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**DEMOCRATIC TICKET**

- NATIONAL**  
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**Surveyor:**  
ENLOE YODER  
**County Commissioners:**  
J. M. Shuford, J. L. Rhyne, R. E. Gabriel, H. H. Caldwell and W. F. Gilbert.

**What G. O. P. Means.**

With worship of the fetish kind the Republicans large and small, fat fryers and fat fried, fall down in adoration and make obeisance before the Elephant as the symbol of the Republican party and the letters G. O. P. as the trademark.

Boastfully and with much self-approval the Republicans declare to all comers that the Elephant typifies the great strength of the party and then growing wildly enthusiastic they shout with an excess of strenuousity like to the noise that Theodore himself makes "G. O. P. means the Grand Old Party."

But this tempest of wind does not convince the public at all a d men look beneath the surface and scratch out things for them selves. One of them did it the other day and he has discovered the true and hidden meaning of G. O. P. All along this has been something of a large secret in Republican ranks, but here is an expose that tells the truth. Grand Old Party is to fool the public outside. Inside of the ranks the Radicals who know what G. O. P. really means nudged each other in the ribs, chuckle softly, and snuggle closer to the trough.

What the seeker after knowledge about G. O. P. found out is told in the following, received yesterday on a postal card from Morehead City, and which says:

American voter: I notice here an appeal to every true citizen to vote for the G. O. P. What does that mean?

Republican Officer-Seeker Sure the Good Old Pie.  
(N. B. this is not copy-righted.)

Here you have it. G. O. P. means good old pie. Pie is the great desire of the North Carolina Radicals and without pie there would be no Radicals. It is the great cementing force that holds together the Republican party. Cut out pie, whether it is Standard Oil pie, Steel trust pie, or the Federal job pie, and the Republican party goes smash to pieces. Good old pie is correct, and henceforth Pie is the symbol and the sign of Republicanism just as in the past it has been the full measure of its existence. It is the party of pie and not of principle, and all the hurrah and calmer of the campaign is not that it may be of service, but that it may hold what pie it has and grab more.

A western paper says if you can't get buttermilk, drink sweet milk and eat a pickle and we suppose in the absence of champagne, a seidlitz powder is about the next best thing.

There will be held in Greensboro on October 18th. A Good Roads Congress at which there will be prepared and discussed a bill to be presented to the coming legislature for the establishing of a State Highway Commission and for such State aid to road building as may seem advisable.

The Labor Bureau at Washington says that wages have increased 3.7 per cent in 1907 and the price of food has increased 4.2 per cent. Every Reader of this paper knows that the price of food has increased, but many that there has been no wage increase. Many others know that work has been scarce and many factories closed down under Republican rule.

Not this year has any Republican criticized Harriman. On the contrary has been given a free hand to further make a monopoly of transportation. By November he will be raising another Republican campaign fund as in 1904. His latest utterance is: "The President is coming around little by little; this can be seen in his various messages until finally he is declaring in favor of the amendment of the Sherman act."

Do you take the Democrat?

**The Mercury's Answer.**

The Mercury this week said, "In our last issue we stated that when Mr. B. F. Aycock came here four years ago and undertook to speak from the bank steps he was so drunk he had to be taken down. We never heard the charges contradicted until the Democrat came out and stated that what we said was false. We sought editor Holbrook and asked him about it personally. He said that he and T. M. Huffman went with Mr. Aycock from the hotel to the place of speaking, and that he knew that Mr. Aycock was not drunk, or even drinking. W. M. Hahn informs us too that he heard him speak and he was not drunk.

So not wishing to do injustice to saint or sinner, we have now given both sides as the were given to us by two or more witnesses, the Bible requirement that every word may be established, whatever that may mean."

Since the above paragraph appeared in the Mercury, Mr. Aycock has brought an action against Mr. Click for damages. The matter having gone into the courts for settlement the Democrat has nothing further to say about the controversy except to add that many citizens besides those mentioned in the Mercury say that Mr. Aycock was not drunk or drinking. Among the number we now recall A. C. Link, J. E. Barb. There will be no trouble in finding many more. If there is anyone who will come out in the open and substantiate the charge we have yet to hear him.

