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## A WORD AND A BLOW.

### Editor Merritt Resents Blackburn's Language.

In the Encounter Cowles Assaults and Pritchard Keeps Off the Peacemakers at Battery Park.

The Asheville Citizen, of which Mr. Fred L. Merritt is the editor, gives the following account of the attack on him by Congressman Blackburn:

A personal encounter that created much excitement took place early last night in the lobby of the Battery Park hotel.

It occurred between E. Spencer Blackburn, Republican Congressman from the Ninth district, and Fred L. Merritt, editor of The Asheville Citizen, a Democratic paper.

As Mr. Merritt came out of the dining room Mr. Blackburn met him near the door and holding in his hand yesterday's Citizen asked Mr. Merritt if he wrote a certain paragraph on the editorial page.

"I did," was the prompt reply. "Then I want to tell you you are a lying son."

The sentence was never finished for the newspaper man promptly struck the Congressman in the mouth. Of course a fight followed.

During its short progress it developed that Mr. Blackburn was surrounded by a number of his friends. They seemed to be there, too, to prevent any interference, knowing the superior strength and greater weight of their champion over the newspaper man. This was shown by the fact that when a guest of the hotel from Alabama rushed in to part them he was knocked down by Mr. Cowles, a Republican office-holder from Statesville, who kicked him several times after he had fallen.

Despite this, however, no serious damage was done on either side, though a bleeding nose caused many at first to think Mr. Merritt badly hurt. A number of blows were exchanged on both sides.

Following is the item of which Mr. Blackburn pretended to complain:

"The Roxboro Courier says that a Northern paper prints a sensational story to the effect that the fiancé of Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn declares that his wedding is conditional upon his re-election to Congress. If that is true, then there'll be no wedding—unless the 'Drummer Boy' chooses another bride."

As there is in this absolutely nothing that could be offensive to Mr. Blackburn's falling political fortunes—there is little room to doubt that the item was simply taken as an excuse for an attack.

Republicans have never had any love for the editor of The Citizen, and though this is the first time he has been openly attacked since his coming to Asheville, it is by no means the first time he has been threatened.

In the additional columns of the paper there are two comments on the attack, as follows: "When you just naturally want to pick a quarrel with a man anyhow, it's easy to find an excuse." "It does indeed seem that the Republicans in this section have grown desperate when they send a 190 pound thug and a dozen backers to thrash a 140 pound newspaper man who has dared to show them up in their true light."—News and Observer 11th.

A Parson's Noble Act.

"I want all the world to know" writes Rev. C. J. Budlong, of Ashaway, R. I., "what a thoroughly good and reliable medicine I found in Electric Bitters. They cured me of jaundice and liver troubles that had caused me great suffering for many years. For a genuine, all-around cure they excel anything I ever saw." Electric Bitters are the surprise of all for their wonderful work in Liver, Kidney and Stomach troubles. Don't fail to try them. Only 50cts. Satisfaction is guaranteed by Hood Bros.

## REPUBLICANS DEMORALIZED IN IOWA.

### Speaker D. B. Henderson Withdraws From the Race for Congress.

Thomas J. Pence in Raleigh Post.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The sensation of the present political campaign is the withdrawal of Speaker D. B. Henderson from the race for Congress, which was announced today in Iowa. In the light of the fact that Mr. Henderson is the recognized leader of his party in congress, it would seem that the Republicans are very badly demoralized and that there is good reason to believe that the next house will be organized by Democrats. Republicans in Washington were loath to believe the news when received in Washington tonight, for Speaker Henderson, when in the east a few weeks ago, confidently boasted of his re-election.

While the fact that the Iowa Republicans are fighting for tariff revision prompted Speaker Henderson's withdrawal, the belief is entertained among many Democrats that he was afraid of that old Democratic war horse, Horace Boies, who had been selected to make the race against him. Being out of harmony with his constituents on the tariff issue, Mr. Henderson would have been badly handicapped in his campaign. Assured of a re-election as speaker with the Republicans in the ascendancy, Mr. Henderson had every reason to make the race for congress. His withdrawal in the heat of the fight will give assurance to Democrats all over the country.

The action of Speaker Henderson in withdrawing from the race evidences that the Republicans are hopelessly divided on the tariff question. Speaker Henderson stands with Aldrich and the high protectionists of the east rather than the tariff revisionists of his own state and the west. With this condition existing the people of the country have nothing to hope from the Republicans in the way of tariff revision. The Republican party has not been so badly divided in years.

