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## HON. A. L. BROOKS AT SPRAY.

When Mr. Brooks Got to Spray the Hon. John Motley Morehead Did not Show up.

Spray, N. C., Oct. 17.—Hon. A. L. Brooks, invaded the home town of his opponent, Mr. John M. Morehead, to-night and spoke two hours to an audience of one thousand of the most enthusiastic men ever assembled in Spray. Mr. Brooks challenged his opponent to meet him here at this time and great efforts were made by local democrats to arrange a joint discussion between the candidates, but these efforts were in vain.

Messrs. Cox, Settle, Morehead, Adams, Bynum, Skinner, Meekins, Rollins, Harris, Price, Bradshaw, Joyce, Wray and others, all big guns in the Republican Party in the State were billed to speak here to-night in order to prevent the people from hearing Brooks, but notwithstanding this fact he was given a great ovation in his opponent's town.

Mr. Brooks opened his speech by reading the following challenge to Mr. Morehead:—

"John Motley Morehead, Spray, N. C.

Dear Sir:— Returning to my office to-day I learn that anonymous literature is being sent out from your headquarters in this City charging me with official misconduct while Solicitor of the Ninth Judicial District, and that the Industrial News, the official organ of the Republican party in this State, and the Constructionist, a paper published in your own home town, have in recent issues published these charges. On account of these facts, I have a right to assume that you endorse these charges and accompanying insinuations and aiding and abetting their circulation and publication. I denounce every charge and insinuation against my official and personal integrity as false and slanderous, and I brand the publication of same as a cowardly and infamous attempt to destroy my character by misrepresentation and innuendo, and I challenge you to meet me in joint

debate at Spray, your home town, next Saturday evening, and substantiate these charges and insinuations or repudiate them. When you were first nominated, I challenged you to meet me in joint debate. You declined, as you had a right to do. But I deny you the right to promote your candidacy at the expense of my character. The people of this District are entitled to know whether you propose to conduct this campaign upon a high level, or whether you have determined to descend to the dirt and employ the tactics of dirty politicians."

I have come but he is not here. If he had sent me such a challenge to meet him, I would have met him if I had to have been carried on a litter. I am not dealing in dirt in my fight for Congress and Mr. Morehead shall not do so without the District knowing his methods and purposes.

He has left the democratic party and can no longer use Democrats to fight his battles. Any criticism of me during the primary was settled there and all my former democratic opponents are supporting me in this campaign. There are no deserters in the democratic party, and they want no advice from Republican office-seekers.

The Union Republican said editorially during the democratic primary, discussing these criticisms:

"This matter seems to be along the same lines of magistrates and municipal courts. For years, the fines of the latter, in view of police protection, etc., were used by the towns. The constitution was interpreted to mean that all such fines were due the school fund, and hence rebates were demanded, and since then all fines have been applied that way. Should the Guilford school board make a similar decision and the courts affirm, the solicitors will be asked 'come across.' It is not a question of dishonesty, but a general misinterpretation of the law, which, not only Solicitor Brooks, but every solicitor in the State, for that matter, it seems, has followed in accepting fees regarding which the question of legality has arisen."

"If Mr. Morehead is so hard

Don't forget to go out and hear Hon. Chas. M. Stedman at the court house to-morrow, (Thursday) night, at 8 o'clock. He an able speaker. Ladies cordially invited to come out and hear him.

pressed in his fight that he wants to make a different interpretation of my acts for his political advantage he must shoulder the responsibility and not hide behind the democratic skirts.

"I have denounced as false from the first all insinuations intended to impeach my integrity and no man has misunderstood my position upon that subject. The statement in Mr. Morehead's letter in answer to my challenge that any primary in Surry was held under instruction from me by telephone or otherwise is absolutely false. The Democrats of Surry passed on all these contests in their convention, and the impeachment of their action is a libel and a slander.

The Solicitors of the State until last year charged fees in sci. fa. cases, as had been the custom for a hundred years and approved by the Judges. During last year a Republican Solicitor from Asheville took the question to the Supreme Court to get the law settled.

The court said in its opinion, that the law had been unsettled in the State and the practice not uniform, and that it was well for the matter to come before the court so as to be settled. Since that time I have charged commissions. I have directed the clerks in each County to re-tax the bill of cost in these cases from 1901, when the law was first passed, and settled with the clerks upon the basis of commissions. In every case the clerk's office owed me more money than was the difference between the commissions and the fees, except in Granville County, where the Clerk died, and I have been unable to have the cost re-taxed. So far as I know, no other solicitor in the State has done this. I do not owe the school fund a cent, and the amount of fees which I received from sci. fa. cases during my term of office as solicitor in the Ninth Judicial District does not amount to as much as \$4.00 against the defendants and sureties, as was the usual custom in many of the Districts to charge.

All of these matters were gone over in the democratic primary, and there settled, and the democrats are quite able to look after their own affairs without the aid or advice of any Republican who is seeking to get in office.

## SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction on the premises of the late Jno. T. Nelson, on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 1908.

a lot of personal property, consisting of horses, cows, hogs, wagons and all farming utensils, corn, food &c.

The rents from four other plantations will be sold at the same sale. This Oct. 13th, 1908. MRS. MARY E. NELSON, Executrix of Jno. T. Nelson.

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## Cloaks and Furs.

The new style cloaks are long and semi-fitting. The materials most largely used are Broadcloths, Kerseys, and Coverts in lighter weight than heretofore. As to color, tan and black are still far in the lead. The best news about cloaks is that they are cheaper. Our stock was bought from one of New York's leading and best manufacturers direct and is better than ever. We have them from \$3.00 to \$15.00 for ladies. Every one new, not one brought over from last season. Also a splendid line for misses and children \$1.50 to \$10.00.

Furs are to be much worn this season. We have made big preparations for a big fur trade and have them at all prices from \$1.00 to \$15.00 a piece. Cravats, Throws, Boas and Shawl effects.

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