

DEFENDS ASPIRANTS.

Mr. Lawrence E. Rudisill, in Well Written Article, Takes the Editor to Task. To The Editor of The News:—

In the last issue of your paper I was surprised to find an article which, though seemingly, and perhaps really, well-intended, I feel is decidedly unjust and misleading, if not malapropos and untimely. The article to which I refer is that one to which is given first column and first place on the editorial page, entitled, "For Representative."

In calling your attention to the article in question, I have a humble purpose in mind which presently I shall explain; but along with that purpose I wish respectfully to claim the privilege of submitting a few independent comments, the right to which you will readily concede without cavil or controversy. I take it that I have no reason to suspect an intentionally unfair or selfish spirit in the policy which you are, and have been, striving to maintain in the operation of your paper; and I assume as well that you are as willing to yield a just part of the field to legitimate reply, as to occupy for yourself whatever reasonable portion of it is called for in editorial comment, criticism or attack.

The article to which I refer has, in form, six parts or paragraphs—which is alright; in text, it has three divisions, namely, introduction, argument, and what purports to be a conclusion—which is good, again; in substance (and here it obeys the rigid rules for correct editorials) it has but one thought, namely, innuendo or insinuation at the expense of the college graduates, or "the green and easy boys"—which is not so good. And now I am ready to declare my purpose in offering this article. It is this: I am not a candidate for any office, I have no intention of becoming a candidate, and, as far as I know, I shall never become a candidate; but I am one of the college graduates in the county, a young man, and one of "the boys" who are struggling mightily hard against the natural drawback of inexperience, and the artificial barrier of popular prejudice against "us boys" because we are "boys." To re-state: My purpose is to protest against the cleverly veiled, yet overwhelming, sentiment which the article bristles with, namely, an attack upon the young college men in the county. There is no mistake that it is there—we are attacked; and the editor cannot be excused on the ground of inadvertence or mistake, for it has not escaped him that there are not a few of "us boys" around in these parts; and unless the wide awake and clever newspaper man is accustomed to take on the luxurious propensities of old Homer, and was guilty of nodding, the fact might have been borne in upon his astute mind that some of us are little neighbors of his—that he can hardly walk out from his office without "partying nigh tromping on us." But let that go; the blow has struck home, whether aimed or no—now, don't you think that's about right!

But to come a bit nearer the article; in the first two paragraphs, which would pass as being well and good for an introduction to a strong article on a subject worth while, the offices of State Senator and Representative are properly pointed out as posts of honor, which should be occupied by those only who are capable of rising equal to the responsibilities and opportunities for service therein. The last paragraph, which I take as a conclusion, adds something about instructed delegates and seems to enjoy the distinction of

being whipped on the end of the article as a huge parenthesis, or happy afterthought. The third, fourth and fifth—well! "Lord, God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget!" For my part, I am not sure what was the prevailing notion in the editors' mind when he wrote them; whether it was produced by the last two representatives, who, he admits, "acquitted themselves very creditably," or by the "green" college boys, who rise up before him like Banquo's ghost at the feast, or by his own ideal candidate, who, as he declares, does not appear yet in his dreams.

But now more precisely and to quote—in the first of this trio of paragraphs, our recent Representatives are handed a bouquet with a pretty fair sized lemon in the middle, as follows: "Now while this is a very pretty sentiment, and those young men who have represented the county have acquitted themselves very creditably, '(the bouquet)' yet we think that to send inexperienced boys to represent a populous and prosperous county in the State Legislature is rather reversing the order of things," (the lemon). Then to round up the compliment, the balance of us youngsters are called in to receive the following "be-ashamed-of-yourselfes:" "Suppose each county in the State should send its college graduates to the General Assembly, we would then probably have the latest rulings on baseball and football incorporated in the Code revisions, but very little business like and common sense legislation." Like as if we ever thought of such a thing as going away off down to Raleigh.

In the paragraph that follows it, "the green and easy things" are roasted some more, and turned and cuffed about in such a fashion that a griddle cake or flap jack in the maws of a hungry naylor would look like twenty cents beside it. And then to think that the poor things are left to "write in pain" until the doctor rushes on to the spot, in the last paragraph—which is the sixth act of the "tragedy-burlesque" to administer the anaesthetic, "instructed representative." The poor devils ought all to go long and die outright before the hand that wounds and disfigures has a chance to chloroform and resuscitate.

