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THE SENATORIAL CONTEST.

The senatorial situation is beginning to be very warm and the "You did" "I didn't," is being too recklessly dandied about to promise any good to the democratic party.

The four candidates for the senatorship are all men of distinction and character, and their supporters ought not to compromise them and their party by any unseemly conduct.

THE HEALTH OFFICER.

The meeting of the board of commissioners last Friday night which promised rather a stormy termination has, the Ledger is glad to record, seemed to have the happy result of clarifying the situation.

The people have in every way shown that they are in sympathy with the strenuous attempt to attend to Mr. Fly and do everything calculated to promote the general health.

It is maintained by a number of citizens that the law is crude and needs revising. That might possibly be true; but, be that as it may, the screening feature is unquestioned, and whatever changes that time and experience may bring about will in no wise weaken and will certainly strengthen it.

As to the enforcement of the ordinance, the Ledger thinks that the health officer has simply done his duty as he saw it. It has been charged that he has been too hasty and impetuous in some cases, and certain citizens have undoubtedly felt that such was the case in their own experience.

Now that the storms have passed away, there is no reason why the sun should not shine brighter than ever. The people have signified a perfect willingness to obey the law and plenty of time should be given them to get in readiness.

For Sale—Fresh Cows, 25 Berkshire pigs, at low prices. W. J. Brummitt, Oxford, Route 5. (2pd).

Raleigh has decided that the honorable Mr. Fly is not a reputable citizen and is conspiring to rid the city of his pestilential presence. Scientific methods and a general scrutiny of his business and habits have brought out such damaging evidence against the villain that he will have to migrate to a less sanitary clime or find his business and life brought to an unwept end.

The editor of the Ledger finds his heart beating in unison with Mr. T. T. Hicks. He too, dreams dreamy dreams sometimes, and his imagination runs far afield. The article written for the Gold Leaf by Mr. Hicks and copied by the Ledger will be found in another column. Let everybody read it, ponder over it, resolve to help make some of the things come to pass, both in Granville and in Vance.

Bad patent medicine folks, fake food manufacturers, and malefactors generally who vend poisonous things for men's stomachs are after Dr. Wiley's scalp with a vengeance. His scrutiny has been too much for their methods and they are trying to oust him. But he seems to be too firmly entrenched in the confidence of the people to need fear trouble.

The newspapers are circulating some wonderful heat statistics and the man who wants to compete with some of these wonderful stories will have to go direct to the headquarters for heat, where folks tell each other to go when they get mad, for their data.

Distiller Gooch's business was not in full operation for several days last week and the terrible drought that ensued for about three days almost equalled some of the newspaper tales, and caused untold suffering among those whose whistlers have a predisposition to keep dried up.

Says the Wilmington Star: "One reason some men get classed as liars is that they do not speak in a way to make themselves plainly understood." The Star evidently overlooks a much more potent reason, to wit: They are not particularly anxious to have their blocks knocked off.

The Durham Herald remarks: "Heyburn will perhaps keep it up as long as the newspapers will print it, even if he can find no one to listen to him. A mistake was made in paying any attention to him." Right. Go head.

DEFENSE OF WILEY.

Attack Brought On by Persons Whose Interests Have Been Affected, Says Editor Hays.

That the attack on Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the pure food expert, has aroused the resentment of some of the leading publications representing the drug interest was plainly evidenced today by the freely expressed opinion of Francis B. Hays, managing editor of "The Druggist's Circular," and editorial writer for the "Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter."

"I know Dr. Wiley," he said, "and Dr. Kebler, of the Department of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Rusby, who has been employed here as a government expert, has been my friend for twenty years. I know the man and his work, and I know how he has won the enmity of many large drug importing houses by his honesty."

"Most of the crude drugs brought into this country comes through New York, and so Dr. Rusby's position has been one of wide influence. He is not a man with whom the big firms engaged in fraudulent practices can do business. Has Offended Interest.

"The whole attack on these men has been contrived and brought to a head by people whose interests have been affected by the honest execution of the pure food and drug law."

"If the recommendation of the congressional committee, which provides for the removal of Drs. Wiley and Rusby and the curtailing of Dr. Kebler's power, is put into effect by President Taft it will not only be a political mistake but it will be a disaster of the most serious nature to the ultimate consumer."

