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DOWD FOR CONGRESS.

True and Tried in Every Relation of Life, a Loyal Democrat, and a Good Campaigner, He Would Worthily Represent the District To the Editor of the Gazette:

Without disparaging in the least the fitness and qualifications of other gentlemen who have declared themselves as aspirants for the Democratic nomination for congress for the 9th Congressional District, I wish to present the claims of Mr. W. C. Dowd.

I have known him intimately from early boyhood, we having been school boys together. He has been true and tried in every relation of life; he has been a loyal Democrat, he has up-held the flag and abided his time, thus enabling us to accomplish the great work done in the State. He was Senator from Mecklenburg in 1894. The canvass of Mecklenburg and vicinity in 1896 by himself and others had, I believe, much to do in saving the county and this section from being captured by the enemy of our White Race. He is a good campaigner, bold and aggressive, clean in his talk, a good quality. He did much in shaping the issue which culminated in the Constitutional Amendment.

Mr. Dowd is considerate in everything he does, slow, cautious, never vindictive or malicious. When defeated for the nomination for the Senate in 1898, he did all in his power to elect his opponent. In fact he canvassed most of Mecklenburg County for him and the ticket. He is a representative of a class of men that North Carolina should ever be thankful for their efforts in behalf of the Constitutional Amendment—the editors of the Democratic papers—a class which should have some representative in Congress. Why not elect Mr. W. C. Dowd? He should be elected.

HERRIOT CLARKSON,
Charlotte, N. C., May 5, 1902.

Not Creditable.
Dartmouth Herald.

It is not to North Carolina's credit that she is at the mercy of the beef trust. The farmers of State should be able to supply all the beef consumed in the cities and towns.

Agricultural Topics.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

I hand you some random items of more or less interest, I hope, to your farmer readers.

"Humus is a vegetable matter in the soil, at that stage of decay, which makes it possible for the roots of growing plants to extract nourishment from it. Humates are the compounds extracted from the Humus."

I have no faith in the so called "Lipp's Formula." No farmer can distinguish the difference between an Acid Phosphate containing 8%, and one containing 16% Available Phosphoric Acid. He could not distinguish between the sample of genuine muriate of potash and one which is adulterated with 75% of common salt and so on with the other chemical ingredients.

Very few farmers can tell the cost of operating their farms, and the profit of each crop raised, few can tell how much grain will shrink in holding over, consequently whether it is more profitable to sell corn at 45c. at gathering, or take 75c. the next spring.

We should not have an unprofitable acre on the farm nor an unprofitable tree in the orchard. Every other class and industry has its "Combiners," "Trusts" and "Unions," why not the Agriculturist? I believe we ought to work more for farming interests and less for the politician.

Farmers are the most conservative people, as a class, in the world. The farmers of Gaston county are making decided progress. The tendency of Gaston agriculturists to diversify their crops during the past four years is a good sign. Crop diversity is the salvation of the South.

Here is a glimpse of a farm house as it should not be: The road was gullied and bordered by a hedge of bamboo briars. The house stands four feet above the ground on wooden blocks. Neither blinds or curtains to the windows. The front porch is reached by rickety steps. No carpets cover the bare floor and there is no air of comfort in the house. Where possible let us improve and beautify our homes and surroundings.

THE YORKVILLE TRAGEDY.

Some Further Particulars of the Tragic Drowning Last Saturday—The Story of Young Morrow's Heroism.

The Enquirer of last Wednesday gave some particulars of the tragic death of the three young cadets there last Saturday which will have an interest for many of our readers, especially those portions dealing with the brave taken part by Mr. Marshall Morrow, of Gastonia.

Writing of the tragedy editorially, the Enquirer says:

In telling the story of the tragedy of last Saturday at Black's pond there has been no effort to go beyond or color the facts. The thing is too awfully terrible to warrant such liberty. But no one who reads the details in another column, can fail to be impressed, amid all the surrounding gloom, with the brilliant jewels of noble manhood which there came to light. There is no other way to put it than that young Nichols and Lindsay offered up their lives on the altar of what they conceived to be their simple duty. Captain Stephenson and Mr. Black did all they could, and no more can be reasonably expected of any man. With young Marshall Morrow, it appears to have been not only a matter of ability; but willingness to do, and his magnificent work commands the universal homage that it will receive. If there is any blame to be meted out on account of any part of the whole distressing tragedy, it will have to be placed by others. The Enquirer has hunted as diligently for blame as for merit; but has been able to locate no blame whatever.

