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**LOW SALARIES OR HIGH SALARIES?**

The people of Johnston county are in favor of putting the officers on salaries. Do they favor low salaries or high salaries? We assume that all right thinking people want us to pay our officers liberal salaries, not too low nor too high. We cannot expect our officers to work for their "victuals and clothes," as was the case with certain orphan children in the old times. There are certain necessary expenses connected with holding office, such as paying the charges for making bonds which are required for the safety of the public, and so forth. A man should not be expected to quit what he is doing and hold office until his successor is named on too small a salary. We should be willing to pay our officers enough so that by economy they could save something.

On the other hand we all should want the salaries too within the bounds of reason and not so much above what is paid other folks for work. How shall the salaries of the county officers be fixed? It would hardly be right for any one man to make out a schedule for them. While we want to be fair to ourselves as a people, we must be fair to our officers also. The best plan we have heard suggested is for our county convention to name a committee of fifteen to twenty men who would be asked to inquire carefully into this matter and prepare a bill for the Legislature to make the necessary changes. These should be men of business experience whom the people know and would be willing to trust. Under this arrangement neither the people nor the officers would have anything to fear. Both sides would be treated with fairness. If we do what is right in going to the salary basis we are sure it will work satisfactorily.

**TWO FINE PLANKS.**

The Democracy of Wake County in its convention last Saturday adopted a fine platform, one that stands for the people and one that will be a vote winner. In county matters, the following planks taken from the platform, ring true with the spirit of Democracy:

"First, we pledge our candidates, if elected, to effect a system whereby our county officials, that is, the clerk of the court, treasurer, register of deeds and sheriff, shall be paid salaries commensurate with their duties. While the fees of said officers shall be turned into the treasury of the county.

"Second, we hold that the principle of rotation in office espoused by Jefferson, is a sound one, good for the party, the public service, the officer and the people; and we pledge the candidates named by this convention not to seek re-election to the respective offices for which they are named after they have been once re-elected."

When the principle of rotation in office is relegated to the back ground the spirit of monarchical government march to the front.

Hon. John W. Atwater, who represented this District in Congress one term and who was succeeded by Mr. Pon, died suddenly Monday while in his field plowing. He was a good man and was about 68 years of age.

The Government report show the condition of cotton on Jun 25 was 80.7 per cent.

**MEN AND EVENTS.**

Senator Culberson, of Texas, has been re-nominated to succeed himself in the United States Senate, and more, he will be elected. Nothing strange about this. He is a good man and has made a good Senator. He has been in the Senate for eleven years, and so well has he served his people, that there was no scramble for his place. He has made his power as a servant of the people felt. Just think! His campaign expenses for the re-nomination footed up, all told, \$27. How different it is in some other places. Up in Pennsylvania, Joseph C. Sibley wanted the Republican nomination for Congress. He secured it. But his campaign expenses amounted to a little more than \$4,000. And he may fail of election next November. We long for the days when a man shall hold office because the people want him, and not because he has to buy it.

One of the South's greatest sons passed away when Senator John W. Daniel answered the last summons. In every walk of life he was a man, one true and firm in his convictions, one that not retaining fee could swerve in the discharge of his public duty. He belonged to the same school as Senators Morgan and Pettus, of Alabama, who passed away three years ago. These were men who put Right above all else, and never let the populace sway them from their cause. They studied to serve the people and not to gain their favor. No trust could buy them, no public cry or clamor could swerve them from what they believed to be the right, and uprightness in public life characterized them and when they died a nation mourned. Oh, how the nation needs such men to-day to fill the Halls of Congress.

If the Democratic party keeps up the record it has started out with in nominating members of the Legislature, our next General Assembly will be composed of as fine a body of men as ever gathered together to make laws for any State. See Durham. She has nominated one of the State's known and honored citizens—General Julian S. Carr—to a seat in the House. And Wake has named Hon. Richard H. Battle, one of the State's finest citizens. Such men give character and strength to any body. Many of the counties have named their best citizens—Dowd and Pharr, of Mecklenburg, Turlington and Long, of Iredell; Dr. Sikes, of Wake, and many others who will take a high stand in the next General Assembly. What will Johnston do?

