

Interesting Stokes County Happenings

OLD REBEL COMES AGAIN.

1861 Replies At Some Length to Rev. P. Oliver.

Mr. Editor:

It has been admitted by many of the world's leading historians, poets and statesmen, and by learned and consecrated divines that the South's cause was just, and that the men who fell on the fields of Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and around Richmond, were as brave and true heroes as were those who died at Marathon and in defense of the pass of Thermopylae, the glory-fields of Greece.

But we suppose this estimate of the Confederates will have to be revised, for the Rev. P. Oliver, of Stokes county, say it's wrong, and that our comrades, brothers, fathers and sons who followed the stars and bars were false to their country, and stamps the memory of our dead as well as the escutcheons of the living with "traitor."

Mr. Editor, I hate to impose so much on your generosity, but I beg the privilege of replying to Bro. Oliver's last sermon on the mount. There is really nothing in it worth attention, but with your permission I will answer him once more just for amusement.

The most interesting feature of our preacher-politician's letter is his efforts to get out of the hole we put him in at the start. Your readers will remember that his first letter would have led the uninformed into believing that he was a Democrat of the first water, having been "born and raised in an old-fashioned Democratic cradle." And when we showed him up to be a deep-dyed Republican, not having voted a Democratic ticket for 20 years, he got extremely hot in the collar. He has abandoned his former pose, and now comes out with the cloven foot, attacking the record of the Democratic party in Stokes county, and endeavoring by his usual scuttle-fish tactics to make your readers lose sight of the points at issue, which we do not propose to allow them to do. Whether the Democratic or Republican party has made the best record in Stokes county is altogether off our track, brother, what we are after is to show you up in your true political colors, and to let the old Confederate soldiers and their friends know everywhere that you have basely slandered them. Incidentally, we might say that the record of the Democratic party in Stokes county has been so honorable and high-toned that one of the "leading" ministers of the gospel "held out" to be of its ranks for a period of 20 years, and so far compromised the divine dignity of his profession thereby as to appear in a mistaken light.

Brother Oliver is a little late in reforming Southern traditions, and we opine that he has undertaken a job that will require a size larger calibre than he is credited with possessing. In his appeals to that scalawag and deserting element which once overran our State, he incurs only the contempt of that class whom he must consider as his best neighbors. His lame attempt to associate with himself the immortal Lee, and make that great dead chieftain appear in the light of a disgruntled pro-unionist, would be ridiculous if it were not brazen effrontery and slander. If our friend will refer to his history he will learn that Gen. Lee was for peace, and was a Christian, but he was also a man, and when his country called for him in its trouble, he led the embattled thousands to the charge. Likewise Jackson, the invincible "Stonewall," who prayed as he rode and fought. Do you arrogate to yourself more piety or wisdom than these men? Do you believe that Jackson and Lee were less mentally equipped than yourself, that they rushed like blind fools into an unjust and unholy war?

Do you think if they had taken to the woods, or joined the other side, that today the stars in their crowns would shine more brightly?

You ask me a lot of questions, and while I fail to see their relevance here, I will answer for your amusement.

1. "What is Democracy? Democracy is that policy of government which is universally recognized to be diametrically opposite to that which you have been voting for the past 20 years, and which is immortal in its principles, and of so much weight and importance in the nation that you have tried to make the people believe you were "fer" it, till certain recent disclosures.

2. "Since you give a satisfactory answer, reconcile this explanation with the recent bill in the Legislature proposing to change the county officials of Stokes." Before we shall be able to answer this intelligently, we will request you to tell how many Democrats endorsed it, thereby showing to what extent it was a Democratic bill.

3. "How many Yankees did you kill?" I would console my conscience with the thought that I didn't kill any. The timbers of the Wilderness were tall and heavy, like those of Yadkin township, and the average Yankee had great regard for his hide.

4. "Was slavery morally right?" No, but is this why you broke for cover when the bugles blew? We shall not allow you to take this high ground of "slavery and secession being morally wrong" since you have already unwittingly admitted that your pro-union principles were carved out of the reports that the "Yankees outnumbered us two to one."

These, we believe, are all the inquiries you have made, and we pause for your further pleasure.

In the meantime we would beg permission to make a suggestion or two, to you. There has never yet been written a real good history of the war, and we want to nominate you for the job. Let us suggest that you entitle it "The War of the Rebellion, And Its Side-Lights." Dedicate it to that gallant band who stayed at home to guard the country and—save their hides. Give plenty of space to the chapter on transfers of wheat and meat. Tell of the trials and tribulations of the nights spent in the deep wood, where the owls hooted and the wildcats squallied, of incursions and exploits, and home-guard bullets. We shall await it with absorbing expectancy, for we know it will be rich in human interest.

