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THE JOINT CANVASS.

THE COUNTY CANDIDATES NOW ON THE ROUND OF THE TOWNSHIPS.

Mr. Spainhour Taking Care of the Democratic Cause in Great Shape—Proves Himself a Hard One to Handle—A Few Incidents of the Canvass.

The joint canvass of the county candidates began at Brindletown on Monday and there are appointments for every week day until the wind-up at Morganton on Monday, the 23rd inst. The attendance at the speakings has so far been fairly good. There was a very good crowd at Glen Alpine on Tuesday and the discussion waxed warm at times. The most of the interest is centred in the discussion between Messrs. J. F. Spainhour and T. N. Hallyburton, candidates for the House. The other candidates, for county offices, merely announce their candidacy, ask the support of the people and "thank 'em for their attention." At Glen Alpine Mr. W. F. Hallyburton, Republican-Populist candidate for sheriff, delivered a hot speech against the amendment, making what was considered a fight against Mr. Spainhour, when T. Newton was there for that purpose. Many thought it better judgment for Wm. F. to be looking after his own fences—for the sheriff's office. But Mr. Spainhour proved himself more than able to hold up his side of the question, even with two against him. At Berry's mill, on Wednesday, however, Mr. Hallyburton (W. F.) did not go into the discussion of the amendment, saying that he had decided not to do so any more on the joint canvass.

Mr. Spainhour's speech at Berry's mill was the best we have heard him make in the present campaign,—in fact it was one of the best we have heard from anyone, not excepting Aycock, and it aroused much enthusiasm for the amendment. Mr. Spainhour's opponent, Mr. Hallyburton, appeared to be rather hacked.

He couldn't, or at least didn't, near answer Mr. Spainhour's arguments. He was almost continually hunting in his great pile of papers for some document which was oftentimes not read even when found, and he drank lots of water. The candidates for the House have an hour each and ten minutes each for a reply. On this day Mr. Hallyburton asked a number of times how much time he had and seemed to be glad when his hour was out. In his ten minutes reply he said in a kind of give-it-up air that if the Democrats would put these proposed laws on his people he hoped they would be as merciful as possible to them. We will say for Mr. Hallyburton's benefit that he complained of getting too warm and having a smothered feeling during his speech, consequently he was unable, he said, to make the speech that he otherwise could have made.

Many Republicans have said that they would favor the amendment if it disfranchised all negroes. Mr. Spainhour asked his opponent if he stood that way. He replied "No." Is his position through love for the negro?

Every day Mr. Spainhour makes the proposition that if his opponent will prove to him that a single white man will be disfranchised under the amendment he will quite the campaign. So far the proof has not been furnished by Mr. Hallyburton or anyone else.

Rev. E. A. Poe, candidate for county commissioner, made his appearance at Glen Alpine. He said he just simply wished to announce his "absolute and unqualified opposition to the amendment."

At Berry's mill Mr. Giles, Democratic candidate for register of deeds, said he would like for his opponent, Mr. Cooper, to tell the people where he stood politically. Mr. Cooper simply announced his candidacy, failing to comply with Mr. Giles' request. The latter repeated his request. Then Mr. Cooper simply replied, "I am no Democrat."

So far the opposing candidates are, as they should be, on the very best of terms personally, in many instances cracking jokes and taking their meals together.

The candidates spoke at Table Rock yesterday and at Oak Hill to-day. The appointment for to-morrow is at Chesterfield, in Lower Creek.

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