, was painfully injured Saturday afternoon when he was accidentally shot in the leg by Homer Gardner, the contents of a shot gun shell taking effect in the calf of one of his legs. He was taken to the sanatorium for treatment. The accident occurred down on the creek, near Chestnut Hill, where a party of young men were hunting.

A Chevrolet automobile, in which five young men were riding Saturday afternoon ran into a wood wagon near Sumner's, four miles south of Salisbury, breaking a leg of a horse hitched to the wagon, then shot up a bank and broke through a telephone pole then passed on and jammed into another pole. The car was demolished but none of the occupants were injured. The young men left the scene, leaving the car. The horse was killed afterward.

Mrs. Russell Sage Dead
New York, Nov. 3.—Mrs. Russell Sage, widow of Russell Sage, the financier, died suddenly this morning at her residence here. She had been in failing health several years. She was 90 years old.

The white poplar has been used as a natural lightning rod.

KINKY HAIR

The picture we show here is of a colored girl who had short, nappy, kinky hair.

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OVER-THE-LETTERS

October 10, '18.

Dear Mother—
Just a few lines to let you know I am feeling fine and in good health and surely hope you are the same. We are kept pretty busy over here and it is quite impossible for me to write very often. How is Grady? I hope he is all right. Tell all the folks I was asking for them, and tell them I am all right. Hoping you are in the best of health, I am, with love,
Your son,
GROVER GRAHAM.

Letter to Dad

Western Front, France,
Oct. 4, '18.

Dear Dad—
Yours of September 1 and 9 came yesterday. Very glad to hear from you. We just got out of the line day or two ago, and believe me it was some fight. Our outfit, (190th Infantry) took one of "Fritzies" strong positions. The place that was taken looked too strong for any mortal soldiers to take, the way they had it fixed, and as many machine guns as the enemy had there, however, our boys did the work, and drove old "Fritzies" soldiers back for three miles. Sure did get some guns and material. We lost quite a few good men, but did what we set out to do. In plain words "reached our objective."

Have read in many books, magazines and histories of the sights of the battle field, and have seen here sights that equal any I've ever read about. Don't feel equal to the task of describing what I saw, but perhaps I can tell you about it some day. Don't know how many prisoners we took, but they were quite numerous. Some boys made as many as 20 single handed. I consider that was doing real well for men that the Kaiser said "couldn't fight." The next night after the attack, I slept in a captured German officers' dugout. They had it fixed up very well. There were some mattresses in it, and beds with springs too, and you can bet we enjoyed one good night's rest. Don't know how soon we will see it again, but if any time comes along, our boys will only them better than ever before. Many people try to give their feelings or thoughts on the battle field as for me, I didn't feel very much out of the ordinary everyday sort. It was only after the fight was over that you had much time for thought and then thinking wouldn't do much good. Saw a good many se-

riously wounded; you would hardly ever hear of those complain or cry out. Those who were just slightly wounded generally made the most fuss. No much news to write. Bruce Lysterly didn't get hurt. Haven't seen Hal Wetmore or Oscar Benson since the fight, but don't think they were hurt. Very sorry to hear of Kingsley's death. He dies for his country just as much as if he had been over here, and going over the top. Old "Fritz" will want to call it all off before this world is many years older. Best wishes to all at home, and all my respects. Tell grandma I think of her every day.
PAT.

The above letter was sent to J. K. Culbertson by his son in France, W. R. Culbertson. Mr. Culbertson bears the record of giving three sons already and the fourth is just waiting his call to colors. These boys (three) volunteered and entered the army, navy and aviation.

HOHENZOLLERN TRUNKS ARRIVE IN SWITZERLAND.

Dozens of Them Have Reached the Luxurious Chateau Named "Bucinas" on Lake of Zug.
Geneva, Nov. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Dozens of trunks bearing the royal Hohenzollern monogram have been arriving in the past week at the luxurious chateau named "Bucinas" on the lake of Zug. The chateau, which is flying the German flag, is the property of Baron von Kleist, a German.

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