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### YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Recorder.

A five-year-old daughter of Alice Wylie, a mulatto, died last Friday as the result of accidental burns sustained on Thursday. The child had been left alone for a short time, and its clothes were ignited at the fire place. It lingered in great pain until the next day.

Rev. I. G. Murray of La Fayette, Ala., has accepted a call recently extended to him by the Yorkville Baptist church to become its pastor, and give the work his entire time, and states that he hopes to enter upon the discharge of his duties on or before December 1.

A negro named Alfonso Walker was committed to jail by Magistrate Nunnery of Bethesda township this morning for practicing dentistry for money without a license. When brought to jail he had in his possession a bottle of liniment and a pair of shears. It is understood that he used the shears instead of forceps and that he had pulled and prized out lots of teeth for the negroes of Magistrate Nunnery's neighborhood.

Mrs. D. R. Finley returned last Saturday from a two weeks' visit to Decatur, Ga. where she was called on account of the illness of her aunt, Miss Lorena Crenshaw. Miss Crenshaw has been confined to her bed for a month as the result of a general break-down and her condition is regarded as very serious. Mrs. Finley does not think that she will be able to get up again.

Mrs. W. D. Grist and little daughter, Edith, returned last Saturday afternoon from a month's visit to friends and relatives in Baltimore, Md. and Newport News, Va. Mrs. Grist was present at the launching of the battleship North Carolina on the 6th instant, and brought home with her as souvenirs one of the small flags with which the ship was decorated for the occasion and a piece of the bottle that contained the christening champagne.

There was a large crowd of people at Bethany last Saturday to participate in the educational picnic given under the auspices of the Bethany High school. The principal feature of the occasion was an address by Prof. W. H. Hand of the South Carolina university. Prof. Hand spoke about two hours and held the close attention of his big audience from start to finish. There was a picnic dinner and the day was spent most pleasantly throughout.

A monument to the late W. T. McKnight was unveiled at Bethany last Saturday by the Woodmen of the World, the exercises being under the especial direction of Filbert camp, Mr. J. B. Neil consul commander. Thos. F. McDow, Esq., delivered an eloquent eulogy on the life and character of the deceased. The attendance was quite large, there being representatives from nearly all of the camps in the western part of the county.

H. W. Stewart, a white man from Fort Mill township, was committed to jail a few days ago on the charge of stealing a horse from C. C. C. Beik, white. The testimony at the preliminary was to the effect that Stewart took the horse to Wilkesboro, N. C., and traded it to a Mr. Smoak for another horse and \$37.50 boot. What he did with the horse he received in exchange has not developed.

### NEGROES BURN SOUTH CAROLINA TOWN.

Seeking Revenge For Destruction of Their College.

Following the dynamiting of Harrell College, a negro institution, at Seneca, S. C., last Friday night, that place was early Wednesday morning almost burned to the ground.

It is said the fire was the work of incendiary negroes seeking revenge for the destruction of their college.

Harrell College, the negro school destroyed, was presided over by Rev. J. F. Williams, and supported by Northern white people. Williams had made himself very objectionable to the white people by advising the negroes not to work and preaching other incendiary doctrines. A letter was sent to him several weeks ago advising him to leave, but to this he paid no attention.

Since the dynamiting of the college negroes have been in ugly moods and meetings have been held nightly in negro lodge rooms and halls.

Among the buildings destroyed are both hotels, Mrs. Wm. Coleman's residence and two stores adjoining the hotels. A clothing store, a drug store, grocery and one hardware store were badly damaged. The fire broke out in the basement of the Oconee Inn, which was left unlocked last night, affording access to the incendiaries.

No casualties are reported as occupants of the hotels had ample time to get out. The property loss is in the neighborhood of \$200,000, with about \$50,000 insurance.

### Raccoon At the Fish.

Kinston Free Press.

A party of men in cleaning out a big ditch on a farm in Woodington, ran upon a hole in which were found a lot of fish and they caught them and strung them and hung up the bunch of fish on a tree and went back to work. A raccoon kleptomaniac spying the fish licked his chops and with S'nian cunning planned the conversion of the tempting meal to him-self. From tree to tree he crept until he got to the fish and "joyed hisself," finishing up just as the workmen came back after their supper. He skidded then and returned to his former haunts to digest his meal.

### An Iredell Lady Marries a Mt. Airy Physician—Rather Romantic.

Mt. Airy Dispatch, to Charlotte Observer.

