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**DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.**

For Governor—William W. Kitchen.  
 For Lieutenant Governor—W. C. Newland.  
 For Secretary of State—J. Bryan Grimes.  
 For Treasurer—Benjamin R. Lacy.  
 For Auditor—Benjamin F. Dixon.  
 For Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. Y. Joyner.  
 For Insurance Commissioner—James R. Young.  
 Attorney General—T. W. Bickett.  
 Commissioner of Agriculture—W. A. Graham.  
 For Labor commissioner—M. L. Shipman.  
 For corporation commissioner—B. F. Aycock.

**CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER.**

Says the Concord Times:  
 With this issue The Times enters upon the thirty-fourth year of its existence, having been established in 1875. For twenty-three years of this time the present editor has had charge, and in all this time the paper has never missed a regular issue nor failed to appear on the day of publication. The paper, of course, is in a more prosperous condition to-day than ever before. The people of this section have been good to it, overlooking its faults and magnifying its virtues. In the days to come, as in those that are past, its effort will be always to aid in bringing about that which tends to the moral and material betterment of the people of this section.

The Ledger congratulates the Times upon its past achievements and most heartily wishes for that worthy paper a continuation of its prosperity. The Times has had an enviable past and its future path looks very bright. Here's luck to Brother Sherrill!

**THE HERO ROUTE.**

In a recent article in the Atlanta Journal reference is made to a book published eighteen months ago in which Mr. Kitchen is put before the public in the guise of a hero. We have not had the pleasure of reading the book, nor have we seen any criticism of it. Therefore, there is nothing so far as is known to cause any one to speak unkindly of the author's efforts or intentions.

But, all the same, the hero route contains many lurking dangers for a growing man. The public too well remembers the case of Hobson. It is a weakness of the American people to take up a prominent favorite, laud him to the skies, put him almost on a sacred pedestal, and then expect him to live up to such an impossible reputation. And the first time he bats his eyes in any way other than according to the code of etiquette prescribed for heroes, then comes a fusillade of absurd and unreasonable criticism that has belittled many a big man. This is followed up relentlessly by sarcasm or irony on the part of the victim's enemies, and everybody knows that sarcasm or irony is the most powerful weapon in political warfare, since it gives the attacked nothing tangible to fight, leaving him in a very pitiable plight.

People who are addicted to indulging in the pastime of making heroes unconsciously do the beneficiary more injustice than his most bitter enemies, and it is to be hoped that all who are Mr. Kitchen's friends and who have the proper interest in his growth will make their best efforts to keep him from being shanghaied and shipped by the dangerous hero route. Its terminus is a place where many a good man has seen his prestige die an unnatural and untimely death.

Mr. Kitchen is one of the finest types of the public man. He is intelligent, faithful, and decidedly a man of action. His personal charm, his incorruptibility, and his ability, have opened up for him the softest place in the affections of the people, making him the most popular man in North Carolina to-day.

Furthermore, he is young and the real work that is cut out for him is just beginning to loom up in his way. His future is bright, and deservedly so, consequently, it would be

a pity to let him slip into the clutches of hero makers and hero worshippers. His record has been thoroughly investigated from every standpoint—and these investigations have been made by those who were unfavorable to him. The results corroborated all the favorable reports that have been made of him.

Gentlemen and friends, let's let that report stand—let Mr. Kitchen stand before the people as he is, and the republican shafts will do no damage this fall. Mr. Kitchen's record has made for him an armor that has but one vulnerable point—sarcasm.

It is all right in the case of a man who has done his life work and has reached the respected period of old age for his admirers to rake up the wonderful things he did in infancy, to retail his sententious remarks, to tell what breakfast foods he prefers, and solemnly impose upon the public credulity about how he refused to let a pretty girl kiss him, or how he kissed the bony claws of some ancient female termagant. It is all right in that case for he has reached that point where he is no longer in anybody's way.

Mr. Kitchen is too big a man to become a plaything for the sentimentalists. He is going to be our next governor, and he will be one of the best that we have ever had, but thank the Lord, he is no hero.

Please revoke the pass over that route.

**Right After Booze.**

It really looks as if Durham is going straight after John Barley corn. Tuesday's Durham Sun says:  
 "The aldermen created a great surprise last evening when by vote of four to three, one member being absent at the time, license was refused to the drug stores to sell whiskey on prescription. This makes Durham in theory at least, a thoroughly dry town. Not a drop of whiskey can be sold legally in this county.