## WEATHER AND CROPS.

### Opening of Cotton Checked by the Cool Spell.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The government weekly crop report issued by the weather bureau today, says:

The week ending September 15, was unseasonably cool throughout all districts east of the Rocky mountains more particularly in the lake region, central valleys and gulf states, with a general absence of rain, or only light precipitation, over the greater part of the area west of the Mississippi river, although heavy rains occurred in portions of Arkansas and Louisiana. Needed rains fell in the Ohio valley, lake region and middle and south Atlantic states, effectually relieving the drought conditions in those districts. More or less damaging frosts occurred on the 12th, 13th and 14th throughout the northwest, central valleys and lake region and as far south as Arkansas and the northern portions of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

The cool weather has checked the opening of cotton in the central and western portions of the cotton region. Picking has, however, advanced rapidly generally throughout the belt and as a rule, under favorable conditions, although pickers have been inadequate in some states. Over the southern portion of the cotton belt the bulk of the crop has been gathered and in some sections many fields are already abandoned. Rains have caused damage to open cotton in portions of Arkansas, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

About one-third of the tobacco crop remains in the fields in Kentucky but in other important tobacco states cutting and housing have been largely finished.

Occasionally a girl marries her ideal, but he soon outgrows it.

## HARVEST CONDITIONS FAVORABLE.

### Weather and Crop Report for the State Covering the Past Week.

The weekly Crop Bulletin for the week ending Monday, September 15, follows:

The amount of precipitation received during the week was considerable, occurred chiefly on the 8th and 9th, and was fairly well distributed. In only a few localities was the rainfall heavy enough to cause slight damage to crops, and generally it had a beneficial effect on field peas, late potatoes and turnips, besides placing the soil in excellent condition for plowing. The weather was cool during the entire week, and the mean average over 6 degrees below the normal for the season. Light frosts occurred in the mountain region on the 10th and 11th, and probably also on the 14th and 15th without causing any damage. Conditions were favorable for gathering crops and for farm work; fall plowing has begun to make more rapid progress; some winter oats have been sown; making peavine hay is under way.

Much of the early corn crop has been gathered; late corn is a little benefited by rain; it is now generally near maturity; corn on bottom lands and on rich soil is very good. Pulling fodder continues in the West. Old cotton was not helped by rain, but though the rainfall was quite heavy in some counties very few reports of damage by staining were received; late planted cotton was benefited as some correspondents report blossoms seen near the top, indicating with deferred frost, the formation of some top crop. Cotton is opening rapidly, and picking is advancing as fast as possible; it appears that bulk of the crop will be out by the middle of October. While below the average, the yield will be a good one, exceeding last year's crop. Tobacco still uncut in north portion is becoming rather coarse. Rice seems to be a very good crop. Gathering minor crops is progressing favorably. Crimson clover is up with good stands; late Irish potatoes look well. Fall apples are short and inferior.

## KENLY NOTES.

Prof. W. A. Harper filled Rev. G. B. Starling's place at the Methodist church Sunday night. He gave us a very interesting lecture on "The Progress of Life."

Messrs. W. M. Guill and L. R. Allen, of Smithfield, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Frank Starling, of Pikeville, is visiting his brother, Rev. G. B. Starling.

Mr. Holland, one of the section hands, fell from the car and was seriously hurt—getting his back broken.

Miss Maud Edgerton, who has been spending some time in Greensboro, returned Monday.

Miss Emma Mathews and Mr. Jarvis Edgerton are spending today (Wednesday) in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Dora Gilbreath and little son Hal, are visiting at Mr. J. W. Darden's.

Dr. Kilgo is expected to give a lecture to the student-body at the Academy Friday night.

New students continue to come in and our school has a bright future.

The "Phi" boys have begun work on their public debate for Thanksgiving.

The cotton buyers are busy sampling cotton, and the farmers are highly pleased.

"GULE."

Not Doomed For Life.

"I was treated for three years by good doctors," writes W. A. Greer, McConnellsville, O., "for Piles, and Fistula, but, when all failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me in two weeks." Cures Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Sores, Eruptions, Salt Rheum, Piles or no pay. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

## ARCHER LODGE DOTS.

Mr. Robert A. Wall, of Clayton, spent Sunday in our community. Misses Nancy Hamilton, of Smithfield, and Cornelia Hatcher, of Selma, were the guests of Miss Emma Castleberry last week.

