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MR. MARSH'S AND MR. MCGILL'S CANDIDACY—WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DEMOCRAT.

We have received the following letter:

Alderman, N. C., Aug. 18, 1906. Mr. Editor:—I notice a local report in your weekly issue of the 16th inst., in which you attempt to name the candidates for the various county offices. In naming those for the Legislative ticket, my name is omitted. As I am the only candidate for Gray's Creek and the only one so far who has announced for the Legislature in your columns, I hope and believe this omission was by inadvertence and not by intent. If so, would you please do me the justice to so state? Otherwise it will appear to the public that the OBSERVER is ignoring my candidacy.

I also note that in a strong editorial you endorse some private correspondent, who is unknown to me, as the man superior to all others for the Legislature, because of his attitude towards the Bryan resolution which Maj. Hale offered and secured as a plank in the State platform. It occurs to me that this is an unfair position for you to assume toward other AYOVEDO CANDIDATES, and especially so toward me, for you will recall that in a personal interview with Maj. Hale in his office, before my announcement appeared in your columns, I assured Maj. Hale, not only that I fully endorsed his action in that matter, but that I regarded his victory in it as one of his greatest public achievements. I have long gone on record in the columns of your paper as an enthusiastic Bryan Democrat. In an article contributed to your columns last December on the railway rate question, I referred to Mr. Bryan as a great Democratic leader, and gave him as my authority for my position on said question, which was at that time in advance of any other writer on the subject in this section, but I afterward had the satisfaction of seeing our entire delegation in Congress from North Carolina support my position. I advert to that matter to show that I am taking no new position toward Bryan, but am only consistent with my past attitude toward him. I cannot believe that you would intentionally treat me or any one else unfairly, and I therefore respectfully request that you publish this communication in order that I may be set right before the public.

I am, respectfully,
JAMES MARSH.

Upon looking at the issue of the Weekly OBSERVER referred to by Mr. Marsh, we find that he has just cause of complaint. Nothing, however, was further from our intention than to give him offence. On the contrary, the editor of the OBSERVER personally favored Mr. Marsh's candidacy from the first knowledge he had of it—viz: when the announcement was brought to the OBSERVER office—and he told Mr. Marsh so at the time. Now that Mr. Marsh has publicly announced his endorsement of the resolutions passed by the State Convention, in reversal of the action of the unrepresentative platform committee, we hasten to give Mr. Marsh the benefit of our exceptional rule, and to declare that the OBSERVER warmly desires his nomination.

The accident by which the same issue of the Weekly OBSERVER contained a local report of the "Candidates spoken of" (which did not include Mr. Marsh's name) and also Mr. Marsh's letter and announcement of his candidacy, was one which, according to the doctrine of chances, couldn't happen again in many years. The "local report" of "candidates spoken of" was published in the DAILY OBSERVER of Friday, August 10th, whereas Mr. Marsh's announcement was handed in and published on Monday, August 13th. The "local report" of "candidates spoken of" was "made up" in the "form" of the "outside" of the Weekly issue of August 16th—which "outside" was printed on Saturday night (August 11th), and which said "local report" was forgotten as past matter. Mr. Marsh's letter and announcement, which appeared in the Daily of August 13th, was "made up" in the "form" of the "inside" of the Weekly issue of August 16th, which was printed on Wednesday night (August 15th).

We regret exceedingly that these details, common to every printing office, should have been the means of causing such an injustice to our friend, Mr. Marsh.

MR. MCGILL'S CANDIDACY.

Since Mr. Marsh's communication reached us we have received a letter from the Democratic correspondent so highly extolled (but not named) by us in the Daily Observer of Saturday, August 11th, and in the Weekly Observer of August 16th, authorizing us to give his name. It is Hon. A. D. McGill, candidate (and the only one so far announced) for the Senate.

THE OBSERVER therefore heartily endorses the candidacy of Mr. McGill for the Senate and of Mr. Marsh for the House, and ventures to express the hope that a worthy running mate for them may be chosen by the convention.

THE PRINCIPLE AT STAKE.

It is perhaps worth while to add that the OBSERVER does not break its rule of maintaining neutrality until the convention has spoken BECAUSE it was the editor of the OBSERVER who caused the State convention to reverse its platform committee's rejection of resolutions favoring Bryan and his principles and constitutional amendments validating an income tax, &c.; but because the issue involved is a vital one to the party. No candidate for nomination by a Democratic convention in North Carolina should be considered a moment, in this turning point of the career of the Democratic party and of the American people, who does not make it clear that he is, FIRST OF ALL, a Democrat, and that he abides by the action of the State convention in teaching its creature, the platform committee, as it did at Greensboro on July 3d, the true principles of Democracy as set forth in the sovereign convention lays them down.