In springing this surprise the aldermen themselves were more or less surprised. There was no intimation that this would be done. It was all over and the town was declared to be dry before any one had time to draw a second breath.

It came about in this way and really resulted in the license being refused after being granted: Three drug stores, W. M. Yearby, P. W. Vaughan and Thomas Pharmacy Co., applied for license in the usual form and sent in the required licensed tax. The applications were read and some one made a motion to grant the license, this meeting a second. The question was put and two or three voted in the affirmative, the others not voting. So it was with each of the applications. Then one of the board suggested that all were not voting and ask for the voting to be taken over. This was done and each alderman registered his vote there being three for and four against. The drug stores were turned down. That is all up to this time.

But the question will come up again tomorrow night, when an adjourned session of the board will be held. Dr. E. H. Bowling, member of the board, was called from the council chamber on professional business and was absent when the vote was taken. He will ask that the courtesy be extended him to vote on the question. He will claim this because he was called from the chamber on business of grave importance and that he should have the right to vote. If this is granted, and the probability is that it will, he will vote in the affirmative. Unless there is a change of some other vote the question will be tied up and the mayor will have to decide.

Dr. Bowling was seen today and asked as to his position. He said it was simply this: Without standing for whiskey selling he said that it was absolutely necessary to have whiskey in some practice and at times. He believes and will vote that there be some legal place where the medicine can be secured without making himself and other doctors and law-abiding citizens parties to a violation of the laws. In other words he holds: 1. That whiskey will have to be sold on prescription. 2. Sold illegally. 3. Patients made to suffer. These are his views.

In the meantime the police, by direction of the mayor, have notified all drug stores not to fill whiskey prescriptions from this time on. The question will be an interesting one when re-opened tomorrow night."

**Rev. I. W. Williams Testifies.**

Rev. I. W. Williams, Huntington, W. Va., testifies as follows: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble, and am free to say that Foley's Kidney Remedy will do all that you claim for it." J. G. Hall, Oxford, and Sanderford's Drug Store, Creedmoor.

"Davis pays the freight on all Flues, and guarantees you a fit, or else you need not keep the flues, does this not appeal to the consumer?"

**Where the Shoe Pinches.**

There is such a lot of gush in the Northern papers about Booker Washington, and such a lot of ill-considered and hysterical talk indulged in by Northern sociologists and others about education raising a man to a high plane regardless of his color, that many of our own people are doubtless misled into believing that educated negroes are really met on a level by the better grade of Northern saloons. Of course nothing could be further from the truth, as any one who has ever lived in the North knows.

Even Booker Washington, when he takes a summer residence on Long Island near President Roosevelt's summer home encounters social and economic difficulties of considerable magnitude. The following account of one of their difficulties is clipped from a longer article in a recent number of the New York Press:

"What wealth failed to do, the presence of Booker T. Washington has accomplished here—it has divided the villagers into social factions. The inhabitants of Huntington have boasted for years that the poor and the rich regarded each other as neighbors and that there was less class distinction than in any other village in the State. The members of the poorer families have been invited to the receptions in the homes of those who have acquired wealth, and the wealthy families, in turn, have gone to the outings and other social gatherings of the poorer families.

Now all is changed, however. The return this season of the negro educator, who leased the Van Wyck homestead last year, has aroused a storm of resentment on the part of the wealthy dwellers of the place. Those with less money have received Washington cordially. They knew he was a friend of Neighbor Roosevelt, and that was sufficient for them. Any one who was a friend of Roosevelt was a friend of theirs, they said.

Before the arrival of Washington, the proud Smyths deigned to associate with the humble Smith, the Heckschers and the Mathesons invited the Joneses and the Browns to their homes, and the Fergusons, VanSchaicks, Williamses, Wards, Smithers, Taylors, Gilberts and Bustanobys, all of them of ancient lineage and much wealth, didn't mind meeting the other families of the village who had not been so fortunate.

"Although the wealthy families didn't show their resentment on the negro educator's presence openly, they assumed a frigid attitude that aroused the resentment of the Bookerites, as those in favor of the educator are known. The Bookerites insisted that the negro was a most desirable citizen, and that his accomplishments entitled him to a cordial reception regardless of the color of his skin. Those who owned beautiful homes here thought the presence of a negro, no matter how accomplished he was, would tend to reduce the value of real estate. Therefore they kept away when their humbler neighbors gave Washington a reception.

