

WHY WE NEED CHANGE IN OFFICERS

We should Ascertain How County Officers Are Paid and Put Them on a Salary—This is Why a Change in Officials is Imperative Just Now.

Throughout the county political questions seem to be creating an unusual amount of interest. The two-term issue seems to be causing it. The Republican party, having been so weakened by the disfranchisement of the negro that it has not been considered much of a factor in the politics of our county since.

MR. BELL TO PREACH

The Rev. Y. Bell will preach at the First Methodist Church next Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Bell is a speaker of force, and his coming to Washington will be hailed with pleasure by the members of that congregation.

THREE LETTERS

Dear Sir—Please allow me space in your valuable columns to publish the following letters from the State Treasurer, Hon. B. R. Lacy, that the people may know how he feels toward me in business relations.

A GALA DAY

Many Farmers Enjoy the Hospitality of Mr. H. H. Thompson.

Mr. W. J. Crumpler has returned from Aurora, where he was one of Mr. H. H. Thompson's guests at his barbecue to the farmers in Richland township last Wednesday. He says the day was one of the pleasantest he ever spent, and he is loud in his praise of Mr. Thompson as host and farmer.

QUERY—IS BEING SILENT PATRIOTISM?

Democrat Wants to Know Why Our Present County Officers Refuse to Let the People Know How Much the People Are Paying Them.

Several weeks ago, in an article favoring salaries for county officers, as a Democratic voter and taxpayer, I asked that our present county officers tell the people who employ them, just how much our people pay them.

Does not this show that the law requires publicity as to public funds and regards it wise that the people should know about these matters? Has our county treasurer observed this law? If he has, then why should the people not be informed upon the questions asked by me?

2 Days Week-end Sale Friday and Saturday

Our fourth Week-End Sale commences Friday, July 29th, and continues through Saturday until closing time--10.45 P. M. Again we hand you our poster showing many of our money-saving items to be had at our two-days sale.

Table with columns: Domestic, Fancy Lawns, Gowns, Shoes, Hosiery, Umbrellas, Pillow Cases. Lists various clothing items and their sale prices.

Kuppenheimer Clothes New and Smart Styles 1-4 off James E. Clark Co. THE HIGH-ART CLOTHIERS

Very respectfully, GEO. E. RICKS, Washington, N. C., July 25, 1910.

Dear Sir—Your favor of the 22d was received this morning. I did not answer at once, as I was waiting for the auditor to certify the amount that was due from you.

I thank you very much for your promptness. I wish every sheriff in the State was as faithful, efficient and conscientious as the sheriff of Beaufort.

Assuring you of my continued friendship and high regard, I am, Yours very truly, B. R. LACY, State Treasurer.

Dear Sir—In regard to the question of a sheriff being given a third term, I desire to say that it is really a question of whether the people want to reward any individual or whether they want good service from the sheriff.

Having had close business relations with you for the last four years, I do hesitate to say that there is no sheriff in the State who is more faithful and efficient than you are, and I really think it would be a great mistake for the people to put anybody in your place just as soon as you arrive at the place that you are giving them almost absolutely perfect service.

Remembering that you are an efficient officer, as you are, and that they certainly stand in their own light to remove them for anybody, this is written without knowing who your opponent is, if there is any, but simply to express my opinion of the suicidal policy of rotating in office.

Yours truly, B. R. LACY, State Treasurer. Raleigh, July 21, 1910.

TREASURER LACEY'S ADVICE NOT NEEDED

Attempts to Dictate to Beaufort County Democrats How They Should Vote in Primary—Writer Says it is a Reflection Upon Intelligence of Our People.

Mr. Editor: I have just read the letter written by State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to Sheriff Ricks and published in the Progress of July 28th, in which he advises the citizens of Beaufort county to vote for Tayloe for treasurer, and Ricks for sheriff, and expresses the opposition to rotation in office and changes in officeholders.

I am extremely surprised at this action of Mr. Lacy. He is himself an officeholder, and it can readily be understood that as long as he holds the high office, given him by the Democrats of North Carolina, he should be opposed to changes in office; yet it occurs to me to be extremely unbecomingly, unnecessary and a decided reflection upon the intelligence of our people that he should presume to suggest to us what our course should be in the management of our own affairs.

Do you suppose that before he was elected to the office of State treasurer, and while that office was held by another, he was opposed to rotation in office and changes in officeholders? Is he now in favor of amending the Constitution which prevents the Governor from holding more than one term? It may be assumed that should he ever be elected Governor himself, he would favor a Constitutional amendment in this respect, but he does not?

Since when has it become the custom of a State officer, holding his high office by the grace of the great body of Democratic voters in the various counties of the State, to send down from Raleigh instructions upon how to manage county affairs and how to choose county officials?

Since when has it become the custom of a State officeholder, in order to express disapproval of the policy of occasional changes in office, to advise voters of a county to support present officeholders, without even ascertaining whether or not their candidates for those offices have not always been loyal supporters and friends of the man who gives the advice, and thus strikes them?

of Beaufort county are not of sufficient intelligence to know how to select their local public servants, and need advice and instructions from "Higher Up?" Certainly he could not have had this opinion of our people when we cast Beaufort's vote for his nomination for State treasurer two years ago at the Charlotte convention.

And since when have county candidates found it necessary to send to Raleigh to get the advice of State officers to show Beaufort citizens how to vote?

