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LETTER FROM BILKINS.

The Major is Making Hay — The Milk Question from All Standpoints—Bacteria Not Very Dangerous—The Bosses Have Spoken and Bilkins is Between the Devil and Jodesevus Daniels.

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I am doin' well on my canvass. Nine out or ten voters that I see promise ter support me without knowin' what I am runnin' fer. They awl say that they don't care what offis I decide on as hit will suit them.

I am proud of my constituents, and hope they will be proud of me before hit iz awl over. But I believe that Bob iz the secret of my popularity an' the secret of hiz popularity iz hiz smart ways an' the high price of mules. He knows awl perlitical principles from the free coinage of silver ter sivil servis.

I see by the paper that sum of the perfessers an' the cheerman of the Raleigh milk commishun air havin' a tilt over the milk question.

One of them sez they iz from fifteen ter twenty milyun backterie in each teaspoonful of milk sold ter Raleigh people by dairymen. The other sez they ain't but 18,526,075 backterie ter the teaspoonful. I ain't goin' ter dispute what either one sez fer the companie iz gettin' so hot I hain't got time ter stop an' count them. An' I don't think a milyun or two difference will matter nohow.

Me an Henry Brown wuz talkin' erbout that Raleigh milk last nite. I stayed awl nite at hiz house an' he wuz exsited erbout the backterie an' wanted ter know if the Legislater wuz goin' ter keep on meetin' year after year without purifyin' the milk an' pasin' ov laws that will stop the sellin' of half an' half milk an backterie.

"Henry, you had better keep quiet on that," sez I. "If the Legislature gits ter foolin' with that business we will never hev eny more milk an' butter while me an' you live. Az it iz, we git a little sumpthin' called milk now an' then, in both town an' country. Az the members of the Legislature always thing more of dogs than they do of sheep, the chances air that they will think more of backterie than they do of cows and they will put awl the cows out ov the country an' leave us nothin' but backterie."

Henry sed: "But that thing iz gettin' serious. Them backterie will git into our constitushuns an' send us to the grave so fast you can't count us. I am fer legislashun that will make it a terrible crime ter sell milk an' backterie from the same can."

"Your argymint iz gude, Henry," sez I, "but hit won't do ter let the Legislater git hold of the milk business. If hit iz like most of 'em hit will git ter mesin' with hit an' watnin' owners of cows ter buy them off an' first thing you know they'll pass a law making backterie the only thing ter drink an' put in your coffee."

"Hit iz mity nigh that away now," sez Henry. "Accordin' ter the perfesser a gude deal of the stuff sold by dairymen consists of one quart of backterie with erbout ten drops of milk, rubbed on the neck of the bottle."

"Don't let the perfessers scare

you. They git a big salary ter find backterie an' a hole lot of things not visible ter the naked eye. When they ain't countin' backterie they air countin' stars. My private opinion iz that if one of them would see a backterie az big az my mule Bob, he wouldn't know what hit wuz. This backterie business iz worked ter to death. They hez always bin backterie or they hez not bin eny. They iz nothin' new under the sun. My grandaddy or your grandaddy could hev set down ter the table ter a dish holdin' a quart of backterie an' a sprinkled a little pepper an' salt on 'em an' et them up, an' they would hev benefitted hiz helth.

"This offis huntin' germs an' mikrobes iz worryin' me more than the milk backterie. Then mikrobes hes purty nigh got Wake County fer every township hez a dozen candy-dates fer sum offis. But I hear that Perfesser Jodesevus Daniels & Co. hez done met in convenshun an' hev got up the ticket without even namin' sum of us. Betsy iz az mad az blazes, an' writes me that if I am goin' ter submit ter that sort of business I needn't never cum home. I hain't agoin' ter give up without a struggle, but I hev hed ter do a lots of things that the bosses sed here-inbefore. So you see I am betwixt the devil an' Jodesevus Daniels and don't know whut ter do, az the difference ain't worth fitin' over.

Yours truly,
ZEKE BILKINS.

Valuable Mineral Springs.

Mr. H. H. Poe, of Harnett County, is the owner of several valuable mineral springs.

These springs are located about three miles from Lillington, and within half a mile of the Cape Fear river.

People in the neighborhood have known for years that one of the springs, the only one in use at that time, contained minerals beneficial for liver, kidney and other diseases, especially for indigestion. But in the past year or two hundreds of people have tried the water and all pronounce it superior to anything they have tried.

There are twelve springs within a few yards of each other, ranged along the side of a small hill near a creek. The water comes out of the hillside about half way between the foot of the hill and the top, near a cleared field. An analysis will soon be made to learn the properties of the water.

It is more than likely that the water of at least one of the springs contains lithia in large quantity.

Mr. Poe had been away from his farm for some years, traveling. More than a year ago he quit traveling, being compelled to do so on account of chronic indigestion. Some of his neighbors told him to drink the water from a spring on his place, and it would cure him. He did so, and the cure seems to be an accomplished fact. Many others have been cured.

