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TEN REASONS WHY HON. FRANCIS D. WINSTON SHOULD BE NOMINATED JUDGE

BY DR. C. G. POWELL.

When I read in the papers that a primary had been called in which to select a Democratic candidate for Judge in this District, I realized at once, the grave responsibility resting on me, as one of the voters. The people of this district, for the first time, will select their Judge. They have voted for Judges, but they had been nominated before, and the real selection made. This time the responsibility is on the people. I assume that every fair minded and intelligent citizen will do as I have done, calmly, honestly and candidly consider for himself and select for himself out of the candidates; the one who will make the best Judge.

I believe I have given the subject proper and careful thought. My ideal of a Judge is a man of high character, who stands for high causes, and good citizenship; who knows the law; who knows the people upon whose lives, property business and liberty he will be called on to pass; and whose heart is alive to the great philanthropic movements that agitate the world. A Judge should know men, how to organize them; he should know the value of time and save money to the tax payers by eliminating waste of time; he should have had experience in affairs of state, know its legislation and its institutions. If he has had experience as a Judge and has made good as a Judge so much the better. With this high standard before me I have come to the conclusion that Judge Francis D. Winston, of Bertie County, is eminently fitted for, and should be selected as, our candidate in the primary on September 9th, 1916.

The following are some of the reasons which have satisfied my mind on this subject:

FIRST

He is now in the prime of manhood, strong in body and in mind. He is one of the most active and tireless workers in the State, and is especially industrious on the bench and a real hard working Judge. He runs over no man's rights, but he does not let the taxpayers suffer by wasting time. And opens court on Monday morning.

SECOND

He is an able, well equipped lawyer. The lawyers of the whole State recognized his great ability when they elected him President of the North Carolina Bar Association. President Wilson recognized his great ability, as a lawyer and citizen, when he named him to represent the government as United States Attorney. Governor Craig was born in three miles of him and has known him all his life and intimately. He appointed him Judge without solicitation and says that "he is eminently qualified for the position and deserves it."

THIRD

He knows the people of every part of the State as few men have known them. There is not a county in the State in which he has not spoken, whose people he does not know; He knows, therefore, how to fit his Court to the life of the people who have business in it; and he knows what the people are thinking about, because he thinks with them.

FOURTH

His active membership in various societies that study matters that come before our courts, fits him to deal with the great problems arising out of the administration of the criminal law. He knows how to protect society without crushing the criminal and he knows how to lift the criminal to better citizenship without disregarding the sacred rights of the

other members of society, their person or their property. A property owner himself he protects the property of others.

FIFTH

He knows the legislation of our State for the past quarter of a century. He has participated in its passage and presided over its enactment, and therefore, knows the drift of our statute law and how to administer it in the spirit of the people. He has favored all the great constructive legislation of that time and therefore will administer the law both in letter and its spirit. His position on these matters is well known and he takes a decided stand on all questions, which is an essential quality in a Judge.

SIXTH

He is deeply humanitarian in thought and practice, and no injustice would be done by him. He has studied our great charitable and eleemosynary institutions and knows them thoroughly. As grand Master of Masons the Orphan Asylum was his peculiar study and he well knows how to lead the youthful offender away from the jail to a life of purity and honesty.

SEVENTH

He loves his State and section and is willing to make sacrifices for the people. When appointed Judge he was United States Attorney and engaged in a large private practice, but it was not a question of dollars and cents with him. It was simply a question of service to the people. No call has ever been too obscure for him. The small remote school is as dear to him as the great college, and his speeches in each have been prepared with care and equally strong. He cheerfully makes sacrifices for others. The high honor of the bench and a chance to render efficient and acceptable service are the only excuses he gives for accepting the Judgeship.

EIGHTH

He has had experience on the bench. Some years ago Governor Aycock appointed him Judge, and he held regular and special terms all over the State. No Judge was in greater demand. When he received his present appointment hundreds of letters and telegrams came to him and to Governor Craig approving the appointment and congratulating both of them and also the State. No Judge on the bench stood higher than he. The newspapers all over the State say so. In my native county the Roanoke-Chowan Times said editorially a few days ago: "The next term of Northampton Superior Court begins at Jackson next Monday to be presided over by Judge Winston, one of the best Judges in the State. We may expect the session of the Court to be transacted without undue delay, that the scales of justice will be held evenly and that justice will be tempered with mercy. This is the reputation Judge Winston made when on the bench before, and we have heard nothing to detract it."

We know what kind of a Judge he makes.

NINTH

He is a most agreeable and genial man. He loves his fellow men and recognizes that they have rights in the court, and goes about his work on the bench cheerfully and pleasantly. He recognizes that witnesses and jurors are human beings and he sees to it that their rights are not invaded. No man is stormed at in his court, one hears no harsh judgements there, and the guiltiest defendant tried before him feels that the Judge is trying to do right. He

Proceedings of Murfreesboro Town Commissioners

Murfreesboro, N. C., June 27— Meeting of Board of Town Commissioners, those present being, Godwin Jenkins, L. J. Lawrence, G. N. Harrell, D. C. Barnes, and M. E. Worrell, commissioners; J. C. Vinson, Mayor, being absent. L. J. Lawrence was elected Mayor pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Constable reports amount of taxes collected \$502., paid Treasurer \$300. Treasurer reports paid out since last meeting \$81.31; balance due town \$28.39.

