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Capt. F. C. Robbins, Davidson's "Grand Old Man" Earnestly Bids the People Not to Resort to Vote Buying.

"We Owe It to Ourselves, Our Children and Our Country to Put Our Foot Down Heavy Upon This Vicious Practice and Crush It Out Forever."

EDITOR DAVIDSONIAN:

I hear it whispered around that some men are proposing to sell their votes in this county at the approaching election. It is most earnestly hoped that no Democrat will propose either to buy or sell a vote; for the Democratic party claims to be respectable, and such an offer would negative the claim, so far at least as that individual is concerned. Formerly, in reconstruction days and under stress of the evils then upon us, some Democrats were tempted to adopt this and other doubtful methods in election on the plea that it was necessary to save our civilization. But those days of party stress have long since passed away, and we owe it to ourselves, our children and our country to put our foot down heavy upon this vicious practice and crush it out forever. If not stopped a serious question arises whether the civilization we profess to have saved was worth saving. I need not dwell upon the evils of this method of carrying elections, for they are well known to every observant citizen. Its vicious effects do not stop at the ballot-box, but permeate the whole body politic, attacking the moral fibre of our citizenship, exerting a corrupting influence on juries, training our young men up under a low and false standard of truth, honor and morality, and putting a dry rot into the foundation timbers of our free institutions. In short, if men, who are considered otherwise respectable engage in or wink at this practice, no words can express or depict the blighting influence of their example upon the rising generation. I do hope the Democratic party, whatever other parties may do, will see to it that no votes are bought in its behalf, and will let it be understood that none shall be, henceforth and forever. Such a purpose, fixed and adhered to, will be worth more to the youth of our county than all our county offices could be in fifty years. In fact the value of it is inestimable. On such a platform, victory is certain, whether we elect our officers or not. On the contrary, if we elect our men by buying votes, defeat—a shameful defeat—would be ours.

F. C. ROBBINS.
Lexington, N. C., Oct. 31st, 1910.

Judge Godwin to Lead the Ticket.

"Judge" Godwin, the very efficient clerk of the superior court of Davidson county, has been handicapped for more than a month by illness. He has not been able to make the rounds with the other candidates but from all indications, he will lead his ticket. He has thousands of friends in the county, many of them staunch republicans, and they are looking after his interests. Mr. Godwin's record speaks for him and his uniform kindness and unflinching courtesy, coupled with faithful performance of his duties, has won for him the confidence and esteem of the entire citizenship of Davidson. There is not a better clerk of court in the business and Davidson county will do well to keep him in office.—Dispatch.

Mr. W. O. Burgin to Begin on New Structure This Week.

Mr. W. O. Burgin, the wide-awake President of the Burgin Company, one of Thomasville's leading mercantile firms, will begin work on a new store building this week. The building will be located on Salem street, on the lot which Mr. Burgin purchased from Dr. Rothrock a few days ago.

Mr. J. C. Green Has Finished Studies in Undertaking and Embalming.

Mr. J. C. Green, who has been away for some time taking a special course in Undertaking and Embalming, has returned to the city and is at his post again. Mr. Green now holds license from the State of North Carolina to do all kinds of Embalming, having passed the State Board of Examiners a few days ago.

Chairman Thompson Makes Last Appeal.

Chairman C. M. Thompson Makes His Last Appeal to the Voters.

TO ALL DEMOCRATS:

The election is only a week off, and we earnestly desire to elect every man on our county ticket, and also to give large majorities to the Democratic candidates on the State, Congressional and Judicial tickets. To accomplish this all Democrats must work together, and must get out and poll the entire vote of the party. See that every Democratic voter is at the polls and casts his vote. Our people are united this year as they have been for years. Every man on our ticket is a good man, and will make a good officer, and deserves the support of every Democrat. The tide is turning towards Democracy everywhere. The time is coming in our government that the rule of graft and privilege, will be overthrown and the people will once again control. The State will go Democratic, and we are especially anxious that Davidson county be in line and that it may be redeemed this year.

C. M. THOMPSON,
Chairman Dem. Com.

Mr. P. C. Thomas Still in the Race

It was reported a few days ago that Mr. P. C. Thomas, independent candidate for the Legislature had withdrawn from the race. This was a mistake. His statement follows:

"I quit the canvass, but my name and business proposition is still before the voters of Davidson county. The physician, on account of a gopher on my neck, advised me to cut out any further speech making."

