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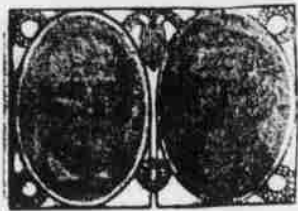
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THE DUTY OF GOOD CITIZENS.

Our government is by political parties, yet many Democrats do not seem to realize the necessity of turning out on election day because they think the Democratic party and good government are safe. A lack of interest on the part of Democrats might materially change the election.

There were only three or four Republican members of the last general assembly in counties east of Salisbury. When we study the history of the two political parties in the government of the State and of the different counties, there can be no hesitation as to which party deserves the best at the hands of the people.

Take our own county for instance, and everyone who has taken the trouble to investigate knows that the Republicans have never properly managed our county affairs, and under Democratic rule there has been an honest and economical administration and every dollar of the people's money has been accounted for.

There is no county in the State which can show a better and brighter record as to the management of the finances than can be shown by the Democratic party in Randolph county.

No county in this State has a better board of commissioners; and there is no county in the State that has a better ticket than was nominated by the Democrats at their last convention. In fact, our party has never nominated a better ticket from the first to the last than is presented to the people in this campaign.

Take Steve Hayworth, who left his farm and who has served only one term as sheriff and has made one of the best sheriffs in the State. Could the people afford to turn him down to elect a man whose principal accomplishment is that he has a vast amount of money to spend for campaign purposes, and who would not and could not make anything like as good a sheriff as has Mr. Hayworth? And another, Frank Newby, has served only one term and has made an obliging, faithful and accommodating, as well as an honest and careful public official.

Everybody knows that George Murdock is not only one of the best men in the county, but is a man who is capable and competent to fill any public office within the gift of the people. He will make a good successor of that fine Register of Deeds which we now have.

No better men can be found anywhere than our legislative ticket. The biggest effort is being made to defeat them, and the county commissioners as well as the sheriff. There is nothing more important than the election of a Democratic board of commissioners and members of the general assembly.

The good people of Randolph county, regardless of party, could not afford to send to the legislature the Republican nominees. They

would not represent the interests of the people of this county. They would vote for measures which would be against the interests of the people, and would help to turn back the tide of good will and good feeling which exists in the State, and would endeavor to destroy the good effects of our constitutional amendment by placing the election laws in the hands of Republicans who would register at least seventy thousand negroes in North Carolina.

Everybody knows what a good record the county commissioners have made. Two of them have been re-nominated, and a new man, Mr. W. J. Armfield, who is one of the best business men in the State.

There is Mr. Albright for surveyor and Dr. Dennis Fox for coroner—good and true men.

There is hardly a possibility of it, but should the Republicans accidentally be elected, by the indifference of Democrats in remaining at home, we would all wake up the morning after the election and kick ourselves out of bed and wonder how we could have been so foolish as not to have exerted ourselves in an effort to defeat a party which has never given us good government when it has had the reins of power.

As a business investment the best thing to do is to continue the Democratic party in power in this county as well as in the State.

In a large county like this there is always danger in reducing the majority, or of possibly defeating the ticket, if any considerable number of Democrats remain at home through indifference, or for any cause fail to go to the election.

It would be a great mistake to turn over the county to a board of commissioners of a party which, when in power last in the county, never settled with the sheriff or treasurer for three years, and not then until forced to do so by the overpowering pressure of public sentiment which demanded it.

Let every Democrat not only go to the election, but speak to his neighbor about going, and see to it that every Democrat who has heretofore remained away from the polls goes this year and does his full duty. The best way to do this is to prepare a list of all Democrats and keep check on them as they vote. Do not let rain or bad weather prevent a full vote early in the day.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BY DEMOCRATS IN RANDOLPH COUNTY.

