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The Right Position.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Your position on the honest management of campaigns and elections, as published in The Robesonian some issues back, is the right one. There should be no need for cliques and underhand work, before nor after the nominating convention. A fair race by all who wish to run for nomination for the several offices would seem desirable from every Democrat. Just as in a fair foot race, let the best man take the cake. There is an effort on foot now to put out the old officers, as if they intend holding on by force.

The forming of a ring to break up an imaginable one is something new in politics in the same party. The other day, in conversation with a man who has been fighting what he calls a court house ring and ring rule,—by the way, he is one of the new scheme defenders. We asked (for information) what is ring rule anyway? Here is his definition: Ring rule is a set of officers (men) combining together for their individual interest. Now, if this is all, it is only a business like principle, and is not as bad as something against the interest of others. Ring rule, somehow or other, always carried with it to our mind something like the noverring, used by a master to rule a vicious bull. But the bulls seem now to have the rings in hand and expect to place them in the nose of their masters (the majority). As for our part, we prefer an old smooth ring to that of a new one, redhot from the forge. Why not let right and not might prevail? This is a mighty good time for a conservative party to come forth, whether it be composed of the old officers or new ones.

A RED SPRINGS DEMOCRAT.

Mr. Caldwell Declines.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Will you please give notice in your paper that I cannot yield to "the earnest solicitation of many friends" to accept the nomination for office of county commissioner.

I am forced to this refusal by the demands of business matters now in my hands that I cannot afford to neglect.

I have served the public as commissioner and chairman of the board, for two years, to the best of my ability and I am glad to say that the affairs of the county are in good condition.

I have treated everyone, who has come before the board, with courtesy and have given all matters presented by anyone and everyone full hearing and consideration. I desire to express my appreciation of the respect shown the board by all who have presented matters before it.

For each and every member of the board I have a high regard, I refer to them collectively as gentlemen, and to each individually as gentleman.

Very Respectfully,
R. D. CALDWELL.
Aug. 29th, 1904.

GADY, S. C.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The health of this community is not very good at this writing.

Miss Bessie Dubose, of Darlington, is visiting at the home of Mr. A. J. Carmichael this week.

Miss Dot Regan, who has been visiting relatives near Lumberton for several weeks returned home last Friday.

Miss "Manie" Harrelson is visiting friends and relatives near Ashpole this week.

Miss Flora Edwards is visiting relatives in Marlboro this week.

Prof. R. S. Rogers, who has been in charge of the Woodruff Graded School for the past two years, will leave here today for Woodruff, where he will open up his school there on Sept. 5th.

Miss Velma Floyd, of Ashpole, after visiting relatives here for several weeks, returned home last Sunday.

Miss Maggie Regan, of Barkers, is visiting at the home of Mr. J. G. Regan this week.

Rev. J. E. Rushton will begin his annual protracted meeting at Union church on Sept. 8th. All who are interested in this meeting are invited to attend.

Miss Maude Mitchell, who has been spending the past week at the home of Mr. B. A. Harrelson, left here Saturday for her home near Ashpole.

Bath House Being Built.

An addition is being built to the barber shop of Mr. Neill Baxley in which a bath room will be operated. A public bath room has for long been much needed and we hope that the need will now be supplied. It should be as valuable an adjunct to the barber shop as it will be a great convenience to the town.

Mr. F. M. Townsend, of Raynham, was among the visitors here Tuesday.

From the Crowd That Wants In.
To the Editor of The Robesonian.

Possibly it would be more becoming to the dignity of the good, loyal Democrats of Maxton to completely ignore the weak and futile attempt of the editor of The Robesonian ("the paper which has been recognized for more than thirty years as the organ of the Democratic party in this county") to attack the loyalty and integrity of their Democracy. For the partisan spirit and the bowl of despair are too plainly written in the two-page editorial of the last issue of the paper, which could be better termed as the organ of the "Court House Ring;" and, on the other hand, the purity and devotion to the cause of Democracy of the good people of Maxton are too well known to be disturbed by the greatest efforts of the young journalistic prodigy of Lumber River. Yet the little boy has forgotten his lesson, and we must "spank" him in a gentle manner.

