

# Ashley Horne, of Clayton, Candidate for Governor.

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To the Democrats of North Carolina:  
Ashley Horne, of this place, is a candidate for governor, subject to action of the democratic state convention.

I have known Mr. Horne all of his life, and feel that it is not out of place for me, of my own knowledge to state what manner of man he is. He is a native of Johnston county; is sixty-five years old; had a common school education, but in early manhood volunteered as a private in the confederate army, and following the fortune of the army of Northern Virginia for four years, and surrendered with it at Appomattox. His record as a soldier is without blemish.

After the war he had neither the time nor ability to complete his education. Necessity compelled him to go to work. The first year after getting home he cultivated a crop, then clerked in a store, and in 1857 began merchandising for himself. He prospered, and is thought of now as a successful merchant, and many of the men who began to trade with him forty years ago are still his customers and friends.

As a farmer and as a business man he has been successful, and he has also embarked in other lines of business. Now he is regarded as one of the most successful men in the state. While he has other large lines, and is engaged in banking, insurance, manufacturing, mercantile, distilling, he is with a large and active farmer. He is not merely a farmer on paper, but every day during the crop season a visitor would be apt to find him in the field, actually carrying on large, active and successful farming operations. And so well informed does he keep himself on market prices of farm products, that many will recall that during several recent years he has published cotton letters which have contained wholesome advice to the farmers with regard to holding their cotton. This advice has proved to be well founded, and there is no estimating the money it saved the farmers of the state, and they were not slow in expressing their gratitude to him. In fact he is on all business propositions a very practical and wise counsellor.

He was one of the organizers of the Cotton Grower's Association, and he has established a warehouse somewhat on the line of the bonded warehouse system now advocated by that association.

He has always been a straight, regular and organized democrat. He has voted the democratic tickets as they were printed.

In the early 90's, when populism was making such headway among the people, he opposed it, but he understood the hard conditions under which the farmers were suffering; and, instead of denouncing their movement as many unwise men did, he treated them with kindness and sympathy, dissuading them from leaving the democratic party, but never denouncing them. In the country immediately contiguous to Clayton, populism never made any headway, and one of the reasons it made no headway, was the wise and kindly manner in which the farmers were treated by Mr. Horne and other democrats. After the fusion of populism and republicanism carried the state, and when many democrats felt that it would be best for us to make some arrangement with the populists by which the state could be redeemed, Mr. Horne was outspoken in his denunciation of the movement. Six or eight years before he had been moderate and conciliatory in dealing with the populists for he understood the burden which the farmers were then staggering. But in 1898 he had no sympathy for any movement looking to a fusion with Butler, Russell, and Thompson. He was outspoken in denouncing any such proposition. He came to the state convention in 1898 and threw his whole influence in favor of a straight fight.

If there is one idea in Mr. Horne's mind, or if there is one motive in his life which predominates over all others, it is his opposition and hatred of monopolies and combines. He has always stood for the individual and in favor of the freest competition. He does not believe in any law which gives one man an advantage over another, and he believes that any agreement between two or more men, or two or more companies to restrict competition, or to create a monopoly is a crime against human right and ought to be punished in the severest manner. He is a practical trust fighter. Not a trust-buster on paper,

but a man who has systematically and earnestly fought monopolies in the only way he found it practicable to fight them.

When the cotton-oil industry became important he was one of the men who organized the first cotton-oil mill in Raleigh. When he ascertained that the American Cotton Oil Company had obtained control of that mill, he sold every dollar of his stock and retired. When it appeared that the fertilizer business was going into the hands of large concerns, he was one of the men who helped organize the Caraleigh Phosphate & Fertilizer Works, near the city of Raleigh. Propositions were made to buy that mill out. Mr. Horne opposed it and offered to become responsible for the future of the mill himself, provided it was kept independent. A few years ago when it appeared that the American Cotton Oil Company and the Southern Cotton Oil Company would control the cotton seed market of the south, and they possibly might combine and regulate prices, immediately Mr. Horne assisted in the building of an independent mill at Clayton, which mill is now owned and controlled by Clayton's people and run independently. It provides an independent market for seed, and furnishes independent of other companies fertilizers.

He is president of the Clayton Cotton Mill. In 1902 some North Carolina mills favored going into combination, so as to effect it was said large economy. The proposition was made to Mr. Horne to have the Clayton mills included in the merger. He declined to even submit the proposition to the stockholders. The fate of that merger justified the wisdom of his course.

He was one of the first men to advocate the formation of home insurance companies, both fire and life, and to stop the outflow of North Carolina money for insurance. He was one of the early stockholders of the North Carolina Home, and is an officer and director in a number of successful life and fire companies.

One of the rules of his business life is to give the preference where practicable to do so, to local and independent companies, rather than to foreign companies or large combinations of capital. As far as it is possible to do so, he taboos trusts and monopolies. From the purchase of the oil which lubricates his machinery to the placing of insurance upon his property he always gives the preference to local dealers and independent companies.

Mr. Horne is not identified with any particular faction of the party. He is neither conservative nor radical, so called. He is a democrat plain. If elected to office, he will not endeavor to build up any faction, nor to create any personal following looking to his future advancement. He will be content to serve the people in the office of governor for four years, and at the end of the term return to private life. He will not attempt to use the great office of governor as a stepping stone to any higher honors.

Mr. Horne will not make a canvass of the State prior to the convention. If nominated, he will take the stump and ably uphold the democratic cause. He is able to make, and will make, a strong and vigorous canvass, but he will not expect busy people to come out and hear him speak when he is canvassing for himself and not as the standard bearer of his party.

