

THIS WEEK'S RACE STRETCHES WITH RUSH

Twelve Special Ballots to be Given

Competitive Ballots Have Stirred Contestants to Renewed Activity—Watch The Courier and Keep Awake—There is Opportunity for Every Hustling Contestant.

Candidates Take Notice—500 Vote Ballot Free.

In today's issue of The Courier will be found vote coupon good for 500 votes if signed by any regular subscriber to The Courier and turned into the contest department before Nov. 14th. No subscriber is allowed to send more than one coupon. If more than one coupon is received signed by a subscriber, it will be destroyed. Contestants when calling on subscribers for these coupons should not fail to ask for a renewal subscription. Your calls will not be made in vain for if you meet with refusal of the renewal you will at least get the vote coupon good for 500 votes.

In today's issue of The Courier we are announcing a "Premium Vote Offer" commencing Friday, Nov. 1st, and ending Friday, Nov. 8th, at 12 o'clock, p. m. Twelve Premium Ballots will be given candidates who turn in the largest amount of money in subscriptions, the details of which are herewith given:

Here is the plan: A 400,000 premium vote ballot will be given to the candidate who sends or brings in the largest amount of money on subscriptions between the dates above mentioned. The person who brings in the second largest amount of money will be given a premium ballot good for 375,000 votes.

The contestant sending in the third largest amount of money will receive a vote ballot good for 350,000 votes. The contestant sending fourth largest amount, 325,000 votes. The contestant sending fifth largest amount 300,000 votes. The contestant sending the sixth largest amount 275,000 votes. The contestant sending the seventh largest amount 250,000 votes. The contestant sending eighth largest amount 225,000 votes. The contestant sending ninth largest amount 200,000 votes. The contestant sending tenth largest amount 175,000 votes. The contestant sending the eleventh largest amount 150,000 votes. The contestant sending the twelfth largest amount 125,000 votes.

You are not confined to new subscriptions. Old subscribers may pay three months, six months, or a year, or five years and the same will count towards this offer. This is an opportunity for you to increase your standing if you are at the bottom of the list, with the 400,000 vote ballot and "clinch the prize."

Do not hold back your subscriptions. Send them in as soon as you get them. We keep a record of all money and subscriptions sent to our office, and on Saturday morning, November 9th, we will check over all subscriptions and mail to the successful contestants the premium ballot that they won.

The above is a brief outline of the third special offer of The Courier contest which is announced today. Just think of a special ballot good for 400,000 votes which will be given to the contestant who turns in the largest amount of money on subscriptions during this offer. Then think of the person who turns in the next best will be given a ballot for 375,000 votes; the next ballot for 350,000, and so on down the list. There will be twelve special ballots. The highest one as stated will be 400,000 votes and each of the other eleven will be decreased in the 25,000.

The prevailing scale of votes will be based on each subscription turning in during this offer and these special, or competitive ballots will be based in addition. They will be awarded candidates turning in the most amount of money during this contest ending Friday, November 8th, at 12 o'clock, p. m.

It will pay you to secure every eligible subscription before Friday, Nov. 8th so as to get the increase at the same time have the money apply on this offer.

Be Fair to All.

This offer is as fair to one as it is to the other. It is entirely different from any other offer and cannot be compared with them. It offers means that all must work during the next six days. In a contest of any kind it is necessary for those who expect to win to keep everlastingly at it. This offer means that those behind may regain their lost ground by jumping into the fight hard this week and win one of the big bal-

MURDER IN GREENSBORO.

Wm. F. Blair Shoots Mr. George Thompson, Division Freight Agent.

Tuesday morning of this week Mr. George E. Thompson, division freight agent at Greensboro, addressed a letter of dismissal to his chief clerk who had been at home on a spree for some ten days. When Blair received the letter, which was sent by office boy, he called his employer over phone and insisted upon Mr. Thompson coming to his home, which Mr. Thompson did in a very few minutes. There was no eye-witnesses to the tragedy, but a farmer standing on the sidewalk said he heard Blair in a heated tone of voice and then five pistol shots. Dr. Beall, who was passing, was the first to go in the house and found Thompson's form lying on the floor, while Blair was raving in a very excited condition. The act was no doubt due to the long denunciation of Blair. Both parties are prominent connections in this state and Virginia. Mr. Thompson was highly esteemed in Greensboro and also as one of the officials of the Southern.

Congressman Page at Asheboro.

