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## MORE CANDIDATES' ANSWERS

Study What the Various Candidates Have Said, Noting Those Who Failed to Respond, and Decide What Candidates to Support at Primary June 3

LETTERS asking for expressions concerning the big issues before ndorsed by the State Farmers Unionsere sent on April 12 to Union, were sent on April
candidates for state offices.
We have already printed answers from several candidates for various offices; but the offices of most importance to farmers are Governor and
Commissioner of Agriculture. All the candidates for these offices in both parties answered fully before the 30 day time limit expired on May 12 except Mr. E. L. Daughtridge, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. On April 24 he acknowledged receipt of Secretary Fairies' letter of April 12, saying, "I
lords and (c) increased rate on land held out of use." Yes.
4. "Provision for incorporating rural communities." Yes.

## 5. "Initiative and referendum."

 6. "A stringent anti-usury law, and laws regulating banks as public-service corporations." Yes.7. "Giving some official authority to regulate insurance rates." Yes. 8. "A State warehouse system somewhat like the South Carolina plan." "Yes. Torrens system of registering land itles." • Yes.
8. "Provisions for furnishing text books to the people at cost." Yes.
9. "Requiring retained attorneys for public service corporations to sever connections before entering the Legislature." Yes.

JAMES S. MANNING.
(3) Hon. I. H. Calvert says:
"My time for a number of year
has been fully taken up with the

## WHO WILL SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

$0^{\text {UR }}$ tenant farmers, courageous, honest, patient and long-suffering, when shall they see light? When shall their burdens be lifted? In the springtime they go forth, and with our brothers in black set their hands to the plow. They bend their backs to the burden, and when the frost falls they have added $\$ 1,000,000,000$ to the wealth of the world. But small, indeed, is their share, and meager their recompense. Every two years, according to the government census, they move from one place to another.
They build no homes, they live in rude huts, no flowers about their dwellings, no trees to shade them from the sun, consumed by the summer's heat and and chilled by the winter's cold, no lawns about their houses, no garden fences; and with the accursed cotton plant crowding the very threshold of their rude dwellings and thrusting its limbs into their very windows, their lot is indeed pitiable.

Their sons and daughters come to manhood and womanhood, desert the farms and are lost in some distant community. Finally, when their pilgrimage is over, they are laid to rest in the rude churchyards of the country, others take their places and continue the fight. They have established no permanent homes, their kith and kin are scattered far and wide, and the places that knew them once know them no more forever.

I have no word of criticism for men like these. I know them, I have lived among them, I sprang from them. Who shall undertake to lead these men out of the wilderness of their troubles? Men whom they elevate to high offices in the state and national government are ever ready to teach them politics, but they are not prepared to help them solve their problems of life. A fearful responsibility rests at this time upon men in authority and men in high offices, Will they meet it?
-Joseph T. Holleman.
will try in a few days to write you." But in spite of repeated notices sen him he failed to make any statement
putting his views before the farmers. putting his views before the farmers.
Among the candidates for CommisAmong the candidates for Commis-
sioner of Agriculture, Maj. Graham's sioner of Agriculture, Maj. Graham's
and Mr. Hobbs's answers were given and Mr. Hobbs's answers were given
two weeks ago, and the answers of Messrs. French and McKinnon last week. We are giving this week th answers of Hon. F. A. Linney, the Re publican candidate for Governor.

## For Attorney-General

FOR the office of Attorney-General F there are several candidates in the Democratic primary
(1) The answers of Mr.
(2) Another last week
(2) Another candidate is ex-Judge James S. Manning, whose speech at the recent State Farmers' Union, showing the constitutionality of race segregation in land ownership, showed his attitude on this question. His other answers follow:

1. "Repeal of the merchant's crop
lien." Yes; if the croppers and tenlien." Yes; if the croppers and tenants desire it.
2. "Provisions permitting neighborhoods to adopt race segregation in land ownership." Yes.
3. "A just and equitable system of taxation, (a) lightening the burdens taxation, (a) lightening the burdens
upon labor by putting a larger proupon labor by putting a larger pro-
portion on inheritances, (b) with conportion on inheritances, (b) with constitutional provision for a lower rate
on resident than on absentee land-
study of general legal questions, especially the construction of constitutions and statutes, I have had no occasion particularly to investigate the questions asked, and could not an-
swer them with any degree of confiswer them with any degree of confi-
dence and definiteness which would dence and definiteness which would (4)
(4) The answers of Col. Edmund Jones can be given only in abbreviated form. Important points are as follows:
"l. The merchants crop lien should be repealed. It is susceptible of be repealed. It is susceptible of
being used very oppressively, and sometimes is. It tends to deprive the lienor of an 'open market.' There is no reason why this class of a merchant's customers, as distinguished from all others, should, by a kind of statutory magic, be held to have bound itself by a preferred lien upon "2. Provisions future labor.
"2. Provisions permitting neighborhoods to adopt race segregation in land ownership are very desirable but impracticable because unconstitutional. Under the Federal and State constitutions, as well as under the common law, there cannot be one law for the white man and another law for the Negro." [Col. Jones evidently ov erlooks the fact that the proposed law would apply to both races,alike.] the deadly 'ad we get away from the deadly 'ad valorem system', the better for the people and the state.
It is seriously doubted however

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 whether a lower rate on resident tha on absentee landlords is not repug nant to the constitution of the UnitedOther features of the Union gram are generally approved by Co Jones, except the Torrens Syste which he thinks is impracticable, the initiative and referendum which

For Secretary of Stat.
THE answers of Col. J. Brya Grimes, candidate for Democrantic wertation for Secretary of State were given two weeks ago. Here the answers of Mr. J. A. Hartness: 1. I favor the repeal of the prese crop lien law as soon as a better tem can be devised and enacted into law.
2. I believe that constitutional desire rermitting neighborhoods which ership should be ership should be adopted.
3. I believe in a just and equitable ystem of taxation.
4. "Provision for incorporating rucommunities. Yes, where rura communities desire incorporation. 5. I favor the general proposition of the initiative and referendum important questions in which the peo. ple are interested.
6. "A stringent anti-usury law, and laws regulating banks as publicervice corporations." to regulate insurance rates." Yes, 8. "I am not acquainted with the South Carolina system, but heartily favor a state warehouse system" favor a state warehouse system."
9. "A simplified and populariz) Torrens system of registering titles." Yes.
10. "Provisions for furnishing textbooks to the people at cost." Yes. for public-service corporations to sever such connections before entering the Legislature." This is a question which is with the people of the various counties and senatorial districts, and it is for them to say whom they will have to represent them.
J. A. HARTNES

Insurance Commissioner

THE candidates for Insurance Com-
missioner in the primary answer the question as to regulation of insurance rates as follows
Mr. J. R. Young
Mr. J. R. Young: "I favor the strictest supervision of insurance and rates."
Mr. C. T. McClenaghan: "In the inMr. C. Murance business active competition is surance businness of the rate question. On person or one corporation should not arbitrarily fix a rate. The people a entitled to be shown that their rate are fair. Insurance companies should realize it is to their interest to make their system of rating simple so tha each individual can understand hor his rate is made, and have a chan o appeal if the rate is exorbitant.
Answers of Hon. Frank A. Linne Republican Candidate for Governo

Boone, N. C., May 9, 1916. Dear Sir
Your resolutions received and whild am not running in the primary, iliv party party, in on each of the questions. 1. I favor the repeal of the med chant's lien law and subs ermit therefor a well guarded ake advance ing the merchants to make per cetil and charge not exceeding ofice of the article advanced.
2. I favor race segregation in lan ownership and believe that the m of eminent domain, that require onver vate rights to yield to pubhold such lences, broad enough
aw properly framed.
system of taxation and in taxing it system of taxation at believe in mul ing the tax on lands owned by abser tee land holders, and the tax on lan out of use, higher than the gen
land tax. I believe that every citim should be encouraged to

