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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

### GETTSBURG WAS MERE HAIL-STORM COMPARED TO THIS

Half Million of Men Fight Like Madmen in Volcano—The World Has Never Seen Such Horrors Before—Waterloo in Comparison was a Summer Storm.

Since Saturday week the Verdun deadlock has changed to the most terrific battle in history. Fully half a million men are engaged altogether, without a respite from slaughter. While regiments melt in a few minutes, but others take their place, only to perish in the same way.

"It is a battle of madmen in the midst of a volcano eruption," is the description given by a Staff Captain who left the fortress on a special mission yesterday to Paris. He continued:

"Between Saturday morning and noon Tuesday we reckoned the Germans 'used up' 100,000 men on the west Meuse front alone. That is the price they paid for the recapture of our recent gains and the seizure of our outlying positions. The valley separating Le Mort Homme from Hill 287 is choked with bodies. A full brigade was mowed down in a quarter hour's holocaust by our machine guns. Le Mort Homme itself passed from our possession but the crescent Bourrus position to the south prevents the enemy from utilizing it.

"The scene there is appalling, but is dwarfed in comparison with fighting around Douaumont. West of the Meuse, at least, one dies in the open air, but at Douaumont is the horror of darkness, where the men fight in tunnels, screaming with the lust of butchery, deafened by shells and grenades, stifled by smoke.

"Even the wounded refuse to abandon the struggle. As though possessed by devils, they fight on until they fall senseless from loss of blood. A surgeon in a front line post told me that in a redoubt at the south part of the fort of 200 French dead fully half had more than two wounds. Those he was able to treat seemed utterly insane. They kept shouting war cries and their eyes glazed, and, stranger of all, they appeared indifferent to pain. At one moment anaesthetics ran out, owing to the impossibility of bringing forward fresh supplies through the bombardment. Arms, even legs were amputated without a groan, and even afterwards the men seemed not to have felt the shock. They asked for a cigarette or inquired how the battle was going.

"Our losses in retaking the fort were less heavy than was expected, as the enemy was demoralized by the cannonade—by far the most furious I have ever seen from French guns—and also was taken by surprise. But the subsequent action took a terrible toll. Cover was all blown to pieces. Every German rush was preceded by two or three hours of hellstorm, and then wave after wave of attack in numbers that seemed unceasing. Again and again the defenders' ranks were renewed.

"Never have attacks been pushed home so continuously. The fight for Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg was no child's play, nor for Hougomont at Waterloo, but here men have been fung 5,000 at a time at brief intervals for the last forty-eight hours. Practically all the section has been covered by a cannonade, compared to which Gettysburg was a hall storm and Waterloo mere fireworks. Some shell holes were thirty feet across, the explosion killing fifty men simultaneously.

"Before our lines the German dead heaped in long rows. I am told one observer calculated there were 7,000 in a distance of 700 yards. Besides they cannot succor their wounded, whereas of ours one at least in three are removed safely to the rear. Despite the bombardment supplies keep coming. Even the chloroform I spoke of arrived after an hour's delay when two sets of bearers had been killed.

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### FARMER SPEAKS TO VOTERS

Proprietor Big Montgomery Stock Farm Rings the Bell With Varner Reasons.

Mr. T. H. Harris, of Mount Gilead, Montgomery county, who is proprietor of High Land Farm and a well known breeder of Short Horn cattle and Durco-Jersey swine, presents to the voters of the Seventh District some convincing reasons as to why they should nominate H. B. Varner for Congress. Mr. Harris' letter, which should be read by everyone, is as follows:

Mt. Gilead, N. C., May 27th, 1916. Democratic Voter of the Seventh Congressional District.

Dear Sir:—

Since the commencement of the present campaign which will result in the selection of a candidate to represent this the seventh district of North Carolina in our next National Congress, I have noticed frequent communications by letter and through the public press, which call attention to the fact that at least two of the prospective congressmen were born and reared on the farm. This, to my mind is nothing "agin" em"—rather it is something to be proud of. But since the fact above stated has been and is being used as a plea for votes, why not keep the record straight, and proclaim to the voters of the district that all four of the most excellent gentlemen now before us for our votes were born and reared amid purely rural surroundings; to be exact, born and reared on a farm. This leaves nothing of advantage for either over the other on this score. None of us can control the place or time of our birth. This has always seemed to be a matter to other and superior agencies. Where a man happens to be born amounts to but little. What actually counts is where he goes and what he accomplishes afterwards.