Mr. J. R. McCrary, chairman of the Republican party in Davidson, has vacated his chair, and is now engaged making speeches advising the voters to repudiate me for fear it may damage the party. I would ask him if he and the postmaster at Thomasville haven't hatched out a figure-head and red hot prohibitionist to represent this senatorial district in the coming Legislature and whether, or not, my competitors for the House are not like himself, prohibitionists and pledged to protect his private interest, especially in bringing pauper suits through a notorious brother lawyer in Salisbury, to this county, which has already cost the tax-payers \$400 or \$500. I will also ask him if he advised the postmaster in my town to gather my platform from the rural delivery boxes (through the carriers) and bring to him for destruction, and whether, or not, that is not the essence of pernicious political activity, saying nothing about the prominent position he has taken in putting candidates before the voters, that accord with yours and his views. Also did your brother make good in yours and his interest along the lines above mentioned in the last general assembly, and whether the business men, wage-earners in Davidson (saying nothing about the tillers of the soil) have had any showing in the conventions at all in the last ten years. Please ask the civil service commission to send an inspector here to investigate your man Friday in my town of Thomasville. If you are a law-abiding man and you must know the law, I hope you will act at once. I stand for enforcing the law, for protection to American labor and industry, personal liberty and local self-government, where I have stood since the foundations of this great, or greatest, government on earth."

P. C. THOMAS.
Thomasville, N. C., Oct. 1, 1910.

The Prayer of the Horse.

To thee, my master, I offer my prayer: Feed me, water and care for me, and when the day's work is done provide me with a shelter, a clean, dry bed, and a stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort. Talk to me. Your voice often means as much to me as the reins. Pet me sometimes that I may learn to love you and serve you the more gladly. Do not jerk the reins and do not whip me when going up-hill. Never strike, beat, or kick me when I do not understand what you want but give me a chance to understand you. Watch me, and if I fail to do your bidding, see if something is not wrong with my harness or feet.

Stop, Think, and Consider!

I do hope the Democratic party, whatever other parties may do, will see to it that no votes are bought in its behalf, and will let it be understood that none shall be, henceforth and forever. Such a purpose, fixed and adhered to, will be worth more to the youth of our county than all our county offices could be in fifty years. In fact the value of it is inestimable. On such a platform, victory is certain, whether we elect our officers or not. On the contrary, if we elect one man by buying votes, defeat—a shameful defeat—would be ours.—Capt. F. C. Robbins.

Examine my teeth when I do not eat.

I may have an ulcerated tooth, and that you know, is very painful. Do not tie my head in an unnatural position, take away my best defence against flies and mosquitoes by cutting off my tail.

And finally, O my master, when my useful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve or freeze, or sell me to some cruel master to be slowly tortured and starved to death; but do thou, my master, take my life in the kindest way, and your God will reward you here and hereafter. You will not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him who was born in a stable. Amen.

Mr. P. C. Thomas in Lexington.

The Hon. Ped C. Thomas addressed a rather large crowd in the courthouse last Tuesday night declaring that prohibition has done nothing in North Carolina or any other state but raise hell. He said that under his platform, an extra two cents tax would be put on tobacco and an extra fifty cents on whiskey, that at the end of five years not a man in the State would be paying tax except the ones who drank and smoked and the State would have eight million dollars to the good.—Lexington Leader.

TIRED MOTHERS

A little elbow leans upon your knee,
Your tired knee that has so much to bear;
A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly
From underneath a thatched hair;
Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch
Of warm moist fingers, folding yours so tight;
You do not prize this blessing overmuch,
You are almost too tired to pray tonight.

But it is blessedness! A year ago
I did not see it as I do today—
We are so dull and thankless; and too slow
To catch the sunshine till it slips away.
And now it seems surpassing strange to me
That while I wore the badge of motherhood
I did not kiss more oft and tenderly
The little child that brought me only good.

And if some night when you sat down to rest,
You miss this elbow from your tired knee;
This restless, curly head from off your breast;
This lisping tongue that chatters constantly;
If from your own dimpled hands
You slipped;
And ne'er would nestle in your lap again;
If the white feet into their grave
Had tripped,
I could not blame you for your headache then.

I wonder so that tender mothers fret
At little children clinging to their gown;
Or that the footprints, when the days are wet,
Are ever black enough to make them frown.
If I could find a little muddy boot,
Or cap or jacket, on my chamber floor;
If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,
And hear it patter in my house
once more:
If I could mend a broken cart today,
Tomorrow make a kite to reach the sky—
There is no woman in God's world
could say
She was more blissfully content
than I.
But—ah!—the dainty pillow next
my own
Is never rumpled by a shining head—
My singing birdling from its nest
is flown:
The little one I used to kiss is
dead.—Home Department Magazine.

On the Spoiling of Children.
Teachers are almost invariably the object of bitter criticism, much or most of which is wholly unjust, and almost all of which could be avoided if parents would take the time for personal investigation.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, convicted of the murder of his wife in London and sentenced to death, has appealed his case.