But now seriously, Mr. Editor, don't you think it was not just the wise and proper thing to do? Do you know what effect a few more such editorials would have on the young men all over Lincoln county, by and by? If the compliment were passed around to the book-keeper, the bank cashiers, the ambitious young farmers, the mechanics, the merchants, clerks, overseers, etc., they'd mob somebody,—no joke! But you may say, "The remarks were intended for young men in general, and no particular class was singled out." That is not true. The young college man is the one pointed out clearly—the one who must hold the confidence of the public, for he has prepared himself for public service. But you say, "I have a right to advocate what appears best." Granted. But in order to advance what appears to be the right thing, it is not the courteous thing to pull down some innocent interest that may happen to be in the path. In other words, if you have a candidate advance him and if any of the boys block the way, let them take care of themselves if they can. But you say, "The editorial does not hurt you in your business." I am not so sure of that, but for the sake of illustration, imagine that you are once again a young man (it would be a pretty good way back, eh?) and let some well-meaning friend car-

ry you into the Lincoln county homes, and let them see your waist-coat decorated with the simple words, "green," "easy mark," "a l'il boy," or "just graduated," and I am ready to wager my old hat against your worst conditioned derby that the man who has money to invest, or business to transact, or lawsuits to carry on, or cotton mills to run, or what not to be attended to will grab his own hat whether it is like yours or mine—and hie himself to the nearest "old and sure one" with his business, who will not thank your friend for his pains, and who will laugh at you because of the gullibility of some folks.

And now, if it will bear repeating, we boys don't care whether we ever become representatives or not; but we do ask that nobody rob us of what puny little confidence the people already have in us.

But how about the young man, anyway? I remember the papers had something in them a few years ago about Pres. Eliot's cut at Pres. Roosevelt for not being "grown" up, and if I am not mistaken the latter is pretty tolerably popular—except with the Republican party. Gov. Hughes, who controlled a pretty big poll of Democratic votes in the New York election last year, and who is himself a whole lot better Democrat than some men, was also met by the dolorous cry, "Too young." E. Y. Webb, whom perhaps you or some of us know, had the scare-crow held up before him mighty near all the time he was out in the field the first time. I happen to know Mr. Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, State Senator from Rowan, and son of former Congressman Klutz. He is not so old in years—looks like a stripling—but if I had a wager that I wanted to lose, I would not bet on any ordinary "favored son of maturer years" throwing gravels in his eyes long. I don't mean to tell on all the men whom, luckily, I have happened to know, but there is a very little fellow down in South Carolina, Congressman Lever, who had quite an experience of it when they took him for a handy boy of the House when he got up "to Washington." He has not been entirely overlooked up there lately either, they say. Besides, Webster, Calhoun, Clay, Marshall, Hamilton, Edward Everett Hale, Rufus Choate, Gladstone, Bismarck, Dexter, Desmoulin, Wilberforce, Seward, Lacordaire, big Tom Reed, Garfield, Fox, Mirabeau, Erskine, Ingalls, Jay, Livingston, Cleveland, Hay, Seward, John Morley, Grattan, O'Connell, Monroe, The Pinckneys, George Washington, and a newspaper full of others took care of important posts between the years of twenty and thirty. But what's the use of Abraham Lincoln went as a member to the Illinois Legislature when he was twenty five years old, so the historians say; and bless you, Zeb Vance went down to Raleigh from Buncombe county to take the important post of Representative when he was just twenty one years old—and they say there are some people around here who have a kind of warm spot in their hearts yet for the "green and easy mark" from up in Buncombe.

L. E. RUDISILL.

That Busy Stork.

The Stork which, by-the-way, seems to be working overtime these days, called at the home of Mr. R. S. Abernethy Friday morning and left a fine baby boy. If this thing keeps up perhaps it is just as well the Legislature passed a bill granting Lincoln the privilege of issuing school bonds. When the Stork, who is said to be still hovering around, finishes his Spring campaign it would be well to take a new school census.

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An Old Landmark Removed.

Lincolnton, Feb. 7, '08.

Mr. Editor:—With your permission I would be glad to give a few items from old Matthew's church and Campground. Last summer the good members and friends decided to build a new brick church at the old Matthew's church site so they got together and decided to go ahead and make the brick. No sooner decided than done and so, after the bricks were made and burned, they decided not to build until spring when the weather would be more settled. So, a few days ago they gave notice that on Wednesday they would meet and remove the old frame building preparatory to building the new brick house. Altho the weather was very bad there was a good turnout and they worked faithfully but did not do much. So, on Thursday about fifteen faithful men, including the pastor, worked hard and succeeded in getting the old church on rollers and moved it about four feet and finding the force too weak, gave out the word that it would require at least thirty hands to move it from where it was, and on Friday morning—to the great surprise of all—there came thirty-five good able bodied men and by 11:30 o'clock the old building was removed clear out of the way. Our pastor being present ably thanked the good people for their kind assistance and we want to thank all through your columns for their kindness and help. There were present some of several denominations who willingly assisted us in our work. I can say this much for the good people around old Matthews church, there are no better people living than these good people around here. They are industrious, ever ready to help their fellow men, regardless of political or religious views. Old uncle Levi Shrum was present. He helped to erect the present house in 1836 and we hope he may see a new brick house in place of the old frame one that is there now.

Old Matthews is the oldest and most noted place in Lincoln county. It seems like one's old home to be at that place. So, with good wishes to the Editor and his excellent paper, I am,
Yours truly,
A MEMBER.

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Brick School House News.

Feb. 8, '08.