Miss Ella Whitley, of Clayton, who has been spending a few days with her parents, returned to school at Clayton Academy, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raimie Penny, of Clayton, were the guests of Mrs. Penny's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Whitley, last Sunday.

The Sunday School at White Oak Sunday morning was quite a success. It will meet next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

There will be services next Saturday and Sunday at Salem Primitive Baptist church by the pastor, Elder J. A. T. Jones.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Ross Carroll is very sick with erysipelas.

The gins are humming, the whistles hooting, the cows lowing, the chickens cawing, the hogs grunting, the donkeys braying, the farmers going to and fro and in general, things are taking quite a lively aspect around our Archer.

Mr. J. W. Barnes and tenants have 12 acres of tobacco that will net them \$1,200.

There will be a baseball game at Archer Lodge first Saturday in October between the White Archer club and Lee's Chapel.

The people are generally through curing tobacco and the cotton is nearly all open and in the fields, scarcity of hands being the cause. The farmers seem to appreciate those fancy prices tobacco is bringing.

Our public school system has been improving rapidly for the past four years and we are looking with eager expectation to what our next Legislature is going to do in regard to it. We are anticipating a still better one.

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## CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. Jno. M. Turley can't trade horses well at night.

Mr. John Robertson, of Raleigh, spent a few days with parents recently.

Mr. Ashley Horne has lost two barns of fine tobacco by fire.

Miss Pearl Robertson has returned from a visit to Greensboro.

Rev. Mr. Bennett preached at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Lona Williams spent Sunday with Mrs. Griffin.

The Southern Bell Telephone Co. is establishing a new and complete line through here.

Mr. J. C. Ellington, of Raleigh, spent a few days here this week.

Rev. G. T. Adams, of Raleigh, lectured at the M. E. Church Tuesday evening preparatory to establishing Junior league here.

Mrs. Paylor, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. John Young.

Prof. R. F. Williams is trying to establish a series of lectures here.

Miss Eva Hood, of Smithfield, is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mr. O. L. Johnson, one of our progressive blacksmiths, has invented a machine for striking, with which one man can do the work of two easily.

Miss Mayme Ellis, of Smithfield, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Sallie Surles and Mrs. D. W. Adams, of Four Oaks, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Adams.

The attendance at the Clayton school is steadily increasing. They began with about 65 students and now have about 100.

Mr. M. F. Hood was very sick the latter part of last week but is now able to be about his duties.

"YELLER."

The Boone Democrat says that Uncle Bart Hilliard, aged 70, and Mrs. Nora Dotson, aged 20, were married in Watauga county a few days ago. The bride, the Democrat further says, is the widow of Reuben Dotson, who was 80 years old at the time of his death, his wife being but 16 when she married him.

## STATE NEWS.

A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, has been nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Sixth district.

Gov. Aycock has entered the campaign. He made his first speech at Youngsville, Franklin county, Saturday.

An unknown negro was killed by a train at High Point Saturday night. He was sitting on the track when the train struck him.

Bishop A. Coke Smith, of the Southern Methodist church, will make his home in Charlotte. He will move there about October 1st.

At Greensboro Saturday night Green McAdoo, while in a drunken frenzy, shot and killed his wife, Mary, without provocation. He escaped.

In Wayne county last week Frank Vick, colored, 19 years old, criminally assaulted a negro woman 63 years old, first beating her into insensibility. The brute is in jail.

Solicitor Hammer and Mr. J. R. McCrary, his Republican opponent for the solicitorship, have agreed on a joint canvass of the district, which will probably begin in the near future.

The four year old daughter of Wm. Hefine, who lives three miles east of Pittsboro, was burned to death Wednesday night, caused by starting a fire with oil when it exploded and enveloped her in flames. Death followed in a few hours.

Duncan Porter, while hunting possums near Little River Academy in Cumberland county, was killed one night last week a tree falling on him. He was holding the dog while others of the party were cutting down a tree in which was the possum.

Mr. J. C. Black, a prominent lawyer and citizen, died at his home at Carthage Monday evening. He had twice represented his district in the State Senate and at the time of his death was Mayor of his town and president of the Bank of Carthage.

