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Publisher's Announcement.
It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents...

PROTESTS AGAINST NEW COURT HOUSE.

Since Mr. Butterworth's article appeared in THE COMMONWEALTH and was copied in the Enfield Progress, he has received several letters from men in the county who approve of the stand he has taken...

We were reminded again Monday of Scotland Neck's great need of an opera house. We would be glad if some of our citizens would discuss this matter through the columns of our paper...

The programs of the twenty-sixth annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly to be held at Morehead City, June 15-18, have been issued...

The appointment of Judge Connor to the United States district judgeship for the Eastern district of North Carolina will be hailed with approval and satisfaction by the people of North Carolina generally...

The Charlotte Celebration.

Charlotte, N. C., May 12.—With the near approach of the twentieth of May celebration, which will be held in this city May 18th, 19th and 20th, Charlotte is completing all details for welcoming and entertaining the thousands of visitors who will be her guests on this historic event...

The several committees, who have in charge the celebration have about completed their work. The main north grandstand has been practically completed and the four large welcome arches on the principal streets of the city will be finished by the latter part of this week and within a few days the entire city will be decorated in flags, bunting and myriads of electric lights...

Mr. Kitchin's Speech.

(News and Observer.)
In his weekly "Comment About Congress" in the last Collier's, Mark Sullivan, discussing the speeches that have been made on the subject of tariff revision, singles out four speeches of the scores for special commendation. He says:

"The best four speeches delivered in the tariff debate up to the date of this writing are those of Sen. E. Payne, of New York; Champ Clark, of Missouri; Francis W. Cushman, of Washington, and Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina. Practically every member of Congress has made a long set speech on the Payne bill. For the most part they are dreary and of little value. The Southern members run to poetical quotations and fervid outbursts in the manner of the orators of a generation ago. The speeches of the Northern members, as a rule, are dull beyond endurance, the bulk of them made up of pages of undigested statistics and long newspaper extracts. But the speeches of the four men mentioned are genuinely worth while. Payne's speech, of course, is the exposition of his own bill. And Chairman Payne does know his subject. The Democratic opposition leader, Champ Clark, in opening his formal attack on Payne's bill, said:

"I want to be fair. The chairman of the Ways and Means Committee (Mr Payne) knows more about tariff schedules than any other man on top of the ground—I think his conclusions are frequently erroneous, but he knows more about exports and imports, and he knows more about what the rates have been."

"The speech of Mr. Clark himself is not only well-informed as to tariff facts, but is richly touched with humor. It has the flavor of a racy personality and abounds in qualities which make even a tariff speech readable. For humor, though, the speech beyond comparison is that of Francis W. Cushman, of Washington. Cushman could make a better living as a professional humorist than as a member of Congress, and the country would be his debtor for the change. The judicial temper of his views on public affairs is indicated by this quotation from his tariff speech:

"I am a protectionist, without any qualifying adjectives. I am not only a protectionist, but a high protectionist. I believe in it like the heathen believes in his idol."
"But as a teller of stories which are at once funny and apt, Cushman is decidedly the best in Congress, and the distinction is sufficiently rare in a somber world to deserve well of his fellow men. The speech of Claude Kitchin is scholarly and interesting in its discussion of those Democrats who have voted with the Republicans for partial protection. It is interspersed with debate and repartee brought about by interruptions from Mr. Fordney and other Republicans. Any person interested in the tariff, or, in a broader way, interested in public speaking and debate would do well to get these four speeches. Reprints of them, as well as of any other speech delivered in Congress, can be had by a request to the member who delivered it."

Since the above high praise of Mr. Kitchin's and the other three speeches, one other notable speech has been made on the tariff—that by Mr. Dolliver, from Iowa. His colleague in the Senate also made a good speech. These two Republican Senators didn't leave an argument even with crutches for Aldrich and Payne to stand upon, and exposed the pretence that the pending bill has any purpose except to further enrich the trusts at the expense of the consumers.

The high praise from many quarters of Mr. Kitchin's speech is gratifying to the people of North Carolina. It shows that national recognition comes to the man who makes a great speech, and that the only way to win reputation and distinction is for a representative with ability to be true to his convictions.
Aurelian Springs, N. C., May 11. Mr. Editor:—
In your last week's issue of THE COMMONWEALTH I see a communication from Mr. Butterworth which every tax payer in Halifax county is interested in. Now, Mr. Editor, in my younger days I was taught that the Democratic party was the party to practice economy and was the white man's party, consequently in 1863 I cast my first ballot and from then until now I have voted what was called "Democratic," and in all of these forty years little did I dream of ever seeing a decent and honorable white man debarred the privilege to vote, but to my great surprise, I now see such. Mr. Editor, some two years past, here in this section, a good and honorable white gentleman died, leaving one son and five girls, and upon the son, of course, fell the responsibility of taking care of mother and sisters. Yes nobly, manfully and faithfully has that young man carried the burden, with their help of course. He being 21 years of age wishes to cast his first ballot, but our honorable registrar says, "No, you can not register," and the noble young man today stands debarred of the white man's privilege. If this is Democracy deliver me.

CAPT. WILSON T. JENKINS.

