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EGOTISTIC KESTLER.

The Former Editor of the Vestibule Comes Forward in the Salisbury Watchman With Statements Which Are Proven to Be Infamous Falsehoods—A Checky Piece of Self-Praise

The Cabarrus correspondent to the Salisbury Watchman, the organ of the Populists in these counties, contained the following slandering, vile and unprecedented articles in last week's issue:

"Did you know that Kestler put the county money out at interest and paid the county a nice sum each year, while Swink's interest fund is out of sight? Here's a big saving to the county in electing Kestler, as he will do so again."

"Did you hear that the Democrats are running an infidel for treasurer, one who belongs to no church, and boasts that he will buy his office this time if it takes four times as much money as the office pays. We ask if he did not trade off the balance of his ticket last campaign in order to get in himself? Ask Thos. White, J K Patterson, etc., if this is not true. It is said he shouted negro rule to the white people and went around in the dark hiring men to put stickers on tickets. We notice that the new election law will stick such people in prison this year. We shall see that anyone having a sticker shall suffer the penalty of the law, and he who buys votes this year is treading on dangerous ground."

After our county treasurer, Mr. O W Swink, was shown the above articles, he at once went to the telephone and talked to Mr. Reid, the editor of the Watchman, and told him that he desired to know who the correspondent from this county was to that paper who wrote such unfounded statements about him. Mr. Reid, not wishing to get his correspondent into trouble, did not divulge the name of the writer, but said he would send him to Mr. Swink. This did not satisfy Mr. Swink, and he at once told Mr. Reid that unless he stated before leaving that 'phone the name of the writer he (Editor Reid) would be held personally responsible for the statements. Rather than have such an unhappy burden rest upon his shoulder, Editor Reid "poked it out." And who was it, do you suppose? It was Mr. G Ed. Kestler, the former county treasurer, and ex-editor of the Vestibule.

Now below we publish statements from the parties whose names were mentioned, showing that the statements are without foundation in the least, and now the writer, Mr. Kestler, has to be shown up in a bad light.

Following is the card of Mr. Swink handed us:

"Every reference made to me under 'Cabarrus News' in Carolina Watchman of Oct. 6th is an infamous falsehood, save the one that I belong to no church. While I am not a member of any church, I contribute to its support and attend service regularly. The fact that Mr. Kestler had money to deposit and get interest is one of the many great reasons why every voter of Cabarrus county should vote the Democratic ticket. Mr. Kestler was a fusion treasurer under a Democratic board of county commissioners and had money to deposit to get interest on, while I am a Democratic treasurer under a fusion board of com-

missioners and have to pay interest, having just paid one hundred and twenty dollars interest on four notes of five hundred dollars each, and there are two more notes of about five hundred dollars each outstanding against the county now, all of which notes were contracted by this board of fusion commissioners. The Democratic board of commissioners went out of office not owing a penny and had money on hand. Quite a contrast, eh? I have never traded or offered to trade any part of the Democratic ticket to elect myself, as you will see by reading a card below from gentlemen to whom the article referred.

O.W SWINK,
Dem. Nom. for Treas. of Cabarrus County."

In regard to the statement about Messrs. Thos. J White and Jno. K Patterson, the following is their statement:

EDITOR STANDARD:—With regard to an article published in the Carolina Watchman of October 6th, 1898, in which the writer charges that the present county treasurer traded off the remainder of the Democratic ticket in order to get in himself, and refers the public to Thos. White and J K Patterson, we the undersigned desire to state that the charge referred to is utterly false and without foundation.

T J WHITE,
JNO. K PATTERNS N.

ANOTHER POP. RETURNS.

Mr. H L Green, a Fusion Magistrate of Stanly County. Comes Back to the Democratic Party and Gives His Reasons—Stanly Will Assist in Killing Negro Rule.

Albemarle, Oct. 6.—The subjoined is an exact copy of a letter written to The Stanly Enterprise:

"A CARD.
"Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to say a few words to the readers of your paper in regard to where I stand in politics. When the Populist party came into existence I believed it to be a good thing and accordingly joined it. They promised better financial government. The leaders denounced both the old parties, saying they (the Democrats and Republicans) were in favor of the gold standard, monopolies, trusts, combines, etc. They declared in their platform if put in power they would restore free silver, abolish trusts and combinations. They were put in power by fusing with the Republicans in this State. They worked with a vim and elected Pritchard, a "gold-bug," and Butler, a silverite, to the United States Senate, thus showing their sincerity, and now they are co-operating with the Republicans (a party exactly in the opposite to the most important planks in their platform, to-wit: free silver and white supremacy), and negroes to gain the next election, which fully shows to me that it is office and not good government they want. So I forever sever my connection with such a crowd and think it is time that all good white people should return to the rescue of the interest of the people of North Carolina, by supporting, alone, the Democratic nominees in the coming election. There are lots of good people who have been led astray by that fusion crowd, but I feel that it will not be long until every sheep will return to the fold. They are coming. They are dis-

gusted with negro rule. There are only two parties, the white people's party and the negro's party. Brethren, which will you support? Let us all come together and do away with negro rule in North Carolina. E pluribus unum."