While upon this subject, we avail ourselves of the occasion to say—what must approve itself to every sound minded person—that no candidate for office should be allowed to make use of the machinery of the Democratic party who is not, above all things, a Democrat. The rank and file may scratch tickets, and do pretty much as they please within reasonable limits; but the man who seeks office, or a position as a representative of the party in its councils, must be clean in his record. He must prove his title to the faith and trust of Democrats by showing that he has always, while pretending to represent the Democratic party, set the principles and the AUTHORITY of the Democratic party above all other considerations.

It follows that NO CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE should be allowed to avail himself of the machinery of the Democratic party—in the present instance, as used in the assembling of Democratic county convention, specifically, the Cumberland County Democratic Convention which meets on September 6th—who is not ready to declare that he holds the authority of the Democratic party superior to all other authority in the realm of politics and law-making.

Thus, the man who favors bar rooms or prohibition, "high license" or dispensary, the doctrine and practice of Masons, Odd Fellows, Pythians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians or Baptists, or other principles not found in the Democratic Decalogue, and intends to scratch the ticket nominated by the party convention before which he himself is a candidate if it should name a candidate holding different views in these matters from his own, would be guilty of fraud and dishonesty if he allowed his name to come before such a convention for nomination for any office.

IMPORTANT WORK BY THE LITERARY AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

Raleigh News and Observer. Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 23, 1906. The mere mention of the names of our gallant soldiers who fought for an undying principle is sufficient to stir to its very depths the soul of every one who lived during the four years of civil war. When like a pictured scroll, the panoramic pages of memory reveal the long and wearisome marches, performed by hunger-bitten, half-clad soldiers, the bloody battles and hundreds of new-made graves, the empty alleys, the wooden legs and sightless eyes of many who returned at the close of the war to devastated homes, wherever the ruthless invader had set his foot, there is a thrilling of the pulses akin to the heart-throbs of maidens, wives and mothers when they beheld their loved ones marching away. "In battle array." When the battle was fought at Monroe's field, a soldier from Tennessee by the name of Thomas J. Malujan was mortally wounded; he died about the last of March, 1865, and was buried at an old burying ground near Deacon George Newberry's residence. Two cedars are the only tokens which mark his grave. Not being able to place a stone at his grave, I did what I could, planted two cedars, one at the head and the other at the foot of the soldier's grave. There are some who desire to cut the cedars away because the roots are troublesome, when other graves are being dug. Will not Miss Eloise McGill care for the heart-throbs of a seaman who fell mortally wounded on Carolina's sacred soil, and stained its dust with his own heart's blood? Would she not plant one of her choicest roses there to bloom above his sleeping dust? I would like to see a crimson Rambler planted there, because his red blood dyed the sod, and I would also like to see a pure white rose there, because he died trusting in God. Mr. Editor, there is another subject of still greater importance to society, which seems to have roused but little attention so far, and that is the State's duty to her feeble-minded children. The blind, deaf and dumb, the lunatics and suffering poor, all have been legislated for, while the feeble-minded are allowed to remain in an undeveloped infantile state of mind, to be cared for by relatives and friends for awhile, and then to become vagabonds, wandering from place to place, and often in danger when crossing railroads and streams of water. Many of them could be trained, and their minds so developed that they could manage their own affairs, and support themselves, if there were proper provisions made. It is too expensive to send them away to other State schools for training and development. It is useless for us to say that Mr. Currie has always been a Democrat, and stands four-square, with both feet on the Democratic platform, and has always maintained with force and effect all the distinctive principles of that great party.

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Antyville Items. August 21, 1906. DEAR EDITOR: Fodder gathering is the order of the day among the farmers of our section. The "fodder showers" have been so frequent that it has been a difficult task to cure fodder, but, nevertheless, several of our farmers report that they have been victorious in saving theirs. Several of our young people attended the picnic at Stedman on last Saturday. They report a fine time. The school here is doing well. Several new students came in on last Monday. There are still others coming, we hear. Miss Bertha Anty spent some time here last week. Mr. Elmore Hall made a business trip to Fayetteville last week. Mr. John Cooper, of Fayetteville, spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Cooper. Miss Vera Spell spent last Sunday night with Miss Bessie Faircloth. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Faircloth spent last Sunday with ex-Sheriff Spell. Mr. Daniel Medley of Purvis, N. C., spent some time last week with his sister, Mrs. B. C. Hall. Mr. Jack Dixon, who spent last year in Florida, was a welcome visitor in this community last week. Success to the OBSERVER. GRACE.

