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"SUB-SECTION A."

For the edification of the Stokes county farmers who are honest in their intentions to send a representative to Congress who will represent their views and fight for their interests, we print below "sub-section A" of the Reid bill in the last legislature which Mr. Buxton helped to defeat. Read it, everybody, and say if there is anything in it which is wrong. Is there any excuse that a professed friend of the tobacco farmers should have fought and help kill this bill? Here it is:

"That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association to directly or indirectly make or have any agreement or understanding, express or implied, to lower or prevent the increase in price of any article or thing of value which any such person, firm, corporation or association may desire to purchase within the State of North Carolina."

Now, is there anything so bad in that? Is it wrong that we the tobacco raisers of Stokes county should not have this one guarantee or lawful protection—that no Trust may have the power to LOWER OR PREVENT THE INCREASE IN PRICE, of our tobacco?

Mr. Buxton, we ask you in all kindness and good will, how could you have fought this, this small concession to the down-trodden farmers' rights, and then have the face to ask them to send you to Congress?

Are we tobacco raisers brutes, that you should treat us thus, when you know that of all other classes in the United States we most needed the protection of law—most needed the help you were in position to give? And having struck us deep, hard, are we fools, slaves, blind, insensate puppets that we should rise up and call you blessed, and heap upon you the splendid emoluments of a seat in the United States Congress?

If sub-section A would have driven the American Tobacco Company from North Carolina, would not the 30 factories that you say were crushed by the Trust because they couldn't do an honest business and compete with the Trust—would not they have come to life again and made the North Carolina market again what it was before the huge Vampire sucked its life blood? Do you mean to tell us that the American Tobacco Company owns all the money, and that there are no honest dollars in North Carolina today ready and glad to have the opportunity to invest in the manufacture of tobacco?

This paper has always tried to stand for what it thought to be for the best interests of the farming classes of Stokes county, because it is from them that our bread comes. Should we turn against them once, and lose the life-opportunity of helping them in their oppression, their toil, their suffering, their tears, and at the same time give allegiance to the interests of their Arch-Enemy, we would expect—and God knows, deserve—their crushing rebuke.

If any honest man in the tobacco growing regions of North Carolina will give one single, solitary, desolate reason why the farmers of the Fifth District should support Mr. Buxton for Congress, he may have space in these columns for his demonstration.

We would like to know if there is a tobacco farmer in North Carolina who can give any excuse for not voting for Reid, who introduced the anti-trust bill and fought for its passage.

Mr. Reid has never had any office in his life except one term in the legislature. In this term he stood and fought for what he thought best for his people's interest. Do we not owe him a debt of gratitude?

THE PRODIGIOUS PRESUMPTION OF THE HON. J. C. BUXTON.

The Reporter did not have the pleasure of hearing the address of the Hon. J. C. Buxton at the court house Monday, but reports have reached this office that the burden of his remarks was an attempted explanation of his course in the legislature, when he voted against the Reid tobacco bill. He admitted that he voted against the bill, but said that he did so to save the North Carolina tobacco markets, as the Trust would have left the State if Reid's bill had passed. He said he would pursue the same course again. In the same breath he acknowledged that the Trust had killed 30 independent factories in Winston alone. Mr. Buxton paid the defeated bill a big compliment when he said that if it "came up when he got to Congress" he would vote for it in the form of a national law. What is good for the United States should be good for North Carolina, and we clod-knockers will be slow to see why Mr. Buxton did not grasp the opportunity that lay in his reach at Raleigh to help the tobacco farmers of the Fifth District in the hour of their darkest oppression.

While Mr. Buxton was heaping the visals of his indignation against Bob McAnally, and trying to be funny at the expense of the Reporter, he lost some valuable time—time that ought to have been spent showing the plain farming people of Stokes county by what strange process of reasoning he has arrived at the ludicrous conclusion that they should send him to congress.

BROOKS AND BUXTON AND THE AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY.

In his speech here Monday Mr. Buxton charged Mr. Brooks with being supported by the American Tobacco Company and that Mr. Holt was charging Mr. Brooks with taking unlawful fees. He said that when Mr. Brooks went to Durham, he made his head-quarters in the office of the American Tobacco Company, and that when Mr. Brooks went to New York, his lounging place was in the office of the American Tobacco Company.

So here we have serious charges against Brooks, serious charges against Buxton.

