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BLACKBURN'S WILD TALK.

Says Democrats Stuffed Ballot Boxes And Really Got 1,700 Majority

Special to Baltimore Sun.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Representative E. Spencer Blackburn, who for six years has been the only Republican member of the North Carolina delegation in Congress, will contest the recent election of his Democratic opponent, Mr. R. N. Hackett, to the sixtieth Congress on grounds of alleged fraud and illegal voting.

Representative Blackburn who has come to Washington to arrange the preliminaries of his contest in advance of the assembling of Congress, said to a correspondent of the Sun this evening:

"The Democrats made a systematic steal of the election from me. They started in three weeks before the election to transcribe the registration books and voted Democrats indiscriminately, regardless of whether they had paid their poll tax while many Republicans who had paid their poll tax were not allowed to vote. The constitution of North Carolina provides that no one in North Carolina may vote until he has paid his poll tax, and the law of the State requires that the poll tax must be paid before May 1 each year. There are other allegations that will be made in connection with the contest that I intend to make. In one district in which I had 70 majority they stuffed the ballot box so as to make all the votes in that box illegal. It is claimed that my opponent was elected by about 700 majority. If the election had been conducted fairly, I would have had at least 1,700 majority."

Pinning His Faith On Speaker.

Special to News & Observer.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—Representative Blackburn is here preparing his contest for a seat in the Sixtieth Congress to which Hon. R. N. Hackett was elected. He is not talking to newspaper men, but it is understood that he would have received a majority of a thousand but for the votes of electors who failed to pay their poll tax. Mr. Blackburn has not yet engaged counsel. He is pinning his faith for the seat in the next Congress to Speaker Cannon, Chairman Sherman of the Republican Congressional Campaign committee, and other Republican leaders whose friendship he enjoys. This is the real obstacle that Mr. Hackett will have to fight in combating the contest.

This is to certify that we have received from the Billmore Estate, represented by Dr. C. A. Schenck, the sum of (\$120) one hundred and twenty, with instructions to hand this sum to the Supervisors of Mills River Township on November 1, 1907, provided that there be not committed on the lands of G. W. Vanderbilt within Mills River Township between the date of this publication and November 1, 1907, any trespass by firing the woodlands, by fishing, and by hunting, by any citizen of said township, followed by conviction. This deposit is made in order to enlist the co-operation of the good citizens of Mills River Township for the protection of forest fish and game, and this deposit with the interest accruing thereon is to be used by the Supervisors of Mills River Township for such public ends of a charitable, educational or religious nature as in their wisdom they may think proper.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK
of Hendersonville,
Per K. G. MORRIS,
Nov. 12, 1906. Cashier

Rivers That Flow Backward.

Near Argostoli, a town on one of the Greek islands, four little torrents of sea water, rolling on an average fifty-five gallons a second, penetrate into the fissures of the cliffs, flow rapidly inland and finally gradually disappear into the crevices of the soil. Two of these water courses are sufficiently powerful to turn all the year round the wheels of two mills constructed by an enterprising Englishman. This seems at first sight absurd on the face of it, but it is quite easily explained. The hills of the island are of soft, calcareous rock, full of fissures, and suck up water like immense sponges. In consequence the pools in their subterranean caverns are always lower than the surrounding sea, so to restore the balance these little brooks, fed by the waves, are always descending inland. The curious yet natural result of the constant evaporation of the sea water is that gigantic masses of salt crystals are constantly forming in the caves.—Strand Magazine.

Straw Rope Swings.

Korea is perhaps the oldest country in the world, and the customs and actions that go to make up the daily life of the people are not at all governed by the logic or tradition which moves us on our enlightened way. They have no clearly regulated sports, nothing apparently that could be likened to a national game. They pass most of their recreation hours swinging in straw rope swings and seem entirely happy in the sport. The straw rope, if well made, is extremely durable and can stand considerable weight, as may be judged when three able-bodied young men impose their weight upon the swing, standing on the shoulders of one another after the manner of acrobats. It may be very fine pastime, but the average American, it is safe to say, would find in it very little appeal.

Statement by Tax Collector Brooks

The following article by Tax Collector C. E. Brooks, which we copy from the last issue of the Times, explains fully how Mr. Brooks HAS "saved the taxpayers of this county a large amount of money."

