

# THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

A PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOMES AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

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## ALAMANCE COUNTY VOUCHERS GOING TO PROTEST.

Alamance County vouchers, given by order of the Board of County Commissioners for wares, goods, merchandise, and labor performed, are going to protest because there is no money with which to pay them. Every voucher that is protested for non-payment bears an extra dollar and sixty cents besides its face value. The tax payers are not only having to pay the face value of these vouchers, but a dollar and sixty cents extra, and what is the cause. The present county administration has run the county in debt, until there is no money with which to pay these vouchers. The banks and merchants of the county will not even take them. Democratic merchants, if you please refuse them along with Republicans and Progressives. They will not bring face value. Those who have them and they are numerous, cannot get rid of them, they will not even buy cotton, the most despised commodity in this year 1914. IS IT NOT A SHAME THAT A RICH COUNTY LIKE ALAMANCE has its county vouchers hawked about by note shavers, all because they will not bring face value, Men, Tax Payers, Voters, What are you going to do about it. This is no campaign lie, this is no radical lie, this is no political lie, this is the naked truth. This condition can and will be testified by the Democrats, honest Democrats if you please, men who would not have believed this condition existed unless they themselves had seen and know of it. In fact they are the ones that hold these vouchers, we have seen the protested and refused vouchers, they bear the signature of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, the name of the register of deeds, if you please, and yet they are not worth face value. What would the people say if this happened under a Republican administration? What are they going to say and do now? It is up to them. There should be action, quick action. This condition should not be allowed to exist, it must not exist. There is a remedy. Will you apply it. The remedy is at the poll, to which party will you give it?

### WARNING TO TAX PAYERS.

I understand from a reliable source, that our county has a very large outstanding floating debt, probably more than sixty thousand dollars, the interest alone would be three thousand and six hundred dollars per year. From my understand of the county exhibit published in a county paper for the year ending November 3rd, 1913, there has been the awful sum of one hundred and seven thousand dollars worth of bonds issued in the last ten years by the Board of County Commissioners, without submitting the question to the vote of the people or tax payers, in fact I do not believe that there is twenty-five people in the county that knows this has been done, and yet it has been done, and your property and mine is called upon to pay the sum of five thousand six hundred and thirty five dollars every year upon these bonds in interest. Add to this the three thousand and six hundred dollars interest upon the sixty thousand of floating indebtedness, and you have the grand total of nine thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars in interest money that you and I have to pay from our hard-earned money, earned by the sweat of our brow by going from early morning until late at night in all kinds of weather. People, tax payers, do you catch this. What are you going to do about it? Another ten years of such extravagance and inefficiency and our county will be bankrupt, it is upon the verge of it now. This amount does not include the two hundred thousand dollars of supposed good roads bonds, the interest upon which is another ten thousand dollars per year. The tax payers of this county, (you and I) paid out for interest upon borrowed money and bonds during the year 1913, the huge sum of nineteen thousand dollars. Does this not stagger you, and right now in my opinion the present county administration is planning to have the Legislature authorize another bond issue of at least a hundred thousand dollars in bonds without submitting it to a vote of the people. The last hundred and seven thousand dollars in bonds was authorized by the legislature, a Democratic Legislature at that, and they will do it again, if the present Democratic ticket is elected. Friends, Tax payers, you must wake up, it will be too late to lock the stable after the horse is stolen. Let's get busy and put a stop to this high-handed method of running our county in debt without our knowledge and consent. Every dollar worth of property in this county is bound for this debt. This debt is a lien or mortgage upon your property and mine until every cent of it is paid. There are many other things going on in this good county, just as bad as this, but I have not the time to call your attention to them, but wake up, be alert, ask about these things, there are others that know about them. Look out for your interests. Ask yourself this question: Why will not the men who I helped elect to office as my representatives tell us how the county finances are, Why do they try to keep it a secret? When you have asked yourself this question, there can be but one answer, and it is this, conditions are so bad, that they are ashamed to tell the true condition. Are you willing to re-elect the men who are responsible for these terrible conditions, and me thinks I hear a thundering No.

Respectfully,

H. T. KERNODLE.

We learn that Mr. H. Curry Walker is making an aggressive campaign for the position of high sheriff of Alamance county. He is running upon the independent Democratic ticket, steering clear of factions, cliques, rings, and other entangling alliances, if this kind of candidate suits you, give him your support.

The county candidates will open the campaign at Hornadays store, Pattersons township, next Thursday, Oct. 15th. Let everybody voter and tax payer come out and hear the war discussed.

**Caswell Convention.**  
The Republicans and Progressives of Caswell county are called to meet at Rascoe's Store Saturday October 17, 3 p. m., for the purpose of deciding as to the advisability of putting out a county ticket to be voted for at the coming election. If it is decided to nominate a county ticket, the ticket will be named at this meeting. Let everybody who is opposed to the Democratic county ticket in Caswell county come out to this convention, the convention will be held rain or shine, everybody welcome.

