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Mount Airy News 40 Years Old

Mr. T. J. Lowry reminded the editor of this paper one day this week that The News was 40 years old last Saturday, the same being the 20th day of June. Mr. Lowry says that the first issue of The News was published in the year 1880 from a little Washington Hand Press and the office was in the building formerly occupied by the late Judge Graves on Rockford street, near the home of Solicitor S. P. Graves. Mr. Lowry was the editor and for 24 years ran the paper, except for a short time that it was edited by Geo. P. Pell while Mr. Lowry was Postmaster here. In the year 1904, on June 8th, the paper was bought by the present editor and since that time or for 16 years the present owners have been at the helm. Mr. Lowry says that in all the 40 years of its life the paper has never missed an issue.

Back in the days when Mr. Lowry started the paper he had an outfit that was in keeping with the times, which cost him about \$800. In recent years all this has changed and today The News is issued from an office that is equipped with the most modern machinery.

The building of a newspaper is very much like going into the woods and making a farm. Much hard work that has almost no present reward must be done before the paper can be said to be on a basis that will make it a paying business and an influence for good. Much credit is due Mr. Lowry for the many years of hard work that he devoted to the paper, during which time he made it one of the best county papers of his day. During all these years conditions were such in the publishing business that the country editor was expected to work for a very small income.

Today The News occupies a position that is enviable in the world of publishers. It has made good. It has a list of subscribers who have been with it until many of them can date their connection with the paper for more than a quarter of a century, and some for the whole 40 years of its life. These subscribers are its very life, and the fact that they continue to stay with the paper is the best reason that we know for its existence.

The publishing of a county newspaper is naturally a small enterprise. The man who fills this place cannot expect to ride in fine cars and go the paces of the rich, but the income from the business has made The News a good one, in a small way. Today the paper is in its own building, owns one of the best linotypes, has one of the best make of drum cylinder newspaper presses, a modern job outfit, folding machines, etc. And all this is free from debt, and no living man can walk into the office and say what shall or shall not be done. If the paper has any one strong point it is that it has shown its ability to exist and yet keep itself free from all entangling alliances. And this is not meant to convey the idea that The News is any free lance, for it is not, but tries to serve the people who patronize it and render to them a service that is acceptable and satisfactory.

The present publishers are proud of the business. They are willing to continue with it and ask for no office and no favors in the way of political reward. Their highest ambition is to serve the public by publishing a clean, newsy, helpful paper that will represent the best thought of the day.

RATS.

Get a bunch of citizens together in this city and one will not be surprised to hear the conversation take the turn now and then of paying respect to the rat. Rats, they say, have come to be a modern plague about here. They make themselves prominent especially by showing their fondness for young chickens. They tell many stories about how they are killing chickens large enough to fry, and sometimes a citizen will lose a half dozen in one night. It is no uncommon thing for a chicken that will weigh a pound to be killed by one of the gray rats that have taken the town.

Captain Geo. Snow Now Postmaster

On Tuesday of this week Captain George Snow took the oath of office required for the new postmaster for this city. On that day the office accounts were checked up and on Thursday morning, July 1st the office passed into the care of Captain Snow. Mr. Carter will for the present devote his time to his newspaper, the Renfro Record. During the several years that Mr. Carter held the office of postmaster he filled the position with entire satisfaction to the patrons and with credit to himself.

To Business Men of Mount Airy

The business men of this city have a problem before them that cannot be longer ignored. Shall this city go forward and put in a modern sewer system now or have the state officers come here and see to it that about 500 town lots are equipped with sanitary closets; that is the question. To have these sanitary closets built here would cost the citizens of the town as much as \$50 each or a total of \$25,000, and after they are once here they are a nuisance and a filthy makeshift to do what can be done so much better by a properly installed sewer system. These sanitary closets that we are talking about are big blocks of cement and nothing but a charge of dynamite would remove one. And once the citizen was forced to go to the expense of putting one of these closets on his lot he would be slow to connect up with the city mains once they are in place.

Now get this idea. The state has laws that require a modern sewer system in a city like this, and we will not be able longer to avoid this law. We got by this year by promising to build this sewer system, but we cannot get by another year. We will simply have to fall in line and do as other towns are doing—comply with the state laws, which we are this year avoiding. And we are avoiding the law because it will save our people a little money. Now this not meant as a criticism of the town officials, for they have done their duty as best they could. They promised the state officials that they would build a sewer system here this summer if the state would not enforce the law as to sanitary privies. But when it came to selling the bonds to secure the money it was found that a rate of interest was required that was so high as to cause the town officials to balk at accepting the offer.

