

THAT "INSULT TO TEACHERS"

Colonel Varner Replies to Charges Made Against the Underwood Bureau

To the Editor of The Times: I have issued the following letter, which I would be glad to have you print:

To the Editor of The News and Observer: On the first page of your issue of Saturday, May 11, 1912, there is a headline reading "Circulars Insult Honest Teacher" over an article referring to campaign literature sent out in advocacy of Hon. Oscar W. Underwood for president; the article was inspired by a letter written to me by a teacher whom you do not name, but whom I have no hesitation in identifying as Dr. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill. By the way, it may be interesting to note that the copy of the letter sent me was marked "confidential," but as he has seen fit to give out the text to you, I presume that he has no objection to my stating who wrote it. Dr. Noble was irritated because every time Mr. Wilson's name was called in the letter, it appeared "Professor Wilson," and from this you argue that I have insulted the teachers of the state. I confess, I stand amazed, for while I am not a worshipper of the ex-president of Princeton by any means, still I consider him a very able man and I had no idea that it would insult the teachers of the state to class him among them. In fact, I am still of the opinion that you are mistaken; the evidence of your headline to the contrary notwithstanding, I do not believe that there is a teacher in North Carolina who would be aggrieved at the comparison.

Throughout the body of the article you consistently endeavor to give the impression that the Underwood bureau has been sending out circulars abusive of the teaching profession; you never say so straight out, for you know very well that no such circulars have been sent out, but by repeated innuendo and insinuation you strive to give that false impression. For instance, how would the average reader construe this sentence: "Sneers at poverty-stricken professors" and like utterances are not relished either by the teaching professional or the general public." Nine men out of ten would infer that the Underwood bureau had been sneering at some teacher on account of his poverty, yet you have not said so and you will not say so, for you know that it is not true. The sole time that the expression "poverty-stricken" has been used in Underwood campaign literature is in the following sentence in reference to Mr. Wilson's hundred-thousand-dollar campaign in Wisconsin: "The poverty-stricken pedagogues has been carrying on a campaign that would have bankrupted all the rest of them in two months." I will not insult the intelligence of the editor of The News and Observer suggesting that he is so dull of mind that he has not understood that the sneer is not at Mr. Wilson's poverty, but at his pose.

Last you may think that you have not received all the evidence in the case, I am enclosing in this letter a copy of every piece of literature that has been issued from the Underwood bureau. Look it over; scan it carefully; read it backwards, if you like and print it if you dare! You know very well that if all the facts were laid before them the people of North Carolina would be for Underwood by an overwhelming majority, and you know that your only chance of making any impression upon the voters is by means of a campaign of misrepresentation and garbled news reports such as the one under consideration. You know that Mr. Wilson has been absolutely out of the running for six weeks; you know that his friends are even now admitting that he has no chance; but you also know that a certain candidate from the west is looming up larger every day, and if, after the second or third ballot the North Carolina delegation should be handed over to him, you know whose would be the glory—and the spoils! You are national committeeman from North Carolina, and supposed to be disinterested, and yet you are sending out letters marked "personal" making discreditable insinuations about one of the candidates, and at the same time you hold up your hands of holy horror when the supporters of Mr. Underwood, by means of the mails, appeal directly to the people, right over the heads of the national committee as well as the state com-

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mittee. They would have made fine progress if they had attempted to carry on their campaign through the columns of The News and Observer, which will not even allow them space to reply to direct attacks. You are strong for the rule of the people as long as the people are with you, but when the Underwood men attempt to get an expression from the people on their candidate, you are shocked beyond expression, and all but charge them with having attempted to bribe the primary officials.

I would not be understood as accusing the editor of The News and Observer of dishonesty personally, for such a charge would be ridiculous on its face; but I do accuse him of having allowed this enthusiasm for one candidate to carry him far beyond the bounds which a fair-minded man should never allow himself to cross. And I further more charge him with using—perhaps unconsciously—the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson as a mask behind which licks The News and Observer's real candidate, William Jennings Bryan.

I shall be very much surprised if this ever sees the light in The News and Observer; it would be contrary to the settled policy of that journal to publish a reply to any attack it chooses to make. But I shall take care to see that it is published in papers whose eyes are not so blinded by the dazzling glory of the Nebraskan that they are unable to distinguish between good and evil.

H. B. VARNER,
Mgr. Underwood State Cam. Com.

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but the crowd cheered, as, with burned hands, he held up a small round box, "Fellows!" he shouted, "this Bucklen's Arnica Salve I hold, has everything beat for burns." Right! also for boils, ulcers, sores, pimples, eczema, cuts, sprains, bruises. Surest pile cure. It subdues inflammation, kills pain. Only 25 cents at King-Crowell Drug Co.

DEMOCRATS AT BAT

Have Lively Lining in Iredeell—Death of Infant—Escaped Negro Captured.

(Special to The Times.) Statesville, May 14.—Never before have the democratic voters of Iredeell county seemed so vitally concerned in a local political issue and never has there been so much "politicizing" as just now. The stir is on account of the movement to put county officers on salaries. A mass meeting favoring this reform nominated ex-Lieutenant Governor Turner for the senate and Messrs. S. Frontis and T. M. Williams for the house. The nominees of the organization—the democratic ring—which has always opposed and fought salaries, are Messrs. A. D. Watts for the senate and H. P. Crier and Thos. Hall for the house. Both sides are claiming victory. The fight will be in the primaries Saturday.