W. FLOYD DAVIS, Chmn.

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER.

A Brief Story of the Life and Activities of Charles B. Way, the Republican Candidate for Treasurer of Alamance County.

There is perhaps no citizen in Alamance County that is more worthy and deserving of recognition from the voters in the matter of bestowing positions of public trust than the subject of this sketch—a self-made, Christian young man, who has been honored with the Republican nomination for the office of Treasurer of Alamance County.



CHARLES B. WAY,  
Burlington, N. C.

For the information of the voters of the county, we are pleased to give the following brief history of our young candidate for Treasurer:

Charles Bunyan Way was born in Chatham County, two miles east of Liberty, N. C., May 20, 1889. He is a son of William F. Way, who died several years ago. His parents moved to Randolph County when he was about six years old, where he spent the earlier part of his boyhood days, working on the farm in the spring and summer months and attending a district school during the winter months. In 1901 his parents moved to Burlington, and he began working in Aurora Cotton Mill.

In 1910, after having been a faithful and persistent employe in the cotton mill for more than nine years, his actions indicated that he had an ambition to make a success in life. He realized that the door of opportunity was open to him, and began seeking a better position in life. He left the cotton mill and entered the printing office where he made good as a sober, honest and efficient printer. The next door of opportunity that opened to him was the postal service. He was given a position in the Burlington postoffice and worked there several months. Later he became an employe of the Greensboro postoffice, serving in the capacity of city mail carrier for awhile.

In 1912 he realized that his limited educational training was not sufficient to make a success in the activities of life, so he re-entered the school room. Having spent the greater part of his youth as a wage-earner, assisting his parents in making a living, he was confronted with the task of obtaining a better education himself, without the aid of anyone. So with an unflinching ambition he made the venture of accomplishing his purpose under such unfavorable circumstances. Possessing a spirit of perseverance, he worked his way through school for two years, and has acquired a fairly good education.

The commercial and political conditions in this 20th century are such

that require the best type of men to fill the positions of public trust and to administer the affairs of county, state and national government; men who are morally clean, honest in their dealings with their fellowman, and possess a spirit of patriotism, loyalty and unswerving devotion to the cause of human progress and the development of Christian civilization. The Republican party of Alamance County recognized these noble traits of character in the person of Charles B. Way when it was seeking for a suitable candidate to place upon its ticket for the office of Treasurer.

Mr. Way is a Christian young man, and is a consistent member of the Methodist Protestant Church at this place. He has been very active in church and Sunday-school work during the past five or six years. He is one of the officials of his church, holds the office of Treasurer of the Baraca Class of his Sunday School, and is Chairman of the Burlington Township Sunday School Association. He is identified with two fraternal organizations, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Daughters of Liberty, holding an official position in the former.

The Dispatch is glad to commend to the voters of Alamance County such a noble, deserving and efficient young man as Charles B. Way for the office of Treasurer, and asks for him the support of every citizen in the county in the coming election.

### Announcement.

I desire to announce to my many friends in Alamance County, that I am a candidate upon the Republican ticket for the position of Register of Deeds. And I will appreciate any support you may see fit to give me. If elected I promise to make public all matters pertaining to the county finances, and all other matters that will be of interest to the voters and tax payers of the county. I am accepting this nomination with full knowledge of the salary attached, and if elected I will not take advantage of any technicality to increase my salary above the amount allowed by law. I shall administer the office in the interest of the tax payers and do all in my power to give entire satisfaction. Thanking you in advance for your support I beg to remain,

Gratefully yours,

W. ROSS FRESHWATER.

### Exports of Cotton.

Reports received by Secretary McAdoo indicate the continued and further opening of the cotton export trade. During the week ended October 1, 74,438 bales of cotton were exported from this country. It was scattered to many lands, including England, France, Spain, Italy, Denmark, Greece, Holland, Japan, Portugal, Mexico and Eastern Africa. The exportation by ports was as follows: Boston 190 bales, New York 3,610 bales, Philadelphia 1,000 bales, Pensacola 320 bales, Charleston 1,250 bales, Savannah 16,000 bales, New Orleans 6,789 bales and Galveston 45,319 bales.

**Editor's Note.** We are told the reason that cotton is so low is because there is no demand for it, and therefore there is no demand for it, read the above and see if you believe the war is responsible. It would seem our foreign friends are still taking a great deal of cotton. The reason why cotton is so cheap, is because our own mills are either shut down or running short time. Start up our own mills and they will consume our cotton at a fair price. Open the mills should be the slogan of the cotton farmer.

If you are a Republican or Progressive and live in Caswell county, attend your county convention at Rascoe's Store next Saturday, October 17th, at 3:00 P. M.

### OWEN PLEADS TO ALL ILLINOIS-ANS TO BACK ROBINS.

Oklahoma Senator, a Democrat, Denounces Sullivan and Sherman.