The Democrats of Maxton are abused because there was held here on the 18th inst., a certain convention of a number of the prominent men of the county, who believe that the welfare and future success of the Democratic party in Robeson county demand a change in the personnel of the county officers, and because the Democrats of this township heartily approve and endorse every action taken by that convention. Eleven townships, whose total vote in the county convention constitute a majority, were represented by some of the strongest and best men of the county, including the various candidates for office other than the present incumbents. Every Democrat in Robeson county who thinks that it is for the best interests of the party that there be a change in our county officials was cordially invited to attend, and would have been welcomed. Perhaps this may account for the fact that the editor of The Robesonian did not receive an invitation, nor any of his immediate friends, and this may be the cause of that ominous "secrecy," so suggestive of revolutions and anarchistic tendencies. A great many prominent Democrats of the county, whose presence was desired, could not be reached, and yet some of them have since endorsed the action taken by that convention. Perfect harmony prevailed in the convention that met here, and a resolution among others was passed to the effect that the nominees of the county convention would be supported at all hazards. Does that seem very "un-Democratic," or that the convention was composed of men of the "Marian Butler" type, or such as would sacrifice their party, the interest of the county and of the people to the gratification of their own personal revenge?

The Democrats, representing eleven townships of the county, were men who have the best interests of the party at heart, and are determined to take care of its welfare and future success. To that end there was a convention held here for the purpose of formulating the most feasible plan to relieve the party of the chief cause of so much discontent and dissatisfaction, and to secure that harmony which should prevail. That was the sole object of the meeting that was held here on the 18th inst., and none other.

But the town of Maxton and its citizens are taken to task because the convention was held here. The truth of the matter is that this convention was called at the instance of a prominent Democrat of another township, and we presume that this place was selected for the convention on account of its convenient location. There were a great many more Democrats concerned in the results of that convention than the Democrats of Maxton. Yet only the Democrats of this town were attacked. But this is the part of a narrow minded, partisan spirit to play; some day they may be able to take a broader view of the matter.

As the disposition of our citizens to take any part in a movement to defeat the nominees of the Democratic county convention, if they be not satisfactory, let the people consult the official vote of this township in the last election of November, 1903. To the county convention in the last campaign Maxton township sent a solid delegation against the old officers, and, although they were nominated contrary to the wishes of the Democrats of this township, on the day of the election the independent ticket received less than the votes in Maxton township. The fact that these were supposed to be the

comes. And to the coming convention Maxton township will send down a solid delegation against the old officers, and further, the nominees of the Democratic county convention will receive the loyal support of this township as it has in the past. Lastly, Maxton township can be depended upon to do her best by using all honorable means to defeat the present incumbents of the county officers at the Democratic county convention, because our people believe that it is for the best interests of the party that other good men should be nominated. DEMOCRAT

About the Offices.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Why certainly, let the people be free and rule. The majority wields our power for good or evil. Every patriot and Democrat submits when the majority speaks. If the majority wants to retain men in office that is their business. The same is true if they want others to fill the offices. The world over has come to an end when the majority has done the one or the other. Those who want office have ever felt, to hear them, that some great thing is going to happen if a change is not made. And the change wanted, when you get down to the bottom of it, is that they or their friends want the offices. The cry of ring rule at Maxton is really ridiculous to sensible people and there are a great many sensible people. Democratic masses are not fools. The ring is made up of fellows who have been chosen for the offices among the people. The folks who in one year are elected from different parts of the county out of the masses after a term or two of service are called a ring right away. If the people, by a majority, are pleased to reelect them there is a disposition among some to say it was done by packing conventions. It is so wrong in an office holder to be desiring to retain his office and asking his fellow citizens to vote for him. And if the people agree to do it they must have credit for knowing what they want and having good sense enough to take care of themselves. It is mighty hard to see, however easy to say, that any great catastrophe impends if the people should decide to keep their present servants at our county offices in hard for a great majority to see in the light of disinterested concern for the welfare of Robeson. Let all the people tag out to the primaries and the majority cast their votes freely and for the good of the greatest number and all abide cheerfully the result.