Is it possible that Ricks and Tayloe find the tide rushing so strongly against them that they go to Raleigh to appeal for "State Aid." I mention Tayloe and Ricks, because Lacy mentions only these.

Have these candidates so little respect for and confidence in the intelligence and judgment of Beaufort county citizens that they feel it necessary to get advice and information for our voters from Wake county?

In this connection, as the gentlemen have seen fit to go to Wake county for guidance, attention is called to the fact that only about a month ago, in that very county where Mr. Lacy lives, the same fight took place that is now being waged here; and, in spite of the influence of officeholders located in the city of Raleigh, the county sent, the people of Wake county turned out every old officer, with one exception, and put in new men. This will be the result of the fight here, if we follow the example of the Democratic voters of Mr. Lacy's home county, and disregard his advice as they did.

The only thing which justifies Mr. Lacy in assuming that our people do not know enough to choose their county officers is the fact that candidates for offices here give him this impression by asking for his advice, and publishing it to influence our voters.

We do not need Mr. Lacy to tell us that Sheriff Ricks has made a capable and faithful officer. Those who oppose him make no contrary charge. We also know that his opponent, Capt. James H. Harris, is thoroughly capable of performing the duties of

the office, and is in all respects honest and worthy.

Mr. Lacy has no knowledge of how Mr. Tayloe conducts the office of treasurer, except from what Mr. Tayloe, or his friends, may have told him. He does not know but that Mr. E. R. Mixon is just as capable a business man and as well qualified to perform the duties of treasurer as is Mr. Tayloe, and is just as honest and worthy.

Too much stress is laid upon the proposition that men who have remained long in office are the only ones who are equipped to perform the duties of the office. Will not Mr. Tayloe admit that he performed the duties of the office of treasurer capably, efficiently, honestly, and properly during the first six months that he held the position? Will not Mr. Ricks admit that his service during the first six months that he was in office, was as efficient and capable as that of his predecessor? Did not both of these gentlemen ask re-nomination for the first time upon the good record they had made during the first terms they held?

I have never known officeholders soliciting the aid of State officeholders in a local campaign before. I do not believe it was necessary. I do not believe Mr. Lacy knows anything more about this matter than do the voters of my county. I do not believe Mr. Lacy would be opposed to changes if he were not an officeholder himself. I do not believe, however desperate the situation may be, that our present officeholders have the right to proclaim to the world that our people are not fully capable of making their own selection of county officers.

Strong evidence of the bad policy of this action and its injury to our party is in the fact that Isaac Meekins, in a Republican gathering in Washington on the same day that Lacy was published, commented upon it in his speech and ridiculed the Democrats of Beaufort county for getting instructions from State officers as to how to vote for county officers.

Again we express our regret that such a letter should have been written.

S. T. NICHOLSON.

MR. PLYLER DEAD. From a private letter received this morning from Rev. M. T. Plyler, dated July 27, the Daily News regrets to chronicle the death of his aged father at Mooreville, N. C., his home, Wednesday morning last. Rev. Mr. Plyler, in writing of his father's death, says: "The wheels grew weary and stopped. After eighty-five years, he rests a spell. He leaves a good name."

Mr. Plyler was called to the bedside of his father last week, and was with him when the end came. The Daily News joins in extending sympathy.

FEATURE PROGRAMME AT GEM.

Tonight at the Gem will be shown the best programme yet. Its an all-feature one, and of great beauty. Roosevelt in Cairo, a scenic travel picture representing an American citizen's reception in Cairo, what he did, where he went and the crowds that followed the photograph, is admirably done, and one can obtain an accurate impression of Cairo, this great Egyptian city, its great buildings, people, their manners and customs.

Purged by Fire is a dramatic film of quality. The pictorial qualities of the Urban films are well worth serious study, since they bring out many beautiful scenes which seem very close to life and nature. Mephisto at a Masquerade, a bit of comedy as lively and interesting as its title indicates. The picture is beautifully hand-colored, is a Gaumont production of rare beauty that cannot fail to please and amuse all who see it.

Touring the Canary Isles, a beautiful scenic reproduction of these islands, giving an accurate impression of the scenery, the people and their industries. Words cannot describe the beauties to be seen in this travel film which has proven of great educational value. Driven from Home is one of Lubin's strong dramatic pictures. The story is well told, and the situations are sufficiently strong to hold the deepest interest. Remember tonight a beautiful and costly silver crumb (it will be given away; heavy plain silver with ebony handles.

GRIMESLAND ITEMS.

Miss Susie Edwards, of Snow Hill, is spending some time with Miss Earl Proctor.

Mr. R. M. Elks is all smiles today—it is a boy.

Messrs. J. O. Proctor, W. S. Godley and others from here spent Sunday in Norfolk.

The many friends of Mr. J. H. Clark will regret to learn that he is very ill at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. It is to be hoped he will soon be on the road to recovery.

Messrs. H. A. White and C. M. Jones, of Greenville, was with us a short while today.

The new residence of W. E. Proctor will soon be completed. It will be a beautiful home.

The Grim and Supply Company have moved in their new store which was built in the place of the one lost by fire.

Mrs. J. H. Dixon, of Burlington, is visiting Mrs. J. L. Gibson. Mrs. J. O. Proctor spent Monday in Greenville attending the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Johnston's little child.

A. O. WARD. HANDSOME AUTO. Mr. George A. Phillips received yesterday via the Atlantic Coast Line, a handsome automobile. It has been much admired.