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REPUBLICANS PAY YOUR POLL TAX FOR THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINE ON OR BEFORE MAY THE FIRST OR YOU WILL BE DISFRANCHISED

## THE CONTEST AND HOW THE VOTE STANDS

Burlington.	
Miss Lois A. Workman,	6,175
Swannie Patterson,	6,025
Myrtle Isley,	3,150
Myrtle Tate,	1,000
Lillian Turner,	875
Flossie Burke,	550
Callie Boland,	100
Daca Davis,	100
Bertha Lineberry,	100
Burlington R. F. D's.	
Miss Jennie Whitsell, R. 4,	2,675
Emma Overman, R. 1,	1,050
Annie Matlock, R. 2,	400
Ollie Ector, Route 2,	200
Rosa Crouse, Route 4,	200
Mattie Pennington, R. 2,	100
Fannie Belle Stanford, Route 9,	100
Snow Camp.	
Miss Mary Stout,	6,250
Spring Graded School,	500
Sylvan Graded School,	200
Mebane.	
Miss Grace Amick,	300
Essie Dodson,	100
Haw River, No. 1.	
Miss Carrie Albright,	4,600
Elon College, N. C.,	
Miss Mollie Baldwin,	2,375
Union Ridge, No. 1.	
Miss Lottie Terrell,	250

## An Open Letter to the Republicans of Burlington.

I write you this letter because I have neither the time or opportunity to see each one of you in person. The object of this appeal is to ask and urge your support for the pending bond issue. In as much as there is no politics involved I must appeal to your patriotism, rather than your Republicanism. The Republican party is a progressive party, and it is this progressiveness that has made and keeps it the majority party Nationally. The Democratic party is a negative party, and therefore a minority party Nationally. If the Republican party desires to become a majority party locally (and I am sure it does), like our brethren in the Nation, we must not be a negative, but a progressive party, we should not oppose measures merely because they are proposed by Democrats, but rather from the standpoint of right and wrong. We should adopt such a policy as will appeal and bring to our aid the broad, liberal and fair minded conservative men of all parties.

A bond issue for Burlington is inevitable, in fact the conditions make it imperative, it is bound to come sooner or later, or taxes greatly increased. Now which do you prefer, good streets and sidewalks and a moderate rate of taxation, or no streets and sidewalks and a high rate of taxation. This is a cold blooded business proposition, and one you should settle now and for all time to come. No use to argue how matters have been conducted heretofore, but how they must be conducted hereafter. Some Republicans say defeat the bond issue in order to humiliate the present city administration, because it is Democratic, and after we have done this, then we will vote a bond issue and thus relieve the situation. Now from a political standpoint alone, this might be a good policy, but it is cheap politics to say the least.

Will such a policy appeal to the element necessary to make us a majority party in the future, and can we as loyal and patriotic citizens afford to play cheap politics, when the credit and future reputation of our town is at stake. It costs money to hold elections and the condition of our city treasury is such that there is no money to waste. The open indebtedness of the city is about forty thousand dollars and may be more, certainly no less, twenty-five thousand of this was borrowed to do permanent street improvement, and for which the city finds now that in order to renew the loan they must pay an exorbitant renewal premium in addition to the legal rate of interest. The city administration asks us as citizens and tax payers to come to their aid, vote sixty thousand thirty year, five percent bonds, pay off the twenty-five thousand dollar loan, stop the excessive renewal premium, divide the remainder of the bond issue equally between the four wards of the city, the small ward getting just as much as the larger ones, and not less than one-third to be spent in sidewalk improvements.

Now we are all citizens of Burlington, each striving in his own way for the upbuilding of the city. Are you going to allow your prejudice to influence your vote to your own hurt and the detriment of your neighbor? Suppose war should be declared between this country and some foreign power, what would you think of the Democrats if they should sympathize with the foreigners, and against this nation, and refuse to help defend their country because the Republicans were in power? We would call them traitors and say they deserved to be shot, as they no doubt would be. Now because the city government is in the hands of the Democrats are we going to be disloyal, and vote against the bond issue? Are we not a part of the city government and should we not come to the rescue of those who are charged with the administration of the city affairs. There may have been mistakes made and will con-

tinue to be made until the end of time. But we should profit by the mistakes of the past. There has been appointed a commission to have full charge of the money derived from the bond sale, composed of Joseph Holt, Winslow W. Lasley, James G. Holt, and Ernest H. Murray, together with Mayor A. F. Barrett, as chairman, whose duty it will be to have all permanent work done as long as the money lasts. To vote against the bond issue, virtually says that you have no confidence in these men, and that you care nothing for the reputation and good name of your city. The proposed arrangement is the best proposition ever submitted to our citizens, and it is the earnest desire of Dameron, Hoffman, Brown and myself that this measure receive the unanimous support of every Republican in the City of Burlington. If the bond issue is defeated let it be done by those Democrats who say they have no confidence in their own city administration and not by the stalwart progressive and loyal Republicans who care more for the city's future welfare than for any temporary advantage over our political opponents. And we will not only have built wisely but well.

