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THE POLITICAL POT BOILS

MR. D. Y. COOPER MENTIONED FOR GOVERNOR

Col. Al Fairbrother Places the Big Henderson Man in the Same Boat With Carr, Osborn and Travis.

Colonel Al Fairbrother, in his everything, gives Mr. D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson, a rousing boost for Governor, as follows:

"A correspondent says: 'If General Carr refuses to run for Governor and if Colonel Osborne thinks he should remain in Washington, why don't you fellows understand that the Congressional districts are in peril and prevail upon D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson, to be a candidate. He is a business man who would put this State in the running commercial. He is big and he is popular.'"

Commenting on the above paragraph, Col. Fairbrother says editorially:

"Well, we are not running anybody. We want to see a business man nominated for Governor, and D. Y. Cooper would suit us all right. We are only telling the misguided Democrats that if they insist on running politicians for Governor there will be a land slide in North Carolina. And it is going to happen. Mr. Bickett, who thinks he has a cinch on the nomination mustn't bet too heavy on the election. And then what will it mean to see three or four Congressmen defeated? But perhaps the 'party' cares nothing about that—just so the 'East' gets a candidate—and the 'West' can come in next time. The people are getting very tired of this east and west business, but not so tired of that as they are of this cut and dried politics. Even so early some of the papers are boasting that Mr. Bickett has it all his own way. But there is an election to take place and it is our belief that the farmers will swat the professional politician this ground. That, at least, is our hope."

Continuing again in another part of his paper, under the caption "Before It Is Too Late," Colonel Fairbrother goes on:

"Before it is too late the hope is that the Democratic leaders will put up a business man for Governor. There is Carr; there is Osborn; there is D. Y. Cooper; there is Travis—many first-class business men would lead the party to victory and save all the Congressmen."

"To run professional politicians and office holders at this time for the big State offices means, as it looks to us, that the Republicans will come in and give much trouble."

We quite agree with Col. Fairbrother that Mr. Cooper, Gen. Carr, Col. Osborn or Mr. Travis would make a good Governor, but if Col. Osborn and Mr. Travis are not politicians we should like to see for once just how a real live politician does look.

The Biggest Job

There seems to be something in the report that Col. Osborn, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will be in the race for Governor of North Carolina next year. It is claimed that a business Governor is essential to the United States, and he is putting life in it that was never in it before. He has gone after the people who were and who had been for years defrauding the government; he has put in system never known before, and he has shown beyond any doubt that he possess great ability.

Just when and just how his campaign will be launched we do not know. In fact we do not know that it will be launched. We do not see why Col. Osborn should seek the place. He is a bigger man in Washington as Commissioner of Internal Revenue than he would be in North Carolina as Governor, with only limited power. At any rate we shall wait for Col. Osborn to speak out.

Will Run Also

Hon. R. A. Doughton has finally consented to run for Attorney General. This conclusion was reached last week. Judge Frank Carter is also running. The people of the State will have a chance to choose between many men, we take it before the campaign closes. Bickett and Daughtridge are the only two candidates for Governor so far.

Mr. W. A. Self a Candidate

It is announced that Mr. W. A. Self of Hickory, will be a candidate for Attorney General. The news was greeted with pleasure by Mr. Self's friends throughout the State.

Mr. Self has been a commanding figure in North Carolina democracy for more than 20 years. He has stumped the State in every campaign during this time and has been a hard fighter for his party, standing high in its councils and answering every call made upon him. He was a Parker elector, served in the legislature of 1903 and was a delegate to the Baltimore convention.

THE OXFORD CORNET BAND

Mr. Bert Taylor Still Working on the Proposition

Mr. Bert Taylor is still at work on the proposition to establish a Cornet Band in Oxford. He is in communication with a high class musician to instruct the members of the band in the event Mr. Taylor is successful in launching the movement.

Mr. Taylor says he will experience no trouble in securing the co-operation of good musical talent in Oxford, but the temporary delay is occasioned by the lack of funds to purchase high class instruments. It will require at least \$700 for this one item, but several of the young men prefer to purchase their own instruments.

It was the wish of the community that Mr. Taylor could get his band in readiness to meet Miss Prosperity down the road and escort her ladyship to town this fall; then there is the County Fair, followed by the County Commencement and a whole lot of other things wherein the band would enliven things.

THE PRICE OF TOBACCO

MR. SAM WATKINS BUYS FIRST LOAD.

Eastern Market Opens up Good Last Week, Prices Ranging From Seven To Twenty Cents.

