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CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES

ENDORSED BY THEIR WARM FRIENDS.

Each Man According to the Writer the One Most Suited For the Office to Which He Aspires.

REGISTER OF DEEDS IN THE LEAD.

The Race is On—Each Candidate is Praised in the Highest Terms by those Advocating His Nomination.

TO THE HERALD:—I am sure there is nothing more interesting to the thinking man than the study of human character and the possible attainments of a man of pluck and energy in this free country.

It is, therefore eminently proper for us to admire men who by grit and energy have overcome the circumstances of poverty and want of educational advantages in their youth and in spite of their environment risen above every obstacle and made themselves the equal in usefulness to their country and their fellow men, to those who had the most favorable opportunities.

It was not accident that made Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln presidents of this great nation, but pluck and energy built into their characters which made them the peers of the wisest and greatest in their day.

We do not raise many such men, but when we do find characters of that type we should esteem them for what they are and what they are doing for humanity and never miss an opportunity to reward them and help them on to greater usefulness.

We have one such, at least, among us in the person of James P. Canaday who asks us to give him the nomination in the Democratic party for Register of Deeds.

I know him and have known him for several years and know there is no better, truer man and Democrat in the county, a hard worker in all things a hustler wherever you put him. He is a man who looks for something to do and then does it at once with all his might—One of the kind that "Brings things to pass" is Jim Canaday. He is not much to look at but he is one of the gamest roosters in the Democratic coop and if we will place him on our ticket, we will certainly witness a splendid fight and hear the loudest crowing in November over a victory for the entire Johnston County Democratic ticket.

E. J. HOLT.
June 16, 1905.

L. D. Debnam for Register of Deeds.

In making nominations of our county officers the chief requirement of candidates should be personal fitness for the place. It is well enough to think of party service and loyalty, of family connections and history, but more than these, or of the candidate's need of a big salary, we need such men as are fitted by business training, by character, not only above reproach, but such as gives confidence, one that has been true to every trust, one that has shown ability to do, and capacity to do more and larger things.

Such a man is L. D. Debnam. I wish to endorse him for Register of Deeds. We might do worse, but we can't do better.

C. M. THOMAS.
Clayton, N. C.

Eli Turlington for Sheriff.

TO THE EDITOR:—Permit me to recommend through the columns of THE HERALD Mr. Eli S. Turlington, of Elevation Township, for Sheriff of Johnston county. He is a young man of sterling qualities honest, energetic, industrious and qualified in every way to fill the office—A natural born Democrat.

He is a son of the late Eli Turlington and brother of Prof. Ira Turlington, our County Superin-

tendent, who is so well known and highly esteemed. I feel sure that if we will nominate and elect him that he will fill the office to the satisfaction of any reasonable man in the county.

As this part of the county has never had any representation of any note we ask that the voters of county help us to nominate and elect him next November and we feel sure that they will make no mistake.

J. B. HARDER.
Benson, June 18.

Honeycutt for Register of Deeds.

MR. EDITOR:—The Democratic party of Johnston county has been very fortunate in the selection of men for the office of Register of Deeds. From the time of the lamented Jesse Adams, up to the time of the present incumbent, the dignified, courteous and efficient, W. A. Edgerton, the men who have filled that office have reflected honor upon the county and been a credit to the party. Let us keep up to this standard of excellence. And without disparagement to any other candidate for this position, I desire to suggest to the people of the county, Sam T. Honeycutt as a suitable man for the place. Naturally courteous and affable, he would bring to the discharge of the duties of this office a capability and efficiency unsurpassed. He wouldn't be "Courteous Sam" before the election and after he got the office, "Mister Honeycutt, Sir" but would be the same plain, polite, accommodating "Sam Honeycutt" all the time. Let's put "Sam" in this place.

J. T. ELLINGTON.
Clayton, N. C., June 19th.

L. D. Debnam for Register of Deeds.

TO THE EDITOR:—I am violating my usual custom of keeping silent while other folks are talking, and indeed, the appearance of my name in public print under an article on any subject is quite as much a surprise to me as it will be to your readers. But on this one occasion I am so inspired by the subject of my article that I would do violence to my wishes to remain silent.

