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NOT ROOM IN LEXINGTON

For Messrs. Varner and Walsler. The Hottest Time Yet in the Campaign.

The Lexington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer gives us the spiciest thing yet in the campaign. He writes:

Several days ago the Democrats declined a challenge for joint discussion with the Republican candidates. On Wednesday, Mr. Varner, county chairman for the Democrats, being informed that the Republicans were saying in their speeches over the county that the Democrats were afraid to meet the Republicans, and seeing this published in the North State, the local Republican newspaper Wednesday, Mr. Varner sent a challenge to Mr. Z. I. Walsler, chairman of the Republican county committee, for a joint discussion between the opposing candidates, to begin today at noon in the court house, and to continue next week in the county. Today at the appointed time, the Republicans did not show up. The Democratic candidates were on hand, and addressed about 100 people. Chairman Varner read the challenge, and made this statement:

A PLAIN STATEMENT.

"I have owned and published the Dispatch since May 4, 1896. I have been chairman of the Democratic executive committee for Davidson county since September 1897. I have done all in my power in a legitimate way to forward the interest of the Democratic party and good government in Davidson county. I have been fair and courteous to my opponents (which they admit). I have never circulated slanderous lies about the opposition's candidates. Yet I have denounced the record of that party in county state and nation in no uncertain tone, all of which every intelligent citizen of the State knows it richly deserves. I have been so friendly and courteous to these men that I have been criticised by some of my older party associates, who knew them better because they had had more experience. These leaders have been ungrateful recently and have not shown the proper spirit.

During the campaign of 1896 some of the Republican henchmen made threats against me for the purpose of bulldozing. Again, in 1900, I received various communications from this same crowd threatening to blow up the Dispatch office with dynamite, one threatening to kill me, and others of a threatening nature. Again, in 1902, because I published the occupation of the candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket, it came to my ears that said candidate threatened to beat me up or kill me. During the last year the Dispatch received anonymous communications which were indecent to publish. I think I know the Republican friend (?) who wrote them. I could have published many things of an unpleasant nature about my neighbor enemies, but I have refrained from all this because I love peace more than strife and bad feeling.

I am personally opposed to joint debates between county candidates for the reason that it is not for the moral uplifting and betterment of the county. But on account of the manner in which the Republican campaign has been conducted, so far, in this county, I felt it my duty to challenge the opposition for a joint discussion to commence today, Saturday, at 12 o'clock, in the court house. Z. I. Walsler, the Republican chairman, took exception to the following sentence in my letter: "You and your candidates have been circulating a report throughout the county that the Democratic candidates were afraid to meet your candidates in joint discussion. This, of course, you know they do not believe."

Walsler informed me that if this was published "both of us could not live in the same town," which I understood to mean that if I published the letter he would kill me. I am not a "bully" and do not have fights or make threats. I do not carry a gun or go armed in any way. I am opposed to killing people (and especially in this case), and am opposed to all kinds of lawlessness. Walsler or some of his henchmen may whip me, kill me, or blow up my office, but they cannot scare or prevent me from doing my duty as a free citizen, as editor of the Dispatch or chairman of the Democratic executive committee. I

greatest good for all the people am running a newspaper for the and expect to stay in Lexington. I would be ashamed to run a dirty campaign sheet and slander my neighbors among whom I expect to live after the election. I want peace with everybody."

Mr. G. F. Hankins, candidate for the Legislature, made a ringing speech, and said some very warm things about his opponent, Mr. George E. Hunt. He read an affidavit of S. Goodman, which attacked Hunt's habits. He also attacked Hunt's record while he was clerk of the Superior Court of Davidson county.

MR. WALSER TALKS.

Your correspondent saw Mr. Walsler in reference to the joint discussion and as to Mr. Varner's charges. Mr. Walsler said that when he received the challenge, he went to see Mr. Varner, and that Mr. Varner charged him with writing slanderous editorials in the North State, and he told Mr. Varner that he was not editing the North State.

That if Mr. Varner published that he (Walsler) had been circulating a report as stated, then they could not live in the same town. Mr. Walsler said further that he would reply to the challenge, that he had been in Statesville on business and did not have time to notify the Republican candidates, so that they could arrange to be here today, but that if Mr. Varner desired, he would arrange dates for a joint debate to suit both parties and candidates. Mr. Walsler said, however, that they would not divide time with Mr. Cameron Morrison because it would take too much time, but that he or J. R. McCrary, Esq., would discuss the issues with him, apart from the county candidates at any time and place.

Mr. Varner said that it is the Republicans who are so anxious for a joint discussion, and that they can either accept or reject the proposition made.