The Greenville Reflector reports an initial sale on the Greenville market, which opened last week, of 60,000 pounds at an average of nine to ten cents, some bringing as high as twenty cents and some as low as two cents. Greenville is one of the two or three leading markets of Eastern North Carolina, and sales of a half to three-quarters of a million pounds a day are an ordinary thing at the season's highest. The small beginning, in the quantity of the weed put on sale on the opening day, may be taken as an indication of the disposition of the farmers to wait, and to hold their product until the market becomes a little more adjusted to the situation.

The Goldsboro market opened last week and the prices on common grades ranged from seven to twenty cents, better grades bring 25 cents.

A large load of primings found its way to Oxford last Saturday and Mr. Sam Watkins, proprietor of the Johnson Warehouse took it in and sent the old man home very well satisfied. It was indeed a very inferior grade, ranging from two to seven cents.

We are inclined to the belief that the price is going to rise from its opening figure. Buyers are anxious to see the quality of the crop, and if it is good, in all probability it will bring a reasonable price this season.

One of the puzzling features of the sales is that the big companies must necessarily wait to get their bearings. They have a sufficient quantity stored away for twelve months or two years, and what they elect to buy this season will be for later use. It is stated that they have worked all along with an eye single to store a four years' supply. The big companies admit that so far as the United States, Canada and South America are concerned the outlook for the manufactured product was never better. The only thing that is lacking is just a ray of light from over the seas, and that is very apt to make its appearance before the frost comes or at least it begins to look that way. Those people over there will not fight all the winter; if they do, they are bigger fools than we thought they were.

MR. L. THOMAS RETURNS

They Are Telling a Pleasant Little Joke at His Expense.

Mr. L. Thomas has returned from a sojourn at Buffalo Springs, much improved in health. They are telling a pleasant little joke on him over at the springs.

Everybody knows that Mr. Thomas can write very plain when he tries, but when it comes to his signature you have to put on your specks.

Seeing him at leisure in a big arm chair, a young man desiring to make his acquaintance requested the clerk to tell him the name of the distinguished gentleman. The clerk turned back a few pages of the hotel register and came to the following inscription: "L. Thomas, Oxford, N. C."

You should see the signature to appreciate the story. The clerk and the dapper young man looked at it from several angles and decided that it must be "Landis." With this information in hand the young man sauntered over and greeted "Mr. Landis" very cordially, and Mr. Thomas very cordially set the young man straight.

Mr. Thomas through force of habit or hurry, may not write his signature very plain, but he is one of the very best and most methodical business men in Oxford, and his checks are as good as gold.

THE WAR

ITALY DECLARES WAR AGAINST TURKEY.

Great Britain Issues Decree Declaring United States Cotton Absolute Contraband—Unusual Activity By German Underwater Craft in Last Few Days.

Italy's long-expected declaration of war against Turkey has been made. For weeks the tension existing between the two governments has been so acute that the breaking point was looked for at any moment. Turkish support of the revolt in Libya and the prevention of the departure of Italian residents from Asia Minor are the reasons for Italy's hostile move, as given in a note which was handed to the Porte on Saturday by Marquis de Garrioni, Italy's ambassador to Turkey, when he demanded his passports.

News dispatches recently stated that a squadron of fast Italian cruisers was being held in readiness to sail from Taranto, Italy, at a moment's notice, and it is expected these warships would be sent against Turkey, presumably to the Dardanelles, if hostilities were declared. It is also said that simultaneously with the declaration of war by Italy about 150,000 men would be sent to aid Franco-British forces in the fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Cotton Absolute Contraband

News dispatches state that cotton has been declared absolute contraband by Great Britain and that the proclamation was signed by King George Saturday.

The statement declares that the government proposes to initiate measures to relieve depression which might temporarily disturb the cotton market because of the contraband order.

It was learned upon inquiry at the foreign office that the French government will at once issue a similar notice.

The declaration making cotton contraband is effective from Saturday. A brief royal proclamation published in a supplement of the London Gazette issued Saturday says:

"Now, therefore, we do hereby declare, by and with the advice of our privy council, that during the continuance of the war, or until we do give further public notice, the following articles will be treated as absolute contraband in addition to those set out in our royal proclamations aforementioned:

"Raw cotton, cotton linters, cotton waste cotton yarn.

"And we do hereby further declare that this, our royal proclamation, shall take effect from the date of its publication in the London Gazette."