Carthage R. F. D. No. 2 Items. Mr. Asa You went to Carthage Saturday. Mrs. Nell Shields is some better, we are glad to state. There was an enjoyable picnic at White Hill Saturday. Fodder pulling time will soon be here. Mr. C. G. Wadsworth and J. R. Tolbot went to Carthage Wednesday. The county cowboys are repairing the road northeast of Carthage. Politics are very hot in this county. Where are the old correspondents? We haven't seen any in a long time. We have had some very small rains since last issue. Mr. J. Marshall Shields, our R.F.D. carrier, who has been very sick with typhoid fever has improved, we are glad to state. Mr. W. O. Brady has moved his family out near Little River to Messrs. Wadsworth's saw mill. There was a bee-taking near Priest Hill Thursday evening which was very much enjoyed by the young people. There was prayer-meeting and Sunday-school at Cedar Grove Sunday. Mr. Geo. Lewis is remodeling his residence. Mr. W. D. Wadsworth went to Raleigh Sunday. How is the stock law down in Cumberland? As ever, SCOTCH LADDIE.

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neglected Soldier's Grave and the Feeder. Mr. Editor:—There seems to be little news from Lobelia for the last two issues, so we give a few dots for your next issue. Fever is raging in our midst at present; there are several cases and kind folks—Mr. Neill Stuart and sister, Miss Maggie—have both been confined to their beds for quite a while with fever (typhoid). Mrs. A. C. Smith has had an attack of malaria fever for the past week, but we hope she is improving by this time. Some say that so much fever is caused by so many saw mills cutting all the timber. This may be the cause, but we have heard of fever in this country several years ago—say 40—for instance. Will some one tell us what caused that fever? If it was the saw mills, that is the trouble now. Mr. A. Cameron lost a fine mule last Friday from over-heat. Better look out, boys, or you will kill your best horse in a little time, these hot days. Persons anticipating buying a washing machine will do no bad thing to consult our friend, Mr. Alex. Smith, as to what kind to get. Mr. Smith will gladly tell them, as he knows, by personal experience, a good thing when he sees it. Mrs. D. C. McGill is just home from an outing to Wilmington and the Beach, and reports a most enjoyable visit. D. H. Cameron and Neill McMillan were the welcome guests of Mr. J. T. Wright, Sunday evening. Mr. Cameron was out riding with —, so we heard. Guess they had a grand time. Well, picnics seem to be the order of the day in our vicinity now. There was one at J. L. Marks' pond on the 15th inst., and there will be another at Hopewell school house on the 25th inst. All are invited to come, and bring a basket, of course. Any of the candidates seeking office would do well by coming up to Lobelia the night of the 24th, and addressing the crowd at the picnic on the 25th. With best wishes to all. LEX.

Manchester Items.

