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THE CONTEST AND HOW THE VOTE STANDS

Burlington.	
Miss Lois A. Workman.	14,000
Swannie Patterson.	14,625
Myrtle Isley.	3,350
Myrtle Tate.	1,000
Lillian Turner.	925
Burlington R. F. D's.	
Miss Jennie Whitsell, R. 4.	3,725
Emma Overman R. 1.	2,625
Annie Marlock, R. 2.	400
Olle Ector, Route 2.	260
Rosa Crosse, Route 4.	200
Snow Camp.	
Miss Mary Stout.	15,950
Spring Graded School.	500
Salem Graded School.	200
Mebane.	
Ms. Grace Amick.	300
Haw River, No. 1.	
Miss Carrie Albright.	15,700
Elon College, N. C.	
Miss Mollie Baldwin.	7,200
Union Ridge, No. 1.	
Miss Lottie Terrell.	450

Party Platform.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted at the Republican County Convention at Graham Saturday Sept. 17th, 1910. Read it, it means something to the people of Alamance County:

The Republican party of Alamance county in convention assembled do hereby resolve.

1st. We are in thorough accord with the National and State platforms of our party and we hereby proclaim our unflinching allegiance thereto.

2nd. We believe our people are entitled to an economic administration of the government in all its grades and its every department, and taking the county as a unit, we demand that our county officers be placed upon a salary basis and that all fees and emoluments now pertaining to said offices be turned into and made a part of the school funds of the county.

3rd. Believing that the safety of our government and our prosperity as a nation depend upon the education of the masses, we emphasize our loyalty to that portion of our state platform declaring for the furnishing, free of charge and under proper regulations, all necessary text books for every child in the public schools of the State.

4th. In the event of the failure, by the legislature, to pass a state-wide law, providing for the purchase of text books for the public schools, we demand the enactment of a law, applying to Alamance county, that will permit and require the savings accruing to the county by reason of the payment of salaries to our officials to be applied to the purchase of books for the children in our own public schools.

The Democratic county candidates say that the DISPATCH is in error about the cost of the cross index system, that the contract price was only twelve hundred dollars, well we have no positive way of telling except by what they say. However we understand that even this amount has not been paid which leaves the county indebtedness that much larger than we had figured it. No if there are many outstanding debts of this character the total county indebtedness will run much larger than we have ever put it. Why will not some one tell the tax payors just how much the exact indebtedness is. We are sure that our figures are much too low. Tax payers of Alamance county are you willing to keep men in office who will deceive you in regard to the true financial condition of the county we offer five dollars reward to any one who will tell us the exact county indebtedness before the election, who will be the first to win the reward.

Rev. S. L. Morgan leaves this week for Cane Creek, Betheden, Antioch and Bethel to attend a Laymens movement of the Baptist Church.

A MILD SAMPLE OF DEMOCRATIC IMPARTIALITY

I regret that facts such as follows regarding the registration of voters in Boon Station township during the registration period just closed, were so unfair and unjust and showed so much partiality, that my conscience prompts me to place apart of such wrong doings before the good element of citizenship of Alamance County with an appeal that they weigh with scales that gives justice to "and special privileges to none" such acts, and declare by their ballots on the 8th day of Nov. next, either their approval or disapproval of same.