Who will the Democrats nominate for the Legislature this year in Johnston? It is important that a strong ticket composed of good men be nominated. Let the Democracy pick out the very best men in the county and then call on them to serve. Let no man be put up just to give him a little honor, but let us remember that if Johnston county is to take the place she ought to occupy in the Legislature, the very best men must be nominated. Democrats, think on these things.

Congressman Page was nominated by acclamation at Rockingham Wednesday to succeed himself in Congress. Congressman Small met a similar fate at the hands of the Democratic convention of the First district at Edenton the same day.

President Taft has signed an order withdrawing 8,495,731 acres of power site, phosphate and petroleum lands for conservation purposes. This is the first step in the President's conservation policy. The President also named the five engineer officers who are to constitute a board to pass on reclamation projects to be completed under the recent appropriations of \$20,000,000. The Board is headed by Lieut. Col. John Biddle.

**SEPARATED ON HONEYMOON**

**Young Husband is Left Behind at Selma While Bride Comes On To Raleigh.**

A sad affair happened a few days ago, a young bride and groom were separated while returning from their honeymoon and while the separation only lasted a few hours yet it had all the aspects of a real tragedy—at least to those most intimately concerned.

The weeping bride came on to Raleigh while the groom was left counting the crossties to Selma.

Unwilling to continue on to Durham without her rightful protector the unhappy bride stopped in Raleigh and began at once to get the wires hot from here, to Selma to discover if possible what had happened to her husband of a few weeks.

The cause of all the trouble was a freight wreck near Selma. The young man, as men have a habit of doing left the train and his bride, and incidentally his coat and ticket, pocket, etc. on the train and went out to investigate the wreck.

While engaged in viewing the scene of the disaster the passenger train began to move off. The young man made a dash to swing on but stumped his toe and fell beside the road while the train rolled swiftly away taking with it his bride, his coat and his money.

And the poor little bride was naturally frantic until the news came that her husband was safe and sound and was industriously counting the crossties to Selma, none the worse for the accident, only a little wilted and disheveled perhaps.

And then there was a joyful and happy meeting when the night train brought the lost one back again and the reunited couple continued on their way to Durham—it is hoped without any more separations.—Raleigh Times July 5.

**GENERAL NEWS NOTES.**

There were 196 business failures in the United States during the week ending June 30, against 187 the previous week and 213 in the like week of 1909.

Former Congressman Frank C. Wachter, of Baltimore, died last week, aged 49 years. Mr. Wachter served four successive terms in Congress. He was a Republican.

New York City post-office receipts for the year ended June 30 show an increase of \$2,413,204 over the preceding year, or 12.11 per cent. The year's total receipts are \$22,339,500.

Many of the cotton mills of the United States were shut down Friday until July 11, for the purpose of curtailing production. The corporations which closed employ about 100,000 operatives.

An estimate that the total number of immigrant aliens admitted at the ports of the United States during the past fiscal year reached 1,035,545 was made by Commissioner General Keefe last week. This is an increase of 283,759 over the number of immigrant aliens admitted last year.

The New York Senate defeated the Cobb direct nominations bill by a vote of 25 to 19. Both houses of the General Assembly adjourned early Friday afternoon. The result of the fight in the Senate was a more positive refusal to accept Col. Roosevelt's leadership on the bill than that of the Assembly the day previous.

Former United States Senator Thomas Battle Turley died in Memphis Friday afternoon after an illness of several weeks, aged 65 years. Senator Turley was appointed to fill the vacancy in the senate, caused by the death of Senator Isham G. Harris, and at a special session of the legislature was elected to serve the remainder of the term, which expired in 1903. At the expiration of this term he declined to stand for re-election and was succeeded by the late senator E. W. Carmack. Senator Turley died in the same residence in which he was born.

A woman and two men were killed in an amateur bull fight in the San Antonio Hacienda in Mexico, Sunday.

Fred R. Young, aged 23 years, was killed, and R. J. O'Malley was seriously injured in a runaway on the Western boulevard, in Louisville Sunday afternoon. Young's jugular vein was severed by glass from a lamp which was broken in a collision with a buggy in which the two men were riding.

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