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### REPLY TO J. W. HALL THE CROSS-INDEX MATTER

N. O. Petree Says That The Committee Which Employed R. R. Rogers, Was Acting For the Public Good.

To the People of Stokes County: Some weeks ago the underlined published a card in the Danbury Reporter, for reasons therein set forth, concerning his action as a member of the committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Stokes county, to have the public records in the Register's office re-indexed, and stated in the same that he had no apology to offer for the course pursued by himself in the matter, until the people had inspected the work and concluded, after inspection, that a mistake had been made.

We never called the name of any party or person in the card, whom we said was raising a racket about the work, but simply stated that certain parties were trying to get up dissatisfaction about it, and were censuring the committee, (as we thought very unjustly,) for its action in employing a skilled and competent man.

The old adage, that "it is always the dog that is hit that howls," generally comes true, and in the Reporter of the 2nd of Jan., 1908, after three weeks hard labor, as we suppose, "sweatin," "ritin and re-ritin," an article is published by Mr. J. W. Hall, purporting to be a reply to our card, in which he undertakes to call our Republicanism in question.

We hardly think the people of the county are in doubt as to our politics, for the reason that for more than twenty-five years we have borne the trace marks of Republicanism, and in the political battles of the county for a long term of years, have always been in the "thick o' the fight," and have always endeavored, in an honorable way to do our part, and keep up our end of the "single-tree;" but while this is so, we have always gone out into the open political battle-field, and fought the Democrats fair, and endeavored to conduct ourself in such a way as to have their respect, notwithstanding they differed with us in politics, and we are glad to know that we have many warm and staunch friends in the Democratic party.

The people of the county did honor us for many years with a responsible position, for which we thank them very much, and owe them a debt of gratitude we can never pay, the nominations having always been given us by acclamation, and without contest, and we would be the last person in the world to be ungrateful for the many kindnesses shown to us. We went out of office willingly and voluntarily, and loyally respected our successor, who is respected thoroughly by all, and who has conducted the affairs of the office in a neat, proper and creditable way; in the matter of indexing the records hereinbefore referred to, we never for once thought of reflecting upon the Republican party of the county, but simply tried to discharge our duty as we understood it, and to protect the public interest.

But how about Mr. Hall? He may have voted the Republican ticket, but whether he ever did or not, whether he ever spent an hour of his time or a cent of his money for the Republican cause,

we have no knowledge or information, and yet he comes into Stokes county, and sojourns here for only a few days, and then undertakes to set himself up as dictator of the Republican party, and presumes to teach the old Republicans of the county wisdom, who have grown gray in the service of the party, and who for more than a quarter of a century have fought its battles, and given of their time and means for its success.

He reminds us very much of the new United States Senator, who, when eight days old as a Senator, took it upon himself to teach the Senate of the United States wisdom, and made such an exhibition of himself that such towering intellects in his party as Senator Ben Tillman left the Senate chamber in disgust.

Mr. Hall charges us with having impliedly said in our card, that there was no Republican in the county competent to do the index work. We made no such statement, either directly or indirectly, but we had to act upon the applications for the work which were before us, and we felt it our duty to give the job to the party best fitted to perform it.

Simply because the committee did not regard the hand-writing of Mr. Hall suitable for the work, he took it upon himself to come over to the court house and "ouss out" the committee, and proceeded to jump on a member of it for a "fisticuff" fight.

He might perhaps become proficient in the art of pugilism and make a pretty good pugilist, as it seems his inclinations are that way, but in our judgment he would get up a pretty poor index for the public records. We again invite the public to inspect the specimens of hand-writing on file in the office of the Register of Deeds, and then make up its mind as to whether or not the committee made a mistake in not employing Mr. Hall to do the work.

It seems from his letter that he even imagines himself entitled to dictate to the private corporation of Stokes county what they shall do in the employment of their employees, although he owns no stock in them. What concern is it of Mr. Hall's who the Bank of Stokes County shall employ? Have not the stockholders and bank officials got the right to direct their own business, or must they first consult Mr. Hall? Upon what meat does Mr. Hall feed that he has grown so great in such a few days, and undertakes to dictate everything in Stokes county?