### LETTER GIVES REASONS.

Washington, Oct. 8.—United States Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, strong supporter of President Wilson's progressive policies, in a letter to Raymond Robins, made public today, sets forth the reasons why he as a Democrat will support Robins, a progressive, and actively opposes the candidacy of Roger Sullivan, the Democratic candidate for the Senate from Illinois.

Writing as president of the National Popular Government League, a non-partisan organization, Senator Owen severely arraigns Sullivan as a conspicuous opponent of the initiative and referendum and other popular government principles, a bipartisan boss who secured his nomination by the influence of vicious political methods and the expenditure of his behalf of enormous sums of money, and as having no right to ask votes even on the ground of party regularity.

The letter also arraigns Senator Sherman, the Republican candidate, as an enemy of popular government, backed by the special interests.

### URGES SUPPORT FOR ROBINS.

Senator Owen calls on all progressive Democrats as well as Republicans to support Robins, whom he commends as an able champion of popular government and a man whose character and capacity should commend him to the citizens of Illinois. The senator's letter follows:

"United States Senate, Oct. 5.—Raymond Robins, Chicago.—My dear Mr. Robins: The National Popular Government League of the United States, through its executive council, has advised the friends of popular government to support you for the United States Senate in Illinois against Sullivan and against Sherman. I heartily approve this action.

"You have greatly distinguished yourself in your constant efforts to serve the people. You have shown your great sympathy with the working poor and your active interest in establishing honest government. You were the most notable advocate of the initiative and referendum and corrupt practices act in Illinois. I fought by your side and I know.

"I am not supporting you because of a party badge, but because I know the doctrines you stand for and that you will support the principles of good government and that above all you are strongly opposed to commercialized politics and bipartisan corruption which has humiliated the great state of Illinois in the past.

### ATTACKS SULLIVAN AND SHERMAN.

"I oppose Mr. Sherman on the Republican ticket because he opposed the initiative and referendum in the Illinois legislature in 1911 and because his affiliations do not justify the hope that he could be relied upon, as you can be, to fight for the public welfare and oppose the selfish interests that have indirectly contributed money to his campaign.

"I am opposed to Mr. Sullivan because I believe:

"That he typifies bipartisan, commercialized politics in Illinois as much as Penrose in Pennsylvania or Murphy in New York;

"That he is responsible for the present jokers in the Illinois primary law, which kept thousands of Democrats from the primaries which prevent the secrecy of the ballot, and enable machine methods to be successful in such a primary;

"That his success at the primaries

(in which he was nevertheless defeated in more than two-thirds of the counties in the State) was due to men associated with corporation interests behind him in Chicago, with the gas companies, public utilities companies, liquor interests, and the unwarranted use of money throughout the State.

### CHARGES UNION WITH LORIMER.

"I believe that the affiliation of Sullivan's supporters with the Lorimer supporters and the support of Sullivan by the Republican papers in Illinois caused Sullivan to receive thousands of Republican votes, influenced by the bipartisan machine;

"That Sullivan and Lorimer worked together in accomplishing results through their strikers and supporters in the Illinois legislature;

"That Sullivan's supporters were jointly responsible for the defeat of the initiative and referendum, for failing to pass a corrupt practices act, OWEN GAL TWO, and for selling the senatorship to Lorimer.

"I am opposed to Mr. Sullivan not only because I believe his nomination was obtained by fraud—by less than a majority of the votes cast and less than a third of the normal Democratic vote—but because I think Mr. Sullivan has never in an affirmative way properly shown his appreciation of good government.

"ROBERT L. OWEN."

### Wilson Opposes Federal Loan to Cotton Farmers.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Official announcement was made at the White House today that President Wilson approves the plan to adjourn congress as soon as the war revenue bill is passed.

The President is interested in the cotton situation, but the intimation at the White House today was that he opposes the plan agreed on last night at a meeting of Southern members of congress for a bill to have the federal government loan \$250,000,000 through banks to cotton planters. The President is said to believe private bankers, with the treasury support, can relieve the situation.

Representative Underwood was at the White House today and agreed with the President that adjournment can be taken as soon as the war tax bill is passed.

Of course he does, do you think he would enact legislation to ruin them, and then loan them money to get out with, nay, nay, pauline. That is not Democratic policy. Once they get you down, they keep you down! How much longer will it take to teach our farmer friends who are their friends and protectors? When the Democrats are in power cotton sells for six and seven cents, when the Republicans are in power cotton sells for ten to fifteen cents. Now, who is who.

Four hundred and eighty six dollars spent by your county board last year for auditing the county officers' books, and yet you cannot tell or do not know how much saving is effected by the adoption of the salary system as against the fee system. How much more did you have to spend for a county audit before you can tell where we stand? All of us want to know. Tell us please.

It is high time our tax payers were sitting up and taking notice of our county financial affairs. They are in bad shape in deed. If you want to leave any of your property to your posterity, better wake up. Every dollar worth of your property is bound for this county debt. It can be sold from your children to pay these debts. What are you going to do about it. There is only one remedy. Your ballot at the polls. To whom will you give it?