Mr. Horne's personal life is without spot or blemish. No person, however much he may differ with Mr. Horne in politics or otherwise, can be found who would impugn his personal honor or believe him guilty of an improper act. He has been a sober, moral man all his life. He was a temperance man when temperance and prohibition were not popular. As far back as 1881 he voted for prohibition. He has always stood for temperance, for the home, the school, and the church.

He has always been a progressive man; and while by far the largest tax-payer of his section, he has always voted for special taxes for schools and good roads, and has favored everything that promoted the welfare of his community, regardless of its financial effects upon him.

Mr. Horne favors the strict enforcement of the laws passed by the last general assembly regulating railroads and requiring them to give better service at reduced rates. He believes in holding corporations to their duty and within the law, and doing

this with a strong, bold hand. He has always favored strict regulation of corporations; has always favored requiring railroads to perform their duties vigorously, and at the lowest possible rates and he never rode a mile on a railroad pass, believing that railroads should serve and not boss. More than thirty years ago when the rates on cotton between Clayton and Raleigh were too high, he organized a wagon train and sent the cotton through the country, until the railroads, in disgust, asked him to name what he thought was a fair rate. This he did, and this rate between Clayton and Raleigh has never been exceeded. He has always opposed the granting of special favors to railroads. In 1885 he was a member of the State Senate. The Richmond and Danville railroad proposed to build to Murphy, if the State would donate the use of several hundred acres. Mr. Horne was anxious as any to see that work completed, but he thought the Richmond and Danville was under obligations to hold it at its own expense. He voted against the donation of the conveyance, and was one of the Senators who signed a protest against the grant. This is a brief account of Mr. Horne's life. He is in the race today. He is encouraged by promises of support from every section of the State. We believe he will be nominated.

In conclusion, I beg to say if you want to support a Confederate soldier for governor, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a successful business man, and a life-long farmer for the office, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man who has been consistent and life-long enemy of trust and combination, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man who has been a leader in the industrial development of his section, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man who has always stood for good roads, for temperance, education, and morality, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man for governor who will give his whole time to that office and who will not aspire to other positions, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want to support a straight, fire-tried democrat, who has never turned either to the right or to the left, but who has consistently fought the party's battles for more than forty years, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man for governor who will fill the office well, who has never done and will never do an unworthy or improper act, who will never do anything that will require defense, apology, or explanation, Ashley Horne is such a man.

J. T. ELLINGTON,  
Clayton, N. C.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

We all need things we can plug along without.

If you are right, don't let a clever man persuade you out of it.

The thoughts you can't express without profanity are not very important.

Apologies are like family skeletons. They should not be taken out before company.

Half our bad temper comes through our inability to see the justice of the other side.

When you think you have done your best the chances are that you have only started.

This would be a more comfortable world if people would listen to reason as readily as to gossip.

Some people have an absurd notion that unless they are always gabbling they will be considered dull.—Acheson Globe.

### REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Most people's idea of having a virtue is that it isn't unless they advertise it.

There is hardly anything more surprising than to think a man is your friend and find out he really is.—New York Press.

That's what religion does for a man of faith who lives up to his profession.—News & Observer.

For the traveler the best guide-book is a checkbook.

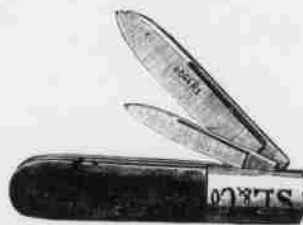
A tight man and a loose dog are equally dangerous.

Many a man's nervousness is due to his lack of nerve.

Graft often goes about disguised as a business opportunity.

# LITTLE THINGS YOU NEED.

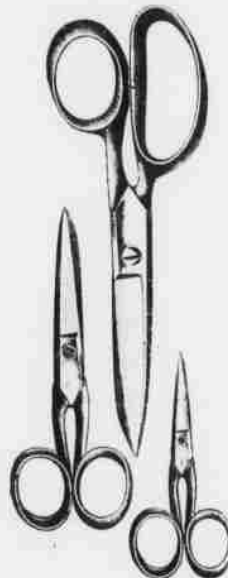
Below are some of the handy little articles that can be secured at big reductions if you order through The Courier with each article--both for little more than half the retail price of the premium alone. Send your order at once before our supply is exhausted.



NO. 5098.--This knife has two blades made of metal capable of the keenest edge made for service by one of the best cutlery companies. It will be sent prepaid, together with THE COURIER once a week for 12 months upon the receipt of \$1.25.

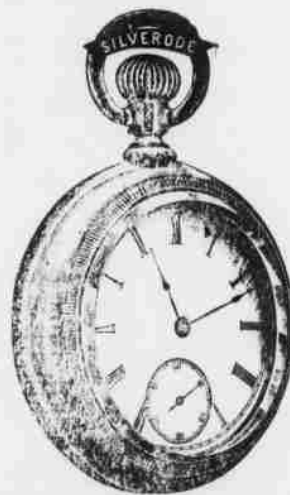


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The well-known stag knife, recognized by judges of cutlery as one of the best. This knife will be sent by THE COURIER, prepaid, upon receipt of \$1.25. This knife has two blades, and is everything claimed for it.



This safety razor has only been introduced a short time as a novelty, but it has now become recognized as staple. We are able to offer a limited number of these with THE COURIER a year for \$2.00. The razor holder is silver plated. One blade ready for use is sent with each holder. It is hollow ground and forged from the highest grade of refined steel, gives most excellent results.



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