Lost Money Through Work. "Dr. Rusby has actually lost money through his devotion to the welfare of the people. His work is not to him something which will bring him to certain salary; it is a duty that must be performed. He is a poor man, but he could have made money if he had been dishonest or even if he had not devoted himself so completely to his scientific work."

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MRS. L. F. SMITH HAS TAKEN the O'Connors Cottage at Ocean View, Va., for the season. Mrs. Smith is now established there and is prepared to accommodate a few boarders. Address her as above.

Miss Mary Pride Jones is visiting friends in Louisburg, N. C.

Citizen Quizzes Legislator

MR WALTERS COMMENTS. Takes Issue With Senator Hicks in His Attitude During Last General Assembly.

Mr. Editor:— Now that my farming operations permit a little leisure, will you allow space in your valuable paper for a few comments upon some public transaction which occurred some months since? I wish to call attention to some things which were done or attempted in the recent legislature.

As to the Sikes Road Bond Bill, I considered this the best and most progressive new measure introduced during the session. No valid argument was produced against it, for none could be. It seems some people just will oppose everything that is really progressive. Senator Hicks is large responsible for the defeat of this bill; for it was defeated in the Senate by a very small majority after having passed the House. I am very sorry that he saw fit to oppose it. Now a few words as to the merits of this scheme as I understand it:—

It provides for the State to borrow money at 4 per cent and loan it to the different counties at 5 per cent interest for the purpose of building good roads.

The State would take no risk; for the taxes for paying the interest would be levied by law and collected from the people for whose benefit the proceeds of the bonds have been spent. The difference between the two rates of interest would in the term of years for which the bonds would run, pay the principal. By this plan the people could have good roads built by simply paying 5 per cent interest on the cost of them for a number of years and never have the principal to pay at all.

Next, I wish to say a few things about the attempt made in the late Assembly to enact an anti-trust law. It will, doubtless, be remembered by many that what was meant and acknowledged to be a genuine and effective anti-trust bill, or one "with teeth," was passed by the House, every Democrat voting for it. In the Senate this bill was defeated as it came from the House by a very small majority. It was then enacted into law with some amendment which under it ineffective. Senator Hicks was one of those who opposed this bill as it came from the House and was on the community which had charge of it and amended it. He also took a prominent part in amending it and in passing it as amended. I am satisfied that one expects that any prosecution will even be attempted under this law. Now, a very natural question for the farmers of Granville and Person to ask is: Did not Senator Hicks take side in this contest against his constituents and with their most powerful and oppressive enemies the American Tobacco Company, and other trusts? It really seems that he did. For twenty years this corporation has fleeced the tobacco growers until many of them have been reduced to poverty; and I suppose, most of them to more or less straitened circumstances. It is a disgrace to the Government, both state and national that such a condition has existed so long. I do not know what motivated prompted the Senator to his course in the matter, and I do not accuse of him of any wrong one.

But this I do say—if the farmers of Granville support him for office again I shall think that they are fit subjects for the exploitation of the trusts.

W. R. WALTERS.

MR. HICKS REPLIES. Gives His Reasons for the Stand He Took as Representative of County.

To the Editor:— My attention has been called to the sharp criticism of my conduct as State Senator by your correspondent Mr. W. R. Walters, appearing in this issue of your paper. He says I ought to have supported the Sikes Road Bond bill, and the House Anti-Trust bill.

The Sikes Bond scheme, as I remember it, provided that any county without a vote of the people, might issue 5 per cent bonds of the county, practically without limit, and take them to the state treasury, and get the face value for them in money and that the State should borrow the money at 4 per cent to lend the Counties, and this was to go on until sixteen million dollars

Card of Thanks. I desire to thank all the good people for their sympathy and kindness during the recent illness and death of my wife. Parham Vaughan.

Services at Methodist Church. There will be Sunday School in the Methodist Church next Sunday morning and night, the night services to be conducted by Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon, the pastor of the Baptist Church.

Want to Buy Home. Note the add of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company in another column, offering a desirable home place for sale.

DONT FAIL to see Dr. N. Rosenstein, the Eye Specialist of Durham at Oxford next Tuesday, July the 25, stopping at the Exchange Hotel, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses in any style of frames steel or gold from \$2.00 up, including examination. Don't forget Tuesday, July 25th.

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