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BRITT WILL HAVE TO ANSWER.

The nomination of Prof. James J. Britt for Congress, by the republicans of the tenth district, was to have been expected, notwithstanding his recent "letter of withdrawal" from the contest in which he deplored the "unseemly conduct" of certain republican leaders. It turns out that Mr. Britt's letter was a grandstand play and its evident purpose,—that of creating sympathy for him—has been accomplished. It was a clever scheme the professor worked on his republican opponents, but he has quite a different proposition to deal with in the opposing party, the leaders of which will be on to his curves at every turn in the game. Then there is an element in Mr. Britt's own political household who are going to want some things explained. The following communication appearing in the Asheville Gazette on June 29, indicates, somewhat, the current of things in republican circles:

"And Abraham replied to Isaac, the Lord will provide a sacrifice. So quoted Col. V. S. Lusk, the republican war-horse, yesterday when asked what the republican party of the tenth district would do for a candidate for congress." An admission that whoever mounts the altar in this contest against W. T. Crawford he does so as a burnt offering, and that there is no chance for a republican to win in this contest under the present situation of discord and dissension sown in the republican party by the former federal ring bosses of the Holton, Harkins & Rollins brigade.

This being a truthful admission, I appeal to the republicans of the tenth congressional district to stay the hand and blunt the dagger that otherwise will be plunged into an innocent Isaac by placing on that altar, as Mr. Harris said, "that nice young man," Thomas S. Hollins; and if the blood be upon thy own head. If Prof. Britt had been nominated he would have had to account and been responsible for the malicious prosecution of Spencer Blackburn at the hands of the revenue bosses through whom Mr. Britt got a special appointment to appear in the prosecution of the only federal government officer in North Carolina, holding a commission from the express dictation of the people.

I appeal unto republicans to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's. Nominate Thomas S. Rollins for a carving subject, of William Tecumseh Crawford, the statesman from Crabtree. A MOSSBACK REPUBLICAN. Fair View, N. C., June 27, '06.

Just how the republican nominee is going to reconcile these matters remains to be seen. He claims not to be a factionist, yet withal he was the candidate of the Harkins-Rollins wing of his party two years ago and has been their choice during this entire contest. He has accepted favors at their hands and who doubts if, perchance, he should be elected to congress, that he would be the servile tool of Butler, Harkins, Rollins & Company. However W. T. Crawford will beat him 2000 votes and represent all the folks.

WANTED: NEW OFFICERS.

The evil effects upon a party of keeping one man in an administrative office for a great number of years have been demonstrated a number of times in this county. It has a bad effect upon the party because it discourages many deserving men who feel that the party offers them no hope of advancement, although they are just as capable of filling the position as those in office. It has a bad effect further because the incumbent feels after awhile that the office is his private property and he resents any attempt upon the part of any one to interfere with it. Then sooner or later the people get tired and defeat at the polls a man whom they think has had an office too long.—E. M. Hendrix, in Greensboro Patriot.

This is well said. Frequent changes in official circles should be demanded by the people of all political parties. There are just as capable men out of office as can be found among the elect who are holding down positions by virtue of the people's suffrage. The above quotation, by Mr. Hendrix, refers to the democratic county of Guilford, but applies, with equal force, to boss-ridden Henderson, which has for years been dominated by republican ringsters who have come to believe that the offices belong to them and their family relations. How long will a suffering public be thus imposed upon? The time is ripe for a change, but the same old crowd will again nominate the republican ticket.

A. H. Price, assistant district attorney, will not give up his job yet awhile. The department has informed him that the matter will go over until September. Judge Doble, of Statesville, however, it is stated, has certainly been appointed to succeed Price.

Congressman Chas. R. Thomas, of the third congressional district, was renominated for his fifth term last Wednesday. Mr. Thomas is one of the ablest congressmen North Carolina has to represent her.

Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn was nominated to succeed himself in congress in the eighth district republican convention held last Wednesday in Wilksboro. There was no contest and no dissensions. He was nominated by acclamation and amid much enthusiasm.

Hon. W. T. Crawford was on Saturday nominated for congress in the tenth district over Congressman Gudger, who has represented the district four years. The convention also endorsed Bryan but a resolution endorsing the free silver idea was overwhelmingly snowed under.—Lexington Dispatch.

Yes, "a resolution endorsing the free silver idea was overwhelmingly snowed under." The democracy of the tenth district proposes to deal only with living issues.

Congressman W. W. Kitchen, of the fifth North Carolina district, was nominated last week, by acclamation, as his own successor. This will give him a term of service in the House covering a period of twelve years. But so well has Mr. Kitchen served his constituency, that there is no intimation of displacing him and unless the state democracy insists upon making him governor two years hence, he will continue to represent the fifth district in congress.

And little Charlie Frenchie Toms "orated" at the republican congressional convention in Asheville last Saturday. Reporting this feature of the event the Gazette says: "He referred to his recent conversion to republican principles and said he was delighted that he had been received at the front door of the party and given the right hand of fellowship. "Had I not been received at the front door," said he, "I would have come in at the back door, and had the back door been closed to me, I would have b-r-o-k-e in." Think of Charlie Toms or any other gentleman of respectability and common decency offering to break in at the back door of Marion Butler and Jim Young. Perish the thought!

A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up puss from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bedside forty-eight hours; when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman today." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 at Justus' Pharmacy. Trial bottle free.

