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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

The Confederate Soldier and Pensions.

How He Fares at The Hands of a Democratic Pension Board.

The following affidavits and correspondence will show how the old soldiers are being treated by those in authority because they will not dance to democratic music. These affidavits and letters were given voluntarily by these worthy veterans that the public may become acquainted with what they are up against.

J. M. FIELDS' AFFIDAVIT.

North Carolina, Randolph County, Randleman Township.

Personally appeared before me, Jas. Fields of Randleman township, county and state aforesaid, who was duly sworn and made the following affidavit, to wit: I enlisted at the age of 17, in Co. F., 70th North Carolina Regiment, W. S. Lineberry Captain. I served 9 months and was honorably discharged. In after years I applied for a pension. My application was accepted and received a pension for three successive years. One day at an election in Randleman, I was approached by a prominent democrat who told me if I voted the Republican ticket, my pension would be discontinued, which was done. I have often since applied to the pension board to have my pension restored but my demands were ignored.

(Signed) J. M. Fields, Affiant, Witness: Wm. H. Pickard.

Subscribed and sworn to this the 1st day of Sept. 1910.

(Signed) Wm. H. Pickard, Notary Public.

My commission Expires Aug. 15, 1911.

W. B. YATES' AFFIDAVIT.

North Carolina, Randolph County.

Wm. Bailey Yates being duly sworn says: That he will be 75 years old on the 4th day of Sept. next, that he was born and raised in Randolph County and has lived here the greater part of his life: that he (affiant) served in the Civil War for two years in Company B, 52nd North Carolina Regiment and was then captured by the Union Army. That affiant was informed and believed that he was entitled to a pension and has at five different times made application for the same and that since the Civil War affiant has never been worth the sum of three hundred dollars: that when said affiant entered the war he was a stout able bodied man but that on account of the hardships and exposures caused by said war that affiant become disabled and that he has never been stout since the war: that when affiant would appear before the pension Board he was informed by the Board or some member of it that they would do the best they could for him: that in July 1909 was the last time that he has appeared before said Board, that at said time he had a certificate from a leading physician of the county certifying that affiant was disabled and that said Board said that they would do the best they could: that during Court 1909 affiant went to W. C. Hammond, a member of the Pension Board, and ask him if he would get his pension and that said W. C. Hammond said to him, "We can't afford to work you up a pension and you vote square against us", That affiant replied.

"I can't afford to sacrifice my principles for a pension". That affiant is poor and disabled and sorely in need of a pension but that he has never received any: that affiant has frequently been told by leading democrats of Randolph County that if he would vote the democratic ticket that they would see to it that he got a pension.

(Signed) W. B. Yates Affirmed to and subscribed before me, this July 21st, 1910 (Signed) John M. Neely, Notary Public. My commission Expires Dec. 24th 1911.

B. N. MODLIN'S STATEMENT.

In witness hereto B. N. Modlin, makes the following statement this the 10th day of September 1910.

That he is now 73 years old and that he served near four years as a soldier in the Confederate Army and that on account of such service he has been unable to make a living for himself and wife for five years.

That at the meeting of the Board of pensions for Randolph County July 1907, 1908 and 1909 he did make application for a pension and furnished a doctor's certificate showing that by reason of such service in the Confederate Army he was unable to earn a living and that he is now worth less and has not been worth more than \$250. during the past five years, that since making such applications he has never received a pension, but has asked by letter and in person those in authority about the same at different times since.

That he did go before W. C. Hammond, a member of said county Board, during July 1909 and that the said Hammond did at that time tell him, "if he would vote the democratic ticket, he (Hammond) would secure the pension for him and if he did not vote it he would not secure it." That a certain democrat candidate for the legislature did during the fall of 1908 come to him and say, "if he (Modlin) would then agree to vote the democratic ticket that his pension papers would then be sent to Raleigh the day after the election and he would receive his pension thereafter."

In witness hereof I hereby set my hand and seal this the date given above.

(Signed) B. N. Modlin, Witness, W. L. Nance, Mrs B. N. Modlin.

LETTERS REFERRING TO B. N. MODLIN'S PENSION.

Department of the State Auditor, Raleigh, N. C. Jan. 14th, 1908.

Mr. B. N. Modlin, Randleman, N. C.

Dear Sir:— I am in receipt of your letter with reference to getting pension I will be glad to do anything I can for you, but of course I cannot do anything unless your County Board will recommend it. If you are entitled to a pension, and will make application in July and your County Pension Board will recommend a pension for you, the State Board will doubtless grant it.