From the full account which appeared in its news columns we make the following extracts:

Within a short time after their arrival the cadets were in the water. They had been duly cautioned as to the character of the bottom by Mr. Fred Black, who is one of the owners of the mill property and who had gone to the place to see the boys enjoy themselves. Captain Stephenson instructed them as to the dangers. Those of the boys who could swim well, struck out at will, wherever they liked. Others tried to keep on the side of safety. Presently Cadet Nichols, who was walking along the dam slipped into the water, and disappeared from sight. He knew but little about swimming and was helpless. Cadet Morrow, who is a good swimmer, happened to be near, and seizing hold of his struggling companion pulled him from the water. The incident occupied but a minute; but Cadet Nichols was pretty severely strangled, and it was some little time before he could get rid of all the water he had swallowed. Nearly all the boys saw the accident and most of them were much impressed with it; but as they had been in the water only a short time, they were not yet ready to give up. Cadet Nichols took a seat on the bank to rest, and by direction of Captain Stephenson, at the suggestion of Mr. Black, those of the boys who were not good swimmers, sought a safer portion of the pond.

Shortly after the change of the majority of the bathers to the new location, two boys swam across the channel to the shallow water on the opposite side, and Cadet Stevens undertook to follow. Some of the boys were watching and others were not. Stevens was a strong active young man, who though able to swim only a few strokes had in some way created the impression that he was at home in the water, and nobody was dreaming of an accident. He struck out boldly across the channel; but presently he went under, and a moment later everybody began to realize the seriousness of the situation and there followed a period of wild excitement.

Nichols, who since his own narrow escape a short time before, had been resting on the bank, went plunging headlong to the rescue, and Lindsay, with the exclamation, "Boys, Stevens is drowning!" on his lips did the same. A moment later—it was all within the same half minute—the three helpless boys were struggling in twelve feet of water. Then came Mr. Black, six feet tall and a powerful swimmer; but hampered by his clothes. He got into the deep water, succeeded in seizing Stevens and raising his body above the surface; but after a moment Stevens slipped away, and Mr. Black disappeared from view. The troubled water on the surface indicated the commotion below. After what seemed an age,

Mr. Black came slowly up, and with difficulty crawled to the bank. He was utterly exhausted and half drowned; but at once commenced stripping himself with a view of going back to the boys.

While Mr. Black was struggling in the water, Cadet Morrow was running about the bank hunting for a plank. After what seemed an age, but was in reality only a minute or two, he launched it over the spot where the boys went down. Then, single handed he dived, brought up the body of Stevens and floated it to the edge of the channel. Here he was met by Captain Stephenson, who had walked out in his clothes, and Mr. Black, who had recovered sufficiently to again be of assistance, and together the three bore the body to land. With the assistance, and under the direction of Captain Stephenson, the other cadets resorted to the usual expedients for the resuscitation of the drowned. Cadet Morrow returned immediately to his plank, and a few minutes afterward succeeded in recovering the body of Nichols, with which was repeated the same process as in the case of Stevens. The body of Lindsay was more difficult to find; but Cadet Morrow brought it up also after Mr. Norman Black had gone down for it twice without success.

As to how long the bodies were in the water could not be definitely ascertained. Mr. Black does not think it was longer than fifteen minutes from the time the first cadet went down until the last one was recovered. Cadet Morrow thinks the time was much shorter than that; but is not able to give a definite statement. Captain Stephenson is also very doubtful as to the time, and so are all the others who were questioned on the point.

"What I did," said Mr. F. C. Black, referring to the tragedy "amounted to nothing. I didn't accomplish anything. But the efforts of that young fellow Morrow were most remarkable. He can swim like a duck; but his pluck, courage, discrimination and devotion to duty are superior to his swimming. I have never before seen anything like the work he did under such trying circumstances."