Let the people decide who should have the nomination for congress in this district, and let them decide upon a man who has been tried and found true as steel, and against whose record not a blemish can be found.

Mr. Brooks, who is a nice and clever and honorable man, yet has done nothing for the people of North Carolina. Eight years as solicitor of his district, for which he received about \$8,000 per year. He has resigned this position to gratify his personal ambition to serve in Congress.

The Reporter is receiving nothing for the fight for Reid. We do not wish nor would have any office, and we have no political axes to grind.

We are for what is best for the interest of our Stokes county people, as we see it.

WHERE WE ERR.

The following is taken from the Charlotte Observer:

While Charlotte was delighted to have the editors come last week and have them stay, and sorry to see them go, it is apparent from the columns of their papers that the chief benefit to accrue from their visit will be to North Carolina in general. This is well. Those who have this far spoken have been cordial in their praise of the city, but it is evident that they were impressed most of all with the roads around it, and their writings about these must necessarily tend to the upbuilding of a good roads sentiment which must be immensely helpful to the State. In that, if there were nothing else, the meeting will have justified itself. There is nothing remarkable about the methods by which the Mecklenburg roads have been built. They have come by the little-by-little process; a few miles this year and a few miles next. The road tax has not been burdensome and has already been returned an hundred fold while the roads are here and will stay. Almost any other county can have the same sort of system if it will; but in order to do so it must make a beginning and work steadily and systematically toward the end desired. One could wish no more for North Carolina than to see it a network of good country roads and the editor who does most for their construction is its best friend.

Here is the testimony of the editor of one of the leading newspapers in the South, and one of the best friends of healthy industrial conditions in the State, on a question which interests our people of Stokes county more than possibly any other industrial question.

The editor of the Charlotte Observer has no doubt carefully watched the effect of good roads on the small towns and agricultural communities of Mecklenburg and surrounding counties, and has seen them bud, unfold and blossom under the healthy stimulus of rapid, easy and cheap transportation. His testimony in favor of the idea that the building of good roads pays; that money spent for good roads is an investment, not an unjust and burdensome and useless tax, is worthy to be noticed and remembered by some of us who are not only satisfied with our miserable roads, but are at all times and under all circumstances opposed to the spending of a cent of money for any purpose whatsoever; who without having examined the the civilized ideas and up-to-date methods of

other people that have attained to wealth and prosperity, yet arrogate to ourselves supreme knowledge on all questions pertaining to the welfare of the people, and are happy in our stupendous ignorance and monumental gall, just so the ignorant will applaud us for our stinginess.

The rural precincts of Mecklenburg and adjacent counties are certainly among the most progressive communities of the South and possibly of the United States, and we defy any man to prove that aught has educated and prospered them so much as their splendid system of roads. The farmers of that section of the State are not bankrupt. Recently we saw a statement in the papers that they were going to establish a bank—a farmers' bank.

There is a vast difference between conservatism and economy and a niggardly policy to "save every cent possible"—to "do nothing if it costs anything." Economy is a splendid virtue. False economy is vicious.

The Reporter would be glad to see something done in our county toward the building of good roads. Not dirt roads, which are a failure, but rock-ballasted roads. Roads that will endure for ages. We ought to begin to build them now.

If we ever attain to anything, we must make a start some time. We may be not able to build more than a mile a year. If not, then let us build a mile a year. We care not where the road starts, let it begin at Asbury and head toward Sandy Ridge. Or from Pine Hall to Walnut Cove—let it start anywhere, rather than not start at all. Before macadam roads, the blockade still and the dilapidated farm, backwoods ideas, ignorance and superstition, flee, and the well kept and profitable plantation, churches, schools and beautiful homes—real life—take their places.

We hear a good many people say that though they are not in favor of prohibition, they will not go to the polls and vote. Which is a virtual admission that their position is untenable, and that they are on the wrong side in the great battle for peace and happiness and prosperity in North Carolina homes.

A Batch of Items From Dalton.

Dalton, May 4.—Mrs. J. L. Rumley has been right sick the past week.

Mrs. S. F. Coe and daughter Miss Maud went to Pilot Mt. last Friday on a shopping tour.

Mr. J. H. Hamm went to Winston last Friday and returned Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Hamm and Mr. Ross Hamm went to Pilot Mt. last Friday.

