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LETTER FROM BILKINS.

Much Rain Interferes With the Cavass—Bob Has Not Got a Sweet Temper—The Major is Indignant Because a National Ticket Has Been Named Without Including Him.

Correspondence of The Enterprise:

Me an' Bob air havin' a lot ov bad weather to contend with an' neither ov us air in a gude humor. Unless a feller wants ter commit suicide he'd better not tikel Bob on the hind legs when he is not feelin' top-top. The older he gits an' the more trubble he hez the fiercer he gits.

They iz two things Bob won't stand fer a dog an' a automorebill. He ain't afraid ov them; he jest natcherly hates them. I'll bet he would kick a automorebill awl ter pieces in 8 seckons if he could git a whack at one ov them when nobody waz erbout.

He awlso hates a dude, especially if he iz smokin' a cigaret.

But Bob knows more ov the crooks and turns in pollyticks than any mule livin' or ded an' that iz why I won't sel him. If I ever git any big offers I'll see that Bob gits a penshun an' lives on the best feed that can be bought an' that he only wurks when he feels like hit.

I see a feller is writin' in the Raleigh Times erbout a Southern man fer Preserdent. He takes hit mity seriously an' goes ahead an' names the whole ticket an' cabinet frum North Carolina. I don't think we orter be so greedy. Georgy an' the rest ov the States orter git on the ticket.

He goes ahead an' sez that Jode-sevus Daniels will be the candydate fer Preserdint an' C. B. Watson fer Vice Preserdint. Then he names John S. Cunningham, Col. Falk Arndall an' several more ov them fer the different offices. But I don't see my name in the ticket.

That iz the way with sum ov the Raleigh fellers. They want awl the county an' State offices an' now when Judge Parker gives hit out that a Southern man orter be nominated fer Preserdint, they pitch rite in an' name 80 per cent ov the ticket in Raleigh.

What erbout Martin crick township? Why ain't she represented on the Nashunal ticket? I'll find out.

The question that rises up in my mind iz, can Jodesevus Daniels carry hiz own township? The last time we nomynated Judge Alton B. Parker he didn't carry hiz own township nor eny other one so far az I could hear. Air we goin' ter make the same mistake in 1908?

I enter my solemn protest against that sort of pollyticks. I know a man who if nomernated fer Preserdint, kin carry hiz own township. He iz a man who hez bin in the White House an' who would like ter spend at least four years there. He iz popular with hiz nabors an' iz fond ov them. He knows the needs ov the people and will obey their wishes. He can't be bought. If he iz he will not stay bought like sum ov the others. He iz a man who beleeves that the horse that eats the fodder orter pull the plow. The man I hev in mind iz a gude nabor, kind husband, iz fond ov children, water millions an' locust beer.

I mite go on tellin' erbout this man fer hours, gentlemen ov the

jury and feller sitizens, but I know you hev alreedy guessed who hit iz, so hit iz needless ter say that hit iz I, Ezekiel Thomas Jekerson Bilkins, ov Martin's Crick Township, Wake County, North Carolina.

I hope fer the sake ov party sucksess an' fairness that no other nashunal ticket will be gotten out without my name bein' attached.

Yours truly,

ZEKE BILKINS.

Wake Criminal Court.

The spring criminal term of Wake County Superior Court convened in this city Monday, Judge W. B. Council presiding.

The grand jury as drawn is composed of the following: B. S. Franklin, foreman; J. G. Chamblee, J. B. Rudd, T. C. Pool, G. W. Hunton (colored), M. R. Haynes, H. B. Thomas, R. J. Franks, A. L. Sears, Otis V. Wiggins, N. A. Hartsfield, J. G. Ferrell, Troy Pool, D. E. Sauls, E. L. Ferrell, T. A. Baker, T. A. Sauls and C. F. Parish.

The following are some of the cases disposed of:

Hubert Horton, colored, was fined \$25 and costs for assault.

Millard Mial, colored, was acquitted of disposing of mortgaged property.

Mosses Nowell, for assault, was found not guilty.

David Freeman, Frank Ray, Fred Dudley and Fred Webb, all under thirteen years of age were tried for robbing a small white boy, George Ferrell, of his lunch near Morrisville some time ago. Fred Webb was acquitted, it being shown that, while he was with the other boys, he took no part in getting the bucket, and did not eat any of the food. Owing to the age of the boys the judge changed the charge from highway robbery to trespass, and gave the three three months each in jail.

On the night of October 17, last, Mr. Robert L. Gray, a member of the legal profession and a reporter on the News and Observer was standing on Fayetteville street. Policeman Creighton was trying to keep the sidewalk open for pedestrians. Mr. Gray was invited to move from where he was standing. He either did move or did not. Later he "stared" at the policeman, "looked him square in the eyes," or made goo-goo eyes, all of which was not satisfactory to the officer. He stood it for some time, but finally arrested Mr. Gray for "disorderly conduct," as was the charge and the police justice fined him.

Mr. Gray appealed to the Superior Court and came clear, the Court holding that looking into the eyes of a policeman, even though it was done in a spiteful and tantalizing manner did not constitute "disorderly conduct."