At the home of Rev. Dr. R. W. Mebane, father of the groom, there was a marriage last night at 8:30 o'clock of interest to the many friends of Dr. W. C. Mebane, recently the resident physician of the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Dr. Mebane was married to Miss Susan Mott, the handsome and attractive daughter of Dr. Henry Y. Mott, of Iredell county, whose residence was Davidson College. Miss Mott was formerly head nurse at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. She came to Mt. Airy to nurse Dr. Mebane in a critical case of typhoid fever and they concluded to have the marriage at once. It had been set for November 21st. It was on account of Dr. Mebane's illness that the marriage was entirely quiet and private. Dr. B. W. Mabane, father of the groom, performed the ceremony. It is hoped that the disease will soon be arrested and that young Dr. Mebane will be restored to his large practice.

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## SMITH'S REPLY TO HIS CRITICS.

SENT TO THE GAZETTE FOR PUBLICATION LOCALLY.

The "Criminal Records" of Gaston Show Nothing to His Discredit—Republican from Principle, but Will not Vote for Any Old Thing Just for Party's Sake—Wants to Vote for Honest Sobber Men—Assails Blackburn Faction and Endorses Tark's View of the Patronage Problem.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

As a friend of fair play and out of thanks for the good Mr. J. A. Smith has done for the Republican party in Gaston, I wish you would publish the enclosed article signed by Mr. Smith which, as originally prepared, appeared in the Charlotte Observer of Sept. 9th in reply to a hard and vicious article published in the Charlotte Observer and republished in the Gastonia News.

I want our home people to have Mr. Smith's reply, as I think him unjustly treated. We need successful men in politics as well as business. I am a Republican, never voted any other way in my life, and I know I have the true interest of the Republican party at heart, and if we had a J. A. Smith in every voting precinct in Gaston county, it would go Republican. I believe only by pursuing a decent and liberal policy can we get our Democratic friends to vote with us. I hate to see this wrangling and hope all will unite and carry Gaston. We want all good people to vote with us.

Yours very truly,  
J. W. M. JENKINS.  
Bessemer City, N. C.,  
Oct. 16, 1906.

To the Editor of The Observer.

It seems in self-defense I am again forced to ask space in your paper to reply to nearly a half-page of falsehoods and mean insinuations in your paper of the 2nd instant. The one particular mean insinuation is, an invitation to examine "the criminal records of Gaston county." The only case I could possibly be connected with is a case where a fellow assaulted me in the street here and I picked up a stick and knocked him off. He assaulted me after I had wrestled a pistol from the hands of another and kept him from shooting the man who assaulted me. I was presented to the grand jury and as in such cases only hearing one side, a bill was found, and when case came up for trial, the judge said I was only technically guilty and imposed the cost on me, not even a fine of a penny. So there is the great "criminal record of Gaston county." One might think I had stolen \$20,000 from a bank and refunded the money to keep out of the penitentiary, or broken into a store, or might think any old thing, when my only offense was simply in being technically guilty of defending myself.

Now concerning the political attack on me, they claim I am no Republican, that I make my boast that I vote the ticket when it suits me, and so forth. Yes, I have voted the Democratic ticket, or rather, for men on the Democratic ticket in county offices and on legislative tickets several times because the Democrats put up men from among our best citizens

and our party put up some not of the best character. And while I am as good a Republican as Roosevelt himself, and recognize the fact that the general respectability of the citizenship of the Republican party is as good as the Democratic and that the reason many of us are Republicans is simply because we think it is to our interest financially to be so, that we can make more money and have greater and more general prosperity under Republican rule than under Democratic rule. Argue as you please, this is the truth. We must think this first to be a Republican. Yet there are things to be esteemed above a money value. Such as happy homes, sobriety, temperance, good schools, good laws and sober men to administer them. And whenever the Gaston county Republican convention nominates as good men for the Legislature and the county offices as the Democrats, they will get my vote, and more than a hundred other good Republican votes they have not gotten in late years. But under no species of argument can we be abused or cajoled into voting for cowards, rascals or drunkards. It is the man more than the party from now on with us, and I voice the sentiment of many good men who have told me exactly this recently.

