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AS TO REPRESENTATIVE

Candidate Ought to Be Called Out by the People and He Should State His Ideas.

Our Representative in the next Legislature ought to be called out by the people, the masses, and not by a few in a secret caucus, as is often the case. He ought to be called to fill this position because he stands, outspoken, for what the people want. No man ought to be nominated, I think, until he speaks out his ideas, if he has any—and if he has none he is unfit for the position. At the precinct meetings as well as county convention no man ought to be voted for who has not come out and declared to the people of the county what he favors and will work for in the way of local legislation. No man ought to be nominated because he's "a good fellow," simply overlooking the all important thing of the public's KNOWING what legislation the candidate thinks ought to be enacted for McDowell county.

If any body, or any "clique," has a man they want nominated who is not willing to speak out beforehand and tell the people where he stands he ought not to be nominated. We've dodged, and "minced at," important matters long enough. If a candidate, whether he announces himself or is announced by his friends, is in favor of good roads, and giving the people of every township a "square deal" let him tell the people whether he proposes to attempt to enact a law giving to each township its just proportion of the dirt road tax collected upon railroad property in the county, and whether he favors the building of, at least, a graded dirt road through each township in the county before macadamizing or otherwise hard-surfacing, at the county's expense, the roads of some favored section. If he is in favor of requiring the same attention to the county's interests that a man gives to his own personal business let him tell the people if he favors the passage of a law requiring the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to give his whole time to this enormous business, and thereby place upon him the responsibility of investigating every claim before it is paid, and every tax exemption before it is allowed, as he would do if dealing with his own personal funds. (And by the way the \$2,000.00 list of exemptions allowed last December has still not been published as the law requires.) If he believes in giving every child in the county, rich and poor, an equal chance in the public schools he ought to tell the people what sort of public school law he favors for McDowell county, whether he favors a law giving each child an equal chance in the free schools by a uniform school law for all of McDowell county—for instance by making the whole of the county one "special school district" and let all pay the same tax and get, for each and every child in the county, an equal portion of the railroad, and other corporation taxes, and require the school term at every school house (except in the towns) to be of equal length. If we are going to give each child an equal chance let's do it, and not

pretend at it any longer.

And we ought never to nominate a man for the Legislature without KNOWING that he is in favor of prohibition. No man who at heart favors it will object to saying so anywhere and any time, and publicly as well as privately. It is too important a matter to not ALWAYS keep wide awake upon. After a man is nominated is too late to find out what he favors. All who affiliate with that political party must vote for him after he has been nominated, whatever his views may be, or vote for the nominee of the other party, or decline to vote at all.

Every voter in the county ought to attend the primaries at the township meetings, and send good men, as delegates, and every delegate ought to go to the county convention and nominate a man who stands out for what the people want.

Let whoever would be a candidate for the nomination for this high office announce himself, and tell the people what he stands for, in time for them to consider him, and let whoever would nominate a man for this office tell the people what the proposed candidate stands for. Both the man and all that he stands for, ought to stand the test before the people for a few weeks, surely. This thing of waiting until the eve of the convention to announce a candidate, and then without the public knowing what he stands for, is unwise and unnecessary to say the least. It's folly—and shows a disposition upon the part of those who so manage, not to trust the people to consider the man and what he stands for beforehand.

And let me again say that I do not myself want the nomination. I would not accept it, if nominated.

I sincerely thank those who have urged me to be a candidate, for this office, but, aside from my wish to keep out of politics. I would not for anything have it thought, or said that I have, in the articles I have lately had published in the Progress, been prompted by selfish purposes looking to my own political preferment. Besides this I do not forget that I joined the Democratic party only a few years ago.

I want to see the people of the Democratic party nominate some faithful Democrat who has for years served his party faithfully (and who has not for a time been assisting in the election of Republicans for sheriff, the most important office, from a party standpoint, in the county under the present election law, as everybody knows.)

W. T. MORGAN.

Marion, Aug. 9th.