Figuring from this angle; from what Henry Varner has endeavored to do and from what he has accomplished since attaining his majority, I fall to see how or why any one of the other gentlemen now contesting with him for this nomination can lay claim to preferment.

Henry Varner commenced the fight of democracy and of the people before he reached the voting age, and has continued to do so to the present hour. His efforts in behalf of the farming classes have been untiring and productive of very satisfactory results. Not only in his own county of Davidson, but throughout the state as well, he has constantly been in the forefront of every battle which has had as its object the betterment of the conditions of all classes. Good roads, good schools, and good churches, have at all times received his earnest support. Not only his active, energetic labors, but donations of hard earned cash as well.

Varner is more than a state character. His work for good roads and his connection with the journalistic field has made him a National figure of prominence. It is generally supposed that for the first two or three terms, a new congressman does not become known beyond the congressional aisle on which his seat happens to be located. This would not be the case if we do our duty by our district and send Varner as our representative. He would do things for our district.

He has too much good hard horse sense to "but in" and break established precedents and usages, but he already knows more about departmental work and how to secure things for constituents than many men who have served a number of terms in congress. The seventh district would truly have "a friend at court" in Varner at Washington.

I believe it was the great Vance who suggested that the horse doing the pulling should be rewarded by a portion of the provender created by his efforts. This is true in matters political no less than in matters agricultural. Varner has pulled the democratic plow since before he was of voting age. He hasn't been doing this two or three inch plowing either. The coulter affixed to his plow stock has ever been one that moved the maximum amount and sank to its fullest depth. So far as I am informed, the only office he has ever held was that of Commissioner of Labor. A reference to the record will readily show that he rendered such services to the citizens and business interests of the state while in that position as to constitute in a full measure "value received."

In conclusion let me say this; we the voters of this district have an opportunity which we can not afford to throw away. When we have a true friend, as we have in this instance, it would be foolish for us to fail to grasp the opportunity of securing his services. A congressman is the servant of his constituents. When we employ a man to do a piece of work for us on the farm or elsewhere, we always enquire into his fitness for the task or work to be done and if found satisfactory we employ him. In your judgment, isn't Varner the man we want for the Washington job?

Yours very truly,  
T. H. HARRIS.  
Mount Gilead, May 25th, Adv.

Mrs. Rebecca Bledsoe Buxton, widow of the late Judge Ralph P. Buxton, was found dead in bed at her home near Fayetteville a few days ago. She was 59 years old and her death was due to apoplexy, it is thought. Judge Buxton was a prominent Republican and was the Republican candidate for Governor in 1880.

Charly covers a multitude of sins, and tailors cover a multitude of sins.

### SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Sixteen Members of the Graduating Class This Year—Prof. Allen and Prof. Hamrick Close Most Successful Year.

The graded school commencement, commencing with a May Day fete Friday afternoon, came to a successful close with the annual address by Rev. W. E. Abernethy of Shelby, and the presentation of diplomas by Mr. B. C. Ashcraft, who served in the place of the Chairman of the school board, Mr. D. A. Houston, who could not be present owing to a death in his family. There were fourteen girls and two boys in the graduating class. They are Misses Hallie Mae Beik, Annie Bernard Benson, Mary Benton, Sadie Eubanks, Beatrice Fairley, Rachel Howie, Judith Laney, Leah Love, Caroline Morrow, Mary Porter, Claudia Sanders, Mabel Shannon, Elizabeth Stevens, Carson Yates, and Messrs. Austin Cason and Oscar Richardson.

The May Day fete of Friday afternoon was a new innovation, but it proved to be a gratifying success. Hundreds braved the heat of the day to attend, and all felt well repaid for their attendance. Miss Dovie Helms was the Queen, and Master Gary Caldwell was the herald. About a hundred and fifty little children took part in the fete. That same afternoon certificates were presented to the seventh grade graduates, promoting them to the high school.

Friday night the annual debate and declamation contests were held in the graded school auditorium. The question was: "Resolved, That Woman Suffrage Should be Adopted by Constitutional Amendment in North Carolina." The affirmative was upheld by Miss Claudia Sanders and Mr. George Presson, and the negative was upheld by Messrs. Oscar Richardson and Roy Helms. The affirmative won, and Miss Claudia Sanders was presented with a medal for making the best speech. The judges were Messdames L. M. White, J. F. Laney and Rev. T. L. Trotter. The declaimers were: Miss Mary Douglas, Miss Alline Krauss, Mr. Austin Cason, and Mr. Furman Maness. Mr. Maness won the medal for the best declamation.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. L. M. White delivered the annual sermon in Central Methodist church. His speech was masterful, and abounded in good advice and cheer for the school graduates. A choir, under the direction of Mrs. Frank Laney, rendered music at this service.

