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NO. 1.

A DELIBERATE FABRICATION.

Mr. Cleveland Thus Characterizes the Story That a Negro Lunched With Him at the White House
—Letter to Representative Webb, of North Carolina.

Representative Webb, of North Carolina, today diverted the minds of his colleagues from the commonplace District of Columbia appropriation bill by reading a letter from former President Cleveland, who in scathing terms denied having lunched with the negro Taylor at the White House. Said Mr. Webb: "Mr. Chairman, a man in trouble often attempts to get himself out by trying to pull others in. This was evidently the intention of the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. Scott,) when he stated on the floor of this House (on his own authority) that Mr. Cleveland had invited a negro by the name of Taylor to lunch with him, and that Taylor did so. The gentleman, in terms, makes this statement several times in the course of his remarks. On Tuesday morning, as soon as the Congressional Record reached me, containing the gentleman's statement, I wrote to Mr. Cleveland to know if it was true that he had lunched with a negro Taylor, as stated by Mr. Scott. I enclosed a copy of what the gentleman from Kansas said, and this morning I received the following reply:

Princeton, March 2, 1904.
"Hon. E. Y. Webb, House of Representatives:
"Dear Sir: It is a matter of small concern to me that a Mr. Scott has seen fit to use my name in display of his evil propensities on the floor of the House of Representatives. In answer to your inquiry, however, I have to say of his statement that the colored man, C. H. J. Taylor, took lunch with me at the White House, that it is a deliberate fabrication out of the whole cloth. As far as Mr. Taylor is concerned I understand prior to his appointment as Register of Deeds at Washington that he had served as an assistant in the office of the city attorney at Kansas City. His nomination as register was confirmed by the Senate, and he served in that place with intelligence and efficiency. He has since died. Some people restrain themselves from abusing the dead. My inquiries concerning Mr. Taylor before his appointment, my observation of him during his incumbency and the little I have known of him since, satisfy me that his character is unjustly attacked in the diatribe of Mr. Scott. One charge is made against Mr. Scott, which he doubly clutches with truth when he declares: 'He was a black negro.' I am led, however, to doubt his familiarity with his subject when he adds, 'as black as you ever saw.' Yours very truly,
"GROVER CLEVELAND.

"It is said that falsehood travels around the earth, while truth is pulling on its boots, but I want this truth, as stated in Mr. Cleveland's letter, as far as possible to travel in the same channels as the falsehood has traveled, and it may be, in many minds, the fabrication will be overtaken and destroyed. Mr. Cleveland was a friend to the negro, but not a 'fool friend.' He never by word or act encouraged the dream of social equality in the best of the black man. Again, he was the friend of the colored man, but he was also the friend of the Southern white man, and sympathized with us in our race problems and race burdens, and that, sir, is more than Mr. Roosevelt seems ever to have done.

WASHINGTON INTERESTED.
Political Washington has manifested very decided interest in this Cleveland letter. Several members had written to Mr. Cleveland and received replies, saying that he had expressed his sentiments concerning assertions of Mr. Scott in a letter to Mr. Webb, of North Carolina, and he

presumed this answer would sufficiently cover the ground. Minority Leader Williams heard of the letter and left a 'sick bed' to go to the capital, where he took part in the discussion which the letter precipitated. Some professed to see in the letter some things of undoubted political import, as showing the former Democratic President to be in a receptive frame of mind respecting the presidential nomination. By way of fortifying this point, it was asserted that this was the first time that Mr. Cleveland has shown a disposition to sit up and take notice when things were said about him, and that on this occasion he had not only come forward very promptly, but had shown some feeling.

Asked if he thought the inference that Mr. Cleveland had the presidential nomination in mind when he wrote the letter, Senator Simmons said that Mr. Cleveland might, if he had any political motive in writing the letter, have simply thought the letter would have a tendency to win back the regard of many people of the South, where his policies have encountered so much opposition.

This incident having brought the subject to the front, many have expressed the opinion today that Mr. Cleveland would be very glad to receive the nomination, and John G. Carlisle told some of his friends that if Mr. Cleveland were nominated he would carry New York by 100,000.