As to the charge that I canvassed the county to try and be elected county chairman: I left here one morning at 9 o'clock, went to Lowell and Belmont and returned here at 1:45 p. m. same day, and I saw the same old gang that ran our vote down from a majority to a 1,500 minority were in control and quit with disgust, and did not further interest myself, and I did this not to be elected chairman, but to try and send delegates to State convention to vote for Spencer B. Adams against the Republican ticket, which many said was a high moral plane, and on logical lines with good results. In that election there was no abuse and no flying at the throat of every decent man who entered the party, or raised his voice for a clean ticket and clear, clear-cut moral principles. We carried the county, bag and baggage. In 1894 the Republican candidate got 1,405 votes for the Legislature, and in 1896 the Republican candidate (fusion) got 1,833 votes for the Legislature. This was when we all pulled together. I know it is claimed that the negro vote helped us then, but as there were only 600 negro votes, as I remember it, these 600 would not if all dissatisfied make the difference. But I claim now that one-third to one-half of our negro vote voting age vote, at any rate these two votes, 1,405 in 1894 and 1,833 in 1896 were polled without aid of the men who are now stirring up this fuss. I claim now that the county executive was then on the county executive committee. Now let us see whether or not their claim that there are now 1,200 to 1,500 Republican votes in Gaston county is true. This is claim number 1.

Claim number 2 says I have on my influence, and if not in direct words, still by inference that they are the whole cheese. Now from 1896 to 1902 I never attended a county convention nor paid the slightest attention to any other election. We accomplished our object and were satisfied. In 1902 at earnest solicitation of certain Republicans, I did go over to Dallas to the county convention, and this is the day Al-bright, the revenue Blackburnite, gave me my walking papers. "My distillers and gaugers are opposed to you for county chairman and we are going to put in Tom Jordan of Charlotte." So I have been good ever since and I don't know why they commenced picking at me. But to the point: Mr. C. D. Holland was put up by the gang for the State Senate in 1898 and got exactly 591 votes, his Democratic opponent 2,053. Now what I want to know is where the 1,200 to 1,500 Republican voters are. I believe myself this

matters pertaining to the good of the party.

Yours truly,  
JOHN NICHOLS.

I also herewith publish a short letter from our then United States Senator Pritchard simply to show that he appreciated my efforts at that time, not that I would think of trying to drag Judge Pritchard into this or any other discussion. To be here four since been out of politics, although Blackburn and his crowd have never ceased to dog at him, Judge Boyd and Mr. Holton, and everybody else that was worth killing at a time when it took brave, honest and fearless men to win the election which gave us three United States judges, of which all respectable men in the State irrespective of party are proud.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7, 1896.

J. A. Smith, Esq., Bessemer City, N. C.

Dear Friend: Your esteemed favor of confidence, enclosing clipping from your paper was received, and in reply I beg leave to say that the editorial was both timely and bold. You have by this time doubtless read my letter, in which I fully defined my position, and by it I propose to stand or fall. I am sincerely yours,  
J. C. PRITCHARD.

Now finally I take up the gauntlet, not with words alone, but figures to show who had the influence and who did the work, and believed our report. In 1894, when C. D. Holland, the present county chairman, was with the red shirt crowd, and Iaban Linsberger Jenkins, a present member of the county committee in Wilmington, N. C., running a bank or doing something to a bank, and Big Peter Marshall Rhyne, another present member, was belittling our efforts, at this time, when this was the condition, I personally in the utmost harmony, counsel and approval of S. D. Brown, the county chairman, did go to work to hold out my friends and at my personal expense of a good many hundreds of dollars, published a Republican newspaper, which many said was done on a high moral plane, and on logical lines with good results. In that election there was no abuse and no flying at the throat of every decent man who entered the party, or raised his voice for a clean ticket and clear, clear-cut moral principles. We carried the county, bag and baggage. In 1894 the Republican candidate got 1,405 votes for the Legislature, and in 1896 the Republican candidate (fusion) got 1,833 votes for the Legislature. This was when we all pulled together.

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Raleigh, N. C., March 21st, 1905.

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that I know Mr. J. A. Smith of Bessemer City, N. C., well. He is a man of unquestioned integrity and great ability, and I consider him the most sagacious Republican politician in this State. I have never known him to err in judgment or in political prophecy and his newspaper, The Bessemer City Messenger, did more for the success of the Republican party in the State than all the other newspapers combined, in fact, I believe, that but for Mr. Smith, Hon. J. C. Pritchard never would have been elected a United States Senator. The editorials of The Messenger were always firm, forceful and to the point. Mr. Smith enlisted my aid in bringing Senator Pritchard and Hon. Marion Butler together in this city at the Varborough House, and fusion between the dissatisfied elements of all parties in this State was then and there agreed upon, with no one present save us four, and it was agreed that Mr. Smith would advocate such fusion in a leading editorial in his paper, which he did when Mr. Butler followed in two or three weeks in his paper "The Cause." Mr. Smith is a business man also, and has spent his money freely for the good of the Republican party, and has never been a candidate for any kind of office, and I think his judgment can be relied on implicitly in