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Combs, who live on the Boulevard, died Sunday afternoon about four o'clock, death resulting from the effects of burns received about three weeks ago when the child fell into a tub of hot water. An abscess started from one of the burns on the child's neck and had eaten its way to the bone. Death came suddenly and unexpectedly while physicians were dressing the abscess. The little boy was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Combs and the young parents have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. Funeral services were conducted at the residence yesterday afternoon by Rev. B. F. Hargett and the interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. W. P. Beaver died quite suddenly Sunday night at her home on Steek street. She was about 30 years old and leaves a husband and seven children. She was a member of Race street Methodist church and funeral services were conducted at the residence late yesterday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. D. F. Hargett. The burial was at Oakwood.

Ed Carr, colored, was brought to Statesville yesterday from Mooresville by Policeman Brown and lodged in jail to await court. He is charged with wife-beating and incest, his alleged victim in the latter case being his daughter. The negro was given a preliminary hearing on the



MRS. LAURA F. SCHENCK.

Members of the prosecution are endeavoring to complete arrangements in a hurry so that the second trial of Mrs. Laura F. Schenck may begin in the near future. Mrs. Schenck is charged with having attempted to poison her husband, John Schenck, a millionaire lumber merchant, of Wheeling, in order that she might enjoy the fortune he would leave her with a young society man of that city with whom she is alleged to have been intimated.

charges about a year ago and made his escape from the Mooresville lockup where he was held. He returned to Mooresville Sunday and was arrested.

Mrs. Rose A. Freeman, Clifford, Va., says they have long used Foley's Remedies and want to say a good word for them. She writes: "Foley's Kidney Pills cured my husband of a long-standing kidney trouble, after he had taken other medicines without relief. We would not be without Foley & Co.'s medicines in our house for many times their cost." King-Crowell Drug Co.

DARING ROBBERY

Negro Pulls Off Ingenious Trick—Sea Side City Claims Population of 28,000.

(Special to The Times.) Wilmington, May 14.—Sam Hall, colored, stands trial today for an offense that for nerve and effrontery stands unparalleled. A one-eyed negro, said to be Sam, entered a wholesale establishment Saturday and under pretense of buying feed for a well-known wood dealer secured several sacks of grain. Yesterday he returned and asked for a receipted bill and remaining change from a \$20, saying that he would return in a short time with the \$20. The money and the bill were given him and he went out. He never came back. The thief, whether it be Sam or not, is the possessor of \$20 in grain and money procured in a manner unique if not locally.

The health department has recently compiled statistics relating to the sanitary conditions of the city and incidentally prepared an accurate record of the population of the city. Wilmingtonians are now proud to say that the city has a population of more than 28,000 souls, some 3,000 more than the government statistics of last year.

The North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union will assemble in this city in June, the 14th, 15th and 16th. The state large expressed their intention of coming, and it is expected that a large attendance will be present.

Dr. J. T. R. Neal, prop. Riverside Drug Co., Greenville, S. C., writes recently, "I have been a practicing physician and druggist for over 35 years and have sold and administered many kidney medicines, but none to equal Foley's Kidney Pills. They are superior to any I ever used and give the quickest permanent relief." King-Crowell Drug Co.

WILMINGTON NEWS.

K. of C. in Session—Golf Tournament Underway and Wrightsville Opens Soon.

(Special to The Times.) Wilmington, May 14.—About 150 delegates are in this city in attendance upon the convention of the Carolinians of the Knights of Columbus. The delegates hail from all parts of the two states. The Carolinians are enthusiastic. A banquet was held Sunday night in honor of the visitors. The Knights paraded from the hall to St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in the morning, attended high mass, held exercises in the afternoon and initiated 40 candidates into three degrees. Last night a dance was held at Lumina on Wrightsville Beach in honor of the Knights. The regular business meeting was held this morning.

The contract for the \$325,000 union depot to be erected in this city was awarded Saturday to the Boyle-Robertson Company, of Washington, D. C. The seven-story structure is to be complete within a year.

This will be one of the handsomest buildings in Wilmington.

The Chess and Checker Club of this city is at present conducting a tournament. Much interest is being shown and the organization is flourishing. Mr. J. C. Loder, the secretary, would be glad to communicate with other similar organizations around the state with the end in view affiliating. A letter addressed to him in care of the United States engineer's office would receive his courteous attention.

Wrightsville Beach is beginning to awaken from a winter's sleep. A few cottagers now occupy their summer homes, and the small hotels are accommodating a few guests. Within three weeks the season will have begun in full stride. Hundreds of guests have already made arrangements for the season.

TRIAL OPENS

Wes Brewer on Stand for Murder of Policeman—Number of Witnesses.

Asheville, May 14.—The trial of Wes Brewer, alias John Huff, and other aliases, began yesterday morning in superior court with Judge B. P. Long presiding. A special venire of 75 men had been summoned and these with the spectators crowded the court-room. Seldom has there been a case in this county that has commanded the popular interest that this has. Most of the morning session was taken up with the selection of a jury and it is thought that the case will consume about two days, as there are a large number of witnesses to be examined both for the state and the defense.

The prisoner had already been arraigned for the crime of killing Patrolman E. C. McConnell last summer after the officer had placed him under arrest. It appears that he has entirely recovered from the illness with which he was attacked just after his arrest by the South Carolina detective on the Savannah river. He is represented by Judges P. C. Cooke, H. B. Carter and W. H. Daniel, while Haynes & Gidger and Mark W. Brown are assisting Solicitor Reynolds in the prosecution.

There are about 40 or 50 witnesses to be examined. Each side is proceeding confidently, but the prosecution seems especially sure of the result. New evidence has been gathered for the state during the past several weeks, and its introduction promises to be interesting.

It makes a man very peevisish for his wife to think he ever could be. The difference between Theodore Roosevelt, the historian, and Theodore Roosevelt, the demagogue, is even more startling than the difference between Woodrow Wilson, the historian, and Woodrow Wilson, the candidate.—Macon Telegraph.

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