In conclusion, just one word more. I quote from your letter: "I had a good friend who believed the statements that the war would be a breakfast spell, etc., and he went to the war, spending four years, etc., contrary to my advice, etc., he taking offense at my suggestions, I said no more. This was in 1861. In 1861 I met him again. He took me away out in the bushes, etc., etc."

Now, right here, with the readers of the Reporter for a jury, we will convict our brother on his own testimony, right on the line of his own theological reasoning. If the friend took Bro. Oliver "away out in the bushes," where was Bro. Oliver when approached by his friend. Mind you, he does not say he was taken out "into" the bushes, but "away out 'in' the bushes."

We have been wondering all the time where Bro. Oliver was "at" when the cannons were booming in old Virginia. Now we think we know, and he has unwittingly told us so himself. 1861.

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THE RATE CHANGES.

Railroads Notified by the Corporation Commission.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission has issued notices to the several railroads operating in this State relative to the new passenger and freight rates in accordance with the laws enacted by the last General Assembly.

The letter in regard to passenger rates, prescribing a 2 1-4 cents rate, is as follows:

"In accordance with an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, being an act prescribing maximum charges railroad companies may make for transporting passengers in North Carolina; ratified the second day of March, 1907, you are hereby notified that on and after July 1, 1907, your company shall not charge, demand or receive for transporting any passenger, his or her baggage, not exceeding in weight two hundred pounds, from any station on your railroad in North Carolina to any other station on said road in North Carolina, a rate in excess of two and one quarter cents per mile, and for transporting children 12 years of age or under one-half of the rate above prescribed. A charge of ten cents may be added to the fare of any passenger when the same is paid upon the cars if a ticket might have been procured within a reasonable time before the departure of the train nor will you be required to accept a single fare of less than five cents."

The concluding paragraph of the above letter further notifies the railroads that mileage books of 1,000 miles in each book shall be kept on sale at designated stations and when such mileage book is purchased it shall be good in the hands of any person or persons named therein on all railroads on which the fare is the same, or less, than the fare on the road to which the notification was sent, and when the mileage is detached it shall be redeemable on demand of the road issuing it.

The notification in regard to the 25 per cent. reduction in freight rates on large shipments and fifteen per cent. on small shipments, is as follows:

In accordance with an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina being an act to prevent unjust discrimination in freight rates and to fix the maximum rates and charge therefor, ratified the 11th day of March, 1907, a copy of which is hereto attached, you are hereby notified that on and after July 1, 1907, on all joint shipments of freight, that is where the initial point of shipment is on the line of your road and the terminal point of said shipment is on the line of another common carrier in this State, and vice versa, you are required to make a reduction of 25 per cent. from the local freight as prescribed by the corporation commission for your road."

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DALTON.

Dalton, June 3.—Here "Me" comes again, as Dalton hasn't had any items in for several weeks.

Prof. W. A. Flynt's school here closed with exercises on the night of the 24th. A large crowd was present, and it seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Mr. Ross and Miss Ruby Hamm, who have been at Boonville at school, returned home the 25th.

Miss Vada Cook, of Pilot Mt., visited Miss Maud Coe recently.

Dr. M. D. Phillips left the 25th for Raleigh to attend the closing exercises of the B. U. W. and returned the 29th, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Malissa Phillips, a graduate of the B. U. W.

Mr. J. A. Koiger, a student of Chapel Hill, returned home last Friday.

Miss Dora Wall, who has been teaching at Walnut Cove, came home Monday.

Mr. Ed Shultz spent most of last week with his parents at this place. Come again, Mr. Ed, we all are glad to see you.

Mr. Ross Hamm left Friday for Winston where he has accepted a job. Hope you much success, Mr. Ross.

Miss Eleanor Phillips is visiting her grandparents at present. Success to the Reporter.

"ME"

WALNUT COVE.

Walnut Cove, June 4.—Mrs. A. J. Fair is visiting relatives in Greensboro this week.

Miss Eva Voss, of Walnut Cove R. F. D. No. 1, is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. John Sheaks, of Danville, passed through town a few days ago on her way to Winston, where she will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Sheets.

Miss Annie Kate Jones and her guest, Miss Maud Cramer, of Elizabeth City, are visiting in Winston.

Little Fannie Davis, who has been right sick for the last week, is improving some.

The stork visited the home of Mr. J. A. Petree Monday and left a fine girl.

Mr. Ben Webster, of Winston, was in town today.

Quite a number of our young men are going to Winston next Saturday night, the 8th, to join the K. P's.

Chas. Howard, of Davie county, was found on our streets Monday with two pistols on his person. Being brought before Mayor Rogers he was placed under a bond of \$100 for his appearance at next term of Superior court.

WALNUT COVE ROUTE 1.

