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LET'S STAND BY THE HOME.

We Cannot Farm With Brandy, Wine and Cider.

We Believe in Books, Not Bottles; School Houses, Not Brandy Stills.

Editor Smithfield Herald,

Dear Sir:—I want space in your paper to say, I am opposed to the adoption of the Brandy, Wine and Cider resolution proposed by Mr. Abell. It would be a poor hunter that would call off his dogs when they were in sight of the game and put them on the back track. Thanks to the Democratic party, Johnston county is now in sight of the goal. Its people are prosperous as never before; in every line we are gradually moving forward. Why put on the brakes and head her backward? Does the success of the Democratic party demand it? Has it come to this that the grand old party is afraid of its shadow? That we must put Brandy, Wine and Cider in its platform? Who wants it? Not the country people, I assure you. We have passed that milestone. We know that we cannot farm with brandy, wine and cider; we cannot saw mill with brandy, wine and cider; we know that these things breed loafers and drunkards; we believe that the soil of Johnston county is too sacred to be used for such purposes; we believe in books, not bottles; school houses not brandy stills; churches and good homes, not wine kegs and cider barrels. Well, if we don't want it, who does? Does somebody in town want to make a scapegoat of the county.

The Democratic party does not need it—never. The grand old party that has weathered a thousand gales can and will carry us to victory, if we keep her under the white banner of temperance. But tag her with Brandy, Wine and Cider you will burden her down and while she may enter port ahead she will do it in shame. Why did the Japanese whip the Russians? Because the Japs were sober and were fighting for their homes and firesides. Why has the Democratic party whipped the Radicals in Johnston on every field for the last quarter of a century? Because the Democratic party has stood for the home and the protection of the boys and girls. The Radicals have fought for pie and federal patronage. Must we now turn against the home, the boys and girls and fight for Brandy, Wine and Cider? A vote for these resolutions will be like dropping a pebble in the ocean and starting a wave upon whose crest the party will founder, and many a Johnston county boy float out to a drunkard's eternity. Adopt these resolutions and you palsy the arm of scores and scores and scores of your strongest men. You turn against you the strongest force in all nature for the "foot that rocks the cradle rules the world."

I have said enough. I love Johnston county; I love the Democratic party. Each have done enough for me to merit my eternal gratitude. I detest N. C. Republicanism. What has it ever done to merit anything better? I would hold her down forever. I labor the whole liquor traffic. What has it ever done for us except to blight, defame and curse us.

I've no fears for the party if you will give her a strong, pure platform to stand upon. I write this in what I believe to be the best interest of the party and all people of our county. I hope Mr. Abell will withdraw his resolutions, nevertheless the party's will in convention assembled, shall be my will. I speak before the convention as every man ought to do, and let his position be known. After the convention, while I want no office, have been offered no office and will not accept any, I will cheerfully do my part to help elect the men we nominate and hold the Democratic party where no Republican may ever hope to successfully engage it.

ROM H. GOWER.
Clayton, N. C., July 25, 1906.

Wants Sanders for Sheriff.

To the Editor:

The first day of August on which the Democratic host of Johnston county will assemble in Smithfield will soon arrive. This will be a great day for Democrats, and a bad day for Radicals. It has long been the custom of the faithful and true to attend our County Conventions and to take a lively interest in the proceedings. Looking back over a period of 30 years the Democratic party has made but few mistakes in these great County Conventions.

Truly the voice of the people is the "voice of God."

It is a bright chapter in our party's history, that as often as the great masses of our party have assembled themselves in convention that but few mistakes, if any, have been made in the selection of candidates for the various county offices, and it is a matter of pride not only to the Democratic party, but also to all the people of the county, that our officers have been men of character and ability. It now seems probable that the approaching Convention will be the largest and most enthusiastic ever assembled in the old town of Smithfield. We country people only ask for a square deal, and as we are the big end of the glut there is no reason why we should not have a voice in the affairs of the party. In looking over the names of aspirants to office we of our part of the county are especially interested in the candidacy of Alf. Sanders, who wants to be Sheriff, and I am sure that if all the voters in the county knew him as well as the writer he would probably receive the nomination on the first ballot.

I spent the first ten years of my early life on the farm with him, and as a boy I remember that he was modest, truthful and industrious. Since that time I have lived in close touch with him and gladly testify that his daily life has exemplified these traits of a noble character. I have seen him surrounded by the comforts of life without forgetting and neglecting those who were less fortunate. I have seen him under the shadow of adversity, "having all of his property swept from him by surety debt," and so honest and upright he did the remarkable thing of declining to avail himself of the homestead exemptions allowed by the laws of the land.

Now, Mr. Editor, we, his friends and neighbors, realizing that he is qualified to transact the business of the office, and having voted for all the nominees of the party for 30 years, and having responded in all these years to calls of the party organization believe that, to a man we should do what we can to secure the nomination for him, and if nominated there will be no tangles or scandal coming from his office. In conclusion, he is honest, well qualified and deserving and needs the office.

J. T. COATS.

Debnam for Register.