As to the \$1.50 a day party referred to in Mr. Hall's letter, said party never applied to the undersigned for the work, nor said a word to him about it. He may have said something to one member of the committee, but the committee did not consider that it would be economy to employ him, and thought it very important to employ one who had had experience in reading difficult hand-writings, and who could read them fast.

No, Mr. Hall, we have no apology to offer you, absolutely none, for we feel that we did you no wrong, and under similar circumstances, would do again just as we did before, for when it comes to paying out the people's money for public services, we think it more important to the tax-payers of the county, to consider the qualification of the party to be employed, rather than be bound by partisan politics, and we feel sure that the

### BANK DOING WELL TO INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK.

The Bank Of Stokes County Coming Along--Large Number Of Stockholders To Be Added January 15th.

Beginning on the 15th of the present month, the Bank of Stokes County will start the new year's business with largely increased stock, taking in some of the county's best business men as stockholders. Among the new stockholders will be Messrs. John A. Burton, of Walnut Cove; J. Wesley Morefield, of Sandy Ridge; W. G. Slate, of Mizpah; J. G. Fulton and A. S. Mitchell, of Walnut Cove; Prof. M. T. Chilton, Clerk of the Superior Court, of Stokes County; N. O. Petree, C. M. Jones, Pepper Bros., J. F. Pepper, Dr. John W. Neal, of Monroe; J. A. Lawson, of Dellar; and a good many others.

The Bank will hold its regular annual meeting of stockholders on the 15th of January, at which a dividend for the past year's business will be declared, and the new stock will be issued to the new members.

The increase in the amount of stock will be to about \$12,000 or \$15,000. The Bank, which has heretofore been controlled by parties living outside of the county, will now be much more closely recognized as a Stokes county institution, and should do a handsome business.

Every citizen of Stokes county who handles money, should deposit and do all of his business through the county bank, which has done and is doing so much for the upbuilding of our county.

The deposits of the bank should reach \$100,000 by the middle of the present year.

It is a well known fact, as shown by the last published report of the Bank to the Corporation Commission at Raleigh, that the Stokes County Bank has the largest proportionate cash reserve of any bank in the State of North Carolina, and this fact has been a great credit to the bank, and has brought it much business as an advertisement.

During the late panic the Bank has paid nothing but cash, and is still doing business at the old stand in the old way.

The new year opens with the brightest prospects for business.

Thinking men of the county will approve what has been done, regardless of their political affiliations.

We also think you put in very much "above the ford" in these matters, and that it would be well for you to learn that when a lawfully constituted committee is discharging its duty in good faith, it is in very bad taste for you to undertake to bulldoze it, and force yourself upon it, and when your application, for good and valid reasons, is denied, that it was very ugly in you to abuse the committee, and jump on a member of it for a fight, and in addition to such conduct, keep trying to stir up strife. Now we shall have nothing further to say in the matter, but will leave it to the public to judge as it thinks best.

N. O. PETREE,  
Member of the Committee.  
Danbury, N. C., Jan. 3rd, 1908.

Mr. A. D. Dodd, of Francisco, was in the Reporter office Monday. Mr. Dodd says Christmas was quite dull in his section.

### WHERE IS HE AT? SERIOUS NEWS BY THE AIR

How Fourteen Revenues Closed In Upon Smithtown—The Search For the Slayer Of the Officer—A Record Of Events.

Great excitement was precipitated one day last week by the report reaching here of the presence of fourteen revenue officers in Smithtown.

The news was smoking when it reached us. Excitement was rampant, and everybody was aroused to the highest pitch of conformation.

The officers had silently reached the fastnesses of the blockading country, and before the accused knew anything he found himself paled in by a gleaming row of blue-steel rifles. Slowly, deliberately, insidiously, the hounds of the law began to creep upon the lair of the victim.

