

**JUDGE JAMES
H. MERRIMON**
(Political Advertising)

Editor Asheville Citizen

Known as Judge Merrimon is, either personally or by reputation to probably every voter in this Congressional District, a letter from me extolling his virtues, proclaiming his ability, or asserting his qualifications for congressional service, would be as presumptuous as it is unnecessary,

It is the settled conviction of all, who have given the matter thought, that with Judge Merrimon as our Representative, no Congressional District in the Union would be more ably or creditably represented.

This being true it would be, to say the least, unfortunate, should Judge Merrimon's friends and other thoughtful patriotic Democrats of this District, allow his nomination to fail through either misapprehension or default.

In connection with the candidacy of Judge Merrimon one hears only two expressions of an adverse character, namely:

First: Doubts as to his willingness to become a candidate.

Second: His alleged indifference as to whether he is honored with the nomination, or not.

The sole purpose of this letter is to enlighten the Citizens of this District upon these two points and if successful there in, I conceive I will have performed a distinct public service.

As to the first: Judge Merrimon was for some time in doubt as to whether in justice to his friends and himself he would be warranted in standing for the nomination when pressing private business made it impossible for him, to give even passing time and attention thereto. Upon the assurance of many friends that they were content for him to make such announcement as he has, he determined, without a campaign and without an organization to submit his candidacy to the people for their decision.

JUDGE MERRIMON IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION AND HAS SO ANNOUNCED HIMSELF. THAT POINT IS SETTLED.

As to the Second: Judge Merrimon is not indifferent as to the nomination. Should he be so honored, every voter of the District can feel assured that the choice would fall to no one more keenly appreciative or more deeply sensible of the distinction and responsibility.

There are the old and new schools of politics. The Judge adheres strongly to the former.

Without attempting to draw any comparison between the two, or, to enumerate their respective merits, or, demerits, it is well understood, that under the old ideals it was deemed rather unseemingly to unduly press one's claims for a nomination within the party; while under the new, not only may any candidate press his claims strenuously and impudently without violation of the proprieties, but a whirlwind campaign inside the party is rather expected, in fact, often demanded.

In consequence of this latter day custom we often fail to consider that generally to solicit support within the party is to appeal for personal advancement; while to solicit support as the nominee of a party is an appeal to sustain principles.

One might well hesitate to throw his whole personality into a contest of the character of the first, but not the last.

So it does not follow that Judge Merrimon will be less effective in the general election campaign, because not aggressive in party pri-

maries or conventions in advancing his personal ambition.

And certainly if he prefers to observe the proprieties of the old school none can condemn and all must commend.

Therefore no voter should deceive himself, or allow himself to be deceived by the idea entertained, or, advanced, that Judge Merrimon is indifferent to the honor the nomination involves, or, unappreciative of the efforts of his friends.

It is well understood that the emolument of the office alone would be no inducement to him to divert his time and attention from his chosen profession.

To be able, however, to serve his fellow citizens and be chosen by them to do so, would be, to one of his ideals and temperament, an inestimable honor and an inexpressible gratification.

To secure the nomination by personal solicitation would rob it of the only element really worth while. This is not indifference, but dignity.

The friends and admirers of Judge Merrimon, acquainted with his life since he, a boy, enlisted in the Confederate Army to this, his "lusty winter," feel fully warranted in asking, and each should ask, the voters of this District to accord him the support his character, ability and party service command, and which his becoming dignity prevents him personally soliciting.

S. F. CHAPMAN

**WAYNESVILLE MAN
COMLITS SUICIDE**

(Special to the News and Observer)

Waynesville, May 3.—About 11:30 today in a back room of the New Liner building, Paul Love, a young man of 38, committed suicide by shooting himself over the right ear with a 28 calibre pistol, the ball coming out over the left ear. About 11 he told Mark Liner, owner of the building he was not feeling well and asked if there was anywhere he could lie down. Liner took him to a rear room in the building, not yet completed. Liner went to dinner and when he returned in about an hour found Love lying on the floor with a 38 calibre pistol clutched in his right hand lying on his breast.

Dr. J. R. McCracken was summoned and found that life was so near extinct he could do him no good. Love lived about an hour. He was taken to the home of his brother, Major Hugh A. Love, who lives quite near, in sight of where the tragedy occurred. There will be no coroner's inquest. Love borrowed the pistol with which he committed the deed but it is not learned who he borrowed it from. He had made several efforts to borrow one before he succeeded. He had said he was going to Canton to work.

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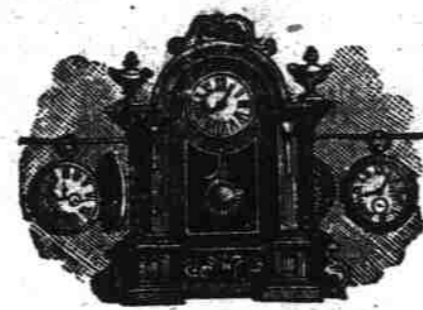
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