Mr. Editor:—It's quite a short while before the convention, and there are so many declaring themselves in favor of different candidates, it seems I'm obliged to speak a word in behalf of my friend and schoolmate, Loomis Debnam. I've known Loomis from boyhood and I'm positive there's not a man in the county that will make us a better register than he. Loomis is a man of integrity and ability, always looking with higher aspirations to do greater things, and if nominated and elected he will fill the office with as much honor to himself and county as any man that's been mentioned through your valuable paper. Now, brother Democrats lets meet in Smithfield the first day of August and unanimously nominate Loomis, and we will always be proud of the work done at the present convention of 1906.

W. M. NOWELL.
Wilders township.

SALARY RESOLUTION AND BILL SUBMITTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PEOPLE.

Salaries Provided for Clerk, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, and Treasurer—School Funds Augmented—Better Schools, Better School Houses But No Special Taxes Vote For It In The Convention.

TO THE VOTERS.—I submit for your consideration the following resolution and bill which, if enacted into law, will provide fair and reasonable salaries, will eventually save thousands of dollars to the tax payers of the county and provide a fund that will meet the increasing demands of the educational needs of the people without imposing the great burden of debt or special taxes.

In view of the fact that numerous changes, substitutes and amendments have been suggested, I ask the friends of this measure to stand firmly together and to look with distrust upon the efforts to sidetrack the proposition. I warn you now that efforts will be made and that in a great convention, with numerous schemes offered, the situation is apt to be mystifying and will require close attention on the part of all not to lose sight of the original resolution.

I shall offer it word for word, letter for letter, as it is here printed and I sincerely trust that all lovers of economy, good government and public education will give the resolution their support.

Yours respectfully,

S. S. HOLT.

RESOLUTION AND BILL.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly of 1907 be and they are hereby instructed to cause the following bill to be enacted into law:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact.

Section 1. That the Clerk of the Superior Court and Register of Deeds of Johnston County shall keep an itemized statement of every fee and of all compensation of any kind received by them respectively, by virtue of their offices, and shall on the first Mondays in December and June respectively, render a correct statement thereof to the Board of Commissioners, duly verified before some person authorized to administer oaths.

Sec. 2. That the Sheriff of Johnston County shall, on the first Mondays in December and June of each year render to the Board of Commissioners a duly verified statement of all taxes collected by him during the preceding six months, and of all commissions received by him upon such taxes, and also all commissions received by him upon executions coming into his hands for collection and also for all moneys received by him from any other source whatever, by virtue of his office, provided, that said Sheriff shall not be required to include in such statement any fee received by him from services of legal processes.

Sec. 3. That the Treasurer of Johnston County shall on the first Mondays in December and June of each year, render to the Board of Commissioners a duly verified statement of all moneys received by him during the preceding six months, as well as a statement of all moneys paid out by him during the preceding six months, also a statement of all commissions received by him during the preceding six months from all sources.

Sec. 4. That the said officers mentioned in the three preceding sections, to-wit: the Clerk of the Superior Court, the Register of Deeds, the Sheriff and the Treasurer shall be entitled to retain annually out of said amounts, respectively received by them, the following sums in full compensation for their services, to-wit: the Clerk of the Superior Court fifteen hundred dollars and two dollars per day for clerk hire during the time that the Superior Court of said County is in actual session; the Register of Deeds eighteen hundred dollars and six hundred dollars for clerk hire, this compensation includes pay for all services rendered as Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, making out all tax lists, issuing marriage licenses and for all other duties pertaining to the office of Register of Deeds of said County; the Sheriff twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars and all fees received by him from the services of legal processes; and the Treasurer five hundred dollars; and also such sums as may have been respectively paid by them as commissions or premiums for the execution of their official bonds.

Sec. 5. That the said Clerk of the Superior Court, Register of Deeds, Sheriff and Treasurer shall on the first Mondays in December and June of each year pay into the treasury of the county school fund all sums found by the Board of County Commissioners to be in excess of that amount, which shall be respectively due them under the provision of this act as hereinbefore stated, and upon failure to do so shall be held liable upon his official bond which bond shall provide for the payment of said excess.

Sec. 6. All the moneys coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the school fund of Johnston County by virtue of this act, shall be held by him as a special fund to be expended by the Board of Education of said county under the direction of the general school law.

Sec. 7. The Board of Education is hereby empowered and authorized to sue any officer or his bondsmen who fails or refuses to comply with any provision of this act.

Sec. 8. Any officer herein named who fails to collect fees, commissions, or emoluments of any kind according to law belonging to his office shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 9. That any one named in this act failing or refusing to make a verified and itemized statement as requested in this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 10. That any officer named in this act who shall wilfully make a false statement as to the amounts received by him as required by this act, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished as for any other case of perjury.

Sec. 11. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. That this act be in full force and effect on and after the first Monday in June, 1907.

Another Plan Suggested.

Editor THE HERALD: Right much has been said through THE HERALD, endorsing the plan suggested by Mr. S. S. Holt of putting the county officers on salary and it seems to meet with favor. Now I don't think Mr. Holt meant for this suggestion to be adopted without due consideration and investigation, but simply to put the people to thinking along this line—that they might formulate some recommendation of a plan that would regulate the earnings of the different offices and at the same time meet the approval of all parties interested, without hurt or prejudice toward any.