**To the Citizens of Catawba County.**

The members of the Farmers Union have been accused of working for the interest of a certain candidate in this county, and we, members of Pleasant Grove Union. We brand this report as false and believe it has been done by someone not in sympathy with the farmers and to injure our organization.

The constitution and Bylaws of the farmers Union Article, 1 sec. 40, and 43 clearly states that we shall take no part, as an organization, in politics and we ask Hon. M. H. Yount to give us name and address of the party he has letter from stating above report. Also we hope that the other locals in this county will take same action in this matter.  
T. D. Shuford, Pres.

Gordon Wilfong, Sec.

**Notes From Gunpowder.**

Correspondence to The Democrat.

The farmers are very busy now rounding up their work of making hay, etc., and some are gathering corn, and preparing wheat land. There has been one corn smothering.

The recent rain, followed by the north wind, makes one feel like winter is near.

We had a white frost this (Tuesday) morning.

A farmer's union was organized last Wednesday night at the Sherrill's schoolhouse with seven charter members. Several more have expressed an intention of joining at the first opportunity. It is hoped that this may be made a profitable organization.

Quite a good deal of talk and excitement about politics of the last few weeks. It seems that most people are for Bryan for president. They are tired of the kind of "prosperity" we are having now. The Democrats are very hopeful of electing the county ticket this fall. The ticket is composed of the very best men in the county. In fact we think the whole Democratic ticket, State and county, will be elected without a doubt. The Republicans, where they have been in power seem to have done nothing worthy of praise.

Mrs. A. P. Hill and children of Munroe, but more recently of

Atlanta are visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Mrs. M. J. Smathers and babe left last Saturday to join Mr. Smathers at Swannanoa, where he has worked as pastor on the Swannanoa circuit.

A. J. Hass, who has been in the West for some three years, has returned home, and is now engaged with E. P. Sherrill, who is preparing to make extensive improvements on his dwelling house.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Lawrence and little son Roy of Hickory spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. G. W. Sherrill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clay of Hickory came over on a visit to relatives Sunday.

There is considerable typhoid fever reported in the surrounding country. There is only one case however near here. Mrs. Gus Teague has been very low with fever, but is reported as somewhat improved.

"Hurrah for Bryan and Kitchin!"  
Lenox.

The Statesville District Conference of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist church will be held in the Methodist church of this city Saturday and Sunday Oct. 3, 4. A number of delegates and visitors are expected. Mrs. M. J. Beanner of Waynesville will be present and make several addresses. Mrs. Beanner is an earnest consecrated christian and a very fine speaker and always has something interesting and well worth hearing. Those who miss her addresses will miss a treat. The program for the meeting is as follow:

Saturday at 2 p. m., Business session.  
Saturday evening at 7:30, address by Mrs. M. J. Beanner.  
Sunday a. m. at 11 o'clock sermon by Dr. W. H. Weaver.  
Sunday at 4 p. m., address to Young people by Mrs. M. J. Beanner.

The public is cordially invited to all these services.

**State Fair.**

The Great State Fair, to be held in Raleigh, Oct. 12-17 next, promises to be the best ever held in the State.

Premiums have been increased and the agricultural, industrial and educational displays will be unexcelled. The County exhibits will be a feature; Haywood county will show the resources and possibilities of the glorious west, competing with counties from the east.

The Virginia Horticultural Society will have a magnificent display of fruit, simply for exhibition purposes and not competing for premiums. Cattle will be here from Kentucky and poultry from all over the country. The attractions will include Beachy in the marvellous Strobel Air Ship navigating the clouds.

His ship under perfect control, sails as easily and gracefully as a bird. This is the ship that set Washington wild and broke up a session of Congress, the member rushing from their seats to see the wonderful sight.

The automobile race with tremendous machines going a mile a minute will be a thrilling sight.

One of the most beautiful sights will be the dress parade and exhibition drill of the Battalion of the A. & M. College.

Another feature will be the grand Floral Parade of decorated floats.

Quincey will dive daily from a ninety foot ladder into a three foot tank of water, and Marvella Melville, King of the Trap-pole will give performances between the heats of the races, and Alfreo and his children will do hair-raising stunts on the high wire.

Fast horses will be here and will almost certainly lower the track record of the State.

The Midway will be full of

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clean high class shows and will afford plenty of fun.

