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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For Railroad Commissioner: FRANKLIN McNEILL.
- For Congress—Seventh District: ROBERT N. PAGE.
- For Solicitor—Tenth District: WM. C. HAMMER.
- For State Senate: J. R. BLAIR.
- For House of Representatives: WM. P. WOOD, W. T. FOUSHEE.
- For Clerk of Superior Court: W. C. HAMMOND.
- For Sheriff: S. L. HAYWORTH.
- For Treasurer: B. F. NEWBY.
- For Register of Deeds: J. P. BOROUGHS.
- For Surveyor: H. A. ALBRIGHT.
- For Coroner: DR. D. L. FOX.
- For County Commissioners: A. N. BULLA, H. G. LASSITER, J. W. COX.

## REPUBLICAN CORRUPTION IN THIS COUNTY.

Republican leaders know they cannot carry this county except by stealing, ballot box stuffing or other wise corrupting the ballot box. That is the way they carried the county in 1896 and that is the way they elected a part of their ticket in 1898, and that is the way they attempted to carry it in 1900 but honest election officials prevented them from doing so. A conspiracy was formed to stuff the ballot box in certain townships and to change enough votes to carry the county but the scheme was discovered in time to prevent its accomplishment, although there were both negroes and some white men deposited two ballots of the same kind in several townships. The Democrats discovered the fraud and prevented the Republicans from electing their ticket, and threatened to send the thieves and corruptionists to the penitentiary; but we were told by Republican leaders that they had a jury box with practically no one in it but Republicans, and the judges who would pass on the case in both the Superior and the Supreme Court were Republicans and would stick to their party and our people hesitated to make the long struggle. It was a mistake; we should have prosecuted these ballot box polluters and corruptionists and we would have in a large measure put an end to the corrupt methods so long resorted to by certain elements of that party in that county.

It is reported, on reliable information, that the Republicans in Montgomery and some other counties are collecting campaign funds from the negroes, promising the colored people that if they will contribute largely to the campaign, that if they are elected, they will repeal the amendment and allow them to vote again. The simple minded colored people do not know any better than to think that a Legislature can repeal the amendment. The Legislature cannot repeal the amendment, but it can place the election machinery in the hands of the Republicans, and if that was done there is no doubt but that there would be more than 60,000 negroes in this State registered.

Col. Wood, Prof. Way and Tom Foushee are to be congratulated on having the ill will of Spencer Adams. It is a decoration of honor for any man to have the ill will of any man who ran on a ticket for Clerk of the Court with a negro for the Legislature and with another negro for Register of Deeds.

Adams and men like him hate with a bitter hatred those who are in their way and prevent them from accomplishing their evil and corrupt designs. Honest men may expect abuse from such a source.

The financial condition in Randolph county had come to such a lowebb when the Democrats took charge of county affairs six years ago this fall, that the treasury of the county did not have a cent. For the first time in the history of this or any other county we have ever heard of, the jailor was unable to have his county orders cashed at the end of each month to pay him the few dollars due him for feeding and caring for the prisoners. It was a bad condition of affairs. This is no new charge, but has been published time and again in these columns in the last two campaigns, and no one has ever denied it.

Time and time again did the jailor and others go to the treasurer and demand money for county orders during the last year that the Republicans were in power, and not a cent could be gotten by many who made application. And again and again did the jailor and others have the treasurer to mark across the back of the orders for which payment was refused, the following indorsement: "Payment refused because of lack of funds in the treasury." Some of these orders are in existence now, having been redeemed by the Democratic administration which came into power six years ago. Circulars had been distributed throughout the county, and articles published in a newspaper, pretending to give the receipts and disbursements of the county while the Republicans were in office in this county. Where this information was obtained, we have been unable to ascertain, as the treasurer's books show clearly that there was no settlement at any time during the last three years that the Republicans were in office; and the books were kept so that no man on earth could tell how they were. The books are in the treasurer's office, and any one who disputes this can go and look for himself.

When Mr. W. J. Miller, the present Democratic treasurer, took charge of the finance of the county, the retiring Republican treasurer did not pay him one cent of county funds because the funds were not in the treasury. They had been paid out, not for building or repairing bridges, or making any public improvements at the county home, jail or elsewhere.