Editor TIMES: The following statement, which appeared in THE TIMES of November 2, is part of an article written by Judge Blythe and published for campaign purposes as I understand:

"Statement No. 8. 'That the present tax collector had saved the people a large amount of money.' This statement is not true. That he has collected the taxes fairly well, he has not denied. As tax-collectors are usually paid a commission on the amount they collect, it is to their interest to collect every cent possible. But the principal test as to whether a tax-collector has saved money of the people, is the amount he returns and has allowed in settlement as 'insolvent.' As the past tax-year was a year when poll taxes must be paid on or before May 1, if the party owing such tax desires to vote in the coming November elections, we will compare it with the two other poll-tax years preceding."

"The 1901 tax, poll tax payable on or before May 1, 1902, R. H. Staton tax-collector, insolvents returned and allowed in settlement, \$710.23. 1903 tax, poll tax payable on or before May 1, 1904, J. S. Rhodes, tax-collector, insolvents returned and allowed in settlement, \$850.00. 1905 tax, poll tax payable on or before May 1, 1906, C. E. Brooks, tax-collector, insolvents returned and allowed in settlement, \$919.49. The above shows the amount lost by each tax-collector, (except the amounts each was able to collect afterwards and have charged to them in their next settlement, and these amounts are about the same); therefore, it appears that instead of the democratic legislative-made tax-collector having saved the people thousands of dollars, on the face of the settlements he has lost for the people \$69.49 more than did Sheriff Rhodes, \$209.26 more than did Sheriff Staton. It is easily seen that there is no foundation for these citizen candidates to make such extravagant statements, and it is equally easy to see that purpose of same is to deceive the people who have not availed themselves of the privilege of making an examination and comparison between republican and democratic officials."

As the above statement refers to the collection of taxes in Henderson county and attacks my official record as tax collector, I do not wish it to pass unnoticed.

The only real test as to whether a tax collector has saved money to the taxpayers of the county is the amount he pays into the treasury; and to find this you must take the amount charged to the tax collector and add the discoveries he is able to collect and deduct the amount of insolvents allowed by the commissioners in settlement. This Mr. Blythe did not do, but published only one side of the question.

The public records show the following: Tax of 1901, poll tax payable on or before May 1, 1902, R. H. Staton tax collector, discoveries collected \$806.25, allowed in settlement for insolvents \$710.23; which was a net gain to the county of \$95.02. Tax of 1903, poll tax payable on or before May 1, 1904, J. S. Rhodes tax collector, discoveries collected \$517.90, allowed in settlement for insolvents \$850.00; which was a net loss to the county of \$332.10. Tax of 1905, poll tax payable on or before May 1, 1906, C. E. Brooks tax collector, discoveries collected \$1105.87, allowed in settlement for insolvents \$919.48; which was a net gain to the county of \$186.39.

Therefore instead of your present tax collector losing money for the people of the county, as Mr. Blythe would have you believe, he has saved for the people \$91.37 more than did Mr. Staton and \$518.49 more than did Mr. Rhodes.

The records show for themselves and Mr. Blythe had no regard for the accuracy of the statement made by him, or else made the statement purely for political purposes with the intention of misleading and deceiving the people of Henderson county.

Yours faithfully
C. E. BROOKS.

Chairman Lee To The Tenth District.

To the Democrats of the 10th Congressional District:

In our hour of triumph and while feelings of joy fill the hearts of every loyal democrat, it will not be amiss, perhaps to make a review of the recent campaign and the important incidents relative thereto, while victory is always sweet it must not be forgotten that, first of all credit is due to those who withstood the brunt of the enemy's attack and fought out the battle of the people's rights in the face of a most stubborn opposition.

In some respects the campaign just closed has been the most remarkable that the 10th district has ever witnessed. There have of course been far more spirited contests and much



CHAIRMAN LEE, Tenth District

greater enthusiasm and also bitterness has been aroused, but for times of internal complications where local county matters were paramount it may be safely said that a great victory has not been won in the district.

The issue has been clearly drawn and it was a battle to the end of Democracy against Republicanism regardless of the respective candidates and right nobly has the Democracy of the district responded to a partisan fight.

Refusing to be side-tracked by this

schemer that heedless alike of town or county matters that might work harm to the district, the true and loyal democrats have registered the unquestioned will of the people and the 60th Congress will see from this district a man whose ability or Democracy, State or National, has never been questioned so determined have the people been in their efforts to stand by the party that no sort of factional issue met with any success.

Even the famous Car-coupler's bill, and here be it said, to the credit of Prof. Britt, that he, as I believe, was driven into his position on that, failed to arouse any antagonism, and resulted only in showing that the men whose votes were thought to be influenced by such an underhanded scheme were by far too intelligent to be misled in any such way.

My most sanguine expectations have



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been realized in nearly every instance in only one or two minor instances have I had cause to change my first estimate of victory.

