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MR. D. L. ENGLISH ADDS A POSTSCRIPT

ALSO ASKS A FEW PERTINENT QUESTIONS

It Appears That He Still Has a Lot of Curiosity in Regard to the Political Situation.

To the Citizens of Transylvania County:

As Mr. W. E. Breese, Jr., in his article of May 17 has taken it upon himself to answer the people's charges against the sheriff, and has undertaken to dodge the issue and utterly failed to answer a single charge as to the acts of the sheriff, but on the other hand has attempted to mislead and deceive the people by devoting his answer to other matters, a good portion of which was a burlesque on me, I shall call his attention to a few facts.

In the first place I desire to say any citizen who may not believe what I stated in my statement of facts of May 10, if they will call at my office I will prove to them all that I said by the written authorities left with me and still in my possession, and if any one thinks it was campaign funds, I can furnish the affidavit of those who left the money to show whose money it was, and how it came to be left with me.

Mr. Breese desires to avoid a newspaper controversy, and I do not blame him after what has occurred and from the looks of things, presumably upon his ill advice, as he has assumed the burden of attempting to answer, and his so doing shows to all fair minded men who was back of the scheme. And it was such a silly one. Any four-year-old politician would have known better than that, Mr. Breese, but I knew if the people just let you run the thing awhile you would put it in a hole, and into a hole you have dragged it, and in your article you have tried to pull the hole in also. I did not say a single word about you, but it is said that the "hit one hollows," and you must have been hit for you have hollowed good and loud, but you did not answer the charges made against you by a good democrat, nor the charges against the sheriff. Yes, you would yell out "fire" and try to make the people believe that our jail has been utterly destroyed and the lives of a family seriously endangered, when in fact the negro only burned a hole in the jail with a nail or some instrument of that kind, and never set fire to the jail at all. And you would hollow: "Sheriff, run to South Carolina quick and take your office deputy with you; don't take time to leave any one in your office. Your negro is right over there. Don't leave any one to protect the homes and people of Transylvania county or your home duties, but go, sheriff, and go now, even in the wee early hours of the morning. Have that negro at all hazard." Now, Mr. Breese, where is that escaped negro? The sheriff can't tell—probably you can—and all the good citizens want to know.

If the sheriff had to go, as you say, would it not have been very easy for him to have left a deputy tax collector in his office? Oh! but you say he left two deputy sheriffs who are town tax collectors. That may be true, but the gentlemen you name were not county tax collectors, and that you know, and if one deputy could not take county tax money, two others could not, that is certain. They were here in town those two days, various people were enquiring of them about the sheriff, both democrats and republicans, and they never once breathed, so far as I know, that they could take the money and issue the receipts, nor could they any more than Mr. J. A. Galloway. You can't fool the people with any

such a claim as that. If they are county tax collectors now they must have been appointed after the sheriff's return to cover up the oversight.

I happen to know some things about that contention that I have not yet made known. It is true, however, that you have been fooling some of the people a long time with just such attempts as your one, but I am of the opinion that there are many good democrats in Transylvania county that you will not mislead hereafter. They don't stand for that kind of politics as you will see and feel to your sorrow in November.

Now, Mr. Breese, as to my approaching the sheriff in a bluffing manner, you are seriously misinformed. I approached him in an amicable manner, just as I stated in my other article, and I believe yet he would have given the receipts had he not been acting upon the ill advice of —. Now, who advised him, Mr. Breese? You know. Tell the people.

As to the law applicable to the case, that ought to be well known. But you must not have known it, or if you did you were afraid to risk your judgment, for as soon as the tender was made to the sheriff on the morning of May the 2nd, YOU, yes you, were running to counsel to know what to do, and it you had taken the counsel given you by a learned and honorable attorney (who is a democrat) all trouble would have been averted. Now tell the people what that advice was? If it was not a trick, and you did not know of it, why were you running to counsel so soon? why didn't you let the sheriff get counsel! It is well known that if the money had been mailed so as to have reached the sheriff before May 2nd he would have been compelled to issue the receipts. You know that, of course, and most likely that is the reason the sheriff left; anyway he left and did not leave his address, and the money could not find him within the time.

As to what the Hon. R. H. Zachary said years ago. He said it, many heard him say it, and I, for one, believe he was conscientious in what he said; but if I were you I would not quote him. If Mr. Loftis' charges of May 10th are true, and we are compelled to assume them true as you did not answer them, nor have you practiced what he preached, when on election days you have challenged white men who were regularly registered and because they did not have their tax receipts with them were not allowed their franchise. No, my friend, your rugged political honesty may be all right, but from what I know I must say it looks dusky to your "Uncle Fed."