In this issue of The Courier is published pictures of many of the bridges erected by the Democrats of this county. The list we publish does not include all of the bridges for the reason that up to the hour of going to press we have not received the cuts of the bridges from the engravers. There are many other bridges in the county not shown in the pictures published in this issue of The Courier, among which are the iron bridge at Buffalo Ford, and the large covered bridges at Island Ford, Central Falls, and at Worthville, all across Deep River and all built within the last few years under Democratic rule and two bridges in Providence township, new bridge across Back Creek at Henley's Mill, the bridge near Trinity and the bridge across Sandy Creek below Franklinville and the bridge a mile west of Ramsour, all recently built, and not included in the cuts given. There are also a number of smaller bridges and some uncovered bridges not given.

The bridges at Burney's Mills, Cedar Falls, Randleman, Franklinville and Caraway, on the Salisbury road are older covered bridges, all of which except one has been repaired in recent years, are not included in this list. The names of the bridges will be found under the pictures.

The two postmasters at Randleman and at Asheboro, Tige and Milt, both spoke in Tabernacle. Tige wrote up the report for the Central North Carolinian in glowing terms, in which he said that Hughes, Burrow and Tolton made the speeches of their lives. Milt wrote up the report for the Bulletin, in which he told of the great speech made by Mendenhall, but his modesty forbade his saying anything about the wonderful speech which he delivered.

Winslow says he is rich and has plenty of money and that he can fight the editor of this paper. He needs money. He does not appear to have any brains, or he would not permit himself to be attacked in the manner he was without resenting it. For two years he has remained under a stigma which no decent man in this county ever lived under without resenting it, and he is living under it today and the only effort he has made to escape the consequences of the fearful predicament into which he has fallen is to turn round and make faces at those who have fastened the charges against him and fixed him with an offense which he can plead the statute of limitations on, yet one which absolutely destroys his character, if it be true. When he is asked a question relating to his official life he does not answer it, but asks another question, which is foreign to the subject and which has no earthly relation or connection with it.

Mr. Winslow, since he came back from the Indian Territory is a worse citizen than he was before he left. Before he left he was a mere debaucher of the electorate. After going down in defeat he left the county, sore and out of humor with his Republican associates, and condemned some of them as severely as he now condemns Democrats, but since he came back from Indian Territory he has advanced in the downward course and has signed a certificate to an absolute falsehood about an alleged record in his office—a record which never existed, which never was made, never was filed and never was recorded. He declared and certified that it was.

Two years ago he attempted to bribe one or two registrars and probably more in the county. In other words, tried to buy them to do wrong. He was exposed in this and held up to the scorn of all honest men. Since then there has been no improvement in his condition. The charges contained in the false certificate were reiterated in the organ of the party which he and others dominate and control, only a few weeks ago.

Mr. A. E. Holton is not performing the duties of the district attorney now, so far as the public can ascertain, but is leaving that matter to others while he is cavorting around appealing to prejudice rather than to reason. Mr. Holton following the example of his nephew in this county, charges the Democratic party with being the negro party, or words to that amount. Those who hear Mr. A. E. Holton speak this fall express grave fears that he is losing his mind, and it is said that his nephew in this county, who never was credited with having original ideas, has taken his cue from his uncle who seems to have lost his discretion as well as his former good sense and judgment.

Mr. Holton made a speech at Ramsour in this county some two weeks ago in which he made a vain effort to array labor against capital, the result of which was that Democrats were stirred in Columbia township as never before. Mr. Holton has made similar speeches at Statesville and elsewhere, and in every instance his speeches have the same result because of their manifest unfairness.

Mr. Winslow says that Hayes got him into all this trouble; that he gave Hayes certain facts and that Hayes published a certificate of his, signed. Why did not Winslow have Hayes to stop publishing it and circulating it if it was a falsehood? Why did he not stop Burrows and English from using it on the stump two years ago if it was false? There is only one answer.

Bad as Mr. Hayes is he is not as bad as Winslow, because Hayes dare not do a thing that Winslow and the other bosses do not agree to, because he belongs to them. They own him; they control him; they dominate him. When they take snuff he sneezes; when they command he obeys; when they curse he prays; when they say go he goeth.

An unsigned circular is the latest method of attack.