I repeat it has been a remarkable campaign and I wish to join with all the Democrats in the district in a hearty congratulation over the victory which we have just won, and express my hope that future campaigns shall show an increasing majority for the party of the people.

Respectfully
W. T. LEE.

Excellent Prospects For the Big Lake

The directors of the lake company held a most enthusiastic meeting, Monday, at which things happened.

Capt. M. C. Toms demonstrated his public spirit and interest in the community by cutting the price of his land wanted by the company just one half, making the figure on his hundred acres very low indeed.

W. A. Smith, who has a little faith himself in the enterprise, subscribed to five thousand dollars worth of stock in company.

Hon. H. S. Anderson had already sold a piece of land below the proposed dam, for \$1200, the money being actually paid over. The directors having decided to get control of land below the dam, Mr. Anderson secured the consent of the other party, Mr. Wallace, to having the trade declared off. The money was returned, we understand, and Mr. Anderson then gave the lake company an option on the property at \$600, a loss to him of \$600.

Major Strong is now working on a map of the lake, which will show all the land to be covered. It will be completed this week.

Option Agent Garland is a busy man, these days. He says he is having excellent results in securing options.

It is the opinion of the officers of the company, and they are in a position to know, that there will be a lake built here very soon.

The Democratic Party Makes Gains in Henderson County.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. V. C. V. Shepherd, a boy, on Saturday Nov. 24th. Mother and child are both doing well under the care of Dr. J. G. Waldrop.

Taxes.

All city taxes are now due and payable, and I respectfully request that all persons who are taxpayers in the Town of Hendersonville will please come and make settlement. The town is very much in need of money to pay outstanding debts that are now due.

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Yours truly,
T. M. Smith,
City Tax Collector.

The Old Greek Divorce Law.

A clergyman was railing against divorce. "We ought to have the divorce law that was enforced in ancient Greece," he said. "If that old Greek clause was tacked to every separation, I am persuaded that divorces would fall off 60 to 70 per cent. This law was that when a man got a divorce he could not under any circumstances marry another woman younger than his ex-wife. An innocent law, a brief law, not much to look at, but how many divorce suits would be nipped in the bud if all husbands knew that after the separation they could not marry younger women than the wives they had cast off!"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Your stomach churns and digests the food you eat and if foul, or torpid, or out of order, your whole system suffers from blood poison. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea keeps you well. 35 cents Tea or Tablets. Sold by The Justus Pharmacy.

"What I am Thankful FOR ON THIS Thanksgiving Day."

With the idea of finding out just what some of our citizens find to give thanks for, today, the Hustler presents the following:

Rev. A. R. Love, "I'm thankful for the excellent condition of business and religious interests of the town and community."

Capt. M. C. Toms: "I'm thankful that I've made enough to live on, and to enjoy life and good health and for a hundred other things."

Cashier J. A. Maddy: "I'm thankful for many things—too many to mention."

Wm. Hewitt, Blue Ridge Inn: "I'm thankful that Jim Rickman has arrived safely in little old New York."

Postmaster Brownlow Jackson: "I'm thankful for that new boy at our house."

Judge Pace: "I'm thankful for many things. One that my hard fails this last week did not injure me worse than they did."

W. F. Edwards: "I'm thankful for the fact that, while this has been the most eventful year of my life, everything is no worse than it is."

Rev. O. L. Orr: "I'm thankful that the Lord has prospered me in my work, and that the churches I am pastor of are on the forward move."

A. Cannon, president Bank of Hendersonville: "I'm thankful that I'm alive and in good health, that I can enjoy the comforts of life; and that I live in a country where God is loved and respected, that I live amongst people who believe in temperance, for the friends that I have, and that our newspapers are clean papers, which a man may take home and let his wife and daughters read throughout."

Rev. R. B. Grinnan: "I'm thankful for the spiritual advance and prosperity of our church, for the progress and public spirit of Hendersonville as manifested by the Chautauqua and other enterprises, and for the health of myself and family. Speaking broadly I am also thankful for the wonderful prosperity of the whole country, and for the moral awakening of the citizenship at large, as indicated by the recent elections throughout the country, and which indicate that the day of the political boss is drawing to its close."

Dr. Waldrop: "I'm thankful, like Geo. Stewart says, for the things I have not, for the things from which I have been spared."

Charles French Toms: "I'm thankful for good health, for abundant blessings, and for increased business and a happy family."

Wash Brooks, of Brooks & Williams: "I'm thankful for a prosperous business year."

