

DR. WALLACE REPLIES

To Messrs. Kennedy and Campbell as to the Listing of Pauper Practice, To Tax Payers.

Gentlemen: Your attention has been called to the controversy between Messrs. Kennedy and Campbell, of the board of county commissioners, and myself in two efforts in public print. They have not answered my inquiry, but have endeavored to lead away your minds from that main issue to something past and future. There is no doubting the fact you are paying \$73.75 for work that could be done for \$25. Men, who will account for \$1875 and cash it up? I contend that my bid being \$25, I was entitled to be awarded the contract, and for the principle I am fighting, and shall continue to fight until the Grand Jury says I have no case and no way for one to go before the court. It is not the money that is in it, for every man that knows me and my business know that I give away more than \$25 every month to the poor of the county, besides I don't owe a dollar I can't pay in 20 minutes and have money enough that the interest of it will support me and mine my life time; but I am denied the right of my citizenship. Now I wish to explain why I rejected the bid of \$50 offered me by the board in 1898. I and Dr. Johnson did the pauper practice for \$25. There lay in your jail five criminals with typhoid fever, we attended these five people as faithfully as if millions were behind it. Mr. H. O. Britton, with his generosity and kindness, furnished with his own money the needed nourishment, and we pulled these cases, all of them, through safely, when our contract ended, Mr. Chandler came to me and stated that the board wanted to contract with me to continue the practice and would give me \$50. See, gentlemen, the board was willing to go up from \$25 to \$50, but I refused the bid. Why? I informed Mr. Chandler he had no right to make private contracts for public work, the law required such work to be advertised, and besides all this, it would be a breach of professional honor to deprive my fellow doctors of a chance to do this work.

Now, I will notice the denial of Messrs. Kennedy and Campbell of turning over Hon. T. M. Gilliland's advice. Mr. Chandler told me, and talked it upon the streets (and there are plenty of witnesses), that he was willing to accept my bid, but that Kennedy and Campbell ran it over him and that he sought Mr. Gilliland's advice and reported to these men in his office that Mr. G.'s advice was that they had to accept the lowest bid. Then Kennedy said he was willing to reconsider the matter, but Mr. Campbell said no, that it was done and must stand so. He, Chandler, informed them that he was a bonded official, and that he would have his vote recorded against any proceedings. Now, if there is any misrepresentation, I am not guilty of it. Further, Mr. Chandler told me and others the week of court that he, with Kennedy and Campbell, were up before the grand jury and that he made the same statement to them, and Messrs. Kennedy and Campbell said that he was not responsible for refusing my bid, and that they were fighting a trust formed by the doctors of Kingstree. Now, I don't know whether this be true or not. I have regarded Mr. Chandler a truthful man, and did not hesitate to believe and repeat what he told me. As to the charge of spite to Dr. Brockinton, I have none, and even if I did they will never be able to satisfy with county money. As to Dr. Brockinton's cared along with these men, Kennedy and Campbell, it is the truth, but not the whole truth. Mr. Chandler met me on the day mentioned on the street and asked if we doctors would not put in a

bid for the practice, as up to that time no bid was before the board. I replied, my firm had not given it any thought, but I would see the doctors. I informed Drs. Johnson and Gamble what Mr. Chandler had said to me. Dr. Johnson went to see Dr. Scott and I went to see Dr. Brockinton. Then occurred the conversation referred to by him, but continuing, he said, "I do not intend a doctor from a neighboring town to come here and do work that I can do." I left satisfied that the matter was settled between the board and him, and so reported the result of my conversation with Dr. Brockinton to Drs. Scott, Gamble and Johnson, and all then positively declined to have anything further to do with the matter. Now, no man in this county has helped to educate more young men in medicine and to get them to the top round of the ladder than I have done, and I do say if Dr. Brockinton knew at the time he accepted his bid of \$73.75 that the board had refused my bid, his conduct to me is in very strange contrast with mine towards him, and he can be considered participes partem. Now, if Dr. Brockinton don't want to be hit, he must get out of the way of the claps. As to the low, dirty fling of Messrs. Kennedy and Campbell, I would say, in the language of a distinguished senator, "No gentleman will insult me, and no others can."

I shall not trouble the public any farther, but will seek a redress for my grievances in the courts, and if my countrymen say I have no wrongs to right, I will accept it with all grace.

Respectfully,
W. L. WALLACE, M. D.

Enson Briefs.

The farmers are busy turning up the land.
Several reports of smallpox in the Indiantown section have proved to be without foundation.
Mr. J. G. McCullough has a fine field of rye.
The school at this place, taught latterly by Miss Annie Snowden, terminated last week.

Rev. W. P. Holland filled his regular appointment Sunday at Cedar Grove Baptist church.

A large crowd gathered on Friday afternoon at the Methodist Church to attend the funeral services of Mr. D. N. Kellehan. In his death this section has lost one of its most valued and useful citizens.

Work is progressing very slowly on the Methodist church. There is great need here for this building, and with a united effort there would be but little trouble in completing it. The old church has fallen into decay, and we hope ere long to see it replaced by the new building completed.

Facts from Fowler.

As I have not seen anything from this section in a long time I will give you a few dots.

The farmers are very backward with their farms on account of rains and cold.

Mr. H. Foxworth has made a big improvement on his place. He is a go-ahead farmer.

Messrs. Cooper Bros. are wide-awake merchants, and are pushing their business energetically.