The excitement grew so tense, that in response to urgent solicitation, the Reporter oiled up its Marconigraph, and went to work. This machine, which is only used upon occasions of state, soon had command of the vibrant territory, and at great expense secured the following wireless telegrams from points where it is altogether likely the murderer wasn't: Here they are:

Lawsonville, 3.30 P. M. Tracks were found in the edge of the woods three-quarters of a mile below Sheppard's store.

3.45. They were only cow tracks.

Campbell, 3.50 P. M. A bottle was found lying in the road near this place.

4.10 P. M. There was nothing in this clue.

5. 22. Greensboro. Greeting from the Chief Deputy Marshal to the Head of the Smithtown Raiding Squad. "My brave men, I cannot express to you my most distinguished consideration, cooperation and sympathy."

5. 32. Smithtown. From the Officer in Charge of Raiding Force to His Royal Corporeity, at Greensboro: "Please send by freight."

5.40 P. M. A ripe looking stranger bought a schooner of suds at one of the Madison bars. He was watched until he had spent the rest of the quarter.

Walnut Cove, 6.30 P. M. Tracks found near here.

6.35. They were railroad tracks.

7.10. Nothing doing.

7.30. A man seen to run in Quaker Gap township.

7.45. He was only running for Sheriff.

7.50. Looked like rain.

8.00. Rained.

8.45. From the Head of the Secret Service at Washington to the Head of the Raiding Party at Smithtown—Greeting: "Find me three pounds of butter. Offer \$1,000 reward, if necessary."

8.55. Greensboro. Something seen issuing from the city.

8.59. Scrip.

Sandy Ridge, Route 2. A loud report has just been heard in a northerly direction.

9.10. Len Ziglar says this was the explosion of a bank in Virginia.

9.30. All quiet along Snow Creek.

11.10. Francisco. "An object observed by the light of the moon moving down the road. Forty picked men have been sent to capture dead or alive."

11.55. It may be him.

11.57. Forty rifles have just cracked. Have been discarded and better weapons will be secured.

11.59. "Clay Lawrence's calf."

Smithtown, 12.00 P. M. Just as the clock struck the hour of midnight, something was seen to shine in one of the darkest hollows. Fourteen revenue officers have formed a cordon, and are rapidly closing in.

12.30. It was only some moonshine.

At one o'clock, the transmitter of the Marconigram snapped, and it was found the air was so heavily charged with gas, that further work could not be done, so the operator went home to bed.

### OSCAR SISK TRIED.

He Is Held In a Bond Of \$3,500—Officers Think He Shot Hendrix.

Greensboro, Jan. 7.—Oscar Sisk, one of the Smithtown blockaders, was given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Wolfe here yesterday. He was held in a bond of \$3,500 and in default of same was remanded to the county jail.

It developed in the hearing, in fact was positively stated by the district attorney, that the officers believe that Sisk is the man who shot Deputy Collector Hendrix, notwithstanding the statement by Sisk's wife that Jim Smith did the shooting. Deputy Marshall J. T. Millikan testified that he saw a man going in the direction of Sisk's house with a gun about five minutes before he heard the shooting. He further testified that he thought the man was Oscar Sisk. He saw the man in the open at a distance of 75 or 100 yards, and said that he could pick him out of a crowd of a hundred men. Officer Millikan further said that in about five minutes after the shooting was heard they arrived at Sisk's house and found Hendrix dead in Sisk's yard.

These statements were corroborated by other officers, and although rigidly cross-examined by the defendant's attorney, Col. Barringer, they did not deviate from the first statement.

John Williams and Joe Bateman Two More Smithtown Men. Captured By the Revenues. Jim Smith Reported Gone West.