We are still having rainy weather through this section, and the fodder-pullers are having some very unfavorable weather now. Mrs. Julia A. Autry, of Sampson county, is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Horne. Mrs. S. A. Bullard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carter. The Misses Bullard, of Concord, spent Sunday with the Misses Hall. A goodly number of our young people gathered at Mr. M. H. Sessoms' Sunday afternoon. Mr. M. H. Sessoms, who has been quite sick, is recovering, we are glad to report. Messrs. Bud Bullard and B. P. Horne were callers at Mrs. I. J. Hall's Sunday p. m. Miss Lummie Lucas died at her home in Fayetteville, and was buried at the Starling burial ground Sunday at 11 o'clock. Miss Lucas was a consecrated Christian. Messrs. Ed. Sessoms and Henry Hall, of Fayetteville, were callers at Mr. M. H. Sessoms' Sunday. Mr. Lee Horne was a welcome caller at Mr. L. P. West's last week. Mr. Willie Starling, of Hope Mills, was a caller at Mr. R. J. Edges' Thursday. Miss Janie Hall, who spent week before last with relatives and friends at Garland, returned to her home last Tuesday. Messrs. Ed. Averitt and Walter Bullard were callers at Mr. M. H. Sessoms' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Editor:—In support of our recent assertion that barbarism was rampant in the walks of our boasted civilization, and that hypocrites were swaying many church organizations, we note in the editorial columns of a religious newspaper: A leper of Syrian nationality is forced to camp in the woods of West Virginia, the laws of New Jersey not allowing him to cross her territory. We ask you, Good Samaritans; we ask all mankind who lay any claims to the distinction of modern civilization, in all seriousness, where are we? We know that very few are following in the steps of Him who healed the sick and made the blind to see and the lame to walk and leap for joy—only that little flock, very few in numbers. We know the Priest and the Levite are still hurrying to meet their appointments where they can hear the shekels drop in the several mission boxes, but is it true that the Good Samaritan is not traveling the ancient pathway any more. And is our boasted civilization for treating the sick, and all our benevolent institutions for succoring the unfortunate, unkindly of the Strangers within our gates. Remember the bread cast upon the waters will be found, even after many days. Lot's neighbors kicked because he sheltered the Strangers and sought to break into his house. But at the intercession of the strangers, his enemies were smitten with blindness. Virtue has its rewards. We are not arranging individuals for their shortcomings while passion aways their better judgment. But we charge these things to the State and to the church organizations. How many of them are not sailing in the same boat with New Jersey? What flag do you sail under? Don't forget that God knows. And that vain-glorious show in religion in any sense. That is the pure and washed. Now we must talk politics a moment for the betterment of the condition of mankind generally in this world. At this time we have two great political lights shining forth among the people. They are known wherever the Anglo-Saxon blood flows and wherever the English language is spoken—William J. Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt. The former stands for the principles announced by Tom Jefferson and reiterated by Andrew Jackson, and concurred in by all genuine Democrats who hold to government of the people by the people and for the people. Since the laying of the foundation, many voices have misquered in the sheepfold and all of these have caused trouble, backsliding, &c., verifying the divine injunction, that to be pure in body and mind, even Democrats must watch as well as pray. The latter represents the Hamiltonian theory, that the masses of the people are unfit to rule, and the nation should be isolated and the residue of mankind, and the home-folk, too, should pay tribute to maintain infant industries owned and operated by a favored few, eternally and forever more. These two lights are before you. The question for you is, which is the true light and which is false? The former shines steadily, gradually grows brighter, and the

holder of that light insists that everything be done in the light, even the demand for the resignation of a committee man who was elected by fraud. The latter light flares up suddenly. It is dazzling, then as suddenly grows dark. The torch-holder steps aside to whisper to magistrates of Standard Oil combination—then again it grows lighter. But a messenger from the Steel Trust is announced. A telegram from the New York Mutual Life is received, while these calls are attended to the light grows dimmer. It is not a steady light, but it is for you to say—take your choice. We presume you are a freeman; if not, why not? Have you not sold your brightness or swapped it for a rebate on your big shipments of coal or iron or steel, &c., &c., or are you agents for life or fire gambling hells, and subscribed monies that belonged to the deluded victims of your avarice in consideration of some special return for your underhand services? "The mills of the gods grind slow," we are told, "but they grind exceeding fine." "Be sure," says the scripture, "your sins will find you out." "Come out from among them; be ye clean," is as potent to-day as it was two thousand years ago among those who sailed on the bosom of deep Galilee. We note the reformation talked of in Pennsylvania—a division in the ranks of the moss-backed Republi-

can. Does it really mean reform, or is somebody wanting to be paid to keep their mouth shut? The question of trusts doing business is commented on every day, we presume, and there exists a wide-spread antipathy among the common people to the name trust. But do they understand the matter? We note many of the merchants are advertising anti-trust made goods to catch the customer who has become disgusted at the name of trust. The people are the sovereigns. The State officers try to execute the laws. Do the people understand that their representatives have made trusts possible? Have the people sanctioned these laws that grant license or charter these corporations to do business? We presume the State considers it profitable, and it is a source of considerable revenue. Do the people really understand this? But as far as we are concerned, it reminds us of the old farmer who set out to make a fortune off his cow. He milked and churned, sold the butter, gave the cow the butter-milk to drink, milked and churned again. He said to us: "Sal," ain't I getting there. But we said, it looked to us as if there would be a thin place somewhere, and sure enough there was—it soon became visible. As ever, SALMAGUNDI.

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