Every real Democrat will do this. If there is one who is not willing to do this he is no Democrat, whatever his professions may be. The folks who hold office and want re-nomination for themselves and are going about asking for others to be turned out are in a strange and suspicious plight. Why should they be re-nominated while others are to be set aside. This set is hard to understand. The people would be glad to have an explanation. All in all it is but a reasonable thing to make for office. And it is enough to make the people disgusted. All true patriots are ready to say the Democratic party will be as safe with one set of nominees as another. It is affronting of the most repulsive sort and obviously false to say that victory and majority at the election will be greater whether the old officers are nominated or new ones substituted. The Democrats will nominate a ticket and do it by a majority and then they will elect it and that will be all of it. This is no year for unholy combinations. DEMOCRAT.

RAFT SWAMP.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mrs. W. C. Powell is seriously sick with fever, we are sorry to note.

Miss Annie Calbreath came home from Kingsdale Wednesday to spend the balance of the week with her parents. Mrs. Duke accompanied her.

Some of our farmers have begun the gathering of cotton. They say the fruitage is very light compared to the weed.

Mr. Fred Singletary, of Lumberton, spent Sunday afternoon, a welcome guest in this community.

Mr. W. G. Nance, of Back Swamp, was in the party Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. A. Carlyle has been in Fayetteville several days past.

Miss Belle Tyner attended the revival meeting at Saddle Tree the first of the week.

Lumberton R. F. D. No. 8 goes into operation on the 15th inst. with Mr. L. C. Davis carrier, and Mr. J. E. Carlyle substitute. This route displaces the Grady postoffice and supplies a good number who have heretofore been supplied by the Lowe office.

Let every Democrat in the township attend the primary Saturday and take part in its proceedings. This is not only a privilege and a duty, but it is practically the place of power with the voter. If you would have a voice in the election of officers, go to your primary, or else hereafter hold your peace.

From an Outsider.

Following is an extract from a communication, from Mr. J. H. Caupen, published in the North Carolina Baptist, which he represents:

From Tar Heel I went to Howellsville and from there to Lumberton this morning. Lumberton is the meeting place of a large number of good Baptists. They have a grand church building here, a grand pastor, too, and show the greatest in all their denominational institutions and work. The educational advantages here are remarkably great, and the citizens of the town are always ready to better them. Indeed, one of the most commendable things I have met with is the feeling of friendliness towards education. This is always indicative of progressiveness.

Messrs. J. N. Jacobi and C. C. Covington, of Wilmington, were calling on our merchants yesterday.

Tom McBryde is the Man
To the Editor of The Robesonian

In a few days the people of Robeson county will be called upon to select a man to represent them in the Senate of the next General Assembly. As yet the names of only two candidates have been presented to the voters of the county from which to choose their senator, Messrs. A. L. Shaw and Tom McBryde. The former is a citizen of Lumber Bridge, a fine man, a good citizen and a noble hearted Christian gentleman; but compare the work of the two men for the Democratic party. Tom McBryde has spent nearly forty years of his life in pulling down the strong holds of Republicanism and negroism in the county and in building up fortifications for the Democratic party that are year heritages today. And it would be ingratitude of the basest kind to withhold from him anything that he may desire. Yet, some of our people, for selfish purposes and in revenge for political disappointments, are seeking his overthrow. Shame, shame, on your heads. Ask Dr. E. M. Norman, O. S. Hayes, Captain W. S. Norman, and if we could call back from their graves the grand old heroes of the past, Oels, French and Rowland, ask them who has done most for the Democratic party of Robeson county. They would all with one voice say "Tom McBryde."

I remember standing in the court house square many years ago the day following a national election. The news coming in from the different sections of the county was disappointing and mortifying; discouragement was on every face, when that grand old patriot, Colonel French, remarked: "Hold up your heads, Democrats, and wait for the returns from Blue Springs."

Men of Robeson, stand by the man that redeemed you from Radicalism and negroism, and lift on high his banner with the inscription, "We will stand by him who stood by us in our deepest gloom."

Respectfully,
J. L. McLEAN.
Floral College, Aug. 30, 1904.

ASHPOLE.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. A. J. Floyd and children have been spending some time in Fair Bluff.

Miss Lydia Pasmore, of Cary, spent last Friday night here on her way to Orrum, where she will be on hand for the opening of Stinson Institute.