Walnut Cove Route 1, May 30.—Will write a very short letter to the Reporter as I enjoy reading it very much.

People in this section are getting along fine with their work; and I think the boys and girls are getting along fine.

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Speaker Cannon Tendered a Reception In Greensboro.

Greensboro, May 30.—Speaker Cannon, of the National House of Representatives left last night for Washington, accompanied by his Secretary, Mr. White, and his stenographer, Mr. Kramer. The speaker reported that his visit to the city had been a most pleasant and enjoyable one. He spoke yesterday twice at an informal reception in the rooms of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' club last night. The speech of the Speaker at the commencement exercises at Guilford College yesterday morning was a gem. While it was spoken off-hand and at times was not well connected, there was a large amount of sound wholesome advice which was well received. There was a large crowd there to hear him speak and all enjoyed the address. Mr. Cannon is just one year older than the college although he is yet not so old in appearance.

Mr. Cannon has some relatives in this county. Among them are Postmaster Stanley at Guilford College and other people in the college. They were there to greet him and were cordially received by the Speaker, who was glad of the opportunity of meeting a large number of people. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Cannon spoke for a short time at the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the new dormitory that is to be erected at the college for girls. Others who spoke were Col. W. A. Blair, of Winston-Salem, President Hobbs and Mrs. Hobbs. Last evening Mr. Cannon was the guest of the Merchants' and Manufacturers Club at a reception which was followed by a dance. Quite a number of people had the opportunity of meeting the Speaker at the reception.

WESTFIELD.

Westfield, June 3.—Very nice season for planting tobacco.

Messrs. J. H. Gilley and W. D. George visited at Brown Mountain yesterday. We think they enjoyed their trip all right. Mr. J. H. says he likes Mr. Martin fine, but his daughter, "I like the best."

Mr. J. W. Durham looked very pleasing yesterday. He saw Miss Anna. Mr. J. W. lost his watch yesterday. We think Miss Anna found it.

Guess Miss E. N. was very lonesome yesterday.

Miss Daisy Dearmin, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Tom, returned from Danbury to her home yesterday.

Miss Ethel Beasley went to Mt. Airy to spend a few days. Hope she will have a nice time. W.

Have you bought your fertilizer? Try Navassa Guano. W. J. Martin sells it.

Navassa Guano at W. J. Martin's, Walnut Cove.

FOUND—Near the court house square in Danbury, a bunch of four keys. Owner can get same by applying at the Reporter's office.

DEATH OF W. W. EDWARDS.

He Was a Good Man—Other News From Oak Grove.

Oak Grove, June 4.—Please allow me a small space in your highly esteemed paper.

The people of this community are about through planting tobacco, especially here in Smith town.

The people are planting a large crop of beans and tomatoes around here as G. W. and E. Smith have purchased a new canner. I guess we will have plenty of canned goods next winter.

Mr. Gule Gentry, of Winston, was in this community a few days ago. He says he will open up a large stock of goods at his father's R. G. Gentry's between now and October 1. He will also have a phone line from Winston and elsewhere, for the benefit of his customers. His business will be conducted by his two sisters, Misses Emma and Rozella Gentry.

We are sorry to note the sickness and death of our friend Mr. W. W. Edwards, who was stricken with paralysis May 18 and died May 26. He leaves a wife and 6 children to mourn their loss. Mr. Edwards was a good citizen and will be missed very much in this community. The family will return many thanks to their friends who waited on him so patiently during his illness. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near his home. He will be missed very much in the Oak Grove Literary Society, as he was one of the leading members.

The Oak Grove Literary Society met June 1 and on account of rain the debate was called in until July 6 at 3 o'clock P. M. The question is "Resolved, That the Tobacco Growers of North Carolina Are In a Worse Condition Than the Negroes Were In Slavery." The speakers are as follows: Affirmative—J. C. Tillotson, Samuel Oliver, D. F. Tillotson. Negative—G. W. Smith, W. L. Smith, W. W. Boyles and others that wish to take a part.

The young boys of Oak Grove section organized a juvenile society June 1: N. I. Boyles, Pres., R. H. Smith, Sec. Will meet June 8 at 7 P. M. All of the young men have an invitation to come out and take a part.

PLEASANT BOYS.

WALNUT COVE ROUTE 3.

Walnut Cove, Route 3, June 4.—Mr. J. W. Moser, who has been teaching in Guilford the past winter, is visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. J. E. Fulk, who has been confined to her bed six weeks with pneumonia, is still very low. Hope she will soon be up again.

The wheat crop in this section promises to be the best for years.

Mr. S. W. Fulk expects to visit the Jamestown Exposition soon.

The farmers are busy now setting out tobacco. At least those who have the plants are, and those who haven't got them are going around seeking them as if their lives depended on their finding them.

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