Remarks on the Servant Question

The servant problem, or what they call the servant problem, is worrying some folks. They tell us that the cooks have quit the kitchen and gone to the cotton fields. Well, that ought not to worry anybody except those who are sick, weakly and in any way incapacitated for work. We are old-fashioned enough to believe that it does not do great injury to a strong, able-bodied man or woman to do a little work. Shades of suffering Job, it makes us tired to hear a strong healthy woman whose husband owes for groceries consumed and clothes worn, whining because cooks are scarce. You hear lots of racket about the servant problem by folks who are not able to keep servants. The wife of a poor man who is straining every nerve to make buckle and tongue meet, who leaves her kitchen in the hands of some slovenly cook in order that she may gad about or spend her time in idleness may make an angel in the hereafter, but she is a mighty poor excuse here. We wish that some of these women who are able to do their own work and are not able to keep servants and are complaining about the servant problem could follow for a week many a good woman who is doing her house work, making the clothes for half a dozen children, doing her own washing and ironing and making a hand in the field part of the time. A lot of this cheap talk about the servant problem is bosh. —Monroe Enquirer.

Eighteen natives of Poland arrived on the steamer Neuse yesterday morning from Baltimore on their way to Marshallburg, to work in the oyster canning factory at that place. They left for their destination on the east bound mail train last night. —New Bern Journal.

A check flasher got in some work in Lexington last week. His name is H. Ledlow, and he represented himself as collector for Sells and Fuller, well fixture manufacturers. At the Lopp livery stable he passed a \$35 check, paying \$15 livery hire and receiving \$20 in money. Ledlow had another check for \$45 on the Kesler Hardware Company of this city, but it would not go. He presented a check to J. W. Carr, of Salisbury, endorsed by Eli Lopp, but failed to receive any money. Ledlow has escaped.

ALL ABOUT THE MONUMENT.

What Will be Done With it and When it is Ours.

The GLOBE is read by many Confederate Soldiers and for this reason, it thinks no subject will prove more interesting than that of the Confederate monument which is now in Salisbury. At the recent visit of Mr. Ruckstuhl, its designer, it was determined what to do with it. Here is the Salisbury correspondent's account of it which appeared in Sunday's Charlotte Observer:

"Salisbury has had the distinguished honor of having for her guest Mr. F. W. Ruckstuhl, world-famed artist and sculptor, who has studios in New York and Paris and whose works of art make any town or place or state notable for their possession. So faultless and so full of perfection of thought elevation of spirit, and nobility of work are his mute witnesses of truth that rise resplendently in reversed beauty and strength in stone and bronze. His interpretation of the South's part in the war between the States blazoned in bronze with glory, the soul of the Confederacy, standing with a star upon her brow, a crown in her hand, and supporting with her extended arm the soldier; of consecration to his country's call, devotion to his study, though defeated, "yet without a stain," proudly and peacefully he stands as though God had crowned his arm with victory, glory the symbol of the old South that lives in song and story and whose fame shines on brightest pages penned by poets and sages; her body is poised with such grace as to give her a wonderful beauty. Mr. Ruckstuhl has found the anquished an inspiration for spiritual and artistic work. "It is the land that is fructified by the blood of martyrs, the land of ruins that is the land for artists, sculptors, painters and poets." Mr. Ruckstuhl delivered the monument to the Robert F. Hoke Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. He told us of the equestrian statue he is to make of General Wade Hampton, as ordered, by South Carolina, which cost \$30,000. He greatly admired a fine portrait of General Ransom which Mrs. John Steel Henderson brought to the Central Hotel to the meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy. He is superintending at Tiffany's a stained glass window of "Glory in Defeat," that is a replica of the Maryland and Salisbury's Confederate monument which is to be placed in the Confederate Museum at Richmond by the Maryland chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. His last work has been making a statue of phoenicia, one of the 12 statues to be placed on the custom house in New York, representative of the world. His model for Phoenicia he found in the Louvre, in Paris. He has made a statue of "Victory" for Little Rock, Ark. At the base of the monument is the life-sized statue of a Confederate Soldier. When one meets Mr. Ruckstuhl on the streets of Salisbury, one is startled with the perfect similarity he bears to Captain Charles Price, our own distinguished jurist. He has the same dome-like head, brown eyes, and contour of feature and face, with little difference in stature. Mr. Ruckstuhl's color is darker. He is charmingly responsive and delightful, and gracious in his personality.

The monument will be placed in the custody of Mayor A. H. Boyden until the \$10,000 has been realized. He will be its guardian and protector against vandalism as far as in his power. It will be a glorious, triumphant day for the Daughters and Confederacy when the monument can be unveiled and paid for, but until that day the daughters are to labor ceaselessly, hopefully and untiringly."

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 21.—A negro named Arthur McDowell was today bound over to court charged with stealing \$500 and a watch from Ned Stamper, a Cherokee Indian. It is alleged that Stamper became intoxicated and made a display of his money in a restaurant on "greasy corner," and that while he was drinking with several negroes the money was taken. The watch was recovered, but not the money. The Indian was on his way to the reservation on the Murphy branch.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF LAND.