The writer approached the Registrar a few days after the book was opened and asked to look over it.—permission was granted, as I turned through the pages I noticed the names of one young man whose name had just been placed upon the book, that to my knowledge could neither write an eligible hand nor read with any distinctiveness and had told me, when there was no cause for misrepresentation that he was twenty-three years old and had never given in nor paid any tax, I said to the registrar, this fellow is not entitled to vote, he (the registrar) said he thought there was a question about it himself but he had instructions from an attorney (but did not tell the attorneys name) regarding same and that he just put him on the book, and that the judges of the election could decide his eligibility. Right then I smelt a rotten rat in Denmark and from that moment I sat up and took notice "the best I was allowed too". Here I want to add apart of Sec. 4323 of the election law of North Carolina which reads thus, "every registrar, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, shall take an oath before a justice of peace or some other person authorized to administer oaths, that he will support the constitution of the U. S. and the constitution of N. C. not inconsistent therewith, and that he will "honestly and impartially" discharge the duties of registrar, and honestly and fairly conduct such elections. Now he is supposed to have taken an oath to discharge his duties honestly and impartially, and I do not question his taking same, but follow me and less see if he lived up to the obligations. So take the items as they come. I next noticed him on the streets of Elon, together with two young fellows begging and pleading with a school boy to register and vote in the coming election and at the same time the boy was protesting, declaring that he was twenty-three years old and had never paid any tax. The registrar was approached a moment later and told that this school boy was not entitled to vote, and he replied "I have instructions to look all these loose fellows up and put them on the book" he was almost daily seen on the street pleading with school boys who had expressed themselves favorable to the Democratic party trying to induce them to register but with out one exception to this writers knowledge, did he even mention registration to a school boy favorable to the Republican party. What has he done with his oath to be impartial? And I want to say the Boon Station Township registration books show the greatest number of school boys registered now that they have ever shown since the college has been established and it is because the registrar solicited them personally to a greater degree than any other registrar in the past history of this township. Now what I saw while he was registering one of these boys (the only eve I had the pleasure of witnessing) he did not qualify the boy as to his education at all only ask if he was twenty-one years old and administered the oath, this boy like all the rest of them had not been in the precinct, for the last three months and some of them not even in the state, since last June until school opened the first of September. And this boy told him with his hand still lifted before the oath was completed that he would not swear to the exact reading of the form of oath, but remarked to

Alamance County Indebtedness.

Borrowed money.	\$21,000
Outstanding county vouchers.	5,000
Outstanding bonds issued to pay Democratic debts.	50,000
Total outstanding indebtedness not counting the good road bonds.	\$76,000

How does this strike you, Mr. Tax Payer. Don't you think it is about time you were waking up. Don't be asleep upon November the eighth. Protect your interest.

the registrar, you are familiar with the time I have been here and I only swear under those circumstances. The kind registrar told him that was alright, that some of the other boys had registered and he would register him also, I am also reliably informed when a certain young Republican who is a school boy too, applied for registration, the efficient registrar went to the President of the College and got his permission before he would register him and this was not the first school boy that had applied for registration. What part of this election law was lacking? It has been customary in this township for the registrar regard less of party to make a trip to Ossipee Cotton Mills some time between the opening and closing dates of the books, and register the eligible voters of the mill which saved them a great deal of trouble. I asked this good registrar on the afternoon of Oct. 28th about 1 p. m. if he had been to Ossipee with his book, he said no, and that if he went he would have to get this evening as he would have to stay at Elon at the polling place the next day, and that his expenses for horse and buggy would have to be paid by the parties requesting him to make the trip, here I told him I was going to Ossipee and if I saw anybody who wanted to register, and if they will pay your expenses I will phone you to come. This struck him, he rubbed his head a while and decided it would be impossible for him to make the trip and if there were any who wanted to register, would have to come to Elon, but listen, the next morning was the morning of October the 29th the morning our first real big frost appeared, and it was cold weather too, but this generous, impartial by oath registrar, together with a sly Democrat made the trip to Ossipee and registered a young man that had refused to come to Elon, but he is believed to be a Democrat, here he was asked to wait and register another young man who had to come only a hundred yards, but they had to leave immediately, this young fellow was a Republican. Sir: Did he tell the truth when he said it was impossible for him to go to Ossipee with the books. Impartiality, explain its meaning, honesty they know it not, but he was back to the polling place at 9 a. m. and during the day, he laid in the cold two nice intelligent looking white men whom had just become of age. Yes he disfranchised them, and they were both Republicans too. Now this writer has never to his knowledge been accused of lying and he will make oath to the fact that either of them could read or write superior to some others that had registered under the same smiling registrar. Along by the side of these two young white men so far as the right of suffrage is concerned he laid each of them a bed fellow in the persons of two negroes and today they are in the same disfranchised arena. White supremacy where art thou. Democratic oath maker that no white man would ever be disfranchised, where have you gone? On the evening of October the 29th just before sunset a man appear-

