

# THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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

BURLINGTON, ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1914.

## MADE THREE EFFORTS.

The court house ring says that the Editor of The Dispatch will not look at the records. But the truth is that we have made three efforts to look at the books. The first effort was made Saturday, Oct. 24th, in an effort I was successful to the extent of seeing the amount of fees turned into the county treasurer by the Register of Deeds, and while going through this record I was constantly reminded that Mr. Johnston had an engagement for dinner, that the minister was at his home for dinner, and we went no farther than this one record. On Monday, October 26th, I again went to Grady to see the records and was informed that the register of deeds had gone to Elon College to the Speaking although the other candidates upon the ticket with him had not gone. I solicited the help of Hon. E. S. Parker, Jr., who went with me to the Register of Deeds office and he asked for certain books but was unable to get any except the bond book. And from this book I got the amount of outstanding bonds which was published in the Twice-A-Week Dispatch of last Tuesday, October 27. On Tuesday, October 27, I again made the third attempt, this time I found Mr. Johnston but he told me that he had an important engagement in Burlington and must leave immediately, I asked him if there was no one in the office that could give me the desired information, and he said there was not, so I did not get to see the books for the third attempt, I want to say in justice to the clerks in the Register of Deeds office, that this is no reflection upon them because they could not give the information, I do not blame them for not trying, no one not thoroughly familiar with these books can tell anything about them, with all the boasted book-keeping and filing system which cost the tax payers hundreds of dollars, the system in this office certainly needs overhauling. But aside from this I want to say, that the candidate who states that the Editor of this paper will not look at the books deserve to be put into the Roosevelt Ananias Club. I have tried to get the records and have tried to give the tax payers the true facts, what we have published about the county finances was facts which come to us from people who the county owed or from those who knew about it, and in the main they are true, as to the outstanding bonds the amount stated is from the records, and if the records are true the amount stated is true, with this explanation we leave all this controversy to the voters and tax payers to be settled upon November 3rd. If they can stand conditions now prevailing and getting worse all the time, we will try too, this statement is the truth, nothing but the truth, and we trust will be accepted as such, at least by all fair-minded men.

## ENTIRE COUNTRY GOING REPUBLICAN.

This paper has good news for its readers, almost every State in the Union that was republican before the last election is going to return to its first love, after November 3rd. The Democrats now have one hundred and forty-five majority in congress, this majority will be cut to not more than forty, if not wiped out altogether. President Wilson is in a panic as the result of the revolt of his administration. He and his party have large advertisements in all the leading newspapers calling upon the people to stand by his administration, so great is the defection that no one need be surprised to see the next congress controlled by the Republicans, in fact there would not be a doubt about it, but for the fact that the Bull Moose party have strong tickets in a great many of the close congressional districts, and this split in the vote may cause the Democrats to retain control of the next congress, but if they are fortunate enough to do this it will be by a narrow margin. Can you imagine a Democratic majority of 145 being reduced in one election to less than fifty, and yet the Democratic candidates for office tell you that the people are falling over themselves getting upon the Democratic bandwagon. They are gay deceivers this band of life-time office holders, the people instead of running over themselves to get upon the Democratic bandwagon are deserting the party like rats from a sinking ship, there is nothing more certain than this country is sick and tired of Democracy with its low tariff policy, they long to get back to the policy of protection and America for Americans, they are tired of promises and fine rhetoric, what they want is something more substantial and lasting. They know what the Republican party stands for, and what a Republican administration means to business, the laboring men know that they are not worried about the full dinner pail and where the next meal is to come from when the party of protection is in power, the business men know that times are good and money plentiful when the Republicans are in power, they know their business is secure, and they have no fear as to the future when all the laboring men are employed, the laboring men know all this too, and they are just waiting for a chance to swat the party that has brought them within sight

of the public soup kitchen and a long weary ramp looking for work, once again safe in the harbor of Republican prosperity they will cast anchor for a long stay. Business men, Farmers, and laboring men of Alamance County cast your ballot with us upon the 3rd day of November and then watch the dark financial clouds roll away, like mist before the sunshine. Lay this paper away where it can be easily found and watch these predictions come true.

## BE OF GOOD CHEER.

Barbers, Business men, Farmers, and Laborers, be of good cheer, there are brighter days just ahead for you. This great country of ours is going to right about face now within a few days, and start upon the road to prosperity, the Republican party, the people's friend is coming back, and there will be great rejoicing around the family fireside, the people will be cheered upon life's weary road, and confidence that took wings upon the election of a Democratic administration is going to return when the Republican party comes back, the people will feel that an able and experienced captain is at the ship's helm and they will no longer fear the brewing financial storm. Men with money will see that the American people have not lost their political senses and will feel more secure. Money that has been in hiding since the last election will creep from its hiding and take its rightful place in the commercial field of progress, and better times will be the result, of course it will take time, for all this to come about, but just as sure as the party of protection makes gains in the coming election, just so sure will there be a great business revival. Let us all join in this great political upheaval which will mean so much to the American Homes and American firesides.