The Van Wyck homestead leased by Washington adjoins the homes of several of the wealthiest inhabitants of the village. Washington's neighbors found an opportunity to show his presence was undesirable when he wanted a telephone put into the house. It was necessary to put up several poles in order to connect the house with the nearest station, and the representatives of the telephone company tried to obtain permission from Washington's neighbors to erect the poles. Permission was refused. Washington, who was here last summer but got along without a telephone, said he would not come back unless the wires were put into the house. Those who wanted him to come to the village thereupon arranged for a roundabout connection, and the wealthy neighbors of the educator became angry. The feeling of resentment between the Bookerites and the anti-Bookerites is such that families that formerly were the best of friends are bitter enemies now."

If there is a paper in New York entitled to the distinction of being called a "dirty, black republican sheet," the Press is the paper; therefore it can hardly be charged that it exaggerates the case.

Has any one ever heard that Washington ever experienced any difficulty in securing telephone connection in Alabama? Has any one ever heard that any negro in the South will ask for telephone accommodations and was able to pay for them, ever had any difficulty in securing them?

The "Yankee" is a great talker about the "poor, down-trodden colored brother" hundred of miles away, but let one of the brothers in black do something which will touch the Yankee's pocket—which will depreciate the value of his real estate—and see what a difference it makes in Mr.

**Yankee's attitude!**

Sensible negroes have long since learned that their best friends and most forbearing neighbors are the white people of the South—their old masters or the children of the old masters of their poverty.

FRANCIS B. HAYS.

**The Road to Contentment.**

A short Italian prayer which is not without wisdom: "I pray that I may never be married. But if I marry I pray that I may not be deceived. But if I am deceived I pray that I may not know it. But if I know it I pray that I may be able to laugh at the whole affair."—Exchange.

**Plans for a Big Hotel.**

There is a move on foot to build for Durham a big hotel. The Hotel Corcoran, according to reports, is to be doubled its present capacity. This building is owned by Miss Mangum and she has had plans made that are now being considered by builders. The bids for the enlargement of the hotel will be submitted in a few days.

The question of getting a larger hotel for Durham people is now one that is the most important to the city. Until there are better accommodations there will never be any meetings here of importance. In fact there are not accommodations here for the travelling public and as a result many of the traveling men hustle away from here rather than spend Sunday in Durham.

This matter of a larger and better hotel has claimed considerable attention in Durham here of late and the public will be glad to know that there is now on foot a move to build here a hotel that will be a credit to the city.

There is also talk of another large hotel for Durham but the plans for this building have not been made as yet. This building should it materialize, will be five or six stories high. It is being talked.—Durham Sun.

"Samuel Davis is the man that looks to the interest of the farming class, and his prices are guaranteed against any catalogue house in America on the same grade of goods.

**FOR COMMISSIONER.**

At the request of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the action and will of the Democratic party. I will serve faithfully in the event of my nomination and election.

ALBERT A. CREWS,  
 Tally Ho Township.

**FOR COMMISSIONER.**

I hereby respectfully announce my candidacy for the office of county commissioner, subject to the will of the Democratic party. In the event of my nomination and election, I will serve to the best of my ability.

J. R. WALTERS.

**Notice.**

We, the Democratic voters of Tally Ho township, do place in nomination the Hon. A. W. Graham to represent Granville county in the next Legislature. We would like to see how many townships in the county will second his nomination.

Voters of Tally Ho Township.

**FOR COMMISSIONER.**

I hereby desire to announce my candidacy for membership on the Board of county commissioners, subject to the action of the Democratic convention. If nominated and elected I will serve to the best of my ability.

JEROME T. AVERETT.

**FOR SHERIFF.**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Granville County subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and convention.

PRESTON T. FARABOW.  
 June 16th, 1908.

**FOR SHERIFF.**

Through the solicitation of friends I announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Granville county subject to the action of the Democratic convention, having served you in the capacity of county commissioner for six years I am truly grateful for past honors and promising to do my full duty if elected, I am  
 Yours truly  
 W. S. GOOCH.

**FOR SHERIFF.**

Sheriff E. K. Howard announces he will not be a candidate for renomination for Sheriff of Granville county. Many of my friends have asked me to allow my name to be run. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff and assure my friends and the good people of Granville if nominated and elected I shall use every effort in my power to serve them to the best of my ability.

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