

## Democrat or Republican

**A Bid for the Voter by a Reference to the Record. History Often Repeats Itself. The Future Can be Judged by the Past. Some History of Reconstruction Days and the Days of the 'Nineties. Facts and Food for Thought in This Article. Read It Every Word--and Then Make Up Your Minds to Vote the Straight Democratic Ticket Next Tuesday.**

Presumably, and it is a reasonably safe presumption, the new voter will cast his or her ballot for that political party which, in his or her opinion, will render to the State the greatest political service. The test of political service is the welfare of the people. In deciding whether a government conducted by Democratic or Republican officials would be more conducive to the welfare of the people there is no test to apply so sure as the searching of the records and ascertaining which party has proven in the past that it was most fit to conduct our Government. There is no way of judging the future so sure as by the past.

### Reconstruction.

The Republican party was in power in this State immediately after the Civil War, in the days of Reconstruction, with what result is known to fame and infamy. It burdened the State with debt, disgraced it with scandal, and degraded it with negro rule. The history of this era is a story of unbridled lawlessness, of reckless extravagance, of oppressive taxation, of fraudulent indebtedness, of educational repression, of industrial stagnation, of arson, murder, bankruptcy, and black chaos.

It is a period in our history of such dreadful memories that the very thought of it, even at this distant time, makes the heart sick.

The night of reconstruction was long and dark, and for a while it looked like the day of redemption would never come. But it did come.

In 1876 the mighty Vance, with the foresight of a prophet, the courage of a crusader, and the eloquence of inspiration, aroused the drowsy spirit of Anglo-Saxon dominance, and, bearing aloft the banner of Democracy, drove the money changers from the temple our fathers had erected here and consecrated to the principle of "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Then, in the providence of God, for a long stretch of years under the fostering wing of Democracy there was peace and law and order, protection in the rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. Hope took the place of despair; opportunity unleashed energy, ambition, and thrift; and there were growth, development, and achievement along all lines.

It was a period of construction, of rebuilding, of brave men with steady nerve and strong arm and dauntless purpose clearing away the debris and wreckage of war and reconstruction and laying anew the foundations of a mighty future, fraught with potentialities of greatness, power, and wealth beyond the dreams of the boldest optimism of that day and generation.

But in the melting pot of political ambition and selfishness there was brewing another dark day for the dear old State we love so well.

### Republican Administration in the 90's.

In 1894, lulled to repose by a false sense of security, in the clash of ambition and self-seeking, we forgot our ever-present menace; forgot what we had suffered under Republicanism during the reconstruction; forgot the blessings we had enjoyed under Democracy during the years that followed our political redemption, and in an evil hour dissension raised its awful head in our midst, and the men who had saved the State in 1876 were divided into opposing camps, and the Republican party, with the aid of the Populists, was restored to power in North Carolina, and again the orgy of corruption and extravagance, lawlessness and crime against the State, society, and civilization which had characterized the former ascendancy of that party in the State with the tragic settings and direful consequences was re-enacted.

This latter period was marked by just the same characteristics and abuses that marked Reconstruction days and, what is just as important, this period brought forward the same leaders that are dictating Republican policies today. We can hope for no bet-

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## HOMICIDE SUN. NIGHT

**Bob Terry Cuts Bob Green's Throat With Knife Sunday Night Near Piney Grove Church. Both Parties Colored. 50 Yards From Montgomery County Line.**

A difference of just fifty yards means a murder trial for Richmond county.

On last Sunday night Bob Terry fatally cut Bob Green with a pocket knife, in front of Piney Grove church, in northeastern part of the county and within just fifty yards of the Montgomery county line. Both men are colored. Green was at once taken to a doctor at Jackson Springs, but died within five minutes after reaching there.

An inquest was held by Coroner A. Smith over the body Monday. The jury was composed of G. W. Harris, Emory Smith, J. B. Reynolds, Lee M. Harris, C. P. Long and J. H. Pool. The verdict was that Green came to his death from a knife wound inflicted by Bob Terry.

The homicide occurred about 8:30 o'clock Sunday night. Bob Terry was drinking, and Terry says Green was also. At any rate, a fuss took place and as a result Terry is said to have placed his arm around Green and cut deep into the latter's throat, death resulting shortly afterwards.