Spencer Adams said among other things in Asheboro last Saturday he had come to Randolph to speak to Republicans in the very home of the Simmons ballot box thieves. He referred to Senator Simmons as a miserable statesman and ballot box thief and that under his leadership the Democrats had stolen the State. Another statement was that I am here today to tell you that the Democrats are not going to educate the children but will take your money and perpetuate themselves in power. These are only a few of the bitter expressions used by this wild, desperate man, who is so frantic that he will, at his present rate, soon land in a mad house, and will in all probability at an early date be confined in one of the State insane asylums and should he land there very little would be missed—one more added to the five thousand who have been taken from the jail and county homes since 1899 and added to the number of unfortunates cared for by the last Republican administration. Adams is to be pitied not condemned; his trouble is with his brain—it is weak. Any man who raves and foams and fumes and slanders as he does should be halted.

It is true that we had, for many years, a Democratic Board of Commissioners in Randolph county, while Republicans were in charge of the other offices in the county, and were squandering and misappropriating the public funds in every way they could; and the county would have been absolutely bankrupt had it not been for the check reins applied by the Board of County Commissioners, by such men as Burrell Steed, O. R. Cox, J. E. Walker and others who were at different times Commissioners when Republicans were in power.

It has been only a few years ago that one of the deputies in one of the offices in the county, issued several hundred dollars of county

script. It was during the last few years that the Republicans were in charge in this county that a deputy in the office of the Register of Deeds began to issue county orders, signing the name of the Register of Deeds to them, and had actually disposed of several hundred dollars of such orders before knowledge of the fact was ascertained. It is said that this young man was not as bright as he ought to be, and that one of the reasons assigned for his forging the orders was, that he knew of dark and shady transactions having been done by others. Whether or not this is true we do not undertake to say, but it was currently reported at the time.

When Joshua Dean and J. T. Winslow were Registers of Deeds in this county, there were a great many orders issued; there was considerable expense incurred in one way or another; many mistakes were made; incorrect additions; and the sum total in annual reports of important statements of the county officers were found, in some instances to be incorrect.

Indications now point to a great Democratic victory, not only in this county and State, but in the Congressional election throughout the country. The Democrats are winning votes every day. The Democratic majority in Randolph county will be greatly increased, and it behooves every Democrat to go to the polls next Tuesday and cast his ballot for the party that stands for reform measures and for decency and honesty in the county government. We have faith in the honest, sober thinking people of the county, and take this last opportunity before the election, to say to one and all not to be prejudiced by any false reports that may be sent out for campaign purposes. All kinds of misrepresentations have heretofore been scattered broadcast among a certain element of voters, by Republicans at the last moment, seeking to mislead and prejudice honest men; such methods have been resorted to before and will be again. While this species of campaign has become disgusting, yet Republican leaders in this county continue to insult intelligent voters with such methods. Let every man who has an interest in his home and fireside, loves his wife and children, and believes in a clean administration go and vote the Democratic ticket.

Under the manner in which the stock law has been extended over the county, it has been quite expensive. There have, from time to time, been more than 30 different stock law elections in the county. This has necessarily been expensive. Small territories have been established; they went in debt, and many of them are in debt yet. Several years ago, when the county offices were all filled with Republicans, except County Commissioners, a few stock holders in county orders bought up these old orders issued as "foreclosed," and sued the county commissioners for the payment of the same. The complaint and the judgments in two or three cases show clearly what the State says, for only a small portion of them were county orders, the balance being stock law orders, etc. Circulars have been distributed and a newspaper article has been published, stating that these judgments were paid off by a Republican Board of Commissioners. This is not true. An examination of the Register's office shows that orders were issued at the last meeting of the Republican commissioners, but none of these were paid until several months after the Democratic officers were installed in office. Circulars have been published, also, announcing that the last payment on one of the judgments was paid in 1900; when, in fact the last payment was made in 1903, by a Democratic board of county commissioners, and a Democratic treasurer.

Last Thursday was a great day for Democracy. The procession from Tabernacle and Back Creek townships surpassed anything ever seen in this county. Those two townships furnished a large portion of the procession.

## TO CARRY THE ELECTION BY TRICKERY AND BY CORRUPTION.

A leading Republican was heard to say the other day that the Democrats would carry the county by a good majority, if they did not get up some trick to prevent it.

The only way that they can hope to carry the county is by bribery, trickery, debauchery and corrupt methods; yet they cry out "fraud" and stir and muddy the water to conceal their sins.

The Republicans are hatching schemes now to circulate against honest men. In their desperation they are resorting to all manner of misrepresentation and falsehoods. It is true, their methods are being condemned by the good men of their own party; yet they feel that defeat is almost certain, and they are grabbing at straws in frantic efforts to save themselves. Their methods are not the methods of fair men, but are methods used by men who try to accomplish their purpose by any means.

