

# The French Broad Hustler

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## HARD ON BUTLER.

The recent war of words between Marion Butler and State Chairman Adams has caused no little interest in this section among republican office-holders and the "outs" as well. Butler's rejoinder to the chairman's roast brings out the following in answer to the question: if he had seen the interview. Mr. Adams said:

"Yes, I have seen it and will treat his statements with that indifference which they and their author deserve. In an underhanded and unmanly way he opened the attack on me, and indirectly on the Republican party of the State. He has been forced into the open and it seems to have pierced his Judas Iscariot hide. I congratulate the Republicans of the State upon the fact that we are at last rid of this pestiferous body of death, and we may now go forward and build up the party on right lines. We will not be further troubled with him in North Carolina or elsewhere. The body is now ready for internment and nothing more is to be done except a plain slab should be erected at the grave, bearing his name, nothing more, so as to remind passers-by that the path of treachery, duplicity and ingratitude leads to the Dead Sea where there is no life and no outlet."

Butler is also attacked most furiously by his former associate, Hon. Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, who was once the noted Populist leader of the South. In a recent issue of his paper Watson denounced Butler in terms more severe than ever used by any Democrat and showed how he had betrayed every party to which he had ever belonged. He said among other things that Butler had "played the game of trading with both parties so well that he rose from the honorable poverty of a country editor into the tainted wealth of a national political prostitute—his riches being augmented occasionally by impartially swindling the government and the Indians in lobbying mysterious clauses into appropriation bills."

All this denunciation of Butler would seem to indicate that he is beginning to see his finish in North Carolina, so far as politics is concerned. Yet, like Banco's ghost, there is no telling when he may bob up serenely again. Adams and Watson have been dealing him some unmerciful blows and there is little reason for doubting that the Sampson county statesman is discredited more than ever in the eyes of all fair-minded republicans throughout the State. The balance of the folks dropped him long ago. Butler is a persistent worker and never tires in an effort to accomplish his purpose in anything he undertakes in political jobbery, but we do not believe he will succeed in building up a strong faction in his party, on opposition alone. His acrobatic performances in the past appear to have at last brought him to grief and there are few who sympathize with him.

In this connection we are reminded of the story related by Governor Aycock, in his campaign speeches last fall, of the fellow who broke up all the churches with which he was connected and finally one good old deacon in offering prayer for the disturber used this language: "And if consistent with Thy will, O Lord, send brother John Smith to hell." The pastor and all present were greatly alarmed at the deacon's remarkable prayer and asked why in the world he had dared to employ such language, to which he replied that brother Smith had succeeded in breaking up all the churches and he thought if the Lord sent him to hell he would break that up. The application made by the Governor to the story was that Marion Butler had broken up the democratic party in the State, at one time, and afterwards the populist party and now that he joined the radicals he hoped he would break that up, too. And recent developments indicate that the prophecy is about to come to pass. Butler will either rule or ruin. That much is certain and our republican friends may as well realize it right now and govern themselves accordingly.

Looks like the folks are determined upon forcing Governor Glenn and Auditor Dixon to talk themselves to death. Scarcely a day passes without notice of one or the other, or both, of these distinguished speakers having delivered an address somewhere. They are "talking" characters, however, and never disappoint an audience unless they fail to appear at all.

## AS TO THE GOVERNORSHIP.

Three candidates for the office of governor have already announced themselves subject, of course, to the action of the democratic state convention next year. These are: Hon. Locke Craig, of Buncombe county, Congressman W. W. Kitchen, of Parson, and Mr. Ashley Horne, of Johnston. It is expected that Hon. F. A. Woodard, of Wilson, and perhaps ex-Congressman John D. Bellamy, of New Hanover, will place themselves "in the hands of their friends" in the due course of time. At the present writing, the fight seems to be between Messrs. Craig and Kitchen, with the chances decidedly favorable to the Buncombe man. Leading democrats all over the State appear to realize that Mr. Craig deserves this recognition and seem willing to join in the effort to elevate that gentleman to the position he seeks at the hands of the great party he has served so long and so well. It is suggested, and pertinently, too, that Mr. Craig is about the only prominent democrat who took an active part in the memorable campaign of 1898, which resulted in the redemption of the State from fusionism and incompetency who has not been rewarded for his services.