Terry is about 21 years old and unmarried, and Green was about 35, married and has one child. On Monday morning the father of Terry came to Rockingham with Terry to surrender him to the officers. He is now in jail.

A preliminary hearing was set to take place today (Friday) at Ellerbe before Magistrate J. A. Covington. Attorney W. R. Jones is appearing for Terry.

The preliminary hearing was held at Ellerbe this (Friday) morning and resulted in Terry being bound to Superior Court and committed to jail without bail.

### BLUE X MARK.

If there is a blue X mark across the top of this page of your paper, it is a notice to you that your subscription has expired and that this will be the last copy sent unless you renew. Better attend to this without delay, as you will no doubt want next week's copy containing the tabulated vote by precincts of the county. This is your last copy.

**PUSH ROCKINGHAM FORWARD.**

## MAX GARDNER MAKES ROUSING SPEECH

**Urges the Women to Vote the Democratic Ticket. Asks the 765 Richmond County Men Who Voted for Him in the Primary to Vote Solidly for Morrison. Charges Republican Party With the Low Price of Cotton. A Great Speech Delivered at Fair Grounds Wednesday.**

Declaring that had he been nominated in the primary, he would have expected the whole-hearted support of every Morrison man, Hon. O. Max Gardner in a ringing speech at the Fair Grounds at Rockingham Wednesday urged the men and women of Richmond county who may have voted for him in the primary to cast their vote and influence for the election of Cam Morrison.

And the climax of his powerful address came when he declared that the Republican party is directly responsible for the low price of cotton today, for by their blocking the peace treaty with Germany, the markets of Germany have been shut to the cotton trade, and the inevitable decline resulted.

Mr. Gardner was billed to speak at the Fair Grounds Wednesday morning, but missed a connection at Raleigh and so did not reach the city until the noon train. The hour for the address was therefore changed till 3 o'clock. On account of the rain, the plans had to be again changed and the speaking held in the Agricultural Building instead of from the northern end where seats had been arranged. The rain on the tin roof interrupted somewhat, but despite this, and the fact that the people had to stand, did not dampen the enthusiasm or the keen interest of the 750 people who were packed within the building.

The speaker was introduced by County Chairman Fred W. Bynum. Mr. Gardner lost no time in preliminaries. He is popular in Richmond county where in the primary July 3rd he received 765 votes. And so he came back to the county and most decidedly was among friends. He is a true sportsman, taking his defeat in the primary like a man and is now stumping the State in the interest of the man who defeated him—Cam Morrison.

Mr. Gardner began his speech of one hour by asserting that the one big thought of the nation is centered in politics, and so he would make no apology for

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## 2100 WOMEN REGISTERED

**Big Registration of Women in Richmond County. Full Vote Expected Next Tuesday.**

From the precincts heard from, and estimating for the remainder, the Post-Dispatch figures that the total registration of women for Richmond county is approximately 2100.

Marks Creek precinct (Hamlet) has the largest registration—598, with Rockingham next with 595. Wolf Pit No. 1 (Roberdel, Hannah Pickett and Entwistle) is third with 229.

Not a single colored person was registered in the county.

Those precincts as heard from by the Post-Dispatch have the following women registrants:

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| Marks Creek           | 598 |
| Rockingham No. 2      | 585 |
| Wolf Pit No. 1        | 229 |
| Rockingham No. 1      | 134 |
| Mineral Springs No. 1 | 105 |
| Wolf Pit No. 2        | 60  |
| Wolf Pit No. 4        | 17  |
| Steele's No. 1        | 64  |
| Steele's No. 2        | 65  |

Those precincts not definitely heard from, but for which estimates are made, are:

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| Wolf Pit No. 3        | 70 |
| Beaver Dam No. 1      | 50 |
| Beaver Dam No. 2      | 30 |
| Mineral Springs No. 2 | 63 |
| Black Jack            | 30 |

In the election two years ago, there were 1867 votes cast for Sheriff, of which R. L. McDonald received 1515, to 352 for C. J. Jones—the Democratic majority being 1163.

If all the 2100 women vote, and as many men vote (1867) as did two years ago, then very near 4000 votes will be cast. There are six boxes in which to vote, and long tickets; therefore it is hardly likely that the vote from all the precincts will be available Tuesday night. It will take much longer to count so many votes. However, the Post-Dispatch will do its utmost to tabulate the county vote Tuesday night, and announce the results to those inquiring.

