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TOWNSHIP RING MASTERS.

There are here and there in different parts of the county men who might properly be called township ring masters. They come to Smithfield one or more times before every county convention to nominate candidates and stay around for awhile to look over the slate of the ring politicians and make their arrangements with them to help carry out the slate. When arrangements have been made they are afterwards in favor of whatever the ring politicians want. When the ring takes snuff these fellows sneeze. When the ring issues an order or sends out word about anything these fellows answer back "Me too boss." In other words they are tools in the hands of the ring politicians. Sometimes these fellows are rewarded with money and at other times in some other way. They are expected to work their townships in the interest of ring politics. By the use of money and liquor and in every other way possible they try to sway the people. They go to picnics and to church and ride around over the country to tell men how to vote. By misrepresentations they appeal to the ignorance and prejudice of some to carry their points. They are professionals in their work and are expected to deliver the votes when the convention is held. One of these township ring masters was here recently and on being asked about his township said: "I hardly know about politics. Mr. — and Mr. — are both candidates for the same office and each one of them expects me to bring the vote of my township to the convention for him." He talked about the matter as if he held the vote of the township in his vest pocket and could give it to whom he pleased. In past years much work has been done by the township ring masters. Let the people look out for them. As a rule it is safe to do the opposite of what they tell you to do. Voters should not be led about like cattle by these fellows who have elastic consciences or none at all and are just working politics for what they can get out of it. Let the voters inform themselves and come to the county convention on Wednesday the first day of August and vote for the men and measures they want. They should not send their votes in the vest pocket of the township politician for he can be depended on to go against their interests.

Masonic Reunion and Picnic.

The brethren throughout the county will bear in mind that on July 12, 1906, all the Lodges in the County will meet with us and have a public installation of officers. Gov. R. B. Glenn will deliver the address. We are expecting Grand Master, F. D. Winston, and the singing class from Oxford Orphanage. Past Master, W. N. Rose will confer the Eastern Star degree. Come, brethren and bring your families and baskets and let's have a great picnic and reunion. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed. W. S. STEVENS,
IRA T. TURLINGTON, W. M. Secretary.
Fellowship Lodge, No. 84. A. F. & A. M. Smithfield, N. C. June 21.
A. H. Boyett, the Druggist, wants to see you in Smithfield, N. C.

PROPOSED SALARY PLAN MEETS WITH APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC.

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bill and work for its passage. Something on the line of your suggestion. I do not know if any of the officers mentioned consider themselves underpaid at present, or would be at the salaries suggested, but I do know that the people have to pay the taxes, and upon reading the annually published itemized statements of the county expenditures, we see a lot of big "Sundries" paid the officers, and we feel like the negro with the greasy fingers and mouth, accused of eating the possum, we may have done it but we don't feel like it is right, and you need not fear getting good men to accept for the salaries suggested. I have been a school committeeman for several years, and I do know your suggestion as to the school fund is most timely. We have many very poor people among us, with whom it is a struggle to furnish decent clothes and the necessary books for their children to attend the free schools. I know what I am "talking" about for I go to their homes every year. They read and talk about this very thing, but seem to have no champion. Your suggestion, or something on that line, if carried out, will hold many in the Democratic line. Several counties already have a law touching the Sheriff, and one, Sheriff Page, of Wake, resigned, but the commissioners got another quicker than you could pick a mule out of a drove, and just as good. I hope your suggestion will be canvassed all over the county and an agreeable resolution adopted at our next Democratic Convention, and I now, in behalf of the school districts I represent, thank you for opening this chestnut.

Respectfully,
C. S. POWELL,
Smithfield, June 18.

Let the Candidates Express Themselves.

Princeton, N. C., July 18, 06.
MR. S. S. HOLT,
Smithfield, N. C.

Your letter in THE HERALD in regard to reducing fees for the four best offices in the county not only meets my approval but meets the approval of almost every man in the township. I advocated this reduction several years ago and the resolution should be passed by all means in our next convention. DON'T FAIL.

Respectfully,
J. W. PERRY.

P. S.—If the candidates don't want to submit to the resolutions, let them withdraw. We have others who will be glad to get the offices at the reduced price.

31 Years Service—One Dollar Reward.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SMITHFIELD HERALD:—Please allow me a small space in your paper to speak a few words in behalf of an article that I saw written in the last week's paper by Mr. S. S. Holt concerning the county officers salary. I have very often thought of that, therefore I heartily endorse Mr. Holt's article. I was elected School Committeeman in my township in the year of 1874 and remained so up until 1905 and during that time my reward was \$1.00 and I have very often thought of the amount of work I was doing during all of that time—I was doing it for nothing, and I think that all officers should be paid a reasonable salary, as Mr. Holt stated in his letter.

Yours respectfully,
JAS. M. OLIVER.
Princeton, June 18.

For Clerk Superior Clerk.

I take this method of announcing to the voters of Johnston county, that I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court, subject to the approval of my friends and the action of the county Democratic Convention which meets August 1st. If nominated and elected, I shall, in the future, as has Mr. Stevens in the nearly twenty years past, exert every effort to do equal and impartial justice in all business pertaining to the duties of the office.

Very respectfully,
N. T. RYALS.
June 20, 1906.

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Education Column
For School Teachers, School Committeemen, Patrons and Friends of the Public Schools.
Conducted by Supt. Iza T. Turlington.

A HAPPY THOUGHT.

What a Five Thousand Dollar Increase in the School Fund Would Mean.

On my return from the meeting of County Superintendents at Raleigh Tuesday morning I read in THE HERALD an article by Mr. S. S. Holt of this town pointing out how the school fund may be increased annually \$5,000. If Mr. Holt's estimate is correct and the school fund of the County can secure \$5,000 annually from the source he mentions, the thought is a most happy one and means much for the school children of Johnston County.

It seems to me that the salaries he names for the county officers are at least fairly good. For three years the County Superintendent of Schools has given his whole time and best efforts and thoughts to the work of his office, and there is evidence all about us to show that this time has been well spent and these efforts well rewarded. Yet this same County Superintendent has furnished his own horse and buggy and served the people for only \$1,000 per year, about half the salary named by Mr. Holt for the other officers.

Now, what would \$5,000 annually mean to the children of the County? If the whole of it were spent in the schools, every school in the county, at the rate the schools for the past winter were run, could add one month to its school term.

If it should be used to build school houses at least twenty new school houses could be built each year and we need now not less than fifty new school houses. In two and a half years we could have a new school house in every district in the County where they are badly needed.

Then, every person who visits our public schools knows that we have very poor seats in most of our school houses. In a few years without cutting a single school term short of four months we could have all the school houses neatly and comfortably seated.

There are less than a dozen school houses in the County that have ever been painted, with this increase of the school fund, I see in my mind's eye one hundred white school houses without the loss of a day's school.

Our black boards, maps, and other school conveniences are very poor. We could soon have better ones.

Oh, happy thought!
County Institutes.

The dates mentioned last week for two of the institutes, July 16th and 23rd seem to suit the teachers, but there has been some objection to the third one. It has been suggested that the one at Smithfield be held later in August. How would August 13th do for a beginning day with examinations on August 20th and 21st?

Teachers, write me at once what you think of the idea. I want to give formal notice next week of the dates of these institutes.

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W. M. SANDERS,
Smithfield, N. C.

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