Mr. W. A. Blankenship, confidential secretary to Mr. O. M. Sadler, of the Southern Express Company in Charlotte, died last week from the effects of an overdose of chloral, after two days' suffering. The overdose, it is believed, was taken by accident and not with suicidal intent.

Excepting those who have already been granted permission to enter, no more students can be received at the A. and M. College in Raleigh. That institution is full and running over and many have been turned away. In three years the attendance has increased from 150 to nearly 500.

Last week while out turkey hunting near Wadesboro, Thomas Curlee climbed a tree and began yelping for the birds. His brother Charlie, attracted by the sound and seeing from a distance some object in the tree fired, and was horror stricken when he saw his brother fall dying from the tree.

Mr. Jesse R. Forkner, postmaster at Pilot Mountain, died Sunday night after a lingering illness of several years. Some 21 years ago, while Mr. Forkner was working with a threshing machine, he sucked a rye beard down his windpipe. Two or three years later it came out through the breast, producing a running sore and this, after 21 long years of suffering, has at last caused his death.

At Fayetteville Sunday afternoon, while Jim Strandler, colored, was sitting asleep on his piazza, he fell out of doors and broke his neck. Strandler was a remarkable negro, known in his prime as "Black Sampson," from his enormous physical strength. In early manhood he was a preacher and had a voice like a fog horn. Of late years he had followed the trade of well digger, and for a long time has been a cripple from rheumatism.

## Public Speaking.

There will be speaking at the following places, Saturday, September 27, at 3 p. m.:

At the shelter, Cleveland township, by E. S. Abell, W. S. Stevens and Dock Stephenson.

At voting place, Pleasant Grove township, by J. T. Ellington and W. A. Edgerton.

At Elevation, in Elevation township, by J. A. Wellons and J. W. Stephenson.

Saturday, October 4th, at 3 o'clock p. m. as follows:

Peacocks, X Roads, Meadow township, by J. T. Ellington, W. S. Stevens.

Pine Level, by E. S. Abell and James A. Wellons.

Archer, by C. W. Richardson and W. A. Edgerton.

Let every body turn out to hear the issues discussed.

W. W. COLE,  
Chm. Dem. Ex. Com.  
T. J. LASSITER,  
Secretary.

## General News Items.

The eruption of Mount Pelee, Martinique, is gradually subsiding.

A \$30,000,000 sewing machine trust is reported to be in formation.

Nine soldiers died of cholera in the Philippines between August 28 and September 14.

Six more cases of cholera have developed on the United States transport Sherman at Nagasaki, Japan.

It is reported that from 300 to 1,000 native Christians have been killed by Boxers in Szechuen Province, China.

Thirty painters employed on White House improvements have struck because four members of a rival union were employed.

After a conference of coal managers held in New York Tuesday it was again stated that no concessions would be made to the strikers.

The Republican executive committee of Alabama refused admittance of negro delegates to the State convention, which met Tuesday at Birmingham.

Nicholas Fish, a millionaire banker, died in New York Tuesday from injuries alleged to have been inflicted by Thomas. J. Sharkey, a private detective, in a brawl.

The American Molasses Company has been incorporated at Trenton, N. J., with a capital of \$3,000,000. The company is to deal in sugar, syrups, glucose, molasses and similar products.

Justice Horace Gray, who retired from the United States Supreme Court bench recently, died at his residence in Nahant, Mass., Monday of paralysis. He had been in poor health for some time.

Naval Constructor Richmond Pearson Hobson, who appeared before a retiring board a few months ago and failed to qualify for a retirement, will shortly be assigned to duty by the Navy Department.

A dispatch from Paris, Texas, says that seven persons are reported dead in Klamtia, Indian Territory, from inhaling Paris green which had been applied to worm infested cotton plants. Owing to dry weather it is supposed the poison in the form of dust was absorbed by the victims—four men and three women—who were at work in the field.

Mrs. Wm. Stewart, wife of the senior United States Senator of Nevada, was killed Friday at Alameda, Ala. Mrs. Stewart was riding in an automobile with Henry Foote and a young man named Taylor. Through an accident the machine ran into a telegraph pole. Mrs. Stewart was thrown against the pole with great force and was so seriously injured that death soon followed.

The next time you are discouraged just try encouraging some one else and see if it will not cheer you.—J. R. Miller.