

Never-Say-Die Spirit of George Washington Made Him a Winner

His Perseverance Gave Victory to the Colonists Over British Army, An Example for Contestants--Only Six More Days of Special Offer.

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If You Neglect This Premium Offer You May Lose the Prize You Are Working For --Don't Wait Until the Last Day of This Offer.

OPPORTUNITY TIME. 75,000 Bonus Ballot over and above the regular schedule will be given each candidate for every \$10.00 turned in on subscriptions before Wednesday night, September 7th at 8 p. m.

(By S. Daune Fielder.)

George Washington became the leader of the colonists, who rebelled against the tyranny of England, and later elected president of the United States simply because he did not consider his contemporaries to be endowed with qualities superseding his perseverance and never-say-die spirit.

An Example.

The contestants in the Ledger's great voting contest should let Washington's life serve as an example of the manner in which they should consider their struggle for one of the eight costly prizes.

Chances Equal.

At this early stage of the contest no one candidate whose name has been entered so far should consider that she has not a good chance to get one of the prizes as another candidate who might be several hundred, or several thousand votes ahead of her.

It will not be difficult for any candidate to get a few subscribers, each subscription entitling her to a large number of votes, and thus make up the difference in votes between her self and the leaders.

Washington's Battles.

George Washington had but a handful of colonial militia to do battle against the finely organized British regulars. At the beginning of the revolutionary war, it seemed as if he and his followers had not a ghost of a chance to bring the war to a victorious close.

Presisting Did It.

George Washington might have quit in the middle of the struggle but he didn't. It was due to his persistence and a determination to win the contest that he did win.

The candidates in The Ledger's contest should do likewise. They can hustle a little, and as a result get the \$250 Piano or one of the other beautiful prizes.

New Candidates.

New candidates can enter the contest now--today and with a few hours work secure enough votes to place their names among the leaders.

You stand an excellent chance of a prize if you enter now, as there is plenty of room, and subscriptions will come easy.

Opportunity Offer.

Seventy five thousand extra votes over and above the prevailing scale, will be given for every \$10.00 worth of subscriptions, either old or new, turned in before 7 p. m. Wednesday, September 7th, in The Oxford Ledger's contest.

This is positively the best offer of extra votes that will be made at any time during the contest. Subscriptions will have more voting power, dollar for dollar, during this period than at any other time after September 7th.

All Money Counts.

Remember that every cent collected from subscribers counts in this competition, even if it is only for one year. Also bear in mind that old subscribers who make payments to you also count in this competition as well as the big voting contest.

If there is any point that you do not understand, we will take pleasure in explaining it to you.

This offer is not confined to new

subscriptions. All subscriptions paid between these dates will be given credit on the Bonus Offer, whether old or new. Old subscribers are entitled to vote by paying up arrearages, should they be behind in their payments.

It will pay you to call on all old subscribers this week. Endeavor to secure a payment on their subscription. A payment to you will be given credit on their account just the same as if they had paid the collector. Tell them what a payment now means to you this week, and insist on them helping you now.

This is the time for you to see all those who have promised subscription. Tell them about the Great Bonus Offer and have them pay subscription in your favor now, which will count you so much.

The fact that many have already made a start in The Oxford Ledger's great contest does not prevent a beginner from entering now and carrying off the honors. There are candidates who have only been on the list a few days, and who are numbering among the leaders in their districts.

Subscribers, Take Notice.

Now is the time to subscribe and secure votes for your favorite candidate. You're able to help them more than ever now and can turn over many votes to them. They will be needed. The race is just fairly on, and all your help is wanted to enable your favorite to win.

Cash Promise Now.

No doubt every promise made to you by friends earlier in the contest will be fulfilled now, as you can explain that the rates are so much more valuable now. Show them how much they can help you right now, and they will try their best to give you the subscriptions during the next seven days.

Believe in Yourself.

A great thing for candidates to cultivate is self-confidence. There is no reason for you to be afraid of any one.

Remember that in this contest no one has any way of telling what another's reserve force may be, and the very person whom you dread is probably just as much scared as you are, for fear that you may have such a pile of votes back of you that you will take the lead at any time you get ready to do so.

Notice to Subscribers.

Old subscribers who make payments of \$1 or more on subscriptions are entitled to votes whether such money is for back subscriptions or advance payments.

Ask for the votes when you pay your subscription. You pay your subscription anyway, so why not make some lady happy by giving her a little help.

Votes are allowed on both old and new subscribers and those paying arrearages.

Never Postpone.