Mrs. S. F. Coe, Mr. Lonnie and Miss Maud Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Spainhower went to church at the first Baptist church at King Sunday and spent the day in King.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamm and little daughter Ethel, and Mr. Ross Hamm, spent Sunday afternoon in Dalton.

Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Phillips and daughter Louise went to Pilot Mt. today to hear the sermon to be delivered by Dr. Vann there to-night.

Rev. Long will fill his regular appointment at Trinity next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Lula Spainhower and Mr. Everett Shultz spent last Friday with their sister Mrs. Maggie Keiger.

Mrs. R. A. Staley returned home last week after visiting her parents a few weeks at Roaring River.

Master Austin Coe spent a few days recently with his cousins, Roger and Lee Keiger of King Route 1.

"ME."

Mrs. Julina Wall.

Mrs. Julina Wall, maiden name Edwards, was born February, 1st, 1839, died April 2nd, 1908, aged 69 years 2 months and 1 day. Her husband, John Wall, died in December 1893. Her children all died young, thus she was left alone widow for more than fourteen years. During her widowhood she was wounded by a fall in her home, from which she never recovered entirely. She was quite industrious, always waiting to be engaged in some way. Was sick in her lonely home for some time. Expressed a readiness and willingness to die and be at rest. She leaves one sister, three brothers and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She was buried at the Wall grave yard, near Dalton, the writer conducting the funeral services. May the relatives and friends receive the warning and be prepared to follow her in peace when the call shall come.

P. OLIVER.

Dr. Sheppard Likes the Reporter.

Falls Mills, Va., May 2. Editors Reporter: Find enclosed check for \$5.00 on subscription to your paper. I can't do without it.

Yours truly,
J. M. SHEPPARD.

Mr. Bennie Ferguson Dead.

Mr. Bennie Ferguson, a former citizen of Stokes county, was found dead at Spray, his late home, one day this week. No particulars have been learned.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Told by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NOTICE!

All of the preachers, of all denominations, and all prohibitionists, in Stokes county, are requested to meet at the court house in Danbury, Monday, May 11th, 1908, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

A. R. BELL.

FRANCISCO.

Francisco, May 4.—The people are about through planting corn and are hauling fertilizer and preparing for a large crop of tobacco. Lots of tobacco plants are most ready for planting.

Wheat crop is looking fine and a large crop of it is sowed.

There was preaching at Big Creek yesterday. A large crowd in attendance. It was communion meeting.

Prohibition is growing stronger and stronger every day.

Several will attend court at Danbury this week from this vicinity.

R. L. Nunn address a large crowd of people at Forest school house last Saturday night on prohibition.

Hon. R. D. Reid Speaks.

Hon. R. D. Reid addressed a large crowd in the court house yesterday. A report of his speech will appear in the next issue of the Reporter.

STUART, VA.

Stuart, Va., May 4, 1908.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Comer and son spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams.

Owing to such a small number being present, on April 30, Supt. G. W. Via did not hold an examination, but urged all teachers to attend the Normal in Martinsville during July. Our teachers are receiving better salaries, and are required to do better work in their school. Several of our teachers have gotten married since last term, and in our next term we will have several new ones from this or adjoining counties.

Mrs. J. A. Gilbert and son will leave this week for Botetourt to visit relatives for a month.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Carter Saturday and left a little girl. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mrs. S. F. and Mrs. Abe Dunkley called at Mr. W. P. Gilbert's Friday afternoon.

Misses Mattie and Bess Gilbert were the guests of Miss Lucy Mays Sunday.

Mrs. Robt. George, of Mount Airy, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shockley, this week.

On last Tuesday p. m. Rev. Haislep baptized Misses Myrtle Bishop, Clemmie Martin, Messrs. Posy Via and Germa Hylton near the depot. They will be formally received in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

The Rosebud Society met in Wayside church Sunday. The Sunday School at Rosebud is preparing for Children's Day, the fifth Sunday in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Rogers attended services at Russell Creek Sunday. Mrs. Rogers will spend this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown.

Worshipful Geo. W. Wright, of Marion, Va., has been in Stuart for the past week lecturing the Masonic Lodge. We think he did a lasting good.

On the 26 of April the Old Fellows at Shuff celebrated the 89th anniversary of the founding of their Lodge in America. Able discourses were delivered by Rev. G. T. Kessler, J. W. Winbush and Hon. J. M. Hooker.

Messrs. W. S. Gilbert and A. D. Comer attended court at Danbury this week.

D. L. J.