

REPUBLICANS AGAINST HIM. THREE YEARS FOR WRIGHT.

Mr. A. H. Price Will Oppose Blackburn Unless Latter Replies to Charges Made Against Him.

Salisbury, August 28.—There are some indications far in advance of the election that some of Mr Blackburn's "boys" have outgrown themselves. If all of the Republicans who are now disgusted with his attitude towards the joint canvass and his indifference to the open charges of the Democratic candidate, Mr Hackett, fail to support him, he is preparing himself for the shelf.

The attitude of Mr A H Price in this campaign was made known in the June Republican convention, when, after the most vigorous larruping of Blackburn heard in years, he said: "But when I go into a Republican convention, I mean to abide by its choice and the stories that I shall oppose Mr Blackburn, printed in the newspapers, are untrue. I shall vote for him." This was after Mr Price had resigned, following the activity of Mr Blackburn against him. He thinks differently and says now that if the charges of Hackett are not replied to, either from the stump or otherwise, he will not vote for Blackburn.

Those charges are made openly. They are pretty bad. The Observer's correspondent has been shown the affidavits of an ex-sheriff's son of Wilkes county in which he says that he was promised immunity from the revenue laws, that he was forced to contribute funds for the Blackburn campaign, tells the amount, and says that Blackburn wrote him to have plenty of blockade liquor on the grounds election day. He did all Blackburn asked him to do. Mr McEwin, the witness in these charges, is now in Texas. There has been no denial of these things which are made in every speech Mr Hackett makes.

Dastardly Deed in Polk.

Tryon, Aug 28.—News was received here today of a dastardly, but unsuccessful attempt by a young white man named Henderson to criminally assault Mrs. Lucina Littlejohn, a young white woman, aged about 25 years, near Columbus, this county. The deed was committed Friday afternoon, but efforts have been made to suppress the details. According to reports received here, the young woman was returning to her home from a visit to her neighbor's house. While passing through a strip of woods Henderson rushed out, grabbed her and tore her clothing almost into shreds in his desperate attempt to commit criminal assault. After a hard struggle the young woman succeeded in desengaging herself from Henderson's grasp and ran to her home, about a quarter of a mile distant. Mrs. Littlejohn resides with her brother, Balus Green.

Henderson, it is said, has been arrested by the sheriff and placed in jail at Columbus to await trial. He bears an unsavory reputation. The young woman is well thought of. There is no excitement here on account of the deed.

Danville Refuses Motor Franchise.

Danville, Va., August 28.—At a meeting of the common council, held here tonight, the petition of the Danville Street Railway and Electric Company, asking for a thirty-years franchise to do an electric motor business, was turned down. The street car company has for several years been engaged in the motor business, the privilege being granted by a resolution of the council.

This resolution was recently rescinded and a charter was asked for.

The refusal of the petition of the car people leaves the motor business entirely in the hands of the city. The car company did not ask for an exclusive franchise, but claimed that it could lower the price of electricity as charged by the city.

A judge may commit a nuisance without violating the law, if a prisoner happens to be the nuisance.

Negro Boy Who Entered Store Gets Sentence of Three Years on Roads.

When court convened this morning the case of John Pinion vs. Caroline Pinion was heard by Judge Peebles and the court granted Pinion a divorce. Theodore Wright, the negro boy who was caught in the store of the White-Morrison-Flowe Company last Sunday morning, plead guilty and was sentenced to three years on the county roads.

The case against Thomas Rhinehardt, for retailing, caused a pause in the court proceedings. Rhinehardt is a deaf mute, can neither read nor write, and Solicitor Clarkson was at his wits end. The charge against Rhinehardt could not be made known to him. Effort after effort had failed when the court suggested that perhaps the fellow who bought the whiskey could communicate with him.

Well-Dressed Stranger Dies on a Train in Georgia.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 28.—A well-dressed white man died on a train near Americus, Ga., this afternoon, enroute to Montgomery, Ala. His body was fearfully emaciated. He was middle aged, blue eyes, slightly bald. His apparel and manner before death indicate he was a man of refinement and affluence. No papers of identification were found on his person.

Water Cheats the Law.

Scotland Neck, 28.—Saturday Officer Stephenson of Halifax arrived with a warrant went to arrest a colored man, Nick Branch, charged with whipping his wife in Northampton county. The man was crossing Roanoke river in a flat, jumped overboard, and attempted to swim ashore, but was drowned. His body was found in the river yesterday not far from the place where he jumped into the river. Judge Walter Neal, who is holding court at Halifax, instructed Sheriff Patterson to have the body cared for and, if not claimed by his people, to have it properly buried.