Mr. J. W. Coward is going to run for county supervisor. He is a good man for the office, as he knows how work ought to be done.

Your correspondent is afraid to leave home to go anywhere on account of the smallpox. M.

An up-to-date woman is frequently a way behind her age.

Only A Baby.

Something to live for came to the phone.
Something to die for, maybe.
Something to give even sorrow a grace—
And yet it was only a baby!
Coflagant laughter and gurgles and cries.
Dimples for tenderest kisses.
Clubs of hopes and repairs and sighs.
Clubs of tears and of blisses.
Last year, like all years, the race and the thorn:
This year a wilderness, maybe:
But heaven stooped under the roof on the morn:
That it brought there only a baby—
—Harriet Pre-cott Spofford.

Card from Dr. Gamble.

Dr. W. L. Wallace.
Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry as to joint bid of the physicians of Kingstree for the county pauper practice, will say that I understood our arrangement to hold for the year 1899 only.
Yours truly,
W. G. GAMBLE, M. D.
Kingstree, S. C., March 14, 1900.

Card from Dr. Johnson.

Dr. W. L. Wallace:
Dear Sir: When the physicians put in their bid conjointly for jail, chain gang and pauper practice in 1899, and it was rejected for a lower bid, it was my understanding that our agreement was at an end.
Respectfully,
L. B. JOHNSON, M. D.
March 14, 1900.

A woman's idea of a perfect man is one who thinks she is perfect.

Last week a delinquent subscriber said he would pay up if he lived. He died. Another said: "I will see you tomorrow." He's blind. Still another said: "I'll pay you this week or go to the devil." He's gone. There are hundreds who ought to take warning of these procrastinators and pay up now.—Ex.

When a tongue-tied woman attempts to talk it is an utter failure.

Man Shot by a Rabbit.

Charlie Peden, of Gray Court, while out shooting rabbits with a pistol last week, met with a peculiar accident. He had wounded a rabbit; while kicking, one of its feet struck the trigger, exploding the revolver, the bullet striking Mr. Peden.—Clinton Gazette.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away ten million trial bottles of this great medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on Wallace & Johnson, druggists, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded.

The average woman is happiest when other women envy her.

The average woman don't want a vote if she can get a voter.

Red Hot from the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the civil war. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Fructions. Best Cure on earth, 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Wallace & Johnson, Druggists.

Necessity knows no law, and is usually too poor to hire a lawyer



Call your attention to our low prices this season. We always cut deep, but this time we have gone to the marrow. Our store is filled with bargains and leaders that will

Hammer Down.

all competition. We challenge any house in the town to show a better selected stock of all kinds of goods. A glance through our stock will convince you that our prices will squash

All Attempts at Competition

which are 15 to 25 per cent. below all others.

A full line of

FURNITURE.

Stackley's Cash Store.

Look to Your Interest!

For Special Bargains in

Men And Boys Clothing.

In order to make room for Spring Goods I will mention a few prices:

- A nice Boy's Suit at \$1.00 to \$2.25.
- A nice Man's Suit at \$2.50 to \$6.50.
- Men's Underwear at 25c to 43c.
- Ladies Under Vests at 15c to 25c.
- Ladies' Capes at 40c to \$1.55.

I must close out my winter stock of Dry Goods to make room for Spring Goods. Also, a big lot of Men's and Boys' Hats that must go.

SHOES.

- Men's Plow Shoes at \$1.15 to \$1.50; Ladies' Dongola and Glove Button at 90c to \$1.25; Ladies, Gents and Children's Fine Shoes, too numerous to mention.

Call and examine Wilkins' complete line of

GROCERIES, HARDWARE.

A big lot of Flour just received. A complete stock of Fancy and Staple Groceries. Call and see me.

Yours to please,

WILKINS.

A. W. GAGG W. B. OLIVER C. G. HARPER

GAGG, OLIVER & CO.

DEALERS IN

General Merchandise, Agricultural Implements

AND FERTILIZERS

Shippers of Plantation Products, Lumber and Shingles

Kingstree, S. C.

Having purchased the entire stock of goods lately owned by E. L. Smith and added largely thereto, we beg to announce to the public that we are ready to supply their needs at prices as low as honest goods can be sold. All we ask is to call and give us a trial.

A. W. Gagg, Manager.

It's a cold day when a woman doesn't gossip over the back fence with her neighbor.

The woman who hesitates isn't always lost, but she stutters.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. There's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Maville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life. Only 50 cents at Wallace & Johnson's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed."

The woman with tiny feet can't understand why long skirts are fashionable.

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar coated globule of health that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25 cents per box. Sold by Wallace & Johnson.

Grass widows and grasshoppers jump at the first change.

Founded 1842.

STIEFF PIANOS

"Sing their own praise."

But in justice to ourselves we are forced to publish the following testimonial.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb., 10th 1900.

Mr. Chas. M. Stieff,

Dear Sir:—The STIEFF PIANO which we purchased from you, giving in exchange an Ivers and Pond Upright as a partial payment, has given entire satisfaction, and we would not exchange for any Piano with which we are acquainted.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Mr. & Mrs. G. S. Messer.
For particulars write us.

CHAS. M. STIEFF,

Piano Manufacturer,
Baltimore, M. D.

Factory branch wareroom, 213 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
C. H. WILMOTH, Manager.

COTTON PLANTERS

Who are interested in high prices for cotton next fall can hear something to their advantage by sending a postal card at once to

THE ADAMS COTTON COMPANY
Charleston, S. C.