Dr. Foard Writes a Letter to the Farmers.

It is a religious duty to improve our time, talent, and means in every legitimate manner, and abuse nothing. Our home, health, finances and morals, all should be special objects of care, without regard to occupation or calling.

And the land that supports animal nature should be so carefully and constantly improved as to give life and comfort to the increasing population of the world. Therefore the tiller of the soil should use his best energies to preserve and improve the land cultivated, as it is his bank and support. How to improve the present and distinctive system of farming will be considered in this communication.

To prevent the soil from being swept away by the heavy rains that fall occasionally, the hillsides or rolling field should be terraced, and plowed horizontally to a depth of 12 to 15 inches once in two years, and kept in grass, clover, peas, and small grain constantly; and reserve level portions for hoed crops; and where washes have already been made by bad cultivation, the gullies may be filled up by cutting and drawing pine brush, to be thrown in them (top upwards) and planting plum seed or bushes among the brush, to catch and hold it instead of allowing it to be carried to the larger streams, to fill them and causing the lowlands to become worthless; and productive of diseases, filling up spring and impeding navigation on the rivers. As some of the best soil and sand must necessarily find their way to the branches and small creeks; cheap dams of earth, timber and trash or brush should be thrown across the lowlands of the streams (beginning at the heads) leaving an open space in the middle to allow a reasonable amount of water of every rainfall to pass off, and holding back the surplus, which will deposit the sand and soil on either side, above each dam to enrich that part covered by the overflow, and prevent destruction below, and the larger streams will not be filled with sand or overflow so readily as now—but before these dams are made all the streams should be straightened, so as to shorten the distance for the water to travel, and improve navigation of all open channels susceptible of being made navigable with small flat-bottom boats which will take much travel and transportation from our mud pikes which become impassable in winter. Thus a cheap and valuable system of farming may be made to take the place of the ruinous system now in practice, and injurious to all classes and sections from the mountains to the sea shores. Then substitute sheep ranches and stock farms on hills and mountains for verified or hoed crops—requiring less labor and giving greater profits; and constantly improving the condition of towns and cities, as well as rural districts. If the present system of farming on mountains and hill sides is continued the owners there must go West or South to seek new homes or continue to fill our already congested towns and cities to overflowing, and produce poverty instead of wealth.

J. N. F. FOARD, Statesville, N. C.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Ed. Sifford, of the Salem vicinity, was in Salisbury the first of the week.

Ward Shannonhouse, Salisbury's pitcher last summer spent Sunday in Salisbury and returned that night to Charlotte.

Capt. Jas. Moore went to Knoxville Monday to attend the settlement of the estate of his brother who was killed last week in a week.

Dr. H. C. Daniel, a native of Davidson county, has moved with his family here and will practice dentistry. He has built on North Main street. See his card in another column.

Tom Watson says "Parker can use more words and say less than probably any other American." Which shows that Watson is not conceded in the least and is not too friendly to Senator Fairbanks.

TO FORCE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Republicans are Offering Financial Inducements for Blackburn Voters.

The Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Chronicle under date of Oct. 20 says:

The political situation here has reached the sensational point. Chairman Boyden yesterday discovered that efforts to carry the election for Mr. Blackburn have been reduced to a level of blackmailing. The Sun published without giving names (but with the promise to do so if its charge is denied) an article saying in part this:

"If a local Republican, a man well known and occupying a position of responsibility here, is not attempting to levy tribute from the distillers and saloon-keepers in Salisbury, it is because the term 'exaction' is too mild to fit the case. This statement is made advisedly and with full knowledge of all the circumstances attending a canvass for funds for the Republican party which has been conducted here for several days.

"For a month or more it has been an open boast in Salisbury that the Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn, the Republican nominee for congress, would have all the money needed to defeat his opponent, W. C. Newland. But little if any of this pile has been received in Salisbury and this week, the party resorted to heroic methods. A list containing the names of every wholesale and retail dealer in whiskey who could be approached with safety, was made out. The first party approached, was a Republican. The solicitor for funds says that one man made a subscription of \$500. . . . Just what amounts have been raised, is not known, but if the solicitor is to be believed, the aggregate is as much as the Democrats of Rowan spend in three campaigns.

"The manner in which the victims are approached, is after this fashion: 'I am making a canvass for funds. What I say to you is in confidence. We expect every distiller and saloon-keeper to contribute to this fund. One man has already given me \$500. Blackburn will be of service to you if you help us to raise this campaign fund needed. Of course you are not forced to subscribe but naturally you could not expect any favors from Blackburn or his friends should you antagonize him.'"