"Three cheers for Smith and Brown and for Democracy.

"All
"The
"Way
"Down,
"Yours for white supremacy,
"H L GREEN."

The above letter was written by Mr. Green, who was appointed a justice of the peace by the fusion Legislature of 1895, and is now an acting justice of the peace in Stanly county. Mr. Green is highly respected by all who know him and he will be received into the Democratic party with open arms, with many other good citizens of Stanly. We expect to assist the other counties in the State in killing the negro rule on the 8th day of November with about 500 majority.—Correspondence of The Observer.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Jas. Hurley is in China Grove today on business.

—Miss Fan Burwell, of Charlotte, will arrive tomorrow to visit her friend, Miss Emily Gibson.

—Cashier D B Coltrane went down to Norwood today on business connected with the new cotton mill there.

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Received. They are fine. Try them.
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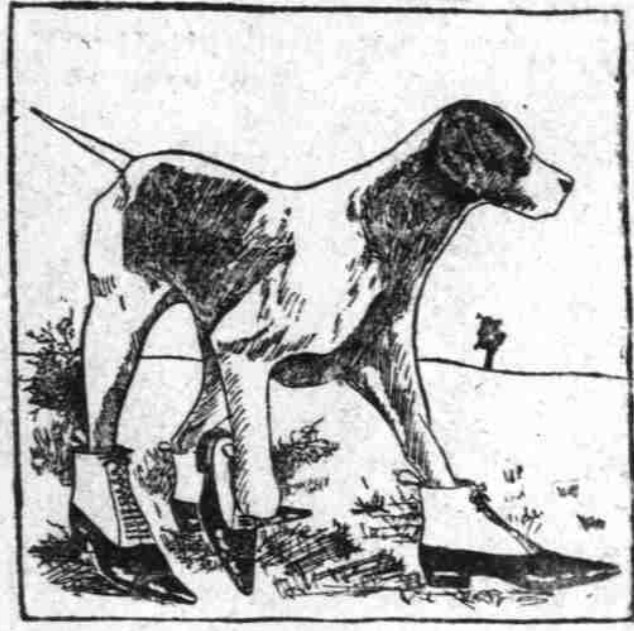
MR. BRYANT SUSTAINED.

WE Fountain As Bad As Stated.

The Charlotte Observer, which is doubtless as fair as a newspaper can well get, and spares no means to get at the truth, sent its very efficient correspondent, Mr. H E O Bryant to the east to see and note from a local standpoint. Mr. Bryant, in writing from Tarboro, criticised sharply one W E Fountain. Some time later the Observer published over the signatures of a number of citizens of Tarboro a statement that Mr. Bryant had done Mr. Fountain great injustice. Now, however, at a meeting of the White Government Union at Tarboro resolutions were adopted sustaining Mr. Bryant, declaring that his was a true estimate of Fountain. It was avowed that some of those signatures had been gotten by misrepresentation. The resolutions endorsing what Mr. Bryant said were adopted without a dissenting voice.

Hinson Granted a New Trial.

W J Hinson, who several months ago shot James Cranford in a bar-room in Charlotte, and who had been sentenced to be hanged, has been granted a new trial by Judge Starbuck, but Solicitor Webb has appealed to the Supreme Court against Judge Starbuck's order.



A POINTER IN SHOES.

For the Little folks Boys and Girls.

Just opened and ready for sale, 87 dozen Caps and Hats for little people—school girls and boys—every style.

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- Golfs,
- Band Golfs,
- Yachts,
- Yacht Golfs,
- Brightons,
- Tams,
- Turbans,
- Yales,
- Klondikes.

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You can buy shoes for a dollar that would be dear at 50c., others for \$3.00 which would be cheap at \$4.00. You will look in vain for the former here: you are certain of finding the latter and plenty of other bargains of the same proportion. Our line of childrens shoes is complete. We have the kind that wear. Our line of Ladies fine shoes at 1.45 2, 2.50, and 3.00 might interest you. The way to buy shoes is to see shoes and the place to see shoes is right here.

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We thank our friends for the splendid trade given us in the past. We hope, by close attention to your interest to merit it in the future.

Don't fail to see those handsome "Golden Oaks." Come and see us, we will do you Good.

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