J. ROM SMITH. One of the Democratic Nominees For The House of Representatives.

JOINT DEBATE.

Tige Mendenhall, with his usual utter disregard for truth, says that he has invited the Democrats to engage in joint debate with him. The editor of this paper will give twenty-five plugs of tobacco for proof that Tige has ever done anything but run from Democrats.

It is well understood and has been published time and again that Republican speakers are invited to divide time with any and every Democratic speaker in Randolph County. There are a number of appointments this week in various parts of the county, and if Mr. Mendenhall is so anxious to meet his opponent's let him select any one whose appointments will be found in this paper, and try his hand on them and he will not want to meet one again soon in this county.

MR. MURPHY MAKING GOOD.

No better political speech has been made in this county than that by Hon. Walter Murphy at Randleman. He is one of the State's ablest campaigners and we regret exceedingly that we did not get a report of this excellent speech.

The mission of a newspaper is to publish the news, but The Courier in the past has avoided publishing many unpleasant things. Were we to publish all the truth which we know about many people there would be a great stir in this land and country, but the time has come when there must be a check to certain things. When public officials like Tom Winslow, certify to a falsehood and scatter the statements broadcast and never make any attempt to correct them, it is time that honest men should be warned as to the character of such men so they could be shunned as they were poison. A man who will certify to a falsehood of this kind knowingly would cheat you in a trade. A man who will lie about politics and certify to false records, will lie and certify to false laid matters in business.

The little stamp lickens who are running around should be attending to their official duties. We take the position that no public official should neglect his duty for no matter which can be avoided. Reasoning on these lines, there is any excuse for the postmaster of Asheboro and the postmaster of Randleman leaving their duties to incompetent employees.

While the stamp lickens are off attending to other business than the public duties which they have sworn they would perform, patrons of the office are suffering from non delivery of the mails. The Federal office-holders are more active than ever, the only difference now being the activity of former revenue officers has been transferred to postmasters and the district attorney's office.

It is given out by Republicans here that the Asheboro postmaster has a furlough—for what? While he was cavorting for Radicalism last week the patrons of Asheboro office were cooling their heels on the sidewalks and awaiting the slow process of distribution of the mails.

When The Courier tells of the bad record of Republicans in the State and County the small fry cry and howl about abuse.

THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

For years and years Republican speakers in this State have said that we ought to restrict immigration and immigrants from outside of the State. Mr. Cox and other Republican candidates for Governor last year are saying that the Democrats have not invited the colored people from the North and West to come to North Carolina and buy lands and invest their money. Yet last week by four Republican resolutions, stamp lickens and polly-wogs are trying to convert and misrepresent an Act of the last legislature for the purpose of which was to invite the poor and the better class of farmers from the North and West to come here. For years the colored people have moved to towns, and labor and farm help has been scarce.

In obedience to thousands of letters from farmers and business men requesting the last legislature to encourage immigration of peoples of German, English, Scotch and Irish and Anglo-Saxon origin, the better class of people in the North and West, to come to North Carolina, an Act was passed permitting the use of certain funds in securing these immigrants, leaving the matter in the discretion of the administration of the State government, as we understand the law; although nothing has been done under this Act and probably never will be, yet an effort has been made to misrepresent the statute, to leave the impression that it is in violation of the principles of the Junior Order. This is absolutely untrue as will be observed by any thinking man who carefully reads the Act. The purpose of the Act is to secure a high class of farmers and farm laborers and others to come here and make their homes with us and cast their fortunes in this great State where peace and plenty have reigned since the Democrats have been restored to power.

In the last session of Congress the Republicans voted down a bill which would have stopped the influx of the low class of foreign immigrants and would have kept from our shores the horde of low class foreigners. The bill referred to was one introduced by a Democrat and it was prepared by the assistance of a Committee appointed by the Junior Order for that purpose, and approved by that Committee as introduced. It was supported by the Democrats in Congress. That bill required that all immigrants should have certain educational qualifications, and that they should not be of a vicious class. If this had become a law it would have practically removed the objections to foreign immigrants; but it was violently opposed by the Republicans in Congress and it was defeated by them.