Monday morning at the graded school auditorium the class day exercises were held. Mr. Oscar Richardson, as president of the class, had charge of these exercises. Miss Claudia Sanders read the class history; Miss Judith Laney, the class poem; Miss Caroline Morrow, the class prophecy; and Miss Annie Bernard Benson, the last will and testament.

Monday evening Rev. W. E. Abernethy of Shelby delivered the annual address. He made a very interesting and entertaining talk, and at times he grew dramatic. Following the close of Rev. Mr. Abernethy's address, the diplomas were presented to the graduates. The Woman's Club also presented Mr. Oscar Richardson and Miss Elizabeth Stevens with presents for being the best all-around students.

Children's day at Bond's Grove yesterday was all that could be desired. The exercises by the children in the forenoon was notable. The dinner was all that the most fastidious could desire and in the afternoon, Mr. B. C. Ashcraft of Monroe, made a splendid address which was enjoyed by all who could obtain admittance to the church. During the course of the day we had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of The Journal's clever Weddington correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rogers entertained the young people at their home near Bond's Grove Saturday night, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. Rogers' birthday. The following young ladies and matrons were present: Misses Ellie and Tessie Taylor, Maude and Annie Lee Wolfe, Annie and Mary Haywood, Decee and Lottie Rogers, Annie Lee and Louise Shaw, Vida Eason, Beulah Broom, Maggie Sims, Myrtle Pierce, Eunnie Richardson; Mr. J. J. King wasn't there; Messdames Bell Broom, E. V. Taylor, Luke Wolfe, W. H. Price, Ralph Broom. The young people express themselves as having had a very delightful time and Mr. Rogers tells us that he and his good wife are proud of the occasion and the splendid conduct of all who were present.

SCAPEGOAT.  
Parker's Address to Lumberton High School.  
Robesonian.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar. Mr. Stacy referred to Mr. Parker as an orator, lawyer and statesman and declared that the University of North Carolina had never had a more brilliant all-round student and scholar.

Mr. Parker made a practical and helpful address, his subject being "Ideals of a Successful Life." He showed that success does not consist in winning mere wealth or force or in simply being learned or good, but that it consists in a well-rounded life and in doing one's duty well. He declared that our present school system falls down in that it has as its aim to prepare girls and boys for college and does not lay enough stress upon preparing them for life.

People who come to high words are apt to indulge in some low ones.

### DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN

Mr. Oscar Cunningham's Untimely Death a Shock to the Entire Community—He Was Only Eighteen Years of Age—Other Personals and Items From the Jackson Section.

Waxhaw, May 29. — The entire town and community was deeply shocked and grieved Saturday morning when it became generally known that Mr. Oscar Cunningham, youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Cunningham, had died the preceding night. Death was due to a complication of appendicitis and heart trouble, the fatal attack coming upon him some two or three months ago while he was a student in Weaver College at Weaverville. At the time he was immediately taken to a hospital in High Point and an operation was performed from which he recovered sufficiently to be brought home some two or three weeks later. Since his return everything that loving hands of relatives and friends could do, aided by the best medical skill, has been lavished upon him, but efforts and hopes were futile.

"Mr. Cunningham was 18 years old and a true Christian boy," said Rev. W. F. Sandford Saturday in telling us of his death. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church Sunday by Rev. Mr. Sandford and the other pastors of the town.

The interment was in the new cemetery on the south-east edge of town and will be the first burial there.

Messrs. Fred Plyler, William Massey, Miss Minnie Massey and Mrs. Alice Broom spent Thursday in Charlotte.

Rev. R. J. McIlwain of Monroe visited in town Thursday.

Mrs. Dr. L. E. Guion spent the week end visiting at Sandford.

Miss Loma Stephenson spent Sunday at her home in the Marvin community.

Mr. Glenn Hawfield of Union has been elected principal of the school here. He has accepted.

Mr. Henry Niven, who has been attending the Wofford Fitting school for the past term, returned home Friday afternoon.

Mr. W. W. Black was in Athens, Ga. on business from Saturday till this morning.

A wedding of interest to a large circle of friends occurred at Providence at four o'clock yesterday afternoon when Miss Sallie Huneycutt of that community became the bride of Squire G. W. Sutton, a very well known farmer of Marvin. Rev. B. F. Hargett performed the ceremony.