The matter of building a hotel is being discussed.

Money, according to Henry Waterson, is a greater menace than was slavery in 1858. Nevertheless, most men find it a negative sort of a danger.—Kansas City Times.

LOWER LITTLE RIVER.

The Present Terminus of the Raleigh and Southport.

Of course it would be a mistake to stop the building of the Raleigh and Southport at Lower Little River. But if it were done the terminus would be in probably the best neighborhood in Harnett County.

Lower Little River is the dividing line between Harnett and Cumberland. It is about twelve miles from the river, at the point crossed by the railroad to Lillington. The land is level and fertile. The people are intelligent and industrious, and not a few of them are in comfortable circumstances.

The extension of the Raleigh and Southport from Lillington to Fayetteville is progressing fast. Trains run only to Lower Little River now, but the track has been put down several miles beyond, and the grading has been done almost to Fayetteville. On the extension the road-bed is substantial, grades easy and 60-pound rail has been put down. The road has but few curves and they are not sharp ones.

The Raleigh and Southport has supplied itself with red-headed conductors and they are handling trains on time, and are popular with the traveling public. Any road with red-headed conductors will do well.

It is probable that a regular station will be made at Lower Little River. To the casual observer it appears that the station should be on the Harnett side of the river, which is a beautiful location for a town and there are several local advantages. But the name would be too long "Linden" is the name of the post-office there now and that would be a fine name for the station and town. We are going to ask President Mills to establish the station on the Harnett side and name it Linden.

The people of the Lower Little River section have in Dr. W. C. Melvin a capable and popular physician and his practice extends over a wide section of country on both sides of the river. Dr. Melvin is a young man and came from Bladen County. Having married one of Harnett's gifted young ladies, he decided to settle in Harnett and is doing well.

The Calamity Brought All to a Common Level

Next to viewing the many square miles of ruins that once made San Francisco a city, no better realizations of the ruin that has come to this city can be gained than by visiting the refugee camps located in the districts which were untouched by the flames. Golden Gate Park was the mecca of the district. This immense play ground of the municipality has been converted into a vast mushroom city that bears striking resemblance to the fleeting towns located on the border of a government reservation about to be opened to public settlement.

The common destitution and suffering have wiped out all social, financial and racial distinctions. The man who last Tuesday was a prosperous merchant is occupying with his family a little plot of ground that adjoins the open-air home of a laborer. The society belle, who was a butterfly of fashion at the grand opera performance, was assist-

ing some factory girl in the preparation of humble daily meals. Money this afternoon had little value. The family who had had foresight to lay in the largest stock of foodstuffs on the first day of the disaster is rated highest in the scale of wealth.

A few of the families who could secure willing expressmen are possessors of coking stoves, but over 95 per cent, of the refugees are doing their cooking on little camp fires made of brick or stone. Kitchen utensils that last week would have been regarded with contempt are today articles of high value.

Many of the homeless people are in possession of comfortable clothing and bed covering, but the great bulk of them are in need. The grass is their bed and their daily clothing their only protection against the penetrating fog of the ocean or the chilling dew of the morning. Fresh meat disappeared Wednesday morning and canned foods and breadstuffs are the only victuals in evidence.

Not alone are the parks the places of refuge. Every large vacant lot in the safe zones has been preempted and even the cemeteries are crowded. A well-known young lady of social position, when asked today where she had spent the night, replied: "On a grave."—San Francisco Dispatch, 20th.

Harnett County Jurors.

The Harnett County commissioners have drawn the following jurors to serve at the May term of court:

Averasboro Township — Leander Lee, J. B. Smith, A. H. Matthews, J. B. Holland, J. W. Whittenton, W. H. Grantham, J. H. Duke.

Anderson's Creek Township—Daniel McCormick.

Black River Township — S. A. Johnson, A. A. Beasley, Otis Beasley.

Buckhorn Township — J. D. Weathers, Jr., J. W. Rollins, W. F. Lanier, David Spence, H. D. Weathers.

Barbecue Township—A. W. Holder.

Grove Township—McL. Dupree, W. R. Norris, C. A. Barbour, W. R. Avery, Willie Matthews.

Hector's Creek Township—N. McN. McKay, George Sloan, J. R. Dupree, N. B. Smith.

Lillington Township—H. J. McDonald, C. M. McLean.

Neill's Creek Township—J. D. Long, W. A. Turlington, W. H. Stewart.

Upper Little River Township — Raeford Holder, Z. O. Brown, J. A. Kelly, W. W. McLean, W. H. Strickland.

We refuse to credit the tale that Wall Street is behind a scheme to furnish New York City with water. Wall Street can use all the water it can get hold of.—Chicago Journal.

The consumer is already beginning to pay for it whether it is to be a strike or something of the same kind by another name.—New York Commercial.

Congressmen who insist on continuing the Government seed distribution, to be consistent, should also see that their constituents are furnished free hoes and garden rakes.—Toledo Blade.