A drove of 3,500 geese passed through the streets of Maysville, Ky. the other day, being lured along by a man dropping corn. Four thousand were shipped from the mountains of eastern Kentucky to Maysville but about 500 died from overcrowding while in transit. The geese were taken to a farm near Maysville to be fattened for the Eastern markets.

A bag containing a thousand silver dollars, which was being carried from the sub-Treasury in St. Louis to a bank, split as it was being removed from an automobile to the bank and the money scattered over the street. Pedestrians and newsboys scrambled for the shining silver and as they picked it up returning to the messenger. When the money was counted every dollar was accounted for.

H. H. North, commissioner of immigration at Angel Island, San Francisco, has been suspended from duty by Secretary Nagel as the result of charges filed by F. H. Ainsworth, a special inspector at San Francisco station. It is charged that North has been admitted to entry through Angel Island large numbers of Hindus, Chinese, Japanese and other Asiatics considered by the Pacific coast people to be undesirable immigrants.

The "grandfather clause" constitutional amendments is valid has been decided by the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The court held also that the special procedure under which the amendments was adopted is valid, all votes not cast against the proposition being counted for it. The "grandfather clause" in Oklahoma provides that no man whose grandfather could not vote can exercise the right of franchise. It will thus disfranchise many negroes whose grandfathers were slaves.

A dispatch from Memphis says that Judge John E. McCall must decide within the next few weeks whether the Standard Oil Company is guilty of rebating on 1,528 counts returned by the grand jury. The indictment was returned two years ago, but the attorneys for the oil trust managed to have the case postponed many times. Judge McCall has notified the Standard attorneys that they must report in his court within a week ready for trial. If the company is found guilty on all the counts it is liable to a fine of \$30,480,000.

Most men are unable to get away from business during school hours, and mothers won't take the trouble. Was there ever a girl or boy not under discipline, whose eyes did not light up with pleasure at the sight of a parent entering the school room? Was there ever a teacher who did not welcome a visitor who came not to blame, but to learn what was going on? It is ignorance of conditions which is responsible for much of the fault-finding. The real faults are seldom mentioned.

The truth is, we parents are selfish. We are neglecting our children and trying to save our own consciences by blaming others. No matter how much money is spent, no matter how good the system of administration adopted, we are not going to get very far unless parents take hold and do more of their proper share of education. In reality the teacher is only the parent's helper. It is not wholly an ideal condition to have children in school at all. The home is where they should get their best education, and where they ought even now get the most of it. The school of today is a rather crude invention for accomplishing the greatest good to the greatest number, and it is of value only as we supplement its work at home. That is where the trouble arises.—Ex.

Stand by W. C. Hammer.

Chairman C. M. Thompson Urges the People to Stand by Solicitor W. C. Hammer

To the people of the 10th Judicial District:
Lexington, N. C. Oct. 5, 1910.

The officer of Solicitor is one of importance to the people of the District. Upon the Solicitor depends the proper enforcement of the criminal law in the District. The man who fills that place should be an experienced practitioner, an able lawyer, a wise, just and humane man.

He has to meet and measure arms with the ablest lawyers of the State, who are frequently employed to defend men charged with violation of the criminal law, and the Solicitor should be able in all cases to take care of the interest of the State. While the Solicitor should be both able and courageous, he should also be just and humane, and see that the powerful shall not evade nor escape the penalties of the law, and likewise see that the enforcement of the law shall not be oppressive and severe upon the poor, ignorant, and friendless, who are tried in the courts.

The past record of W. C. Hammer as Solicitor, has shown that he possesses in large measure all the qualifications required for the office. He is active in the discharge of his duties, his abilities are such that he can take care of the State in all cases; at the same time he is just, humane, big hearted enough never to permit his office to be used to oppress the humble and helpless. The public welfare requires that the present able, experienced, safe Solicitor be kept at his post of duty.

Respectfully,
C. M. THOMPSON.

Court Calendar for November.

For November term, 1910, one week, for trial of civil cases only, beginning Monday, November 14th, Hon. W. J. Adams, judge presiding. Parties and witnesses will attend on the day their case is set for trial and not depart the courts until the same is disposed of. The motion docket may be called at any time.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 14.
Maggie Hedrick, et al v. Charles G. Berrier, et al.
J. L. Ludlow vs. Town of Lexington.