To a large audience which gave him an enthusiastic ovation Congressman Robt. N. Page made a masterful indictment of the Republican party in the court house Tuesday night.

Mr. Page spoke briefly of his record and pledged himself to continue his program of economy. He said he had not come to state his opinion of political conditions but to state facts that pointed to Democratic success next Tuesday.

In 1908, said Mr. Page, the Republican party in convention assembled at Chicago nominated Mr. Taft for President, and adopted a platform in which certain specific promises were made to the people. Chief among these was the promise to revise the tariff.

But when the special session of Congress was called the Republicans instead of living the people a downward revision of the tariff actually raised the duties.

He said that the first answer the people made to this party of broken promises was in 1910 when they elected a Democratic House of Representatives.

Immediately after they intrusted us in power, said the Congressman, we set about to keep our promises to the people. The Democratic House passed bills that would have saved the people hundreds of millions of dollars yearly, but a Republican Senate modified and Mr. Taft vetoed them.

Mr. Page in conclusion invited all who were tired of strife to come into the Democratic party, and urged all Democrats to work diligently for the success of the ticket.

Vice-President Sherman Ill.

Vice-President Sherman has been seriously ill for some time. It is not thought that he will live to preside at the next session of the Senate.

Stegrove, N. C.

Mrs. D. A. Cornelison 25,000
Mrs. A. B. Trogdon 32,050
Miss Martha Shack 30,825
Miss Emma Chirico 12,275

Udall, N. C.

Miss Maud Whitley 34,450
Coleridge, N. C.

Miss Lucie Cline 37,525
Miss Gladie Craven 34,550

Stegrove Route 2

Miss Myrtle King 29,800
Jackson Creek, N. C.

Miss Maggie Callihore

..... 21,890
Rainsboro, N. C.

Mrs. Ben B. Marley 21,375
Miss Alice Burgess 4,500
Miss Lulu West 2,000
Mrs. W. P. White 6,000
Miss Dora Craven 6,000

Trinity, N. C.

Miss Maudie Alberson 10,000
Miss Nellie Jordan 22,000
Miss Mary Bala 16,000

Glenora, N. C.

Miss Fern White 15,500

Franklinville, N. C.

Miss Mella Frazier 2,000
Miss Willie Hagwell 20,000

Staley, N. C.

Miss Maudie Foushee 8,000
Lanesville, N. C.

Miss Lydia Lassiter 23,000



MR. R. R. ROSS,
Democratic nominee for member of the House of Representatives from Randolph County.

ATTORNEY - GENERAL BICKETT'S OPINION

Attorney-General Bickett, speaking of the recent action of the State executive committee on the senatorial primary, said: "Well, you know I have in good faith sustained from participation in the senatorial contest but I feel that Democracy has a strong interest in this question. Personally I would have been glad if the committee had expressed the opinion that a man must vote the presidential, congressional and legislative ticket before voting in the primary. The prevailing sentiment in the community seemed to be that with respect to scratching all candidates should be treated alike—the big and little should be placed on the same footing—that it would be unjust and unfair to force a man to vote the top of his ticket and allow him to scratch the bottom. The next result that I deduce from the opinion of the committee is that a man may scratch his ticket and it makes no difference for what office the man he scratches is running."

But the opinion of the committee (and mark you it professes to be nothing but an opinion) must be construed in connection with the mandate of the State Constitution. That mandate is that before an elector can vote in the senatorial primary he "shall have voted the Democratic ticket."

Then Rule Six empowers the State executive committee to pass rules and regulations "not inconsistent with the provisions herein set forth."

It follows as night the day that the committee is wholly without power to abrogate the basic requirement that to vote in the senatorial primary one shall have voted the Democratic ticket. It is to be assumed that the committee intended its opinion to be considered in connection with this fundamental requirement.

Therefore, construing the opinion of the committee and the mandate of the constitution together and giving due effect to both, my conclusion is that it is the plain duty of the primary pollsters to require a man before he votes in the senatorial primary to vote the Democratic ticket. Scratching from top to bottom, but allowing him to scratch such numbers as may be objectionable to him, is a word, he must vote for Democracy, but he may scratch individuals he is, and should be allowed to scratch persons, but he is not and should not be allowed to scratch the party. A man may scratch any number of individuals he may like, he may scratch the Democratic ticket, but he is not allowed to scratch the party, and he is not allowed to scratch the party.