Very respectfully, (Signed) B. F. Dixon, Auditor.

Department of the State Auditor, Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 22nd, 1908.

Mr B. N. Modlin, Randleman, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

1908--1910 Democratic Promises and Performances.

Mr. Voter, compare democratic promises with democratic performances in Randolph county. Read the following clipped from a democratic newspaper. Out of their own mouths they condemn themselves. Read the following:

Editorial in The Courier Oct. 22, 1908. FALSE REPORTS ABOUT THE COURT HOUSE.

All kinds of false reports are being circulated in this county as to the condition of the county finances and the action of the County Commissioners. The Democratic party has not only managed the affairs of the county well and has SEVERAL THOUSAND dollars to the credit of the county in the treasury, but has paid off a deficit found in the treasury when they took charge. After building bridges and making other improvements in different parts of the county a LARGE fund has been saved which TO BUILD A COURT-HOUSE.

While there is not enough money in the treasury to build the courthouse, YET, WITH THIS YEAR'S TAXES, with the rigid economy which has been used, THE COURTHOUSE WILL PRACTICALLY BE PAID FOR WHEN COMPLETED. The organ of the Republican Bosses states that the courthouse will never be completed without the issue of bonds, or a special levy of taxes. The Democratic candidates for commissioners absolutely GUARANTEE the people and authorize The Courier to state that if they are elected, as they will be, that there will be neither bonds nor a special levy of taxes.

There were some charges preferred against you, and I am holding your pension warrant until they can be thoroughly investigated. You will please see the Clerk of the Court of your county relative to this matter.

Very Respectfully, (Signed) B. F. Dixon, Auditor.

Randleman, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3 Dec. 29th, 1908.

Mr. Will Hammond, Please inform me what the charges against me are concerning depriving pension. I want it settled one way or the other right away. Enclosed find stamp for return mail.

Respectfully, (Signed) B. N. Modlin,

On the back of the above letter appears this reply:

Dear Sir:— I cannot tell you what charges were brought against you, as I do not know. I did not have a check to send to you. You know the pensions are sent to me from Raleigh.

Yours, (Signed) W. C. Hammond.

Asheboro, N. C. 1-7 1909.

Mr. B. N. Modlin, My Dear Sir:—

I am unable to tell you anything about why your pension has not come. There has been no charges made against you be-

Published in the Courier Sept. 15, 1910. EXHIBIT G.

Statement of the cost of the New Court House and payments made on same to September 1, 1910.

Amount paid for site, cost of structure, etc.,	\$31,062 61
Money borrowed on this account,	\$26,125 00
Amount paid out and charged in General Fund, 4,937 61	\$31,062 61

There has been paid on the above account of borrowed money, \$1,550.00, which together with the sum mentioned above as having been paid, makes a total of \$6,487.61 paid on the New Court House since it was put under construction. Both the above sums were paid out of and charged to the general fund.

(Note—The following paragraph is not on the Minute Book, but is an accomplished fact.)

In addition to the above payments on the New Court House, there has been, since the above report was made, an additional payment of \$2,000 on the borrowed money account, reducing the same to \$22,575.00 and making a total of \$8,487.61 paid on account of the New Court House since it was put under construction in June, 1908.

fore our board. You must have failed to pass the State Board if you fail to get it. You will have to make another application in July.

I am sincerely (Signed) W. P. Wood.

Department of the State Auditor Raleigh, N. C. Jan. 22, 1909.

Mr. B. N. Modlin, Randleman, N. C.

Dear Sir:— We had nothing to do with taking your name off the pension roll, and you will have to take this matter up with your County Board, and have it investigate, and whatever their instructions are to me, I will carry out.

Very respectfully, (Signed) B. F. Dixon, Auditor. State of North Carolina, House of Representatives,

Raleigh, 2-3 1909.

Mr. B. N. Modlin, Randleman, N. C.

Dear Sir:— Yours of Feb. 1 to hand and noted. I am sorry the Pension Board turned you down. I do not know upon what grounds they did this but feel sure they thought they were doing right. I did all I could for you. When I get home I will look into the matter and do all I can for you.

Yours truly, (Signed) Thos. J. Redding.

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DEMOCRATIC INCONSISTENCY.

Increased Taxes—That Court House Again—A Democratic Ruse and Subterfuge.

By A. NEWMAN.