United States Will Protest

Officials state that the Washington government is certain the United States will protest against the British action, citing the previous consistent policy of Great Britain in holding cotton free of restraint. The result it is expected, will be to draw out a full explanation of the reasons behind the British change of policy. A long course of diplomatic interchanges undoubtedly will follow before an agreement can be reached or the question possibly submitted to arbitration.

Torpedo Activity

Fourteen steamers with a total gross tonnage of 47,698 have been sunk in the last 48 hours by German submarines, according to news advices. This toll, which establishes a record for so short a period was more than twice as heavy as that levied by underwater craft in the preceding week. So far as known there has been no loss of life except in the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic.

The recrudescence of submarine activity began on August 12 and in the week ending August 18 the British Admiralty reports officially, 13 vessels of a total tonnage of 22,970 were sunk, 11 of them by underwater craft, and two by mines. This makes a total known loss of 70,668 tons of shipping in nine days.

Underwater craft torpedoed on Friday the British steamer Restormel Baron Eskine, City of New York, Samara, Gladiator, Bittern and the Ben Brachie with a total of 22,729 tons. The Norwegian steamer Sverresborg and Bras and the Spanish steamer Perla Castillo also were sunk making grand total of 26,674 tons.

The vessels sunk Thursday were the Arabic, 15,801 tons; the Grodno, 1,955 tons; the Serbino 2,205 tons and the Magda, 1,063 tons, a total of 21,024. All these were of British registry except the Magda, Norwegian.

Judge W. A. Devin, who last week presided at the Johnson county court arrived at home Saturday. He left Sunday afternoon for Goldsboro, where he is holding court the week.

FIVE GOOD FARMS FOR RENT—Apply to T. Lanier. 8-4-15

OXFORD OVERRATED

Richmond Lady Discusses the Size of the Town.

A gentleman returning from Richmond says he met a very interesting old lady in the historic city, and among the things discussed was the population of the various cities and towns in North Carolina.

"How large is Oxford?" inquired the lady.

"We have between six and seven thousand inhabitants," said the Oxford man, stretching the blanket a little.

"Is that all," responded the lady, "I thought from the number of patients that you send to the Richmond hospitals that Oxford was a city of twenty or thirty thousand inhabitants."

The gentleman explained to the lady that most of the patients going to the hospitals from Granville were credited to Oxford, and that is the reason the number is so great.

PASS TO THEIR REWARD

TWO OF GRANVILLE'S HONORED CITIZENS.

Mr. Wilton Blalock and Mr. J. R. Wilson Fall on Sleep—Funeral and Interment of Mr. Blalock This Wednesday Afternoon at Mt. Zion.

One by one the old and much beloved Confederate soldiers answer the last roll call of the Great Captain of their Salvation. This time it is our good friend Mr. Wilton Blalock, who succumbed suddenly Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock at his home at Culbreth of heart disease. Although his health had not been good for some months, his sudden death was indeed a shock to his family, neighbors and friends.

Mr. Blalock was 72 years of age, served gallantly in the Confederate army and was Adjutant of the Granville Confederate Veterans Association of Granville county. He was a true and ever faithful soldier of the cross and loved to do good in the world and make others happy. For many years he was a leading and enthusiastic member of the Mt. Zion Baptist church at Berea.

At the time of his sudden taking away he was secretary of Granville County Farmers Mutual Fire Association, which he had successfully managed for a number of years. He also served the people of his county faithfully and well several years as a County Commissioner, with an eye single to the best interest of the county.

Mr. Blalock will be greatly missed in his home life as he was devoted to his family, an obliging neighbor and always ready to comfort the afflicted and aid the needy, and to his many friends always received a hospitable welcome at the portal of his home.

It can be well said of this good man, "Well done faithful servant, enter thou into thy Master's joy."

He leaves behind to mourn his sudden passing a devoted wife and four loving children, four sons and two daughters, Messrs. Frank B. and J. M. Blalock, and Mrs. J. C. Howard, of Oxford; Mrs. T. G. Currin, of Oxford Route 6; Rev. J. G. Blalock, of Weldon, and Mr. Arch Blalock, of Atlanta, Ga., along with a number of interesting grand-children.

The last sad rites over his remains will take place this Wednesday afternoon at Mt. Zion church, and will be largely attended by his many friends from both country and town. To the grief stricken wife and dear children we extend deep sympathy in the sad hour of gloom.

J. R. Wilson

Mr. J. R. Wilson, a follower of General Lee, who lived at Dexter, gave up the ghost last Saturday night after a long period of affliction, in the 80th year of his life.