Mr. Webb said tonight that he had no wish to renew the debate on the race issue in the House, but did think that Mr. Cleveland had been misrepresented and that he should be set straight.

It was the opinion of Mr. Webb's colleagues that he said just about the right thing in the right way, and it gave friends of the young Congressman great pleasure to see him win the plaudits of the minority while while speaking, and see him receive congratulations from members after the debate aroused by the incident had closed. Mr. Scott, who made the charge that Mr. Cleveland had lunched with the negro Taylor, withdrew his remark in tendering his apology to Mr. Cleveland.—Washington Dispatch, 3d, to Charlotte Observer.

PRINCETON DOTS.

Rev. Mr. Perry is holding a series of meetings at the Holiness church on corner of Front and Centre streets.

We learn that the Methodists of our town and community are going to build a new church here this summer. We hope to see the new work commenced.

We have been informed that some of our enterprising merchants, and farmers are contemplating erecting a modern oil mill at this place, also an up-to-date ginny. Why shouldn't they.

Little Sarah Elizabeth, the 14 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Massey, died at their home February 22nd, of whooping cough and pneumonia. We regret to chronicle the above but God knows best.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscar Coates lost their 6 weeks old child last Monday March 6th, the cause of the child's death being whooping cough and pneumonia. Our sympathy is extended to the bereft parents and relatives.

We have got the "Water Works" or at least have had, so far. Now we would like to have soom lights, electric or oil, doesn't make much difference, so we can see how to walk o' nights. We would like to see our town authorities doing something along this line. We are not exactly "scarry" but it do' look mighty curious these dark nights when all the stores are closed, fronts barred and lights blown out.
Mar. 9. E.

For any kind of harness you will find it at The Austin-Stephenson Co.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

The State has offered a reward of \$200 for the incendiaries who caused the \$85,000 fire at Rocky Mount.

Shelby township in Cleveland County defeated good roads in election Saturday by 100 majority.

The Raleigh dispensary took in \$12,500 during the month of February, against \$11,000 for the month of January.

The Board of Commissioners of Sampson is asking for bids on the erection of a new court house to cost about \$20,000.

The enterprising Charlotte Evening News has purchased an automobile to facilitate the delivery of its papers in that city.

The State has chartered the North Carolina Naval Stores Company of Elizabeth City, with an authorized capital of \$100,000; paid up, \$50,000.

Dr. S. A. Green, of Boston, Mass., general agent for The Peabody Fund, has sent State Superintendent Joyner a check for \$1000 for the A. & M. College summer school.

There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Agricultural Society in Raleigh on March 10th. Mr. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, is president of this Society.

Four convicts have escaped from a chain gang of 100 at work on the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railway. It is said that the carelessness of a guard is responsible for the escape.

The Supreme Court has granted a new trial to Dan Teachey who was convicted of the murder of R. W. Rivenbark in Duplin County last year and sentenced to be hanged.

Senator Overman has accepted an invitation to speak at the dinner of the North Carolina Society in New York. It will be held on March 15th, on the anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Court House.

The matter of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad receivership will be heard in Raleigh before United States Judge Charles H. Simonton on March 17th. It will then be decided whether the order of Judge Purcell putting the road into the hands of a receivership shall be sustained or annulled.

The Supreme Court Tuesday handed down an opinion in the case of Alfred Daniels who was convicted at the November term of Jones County Superior Court and sentenced to be hanged, for the murder of F. G. Simmons, father of Senator Simmons. The court found no error and the Governor will set the day for Daniels' execution.

A big lumber deal was consummated Thursday at Asheville, when C. W. McDale, W. W. Mills, and Dr. H. Tarpin bought the Catalouchee Lumber Company's plant, now in the hands of receivers, for \$535,000. The company's lands lie in this State and Tennessee, containing 54,700 acres; and, it is said, will make an output of 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber.

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the Liver or Kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels Nerveousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and expels Malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists.