On motion committee to secure place for hog and cattle pound continued. On motion it is ordered that Treasurer pay M. E. Worrell \$35.46 per month for street lights as soon as the three additional lights are installed on Elm and Church Streets. On motion Godwin Jenkins and M. E. Worrell are appointed a committee to locate place for culvert across Church Street. On motion constable is ordered to notify C. W. Gardner, J. G. Liverman and T. B. Wynn that they must put strainers in their sinks leading to drain and that if any more complaint is heard the drain will be closed. On motion Constable is ordered to notify all storekeepers to clean up their lots back of their stores.

On motion the following ordinances are adopted to go in effect July 1st, 1916:

Sec. 1 Be it ordained that no hog or hogs shall be kept with in (Continued on page eight)

knows the value of time and that to waste it in court cost the taxpayers money, so he dispatches business and saves both time to the citizen and money to the taxpayers.

TENTH

Judge Winston has an honest mind and he is willing to hear before he decides. He is not uninfluenced, but his firm convictions of what is right and he is careful to see that the right prevails in his court. He runs his own court, but with due regard for the rights of all, litigants, jurors, witnesses, spectators and attorneys, alike.

Those in main are the reasons that decide me to support Judge Winston in the primary. It gives me satisfaction to know that the appointment of Judge Winston by Governor Craig has met with such unanimous endorsement all over the State. Under our system we in this district are selecting a Judge for over half the State, and it is some satisfaction to have a worthy selection approved by the balance of the State and to find nearly every newspaper in the State speaking in the very highest terms of the appointment.

I do not speak in disparagement of others, but we do know that Judge Winston in the past was an excellent Judge and that he is now a most excellent officer. Why should we make a change without good cause shown?

The selection of a Judge is a very serious and important matter, and neither fear, favor, affection, reward or the hope of reward should direct our vote. These things may sometime enter into the selection of purely administrative officers, but they have no place in selecting Judges.

It would extend this article too much for me to discuss Judge Winston's public spirit. He is foremost in every good work and is known all over the State for his deep interest in schools, good roads, drainage and every public enterprise for the betterment of our citizenship.

For the reasons given and having these views which I believe every fair minded man should consider, and upon these facts which no one will question, I have decided that the nomination of Judge Winston will promote the cause of justice in our District and State, and I shall therefore take great pleasure in voting for him in the primary,

Meeting of Hertford County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners of Hertford County met on the 7th day of August 1916, all members of the Board being present;

Proceedings of last meeting read and approved; Mr. E. J. Gerock reported that he could secure court room in Ahoskie for \$15.00 per year and he was instructed to secure same.

Mr. C. E. Boyette asks for more time to confer with Henry Stephenson in reference to his wages for keeping Boone's Bridge.

C. T. White is allowed to come before the Register of Deeds and make the additions to his tax list; but if he does not report to the Register of Deeds he will be charged double tax for any difference in his list.

Mr. H. H. Jones is appointed a committee to rebuild Knights bridge and to have this work done as soon as possible.

The result of the election in Murfreesboro School district was reported to the Board—showing the election carried for the Special Tax, and upon written request a special Tax of 30 cents on the \$100 and 90 cts., on the poll is hereby ordered levied in said District for benefit of the public schools in said district.

The matter of taxes against the estate of C. W. Parker was taken up by the Board; The Executors of the estate requesting an assessment for back taxes; and upon it is ordered that J. H. Matthews attorney be employed to assist Mr. W. D. Boone in prosecuting the matter, and in the event that Mr. Matthews declines the appointment, H. H. Jones and J. A. Northcott are appointed to secure the service of some other attorney.

H. H. Jones and J. A. Northcott are appointed to look after the leak in the roof of the Courthouse and have same repaired as the plastering in the Courthouse. H. H. Jones and J. A. Northcott appointed to ascertain what amount of the paper held by the Bank of Winton is due from the County fund and if the amount held by them is subject to interest.

On motion it is ordered that the Executors of C. W. Parker, deceased, A. M. Brown and C. G. be summoned to appear again on the first Monday in September, 1916, before the Board to show cause why they should be assessed with back taxes due by the estate.

The Superintendent of Health made his report of health conditions of the County, which is filed Report of the grand jury received from the Clerk of Court; same considered by the Board and committee appointed to carry out the recommendations.

The following accounts against the County presented and approved for payment, to-wit:

A. S. Mitchell, services on Board of Election.....	\$ 4.00
W. A. Thomas, tax list Harrellsville.....	60.00
Blount Ferguson, tax list Manevs Neck.....	60.00
L. C. Williams, services on board of election.....	4.00
J. H. Futrell and son, lumber and work on bridge.....	50.94
J. H. Futrell, lumber and work on bridge.....	27.13
J. H. Lawrence, services in primary contest.....	2.00
Willis Pierce, work at Co. Home.....	13.00
J. E. Matthews, supplies to County Home.....	14.20
O. H. Britton, juror in inquest.....	2.00
G. E. Holloman, juror in inquest.....	2.00
Roland Hill, juror in inq't J. G. Perry, ".....	2.00
Browne and Brown, supplies to county home.....	5.74
J. F. Jones, board prisoners, etc.....	7.05
Herring and Beale, coal for County.....	97.20
Edwards & Broughton, C. S. C. blanks.....	.50
Edwards and Broughton books C. S. C.....	2.32

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