Mrs. Drum Floyd and little son, of Kingsdale, have been spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. W. S. Ivey, of Dillon, S. C., was a welcome visitor here last Sunday.

Messrs. Henry and Arch McDaniel leave this week for Chesterfield, S. C., where they have accepted situations.

Cotton is opening and by next week we expect to see the market in operation and sincerely hope the price will make things interesting.

The protracted meeting in the Baptist church begins tonight.

Mr. A. J. Floyd spent Sunday in Fair Bluff.

We congratulate ourselves that our section is out of the political fight. There are many things more interesting to us now than who should be in and who out.

Mr. Thad Ivey, who was once a prominent citizen of this section, is here on a pleasant visit to friends and relatives, who are delighted to greet him once again. Mr. Ivey hasn't been here in fourteen years and many are the changes that greet his eye. His home is now at Cary.

Mrs. Braddy is quite sick with rheumatism, we regret to hear. Hope she will soon be better. Her brother, Mr. Byrne Nichols, of Nichols, S. C., was over to see her last Monday.

Mrs. Holt and children, of Clo, S. C., are visiting our town for the first time, guests of Mr. Holt's father, Mr. M. Hughes.

Mr. D. W. Galloway and family returned last Monday night from their summer outing at Southport and were gladly welcomed by their many friends.

Mr. C. F. Ashley, of Boardman, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Lola Floyd, of Barnesville, is visiting Mrs. A. C. Thompson and others, to the pleasure of the young people.

Mr. Coggin, principal of the school, came in last Tuesday to be in time for the opening.

The band is invited to attend an ice cream supper at Baltimore Wednesday night and are sure for a good time. The ice cream supper is for the benefit of the piano fund of the Baltimore Academy.

Rev. P. R. Law and daughters, Misses Mary and Lida, are the guests of Mrs. I. Jenkins, for a few days.

To Executive Committees

The chairmen or secretaries of the different township committees will do us a great kindness if they will report the primary proceedings. Please state whether or not a regular primary was held and the strength of each candidate tested. If so what was the strength of each. Name the delegates chosen to the county convention.

Was the resolution recommended by the Executive Committee adopted.

A Runaway.

While at the depot waiting for the train Wednesday afternoon a pair of horses from McNeill's livery stables became frightened, and uncontrollable ran up the street to Fuller's stables, where they were caught by a colored boy and stopped. Dan McNeill was in the buggy. It was quite a dangerous affair but no damage was done except the breaking of the harness and tearing the pole from the buggy.

Coroner's Inquest Held

Coroner Ed McRae, of Maxton, was here Tuesday summoning a jury to hold an inquest over the body of Albert B. Thompson, who was killed near Bladenboro last October. Full pay being suspected an inquest was held at the McKee graveyard, where the body was buried. The verdict of the jury was that Thompson came to his death by accident which was caused by a falling tree in the woods where he and some others were cutting timber.

Robeson Institute.

We have before us the recently issued catalogue of Robeson Institute containing an announcement. The fall session opens Monday, September 5th. The faculty is composed of P. S. Vann, A. B., L. L. E., president; W. B. Loving, principal business department; Mrs. P. S. Vann, lady principal; Miss Eugenia Mae Harris, intermediate department; Miss Mary Watson, primary department; Miss Annie Neill McLean, teacher of music; Miss Mattie Lee Pitman, librarian; Miss Bettie Regan, matron. A teacher for the department of art has not yet been selected but the position will be filled at once. The catalogue shows an enrollment for last year of 145 and a much larger number is expected during the coming season.

Mrs. P. C. Blake Dead.

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. P. C. Blake. Her sickness has been a long and lingering one. Several times her death had been despaired of, but rallying he encouraged the hope that she would be well again. Death came to her relief at 6 o'clock p. m. Friday and released her gentle spirit for its fight to the better land. She was in the full flower of womanhood, genial in disposition, kind and affectionate, rejoicing and happy in the possession of her four children, the mother of a happy home. Her death casts a shadow over that home, the husband and children are stricken by their loss and kind hearts go to them in the hour of their sore bereavement. Her labors, her sufferings are over and she has crossed life's fitful river to receive the reward which awaits the faithful. Her friends, and they were many, her neighbors and acquaintances will miss her from her accustomed place, but feel that in the great beyond, where there is no weep, nor tears her spirit peaceful rests while the memory of her many excellent qualities remains to cheer and comfort husband and children and friends alike.