September 30, 1839—May 1, 1909.

During the past twenty years it has been the writer's duty as editor of this paper, to chronicle the death of many persons. At no time have we put pen to paper in this duty with more genuine sorrow than we pen these lines announcing the death of our true and tried and long-time friend, Captain W. T. Jenkins, who died at his home near Aurelian Springs, May 1, 1909.

Captain Jenkins was perhaps the most universally beloved citizen of Halifax county. For many years have we known him, have enjoyed the splendid hospitalities of his mode home, have had the pleasure of his presence in our own home, have met him in social, religious, political and industrial circles, but never a word against his life in any way have we heard uttered by any one.
He was indeed a model man, courageous in war, gentle in peace, even of temper, obliging in disposition, true to friends, kind to those in need, and above all a high-toned Christian gentleman deeply consecrated to the service of God and unflinching in his efforts for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

RECORDED AS A SOLDIER.

Capt. Jenkins' noble and beautiful life was especially marked by his record as a soldier in the Confederate Army. We have at hand the following facts concerning his war record:
He entered the service of the Confederacy in 1861 in a company organized at Littleton and was made 5th Sergeant. The company was first ordered to Weldon, then Garysburg and organized camp of instruction under Col. Wm. D. Pender, later General Pender. Afterward the company was organized into the 4th Regiment under Col. Junius Daniel, later General Junius Daniel.

At the reorganization 12 months later near Yorktown, Capt. Jenkins was elected 1st Lieutenant. During this year ('62) his Regiment engaged in battles of Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Seven Days' Fight Around Richmond, Cedar Mountain, Second Manassass, South Mountain, Sharpsburg and Fredericksburg. In the spring, Hooker made a fight against an army below Fredericksburg and in that skirmish Capt. Cherry was killed and Lieut. Jenkins promoted to the Captaincy of his company. The same night with Jackson's corps he left Fredericksburg for Chancellorsville and was with Jackson next day in his memorable flank movement. He was in the battles of Gettysburg, Wilderness, Five Forks, Spottsylvania Court House.

On the morning of the 5th of April '65, they were moved from the rear to the front and were engaged in the last charge at Appomattox. He was captured with a squad of men after the flag of truce went through. He was several times wounded.

Returning from the fields of carnage, battle-scarred but not depressed, he with the thousands of other Southern heroes, took up the work of making the South a greater section than it had ever been, and he lived to see his hopes for this fully realized. In 1867 he married Miss Sarah Margaret Carter, who lived with him to bless and make useful his noble life until two years ago.

Capt. Jenkins had no children of his own but took into his home two of his brother's orphaned children, Bessie and Carrie Jenkins, now Mrs. Liles and Mrs. Browning. Mr. and Mrs. Browning have lived with him since the death of his wife two years ago and have cared for him tenderly during his feeble health.

On Monday, May 3rd, at 1 o'clock the funeral services were held at Tabor M. E. Church, of which he had long been a leading member. There he had labored in church and Sunday-school for the development of the highest and best in humanity.

The services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Drake, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. W. H. Berome, of Littleton. From Tabor the remains of this good and noble man were taken to Littleton and laid to rest in the family square of the cemetery, the pall-bearers being Confederate Veterans, his companions in arms more than forty years ago. The Daughters of the Confederacy of Littleton, went in a body to the grave, the Junior Chapter being represented by twelve little girls who carried flowers, which were tenderly laid upon the grave. Other floral offerings were large and beautiful.

The Late Captain W. T. Jenkins.

A comrade and friend of Capt. W. T. Jenkins, who died a few days ago at his home near Aurelian Springs, wishes to mention not only a fact known to many and should be known to all viz: That he was in command of a small party of Confederates, who did the very last fighting at Appomattox; but also to tell of something in connection with his capture on that fateful April 9th morning. His brigade and division often doing stiff fighting, had been ordered to fall back towards Appomattox court house and he was called upon to take the 4th N. C. and his own regiment, the 14th, and cover the retreat. This he did till he reached a cluster of houses, when as his men were falling so fast, he ordered them to the rear, but before doing so called for volunteers from his regiment to do what they could to hold the enemy in check until this was accomplished. About twenty-five responded and Capt. Jenkins used to say they made a "lively racket." While this was going on word was sent him that General Lee had surrendered, whereupon he ordered his men to cease firing and raised the white flag. It is possible that the enemy did not see the flag, as they continued to fire, so Capt. Jenkins and his men were forced to open fire again and they fought until surrounded and captured. They were taken to Gen. Sherman's headquarters and there they remained until about sunset, not having even the poor consolation of being included in Gen. Lee's surrender, for they were told by their captors that they would be shot for fighting after they had once surrendered. And there is no telling what their fate would have been had not that gallant and generous Federal officer Gen. Custer in passing seen them and ordered their release.

The 14th N. C. T. in which Capt. Jenkins served had for its first colonel Gen. Junius Daniel, of this county, and for its second, Col. Tyler Bennett, of Anson. It was a crack regiment and served in a crack brigade (Ramseur-Cox). There was no braver and better soldier in Gen. Lee's army than Capt. Wilson Jenkins, and in Halifax county there was no citizen more respected and beloved.

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