Mr. Breese, do you set yourself up as the democratic organization? If you do, and that really constitutes the organization, I pity it. I did not approach you about the paying of those poll taxes, but many other good democrats were approached, and effort after effort made to pay the tax, both property and poll, but they had not been appointed and could not take it, nor could they tell where the sheriff was. So it must be presumed that Messrs. C. C. Kilpatrick, B. A. Gillespie, Cos Paxton, J. A. Galloway, T. T. Loftis, the Whitmire boys and many others that I could mention are not members of the democratic organization, and the next time we republicans and democrats can't find the tax collector, we will take up and down the street crying and calling for organization democrats.

You need not try to make past events the issue, Mr. Breese, and if you attempt it further, you will force me to call the people's attention to some matters of less than two years standing, that have not been kept entirely secret, even though the attempt to do so was desperately undertaken. Your promise that the boys will not be challenged does not constitute law. Their names not appearing on the

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BREESE WINS IN THE RACE FOR THE HOUSE

REYNOLDS CARRIES COUNTY—LOSES DISTRICT

Impossible to Get Exact Figures From Many Precincts for Publication in This Issue.

The primaries for Brevard township was opened at 3 o'clock by M. W. Galloway, township chairman. T. H. Galloway was elected as temporary chairman, R. L. Gash was elected secretary, and A. M. Verdery and Ora L. Jones were made assistant secretaries.

Locke Craig was unanimously endorsed for governor by a rising vote, as was also Judge Frank Carter, who is a candidate for judge. It was decided to take no action on the other candidates for state offices at this meeting, the matter going over to the county convention next Saturday. No nominating speeches were made for the different candidates.

A ruling was made to close the ballot boxes at 6 o'clock. C. K. Osborne, B. E. Paxton and G. C. Kilpatrick were appointed as judges to supervise the balloting.

After these matters had been arranged the boxes were opened and voting continued without any let up until the time for closing. Everything went off very smoothly for the most part, there being a few little arguments about the rights of certain men to vote in the primary. About two hundred and fifty votes were cast.

After the voting the following committee was appointed to select delegates to the county convention which meets next Saturday: W. W. Zachary, T. W. Whitmire, W. M. Henry, A. M. Verdery and W. L. Wiley. They recommended the following delegates: W. H. Allison, J. W. McMinn, T. H. Shipman, W. W. Zachary, T. W. Whitmire, W. M. Henry, A. M. Verdery, C. K. Osborne and T. T. Loftis.

The following township executive committee was appointed: W. M. Henry, chairman; T. W. Whitmire, J. M. Kilpatrick, C. K. Osborne and W. H. Allison.

The votes were then counted with the following results:

For Congress—	Total Vote	Convention Vote
Reynolds	137	5.29
Gudger	96	3.71
For Representative—		
W. E. Breese, Jr.	141	5.42
W. P. Whitmire	92	3.53
T. S. Wood	1	.05
For Sheriff—		
F. E. Shuford	183	8.23
J. C. King	17	.77
For Register of Deeds—		
B. A. Gillespie	122	4.77
Coleman Galloway	66	2.58
D. D. Bracken	37	1.45
Z. A. Nicholson	5	.20
For Treasurer—		
Z. W. Nichols	182	8.71
B. W. Henderson	6	.29
For County Commissioners—		
G. T. Lyday	166	7.70
T. B. Reid	145	6.70
L. W. Brooks	136	6.31
R. R. Deaver	56	2.55
G. W. Wilson	32	1.49
T. C. McCall	20	.98
C. K. Osborne	8	.39
W. B. Henderson	7	.35
T. H. Galloway	6	.33
W. M. Henry	2	.10
L. R. Scruggs	2	.10
For Coroner—		
Goode Cheatham	14	.484
G. T. Lyday	8	.277
W. J. Wallis	3	1.00
Walking Bear	1	.39
For Justice of the Peace—		
E. T. Henning	117	9.00
For Surveyor—		
A. L. Hardin	13	5.95
Carl Wike	8	3.05
For Congress—		
Gudger	54	
Reynolds	45	

Catheys Creek.

For Representative—	
Whitmire	52
Breese	45
For Sheriff—	
Shuford	61
For Register of Deeds—	
Nicholson	31
Gillespie	29
Bracken	26
Galloway	12
For Treasurer—	
Nichols	74
Henderson	6
For County Commissioners—	
Lyday	82
Reid	62
Brooks	61
Deaver	27
Galloway	7
Ed Whitmire	7
Henry	4
McCall	1

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

The house occupied by Pol Kilian, colored, near the railroad on Oaklawn avenue was entirely destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning and his six year old daughter was burned to death. It is not known how the fire started, and it had too great a start before being discovered to save the child or the house.