## Legal Reflection.

Apropos to a peculiarly flagrant legal scandal, Senator John H. Bankhead, said in Jasper. "This scandal give a point to a story I have just heard. "A lawyer advertised for a boy. A boy duly presented himself, and the lawyer said to him: "Well, my lad, what qualifications have you for a place in a lawyer's office?" "I can—er—I can lie, sir, the boy answered."

## VOTE FOR:

Solicitor  
Ninth Judicial District:  
**WILLIAM I. WARD,**  
Alamance County.

Senators  
Nineteenth Senatorial District:  
Caswell County.  
**C. J. YARBROUGH,**  
**D. S. MILLER,**  
Durham County.



House of Representatives:  
**THOMAS C. CARTER.**

Clerk of the Superior Court:  
**J. EVERETT STAFFORD.**

Treasurer:  
**CHARLES R. WAY.**

Register of Deeds:  
**W. ROSS FRESHWATER.**

Surveyor:  
**J. WILBUR OVERMAN.**

Coroner:  
**WILLIAM J. NICKS.**

Sheriff:  
**H. CURRIE WALKER.**

County Commissioners:  
**ROBERT T. KERNODLE,**  
**GEORGE W. VESTAL,**  
**CHARLES A. ALBRIGHT.**

**JOHN H. TURNER.**  
**A. K. RONEY.**

## DOING US A GOOD TURN.

The Democratic candidates are doing this paper a mighty good service by advertising it to all the people with whom they come in contact, if the state of our finances were not so low, we would place them upon our pay roll, but collections are slow and we are not able just at this time, however we appreciate their kindness and trust they will keep the good work up. Small favors thankfully received, and larger ones in proportion. We received a large one Tuesday night at the hands of Congressman Steadman. Thank you Major, we always did think you were a grand old man.

## A NEW CLERK ADDED.

There has been another clerk added to the office of the Register of Deeds within the last few months, the salary to this clerk is four hundred dollars and is paid for out of the tax payers money, this office is now costing the tax payers one thousand dollars per year clerk hire, besides the regular salary of the Register of Deeds, we are not criticising the establishment of this additional office, it may have been necessary, but we are making the fact public, in order that the people may know what is going on, the time has been when the other papers of the county would have chronicled this fact gladly, but this was before the complete domination of the county by the court house ring.

## MORE BONDS ISSUED.

There has been more bonds issued without submitting it to a vote of the people, on July 16th, 1914, there was issued bonds to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, and the money is all gone, such is the record of the court house ring.

## MR. VERNON WRITES.

October 27, 1914.

Editor State Dispatch,  
I regret that you are indulging in such cheap politics in our campaign. The statement in your last issue that I declared "that the nominees of the Republican Party were like hog pens in their offensiveness" is unfounded and untrue. This statement is like many other statements you have published in your paper for the last few weeks. You have made mis-statements about the indebtedness of our County, about our Register of Deeds, Clerk of Court and others, and I am reliably informed that you did it without making any investigation of the records. You should go to the records and get the truth and give the truth to your subscribers. I am glad the day has come in politics when the people are demanding the truth, and unless the truth is presented the message will be of little avail. I do not believe that an editor of a paper deserves the respect of his fellows unless he can first establish and maintain a good reputation as to fairness and accuracy. I endorse the letters written you this week by C. D. Johnston and J. D. Kernodle. Get right and deal fairly.

Yours truly,  
**JOHN R. VERNON.**

## THEY WOULD HAVE YOU FORGET.

The court house ring would have the tax payers forget that there are five county commissioners to be voted for November 3rd, have you heard anything said about these officials. Always in the campaigns heretofore since one of the county candidates took it upon himself to make the announcements for all the county commissioners, but not so this time, there is a reason ask your self why this change. They would have you forget about the dog law, heretofore the candidate for the legislature would boast of the many good laws passed by the last general assembly. But the dog law they would have you forget. There is a reason, ask yourself why they do not boast of this good dog law. They would have you forget about the enormous county debt, there is a reason, ask yourself why they do not want to discuss the county debt, it is so large that the more you discuss it the larger it gets, and they are afraid that it is larger than the tax payers will stand for. They will not discuss the saving to the tax payers by the adoption of the salary system as against the fee system, there is a reason, ask yourself why they will not discuss this saving. The county officers were opposed to the salary system, and they are taking their vengeance upon the taxpayers who forced it upon them. They will not discuss the road law, they would have you forget there is a road law, why because the present road law is a failure, a farce, and a makeshift. The people are demanding a better road law, free from favoritism and sectional advantage. The court house ring is opposed to remodeling the road law, and therefore refuse to discuss it. These are live subjects, in which the tax payers are interested, if you favor them, make your influence felt at the polls.