A Natural Wonder.

Teacher—What are marsupials? Boy—Animals which have pouches in their stomachs. Teacher—What do they have pouches for? Boy—To crawl into and conceal themselves in when they are pursued.—Figaro.

A person may not merit favor, as that is only the claim of man, but he can never merit charity, for that is the command of God.—Sterne.

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SHAVE WITH HOT STEEL.

An Old Cutler's Advice to Men Who Use a Razor.

"Whenever I hone a razor," said an old English cutler, "I always give some advice with it, free, gratis, and I take great satisfaction in knowing that I have made shaving easier and more comfortable for more than 10,000 men. Almost every barber will tell you how to strop a razor, but it takes a cutler to tell you how to care for your strop and how to get the best work out of your blade.

"A swing strop, canvass on one side and horse hide on the other, is the best. Always hold it taut and draw the razor lightly, but swiftly, from heel to point. If you let the strop sag you will put a round edge on your blade. Don't forget to cover your strop or put it away in a drawer after using. If it hangs in a bathroom near a window the dust and grime get into it and soon take the edge from your razor. Whether you keep the strop covered or whether you don't, rub your open hand over the two surfaces to free it from dust.

"But what I consider my most valuable advice is how to do away with shaving paper entirely and at the same time improve the cutting quality of the razor's edge. Nine men out of ten shave themselves in a room where there is running hot water. Now, the way to get a most gratifying result is this: Lather thickly and well and let it remain on the face half a minute before you begin to shave. If you have time wash it off, for with it will come the grit and dirt that you have loosened up in the pores of the skin, and then apply a second coat. It will be as soft, smooth and clean as new velvet.

"Now turn on the hot water faucet and let it run. Hold the razor under the stream until it is heated. Then take a slanting, or diagonal, stroke, like a farmer does with a scythe, not a square pull, and you will be amazed to find how beautifully and easily the hot blade cuts the beard.

"When it is filled with lather hold it under the running hot water instead of using shaving paper. This will wash off the lather and at the same time heat the blade again. Don't be afraid of taking out the temper. That would be impossible if you put the razor in a kettle and boiled it. Try the hot blade and you'll never shave with the cold steel again."—New York World.

HOT AND COLD WATER.

How to Use These Remedies to the Best Advantage.

Hot or cold water is excellent as an application for inflammation, congestions or abrasions, but how many people know which to apply in particular cases while awaiting the arrival of medical relief? Not many, and the mistakes made in some instances are ludicrous.

Take the barber, for example, who has cut his patron's face. He generally washes the face with a towel soaked in warm water, often pressing it right into the injury, and then wonders why the blood flows from the cut so freely. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred if he had used cold water, and the colder the better, the blood would have ceased to flow from the injury altogether, as the cold would have a tendency to contract the openings in the torn blood vessels. In all cases of such cuts or abrasions—very cold water will at least reduce the amount of bleeding if it doesn't stop it altogether, and yet, singularly enough, boiling water will have the same effect.

Water below the boiling point increases the flow, but above that degree decreases it. In surface inflammations or congestions cold water ought to be used, while if the condition is situated below the surface hot water is necessary as an application because it draws the blood toward the surface and thus stimulates the circulation through the part where it is most needed.

In cases of abscesses or pimples with pus forming in them, but which have not yet come to a head, the secretion of pus can be rapidly increased and the duration of the annoyance thereby decreased by applying hot water to them at frequent intervals.

Where the eye is inflamed or smarted, after a period of eye strain, such as night work often induces, hot applications are the things for relief, but the water used should be gradually allowed to cool off toward the end. Tired eyes will invariably be rejuvenated by adopting this method of treatment, and many headaches resulting from such a condition may thereby be prevented or cured.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BLEAK SHETLAND.

Its Swarms of Sea Gulls and Its Lone Tree.

Up a little lane off Lerwick's one street there is a garden. At least, it is an inclosed space. In the middle of this space there is a tree. It is not a very tall tree; you could, in fact, toss a biscuit over its branches, but still it is a tree—the only tree in Shetland. And Shetland is proud of it. Children who are brought for the first time to see the wonders of one streeted Lerwick are shown this tree. This is not fiction. It is the only tree in Shetland. As there are no trees in Shetland, there are no birds, except, of course, the sea gulls, which you can number by the thousand. The sea gulls are the sparrows of Lerwick, and, as such, they have a greater share in the town's life than have the sparrows of London. In the morning time you will note that a sea gull sits on every chimney pot. Sea gulls swoop and hover over every roof in the town.

The air is full of their strange, high, plaintive, haunting cries. Their sad, shrill, long drawn cries are to Lerwick as the chattering of sparrows or the cawing of rooks are to us in England. Every house has its own familiar sea gulls and every street its own band of sea gulls. They never mix. The children in each house have a pet name for their own particular sea gulls, and, having called them to them by those names, they feed them every day. And each sea gull knows what is meant for him. No sea gull attached to one house ever seeks to eat the food scattered from the house next door. He does not dare; the other gulls would kill him. So all day long the sea gulls hover and call over the roofs of Lerwick. The people of the town, if they come across a little pile of rice laid upon the roadway, step over it with care. They know that it is placed there for some sea gull. And at night the sea gulls leave their own appointed chimney pots and fly gracefully away to their resting places on the rocks of the Isle of Noss.—London Express.



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