Very much now is being said in the public print in advocacy of candidates for the office of register of deeds of this county. It is indeed an important office and to rightly discharge the duties incident thereto calls for a man who is not only an adept in figures, who is clothed with large clerical experience, and whose amiability and cleverness have commended him to a large friendship and wide acquaintance throughout the domain of the county, but in clarion tones it calls for a well-rounded, symmetrical, robust, honest, intelligent, resourceful and capable character. The occupant of the position must have cleverness and amiability, but he needs brains and sound discretion; he must have tact for winning friends, but he needs courage and stability, prompted to firm and fearless action, to hold them.

Experience avails one well, but he needs wisdom and tact, for upon these depend the welfare of the office. He needs and must have character, for debasing habits corrupt and reduce one's moral integrity and his fitness for service, and the tempter is ever stalking abroad in the land to beset men's pathways.

I desire to endorse unqualifiedly the candidacy of one who combines all these qualities, and more. He is brave, virtuous, temperate, and just, as modest as a child, as gentle as a woman, and by inheritance, endowment and experience he is better equipped for the responsibilities of this office than any man I know. Loomis D. Debnam I know well

AT THE CAPITAL OF BEULAH.

Live Personal and Local Items From the Wide-Awake Town of Kenly.

Messrs. P. Godwin and Theo. Hassell spent Sunday in Smithfield.

Mrs. Dickinson, of Norfolk, Va. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith.

Mr. Arthur Strickland, of Wilson, stopped with Mr. Jno. G. High one night the past week.

Mr. B. E. Dickinson spent from Saturday till Monday night visiting relatives and friends near Spring Hope.

Messrs. Jarvis, C. W. and H. K. Edgerton together with Miss Lillian Edgerton, spent Monday and Tuesday in Goldsboro.

We are glad to announce that our esteemed townsman, Mr. Jesse Watson, is much better from an attack of rheumatism.

Miss Lowie Strickland, of Wilson, has been spending a few days here the guest of Miss Eva High. She returned home today, (Wednesday).

To the regret of his many friends, Mr. A. J. Smith unfortunately cut his hand severely Monday with a meat knife while cutting meat and is suffering very much at present.

Rev. J. W. Alford, has been sick with chills. We hope the chills will soon take their departure as they are natives of our town, also that the Brother will have his usual good health.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, filled Rev. J. W. Alford's appointment at the F. W. B. Church Sunday night, Bro. Alford being sick. Dr. Whitaker is one of our ablest divines and a good work horse any where you want to work him in the service.

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by personal contact, observation and general knowledge, and I would not plant a thorn to rattle in my heart forever by advocating him or any other man for so important a position if I thought he was deficient in any of the above-named qualities. He is led, not by force of artifice, but by force of the principles he espouses and by his own inherent virtue. Every man who knows Loomis Debnam has faith in the integrity and wisdom of the man and believes in the soundness of his views.

He is so constituted of the good graces which contribute to vigorous manhood, and his every act is so tempered by sound judgment, as to render narrowness, partiality or favoritism in office a detestable thought to him; but in the office he would act with candor, with courtesy, with intelligence and with becoming efficiency, and every citizen entering the office or coming in contact with him would be treated with like indiscriminate fairness.

This writer, having canvassed the county, has the honor of enjoying a large acquaintance, and he knows somewhat of the character of the man who meets the approval of our good citizenship, and unhesitatingly I recommend Mr. Debnam as a man, who in my humble judgment, is the embodiment of all those qualities that go to make an exemplary official, and just such a man as the best citizens of the county want to occupy the office to which he aspires. The people of Johnston county have in the past shown such consummate skill and good judgment in their selection of officers as to enable the county to present a solid phalanx of democracy, and if they will in this good year nominate and elect L. D. Debnam and men of his superb equipment for office they will do themselves credit, and have at least one man in office whose conspicuous service will make glad the hearts of all his supporters.