G. M. Glazener: "I'm thankful because the indications are that I'll soon be married."

A. W. Calhoun: "I'm thankful for the privilege of being in such a beautiful and healthful part of the world."

J. M. Waldrop: "I'm thankful the rain has stopped."

M. T. Justus: "I'm thankful because I'll soon retire from business, after fifty-six years work, during which time I have averaged 15 hours each day."

R. C. Clarke: "I'm thankful, as I think we all should be, because there has been no failure of any individual or business firm in Henderson county during the past year."

W. P. Williams: "I'm thankful to the ladies of Hendersonville who have been so kind to us during the illness of my wife."

Rev. D. M. Litaker: "You ask what I have to be thankful for: Many things, but first and highest of all I am thankful that I can be a Christian optimist, believing that, through the mystic and mighty power of the ever working Spirit of God, humanity as a whole is improving in all the elements of excellence: and that the purpose of God in humanity is, to bring it, by all the forces He has in operation, to a perfect state in this world somewhere in the future. Believing this I can work hopefully and heartily that righteousness may increase and the race be advanced if ever so little toward the goal of that perfect day."

W. A. Smith: "I'm thankful for the bright prospects of new railroads and the lake."

Col. S. V. Pickens: "I'm thankful that there is still some protection to property rights in Hendersonville."

Death of Mrs. Raymond Edwards.

Mrs. Raymond Edwards died on Saturday night, Nov. 24th, at 7.30 o'clock, of uræmic poison. The funeral services were held at St. James Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Wilcox officiating, the remains being then taken to Jacksonville, Fla., on the evening train, accompanied by Mrs. Love, Mrs. Edwards' mother, and Mr. Raymond Edwards. The burial occurred in Evergreen cemetery, Jacksonville, on Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

The pall bearers in this city were Messrs. Michael Schenck, J. D. Waldrop, Ed. Brooks, G. W. Brooks, W. A. Keith. The flowers were very beautiful, a large box being forwarded from Washington.

While it was realized that Mrs. Edwards was in a dangerous condition, having been ill for three months, still no immediate danger was anticipated. Even so late as Saturday morning her condition was no worse than it had been for some time past. A change became apparent after that time and death resulted Saturday night.

But four months ago Mrs. Edwards, hardly more than a girl in years, came to this city a beloved bride. As boy and girl, Ethel Love and Raymond Edwards admired one another, and their marriage in Washington marked the culmination of their pretty romance, and was but the very beginning, as they finally hoped of a life-long devotion to one another.

Miss Ethel Love was born in Jacksonville, her last resting place, 27 years ago and met her future husband here, while on a visit to her grandmother. She later lived in Washington, D. C., where she was a member of the St. Thomas Episcopal church choir, and where her marriage to Raymond Edwards occurred. They came to Hendersonville as happy as any young couple could well be, and where Mrs. Edwards made friends by the score. They had but started house-keeping when she was taken ill. Throughout her long and painful sickness, which was borne without complaint or murmur, she had the devoted nursing of her mother and husband, who but seldom left her side.

The future looked bright to the young couple. Mr. Edwards is a successful business man. Of a sweet and sunny disposition, and her influence being ever for good, an energetic church worker, his bride was beloved by his family as one of them. They were in their own home. They had bright dreams for the future, but the Angel of Death knocked and would not be denied, cutting down a bright flower even before it had fully bloomed. The young husband's loss is irreparable, and Time, alone, the great healer, may give him comfort in his affliction.

A Remarkable Birthday Party.

Miss Pearl Revis entertained a large number of friends and relatives on last Saturday evening, Nov. 24th, it being the event of her eighteenth birthday. Among the guests were a grandfather, two grandmothers and four great grandmothers. A bountiful supper was served, after which the hours sped by in games and songs.

C. Y.

To Pearl.

O, come, most beautiful thoughts of mine
With a wish of well for Pearl,
Fairest fancies, gather and twine,
A birthday garland, rare and fine,
Meet for a beautiful girl.

In the sunrise flush of fair eighteen,
A wreath of green on her ebony hair,
Mid smiling friends and festal scene,
Or leading merry games out on the green,
Pearl was a hostess fair.

Among the guests were grandmothers gray,
And children sweet and shy,
And there were lads and lassies gay,
With quiet talk and song and play,
The happy hours go by.

"I'm just as happy as I want to be."
Softly whispered Pearl
As she looked at the well pleased company,
These were the words she said to me
As I stood beside the girl.

Ah, this is the wish I will bring
you dear,
For all the days to come,
That pleasing others may bring you
cheer,
And that you may be as happy, far or
near,
As you were last night in your home.

A FRIEND.