Sometime ago the writer of this article had something to say in regard to the increase in the total amount of taxes collected for Randolph County. No sooner said than it was taken up by certain democratic office hunters who tried by various schemes to show that the statement was not correct. I made the statement then, and stand ready to repeat it, that the democratic party tried to deceive the voters, and as for that matter did deceive them into the belief that the new Court House would be paid for when completed.

In the last issue of the Court House "orgin" there appeared a noteworthy article headed "Financial condition of Randolph County"; noteworthy for its length, lack of depth, and the thin, very thin coat of whitewash which it had received. This statement is the death warrant of the Democratic party in Randolph county. It is the same old attempt to deceive the voters. In fact it out Herods Herod in the way of deception. But if the "ringmaster" thinks that he can feed such stuff to the intelligent voters of Randolph County he has certainly got another think coming his way.

But anent the Democratic promise to pay for the new court house when completed. Take the last issue of the Asheboro Courier, look on the front page second double column, and you will see in Exhibit "G" that according to Democratic testimony the Court House cost \$31,062.61. You will find that there was actually \$26,125.00 of this money borrowed with which to pay the debt. Furthermore you will find that there has been only \$4,937.61 of this debt paid.

But that is not all, look at Exhibit "B", disbursements and you will see that the sum of \$1,651.80 has been paid out for interest, or MORE THAN ONE THIRD that which has been paid on the outstanding notes. Another item that will catch the eye of the wary voter is the Miscellaneous, which is the second largest item in the list and which reaches the sum total of \$14,708.50. Why not itemize more closely and explain to the people for just what the above was expended? Does it come in the chronological order that the Miscellaneous item should be second largest, or was it designed to keep the voter from knowing for what the money was spent?

And now to show the truthfulness of my former letters and statements. Look at exhibit "A" same report, and you will find that the amount of money received between February 1901, and January 1903, to be \$27,744.68. Then look at exhibit "B" receipts, and you will see that the amount collected between December 1907 and December 1909 was \$33,691.77. An increase in six years of approximately \$5,936.79.

Does not this show the falsity of Democratic claims that the tax has not been raised, when the increase has been very near SIX THOUSAND dollars in six years, or about a thousand dollars for each year? Mr. Voter you would do well to look to your own interest and smite democracy a telling blow, not so much for

what they have done, but for what they have promised and not done. The democratic party in Randolph county is built on broken promises and the people are at last awakening to their interest and joining the party of deeds rather than words. This will be evidenced from the fact that eighty years ago the democrats claimed a majority of seven hundred, but where is that majority to-day? Straws tell which way the wind blows. Two years ago one of the Democratic candidates was elected by only s-i-x majority. And now a word about the legislative candidates. When the democratic convention met in Asheboro to nominate their county officers they placed on their ticket for the legislature J. Rom Smith and T. J. Finch. Smith was not present but friends of his assured the convention that he would positively not accept the nomination. Mr. Finch was present and before and after he was nominated he told the convention that he would not accept.

But seeking to run the nomination over these two men the convention left matters as they stood, with the assurance of the "ringmaster" that any vacancy would be filled by the Executive Committee.

Such vacancy did exist as was soon evident, and then the still hunt for someone to make the run began in earnest, which terminated last week in the selection of Cox of Asheboro and Carter of Ramseur.

The "ringmaster" smoothed it over mighty nice in the last issue of the "orgin" assuring the people that Mr. Finch was much too busy to make the race and as for Mr. Smith, oh well, he had had sickness in his family. He had little rather had Smith and Finch but then he just couldn't "sarcument it". Much has appeared in the "orgin" about the Republican nominees being too young, and this matter was not overlooked for they got candidates who are old enough, yes quite as old as York and Redding are young, but then they could not be expected to run young men from the fact that very near all the young men that become of age join the Republican party.

Mr. Finch was much too busy to run, yes, and so they nominated \$Cox and Carter, two of the busiest men in the county.

Republican prospects were never brighter, and as you march to the ballot box on the eighth day of November next, keep in view the fact that there has been over one third as much money spent for interest, as there has been spent toward the payment on the new Court House.

The Lash of a Friend

would have been about as welcome to A. Cooper of Oswego, N. Y., as a merciless lung-racking cough that defied all remedies for years. "It was most troublesome at night," he writes "nothing helped me till I used Dr. King's New Discovery which cured me completely. I never cough at night now." Millions know its matchless merit for stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, sore lungs, laryngitis, asthma, hemorrhage, croup, whooping cough, or hayfever. It relieves quickly and never fails to satisfy. A trial convinces. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. It's positively guaranteed by J. T. Underwood.

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