It appears to us that it would be better business for the town to sell the bonds even at a higher rate of interest, if they can be sold at all, rather than have our people required to install on 500 lots these cement boxes at a cost of \$25,000 to the individuals of the town. It would be far better to pay six or even seven per cent rather than have this system of cement boxes all over the city.

The cold facts are that it costs so much more money now to do things that most of us balk at the cost and want to do nothing, but then there is that state law that we cannot possibly get around. The spirit of progress has hit this state, and even if our people were willing to continue to live as our grandfathers lived, we will not be allowed to do so.

As we see it the town commissioners are not willing to sell bonds at a high rate of interest on their own responsibility. It appears to us that the men of money of this town should hold a mass meeting or some kind of meeting and back up the commissioners in a way to strengthen their hands and make these improvements in some way, for we are going to make them—get that, we are going to make them, because of the state laws that we will not be able to avoid another year. If the business men of this city would meet with the commissioners and discuss this matter we are confident that a way would be found to secure the money and this work would be started this year. In this way we would not be forced by the state to go to a great expense that would bring only temporary relief. This town has already done too much temporary work.

Mr. Morrison And Mr. Gardner

The Democrats are waging war on their two candidates for Governor that has gone the limit. Of course we all have our favorite and naturally magnify the faults and weakness of the man we do not favor. But this thing of making charges has gone so far and assumed such ridiculous extremes that sensible men of the party should take a hand. The party needs to be saved from its rash imprudent workers. If let alone and allowed to have their way these unwise party men will make shipwreck of the whole Democratic party.

It is a ridiculous spectacle that has loomed up before the eyes of the whole people. Here we have two of the first citizens of the state pitted against each other for the highest office in the gift of the commonwealth. Either of them easily take rank among the most able men of the state. And yet they are being held up before the people by party workers as men who are not fit to fill the most lowly office.

Mr. Gardner has a following in the state that equals about half the Democratic party. That is admitted. He has shown such ability that he has caused the best men of the state to rally around him by the thousand and work for him and spend their money for him that his cause may succeed. And yet those who are opposing him are insistent on the fact that he has no ability, no standing, no backbone, no qualifications for the high office to which he aspires. His life is so clean and his record so pure that not a charge can be made against him that amounts to being a charge.

Mr. Morrison entered the race for Governor as the choice of a large following of the true and tried Democrats of the state. He had a record as a party worker and a man of ability second to no citizen of the state. He came before the people as a man of such ability as to command the almost undivided support of the city of Charlotte, where he has lived for years. He has long held the reputation of being a great lawyer and one of the most able campaigners in the whole country. Yet this man is being abused and vilified as a man unworthy of holding any office within the gift of the people. He was reared in a Republican home and when of age cast his fortunes with the Democratic party, and saw his father come with him and was instrumental in turning the county of his home from the Republican to the Democratic party. From his youth he has been a public speaker of influence and power for Democracy. But because he happened to be reared in a home where the father was a Republican he is being held up as a man unfit for the high office to which he aspires. He is pictured as the tool of a bunch of revenue officers who are his sole supporters and who are alone responsible for his being in the race. The facts are that Mr. Morrison is the one man in the state today who can take rank with an Aycock or a Vance as a political speaker and true and tried Democrat. But he is a nobody in the eyes of those who are trying to detract from his success.

The party has great need for the sober element to bestir itself and see that we do not make shipwreck by tearing from over our own heads the roof of Democracy that shelters us from such dark days as followed the Republican victory of 30 years ago.

George O. Graves left Tuesday afternoon to attend the furniture exposition in Grand Rapids, Mich.

A Week Of Politics

With the National Democratic Convention in session at San Francisco and the state primary on our hands this week the folks who are interested in politics have a plenty to talk about. The National convention met Monday and will take up most of the week making a platform for the party. It is expected that they will get ready to ballot for the next President about Saturday. Most folks are predicting that McAdoo will be the choice of the party, while some are expecting that before it is settled Mr. Wilson will be nominated for the third term. It is noticeable that every time the name of Wilson is mentioned in the speeches the convention cheers to the limit.

The Democrats will meet again in their primary on Saturday to decide who shall be the candidate for Governor. The interest about here is intense on the part of a few party workers, but aside from these the rank and file of the folk seem to be but little interested. Both the Morrison and the Gardner men are claiming the county and each will tell you that it will win in the state.

Congressman Stedman A Visitor

Major C. M. Stedman is spending a vacation at the Springs. For years it has been the custom of the Major to come here each summer and get the benefit of our climate and water. He looks the picture of health and talks with much interest on local and national affairs.

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Dr. W. M. Hollingsworth
 DENTIST
 Mount Airy, N. C.

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