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Allies Still Stubbornly Holding German Armies in Line Across French Territory

Eleven English Warships Are Bombarding the Germans at Nieuport near Ostend--Germans Declare They Have Made a General Gain--Russians Say Enemy Still in Flight from Warsaw--Austria Claims to be Regaining Lost Ground.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Honorable A. A. Whitener, Republican candidate for United States Senator, will address the people of Burlington and vicinity in the Burlington Brick Warehouse, Friday Night, October 30, 7:30 O'clock. Mr. Whitener is a pleasing speaker, and will entertain his audience. The ladies are especially invited, comfortable seats will be provided. Our friends will please see that due publicity is given to this announcement.

COST TO TAX PAYERS.

According to the sworn statement of C. D. Johnston, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, in his annual exhibit for last year, which was published in The Burlington News, under date of December 24th, 1913. This report shows that the Register of Deeds office cost the tax payers of Alamance County last year as follows:

Salary of C. D. Johnston	\$1,600.00
Clerk Hire to C. D. Johnston	600.00
Fees Paid C. D. Johnston, as per his statement	987.28

Total Amount Paid C. D. Johnston, as per his statement, . . . \$3,187.28

The tax payers will please understand that this amount is what Mr. Johnston says that he received. If you doubt it see copy of Burlington News, Dated December 24th, 1913. If Mr. Johnston did not receive it, he should not have said that he did, and if he did receive it, he should be manly enough to say that he did. This paper does not say that he received this amount, we say that he said he received it over his sworn signature. This is more money than the register of Deeds office ever cost the tax payers in the way of fees and salaries since the office was created. This information is given so that the tax payers of the county may know how much this office cost them, and they can act accordingly.

TWO MEN HOLD SIX OFFICES.

Two men in this county hold six offices; and they are as follows:

Deputy Sheriff, salary	\$1,000.00
Constable, fees, estimated	600.00
Cotton Statistician, for Alamance and Guilford Counties, Fees, Estimated	500.00

Total amount for the three positions, . . . \$2,100.00

The above offices are held by Mr. C. D. Story, the other officers are as follows:

Register of Deeds, salary	\$1,600.00
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, fees last year	987.28
Trustee for the County Sinking Fund, fees last year	35.00

Total amount for the three offices, . . . \$2,622.28

With two men holding six positions, no wonder there is no positions for anyone else, and yet there are people who do not believe that there is a court house ring. This information is given for the benefit of the tax payers and they can act accordingly.

Congress and Not States Should Act.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 10.—Congress and not the States should find some remedy for the situation in the cotton industry, Governor J. M. Slaton, of Georgia, declared tonight in a statement answering numerous requests that he call an extra session of the general assembly to take action looking to the curtailment of the cotton crop next year.

The governor has been advised, he said, that plans for curtailing the crop by prohibitive taxation or penal statute are unconstitutional.

Referring to the federal government, Governor Slaton said:

"I believe the great legislative source of relief is Congress. If the government does not now assist the South when the President, a large proportion of the cabinet and the chairman of the powerful committees of the house and senate are from the South, we may expect little benefit from exaltation to office of Southern men."

Any doctor will tell you that the less money a man has the sooner he's cured.

Mexicans Train Guns on American Soldiers.

Vera Cruz, Oct. 16.—Evident preparations by a small detachment of men under General Aguilar to attack the American outposts around Vera Cruz last night have resulted in the strengthening of the American lines.

Some 200 Mexicans are in a position about half a mile from the American outposts and they have two mountain guns trained on the American soldiers. Their warlike activity is attributed in Vera Cruz to over indulgence of liquor, but their boasts that they were about to inaugurate an attack are taken more or less seriously because of the persistency of the reports that Aguilar will not restrain himself much longer and that the impatience of his men to enter Vera Cruz is rendering his control over them doubtful.

Aguilar's entire force is estimated between 4,000 and 6,000 men with several pieces of artillery. It is reported in Vera Cruz that Aguilar has made a wager that he will take breakfast in this city next Sunday.

It's a long way to Tipperary, but it's a rougher road to Berlin.

DO NOT GET EXCITED.