A. L. Beck vs. W. P. Young et al.
Lexington vs. Aetna Indemnity Co.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER, 15.
S. C. Leonard vs. Southern Power Company.
State and Mary Koons vs. E. D. Cross.
Southern Power Co., vs. L. W. Elliott.
Southern Power vs. W. H. and J. A. Elliott.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER, 16.
Southern Power Co., vs. C. A. and A. L. Curry.
Southern Power Co., vs. William Myers.
Southern Power Co., vs. W. H. Kepley.
Southern Power Co., vs. R. S. and Nettie J. Green.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER, 17.
Southern Power Co., vs. C. M. and G. M. Hoover.
M. C. and L. A. Earnhardt vs. Lexington.
Z. F. Hinkle vs. E. J. Bunchanan.
C. A. Sink vs. Richard Haines.
Alexander Garner vs. Geo E. Spencer.

Wm. Godfrey and Co., vs. Southern & Norfolk Mill Co.
C. W. Wilson vs. D. C. Cox, Admr.
White Sewing Machine Co., vs. Davidson Furniture Co.
First National Bank vs. A. J. Gillingham.
Joe Reynolds vs. Southern Railway Co.

P. H. Johnson, Admr. vs. J. W. Johnson, et al.
NOTION AND SUMMONS DOCKET.
Lexington Grocery Co., vs. Young Grocery Co.,
Davidson County Development Co., vs. Wrennham Cotton Mills.
Cutting vs. Cutting.
Effie Doby vs. C. M. Doby.
Penry vs. Penry.
Collett vs. Collett.

On condition that they themselves raise certain amounts of money, the general education board, nee Rockefeller, has given Trinity College \$150,000 and Meredith College, the Baptist school at Raleigh, \$50,000

STATE NEWS.

John Curry a Greensboro negro set a new record one day last week by stealing two automobile tires, a bicycle, three ivory billiard balls and a silk hat. He is in jail awaiting trial.

Hopedale Mills, in Alamance county, have been sold to J. N. Williamson, Jr., the well known cotton mill man of Burlington. He will run this mill in connection with the Ossipee Mills which he owns.

J. M. Kernodle, an aged and well-known citizen of Alamance county, hanged himself at his home in Morton township last week. He used a plow line and was found hanging to a rafter. He was about 70 years old.

Mrs. Bettie Fields, of Whiteville, an aged and respected lady of that town, was burned to death last week in her home. She got too close to the fire and her dress caught. She was more than 100 years old and was blind.

Charles Morgan, a Polk county desperado, who fatally shot Policeman J. D. Dynch, of Hendersonville at Green River, Henderson county when the officer attempted to arrest him for disturbing religious worship, has not been captured.

A new cotton mill for King's Mountain has been organized. It takes over the property of the Johns Manufacturing Company, of that place. L. E. Holt, of Burlington, is president, W. E. Holt, Sr., of Lexington, vice president and R. I. Tate is secretary-treasurer.

John Echols, Thomas Bailey and Jim Hairston, three negroes who were convicted of killing Sidney Woods, a Winston-Salem negro on an excursion train enroute from Roanoke to Winston last Easter, have been sentenced to be electrocuted at Richmond, Va., November 11th.

There are several applicants for the place made vacant by the death of Adjutant General J. F. Armfield. Among them are R. L. Leinster and Major J. J. Bernard of Raleigh and Col. Craig of Reidsville. Lieut. Leinster is serving until Governor Kitchin makes an appointment.

The engineering corps that is making the preliminary survey of the Statesville Air Line is now in Yadkin county and coming this way from Statesville. It will require only a few more weeks to complete the survey and it is understood that the work of grading will then begin.

Two barns belonging to William Lyster and D. L. Cauble were burned in Salisbury Monday night, together with two horses, a cow, two buggies and a wagon, besides a large amount of provender and forty dollars in money left in a coat pocket hanging in the barn at night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Last week three prisoners broke out of the Randolph county jail and made good their escape. They were Dave Record, of Liberty, serving a sentence for larceny; Dave Carmack, of Greensboro, in jail for engaging in a cutting scrape and Causey Strickland, a horse thief. They used a knife to cut out with.

Last week an opinion was handed down by the supreme court of North Carolina in the case of B. F. Penny vs. Atlantic Coast Line, which was sent up on appeal from New Hanover county. The jury gave Penny a verdict of \$5,000 but the supreme court orders a new trial. The remarkable feature of the case is that it has been on the superior court docket, according to the Wilmington Star, twelve years.

The News and Observer announces that it will not be outdone in the matter of showing the people some flying stunts. It follows the announcement of the Charlotte News with the announcement that two Glenn H. Curtiss aeroplanes will cavort around over the State Fair Grounds two days in November. While the people of the State are returning thanks to these enterprising papers for bringing the bird men to the State, due credit should be given to the Charlotte Chronicle and the Charlotte Observer for the idea. These enterprising papers made a contract with Aviator Hamilton for an exhibition last spring and he broke his contract.

The inventory of the late Mark Twain's estate shows that the estate is worth \$611,136.