Mr. Kitchen, they say, while a good democrat and a most estimable gentleman in every way, has recently entered upon his sixth term in congress, at the conclusion of which he will have received from the Government the sum of \$65,000 compensation for his services as representative, and he can well afford to retire with the welcome plaudit: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The pity of it is that these two young champions of democracy and the rights of the people are pitted against each other in the contest for governorship. However, "such is life" and it is "up to" the democrats of North Carolina to decide "Whom they shall have to rule over them." The star of the eloquent Craig is rising rapidly and unless all signs fail he will win on a tidal wave like unto which swept the brilliant Aycock into the Governor's chair in 1900 and landed the matchless Glenn in this exalted position four years later. It looks good to us.

The numerous friends of Attorney General R. D. Gilmer will be glad to hear that he has returned to his post of duty at the State Capital much improved in health and thoroughly prepared to prosecute the work entrusted to his hands. One of his first duties will be to insist upon a dissolution of Judge Pritchard's injunction, which restrains the Corporation Commission from carrying out the instructions of the last legislature regarding the reduction of freight and passenger rates over the lines of transportation companies doing business in this state. He will be assisted by other able lawyers at the first hearing, which comes up before Judge Pritchard in Asheville on June 26. This great fight will be watched with intense interest.

And Spencer Blackburn says, in effect, "Nay, verily Pauling," when asked if he wishes to say anything concerning the war of words between Chairman Adams and Marion Butler. He calls attention to the fact that they are employing the same language now in denouncing each other that he used last year in expressing his opinion of "the pair." Blackburn ventures the hope that some good to the republican party in the State may come out of the controversy. Says he is devoting his entire time, at present, to the practice of his profession and is out of politics "for keeps." A wise conclusion.

While we do not believe there is "anything to" the oft repeated report concerning a so-called "fifth district combine" it appears to exist in the minds of some folks. Why not permit the governorship to be decided upon the merits of the men, instead of dragging things of a purely imaginary character into the controversy? This newspaper naturally favors the nomination of Mr. Craig, but it wants him to win on account of his ability as a statesman and his service to the democratic party. We are confident that he has no patience with trickery or political chicanery of any kind. All democrats should be perfectly fair to each other.

And now for a satisfactory administration for beautiful Hendersonville! Let our motto be: "Watch us grow."

## SOLID FOR CRAIG.

Congressman Crawford has recently been to Raleigh looking after the interests of some clients before the Supreme Court and, incidentally, talking politics as a side-line. Here is something from the News and Observer that will be interesting to readers of the Hustler.

"Hon. W. T. Crawford, of Waynesville, Congressman from the Tenth district, was in the city yesterday and being from the west news of that section was sought from him. It was of politics he talked and this concerning the candidacy of Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Speaking of the matter, Congressman Crawford said: "The west is solid for Craig for Governor and proposes to do all that is possible to have him nominated, for our people feel that the section is entitled to the nomination and that Craig is the man who should receive it. Mr. Craig has done more work for the party than has been done by any other man who has not received recognition for it. In every campaign he has answered the call of the party for service and he has done this in a vigorous and earnest manner that has borne fruit, for he is a worker who never tires when he is doing things for the Democratic party and for North Carolina."

"The solid west is behind him in the campaign and the people believe that now is the time to give him the honor which his services deserve. Mr. Craig is one of the ablest and most eloquent men in the state, and I feel certain that no man could make a more telling canvass for the party or more successfully present its principles before the people. He is a man of wisdom and stands high in the regard of the people of all sections of the State. He would make a Governor who would measure up to the best chief executives that the State has ever had and I look forward to his triumphant nomination and election to the office of Governor. In honoring him the Democratic party will make no mistake and the west as a solid body asks that he be given the nomination that he deserves."

After finishing his work in Raleigh, Mr. Crawford went to Jackson Springs for a week's rest. The Waynesville Courier says the congressman has fully recovered from the injuries he sustained in that runaway and that he "tips the scales" at 203 pounds. Must be getting to be a big man physically as well as mentally.

## Notice of Sale of Land for Partition.

By virtue of the power vested in me by a decree of the Superior Court of Henderson County, North Carolina, in the case of M. F. Whitte vs. R. M. Whitte directing that the lands described in the petition in said case be sold for partition and appointing me a commissioner to sell the same and make report thereof to the court according to law, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Hendersonville, North Carolina, on the 3rd day of June 1907, the following described lands lying and being in the Counties of Henderson and Madison in the State of North Carolina and more particularly and fully described as follows:

Tract number one, being that land conveyed to M. F. Whitte and R. M. Whitte by A. Dufour and wife by deed dated November 28th, 1901, lying on the waters of the French Broad river in Henderson county, North Carolina, consisting of four separate tracts, described and bounded as follows:

First Tract, being the same land purchased by said A. Dufour from G. E. Trenholm and wife by deed bearing date the day of August 1883 and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds in Henderson county in Book 16 at page 53, 54 and 55 and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a Hickory on the west bank of the French Broad River, at the mouth of a big ditch, and runs with the Meyers old line west 168 poles to a rock on a ditch; thence south with the Meyers old line 200 poles to a red oak corner; thence west with an old line 60 poles to a maple corner; thence north with an old line 92 poles to a post oak stump corner, it being the beginning corner of a two hundred acre survey granted to Stringfield; thence with line of same west 83 poles to a stake at Mr. Lee's corner; thence south with Lee's line 120 poles to a white oak stump and pointers; thence east with Ladsen's line 206 poles to the river; thence down and with its meanderings 409 poles to the beginning—containing 256 acres.

Second Tract, adjoining the first tract and being the land purchased by said A. Dufour of D. E. Myers and wife by deed dated Feb. 25th, 1896 and registered in said Register's office in Book 20 at page 583 et seq. and bounded as follows:— Being a part of the old David Meyers farm, beginning on a spanish oak on the Southeast corner and runs west with an old line 60 poles to a maple; thence north with an old line 92 poles to a stump corner; thence west 10 poles to a stake in the Bollstone road; thence N. 67 1/2 deg. E. 73 1/2 poles to a stake in said A. Dufour's line; thence south with said line 128 poles; to the beginning—containing 43 acres, 1 rod and four poles, more or less.

Third tract, being the same land purchased by said A. Dufour from Mary F. Ladsen by deed dated Nov. 15th 1883 and registered in said register's office in Book 16 at page 264 et seq., and therein bounded as follows:— Beginning at a stake in Dufour's line on the north east bank of Bollstone creek (original old run) and runs south to the head of a ditch, 9 poles; thence with said ditch to the French Broad river east 123 poles; thence north to Dufour's corner 41 poles; thence with Dufour's line to the beginning, west 127 poles—containing 4 acres.

Fourth Tract, being the same land purchased by said A. Dufour of A. L. McCall and wife by deed dated the 27th day of October 1894 and registered in said register's office in book — at page — and bounded and described as follows:— Adjoining the lands of J. T. Williams and others,

Beginning on a Spanish oak on or near the top of a ridge and runs so as to include all the land conveyed in a deed from James Setzer and wife to B. F. Nichols not covered by the said Nichols to other parties before selling to P. P. Johnson—containing 20 acres more or less.

Tract number two being all that land described in a deed from D. R. Myers and wife to A. E. Posey, which deed is duly recorded in book 34 at page 24 of the records of deeds for Henderson County, lying in Henderson County North Carolina and more particularly described and bounded as follows:—

Being lots numbers 5, 6, and 9, plat made by S. J. Justice recorded in Book 33 at page 438 records of deeds for Henderson county, and bounded as follows:— Beginning on the south east corner of F. L. Crook's lot, number 7, and runs north 8 deg east, 120 poles to a stake, Rhodes corner in the line of the original tract; thence south 87 deg east 56 1/2 poles to a stake, J. S. Corpening's corner, lot number 10, thence south 3 deg west 60 poles to a stake and pointers; thence south 87 deg east 56 1/2 poles to a stake, J. L. Carland's line, lot number 4; thence south 3 deg west 61 poles to a stake in the original line of the original tract; thence south 87 deg west 113 1/2 poles to the beginning—containing 64 acres more or less; and also a right of way 12 feet wide on the north side of lot number 10, sold to J. S. Corpening, and for the benefit of J. L. Carland's and F. L. Crook's land; a right of way is reserved and excepted on the southern boundary 12 feet wide of lots number five and six, also conveying a right of way on the southern boundary of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 twelve feet wide.

Tract number three, lying and being in Bull Creek Township, Madison County North Carolina, adjoining the lands of H. A. White, S. C. Robinson and W. L. West and bounded as follows:—

Beginning at the forks of the Halewood and Cox branch and runs N. 40 deg. W. 42 poles to a stake on top of a ridge; thence west 4 poles to a stake; thence S. 4 deg. W. 49 poles to a chestnut tree thence S. 17 deg. E. 23 poles to a white oak tree on top of a ridge; thence S. 3 deg. W. 27 poles to a small maple on a small branch; thence S. 7 deg. W. 26 poles to a stake in S. C. Robinson's line; thence N. 65 deg. E. 17 poles to a white oak stump; thence East 8 poles to a stake; thence North with Whitte line 45 poles to a sourwood; thence East 6 poles to a white pine in a hollow; thence N. 3 deg. E. 27 poles to the beginning—containing 15 acres more or less; Excepting and reserving about 7 acres sold by M. F. Whitte and R. M. Whitte to T. B. Silver which lies on the north side of this tract as herein described and being a part of the same.