Henceforth, unless the Legislature amends present laws, those who wish to make goo-goo eyes at a policeman who is on duty, can go ahead. But it will always be well to weigh his fighting capacity well, for policemen sometimes get off duty.

With a Tintoretto going at \$400, a Hogarth at \$125 and a Chardin at \$510, there is no reason why any well-regulated family should be without half a dozen "old masters."—New York Evening Sun.

FIRE AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Eleven Stores Burned—Loss More Than \$200,000—One man Injured.

At 11 o'clock Sunday night a fire started in the dry goods store of Frank Thornton at Fayetteville.

Before the fire could be gotten under control ten other buildings were burned causing a loss of more than \$200,000, with a comparatively small amount of insurance. The stock and building where the fire originated was worth probably \$100,000, with but \$47,000 insurance.

The Fayetteville Gas and Electric Company was burned out. The manager, J. H. Hinton, had just gotten the contents of the safe when a wall fell against the building, crushing it in, Mr. Hinton being seriously injured.

The losses were as follows, subject to correction:

D. H. Ray, groceries, loss \$11,000; insurance, \$6,000.

Warren Prior & Sons, jewelers, loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000.

Frank Thornton, dry goods, loss \$100,000; insurance, \$47,000.

The Pemberton building, worth \$4,500, insured for \$1,500, and occupied by the Gas and Electric Company, whose loss is \$100,000.

On the other corner of Market Square was H. Lutterloh's store, worth \$5,000; insurance, \$1,500.

J. H. Anderson saved some of his \$5,000 stock in this store. He was to have started a dry goods business next week. His insurance was \$3,000; loss, \$1,500.

Highsmith building, worth \$20,000; insurance, \$4,000.

Mrs. W. H. Baucom, millinery, loss \$2,000; no insurance.

McNeill's cafe and bakery, loss, \$2,500; no insurance. This was the property of J. D. and James S. McNeill, and nothing was saved.

R. M. Jackson, groceries, loss, \$4,000; no insurance.

Fleming & Elliott, barbers, loss, \$300; no insurance.

In the Meropolitan Life Insurance Company's and Dr. Sevey Highsmith's offices the fixtures were lost.

The damage to the cut and broken telephone and electric light wires is unknown.

Kennedy's only loss was the damage by water, and the damage at the Highsmith Hospital is small.

Odd Facts About New York.

A writer in the Searchlight says: Greater New York, the second city on the globe, might be called the "island city of the world," for it contains forty-five islands—as many islands as there are States in the Union.

The city pays each year to run its government about one-third as much as Uncle Sam spends to govern the nation.

New York's annual budget is greaer than that of any other five American cities combined.

New York is over twice the size of the Danish West Indies and is larger than Chicago and Philadelphia combined.

The most crowded block in the city is where over four thousand people live on less than four acres of ground.

Its population is four million, fourteen thousand, three hundred

and four, its increase in five years being a larger population than that of the city of Boston.

The Germans in New York, by birth and parentage, would make a city equal to Leipzig and Frankfort-on-Main combined; Autrians and Hungarians, Trieste and Flume; the Italian, Florence; the English and Scotch, Aberdeen and Oxford; the Poles, Poltava in Russia. One-seventh of the people are Jews, and their number equals the population of Maine.

There are more people living in New York city than in fourteen of our States and Territories—Arizona, Delaware, Montana, Nevada, Indian Territory, Idaho, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and Vermont.

One out of every twenty-one persons in the United States, or one member of every four families, live in New York city—the others live out of town.

Sometimes You Can't Always Tell.

The fact that a man shouts for and votes for prohibition and occupies the chief seat in the synagogue doesn't always mean that he won't take a drink. The following from the Shelby Aurora illustrates a fact with which many observing people have long been familiar.

"Some wholesale whiskey house wrote a gentleman in the town asking that he send them the names of people who would be probable consumers of their goods. He thought he would get off a good joke on some of the people who occupy seats high up in the synagogue and sent the names of several of the leading church members as probable purchasers. The company offered him fifteen per cent commission on the orders of the names sent in by him. He waited around the post-office while they were opening the mail, watching the expression on the faces of the persons whose names he had sent the company, but noticed nothing more than usual. He heard nothing for about six weeks when he received a check for about \$10 as his commission on the goods the house had sold to the persons whose names he had sent."—Statesville Landmark.

No less than \$500,000,000 must be found by the Russian Government this year. This is the only thing that leads anybody to imagine that the National Assembly will be national in anything but name.—New York Evening Sun.

"O, mamma, come quick!" cried little Bess, who had never before seen her small brother do anything but crawl. "Come quick, mamma; baby is standing on his hind legs!"—Pacific Unitarian.

At Algeciras, it is a case of the United States neutral, with England, France, Russia, Spain and Portugal on one side and the Kaiser on the other. There's magnificent isolation for you.—New York Evening Sun.

The great things are done by men whose minds are full of "all the wonder that shall be."—Alexander Mac-laren, D. D.