Drunken Negro Killed by Train.

Rockingham, Aug 28.—Ernest Hinson, a negro of this place, was killed Monday night by a train near Hamlet. He had been put off of grain No. 39 for refusing to pay his fare and it is thought he went to sleep on the track and was killed by the next train. He was drunk.

Mecklenburg's First Bale.

Mr J A Blakeney, of Providence township, yesterday hauled to Charlotte the first bale of Mecklenburg's new cotton crop. The bale weighed 557 pounds and was classed as strict middling. It was purchased by Mr W A Watson, at 11½ cents per pound.—Observer, 29th.

No Tickets.

Chairman Hartsell of the Democratic committee after hearing from the candidates and considering the matter thinks it best not to use tickets at the primaries on Saturday. The ticket is sometimes used, though not satisfactory by any means and this year they are not to be used at all.

One Killed in Wreck.

New York, Aug. 29.—The Brewster express on New York central with eight coaches crashed into a freight wreck at Park avenue this morning killing breakman Mahoney and fatally injuring J W Leonard another breakman.

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Just one of range—Ashes.

NO. 2 IN HISTORY.

A Trip Through No. 2 Shows Many Things to a Careful Observer—Today and Former Days.

(BY G. E. KESTLER.)

Mr. Editor—A few moments' reflection impresses one with the importance, especially from a historical standpoint, of No. 2 township, which extends from the city to Mecklenburg county.

Clustered around the name of Poplar Tent are woven some of the most sacred emotions, and no spot in the world has a richer heritage from the pioneers of the years long gone than this place. In intelligence, in patriotism, in all the high graces that endowed a proud and noble manhood and womanhood of the old school of the seventies the people of this section were richly endowed.

This is the home of rich planters of other days. Where Mr J W Wallace now lives there was, in ante bellum days, one of the most beautiful and handsome country residences in the country. It was owned by Mr. Edwin R Harris, and was called "Oak Lawn." The stage coaches from Charlotte to Salisbury stopped here. The place was surrounded by a large rock wall, parts of which still remain as emblems of the old regime. The place was afterwards called the Flanagan place, then sold to Mr. E B Springs, and later to Mr. J W Wallace. It is interesting to trace back the history of these old country mansions which still stand as beacon lights of memory to show the beauties of the golden days of yore.

No. 2 was rich in these. The Gibson place, the Moss place, the Means place, the several Harris places, the Cannon place, the Mills place, etc. Each have a glorious heritage, and almost all have long since gone into decay to keep time to the pressure of the 20th century. We have no time for traditions; no time for ornament, no time for the development of the aesthetic and the artful in these prosaic days. Everything now means dollars or its not interesting.

No 2 to a great extent is still owned by a few men, and tenants galore live here, but another class of men rule things from the old slave owners before the war.

The Cox place is old in history and

interest. It is said that some buildings near here were built in 1771. There are records of machinery being run here at this date. The old mill house is heavy with age and service. But No. 2 is putting on new clothes in these latter days. The Bala mill, four miles from the city, is an innovation in the mill business, being built out in the country. It is doing well and giving the operatives the luxury of living in the county still being in the factory. This section is well watered and furnishes one of the choicest agricultural sections of the county.

No. 2 township was first settled in 1732, near Poplar Tent, by Scotch-Irish immigrants from Pennsylvania and Maryland, named Clark, Alexander, Reese, Harris, Black, Campbell, Meek and Wilson.

Rev. John Thompson first preached to the people of Poplar Tent under a big poplar tree, which stood near the forest church, hence the name Poplar, and the branches, I suppose, were called the tent. This was in 1752. In 1802 this celebrated poplar tree fell to the ground. In 1769 Rev. Hezekiah J Balch, one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20th, 1775, and it is thought the one who wrote this celebrated document accepted the pastorate of this church.

In 1771 the colonial governor was transporting a lot of King George's powder from Charleston, when the government wagons were met on John Phifer's place in No. 2 by that brave band of Black boys, commanded by Captain Black, Bill Alexander, of Sugar Creek, and, assisted by the celebrated White boys of this neighborhood, and the powder was destroyed. The Caldwell, originally from Ireland, came to Poplar Tent in 1780.

It is remarkable that Hezekiah J Black, Benjamin Patton, Robert Harris, Zaccheus Wilson, John Phifer and David Reese, who were all signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in 1775, were all members of the Poplar Tent Church.

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