Tract number four, lying and being in Madison County North Carolina adjoining the lands of H. A. White, W. S. Ray, R. A. Corn and others, and bounded as follows:—

Beginning at a stake at the mouth of Halewood branch and runs up and with Bull Creek N. 42 deg. E. 17 poles to a stake in W. S. Ray's line; thence N. 63 deg. W. 18 poles to a stake on the top of a ridge; thence with the extreme top of said ridge N. 12 deg. W. 9 poles to a stake; thence with top of same N. 43 deg. W. 46 poles to a white oak in H. A. White's line; thence S. 52 deg. W. 26 poles to a stake in the Halewood branch; thence up and meanders of the said branch N. 82 deg. W. 56 poles to a stake at the fork of said branch; thence S. 30 deg. W. 27 poles to a white pine; thence West 61 poles to a sourwood, R. A. Corn's corner; thence South with his line 40 poles to a stake on the top of a ridge; thence the extreme top of the ridge and with S. C. Robinson N. 50 deg. E. 22 poles to a stake; thence with top of same S. 61 deg. E. 44 poles to a chestnut; thence S. 84 deg. E. 60 poles to a black gum on the top of the ridge; thence East 22 poles to a bunch of white oaks near the head of the mill race; thence N. 5 deg. W. 18 poles to the beginning—containing 52 1/2 acres.

Tract number five, lying on the waters of Bull Creek Township in Madison County North Carolina, adjoining lands of J. G. Roberts, T. C. Tilson, J. M. West, M. F. Whitte and R. M. Whitte and others, and bounded as follows:—

Beginning at a large rock on the East bank of Bull Creek, J. G. Roberts' deed, corner and runs West with Roberts' line 134 poles to a small post oak on top of the Flint knob ridge; thence N. 7 deg. E. 14 poles to a chestnut oak on the Flint Knob; thence N. 45 deg. W. 30 poles to a sourwood on the ridge; thence North 18 poles to a dogwood stump; thence N. 60 deg. E. 27 poles to a white oak; thence East 7 poles to a stake; thence N. 5 deg. W. 6 poles to a stake on top of the ridge; thence with the extreme top of the ridge eastwardly 64 poles to a chestnut on top of the ridge; thence S. 87 deg. E. 60 poles to a black gum; thence East 20 poles to a white oak near the mill race; thence up to the mouth of the Halewood branch; thence East crossing the creek to the road; thence with the road to the mouth of Bone Camp branch; thence down and with the meanders of said creek to the beginning—containing 58 acres more or less.

Tract number six, lying and being in number three Township, Madison County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. B. Cody and others, and bounded as follows:—

Beginning at a spotted oak on the top of a ridge between Long and Halewood branches and runs up and with the top of said ridge and Wilson's line N. 66 deg. W. 16 poles to a stake; thence N. 52 deg. W. 16 poles to a stake; thence N. 42 deg. W. 12 poles to a locust; thence S. 80 deg. W. 8 poles to a stake and pointers; thence N. 62 deg. W. 20 poles to a stake; thence N. 75 deg. W. 96 poles to a chestnut oak on the top of Seven Mile Ridge; thence up and with the top of said ridge as follows:—North 90 poles to a stake, N. 22 deg. W. 67 poles to a hickory, thence leaving the top of said ridge S. 86 deg. E. 15 poles to a black gum; thence N. 66 deg. E. 30 poles to a chestnut; thence East 33 poles to a sourwood on top of a ridge; thence down and with the top of the ridge N. 73 deg. E. 25 poles to two sourwoods on a small knob; thence S. 68 deg. E. 18 poles to a small black pine; thence S. 82 deg. E. 20 poles to a crooked sourwood; thence East 17 poles to a spanish oak; thence S. 45 deg. E. 25 poles to a white pine; thence S. 36 deg. E. 30 poles to a stake and pointers; thence S. 85 deg. E. 10 poles to a hickory; thence leaving the top of the ridge S. 25 deg. E. 18 poles to two small red oaks; thence S. 15 deg. W. 61 poles to the beginning—containing 103 acres. This 26th day of April 1907.

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