Mr. T. J. Nichols, father of one of the drowned boys, happened to be in Yorkville when the news reached here. He hurried to the scene and worked until the doctor informed him there was no hope, when he broke down. Capt. and Mrs. Lindsay, the parents of another one of the boys, were also on the spot. Scores of people who had previously contemplated the dreadful situation in awed silence, shed tears freely in the presence of parental grief.

Carefully and tenderly the bodies of the dead boys were removed to Yorkville. Those of Nichols and Lindsay were at once taken to the homes of their respective parents, and that of Stevens to the K. M. M. A. barracks, where it remained until about 12 o'clock Saturday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, accompanied by their son and other relatives and friends, came for it with a special train from Kershaw. From here, the body of young Stevens was taken to Rock Hill, where his mother lives, for interment.

The funeral of young Nichols took place on last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The services were conducted at the residence, six miles north-east of Yorkville by Rev. W. A. Hafner, and the interment was in Bethel cemetery. The funeral of young Lindsay took place from the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. W. G. Neville conducted the services. Young Stevens was buried in Rock Hill at 5 o'clock. Rev. Dr. J. H. Thornwell conducting the services. All the funerals were largely attended, the K. M. M. A. being represented by one-third of the corps at each.

At the Kings Mountain Military Academy Monday morning, the following was published as "Special order No. 10:"

For heroic and meritorious conduct manifested and shown by Cadet Morrow on the 3rd instant, in his successful efforts to recover the bodies of his drowned comrades, he is hereby promoted to the rank of third lieutenant of Company A.

The Monroe Journal says that a Union county farmer shipped two barrels of home made syrup to New England recently. "Raise cane" is good advice.

SHEEP RAISING IN IREDELL.

A Flock of 203 Sheep Imported From Illinois—Year Men Invest \$3,000 in the Business.

The Statesville Landmark says that Mr. Samuel Archer arrived on Wednesday of last week with 203 sheep purchased in Illinois.

Mr. Archer came to Statesville several months ago and has since been at work to interest the farmers of that vicinity in sheep husbandry. Messrs. W. B. Gibson, of Iredeell Station, W. H. Adderholt, of Bethany township, and Dr. J. J. Mott, of Statesville, have taken stock with Mr. Archer and will engage in sheep husbandry. The sheep were taken to Mr. Gibson's farm. The parties interested will take turn about pasturing the sheep.

It was about the last of March when Mr. Archer went west for the sheep. He bought them from the Peck farm near Geneva, Ill., about 40 miles west of Chicago. This farm is operated by four bachelor brothers, George Albert, Frank, and Seth and they do it quite successfully. While out there in April Mr. Archer wrote a letter to the Landmark in which he gave some interesting information concerning the farm and his business out there. He says the parents of the boys migrated to Illinois from Vermont 29 years ago, and settled on 80 acres which has increased to eight farms including 2,200 acres, currently worth \$80 per acre, well fenced and highly improved, with fine residences and barn buildings. The roomy barns are always filled to overflowing in season and this year, after wintering 250 dairy cows, 75 horses, 1,800 sheep, etc., there is on hand some 2,000 bushels of wheat, 13,000 of oats, 6000 of corn and much other products. Spring seeding is all done and plowing for over 400 acres of corn is now progressing.

They did not choose to sell their wool at the low prices that have prevailed and have now on hand over 200,000 lbs. worth more than \$30,000. They do not need the money and consider the wool "good as old wheat in the mill"—and it is.

I had not been authorized to purchase an upper part of such a flock as I found this one to be, but after learning the situation Mr. Adderholt and Mr. Gibson instructed me to close the trade for 200 ewes at an average I selected at \$12, and 3 selected ram lambs at \$200. On account of danger to ewes in shipment we concluded to shear most all here and I have sold the wool of all I will clip at \$1.75 per head, the purchaser paying all expenses of shearing. I think we could have made the wool net us \$2 per head but with more risk to ewes.

The sheared ones will not look well but I will take home a dozen or so to show how they look and to prove to "doubting Thomases" the actual weight of fleeces. I send you samples from three fleeces, rather extra in appearance, that average over 12 lbs. We are clipping my lot of ewes now and they are turning off fleeces that weigh from 10 to 15½ lbs. I feared to inform my friends they would average 12 lbs. but now I think they may average above it a little, and such wool according to quality, is selling at 15 to 20 cents, unwashed, in the Eastern market.

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