Toy whips will not be allowed on the grounds and notice is given that any found will be forfeited.

City water at the Fair Grounds in abundance.

Special excursions on all lines, low rates.

Come have a good time.

**Snake in Bed.**

W. L. Brookshire tells a little snake story in which he was a victim. On last Wednesday night he was stopping at a first class Hotel in Globe N. C. some time during the night he dreamed that he had been snake bit, just as he dreamed this he awoke and his left hand was paining him very badly, upon examination he found that he had been bitten and the snake was there in the bed as proof of same, it was a small spotted snake and very poisonous. The reptile being in the bed could not be explained by any body. Mr. Brookshire is able to be out but has a very bad hand.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,**

at Hickory, in the State of North Carolina at the close of business Sept. 23, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 427,905.17
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.	3,523.95
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.	77,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	3,000.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	12,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents.)	34,200.81
Due from State Banks and Bankers	2,085.08
Due from approved reserve agents.	22,895.39
Checks and other cash items	478.13
Notes of other National Banks	900.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	452.65
Specie	21,302.00
Legal-tender notes	3,296.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation.)	3,850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 614,889.08</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus fund	22,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,473.54
National Bank notes outstanding	77,000.00
Due to other National Banks	23,104.37
Due to State Banks and Bankers	1,550.44
Dividends unpaid,	64.00
Individual deposits subject to check	168,289.85
Demand certificates of deposit	72,749.29
Certified checks	4.95
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,423.54
Bonds borrowed	27,000.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	14,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 614,889.08</b>

State of North Carolina, County of Catawba, ss:  
I, K. C. MENZIES, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
K. C. MENZIES, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of Sept., 1908.  
C. A. MOSER, Notary Public.  
Correct - Attest:  
A. A. SHUFORD,  
J. L. RIDDLE  
G. H. GEITNER  
Directors.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought  
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**Notice.**—The citizens of Hickory are cordially invited to hear Hon. Z. P. Smith patriotic orator of Raleigh, N. C. in Huffman's Academy of Music this evening (Oct. 1st) at 8 p. m. Subject: "The Junior Order and its privileges, what we stand for, etc." Ladies Cordially Invited.

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**Dressmaking.**  
Mrs. Ella Whitener, or perhaps better known as Mrs. A. P. Whitener wishes to say to friends and general public that she will do dressmaking in her home 1344 17th St. Satisfaction guaranteed at prices very reasonable. Call to see me. Mrs. Ella Whitener, 1344 17 st.

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**For Ladies Large and Small**

**\$2000 Worth** of New Suits, Coats and Skirts, just in this week, to select from. The most complete line ever offered in Hickory.

The fabrics from which our suits are made is the finest of their kind guaranteed pure wool and faultlessly tailored, and in order to introduce our new line and establish our high class Ladies' Suits in Hickory we will sell them 25 per cent cheaper than the same suits are being retailed in any city. Our genuine Man tailored suits start at \$12.50 to \$26. Our skirts at \$1.50 to \$3.50. our Ladies' Coats at \$2.50 to \$19.50. Children's Coats from \$1 to \$7.50.

See Our Guaranteed Hosiery for Children and Ladies at 25c.

**McCoy Moretz**

**Stationery Movement**

Doubtless you've heard that old quiz, "if an irresistible force should strike an immovable object, what would be the result?" Well, there's going to be a Stationery Movement at **The Van Dyke Shop.**

This is what we mean: 1st. The Eaton, Crane & Pike Co. have shipped us one hundred pounds of their famous Kara Linen, with envelopes to match. 2nd. Stone & Barringer, Charlotte, N. C., have sold two carloads of Kara Linen at 35c the pound. 3rd. We shall sell this first One Hundred Pounds at 25c THE POUND. We want the **IRRESISTIBLE FORCE** of this price on Kara Linen to strike YOU, and strike you hard—whether you've been immovable to our previous appeals, or whether you **Move Our Way** every time you need correspondence paper. Very urgently,  
**The Van Dyke Shop.**

**DO YOUR CHILDREN SAVE MONEY?**

No doubt you want them to learn the value of money and how to save, but do you set them an example? Start a small savings account with the First National Bank for your Boy or Girl, and get a **FREE SAVINGS BANK** which will be an inducement for the little ones to save their pennies and dimes.

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