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Friday Morning, Sept. 18, 1908.

## SEPTEMBER

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## FLOPDOODLEISM.

When we started out we stated that we would not use any unscrupulous methods or backhanded tactics in order to defeat the republican nominees this fall and we have kept our promise so far and intend to keep it to the end.

We will not make any charges close up to the election without giving the republicans a chance to deny them, for we don't want them to accuse us of any tricks to beat them this year, neither do we want them to fool any of the good republicans by denying the charges we make and saying that we have not given them time enough to prove the charges false.

We have called Mr. William H. Smith, the republican nominee, a "flopoodle" and we have been asked what we meant by it. Well, we meant that he had been a republican, had turned over to the democratic faith and had now backslidden and was a republican again.

We had told some friends that Mr. Smith had written a letter in which he had stated that he had decided that he would not be a republican any longer, that a man should not be a republican and live in the South, and that he was going to be a democrat from that time on.

Of course the two republican leaders in this county said that Smith had never written any such letter and that it was a democratic lie. Of course Smith tried to wriggle out of it, but like the crane, we have the dead wood on him, and have his letter and we don't think it will be good reading to the old line, home-raised republicans of this county.

Now, of course, the "English House of Lords" will spout and sputter much over this letter. "Lawyer Len" will come forward with his usual impassioned eloquence and learned legal learning, and denounce the whole thing as a fabrication of some fertile democratic mind. No doubt that "Doctor Ed" will feel like holding another county convention and taking Smith down, but both of them can argue from now until election, but still the good, old-fashioned republicans will know that the two republican bosses of Transylvania county put out a flopoodle for sheriff this year.

The letter written by Mr. Smith was published in the Jackson County Journal of March 18th, 1904. It was written from Guineys, Va., where Mr. Smith was working for Mr. W. Luther Aiken of Brevard, and below we publish

the letter just as it was published in the Jackson Journal:

### Converted to Democratic Faith.

Below we give the contents of a letter addressed to the manager of The Journal that speaks for itself. It is from one of Jackson's brightest young men for whom we predict a bright future.

He says: "Dear Verge: We are working for Mr. W. L. Aiken of Brevard, N. C., canvassing the tide water section of Virginia. We are having good success. The company furnishes us good horses and buggies and we put up at the best hotels. I like the work fine, much better than I thought for, and then I see so many places of interest, so many historic places. We are not far from Washington, D. C. We expect to go in about the 15th of September and return about the 15th of October to collect.

"Well, Verge, how is that 'Jackson County Journal' getting along? You know God's promise to Abraham; now I am going to wish that you will get as many subscribers as God promised old Abe children. I wish you would send me a copy, and I certainly wish you success with the good work. Say, Verge, I am going to tell you the truth. I have all my life been a true Republican from the heart, but I want to tell you that my trip to Virginia has changed me. I am strictly a Democrat now and I don't care who knows it, and I only wish you would publish it in The Journal. It was seeing how the negroes do up here. Why, there is not a Republican in every hundred miles up here. I find plenty of 'nigger' Post-Masters. I think it is a sad mistake to be a republican and live in the South; now you remember I am not joking at all. With best wishes."

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

Guineys, Va.  
We will state further that up to the time of Mr. Smith's desire to run for office in Transylvania county that no denial of his writing said letter, nor any attempt on his part to pass it off as a joke or to make any explanation of it was ever heard of and the people over in his home county considered him a democrat.

It would seem as if it were a little late for Mr. Smith to now come forward and try to get out of writing this letter. We will state that if any evidence is wanted as to him writing this letter and every word in it, that we can prove it by the testimony of as good men as there are in North Carolina and we dare him to deny it publicly.

The "House of Lords" must be feeling kind of scared as they are going around at nights and holding kind of political revivals and making men take a pledge.

We never heard of a party claiming to be a political party that had to resort to kind ku-klux methods before; but what can you expect when the candidate for Congress is bushwhacking?

We have money to bet that Lawyer Len will have harder work to explain the words, "Roosevelt Panic" than any white man will ever have to explain habeas corpus or ex post facto in the Constitution.

Say, what do you old line republicans, you that used to have a good party in this county and used to fight out your political battles with principles as your

weapons, think of this night pledging business? Don't it look kind of dark and dirty to you?

Squire Heath made a good county commissioner while in office, but the "English House of Lords" forgot him when they put out Luth Tally and Ves McCall to take the place of Messrs. Pickelsimer and Clayton. The radical bosses have it in for everybody named Heath this year.

Squire George, we want to ask a favor of you. We don't believe in hitting a man when he is down, so go kind of light, please, on "Little Len" when you get him on the stump, and don't ask him to tell the people about the Roosevelt panic. You've got him beat; please don't kill him. If you do the republicans may get a better boss and make it harder for us next time.

And now may we take a little buzz around your high and haughty heads, you "English House of Lords" and ask you if you have found out yet that Transylvania county two years ago was one of the few counties in the tenth congressional district that showed a big falling off in republican votes, and that under your reign as bosses of your party here? Please answer this.

The "English House of Lords" turned down young Tom Galloway (you all know Uncle Caler's son Tom, don't you, and he is as nice a young man as was ever raised in this or any other county) when he wanted the postoffice at Lake Toxaway, and they gave it to a stranger; and they turned down Jim Heath, Joe Pickelsimer and Lee Fisher and gave the sheriff's place to another stranger, and a flopoodle stranger at that.

We have heard tell of a democratic court house ring in this county, but we have not heard of any "radical ring." No we haven't, and we ain't likely to hear of one either. It takes three or more to make a ring, but you Rads have only got two bosses and they belong to one family. When they pop the whip you dance. No you uns haven't got a "ring," you've just got one slim, straight line, and that line runs from Doctor Ed to Lawyer Len and from him it runs right around your necks.

### Nearly a Precedent.

While there has never been an instance in which the president and the vice president chosen with him have both died in the course of the term for which they were chosen, this came very near happening in the term for which Harrison and Tyler were elected. When Tyler was serving as president after the death of Harrison, he had an extremely narrow escape from death by the explosion of the big gun Peacemaker on the steamer Princeton, Feb. 28, 1844, which killed two members of Tyler's cabinet—Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur and Secretary of the Navy Thomas W. Gilmer—and David Gardner, the father of Tyler's second wife.

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