Yours for progress,  
J. ZEB WALLER.

## The Hospital Question.

To the people of the cities of Burlington, Graham and Haw River, and to the people of Alamance county in general.

At a regular meeting of the Alamance county Medical Society, in accordance with a resolution unanimously adopted, we, the undersigned committee, were appointed to announce to you that you are cordially and earnestly invited to meet with us at our next regular meeting on Monday the 9th, day of May 1910, to take steps looking towards the erection of a hospital at some appropriate place in Alamance county.

This meeting will be held in Graham, N. C., on the day stated at half past one o'clock, sharp, and all who feel interested in this movement are requested to come and take a part in our deliberations. We wish to get started in the right way to compass this most beneficent and necessary enterprise; and so your counsel will be valuable to us as well as your contributions.

We have said this most beneficent and necessary enterprise. There is nothing in contemplation or actual course of erection that will compare in importance to the people of our county with this, the erection of a hospital within her borders. For numbers of patients are taken to institutions in other counties every year, and every month in the year, who could and ought to be cured here. Many are thus transported who are in no way fit for such transportation, and their lives jeopardized in the journey; and in other cases sacrificed because we have no safe place in which to treat them.

Then, there is the way-faring man and the stranger within our gates, for whom we are commanded to care as much as for our own people. How can we egectively care for him if we have no place for him? We all know that a hotel is a poor substitute for a hospital.

And there are hundreds of our own people stricken with diseases other than surgical, to whom a good hospital would be a blessed boon. Cases of fever, of pneumonia, of chronic troubles requiring persistent and skillful attendance and special conveniences, can thus be cared for in the person of the poor as well as of the rich. Last and least for our consideration, is the fact that many, many dollars of our money go away from us that should be kept here.

Come and meet us, and let us build a hospital which shall be a blessing and a credit to our people.

Signed:  
C. A. ANDERSON  
J. W. McPHERSON,  
T. S. FAUCETTE,  
L. A. WALKER,  
W. E. WALKER,  
J. W. PAGE.

## WHY HE PAID FOR PROTECTION

### Victed Blind Tiger Causes a Sensation—Startling Accusations.

Wilmington, April 12.—Marion Finner, a middle aged white man, convicted in the Superior court Saturday night of selling whiskey and sentenced to six months on the roads, Judge Cooke affirmed the judgement of the court's court, today made a national affidavit in which he made a full confession and declared that there are more than a hundred holders of government liquor license in Wilmington the "blind tigers" have a rough organization known as association No. 6, that he has regularly into the coffers of the association \$5 a month to be used for political purposes and otherwise; that the members had been given to understand that if arrested and carried before the court the severest punishment would be a fine and costs; that a public sentiment was such that it would be necessary to give a bad sentence the members to be warned in ample time. Finner then sets out that he had not warned, and that he has made a scapegoat of by his other pretended friends. Inclusion and exposure of those days have deserted him is made the sole purpose of aiding in his effort to have his sentence stricken out or reduced. Finner's attorney will go before Judge Cooke tomorrow and for a hearing of the matter. It is understood that many rank prohibitionists will give Winner moral support in view of affidavit.

Isn't this a pretty how do you do, and right in dear old democratic Wilmington are they shoot negro's to keep democracy regular, and to maintain their party standing, would be delighted to have the opinion of the NEWS upon your doings. Or will it content of to merely say that we are all in our power to bring disrepute the prohibitionists. Remember dearly beloved in your party and in all such cases you are expected to do your duty to the contemporary dares to give publicity to a grave misdoings, will you equal to the occasion, we shall

## Fishing for Fun.

York World.  
If there be a time for everything this is the time for fishing for fun. To most men fishing means hard work with a line or dull work with a hook and line. Fishing for sport is done with a rod and reel. It is out of the northern lakes and streams but their waters are clear. Fish that live in them are firm, quick, pugnacious and in their intelligent. The man who gets a few of them must know where they live, understand their habits, possess an apt of approved fitness and be alert in its use. Angling in warm waters for a fish and indifferent fish, a weary man can hardly forget business, for there is not enough excitement to occupy his mind. Angling in a northern lake or brook in early spring, with the assistance of a good guide, his mind is intent only upon fish. There are no anxieties of trade, no professional perplexities, no social domestic worries, no troubles of any kind, for a man whose eyes the flashing sunlight is reflected and in whose ears the reel is ringing. This would be a better world if a good many respects if every one would do a little genuine fishing once a year.

## Gill Sharpe Takes A Shot At The Aldermen.

To the Editor State Dispatch:  
Please make room in your valuable paper for a few thoughts along the line of city government. I am glad that my old man did not get to be one of the city aldermen. If he had, and voted for all this trouble—if he had not resigned his position I would have left him. I would not live with a man that could not have done more than these men are doing. I blame the citizens of the town for letting these men go on like they have. If these are the best men in town I think they had better elect women next time. If we would not do any more than these are doing we think it would be a poor do. If the women of the town will help we will run the town commissioners out of town, and the civil engineer too. They are not fit to stay in this town where civilized people live.