The farmers of this neighborhood met Mr. Logan at the Brick school house Thursday night, for the purpose of organizing a local of "The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union." Mr. Logan made them a short talk on the benefits of the Union, after which a Local was organized with fifteen members. The following officers were elected: L. H. Shuford, President; Claude Whitener, Vice-President; Summey Warlick, Secretary, and Crawford Justice, Doorkeeper. Mr. Logan's parting words to us were, "The farmers of this country are stuck in the mire, and if they do not stick to the Union they will have to stay stuck."

Mr. Lee Smith is working at Mr. Tom Ramsaur's these times.

Mrs. Lizzie Reep is expected home from Salisbury before any great length of time.

Mr. Fred Warlick, who has been at the home sick for sometime, returned to school at Newton Wednesday in very good health.

Mr. Roy Reep, our genial school teacher, is suffering from a severe cold at present. He says he has gained gained 10 pounds in weight since he has been in this section, and that he is liking it fine.

Mr. Elbert Lutz, of this section, and Mr. Ernest Lutz, of Gaston county, are visiting at Mr. P. M. Houser's near Reepsville.

HOMER.

Read Reid's advertisement in this paper and you will not wonder why they have such crowds every day.

To The Democratic Voters of Lincoln County.

We wish to put the name of Mr. H. E. Ramsaur before the people of Lincoln county, for county Treasurer, to fill the office vacated by Mr. R. F. Baul, retiring. We know him to be trustworthy of the office.

Also the name of Mr. Thomas F. Cline for Sheriff. With these two men the county will make no mistake.
MANY VOTERS.

The Jumping Off Place.

"Consumption had me in its grasp; and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man," says George Moore, of Grimesland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c and \$1.00 at K. L. Lawing, druggist. Trial bottle free.

To Close at Eight.

Post Master Jonas requests the News to announce that from now on the doors to the Post Office will be closed and locked after 8 o'clock p. m. This is by order of Route Agent C. L. Trotter, of Atlanta, who was here Thursday. This order was made because the P. O. boxes are in such a rickety condition that many of them can be opened without a key, or knowledge of the combination, and the lobby doors will be locked at night in order to prevent theft from these rickety boxes.

Public Preaching.

Rev. E. H. Kohn, of Cherryville, N. C., will preach at Trinity Lutheran church, near Henry, on third Sunday in this month at eleven o'clock, unless the weather is so bad and rough so Rev. Kohn cannot get out from Cherryville. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.
A SUBSCRIBER.

Keeping Open House.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good; and we feel that way only when our digestive organs are working properly. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the action of stomach, liver and bowels so perfectly one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills. 25c at K. L. Lawing's drug store.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The name of Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, is being very favorably discussed by prominent Republicans in connection with the gubernatorial nomination of the Republican State ticket. Mr. Cox is a man of splendid character, has made a great success in life, and is not a politician. He would probably be the strongest candidate the Republicans could put up.

With church bells tolling, and followed by a brilliant pageant, the bodies of the murdered King Carlos and his son, Crown Prince Luiz, were conveyed in two golden chariots, which were shrouded in black velvet and drawn by ten hooded horses, to the Portuguese pantheon and laid to rest Saturday. Foreign Princes and special ambassadors from all the world powers joined in the glittering cavalcade while the booming of minute guns from the land batteries were answered, gun for gun, by the English and Spanish warships in Lisbon harbor. While evidences of public grief and popular sorrow seemed lacking no disorder prevailed and the great throngs of spectators preserved an attitude of respect for the royal dead.

Frazier Jones, colored, who was to have been hung in Greensboro Saturday for the murder of his wife, was reprieved by Governor Glenn by a phone message which arrived just in the nick of time. It is probable the sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment.

Gastonia enjoyed quite a sensation Saturday over a warrant which was served on Mrs. L. T. Strickland charging her with kidnapping and summoning her to appear before Magistrate T. H. White for trial. Later the warrant was changed to assault. It seems that Mrs. Strickland toled little Lucile Glenn, daughter of Mr. P. N. Glenn, into her home and forcibly detained her, the object being to secure the child for her mother, Mrs. Batte Young, who was divorced from Mr. Glenn about a year ago. It is said that at the time of the divorce an agreement was made that the father was to have the child half the time and that Mrs. L. A. States, of Gastonia, a sister of Mrs. Young, was to have the child half the time. The father is said to have had the child all the time since the couple parted. Mrs. Young lives in Charlotte and her husband is a travelling man.

The Memorial Hall.

The following is the caption of the act passed by the recent session of the Legislature relative to Pleasant Retreat Academy, which now goes to the Daughters of the Confederacy for a Memorial Hall: H. B. 189, S. B. 29.—An act to empower the Trustees of Pleasant Retreat Academy, in Lincoln county, North Carolina, to sell certain property.

Sale or lease of the building lot and other property of the Pleasant Retreat Academy to Southern Stars Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy authorized. School authorities of town of Lincolnton to join in conveyance. Trustees of Southern Stars Chapter incorporated.

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