Mr. Wilson followed General Lee for four years and was at Appomattox when the hostilities were concluded. He was for fifty-two years a consistent member of Salem church and bore a lovable disposition throughout his life.

Three daughters survive, namely: Mrs. Day, of Oxford; Mrs. R. T. Green and Mrs. Dennis O'Brien, who made their home with their father.

The funeral and burial service was conducted by Rev. C. A. Jones at Salem church Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large throng of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Who'll Be First?—The attention of our women readers and more especially the housewives, is called to our "Household Department" in this issue of the Public Ledger. We are anxious to have recipes from the women of Granville county to appear weekly in this column. Who will be the first one to send us a recipe or household suggestion? We will not publish your full name with it if you prefer.

ARCH ENEMY CAPTURED

NOTORIOUS EMMITT SMITH BEHIND PRISON BARS

Sheriff Hobgood's Notice in the Public Ledger Led to the Capture of the Ex-Convict, Thief and All-Round Bad Man Near Chase City.

On Monday night of last week some one entered the stable of John Burwell a well-to-do colored farmer five miles north of Oxford and took therefrom one of his finest horses, valued at \$250. On the following morning some one entered the stable in the Lewis community and stole a set of harness, and that night some one entered the shed of a farmer in the same section of the county and stole a buggy.

Sheriff Hobgood got busy and issued a description of the horse, which appeared in the last issue of the Public Ledger, requesting the public to keep a close lookout for the thief. The printed notice did the work.

Emmitt Smith was seen in Chase City last Saturday with a horse that tallied with the description of the one taken from the stable of John Burwell last week. Emmitt tarried only a short while in Chase City, passing on to the north in the direction of Petersburg, the haven of bad negroes. When about six miles beyond Chase City he was overtaken by an officer and arrested at the point of a gun. In the excitement of the moment the negro acknowledged that his name was Emmitt Smith. The officer returned with his man to Chase City and immediately notified Sheriff Hobgood of the arrest. Special officer J. A. Hutchens was dispatched to Chase City and returned to Oxford Saturday night with the prisoner, who proved to be Emmitt Smith, the notorious negro wanted on a half dozen charges in Granville and Mecklenburg counties.

Emmitt Smith has served a five years' sentence in the Virginia State Prison for maliciously poisoning the cattle of a farmer in Mecklenburg county some years ago with paris green.

The Mecklenburg authorities did not want to give up the notorious prisoner, but upon the assertion of Sheriff Hobgood that the theft of a horse in North Carolina was a grave crime, the authorities turned him over to the Granville authorities.

The horse, wagon and harness have been returned to their rightful owners, and Emmitt Smith languishes in jail awaiting the return of Judge Oliver H. Allen at the next term of Granville Superior Court.

FARMER'S MODEL FARM

The Old Astronomer Has Settled Down to Work.

There is a small advertisement appearing in the business locals of the Public Ledger which is of much interest to the people of Oxford. Mr. F. B. Farmer, who lives on Route 5, is taking orders for peaches for canning and preserving, as well as all kinds of fresh vegetables. He delivers the goods every day, or twice a day as the case may be. The phone line does not extend to Mr. Farmer's place, which is located one mile in rear of the Oxford Orphanage and was formerly known as the Col. Horner place, on which there is one of the finest peach orchards in the State.

Quite a number of ladies of the town, since reading Mr. Farmer's advertisement elsewhere in the Public Ledger have phoned or asked us how they could get out to Mr. Farmer's farm, or make arrangements to see him when he comes to town. A postal will reach him all right, but if one wishes to see the big luscious fruit on the limb, they can go out Williamsburg road and turn to the north at a point a few rods from Harrisburg creek. The farm is up on a high hill in plain view of the church spires, smoke stacks and water tank.

Mr. Farmer has done a lot of work out there. Some people are disposed to believe he is a "Down Easter," but he comes from Wake county. It is true that he is an old astronomer and has a handsome telescope costing three thousand dollars, with which he traveled over the country, gazing at the stars and the moon. He is a most interesting man. Mr. Farmer also, with his brother owns a handsome grape fruit and orange orchard in Florida. He is sending many fine boxes of peaches to Jacksonville and if any one in Oxford wishes to get fresh grape fruit right off of the tree, Mr. Farmer will take their order and see that they get it post haste.

Live Pictures

The Pathe pictures to be seen at the Orpheum Theatre every night is the quickest and safest route to Europe that we know of at this particular time. Scenes in Paris, London, and Berlin, all shown in one night, is traveling some.