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The Charlotte News says "there is a complacency on the face of the Mecklenburg farmer indicative of plenty. He sits on an evening fondling his children, makes love anew to his wife, and in the very manner with which he manipulates his pipe you can tell that he is perfectly contented. It is a prosperous season for him, and his prosperity is not due to Providence and his own heroic labors. May his peace remain undisturbed!"

The Orange (Va.) Observer says "the Southern Railway has just put into service what is said to be the first steel passenger car for general use on any road. It was constructed in Pittsburg, where two other cars of similar nature are being built. The car is 74 feet, 6 inches long over all, and weighs 110,000 pounds. There was no wood used in its construction except for the interior decorations, and that wood was made fireproof. It is said that the car could not be telescoped in a collision, neither could the ends be smashed in, and furthermore, it is incombustible."

Advice to Young Men.

"Young men, keep out of politics," says Senator Platt. This advice would be all right if Senator Platt said: "Keep out of Republican machine politics, which are rotten to the core. Every citizen of a republic should take enough interest in politics to investigate the policies of parties and vote—always according to the merit of his investigations. Young men especially should take an interest in politics, for it is upon the young men of today that the government of the Republic will rest tomorrow. Some young men of today will be, in a few years, president of this great country, or he will be Senator, or Congressman, governor of his state. What would happen if the young men of the country "keep out of politics?" Young men should investigate how the so-called Republican policy of protectionism, the tariff, and the other Republican leaders stand for, taxes them for the benefit of protected interests. Young men should know why the cost of living is so great—48 per cent. higher than when the present tariff law was enacted—and their salaries have not increased in like proportion. Young men should inquire why they are compelled to continue in the employment of others all their lives instead of as formerly looking forward to be their own masters. It is not to the interest of Senator Platt or the Republican leaders that young men investigate the plundering system that the Republican party stands for, therefore they say keep out of politics."

Farm Life.

The greatest drawback and opposition to country life is its isolation and monotony. Man is a gregarious animal and seeks companionship of his fellows. Hence he pines in solitude and looks around for an interchange of thought, a sharing of his joys and sorrows, and a familiarity with the current events of life. He flees from country life and finds vent for his instincts in the idleness and vice of the city. Happy is that boy who spends the plastic period of his life amid the surroundings and influences and employments of a country life. There seems to be a supernatural influence in the contact of our mother and earth. The country boy may be ganquy without the amenities and courtesies of polite society, but he is a mine of thought and has drawn deep inspirations from the new mown hay, the white cotton fields and the ripening harvest. The history of our country's greatness shows that much the largest number of them, have been country boys born and bred, whose hands have been toughened by the plow handles. They have learned in actual experience how to milk the cows and drive the kine in a field. Whatever may be the cause of it, whether it may be that country life develops thought, which is the parent of distinction, the fact is nevertheless true that country life is the royal road to greatness. These reflections are suggested by the recent convention at Kinston of the Rural Delivery Carriers. It was a great success. It showed that the carriers were men of intelligence, and that they could convey their opinions to men "in thoughts that breathe, in words that burn." The rural delivery system is the great blessing of our age; it removes the isolation of country life and adds to its charm and influence. It makes the country boy the equal of the town boy in all the activities of life. It places in his hands the daily newspaper, puts him in touch with political and social life, while it clothes his mind with learning in his moments of recreation from toil.

He grows up remote from the temptations of vice, a brave and virtuous man having learned the lessons of virtue from the great book of nature which has been spread out before him. Why does the sun burn? Why does a mosquito sting? Why do we feel unhappy in the Good Old Summer Time? Answer, we don't. We use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, and these little bits bother us. Learn to look for the name on the box to get the genuine. Sold at our store, Two Drug Stores.

The Republican theory that the higher the taxes the more prosperity, proves that President Roosevelt is a thorough-going Republican for he heartily endorses the spending mania, extravagance of his party. For instance, how readily he gave way to the Wadsworth-Cannon plan of making the people pay for the meat inspection, instead of the packers being made to pay. Can you remember any recommendation of Mr. Roosevelt for economy in expenditures?

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat.

Blot Upon the State.

Unwarranted Lynching of Three Negroes at Salisbury by a Frenzied Mob Monday Night—Victims Charged With Murder of the Lyerly Family.

A mob estimated at three thousand men raided the jail in Salisbury Monday night, overpowered the sheriff and guards and took therefrom three negroes, Nease Gillespie and his son, John Gillespie, and Jack Billingham, and lynched them. The negroes were charged with the murder of the Lyerly family near Barber Junction, Rowan county, on the night of July 19th, and a special term of court was session to try them. Others implicated in the murder were Henry Gillespie, Della Gillespie (wife of Nease Gillespie) and George Irvin. These the mob did not disturb. True bills had been found against all six of the negroes and they would have been tried before Judge B. F. Long of Statesville, and the guilty ones convicted no doubt if the mob had not taken the law in their own hands.

The lynching of these negroes was utterly without excuse and a blot upon the name of the State by the brutal act. Vigorous steps will be taken to apprehend and prosecute persons who participated in the lynching. The crime for which the lynching was done was a most brutal one, more like the act of savages than civilized beings living among enlightened people. Because of some grievance Nease Gillespie is said to have had against Mr. Isaac Lyerly, a well known farmer of Rowan county, he was brutally murdered while asleep in his house. His wife, a little son and a little daughter shared the same fate, an axe being used to do the bloody work. After the four members of this family who were taken to the first floor were butchered kerosene oil was poured on the beds and the house set fire to, doubtless to hide the horrible crime. Three older girls who slept up stairs were awakened by the smell of smoke and the oldest one going down stairs discovered the awful deed that had been committed. Heroically they went to work and dragged the burning beds out of doors and extinguished the flames.