Tent Show Coming.

The "Alabama Minstrels," under the management of P. J. Porter, which comes to Marion August 19, is said to be one of the best colored organizations traveling. He has gotten together the best talent that can be obtained. Classy costumes, special scenery and the most up-to-date music of any minstrel company traveling. There is an open challenge to any buck or wing dancers or cake walkers who wish to compete. They are showing under a mammoth water-proof tent. Special attention will be given to ladies and children. Don't fail to see the street parade at noon. Show rain or shine on Monday, August 19.

GOV. KITCHIN AT MARION

Reiterated His Charges Against Senator Simmons in Political Speech Here Friday.

Governor W. W. Kitchin made the first political speech in the 1912 campaign in Marion Friday of last week. The Governor's train arrived an hour late, which made his crowd smaller than it would have been otherwise. However, there was a good number of citizens from different parts of the county here to hear him.

Governor Kitchin spoke very complimentary of Locke Craig's candidacy, and predicted his election by an overwhelming majority in November. His references to Woodrow Wilson were applauded more than once, and his prediction that Woodrow Wilson would sweep the United States for President in November was applauded by almost everyone present.

Governor Kitchin is a candidate for United States Senator to succeed Senator Simmons, and it is in the interest of his own candidacy that he is going before the people of the State at this time. Governor Kitchin charges Senator Simmons with being reactionary and out of sympathy with his party. To prove this is true he says that Senator Simmons' life-long friend, Ex-Governor Aycock, would not have announced himself for the Senate before his death if he had been satisfied with Senator Simmons' record, nor would Judge Walter Clark or himself (Kitchin) now be a candidate for the Senate if Senator Simmons held the same views that he held a few years ago.

Governor Kitchin charges Senator Simmons with voting to keep Senator Lorimer in the Senate at the first trial, and was partly responsible for his being kept there, but that such a protest came up from all over the country that public opinion forced him and others to change their votes and expel Senator Lorimer.

He further charges that Senator Simmons voted for a ship subsidy which was much worse than the one that had been opposed by Ransome and Vance. He said that Simmons' friends excused this by saying that the Senator did not know it was a subsidy, and he added that if the Senator did not recognize a subsidy when he was brought face to face with it, that the people of North Carolina ought to put a man in Washington who could.

He charged throughout his speech that Senator Simmons voted with the protectionist and against the principles of the Democratic party, which elected him. He further charged that Simmons voted to retain a high duty on fuel, tools, building materials and household necessities, including iron and coal, and stated that every time Senator Simmons voted for protection on such articles that he was voting directly against the tenets of Democracy.

Governor Kitchin had 13 specific charges against Senator Simmons, and closed by citing 19 roll calls out of 43, in which he said that Senator Simmons had voted against his fellow Democrats in the Senate, and in each of the 19 he pointed out the senators who voted with Senator Simmons, never

more than four Democrats voting with the Republicans, Senator Bailey of Texas being one of these, and he emphasized the point that every senator who had voted as did Senator Simmons was either not a candidate for re-election or had already been defeated. Among other claims for himself Governor Kitchin claims that he wrote the whole platform, except one paragraph, in the White Supremacy campaign of 1900. He said that Ex-Governor Jarvis wrote this one paragraph; and he challenged Simmons' friends to disprove this.

Boys for Nebo High School.

The previous record of the Nebo High School is one that we are all proud of. At the commencement exercises of 1910 two females were graduated; the following year, 1911 four females were graduated; this year, 1912, fourteen girls completed the course and received their diplomas. Few public high schools in the state have made this progress within three years. Now in order that this record be sustained, we that are interested in the school and have faith in her future progress, must show our faith by the amount of work we put forth towards building up the attendance and the reputation of the school.