LEACHBURG ITEMS.

There has been but little work done toward another crop in this section so far.

Messrs. Jeff and Richard Stephenson spent last Saturday and Sunday in Harnett county.

There will be services at Shiloh next Saturday and Sunday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. Townsend.

Miss Elgie Lee, of Perline, after spending a few weeks in Clayton with her sister, passed through this section Sunday, returning home.

Mr. John Hardee has been all smiles since the arrival of his two boarders on the 28th of February. They weigh seven pounds each and have been named John and Judson.

THE HERALD failed to make its appearance again last Saturday. What is the trouble, Mr. Editor? (The failure of trains making connection, we suppose.—Ed.)

Mr. A. M. Sanders, from away down toward the Court House, was out in this neck of woods last Saturday hunting—yes, hunting—delinquent tax-payers; and by the way Mr. Sanders says he'll be our next sheriff if we "Dimicrats" will let him.

Miss Alice Bailey, a beautiful and accomplished young lady of Harnett county, accompanied by Mr. Rom Johnson, weighed anchor in our harbor Thursday. After visiting various aunts, cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law, and going through mud to fish traps, they returned to Harnett Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Eugene Stevens, a salesman for Messrs. J. G. Barbour & Sons, of Clayton, was out home last week with a severe case of lagrippe. But the governor (his pa), learning that the "grippe called for eighteen eggs daily, more or less; decided he was too much expense and consequently shipped him back to Clayton Saturday. Eggs have been 20 cents per dozen.

SOL.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

Another overflow in Neuse river puts the stock and old Molly Cottontail in close quarters.

Miss Onie Britt, of Bentonville, and Miss Laura Lynch, of Maxton, visited Mrs. Will Smith, Jr., last week.

Miss Maud Powell spent Saturday and Sunday at home. Three more weeks of school and she will sniff home air and listen to the mocking birds.

One of our newly married swains set fire to his woods one blustery day and went to the house to play a game of crocodile with his bride, and upon looking out saw the fence on fire. Rails to mau! Selah! Free range, you know.

Miss Sarah Whitley's school closing at the Creech school house was greatly enjoyed by those who weathered the gale that evening. All praised the exercises, which showed so much pains in thought and training; and the "Faulk Creek" band was not to be sneered at.

Owen Ashford, a colored itinerant, light-fingered, "Neromical gemman" from the huckleberry region, left his horse hors de combat in the middle of the road in front of Sardis church Saturday night, remaining until Monday afternoon. Many horses were frightened and several accidents narrowly averted. Trampled mud and a shattered fence rail pointed to Owen and the dispensary. Heb at his horse going and coming. One time the White Caps inspected his nether lmen and regions thereabout. He promised to vamoose and reform, but it remains for the grand jury of the ensuing court to make a case of "Et Swampus E Railibus" against him.
March 9. X.

75 Home made wash boards @ 15c each. The Cotter-Steyens Co.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. Jacob Stencil went to Wilson Tuesday.

Mr. R. T. Fulghum went to Wilson Tuesday.

Mr. L. Z. Woodard made a business trip to Smithfield Tuesday.

For two weeks it has been, Oh! don't touch my arm! It's vaccinated.

Messrs. Jno. G. High, C. B. Bailey, and Misses Eva High and Emma Mathews attended quarterly meeting at Buck Horn, Sunday.

Mr. Jno. G. Gulley has sold his dwelling to Mr. L. Z. Woodard, R. F. D. carrier No. 2, and is contemplating moving back to his farm.

Rev. E. W. Souders, of Fayetteville, pastor of the Presbyterian church here filled his regular monthly appointment Sunday morning and night.

Mr. H. K. Price, of East Radford, Va., a former student of Kenly Academy, spent Tuesday and Wednesday here visiting friends and schoolmates.