Greensboro, Jan. 7.—A squad of revenue officers from here went into the Smithtown section Friday for the purpose of capturing Jim Smith, but were informed, after searching every nook and corner, that Jim had departed for Oklahoma. However, while they did not get Smith, the visit was not without results, as the officers captured John Williams, one of the Smithtown men convicted last September, but sent back as a missionary among the blockaders. Along with Williams the officers also brought Joe Bateman, another man who is charged with blockading. The two were lodged in jail here last night.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE BUILDING OF A STEEL TRESTLE OR APPROACH TO THE PUBLIC BRIDGE ACROSS DAN RIVER AT HARISTON'S FORD, IN STOKES COUNTY, N. C.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned, that sealed bids will be received by C. M. Jones, Register of deeds and Ex. Office Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County, N. C., at his office in Danbury, at any time from this date, up to the hour of 1.30 o'clock p. m., Feb. 3rd, 1908, when and where the same will be opened, for the construction and erection, according to the plans and specifications now on file in said office, of a steel trestle or approach 250 feet long, to the public bridge across Dan River at Hariston's ford, about four miles from the Railway station at Walnut Cove, N. C., with right reserved by the said Board of Commissioners to reject any and all of said bids. By order of the Board, this the 6th day of January, 1908.

C. M. JONES,  
Register of Deeds, and Ex. Office, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

### COLD CASH ONCE MORE WINSTON MARKET OPENS

The Leaf Sold Monday Averaged a Little Over Ten Cents—Warehouses Are Now Paying All Cash. Farmers Urged To Sell Slowly.

The Winston market opened Monday morning for the first time since Christmas. There were fairly good sales and the average price was something over ten cents a pound. The warehousemen paid cash for every pound that was sold. From now on cash will be paid for all the tobacco sold and it is hoped by the Warehousemen that farmers will market the weed slowly in order that prices may hold up to what they are at present.

The Winston papers say that the market opened strong and that the buyers for local manufacturing firms, as well as speculators, seemed eager to get all they could.

There is an agreement now between the banks and Warehousemen of the Twin-City to the effect that the banks are to furnish the Warehousemen \$100,000 a week to pay for the tobacco sold and after that is exhausted the Warehousemen are to pay a small premium for money. The Sentinel says that hereafter the cold coin will be paid for tobacco, labor and everything else that is sold in Winston-Salem.

Interesting Letter From Western Stokes.

Pilot Mountain, Route 2, Jan. 6.—Some of our farmers are preparing to market some tobacco shortly. The report from market says the weed is selling better than before Christmas.

Our Sunday School has started off lively for the beginning of the new year. Mr. W. B. Blair was with us last Sunday, and made a fine speech in our Sunday School. He is an earnest S. S. worker, and a Christian young man and his speeches are excellent.

I hope that each member of our Sabbath school will set out at the beginning of the new year with a determination to do more for the upbuilding of it than they ever have done and success will crown their efforts. J. H. Gilley has been elected Supt. in the place of H. F. Cook, who resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Arington are visiting relatives in this section this week.

The debating society recently organized at our (Cook) school house, is progressing nicely. It is for the benefit of our community and every one is invited to speak. The next question for discussion is "Resolved that the young men of North Carolina could better themselves by immigrating." The affirmative will be represented by Messrs. J. S. Cook, W. B. Blair and D. L. Taylor, and the negative by Messrs. J. H. Gilley, C. F. Cook and G. A. Tucker.

There will be a joint debate between the Society at Cook school house and the Hollow Spring Society on Friday night Jan. 10. The question to be discussed is "Resolved: that George Washington deserves more honor for defending America than Columbus does for discovering it." Hollow Spring will represent the affirmative and the Cook school house boys the negative. The public is invited.

Our school started again Jan. 1, with a very good attendance.

We all like your paper fine. I think the letters of Miss Lasley are excellent.

"BILL HARPER."

Mr. R. L. George of Stuart, Va., has formed a copartnership with Mr. J. L. Harrison of this city and will be associated with him in his business in this place in the future. Mr. George is a young man of fine business qualifications and has been in business at Stuart, Va., for some time. He is a son of Rev. R. W. George of Stokes county.—Mt. Airy News.