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Jas. F. Yeager

is one instance where that man (whoever he was, but a dollar he is a swell tub) told the truth. I believe we have the 1,500 now, and I believe with proper leadership we can get them, but they should claim 1800 was an off year. But surely the so recent convert from that awful red shirt party, with his matchless oratory, pulled the full strength, yet we will make another test in the next election. Mr. Peter Marshall Rhyne, the famous county chairman of Dallas, 1894, was a candidate for the Legislature, (nobis gauger) and got 773 votes.

So one or two things are wrong. The man who wrote the 1,200 to 1,500 was either told a falsehood by the Republicans or he didn't like the kind of candidates that have of late years been dished out to them. The county convention meets to-morrow (although "the committee" had decided not to call a convention). If they will meet, as able men, clean ticket I expect to vote it, and many others who have not voted the county ticket in years, expect to vote it. That is if we are not misled with our leadership. I want to say, if we cannot have a Republican party without Spencer Blackburn Republicanism dominating in any county or in the State, we had better have none. I think Mr. Tark's hounded keynote, when he said at Greensboro we would pull a larger vote if the Democrats held all the offices. And I for one had rather see them hold them all than to see a rotten party walking around fusing over a few offices, and abusing all the good men holding office in the State. If they have many more United States Congress in Greensboro, so large a number of Blackburn's constituents will be in jail he will surely be defeated. And I believe we will carry the State governor by clearing the deck of Blackburn methods and starting fresh.

J. A. Barry

Wives and Telephones.

Richmond News-Leader.

Each new discovery and improvement brings with it a procession of novel problems, conditions and complications. A Massachusetts court has just been required to pass upon the telephone as an agent and means for domestic discipline. A man sued his wife for divorce on the ground of extreme cruelty. He proved that she used the telephone constantly and freely calling him up at his office and, after she had left him, at his house, and delivered sarcastic, derisive and trivial messages. She cultivated the habit of causing his telephone bell to ring at late hours of the night and wake him from sleep. Those of us who, not being doctors, are unaccustomed to the affliction, can realize the mystery of being aroused from profound slumber by the desperate and insistent clamor of a telephone bell, stumbling our bewildered way to the instrument through the dark and then ascertaining that we have been summoned only to be insulted or to have our feelings hurt.

Unquestionably the telephone has provided the women of the country with a new implement of which they hasten to avail themselves. It has given opportunity for keeping track of a man which forty years ago was undreamed of. It makes an additional medium for the purpose of fascination or punishment, for the expression of allurements and affection on one side, of wrath on the other—and about nine times in ten a woman's wrath is righteous. After a little practice the average well equipped woman can make her voice trickle and tinkle along the telephone wires like honey, linked sweetness long drawn out. On the other hand, when her temper is pretty thoroughly aroused, she can make the wires fairly hum and vibrate and al-

most made with the sting and fire she sends along them in expressing her personal opinions and sentiments. The Massachusetts court rules that the woman has the legal right to say what she pleases and when she pleases over the telephone to her own husband, whether she happens to be living with him or not, and that the use of this privilege is no ground for divorce. Therefore, in the case under consideration, the woman will continue to call up her husband and inflict his soul and there seems no hope for him except speedy disappearance or reconciliation. The system of torture the lady has adopted is profound and almost fiendish in its completeness and ingenuity. Few of us have the moral strength to refuse to answer a telephone call. It appears directly to our instincts of curiosity. However many trifling or annoying messages we may have received through the day, we always have the feeling that the one represented by the present intimation really is important and imperative. No man enjoys being lectured by his wife or his sweetheart in any circumstances; but when he is called over the phone and goes to receive verbal castigation which at least might have been postponed until the evening leisure or the drawing of the domestic curtains, the sensation is exasperating. Evidently, however, there is no legal remedy and the women will continue to vent their varying and conflicting feelings over the wires at their own pleasure and without restriction or limitation.

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M. T. Rowe, a young white man from Catawba, and a brakeman on the Southern, fell from a car at Spencer Thursday night and was instantly killed. The young man's neck was broken and he was internally injured. He fell clear of the track and but few bruises appeared on the body.

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