Respectfully,
JNO. W. FURELL.
Selma, N. C., June 19th, 1906.

FROM CLAYTON AND VICINITY.

Perry Godwin Died Saturday—Personal and Local Items of Interest.

Mr. S. C. Pool, of Raleigh, spent last Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Cadmus T. Young.

Our folks are in the lead on cotton, and will soon be on other farm products. This is the way we love to see it.

Tax listing time is over here and still there's some who haven't come up. Better compromise with the list-taker at once.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Blackwood are sick with fever. At last report they were doing nicely. We hope they will soon be restored to health.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. M. G. Guley is improving. At one time last week, he was seriously sick, but after two days of unconsciousness he is improving rapidly.

Miss Lilly Barnes, of the business department of Clayton High School, has accepted a position with the Southern Employment Bureau, Raleigh N. C. We bespeak for Miss Barnes success in her chosen work.

We heard a gentleman say (an uninterested one) that Messrs. Ashley Horne & Son are going to build a \$10,000.00 store. And what if they are? Clayton's big enough to hold it and fill it up with customers to boot.

That excursion to Morehead—Have you heard anything definite about it? If you do happen to hear anything about it, don't count on it until you see C. W. Carter or C. W. Richardson. It's going though, just the same.

This is the first season Clayton people have had to pay for produce. Chickens bring from 20 to 40 cents now. Eggs bring 15 cents. Butter 25 cents, Hams 16 to 18 cents. One man sold his meat, hog round at 15 cents cash.

In the death of Mr. Perry Godwin, which sad event occurred last Saturday afternoon, Clayton loses one of its oldest and most honored citizens. For a long time Mr. Godwin was Mayor of Clayton and was a splendid officer. He has spent the most of his time here for many years, and every body loved him. The sympathies of the entire community goes out to the bereaved ones.

How about those cotton blossoms? Why are we not hearing from some body? Way here the 20th. of June and nothing doing. We are behind time. [Read THE HERALD this week and you will see where Clayton stands. Ed.]
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IN AND AROUND PRINCETON.

Mrs. B. V. Faison paid Smithfield a short visit last Saturday.

Mrs. N. D. Wells and little daughter, Gladys returned to their home at Southern Pines last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McKinne and Malcolm, Mrs. J. W. Perry and Miss Louise Massey left last Friday for Wilmington and Wrightsville.

In regard to the proposition of S. S. Holt in last week's HERALD, I am authorized to say that J. W. Perry will take the County Treasurer's office at a salary of five hundred dollars.

Penny Finlayson died on the night of the 18th. She was the last of the Razor Back Tribe. Penny was known by everyone. Mr. Bernhouse took several pictures of her and sent them north to be enlarged. No doubt she will adorn the walls of some Museum along with the Bison and Buffalo.

J. D. F.

The Buncombe county commissioners have increased the pay of jurors from \$1 a day to \$1.50 and five cents a mile allowance.

THE PROPOSED SALARY PLAN MEETS

WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC.

Letters From Some of the County's Most Conservative Citizens Heartily Endorsing the Proposition.

OTHER COUNTIES HAVE TRIED IT.

A Resolution Embodying the Proposition to be Submitted to the Democratic County Convention.

TO THE VOTERS:

My letter of last week has provoked a great deal of favorable comment and at the same time not a little unfavorable criticism. I have received letters from different sections of the county commending the proposition and have talked with a great many men who have endorsed the matter, but on the other hand, I have heard of several who say that a proposition of this kind is dangerous to be injected into politics, and characterize it as "ill advised," "ill timed," "spite work," "Dangerous" and "impractical." This opposition however, has not alarmed me for it is no more than might have been expected under the circumstances.

It is a coincidence that this proposition has received encouragement from every section of the county, while the storm-center of the opposition is located in, practically, the center of the town of Smithfield.