Hold on a minute Pad. We have got to complete the preliminaries before we start up with that debate. Mr. Bensley can appoint one of the judges instead of me. I don't much care whether I win or lose. However, that won't utter me from doing the best I can. You being in charge of the affirmative makes it up to you to fire the first gun.

The patrons of route 1 are now getting their mail several hours earlier than heretofore and they are much pleased with the arrangement. The Hon. John Walker McCain, Sr. and also P. M. was so pleased with Mr. Garrison's gas buggy that on the second trip, last Friday, he went along with his as a passenger. It was the biggest lump of official mail J. Eustace ever carried.

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### REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For the First Time in Several Years the Democrats Will Have Some Opposition for the County Offices.

At a meeting of the Republicans at the court house Saturday, it was decided to put out a full county ticket. Mr. J. Allen Baucum will contest for the sheriff's job; Mr. Gilmer Joyce for Register of Deeds; Mr. Henry Taylor for Cotton Weigher at Monroe; Mr. J. D. A. Secrest for Recorder; Mr. B. J. Melton for Surveyor; and Mr. T. J. Perry for Coroner.

Messrs. F. S. Crane, Mark Mullis and W. R. McNeely were nominated for county commissioners.

For the Legislature Messrs. Guthrie Haigler and S. S. Dunlap were nominated.

Laundry Scappers Get Off With Costs.

Estelle Williams, Bertha Crowder and Mary Williams appeared before Recorder J. D. McRae yesterday morning charged with assaulting Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Helms at the Monroe Steam Laundry, Tuesday afternoon, May 9. Letha Starnes, another one of the defendants, did not appear in answer to the summons. All are colored women and they were found guilty and required to pay the costs.

The case has attracted a good deal of attention, and at the trial the courtroom was packed. Messrs. Stack & Parker appeared for Mr. and Mrs. Helms, and Mr. John Sikes represented the defendants.

Mrs. Helms, who is the wife of Mr. Wesley Helms, the manager of the laundry, was the first witness called upon the stand. She testified that while she was at the laundry on the afternoon of the assault, the four defendants came up to Mr. Helms and demanded their pay for the past week's work. Mr. Helms, according to her testimony, requested them to wait until Mr. Trull came back with the wagon and he would then pay them what they were due. That the defendants commenced cursing, and one of them, Mary Williams, struck Mr. Helms in the face; that the rest of them then crowded around her and Mr. Helms; tore her waist and tore Mr. Helms' shirt; that Mr. Helms was scratched, and that she was considerably bruised. Mr. Helms then ordered them out of the laundry, but they refused to go. Mrs. Parker, who was in the laundry at the time, phoned for the police. Mrs. Helms also testified that she was sick in bed for several days as a result of the attack.

Mr. Helms was then called to the stand. He testified as follows: "I was sitting in a window in the lower end of the laundry, when the four defendants came up and demanded some back wages that were due them. I told them that I did not have the money for them just at the moment, but if they would wait until Mr. Trull, the laundry driver, came back I would give them their money. This they refused to do. They started cursing and threatening. Lucy Carnes had a stick in her hand. They surrounded me and Mrs. Helms, who was at that time standing near me, and Estelle Williams grabbed Mrs. Helms' shirtwaist. Mrs. Helms' shirtwaist was torn, and so was my shirt. I was also scratched on the arm. All of the women used profane language. I ordered them to leave the building, but they refused to do so until the officers came."

Mrs. Parker was the next witness. She testified as follows: "I was at the laundry at the time of the trouble. I did not witness the whole occurrence, but I did see Lucy Carnes pick up a stick and go towards Mr. Helms. All the defendants used profane language. I called the officers. When they came, Mary Williams resisted arrest, but the others went along quietly. Mrs. Helms' waist was torn, and also Mr. Helms' shirt was torn and he was scratched about the face. Mrs. Helms was laid up in bed several days on account of the affair."

Miss Eva Parker was next called to the stand. She testified as follows: "The negro women came up to Mr. Helms and demanded their money. Mr. Helms asked them to wait until Mr. Trull came back. They refused to wait, and rushed on Mr. and Mrs. Helms. Mary Williams struck Mrs. Helms."

Constable Earnhardt testified to making the arrest. He said that none of the negroes had any scars on their person. That Laney and Fowler went into the building first, and he heard Mary Williams say "she'd not go to jail."