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FOR THEIR INFORMATION

To those who profess that they do not understand the plank in the Republican platform whereby we declare for salaries instead of fees for the county officers, we beg to say, there are legions of people in Alamance County who believe that the various county officers receive more in proportion to the amount work and responsibility of the office than they are entitled too, and keeping abreast of the times like other progressive counties, we have decided to submit this plank to the duly qualified electors of the county for ratification or rejection, if you vote the democratic ticket especially for the member of the Legislature, you will vote to reject this plank, but if you vote the Republican ticket, or for the Republican candidate for the Legislature you will vote to ratify this plank, and to have enacted into law the salary system for all county officers instead of the obsolete fee system as now in vogue. From the best information obtainable we have every reason to believe that the salary of the sheriff of the county is five thousand dollars per year, and may be more certainly no less, the clerk of court eighteen hundred dollars, the Treasurer eighteen hundred dollars per year, making a total for the four officers of eleven thousand and one hundred dollars per year now the best posted men in the county say that eighteen hundred dollars for the sheriff and allow him a deputy to do the work at a salary of six hundred dollars will be a fair and reasonable salary for the work and responsibility connected with the office, and that twelve hundred dollars for the Register of Deeds is a fair and reasonable salary for him, and also allow him a clerk to do the work at a salary of five hundred dollars, this is more than he pays his clerk now, and that a salary of one thousand dollars for the clerk of the court is a fair and sufficient salary for this office, and that in as much as the treasurer only has to be in his office about five or six days in a month, say each Saturday and every first Monday and what few days the commissioners have extra meetings, that a salary of six hundred dollars would be a fair and reasonable salary for this position, making a total of five thousand seven hundred dollars for the four officers leaving a saving to the tax payers of the county of five thousand four hundred dollars. Now the Republican platform proposes to put this amount in the school fund to be applied toward the purchase of free text books for the school children of the county, this might not be sufficient to buy all the books needed for all the grades the first year, but it would provide all the books necessary for the lower grades, and in the course of a few years it would be sufficient to furnish all the books needed, do the people who have to pay out enormous sums each and every year for school books for their children approve of this plan, if not then it is because you do not understand it. Do the tax payers believe that the salaries mention here sufficient to pay the various officers mentioned herein, yes we are sure they do. There is not an officer now serving, or nominated to serve the county if elected who can go out into the world and command a salary of more than the amounts mentioned here, and a great many of them cannot possibly command as large a salary as some of these mentioned, if they can then this proposition if enacted into law will not effect these officers to be elected this election, but will only apply to those who may be elected two year from now, and if any of them can make more, then they can refuse to be candidates for re-election and go into other pursuits, the best men in the county can be had for the sums named for each and all of them, but if after a thorough trial the people find that the amounts named are to low then it can be raised, or if found to be too high, they can be lowered, this will be left to the people themselves, they are the bosses in this matter and can arrange

EX-SHERIFF R. T. KERNODLE'S POSITION

Editor Dispatch:
Dear Sir:—I understand that the Democratic politicians and some of their mouth pieces are circulating the report that I am not loyal to, and am not supporting the Republican county and state ticket. Now I want to assure all my friends both personal and political, that notwithstanding that I was badly treated by some of the supposed leaders of the party in the last campaign, yet I realize that two wrongs would not make a right, and in as much as all the present nominees of the Republican party are my personal, as well as my political friends, and as I have good reason to believe that each and all of them supported me most loyally, and knowing them to be among the best men in the county in any political party, and believing that the measures they advocate and stand for, are for the best interest of the tax payers. Therefore I urge and ask all my friends to stand by and vote for all the Republican candidates, both county and state and to vote early and vote it straight.

Respectfully,
R. T. KERNODLE

Snow Camp News.

Revival meeting conducted by Rev. Williams and wife, of Durham, commenced at Freedom Hill, Friday night.