## REMEMBER.

1st. That the last year before fusion and famine, the Democratic Board of Education appropriated for public schools in this county \$13,000.00.

2nd. That during the four years of Fusion rule there never was appropriated that amount, and that the appropriations for schools were, every year of the four years nearly \$2,000.00 less than was appropriated the last year under Democratic rule.

3rd. That the first year after the Democrats were restored to the management of the public schools in this county, and after the Democrats had redeemed the county and had a Democratic sheriff and Board of Commissioners to give us a clean and honest government, there was appropriated for the public schools \$17,000.00.

4th. Remember that this was several thousand dollars more than was appropriated at any time during Fusion Rule, and that the taxes were not increased. It was due to Democratic economy.

It is a remarkable record we have in Randolph County. The last year the Democrats were in power before the rule of fusion and famine, there was appropriated for the public schools \$13,000.00. During the entire four years under Republican rule in this county, the appropriation for public schools was nearly \$2,000.00 less than it was the last year under Democratic rule. And when the Democrats were restored to power in the county, the appropriations for public schools jumped up several thousand dollars the first year.

The Republicans have taken water every day for ten days on the falsehood intended to be conveyed in the circulars which have been distributed; and the Republican speakers practically admit that the certificate signed and published by Mr. Winslow is a falsehood. Why Mr. Winslow ever signed such a certificate, nobody knows.

No report was ever made or filed, signed by T. C. Millikan, J. T. Winslow and others in 1894 or at any other time, stating that the county was \$11,000 or more in debt. It was published in the organ of the "Bosses," in the paper which has never told the truth when a falsehood would do as well, that this report was on the minute docket of the board of Commissioners for the year 1894 and was on page 222. A number of people have gone and examined these records and will swear it is not there. Mr. Winslow has placed himself in a bad light by certifying that a record is in the office when it is not there. This is a serious charge we are making against you, Mr. Winslow, and if we are telling a falsehood, you can have resort to the courts, and under the law you have a right to sue us for personal damages, and imprison and place in jail the owners and editor of this paper. The courts are open to you; you have committed a grievous mistake and fallen into an error which no careful man, who has the proper regard for his reputation should permit himself to do.

## GO TO THE POLLS EARLY.

Stop your work one day and go to the polls and vote for good men to fill every office. Election day comes only once in every two years. It was a hard thing to get rid of the Republicans when we beat them in this County, because of the methods which they adopted. They not only stuffed ballot boxes and conducted frauds, but they used the courts as an engine of oppression and threatened all kinds of dire calamity upon the head of every person who had in any way violated the law, if their votes were not cast as desired by Republican leaders.

Remember that the county has been paid out of debt; every judgment has been paid off since the Democratic Commissioners were restored into power, and none of these judgements were paid off while the Republican Commissioners were in office; that now there are \$11,000.00 of funds in the treasury of Randolph County to the credit of the County fund, and several thousand to the credit of the school fund and the road fund.

It is a streaked and striped record that English has. He makes speeches now where he thinks it will suit,—that pleases those who want free liquor; and yet, most of his recent years have been spent in fighting the Democratic party because it did not give enough prohibition. In some places he declares himself a prohibitionist, but where it is unpopular he does not do that.

In the closing days of the campaign, Republicans in this county are circulating the falsehood that the county is in debt, and the truth of the matter is that the county is out of debt. Every judgment has been paid off in full, and there is in the treasury today \$11,000.00.

An effort is being made in this County by the Republicans to carry the election this year. At the election in 1900 in this County a number of Republicans; some of whom were negroes, stuffed the ballot box in New Market, Center Grove and other townships in the County. They did it in this way: By putting in the tickets themselves and putting in two of a kind. There were fraudulent elections in the County in 1896 and 1898, election returns were changed in some instances. The votes were deposited in a box that would hold nearly a bushel, and were placed so high up that it was difficult to see what kind of manipulations were being made by the Republican judge of Election who was putting in the ballots. Having stolen the election to increase the majority, during the years they were in power, certain Republican leaders made a great deal of money in this county when they were given to understand that they could not carry the election by fraud and by force. They are now resorting to abuse and trying to inflame the passions of the people against the Democrats because they have been watching them, and intend to continue to watch them and prevent a recurrence of the methods adopted and used by them when they were last in power in this county. An effort is to be made this year to vote a lot of Republicans and floaters in the county, who are not entitled to vote. It is enough to say that this will not be permitted.

Miss Pearl Ballinger, of Guilford College, is spending several days with her sister, Miss Nannie, in Asheboro.

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