The recent rise in the price of tobacco has caused many of the farmers around here who were holding tobacco to put it on the market. They report very satisfactory returns.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, the pastor of the Methodist church here, and Dr. Moore, the Presiding Elder, spent Friday night here, enroute to the Quarterly meeting at Buck Horn Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Anderson, of Wilson, came Monday to examine those whom it was thought had small pox. After a careful investigation he diagnosed it nothing but measles. This was welcome news and a great relief to the people here. School was accordingly opened Tuesday morning, and everything is beginning to get in its former regular working order.

All Rural Letter Carriers of Johnston Co. are requested to meet at the Court House, Monday March 21st, at 3:30 O'clock for the purpose of organizing a Rural Letter Carrier's County association; carriers from adjoining counties are invited to attend and join us until they have county associations in their own county. Let every carrier make special efforts to be present.
"REX"

SELMA NEWS.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill, was here Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. M. V. Green, of Spring Hope, are visiting Mrs. Green's son, Mr. A. V. Driver.

Messrs. Robert Millard Nowell, Charles H. Kleppleberg, C. P. Harper and R. Gibson spent Sunday afternoon at Wilson's Mills.

Mrs. Jennie Moore left Wednesday night for Baltimore to purchase a stock of millinery for Mrs. A. Jones. Ladies needing spring hats will take notice and wait for her new stock.

The Smithfield Blue Birds and Selma Jay Birds (base ball clubs) met at Selma Wednesday afternoon and the Jay Birds pulled nineteen feathers out of the Blue Birds and only lost four of theirs. Come again. They are a clever set of boys.
SENEX.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the neck of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

PINE LEVEL NOTES.

The Pine Level Bank will soon be completed.

Little Sadie Bagley, of Bagley, is here this week with her aunt, Mrs. B. Godwin.

Misses Lula Stallings and Mabel Edwards, of Princeton, spent a few days with Miss Mary Korngeway recently.

Mrs. E. V. Peedin was called to Westville, S. C. on account of the sickness of her father last week. She returned Monday.

The public school at this place taught by Mr. J. W. Parker, closed Friday. The children were sorry to part with their teacher.
Y. Y.

Pleasant Hill School Close.

On the night of the 5th instant the Pleasant Hill Public School taught by Mr. Geo. Whitley and Miss Millie Bailey closed with very interesting exercises. The session just ended has been very successful.

The school building is large, but was so crowded that standing room was hardly available. Mr. Pope and sister, of Dunn, furnished excellent music.

The exercises began at 7:30 and consisted of declamations, recitations, dialogues, plays, drills, tableaux, etc. Space forbids a mention of each selection rendered; suffice it to say, however, that the programme was unusually good and lasted until eleven o'clock, notwithstanding the press. The pieces were so well rendered that they would have been creditable in a high school commencement.

Class prizes were awarded to Misses Deha Creech and Eula Sorrell, and to Mr. Jesse Surles. Reciter's prize was awarded to Miss Jennie Godwin, and declaimer's prize to Mr. Julian Godwin.

Pleasant Hill school formerly known as Pleasant Hill Academy, is in the midst of a highly cultured and prosperous country locality. The patrons thoroughly know the qualities of a good teacher. This is why they have for a number of years kept employing the accomplished Miss Bailey. They are now thoroughly united in praise to Mr. Whitley. Although young he makes a fine principal. What can better express their appreciation than to say they all want him again for the next session. That is the case. With their numerous boys and girls in the hands of Mr. Whitley and Miss Bailey these people are conscious of the highest development.
Respectfully, C.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by Hood Bros., druggist.

School Closes in the Cat-Tail Section.

The school at Poplar Spring school house, district No. 10, taught by Mr. J. H. Broadwell, closed Saturday, February 27. It being a sleety day the attendance was small. Most of the parents were there, to hear the speeches and dialogues recited by their children. We feel satisfied that Mr. Broadwell has done his duty as teacher. Hope we may have his services again in the future.

After the exercises candy was served, and such a cracking and smacking you never heard.
NOSAE RACSO.

Six men were drowned and four others injured as a result of collapse of a bridge spanning Yellow Creek, near Irondale, Ohio, on the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad. The men were on two locomotives that attempted to cross the bridge together.