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Notice of Summons by Publication.

North Carolina—Transylvania County.

In Superior Court.

W. M. Gillespie vs. Tom Gillespie.

Tom Gillespie, the defendant above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Transylvania County by the plaintiff above named for the purpose of recovering from the defendant the share of the plaintiff in the real and personal estate of Jackson Gillespie, deceased, the said real estate lying in the County of Transylvania, in the State of North Carolina, and said defendant will take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of the said county to be held at the Court House in Brevard, N. C., on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in March, 1904, and answer or demur to the complaint in the said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in his complaint. This 9th day of March, 1904.

T. T. LOFTIS,
Clerk of Superior Court.

ABOUT AS HIGH AS HE CAN GO.



—New York Herald.

Uncle Zeke a Candidate.

Has All the Necessary Requirements for Success—Favors Expansion, Contraction and a Whole Lot of Other Things.

This is the time when the American people go down on their marrow bones and beseech the "leading citizen" to sacrifice himself for his country's good and become a candidate, and the "leading citizen" with becoming modesty announces that while he believes "the office should seek the man" he is in the hands of his friends, and walks up like a lamb to the trough.

That the office should seek the man is an old chestnut, and perhaps was all right in the old foggy days of our ancestors, but at this age of the world the man seeks the office—if the office is worth the seeking and there is an opportunity to take care of himself and his friends and a chance for graft—otherwise let the office go seeking.

I wish to announce to the voters of the country that while I am not in the hands of my friends, I am a seeker, willing and anxious to be sacrificed for my country's good, and any office attached to a fat salary and little labor.

I am an advocate of expansion—in salaries; of contraction—in the hours of labor; government ownership of steamship, railway and street car lines, telegraph and telephones, factories, shops, wholesale and retail establishments—in fact the entire business of the commercial world. It will make more room for our heels and aid us to perpetuate our party in power.

I am in favor of free silver, free gold and free whiskey, and a monomaniac on the subject of pensions. A man who fought, bled and died for thirteen dollars per month, hard-tack and gray-backs, has had enough and by proper management should be able to put away ample for the rainy day of old age, but if he squandered his wealth in riotous

living or the support of his family, there still remains the luxuries of the poor-house and the comforts of "sweet charity." I would not entirely do away with the pension list, simply cut off the widows and orphans and the old soldiers who are not able to get to the polls on election day. Office holders and government employees who were born constitutionally tired, or whose pride never allowed them to perform a day's work in their lives, but whose patriotism has forced them to devote their talents and energies for their country's welfare, and who for the miserly pittance of \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year, lead strenuous lives four hours a day I would bring under the sinful service rules and pension when we need a lot of recruits. Men who spend their lives in the service of their government have no opportunities to provide for the future, and patriotism must be rewarded. To turn them loose on the cold charities of the world would be a shame, for they might fill a working man's place, which would be an injustice to the laborer.

I am in favor of reform. The man with a dozen kids and who sells his labor for fifty cents per day, and sells his vote for the price of ten day's labor or a barrel of flour should be sent to the chaingang—his price is too low. But the "leading citizen" who, for his country's good, lays down his good, hard dollars to pay for the flour, we will honor by a re-election. Price makes the difference.

I am opposed to special legislation in favor of those pampered sons of fortune, the farmers. They want the earth. They have our promises and should possess their souls in patience. He should be satisfied that he holds the exalted position of the "man who feeds them all." What a

glorious life is his! He rises as the cock in the cedars cracks the dawn of day and goes forth to commune with nature and to his daily toil; he bathes his feet in the life-giving dew as he strolls down the flower bedecked lane to pull the udders of the meek-eyed kine. The gentle breezes softly sighing through the branches wafts to his ears the joyous notes of the lark as it soars away towards heaven's gates; he listens to the voices of early dawn and watches the bursting buds; inhales the fragrance of the flowers and scent of the new-mown hay. His life is one continuous poem, a story of poetry and song, and he lies down at the end of life's journey with the blessed assurance that if it is a good crop year the widow and children may be able to pay the interest on the mortgage.

Since I have joined that truth-loving aggregation (the News force) I have turned a new leaf and deserted the ranks of Ananias, and my promises can be as safely relied on as those of any other candidate.

Elect me to office and I will increase your wages and shorten your hours of toil; I will advance the price of chickens and eggs and cheapen the price of whisky; I will put a door-plate on every man's front door, and a brass band on each street corner; I will tax bachelors forty per cent of their income and devote the proceeds to the founding's home; I will give every old maid who marries during leap year forty acres and a mule, and each young lady who misses her leap year chances will be debarred from wearing a new gown on Easter Sunday; I will stop the dogs barking at night and give the children the new moon for a football. I do not wish to promise the impossible—but remember, gentlemen, I am a candidate.

"Politics make strange bed fellows," so do the other ticks and bugs. I am open for an engagement with either party, preferably the populist as I am opposed to water in general, and soap in particular.

Elect me to office and I will discharge the duties faithfully and hold fast to all I can get my hands on. ZEKE

At last a real use has been found for prize fighters. The pugilist and his trainer who the other evening soundly thrashed the negro assailants of two young women dealt out a sort of justice which appeals to the average person as rather satisfactory. It is a pity to waste such useful muscle in the prize ring.

In passing a vote of thanks to Admiral Togo the Japanese house of representatives may be doing grave injury to the mikado. Togo may be induced to return home and run for president.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to a lightweight, light faced suit of clothes just as inevitably as the opposite sex turns to the stunning Easter hat.

The report that John D. Rockefeller has cornered the violet market need not cause general gloom. The dandelions will be out in a few days.

The reported decision of Japan that she will hold Korea may be subject to a guess that Russia thinks she has coming.

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