They went to the nearest neighbor's mile and a half away and gave the alarm. Suspicion fell upon no one at first, but as a result of investigation Nease Gillespie and his accomplices were arrested. A small boy, eleven years old, a nephew of Nease, told about hearing them plotting the murder and talking about it afterward, going so far as to tell where the axe was hid. The axe was found at the place described and the guilt of some of these negroes at least seemed beyond question. They were taken to Mecklenburg jail for safe keeping until a special term of court could be held to try them. Monday morning they were brought back to Salisbury and the lynching of three of them occurred that night.

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If we assume that a family consists on the average of five persons, it would cost every family in the United States \$53.10 to pay the debts contracted by the last session of Congress. Congress appropriated a sum equal to \$11.02 per capita on the 80,000,000 people in this country. It was not a property tax, but an indirect, insidious, dishonest tariff and internal revenue tax, equivalent in its operation and effect to poll of about \$33 on every adult in the country.

Protest Registered.

Mr. Charles E. Fuller Has a Grievance About Which He Writes.

EDITOR GOLD LEAF:—Now that the Republicans of Vance county have met in convention and elected a "boss," and the Republicans of various other counties have in turn met and chosen their "boss," and all these by proxy have had a State meeting and chosen the big "boss," and now, whereas, the smoke of all the battles has cleared away, your writer would venture from the underbrush long enough to remark a little. It may be wise on my part to withhold forever, what I am about to say, but being noted for acts of misivision in matters political, that same fault constrains me to speak right out "in meeting." It seems to me the exercise of great patience to have waited so long, and indeed, I have been often reminded of the lamented "Bill Arp" in that, I have thus often had to walk out into the garden "to let my cholera down."

Would you hear the cause of my wounds? It is a short and simple story. Having as much of the "good" of the party at heart as he could afford to pump into that organ without provoking a revolution in that other very important one (the stomach) this writer called upon to offer a few suggestions to the convention already referred to. We asked that the party, as such, commit itself to a policy that would limit the terms of Executive office to one term, and further, to resolve among ourselves that no discrimination should be made against the country and in favor of urban voters in making recommendations and appointments to these positions. We believe that at least eighty per cent. of the delegates to the convention were in favor of these resolutions and had thus expressed themselves, and yet they failed to carry. When they were read out by the secretary there were many cries of "hear, hear," and there was no peace. What is there anything concealed about the business of politics in Vance county? Your writer was sure to wonder (one man said, "why that sounds like Democratic doctrine to me." And this same man undertook to explain that the post office authorities at Washington had been notified forever, the president of keeping a good man in office at least two terms. Is that so? Then why not keep Bryce Jones in office at Henderson another term, if you are a man, then whom, no more faithful and proficient servant the county has ever had? Yet, so far as my own convictions are concerned, I feel that the present incumbent is more deserving of a party man and for this reason favored him. But this "man" did not undertake to tell us why the country man had not the superior right to appointment in the Henderson office that the town man had and until he shall find time to do this satisfactorily he will find it an uphill business to keep a solid organ for the county. I pronounce it the merest tommyrot to say that a man living in the remotest niche of the county has not the same right to office that he has who lives upon the lot adjoining the court house square, other things being equal, excepting geographical position, it matters not what corner of the county he may think and do to the contrary. And now to the heart of the offense. I am not so much offended at being honestly considered a Democrat as I am at being accused by a supposed friend, of unfaithfulness without apparent cause was a little more than I was prepared for. Much serious thought in this matter led me to wonder about several things. The first is why my critic and accuser allowed me to find fault in and withdraw from the Democratic party seven or eight years ago, if he has such a high opinion of his case and mine were identical the same. The next is, how we can consistently take up the cry and clamor for "honest elections" when a party whose great predominance has been seemingly established by the lavish use of election "boodle."

Personally and most candidly I would like to be a Democrat as between the two old parties, for I am a Southerner and a white man, but I cannot endorse a policy that requires me to feign returns or stand aside and let some one make the figures who will do so. But maybe they will come to despise such methods some of these days and I hope they will. There is no great difference between platforms now, especially since they have borrowed from the Populist creed until the party has become a bankrupt in the matter of doctrines. The question of the tariff stands at the head of the list of differences with great use of great minds differing as to this I shall not be at all surprised if within a few more years a great independent party will be built upon the strongest plank of the old party, and that way all be Populists again—who want to, and who sincerely desire the universal prevalence of that most sacred of all political dogmas, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none." For such a time I do hope and pray.

This is about the sum of my present complaints and in conclusion would like to relieve the minds of all who are suspicious that I desire to hold office, by the simple statement that no distributor of Federal jobs within this county has anything to offer so tempting as to lure me from this little home of mine so close to the bosom of nature, and since Providence has dealt so kindly with us in sending the sunshine and the showers, it is in this sacred retreat that we now live, "poor, but happy."

CHAS. E. FULLER, Epsom, N. C., Aug. 6, '06.

Notice of Dissolution.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION. To all whom these Presents may come: GREETING. WHEREAS IT APPEARS TO MY SATISFACTION, by an authorized record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office that the Henderson Stock Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the town of Henderson, in Vance county, North Carolina (S. S. Parham being the agent therein and in charge thereof) and who has never been served with process in any suit or action, has complied with the requirements of chapter 21, Revised of 1905, entitled "Corporations, preliminary to the issuing of this certificate of Dissolution. Now, therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of the State, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 21st day of July, 1906, file in my office a duly executed and attested instrument in writing to the effect of said dissolution, the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 21st day of July, A. D. 1906. J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

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