Each candidate will be represented by one pollholder, and if it appears to them that a man has in good faith voted the Democratic ticket, although he may have scratched any number of names on that ticket that are objectionable to him, he should be allowed to vote in the primary, but if it appears that his objection is not to the numbers, but to the ticket itself, because it is a Democratic ticket, and he votes for a number of people on the ticket for the purpose of qualifying himself to vote in the senatorial primary, this would be an attempt to perpetrate a fraud upon the party, an attempt to name the nominees of the party by people not in sympathy with the purposes of the party and ought not and under the law of the convention cannot be tolerated."

MR. MORRILL EXPLAINS

Mr. W. O. Hammond,
Asheboro, N. C.
My Dear Sir:

Phila, Oct. 23, 1912.

Your favor of Oct. 19th has been received. I have never claimed and do not claim that you had any thing to do with my loaning out my money.

My real estate transactions in North Carolina were made without your knowledge so far as I know, I certainly never heard of you nor corresponded with you until sometime after I made the loan and the papers were recorded.

One, A. B. Coltrane recently wrote to me about the property, and I supposed he was acting in good faith and wanted to buy it. I did not suspect that he was promoting cheap politics. I did not authorize him to use my letters as public property. I am not at all interested in such local matters, and I do not care to become interested in them. He also appears to go out of his way to attack Mr. Fattrell intimating that he might be a fugitive from justice. I did not understand why he should be so interested in other people's affairs, but I promptly wrote to him simply as an act of justice and of my own accord that such was not the case and that Mr. Fattrell was traveling a good deal on business and that he was frequently in Philadelphia.

It is not true, as was reported by certain people that Fattrell was convicted in a criminal action, such action was attempted by people whose object it appears was to extort some money, but it failed.

I certainly cannot be accused of being under any obligations to Mr. Fattrell but I will say this for him, that I have never known a man who kept his mouth shut and went quietly to work to make good, with a more earnest effort than he has done. You are at liberty to use this letter in any way you wish, my object being to disprove the word every one.

Yours truly,
F. H. Morrill.

The above letter written by Mr. Morrill will explain itself. It has been handed to us for publication, since certain charges have been published relating to Mr. Hammond's conduct in regard to a certain loan on some land in New Market township. It merely confirms the fact to what desperate methods some people resort in their efforts to deceive the people.—[Report.]

NOT FOR SALE

I'D like almighty well to have more money than my purse contains; I do my very best to save, but still they eat my hard won gains; I walk to save a nickle when the winds of winter fiercely blow; I wear the hat and coat and vest that first I wore two years ago; I long for money; it is hard for me to keep my bark afloat, but no man has sufficient cash to buy my vote. I long to make my children glad, to give them much they are denied; if I had money all the things they want should quickly be supplied; it saddens me to hear them ask for what I can't afford to buy; they cannot understand and come to innocently ask me why; I see the patches they must wear and feel a lump come in my throat; but not a man is rich enough to buy my vote. The little home on which I've paid installments for a dozen years may never be my own; my breast is often filled with doubts and fears; I do not know how I shall raise the interest which is due; there is a doctor's bill to pay; the dollars I have saved are few; my shoes are run down at the heels; I wear a threadbare overcoat, but no man has sufficient cash to buy my vote.—CHICAGO RECORD HERALD.

Ex-Sheriff Finch Urges Democrats to Go to the Polls and Vote—Importance of Returning Senator Simmons to the United States Senate.

Mr. Editor:

As a citizen of Randolph, I am deeply interested in the upbuilding and welfare of our County and State. As a Democrat I am further concerned in the election of our candidates from Governor Wilson all the way down the line to Township Overseers, and earnestly believe that the success of our party all over the United States will mean much to good government and the continued prosperity of our country. Therefore, I wish to appeal to every good citizen in the County to do all in his power from now until November 5th to make Randolph unanimously Democratic.

In his work for the party, and in casting his ballot, no good Democrat could overlook the Senatorial contest. There is no doubt but that Senator Simmons has done more for the Democratic party and the State than any other man. He has been the leader of Democracy every since the dark days of 1898 and 1900, and has always steered the party through the light and to every increasing success. With his twelve years of experience and service in Congress, he stands in line to and will represent North Carolina and the Democratic party than any other man. He would possibly send to the Senate. In my opinion, it is very important that North Carolina be going to be most ably represented in the Senate, and in the past, that we elect Senator Simmons to succeed himself, and want to urge every loyal Democrat to help towards his election.

Trinity, N. C. October 28, 1912.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. Finch.