## WOOL DEALERS COMPLAIN OF DEMOCRATIC TIMES.

Argument in favor of the re-election of Senator Penrose and the entire Republican ticket was made yesterday when the Tattersfield Company, of 32 Letitia Street, importers and dealers in foreign and domestic wool, said that while their firm had paid more than half a million dollars' duty on wool in 1913, it would not pay one cent on wool duty for the present year. "Today the factories which purchase our wool are running on half time or

## REPLY TO MR. VERNON.

I am publishing your letter of the 27th inst., in this issue, although you have already given it to The News. Speaking of fairness, would it not have been more in the spirit of fairness to have presented this letter to me for publication first, and then if I had refused, to have given it to The News, you will remember that you told me you were going to prepare a letter and present to me for publication, and asked if I would publish it, and I told you I would, so you cannot say that you were afraid I would not publish it. I am only too glad to publish all the letters you mention. I am running a paper to give the news, and these letters are news, there are a great many people who have never heard of the matters you refer to.

I want to say in the beginning that I have no quarrel with you or any other candidate upon your ticket, so far as I am aware we have been friends, and personally I would be glad to remain friends, but if telling the truth regarding their official acts, breaks the existing friendship, let it break. I will not be guilty of trying to deceive the voters and tax payers of this good county for my own party, and surely not for yours, this is a good county, and its people are of the best, I have elected to spend my remaining days within her borders. The time is past if it ever existed when our tax payers will calmly submit to inefficient and extravagant administration of our county affairs by either party, and the sooner we all realize this changed condition the sooner it will mean a better day for Alamance County politics. As to cheap politics it is not necessary for me to remind you that these are hard times owing to the War in Europe as you would say, and we cannot afford to indulge in an expensive campaign, when the war clouds have rolled away, and we are entering upon the dawn of the new millennium as often pictured by you during this campaign, I might be willing to loosen up a bit, but everything must be cheap now, why we must even wear cotton. You should remember that the good honest farmers and laborers in this county, do not hold as many offices as some of those whom you are trying so hard to defend. They earn their living by the sweat of their brow, there are no fat salaries and fees attached, and besides they are not their own paymasters. All they get is by hard knocks and they have to knock the harder when your party is in power, those about whom you are weeping neither toil nor do they spin, but they are provided with clerks to do the work and the tax payers foot the bills. All the ring have to do, is to stifle ambition in the young manhood of the county, and scheme for reelection. As to what you are reported to have said about the offensiveness of the Republican party in your speech at The Hub, I leave for the intelligent audience that was present and heard you, to say, your remarks was highly objectionable to the decent people of both parties, as will be testified to by the voters at the polls Nov. 3rd. As to the mis-statement about the indebtedness of our county, I have this to say, If you will employ an auditor of high standing and known ability to audit the books of the county, and if this auditor does not report that the total county debt is not nearer three hundred and fifty thousand dollars the amount I claim than three hundred and ten thousand dollars, the amount that you claim, I will pay the expense of the audit, and will put up the money before the work is begun. As to what has been published about your candidate for the register of deeds I have this to say, the figures quoted was taken from his report published in The Burlington News, Dated Dec. 24th, 1913. If these figures are not true it is his fault and not mine, you know that this report shows those figures, and if there is any mis-statement about them, he and you have made them not me. I have never stated that he took these fees, but I have repeatedly said that his report said he did. As to the mis-statement which you say I made against your candidate for clerk of the court, I refer you to the paper containing it, you will note that this charge was made by a correspondent from Ossipee Mills, who said he knew the facts as to the truth of this charge I put it up to you. The article said you were the woman's attorney, Mr. Kernodle himself says you were the woman's attorney, therefore the only mis-statements that I am aware of are those you make against me. I am glad that the day has come when people are demanding the truth. They are demanding it, The Twice-A-Week Dispatch has been demanding it, but you and your court house ring have been resisting this demand, with all the enigmata of a blighted political mind, aided by your hords of office holders and office seekers, not content with this, you sought the aid of the brightest legal mind your party can boast of in the person of Mr. E. S. Parker, Jr. But he would not say what you and your court house ring decreed, and you have not tried him again. As to your views that an editor does not deserve the respect of his fellow men unless he can first establish and maintain a good reputation as to fairness and accuracy I have this to say, If you possessed the same moral code that you set up for an Editor, you would not now be a candidate for the Legislature. Pray tell me when did the court house ring permit a man who possessed this moral code to be nominated for the Legislature, certainly not since the ring has held undisputed sway in this county. I am glad you endorse the letters written for publication in The Dispatch by C. D. Johnston and J. D. Kernodle. You also endorse the increase-salary bill do you not. I want to remind you again, of what I told you when the campaign first opened that The Editor of the Dispatch was not an issue in this campaign, but if you still think so, I have no objection to your opinion. Now, finally, Brother Vernon, permit me to suggest that you first remove the beam from thine own eye, before you would pluck the mote from mine eye.

Wishing you the success, that the justness of your cause merits, and no more, I beg to remain.

Yours truly,

**J. ZEB. WALLER.**

## MAN WHO WOULD MARRY MISS WILSON ARRESTED.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—A man giving his name as David A. Wilson was held under arrest by federal authorities here today on a charge of having written to Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, the only unmarried daughter of President Wilson, proposing marriage. He will be examined as to his sanity. Wilson admitted having written the letter, but refused to answer any questions concerning it. His home was said to be in Curryville, Missouri.

Little Margaret's aunt had been ill for several weeks and Margaret had not seen her during this time. On seeing her the first time after her illness, she cried: "My, auntie, how you have evaporated."