All good citizens, whether members of the Junior Order or not, have no objection to good citizens coming to North Carolina but the reason the Democratic party has opposed immigration from the slums of Europe to this country is because of the fact that that class of immigrants do not make good citizens.

ELWOOD COX.

Five minutes after Elwood Cox was nominated for Governor he killed what little chance he had. It was creditable to Mr. Cox that he conceived the idea to nominate no one in opposition to Mr. J. Y. Joyner for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and thereby lift the great educational work of that fine educator above the domain of partisan politics. The motion which Mr. Cox made was withdrawn by him as soon as opposition was made by the ring and Mr. Adams whispered in Cox's ears. So, within five minutes from the time he made the motion, this same Cox who had started out so well, withdrew the motion at the command of Butler, Adams and company. He then demonstrated that he had no backbone, but that he yielded slavishly to his political promoters.

Cox had the chance to show that he had the stuff in him which Governors are made of, but he stumbled and fell at the first command of the bosses. He failed to measure up to the lofty conception which a chief executive should possess. A man who is subservient to any ring, and fawns and flatters and surrenders at the behest of party bosses, is unfit for Governor.

The Republicans told us in 1900 that the illiterate white men would never vote again if the amendment was adopted. They have been telling ever since that after 1908 no illiterate white man would be permitted to vote. This last statement is just as false as the statement made by them in 1900, for the amendment was made to hit the negro and not the white man. No white man will be disfranchised under the amendment at any time, but if Republicans were permitted to take charge of the election machinery they would destroy the benefits of the amendment by permitting illiterate negroes to register.

While there are many good Republicans as honest as anybody in the Democratic party, yet the Democratic party is distinctly the white man's party, and it is foolish to say that Democrats would not permit white men to register and vote. It is a Republican falsehood circulated to deceive the voter.

We published last week some comments on what the panic had done for the lumber men and the relation of tariff to the lumber business, and showed that the lumber men throughout the country should vote for Mr. Bryan.

We publish this week Mr. Charles Ross' letter again, together with comments on lumber and its relation to the tariff, showing that lumber men, mill men and people interested in switch ties and cross ties will vote the Democratic ticket, because they cannot vote to continue the power at Washington which is responsible for the disastrous panic which has extended throughout the country, being worst in congested centres of trade, and brought on as a result of Republican legislation.

L. D. Mendenhall and other Republican speakers are telling in the County that they want Democrats to meet them. This is absolutely untrue. You could not pull Mr. Mendenhall with the biggest yoke of oxen in Randolph County within five miles of any Democratic speaker. You could play marbles on his coat tail were you to intimate that you were going to discuss with him the acts of the Republican party in this County and State.

The Republican newspaper and the Republican politicians are not satisfied with assaults on the editor of this paper through the medium of the press or by signed articles, but anonymous circulars are being distributed containing charges which are false and scurrilous and malicious.

The charge that Democrats resorted to dishonest methods in elections is simply a mere pretense under which those who were defeated because of their bad records are trying to defeat the nominees of a party which has brought the county out of debt; has a large surplus, has built bridges, improved the roads, and is building a modern fireproof court house with vaults and apartments as required by law.

In the face of their bad record in this county, Republicans are talking about honesty. Honest men, whether Democrats or Republicans, will regard this cry as a fake and label it what it really and truly is.

The Democratic candidates are the choice of the people in their primaries, and they should receive the united and cordial support of every voter who believes the people should rule.

Roosevelt has failed to help business but has injured business, and the public has no confidence that the election of his man Taft would act as a business tonic.

Bear in mind that a vote for Spence, Redding and Smith is a vote for Lee S. Overman for United States Senator; whereas, a vote for Staunton, Hughes and Holton is a vote for Spencer Adams or Marion Butler for United States Senator.

A desperate effort is being made by the Republicans to capture the legislature, but the people do not want a Republican legislature, to enact bad laws for the State again, nor do they want Adams or Butler in the Senate.