The fire company made a quick run to the blaze, but the distance to be traveled and the long string of hose to be laid caused considerable delay. Company number one did not have enough hose to reach the fire, but this was remedied by the arrival of company number two. After the hose line was laid the flames were extinguished without delay.

The little child was sleeping in the lower room of the house when the fire broke out, and from the position she was found it is believed she had crawled out of bed and made an effort to escape. When found her limbs were entirely burned away, and the trunk did not have the appearance of anything human.

It was a pathetic scene. The child on the inside of the blazing building screaming for help and the mother on the outside wailing and moaning, being prevented by strong hands from dashing into the building to save her child. There were many men there willing to render any aid possible, but all were helpless.

After the fire was extinguished a collection was taken for the relief of the family and a tidy little sum was given.

PICTURE SHOW OPENS

The Brevard Amusement Company opened their moving picture show last Friday night by giving a free show. The pictures were good and were very favorably commented on by the crowd present. Two reels were shown, "A Boarding House Mystery" and "The Hero." Both were comic. About 450 people took advantage of the free show and standing room was at a bargain.

Saturday night the first paid performance was given, "A Midnight Adventure" and "His Fidelity Investigated" being the films shown. A good sized crowd attended.

There will be shows Friday and Saturday nights of this week. It is not known at this time what will be shown, but the management has been promised something good.

On May 31 the picture show will open, and after that date there will be a show every night through the summer months. On the 31st the management will have a feature film, probably "Temptations of a Great City."

The management wishes to assure the public that nothing objectionable will be shown, and every picture will be of a high class. The Auditorium has been fitted up and makes an ideal place for the purpose.

The various shows will begin promptly at 8:15 p. m. and continue as long as the crowds justify.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

SECRETARY STATE BOARD GIVES FACTS

Common House Fly Was Compared to Bed Bug With Everything in the Bug's Favor.

On Thursday night of last week an illustrated lecture on diseases and sanitation was delivered at the court house by Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of state board of health. According to previous announcement Dr. A. A. Kent, president of the N. C. Medical Society, was expected to take part in the program, but he was not present.

The lecturer followed in his remarks a series of views thrown on a screen, giving pictures, diagrams and statistics illustrating the causes and effects of various diseases and the results of sanitary measures. The illustrations made these important facts much clearer to the general intelligence than any number of bare scientific statements. The whole lecture, from beginning to end, was full of useful information.

Among the diseases which make ravages on humanity here and elsewhere, a good deal was said and shown about malaria, yellow fever, typhoid fever, summer complaint, small pox and tuberculosis. In the discussion of these diseases much stress was laid on their causes. The mosquito was made to bear his iniquity for spreading malaria and yellow fever. These, perhaps, did not appeal so much to mountain people. But when the fly was introduced—though he needs no introduction—the spectators had their eyes glued to the screen through a series of scenes whose fascination consisted in their disagreeableness.

The fly was charged, tried and convicted of spreading many diseases, especially those which attack the intestinal organs. The pictures showed the place of his birth—the horse stable—and also his favorite places of resort wherever filth is found, ending with his invasion of the kitchen and dining room, where he deposits his accumulation of disease seeds on the daintiest articles of food. Dr. Rankin spiced this part of his lecture with a comparison between the homely and much despised bed-bug and the free-roving, happy-hearted fly. Every house-keeper, he said, would be horror-struck at the sight of the former on her table cloth, nor would she rally from the shock in a week; but she can view the excursions of a fly over the food she has prepared and remain undisturbed.

Yet the unmentionable bed-dweller, spending his life to a great extent on cold iron, is clean and respectable in comparison with the omnivorous germ collector. Parallel columns of figures were thrown on the screen to show the close relation between the presence of flies and the number of deaths.

The subject of careless spitting in relation to tuberculosis was also dwelt upon. Polluted water and milk were discussed. The importance of vaccination was illustrated. The dread white plague was shown to have more victims than war. In the list of mortality from various diseases the surprising fact was brought out that scarlet fever, so much dreaded and quarantined against, is less fatal than either measles or whooping cough, both of which are treated with comparative unconcern.

This lecture on the public health deserved a much larger audience than it received. It was hardly possible for those who attended to go away without having their ideas of the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in general strongly reinforced.