This is no time for the voters and tax payers to get excited, while financial conditions are bad, very bad in this county, and while our country is heavily in debt, and the interest upon this indebtedness is burdensome, we must keep cool and work these things out with cool calm brain, do not let any political party unduly excite you, do not get wrought up so that you will vote your partisan sentiment rather than your cool intelligent judgment. Times demand a great deal of thinking but think, and after you have thought put your best thoughts into action. We must lay aside partisanship and exercise our privilege as free American citizens, do not believe all that any candidates tell you, not that they would deceive you deliberately, but in their zeal to get elected they might lead you to believe that conditions were better than they are, this especially has reference to the financial condition of our county. The present administration realizes that they have made a mess of the county finances, and are anxious to make matters appear as good as possible. But we tell you, and we tell you the truth that they are just as bad as this paper represents them to be, and they may be worse for all we know, we do know they are this bad. The officials will not tell you the true condition, they will tell you one thing one time, and another thing the next, they have changed the financial condition three different times since they have been out upon the canvass. How can we or you tell which is the correct statement, this being true you will have to judge for yourself just how bad conditions are, we have told the county officials and we now tell you, that if those in authority in this county will tell us the true financial condition we will publish the same, we are anxious to render the tax payers a real service by letting them know how their affairs are being conducted. But you could not go into any business concern in this county and have them hand you their books, and then have you tell them how their affairs stood, neither can you or us go into the clerks, treasurer, or the register of deeds office and look at their books and tell how this county stands financially, and yet this is what our officials tell us to do, they say come look at the books. We say your books may be right, but we are not familiar with them, you tell us how we stand financially, but they say, Nay, Nay, Pauline, come look at the books we will tell you nothing, look for yourself. Now there you are, you cannot tell, we cannot tell, and they wont tell. As tax payers and voters what are you going to do about it? We say vote for some one who will tell you, some one who pledges he will tell you, as the only sure way to protect your own interest and the interest of the county finances, what will you do, it is up to you. No one else will act for you, will you act for yourself. We shall see.

Endorses Republican-Progressive Ticket.

Burlington, N. C., Oct. 19th, 1914.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

It has reached my ears that it has been said by some of the Candidates for Political Office in the County that I am opposed to the Candidates Nominated by the Mass Convention which was held in Graham a few weeks ago.

In this connection I feel that it is due my friends to know just where I stand in this matter.

I stand as an out and out Progressive opposed to fusion or amalgamation in any form with other political parties but like other Progressives I stand for honest Government and a fair and economical distribution of the Counties funds.

I have recently been absent from home, and have taken little active interest in Politics this time, but I understand that the Mass Convention in Graham a few days ago Nominated a Ticket composed of good honest men made up of Democrats, Progressives, and a few Republicans, that the ticket is composed mostly of Progressives and for this reason I propose to support the ticket, and I advise every Progressive in the County to do so.

Not only this but I advise every thinking man in Alamance County to consider the present State and County Tax rate that he is paying in this county and I am sure that he will know and feel that such a rate is ample to meet the requirements of the County, and if this is the case, do we not need a change, and a crowd that will be more economical in the expenditure of the Counties funds, and let us stop this continual issuing of Bonds for the purpose of meeting the legitimate expenses of our County.

From the list of the men on the ticket gotten out by the Mass Convention I am certain they are representative men in every respect and worthy to be supported by all good citizens who favor economy and a judicious expenditure of the Counties funds.

Yours very Truly,
JAS. N. WILLIAMSON, JR.

Dear Editor:—

Since it has been declared by some who are not properly informed that the Progressives of the County are not going to support the ticket nominated by the Republican Progressive Mass Convention held at Graham, October 3, 1914, I take this opportunity to say that, so far as I know the Progressives will most heartily support this ticket. The nominees are all good men and most of them are, or have been, Progressives. We stand firmly by this ticket and pledge our unequalled support.

(Signed) W. W. BROWN,
Chr. Executive Committee of the Progressive Party of Alamance County.

Announcement.

I desire to announce to my many friends in Alamance County, that I am a candidate upon the Republican ticket for the position of Register of Deeds. And I will appreciate any support you may see fit to give me. If elected I promise to make public all matters pertaining to the county finances, and all other matters that will be of interest to the voters and tax payers of the county. I am accepting this nomination with full knowledge of the salary attached, and if elected I will not take advantage of any technicality to increase my salary above the amount allowed by law. I shall administer the office in the interest of the tax payers and do all in my power to give entire satisfaction. Thanking you in advance for your support I beg to remain,
Gratefully yours,
W. ROSS FRESHWATER.

FAVORS INCREASED SALARIES.

FOR ALL COUNTY OFFICERS.