The Fan and the Catfish.

A few days since the water fan operating on Dr. J. D. McMillan's soda fountain without notice ceased its revolutions and became still. The cause of the breeze distributor's inactivity attracted attention and an investigation followed. The pressure from the city tank appeared normal, water flowed as usual from the opened faucets but no amount of effort would induce the fan to resume its functions. Plumber Dease was called in as a last resort and when he had dismantled the fan and opened it he found the jet through which the water flows to the motor wheel was obstructed by a small catfish which was a live. The fish being removed the fan resumed work. We are no piscatorial paraviator, nor are we given to telling things fishy, so the above is a simple fact.

Rev. R. A. Brown, of Waycross, Ga., will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and night.

OTHER LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. John A. Fisher, of Tolarsville, was in to see us yesterday.

Mr. A. Weinstein spent part of this week at Gibson on business.

Rev. D. S. McAllister, who has been visiting his brother here returned to his home in Washington, Ga., Tuesday.

We are doing all in our power to accommodate our correspondents these days, but some communications are necessarily delayed. We regret, but can't avoid it.

Mr. A. Weinstein, the King Clothier, is having a system of electric lights placed in his store. These with his new store room will make a beautiful appearance at night.

Mr. Sam Godwin, who, with Mrs. Godwin, visited his sister, Mrs. L. H. Caldwell last week, returned to his home at Smithfield Monday. Mrs. Caldwell accompanied them.

Mr. W. B. Penson, cotton buyer for Messrs. Sprunt & Sons, arrived yesterday and will represent this firm on our market again this season. His many friends are glad to see him among us again.

We regret to announce that Miss Alma Haskie, our efficient local editor, is confined to her home by sickness. Her absence accounts for the dearth of local news in our columns.

Mr. Rory T. M'White, of Barkers' community, came in Thursday and had his paper changed to Maxton, R. F. D. No. 2. He will be engaged in toching near John Station, beginning Monday.

Mr. Shepherd Parvis, of Strlings, made us a call while in town Tuesday. He says that the outlook for a good school at Bloomingdale this fall is fine. Mr. R. L. Pitman has been selected as principal.

The temporary location of the First National Bank is being fitted up and put in readiness for occupancy. The bank will be opened September 15th, in the room recently vacated by Mr. A. Weinstein.

Mr. K. M. Biggs who has been traveling through the county for some days in the interest of the Cotton Seed Oil & Ginning Co., says that the cotton crop is short at least one-third. In some sections it is cut off more than this.

Mr. A. G. Mitchell and sister, Miss Julia, of Ashpole, passed through here Tuesday on their way to Fort Springs, W. Va. to visit their brother, Mr. W. L. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell will visit the St. Louis Exposition before returning.

The Lumberton Cotton Oil & Ginning Co. announces in its ad. in this issue that it will be ready for operation by September 6th, and will pay the highest price for cotton seed or exchange meal for seed. The plant is new, perfectly equipped and under the efficient management of Mr. Carroll will render the best of service.

Mr. A. P. Munroe, of Pine, Fla., made us a call while in town yesterday. He is a son of the sturdy families of Lumber Bridge, and has been in Georgia and Florida for fifteen years past. We are glad to learn that he is a successful turpentine operator and is accumulating wealth in the home of his adoption.

Another Secret Convention.

Another convention, we are reliably informed, assembled in Maxton yesterday. Only a few were invited to attend, not even all the candidates were present, our informant says. He also tells us that the movement does not receive the approval of the majority of the people in Maxton and that only a few of the people of that township were invited or participated in it. So it seems we were correct in our contention that this was a movement of "leaders" and not of the people of the county or of the town and township of Maxton. We shall be greatly surprised if the people of Robeson county permit these "leaders" to dictate their course in the coming convention. The movement has already created dissatisfaction and the people say they will have none of it. The purposes of the movement are obvious and can be easily seen through.

It doesn't make the year any shorter to steal a March on your rivals.

When there's the devil to pay, it's hard to dodge the collector.