Mrs. G. A. SHARPE.

From the looks of this town it looks like these men are wasting a sight of money. They are moving a sight of dirt unnecessary. I can't find out who is the boss of this road. The town commissioners say old man Carter is supposed to be the boss, but he don't claim to be the boss. He has ruined the road. I would not claim to be the boss either. It is the first job I ever saw without a boss. The farmers say we have got the men running the town who have got the least sense of any men in the world, their work has proved it if you will look at this road. They say we must have plenty of money the way we are spending it. It looks like it to look at the road from where I live to Laytons store. It is all sunk down water on top nearly half knee deep. That's a nice road, isn't it? The farmers say they don't see how they are going to make nice roads out of that. I say myself that they will have to tear it up like everything else they have done. When they have got anything good enough they won't let it alone. The road is completely worn out, it is in worse fix than it has ever been. When people over it they go che-bump, che-bump. Now they want another election to get more money, they want it to waste like they have been wasting it. They don't think about interest that has got to be paid, and the principal sometime. I think these men have handled enough money no better than they are using it. If they are let alone they will borrow all the money, that is in the North. For gracious sakes, men go and register, pay your poll tax vote against the bonds. We don't know how much money they have borrowed. They don't tell anything about the money matters. Anybody can go before commissioners meeting, they keep no order, people laugh all the time. The aldermen set up there and whisper. It looks like they would talk so people could hear. It's a secret business. They don't tell where the money goes, you need not go before them to ask about the money. People who have eyes can see where it is going out in the vacant lot. They contract to men and turn them loose in the town. They don't care how many fences they tear down or how many corners they destroy. It looks like it's dangerous for a man, woman or child to go along these high banks with big cakes of dirt sliding down. It is a shame and a scandal the way they have damaged the people in this town.

G. A. SHARPE.

The reports compiled in Revenue Agent R.B. Sams' office at Asheville, N.C., shows that during the month of march deputy collectors working from the Asheville office destroyed a total of 41 stilleries and bound over to United States District court 29 men on charges of illicit distilling. The collectors also seized 3,267-5 gallons of whiskey. The value of the seized and confiscated property for the month is \$5,470.

## Prosperous Uncle Sam.

Like the railroads and the great industrial corporations and like the vast majority of small business concerns, the Federal Government is enjoying a great increase in income and is finding it much easier to keep its outgo down nearly to the limits of its receipts. There is a fair chance that the balance will soon be on the right side.

The growth of the national revenues is many-sided. It is greatest in the customs receipts, but it is large in internal taxes, especially on spirituous liquors. There is a remarkable gain, likewise, in postoffice income.

The indications are that the fiscal year which ends with June will close with only a small deficit by comparison with the figures for the preceding year. The actual difference between revenues and expenditures may be reduced to almost nothing. At the end of March it was only about \$12,000,000, and there had been a large surplus for that month.

As for the Postoffice Department, at the end of the first half of the fiscal year there was a deficit of a little more than \$4,000,000 against a deficit of more than \$10,000,000 in the corresponding part of the previous fiscal year. The second quarter had shown a good surplus, and the end of the year may find the receipts and expenses of the department nearly balanced.

All this is absolute proof of national prosperity. Such things cannot happen in time which are not rich in expansion and progress.

## Woman Suffrage Question.

Washington Star.

Nothing more forcibly shows the growth of the woman suffrage movement than the situation in the South. That section under the old regime was the paradise of the housekeepers. A plantation life and the life in towns—there were few cities in the South then—were not favorable to club organizations for women, or platform appearances for them of any kind. It was not good form for a woman to occupy herself, except by reading, with matters political or governmental. All of that was set apart as "men's business."

But in the South now, as elsewhere, the new note is sounded. As able and as earnest advocates of the ballot for women may be found in the Southern States as in any of the other states, and in the great temperance wave which has been sweeping over that section the women, although without votes, have been leaders in the contests and quick learners in the arts of party organization and vote-corralling.

The cause is still a long way from goal. Some of its most vigorous and determined opponents are women themselves, contented with their present sphere of activity and of opinion that it is by no means sufficiently improved. They, as well as their suffrage sisters, are in action, and between they are waking up men to a new and larger view of the whole question.

## Sounded Best When Silent.

In a railroad office in West Philadelphia there is an old and trusted clerk of Celtic extraction, who keeps his associates in a constant state of good humor by an unending series of witticisms, interspersed occasionally with "bulls," so glaring that even he himself has to join in the laugh that invariably follows such a "break" on his part.

There was some trouble on the telephone one day recently, and Mike, as he is called among his friends, lost much of his usual good nature in his efforts to get the gist of a message that was being sent from another office. The man on the other end of the wire finally became exasperated and asked Mike if he was losing his hearing.

"I can hear you all right until you begin to talk," said Mike, "and then I can't understand a word you say."

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