Sentiment now seems so strongly favorable that I have decided to submit a resolution to the County Convention on August 1st, embodying a reduction of the salaries of the officers of Sheriff, Treasurer, Clerk and Register, and call upon all good citizens of the county who are in favor of good government, economically administered, to give the measure the support of their vote and influence.

And the purpose of this letter is to inform my comrades in this work exactly what we propose to do and to warn them that the measure will probably meet with strong opposition before the victory is really ours. I would ask all interested parties to assist me in circulating the fact that we are conducting a fight for the saving of \$5,000 annually to our school-children and that we need the support of all. Be sure to come to the convention and have your neighbor to come.

If the opponents of our proposed measure show their hands at all, it will be only after the Convention meets, and will then, in all probability, be disguised in the form of a substitute or nullifying amendment. Let me beg you even now to beware of subterfuges of this kind. If I understand the matter, the people of Johnston County know what they wish; and they don't wish to be cheated out of their desires by any species of knavery or trickery.

No one, I take it, wishes to place the salaries at such a low figure as to endanger public service. It is the desire of all to make the remuneration so attractive that good business men can afford to fill the offices. But there is no justice or economy in the practice of paying any official twice as much as his talent or ability would command in any other business.

And let me say further that no blame should be imposed upon the present incumbents for accepting the large sums that have been paid them. Any one in either of their positions would do likewise. They are the fortunate victims of a great growth of business. Their single fees are no larger than formerly but the number has increased. No one should find fault with the Register for accepting nearly \$800.00 for making out the tax list and abstracts, or for having been paid \$361.00 for merely issuing marriage licenses for the loving young people of the

county during 1905. There is no probability of any one severely criticizing the Treasurer for charging \$66 25 for making a few entries concerning the Smithfield Township Road Fund or for accepting a total commission in excess of \$1,000 per year. They can only doubt the propriety of a well paid official like him being relieved of the payment of his poll tax.

It is the desire of the people to pay good wages for good service. We want to do away with all extravagance in all branches or departments of the county's business.

Let us hear from others.
Very respectfully,
S. S. HOLT.

Conservative Reduction Desirable.

Mr. S. S. Holt,
Smithfield, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—I noticed with much interest your article in the last issue of THE HERALD advocating a reduction of salaries of our County Officers. In other words changing from a commission and fee basis to salary basis. I have never given the matter much thought, neither do I know what our offices pay annually, but if you are right in your estimate of a saving to the county of \$5,000 or more annually, I am inclined to think well of your plan. Other large and wealthy counties have already made such changes and Johnston in the way of revenue is about the equal of any in the State, except Mecklenburg, Guilford, Wake, Wayne and New Hanover which have large cities.

Times have changed rapidly and our taxes are nearly twice what they were 6 or 8 years ago. Our growth too, in Agriculture and various industries has been as rapid as it is wonderful. Population has increased and crime decreased which go to make more revenue at about the same fixed expense as it was years ago. I could mention other reasons in favor of salaries but haven't time at present. I commend you for bringing this important question before the people at this very opportune time. It is well for the people to discuss the matter thoroughly before the convention meets. We must not overlook the fact however, that we have a grand old county and as well or better officered than any in the State and to hold our prestige, our pride, and our fair name. We should fix these salaries so as to attract our best men.

Yours very respectfully,
ASHLEY HORNE.
Clayton, N. C., June 19.

The Suggestion Commended.
Mr. S. S. Holt,
Dear Sir:—I heartily agree with you in regard to the County Offices. I think the people should commend you for the suggestion, and support it with their votes.

However, I realize the difficulty in getting a measure enforced that is opposed by a railroad corporation or by those who receive great benefits from the hands of the people.

Yours truly,
POLIE GARDNER.
New York City, June 19.

Will Hold Many in Party.
Mr. S. S. Holt,
Smithfield, N. C.

Dear Sir:—After carefully reading your article in THE HERALD last week, relative to "big pay" of some of the county officers, and the advisability of adopting a resolution at our next County Convention, instructing our representatives elect to the next General Assembly, to draft a

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