My idea is not to put any office now receiving fees on a salary, as it would necessitate considerably more work in the office keeping records, besides putting more work on the finance committee, which would be an expense to the county. The object of this suggestion was to help the poor children of the county educationally. Now let us see if it would do this. In almost every instance where the fees are large for the amount of work done it comes out of the earnings of the poor man, as most of the mortgages recorded are given by farmers who are not able to make a crop without help, and they have to get some merchant to make the advance at time prices, the mortgage given to be recorded and all the expense of making and recording them, has to be paid by the poorer class of people.

If we wish to help them we can do so by reducing the large fees they have to pay. I think some of them are too high as they now are, and if they are left as they now stand and the salary plan is adopted, we do not help them at all, but make them pay the large fees, for the benefit of the public school, which their financial condition prevents them from getting the full benefit of.

I am strongly in favor of more and better schools, but if we need more school funds, it should be raised by taxation, as those who are benefitted most will then pay most.

It is to be regretted that the children we seek to educate and put on a higher educational and financial plane, where they rightfully belong, have of necessity to stay at home even during a part of the present school terms and work to help pay off the mortgages their parents have to make for supplies and pay a large fee to record.

Now if we could get a committee of about twelve of our best fair-minded business men to make a thorough investigation of the earnings of and expenses of the county officers and report the same with their recommendations to our representatives, the whole thing could be properly and intelligently done with justice to all.

C. M. WILSON.

Canaday For Register.

To the Editor: As this is the last time that an appeal can be made to the voters through THE HERALD before the Convention in behalf of candidates, I want to add a few words urging my fellow Democrats to nominate J. P. Canaday for Register of Deeds.

Enough has been said to convince even those who do not know Mr. Canaday of his worthiness and fitness for the office.

If it is the right policy to bestow political honors on the basis of merit, then why not nominate him?

If character, truthfulness, honesty, industry, faithfulness, affability, efficiency, and a long career of service count for anything, then let the Convention nominate him.

What charge even can an enemy in his own or the opposite party bring against him? Nothing only he has done right. I respectfully submit that would be a charge in his favor. The people should say, Well done good and faithful servant, for this conduct we confer upon you greater honors.

R. T. SURLIS.
Banner Township.

THE TOWNS HAVE DECIDED.

The Saloons Have Been Voted Out to Stay.

Does the Country man want a "Tap" Near His Home?

Mr. Editor:—In your last week's issue there was a communication which called on some "good man" to offer at the Democratic convention to be held on August 1st, a resolution demanding a vote on May 1, 1907, on the question of whether liquor should be sold in this good old county; and if so, whether in saloons or dispensaries. It seems that the writer does not understand that the matter is settled so far as the towns are concerned. Only last summer Smithfield, Selma, Pine Level, Clayton, Kenly, Four Oaks and Benson settled the matter by decisive votes. That only leaves Princeton, and to her honor she long ago voted it out. So it looks as if it is settled so far as the towns are concerned.

Does the county want "Taps" opened any and everywhere? Is there a "good man" in this good old county who wants a "Tap" near his home. Will he let one be on his land? Does any "good woman" in the county want a "Tap" near her home? I do not believe it.

Then country "Taps" are just simply little hells. No one is safe near them; property near them depreciates in value. Good tenants will move from the "good man" land on which it is, and on roads which lead to it. A man under the influence of whiskey has no respect for either man, woman or child and will use profane and obscene language before them without regard to their feelings. 'Tis useless to talk of the evil they do—that every one knows.

All the restrictions that have been thrown around whiskey dealer and the whiskey drinker. They are to blame for it and no others.

I remember some few years ago after passing a church one Sunday where there was preaching, in going two miles I met going to that church some men going from a country "Tap". Things in that part of this grand old county got so bad from that "Tap" that the country people asked the legislature to abolish "Taps" and it was done.

The towns do not want saloons or dispensaries and if the country does not want "Taps" will it try to force saloons or dispensaries on the towns?

All the towns in the country voting liquor out have improved greatly since liquor left. 'Tis true that liquor is shipped in, but, there is not as much drunkenness as before. Instead of making the law we have a mockery, let us enforce it. The man who does prohibition most harm is the "good man" who is eternally saying prohibition is a failure and who sends off or goes off and gets whiskey and gives or sells it to his friends.

Now, it is up to the country man to say whether he will have a "Tap" near his house or not.

Selma, N. C. R. J. NOBLE.

For Register of Deeds.

I want to endorse all that has been said in regard to the nomination of Mr. J. P. Canaday for Register of Deeds I think he is the right man for the office. He is a good pensman, kind and courteous to all, a good debator who can explain the issues and if nominated will add strength to the Democratic ticket and perform the duties of the office faithfully and impartially. He is a man who has battled with the problems of life and has succeeded in whatever he has undertaken. I have known Mr. Canaday several years and have always found him the same straightforward candid and honest gentleman. So let us nominate Jas. P. Canaday on August 1st and we will not regret it.

N. R. PIKE.
Beulah township.