Mrs. T. H. Hornaday and son, Lewis, returned Monday, after spending a week at Pinnacle and Walnut Cove, visiting.

Mrs. Bettie E. McPherson has recently returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Bennett, of Durham.

Mrs. D. H. Durham is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Marshall, of Spencer, who has been seriously ill, but we are glad to learn she is rapidly improving.

Misses Gertrude Morris, Una Albright and Mary Stout at ended the circus at Greensboro, last week.

Mr. W. J. Thompson, of Whitesett and Mr. D. M. Elder, of Burlington, attended the sale at S. M. Stuarts, Saturday.

Mr. Robert Culbertson made another extended visit to Snow Camp Saturday night and Sunday. Ask Miss Ora what the attraction is.

Mr. Tax Payer don't you think we need a change, then vote the Republican ticket, you cannot expect any better from the people who have put you where you are. Why take any more promises, you have been fed upon them long enough don't you think.

Messrs W. H. Bryant and A. S. Thompson who have been in Virginia for the past six months erecting steel bridge for the Carolina Engineering Co. are at home for a few days.

it to suit themselves where is an honest man that can object to this plan, no one does object to it but the office holders and it is to their personal interest to object, but how much longer will the tax payers allow themselves to be fleeced out of their hard earned money, in order that the office holders may flourish and spend exorbitant and fabulous sums to get re-elected. This is why the office holders oppose this measure if for no other reason than that it will stop the trafficking vote getting, and vote buying, except upon merit and principle. Now who is it opposes these just and reasonable measures. The leaders and office holders of the Democratic party. The Republican party recognizes the justness and reasonableness of the proposition, and if they are entrusted to power will deal they can to bring this condition of things to pass, those nominated upon the Republican ticket for county officers are heartily in favor of these measures and will cheerfully abide by them if elected. Now who will you vote for. Those who oppose your interests or those who favor your interests. The time to speak is near, what will your verdict be.

WILLIAM SMITH QUITS DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Graham, N. C., Nov. 1st, 1910
Mr. Editor:

Ever since I attained my majority I have been a consistent Democrat, believing implicitly in the traditions handed down to me by my forefathers and neighbors, that no white man could be a Republican. Being a cotton mill operative, and uneducated, I have not been able to study the question for myself, and all along have been fighting Republicanism from blind prejudice, although it has often seemed to me that this was wrong. The Democrats have always said that no white man should or would be disfranchised, but this has turned out to be untrue. In this county, and in this very town, I have seen several young white men refused the right to register and therefore cannot vote in the coming election, for the reason that, like myself, they had been unfortunate, and had failed to get an education. Having some little boys of my own, whom I hope to educate, but may not be able to do so, I shall take the place of one of these disfranchised neighbors of mine, and vote with the Republican party in this election, as I believe it to be a duty every poor man owes to his little boys to protest against the disfranchisement of the sons of the poor.

Laboring men, cotton mill operatives of Alamance County, I have been as good a Democrat as any man could be. I am thirty-nine years old, and have never voted anything but a straight democratic ticket, but I appeal to you to join with me in this protest against this act of Democrats in disfranchising our young men, which may come home to us in limiting the rights of our own little boys, whom we may not be able to educate to meet the requirements of Democratic registrars, and they will be unable to participate in the election of those officers who administer our laws and collect our taxes.

WILLIAM SMITH
M. A. NICHOLSON, Witness.

Some of the candidates upon the Democratic ticket are already getting alarmed about their election, and are offering to trade or swap off some of their associates upon the ticket in order to win themselves. This is a bad state of affairs and should not be countenanced by the Republicans, stand squarely by all the Republican candidates, if we cannot win without trading, then we deserve defeat, and lets go down in honor. The days of the trader is numbered, and he will not do to tie too, act upon the square and do not give any candidate a chance to say that some members of his party traded him off. No honest man will do it.

Republicans if you are thinking of voting any part of the Democratic ticket, vote it all, either we are right, and they are wrong or they are right and we are wrong. Vote what you believe to be right, and let the result be what it may.