The plan has not seemed to work well. Most of the whiskey men are Democrats and have not been frightened any by the veiled threat. A strange thing about The Sun's and Mayor Boyden's charges, is this: The Republicans have been laughing at their boldness and several have asked the writer to whom they referred, instantly supplying their answer to their own query by giving the name of the "perniciously active" man. Editor Julian is a former chairman and "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," he always spreads his respect over the Rowan Republicans. The Democrats do not fear that this method will succeed with Rowan Democrats.

Another complaint that has been registered against the Republicans, is that of poor mail service. This has not found its way into the newspapers, but the Democrats are sending out literature and posters advertising their public speakings. Many of these go to extreme portions of the county, but the rural deliveries insure their prompt carriage and delivery. Nevertheless it is not an unusual thing to send these posters on Monday or Tuesday, and upon arriving at the place of speaking Saturday night to be told that the notices had not come until that day. Of course the suspicion that Republican postmasters have not tried to expedite these things, is well-founded if really untrue.

An exchange tells of a cotton picker who raked out 600 pounds in one day and asks "who can beat this?" We can but are afraid to. The matter is turned over to the Republican campaign managers.

The Democrats of the county are urging the voters to put their names on the "books" and the Republicans are beseeching them to put their hands in Blackburn's barrel.

IN STATE AND NATION.

Things of Importance That has Happened Since Last Week.

Editor T. J. Robertson, of the North Wilkesboro Hustler, and Miss Minnie McMillan, of Virginia, were married last week at the bride's home.

And the Republicans are elated over the fact that President Eliot of Harvard, is to vote for Roosevelt. We are more interested in how the Electoral College goes than in the vote of Harvard College.

Efforts are being made to have Gov. Aycock commute the death sentence of Tom Love, a negro to life time the State penitentiary. Love was convicted recently at the Waynesville court, of burglary and sentenced to die.

Dr. J. R. McLelland, of Mooresville, whose illness has been mentioned, continues in a critical condition. Hon. A. Leazar, of Mooresville, is also in very poor health and is at Davidson for medical treatment.—Statesville Landmark.

Rev. W. W. Rose has accepted the principalship of Central Academy and will move to Littleton and open that institution on January 4th, 1905. Mr. Rose is one of the many Warren county boys who has been an honor to his county, and will be welcomed back by all who know of his sterling qualities.—Littleton News-Reporter.

A great revival is in progress at Warren Plains. Forty-four had professed faith up to Wednesday night. Most of the converts are men. Rev. J. W. Little, the evangelist, is a man full of the Holy spirit, and is doing a wonderful work. He may come to Warrenton.—Warren Record.

A small boy and a small match caused a fire Sunday afternoon in the Newton Cotton Mills. Going by a bale of cotton, he struck a match to it, and within an hour \$10,000 worth of Cotton went up in smoke. There was no spread of the flames owing to the prompt work of firemen. The cotton was in a warehouse and insured.

The Durham papers tell of a trouble between Drs. R. A. Moore and E. H. Bowling on one side and city physicians on the other because the two named physicians are debarred from practice in the Watts hospital. The matter will be aired in the courts, and the ostracised doctors will fight for what they call their rights.

A special from Charlotte to the News and Observer says that Rev. Dr. A. J. McKelway has brought suit against the Charlotte Observer for libel. One of the Observer's correspondents caused to be published a news story that "serious charges" were brought against the minister in the Pineville Presbytery. The words "serious charges" are objected to.

DEBATE AT CRESCENT.

The Girls Will Discuss the Gospel and Music. Other Notes.

Correspondence of the GLOBE.

Crescent, Oct. 25.—We are glad to note that several of the students who have been kept out of school on account of sickness are able to be present again. Miss Cordia Blackweider was called away from school to the bedside of a very sick cousin last Thursday evening.

The thriving little town of Crescent is proud to boast that she has had one corn shucking if no more.

The girls at the "Hall" had quite a jolly time Saturday night pulling taffy candy.

Rev. W. W. Rowe delivered a very interesting address at Crescent last Thursday evening.

The girls at the "Hall" were all very glad to accept Mrs. Lyerly's invitation to the corn shucking—to the pie shucking I mean.

The Missionary Band is hard at work here in Crescent. They have almost anything to sell that you may look for, from candy to jewelry.

Polly was glad to have the pleasure of visiting her home people and many other old friends and acquaintances Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lula Sloop leaves this evening for her home where she expects to spend a few days.

While at home Polly had the privilege of attending a meeting of the Anti-Saloon League at Corinth. The league is at work as hard as ever.

Politics seems to be getting pretty hot here in Crescent. We don't care how hot it gets just so it don't set the town on fire.

Next Thursday evening the girls at Crescent will debate the question: "Resolved, that the Gospel has a better influence over people than Music."