Any one can readily see that, while the above mentioned record is good, yet it would have been far better if a number of boys had finished with the girls in each class. It is this phase of the high school work that seems to be lagging behind, and here we appeal to the boys and young men again for their support. Moreover, mothers and fathers are responsible to a greater degree than they think they are, for the interest or lack of interest on the part of their boys. You see to it that your son does not quit school to earn a few dollars, but that he stays in school and prepares himself to be a better and more useful man in life. Remember that our High School was established for both boys and girls; then let us not defeat the purpose of the State and our own best interests, by not making good use of every advantage the school offers. Remember, too, the notice in last week's paper, that every boy and girl who comes to Nebo will receive the best care and attention in the community. About thirty or thirty-five boys can be comfortably located in the different homes in the village.

Finally, I beg to have you remember that the State University, located at Chapel Hill, N. C., offers a free scholarship to the first male graduate of Nebo High School. This scholarship covers tuition, and amounts to \$60 per year to the holder. Should there be more than one graduate in the first class, then that student making the highest average in the class would be the earner of the scholarship.

PRINCIPAL.

With delegates present from all over North Carolina a unique and interesting camp meeting and conference will convene at Gastonia on Thursday, August 15, to continue ten days. This will be the twelfth annual session of the North Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a body of Sabbath-keeping Christians of which there are over 100,000 in the world.

Social News

On Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock Mrs. Albert Blanton entertained about forty of her friends at an exceptionally pleasant social function at her hospitable home on Main street. This delightful affair was given in honor of Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, of Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. S. P. Daniel, of Drake's Branch, Va.; Mrs. Hubert Potest, of Wake Forest, and Mrs. Edwin Guy, of Marion, who, with Mrs. Blanton, received the guests of the morning.

Nine tables were placed throughout the house and shaded veranda, and the popular game of "Forty-two" was enjoyed to the utmost. Mrs. Blanton was assisted by Miss Nan Guy and Miss Rena Neal. At o'clock a dainty three-course luncheon was served at small tables. Among the out of town guests were Mrs. J. J. Farris of High Point, Mrs. John Gorman, Salisbury, Mrs. W. T. Covington of Raeford, Mrs. G. H. Knight of Richmond, Va., Mrs. John Newton of Roanoke, Va., and Miss Long of Culpepper, Va., who is the guest of Mrs. Daniel.

On Friday morning Mrs. Hugh F. Little entertained at Bridge in honor of her guest, Miss McNally, of Sumter, S. C. Five tables were placed in the veranda and in the reception hall, which was tastefully decorated with large bowls of dahlias and ferns. At 1 o'clock a delightful luncheon was served at small tables where nasturtiums were profusely used. Mrs. Little was assisted in dispensing hospitality by Mrs. H. W. Dysart and Mrs. Minnie Blanton. Among the guests were Mrs. Covington of Raeford, Mesdames Newton and Daniel and Miss Long of Virginia. This pleasant affair was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests of the morning.

One of the most delightful social affairs of the season was given by Mrs. I. C. Griffin at her home on Front street last Thursday morning when she entertained a number of her friends from 10:30 to 12:30. The living room and porch were beautifully decorated with flowers and growing plants. Forty-two was the game of the morning played at five tables. Delightful refreshments were served after the game. Out of town guests present were Mrs. J. H. Gorman of Salisbury, Mrs. G. H. Knight of Richmond, Va., and Miss McNally of Sumter, S. C.

Misses Hallie and Pearl Gibbs are entertaining with a house party in honor of their guests, Misses Lelia Walters, of Branch, Sallie Markham, of Chapel Hill, Effie Bradshaw, of Salisbury, Messrs. Gladstone, of Buford, Ga., Bradshaw, of Salisbury, and Fred and Hoke Hemphill. They will spend several days at Buck Creek and Linville Falls.

The pastor, Rev. D. L. Earnhart, requests us to announce that revival services will be held at Stroud's Chapel commencing Sunday, August 25th, with Rev. Chas. F. Hunter of Virginia in charge.

Typhoid fever is a preventable disease. Personal, household and community cleanliness will prevent it.