We are reliably informed that the Democratic Candidate for the Legislature favors an increase in salary for all county officers, the present salaries are as follows:

Sheriff	\$2,000.00
Register of Deeds	1,600.00
Clerk of Court	1,500.00
Treasurer	900.00

This does not include allowances for clerk hire, to each of these officers as follows:

Sheriff, Salary for Deputy	\$1,000.00
Register of Deeds	600.00
Clerk of Court	100.00

Our understanding is that the proposed increase is as follows:

Sheriff	\$500.00
Register of Deeds	400.00
Clerk of Court	300.00
Treasurer	300.00

Total Increase . . . \$1,500.00

This increase added to their present salaries would be as follows:

Sheriff	\$2,500.00
Register of Deeds	2,000.00
Clerk of Court	1,800.00
Treasurer	1,200.00

You will understand that the Clerk of Court is not now upon salary, and will not be until after December 1st, this year, but if the Democratic Candidate for the Legislature is elected, this is what the salaries will be if he can have his way about it. If you believe that these officers are overworked and under paid, vote for an increase, but if you think that the salaries are high enough for the services rendered, then vote for the Republican-Progressive candidate, this is all there is to it. We are informed by what should be a reliable source that this bill to increase salaries was prepared and presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval, and that three out of the five members of the board approved them, but that two refused to endorse them, and gave as their reasons that these officers knew what their salaries were when they accepted the nomination for the office, and besides they thought the salaries high enough, we are also informed by this same authority that this bill for an increase was indorsed by Mr. John H. Vernon, who was then County Chairman, but now the Candidate for the Legislature, this bill was sent down to both the regular and extra sessions of the Legislature but was not introduced. We want to say in justice to whom justice is due, the reason this bill was not passed is due to Mr. Jack Scott, Senator from this county, he gave it as his opinion that they accepted the offices knowing what the salaries were and he opposed the bill, to him belongs the credit for its failure to pass. Our readers will recall that this paper also called the people's attention to this bill at the time, and urged our people to oppose its passage, but we are glad to say that your senator was alert to the tax payers interest and would not allow its passage. But we warn you now that you will not have Senator Scott to protect you in the next Legislature. Therefore you will have to protect yourself at the ballot box, this is the sure method anyway. All this is given as information to the tax payers, and for such action as you deem necessary.

STAND FIRM.

We ask and urge our party friends to stand firmly by the ticket to be voted for at the coming election; we are all united now, let's stay united. Do not permit any one to mislead you in regard to the county ticket; we have a good ticket, as good as any party ever nominated in this county. We are going to get support from unexpected sources; let it not be said after the result is over, that we did not stand loyally by all the candidates. Pay no attention to those who would try to stir up prejudice against this or that candidate, we believe that we know what we are doing, and feel that you will approve our action. We urge each of you to not only go to the election yourselves, but to see that your neighbor does likewise. Do not engage in useless argument with those who are devoid of reason; this is no time for useless argument, it only engenders bitterness. This is a time for action.

Respectfully,
W. E. WHITE,
J. H. HARDEN,
J. ZEB WALLER,
HEENAN HUGHES,
E. S. W. DAMERON,

Republican County Executive Committee for Alamance County.

War Has Already Cost England 1,203 Officers.

London, Oct. 16.—An officers' casualty list, embracing losses from September 29 to October 5, shows a total in killed, wounded and missing of 116. The record shows that since the beginning of the war Great Britain's casualties in officers amounts to 1,203 men, of whom 280 were killed, 625 were wounded and 298 are missing.

Registration.

The registration books were opened last Saturday, or should have been for the registration of voters and they will remain open until Saturday, Oct. 24th. Each Saturday till and including October 24th, the registrar shall have the books at their respective polling places. On other days the voters must hunt the registrar up if he declines to register. It is the duty of the registrars to make it as convenient as possible for voters to register. All persons who have attained their majority since last election are entitled to register. If you have moved from one State, County or Township to another, you must register in your new place of residence if you expect to vote. If you have changed your residence from one township or ward to another without leaving the county you must get a transfer from the township or ward in which you formerly lived to the one in which you now reside.

Registration is very important if you expect to vote and the voters should give this matter their immediate attention.

MR. HENSLEY PASSES.

Mr. Hensley, father of E. A. and H. T. Hensley, died yesterday. The funeral will be conducted at his home today at 2:00 o'clock and he will be interred in Pine Hill Cemetery this evening at 4 o'clock. Full particulars in next issue.

The patent medicine men are up in arms against the war tax bill. So is everybody else whose business is to be affected by the proposed war tax.