The vote by precincts for Sheriff in 1918 may interest you readers:

| Vote for Sheriff in 1918 |          |       |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|
|                          | McDonald | Jones |
| Steele's No. 1           | 43       | 7     |
| Steele's No. 2           | 59       | 18    |
| Mineral Spgs. No. 1      | 97       | 44    |
| Mineral Spgs. No. 2      | 52       | 24    |
| Black Jack               | 34       | 4     |
| Beaver Dam No. 1         | 32       | 19    |
| Beaver Dam No. 2         | 31       | 6     |
| R'ham No. 1              | 102      | 11    |
| R'ham No. 2              | 420      | 91    |
| Wolf Pit No. 1           | 141      | 58    |
| Wolf Pit No. 2           | 21       | 21    |
| Wolf Pit No. 3           | 56       | 23    |
| Wolf Pit No. 4           | 65       | 13    |
| Marks Creek              | 363      | 13    |
|                          | 1515     | 352   |

## FAIR A SUCCESS

**Sixth Richmond County Fair Began with Splendid Parade Wednesday Morning. Agricultural and Club Exhibits Better Than Usual. Large Crowds Attending. Large Midway. Meritorious Free Attractions. Winners of Parade Prizes.**

The Sixth Richmond County Fair opened its gates Wednesday morning, and is now in full blast, and will continue through Saturday.

### R'ham 6, Hamlet 6.

Rockingham and Hamlet football teams battled to a tie this (Friday) afternoon in the Wall field northwest of the Fair Grounds, the score standing 6-6. The game ended with the ball on Hamlet's 20 yard line. A full account of game will be published next issue.

### Airplane Lands.

An airplane belonging to the Morrow Aircraft Corporation, of Charlotte, landed in the Wall field just northwest of the Fair Grounds this (Friday) afternoon, coming from Dunn. The softness of the field caused the plane to dig its nose in the ground, breaking a propeller. A new one will come from Charlotte tonight and the machine will sail away Saturday.

### Why Late.

The Post-Dispatch is printed just one day late this week, on account of the Fair and its endeavor to properly cover same.

## TOWN TAX RATE

**Tax Rate for Town of Rockingham Nearly a Third Lower. Rate 65 cents and \$1.95 Poll, Compared with \$1.55 and \$3.75 Poll Last Year.**

The tax rate for the town of Rockingham is nearly one-third lower this year than last. The rate last year was \$1.55 on the \$100 valuation, and \$3.75 on the poll. The rate for 1920, as compiled last week by the Town Commissioners, is 65 cents on the \$100 and \$1.95 on the poll.

## NAZIMOVA IN "OUT OF THE FOG"

-- AT --

## THE STAR THEATRE

Monday, Nov. 1

Admission 20 and 30c.

Matinee 2:30; night 7

# HOW MUCH?

"How much did he leave," is a sure question asked when a fellow dies. "Nothing much; he had no insurance!" Poor wife: poor little kiddies. How neglectful of a sensible man not to provide for his loved ones in case of his death. Don't delay this matter. Insure your life and thus be sure of a steady income for your family if you should die. We represent the leading companies. Let us show you some attractive policies. Phone, come to see us, or write us and our representative will come to you.

**Richmond Insurance & Realty Company**  
A. G. Corpening, Sec.-Treas. Office in Hotel Building.

You're Not Too Young to Save Money --- Nor Too Old to Need It.

## Provide for the Future

Take home to yourself this thought: What is to become of me when I am no longer able to earn money by my brain or bodily labor.

Perhaps you do not know that only ONE man in 10,000 is self supporting at the age of SEVENTY.

---That in the United States there are now 125,000 former WAGE earners 65 years or more, who are dependent upon PUBLIC and PRIVATE charity at a cost of \$220,000,000.

---That there are 300,000 OLD men and women in homes whose upkeep costs \$50,000,000 annually.

We live in an age when a Salary means only BREAD and BUTTER and a place to sleep. What will happen when we grow OLD? We will be penniless and homeless if we continue as we are going.

We must each day, each week, meet not only the current expenses, but also THE EXPENSE of some FUTURE time.

Now a provision against this unpleasantness IS to BANK with the ONLY SAVINGS BANK in the county and let your money work for you. Open every SATURDAY until FIVE o'clock.

**The Richmond County Savings Bank**  
ROCKINGHAM, N. C.