All of the negro defendants were then put on the stand. They denied about everything; some of them claimed to be deaf; and some of them claimed that they did not see it all; all claimed that they did not strike a lick, and how Mr. and Mrs. Helms' got their shirt and waist torn couldn't be proved by any of the defendants.

Storm at Wingate.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, May 29.—A terrific thunder storm, accompanied by wind, rain and an unusual electric display, visited this community Sunday evening between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock. The lightning and thunder caused great excitement.

J. M. Niven of Waxhaw.

Of all the men that have ever been nominated for county commissioner, no one is a better man or more suitable than J. M. Niven. Not a man has yet failed to commend him or to express confidence in his fitness for commissioner. No man knows ought against him, but many things for him. ADMIRE!

### MORE RAILROAD TALK

Charlotte Man Says Connecting Link From Monroe to Jefferson Will be Built Soon, Giving Direct Line to Charleston and Savannah.

"The completion of the big Seaboard Air Line development," says the Charlotte News, "whereby there will be afforded a more direct and shorter line to Charleston and Savannah, by way of Monroe from Charlotte, is going steadily forward and the final link, that from Monroe to Jefferson, S. C., will be taken up next, according to a Charlotte business man who states that he is in possession of inside information on the subject, and that this great railroad development will be carried out as was first announced about a year ago.

"The Charleston-Savannah line is now being built and will be about 70 miles long, and the Jefferson-Monroe line will be about 25 miles in length. This last named link is next in order to be constructed according to the Charlotte man who has been in close touch with the development since it was first announced a year ago.

"At the time the announcement was made that the Seaboard had taken over a number of lines in South Carolina, adding greatly to its system and opening the way for a more direct and shorter route into Savannah. There were several of these linking lines bought by the Seaboard and it was also announced that other links would be constructed speedily in order to complete the line to Savannah.

"When all of this work has been finished the route to Savannah from this point will be materially cut, while the Seaboard will have a greatly enlarged territory in the Carolinas from which to draw traffic.

"Mr. W. R. Bonsal of Hamlet was one of the chief men who outlined and got the railroad interested in the big developments that are now being put through or have already been put through."

To the Voters of Union County.

Since my nomenclature as a candidate for one of the representatives from Union county, I deem it just to you and my brother candidates to lay before you my convictions on some issues that I feel to be just and applicable:

First. I favor the election of our county superintendent by the people as the county officers now are; also the board of education. There are only a few offices in the county that are more in touch with the people than our school officers.

Second. Also the qualifications of surveyors. In the entire state of North Carolina, especially this county; that is to say they must stand a strict examination before they can proceed to deal out metes and bounds between man and man before a competent custodian.

Third. As to good roads. I am one from head to foot. I will challenge any man in this county who has done more for good roads than I have. I have within the past six months graded at my own expense one-half mile of road that I am proud of and is open for the public. Besides I have given my teams and help on the public highway a number of times gratis.

Fourth. For lack of time, I will not see but few of the voters but assure you if the honor is placed upon me I will strive to represent the good of the people, not the petty little ring politicians who always looks for campaign boodle.

Thinking one and all for your support,  
Truly,  
JOHN A. AUSTIN.

For Cotton Weigher at Monroe.

We, the friends and neighbors of John Thomas Helms, wish to say in his behalf to those who vote for cotton weigher at Monroe, that you could not elect a better man for that office. We have known him for 10 years that he has lived on Benton Hill and always find him to stand for the right. He is a countryman, born and reared on the farm, and for two years hired out for wages. He has had enough experience with public life in the mercantile business and as salesman with the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and also with the Chero-Cola Bottling Co., of which he is now an employee, to give the public the very best of service. He is one whom you have not seen day by day standing on the street corner of Monroe and begging the people to vote for him, but he has been busy with his job and will continue throughout the entire week at the same, hoping to receive a large vote on next Saturday by a people who love to vote for a man on his own merits. We think that as he stands midway between the city and country that he can measure out justice to everyone interested in the office of cotton weigher at Monroe. Let us consider him on next Saturday and vote for a man who has always worked for what he has accomplished.

NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.

Important.

I earnestly request all of my friends throughout the county to be sure to go to the primary next Saturday, rain or shine, and vote. I promise, if nominated and elected Recorder, that I will stay on the job and perform the duties of the office and try to earn the salary as paid by the taxpayers of Union county.  
M. L. FLOW.

For Constable, Sandy Ridge.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for constable of Sandy Ridge township, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.  
J. F. CROWELL.