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. If there is an opportunity for you to see a possible subscriber don't say to yourself that another time will do just as well. It will not do as well. Someone else is more than apt to get ahead of you. Get the promise at any rate, and then do not allow it to escape either your own or your friend's memory.

If you have not yet entered the contest do not put it off any longer, but send in your name today, and then lay your plans to be a winner on October 12th.

Voting Rules.

The voting limit beginning Sept. 1st, will allow candidates to vote 15,000 subscription ballots more than the leader in the last count. The limit will be raised 5,000 each week until Sept. 28th, at which time the voting rules will be discontinued allowing all candidates to vote as many as they wish, there is no limit to the amount of coupons clipped from the paper, vote as many as you can secure.

List of candidates and votes counted at 4:30 p. m. yesterday.

OXFORD, N. C. Miss Edna Earl Crews .. 42,150 Miss Lillie White .. 25,000 Miss Annie Crews .. 11,500 Miss Gray Yancey .. 20,550 Miss Fannie Wyatt .. 27,400 Miss Ruth Mitchell .. 13,000 Miss Mary Taylor .. 11,000

OXFORD, Route 1.

Miss Jessie Aipps .. 11,200 Miss Ethel Clement .. 13,150 Miss Elizabeth Jones .. 14,800 Miss Hettie Pruitt .. 16,350

OXFORD, Route 3.

Miss Mattie Harris .. 15,100

OXFORD, Route 4.

Miss Ruth Currin .. 12,350 Miss Baile Daniel .. 16,100 Miss Lucy Thorp .. 12,150 Miss Novetta Laws .. 32,000 Miss Tazzie Howard .. 11,200 Miss Lucy Ragland .. 11,050

OXFORD, Route 5.

Miss Jessie Cottrell .. 31,250 Miss Zelma Pleasant .. 20,550 Miss Alberta Aiken .. 12,350 Miss Florence Dement .. 23,150 Miss Maggie Critcher .. 18,100 Miss Carrie Patterson .. 16,450 Miss Mollie Ellis .. 18,250 Miss Stella O'Brian .. 18,600 Miss Lydia Barker .. 11,050

OXFORD, Route 6.

Miss Mide Bradsher .. 12,000 Miss Mary Renn .. 12,250 Miss Mamie Cash .. 19,150 Miss Jessie Mangum .. 19,700

OXFORD, Route 7.

Miss Etta Eakes .. 20,800 Mrs. Demis O'Brian .. 16,550 Miss Rosa Smith .. 12,150 Miss Julia Hunt .. 13,250 Miss Bessie Eakes .. 16,200 Miss Lillian Hart .. 12,350

STEM, N. C.

Miss Ruth Webb .. 20,125 Miss Ora Crymes .. 15,800

STOVALL, N. C.

Miss Cora Younger .. 15,100 Mr. T. E. Critcher .. 19,125 Miss Hettie Gill .. 13,000 Miss Nettie Davis .. 12,350 Miss Lucy Stovall .. 19,950 Miss Helen Frazier .. 11,150

CREEDMOOR, N. C.

Mrs. I. E. Harris .. 32,500 Miss Lizzie Hester .. 22,400

HARGROVE, N. C.

Miss Ella Thaxton .. 12,000 Miss Cozy Smith .. 16,200 Miss Hattie Statterwhite .. 16,000 Mrs. Bessie Mangum .. 17,025

DABNEY, N. C.

Miss Mattie Harris .. 11,150 Mrs. Robert Critcher .. 24,250 Miss Eva Wilkerson .. 11,000 Miss Sallie Wyche .. 12,100

WATKINS, N. C.

Miss Annie Laura Crews .. 12,250

OXFORD Route 2.

Mrs. Lelia Bryan .. 12,000 Miss Minnie Kimball .. 11,250 Mrs. W. W. Brummitt .. 14,000

BEREA, N. C.

Miss Ruth Fuller .. 17,750 Miss Nannie Lou Adcock .. 21,850

NORTHSIDE, N. C.

Miss Roxie Currin .. 14,000 Miss Carrie Farthing .. 21,500 Miss Gertrude Fleming .. 12,000

WILTON, N. C.

Miss Bessie Floyd .. 14,000 Miss Allie Jenkins .. 12,050 Miss Rosa Suit .. 16,000

BULLOCK, N. C.

Miss Fannie Cuthbert .. 15,000

Durham, R. F. D. 4.

Miss Rose Ferrell .. 12,050

LYONS, N. C.

Miss Ethia Veszey .. 11,000

VIRGINIA, VA.

Miss Hettie Adcock .. 12,000 Miss Lucy Daniel .. 11,250

DICKERSON.

Miss Ethel Dickerson .. 14,000

Mis Harris Entertains.

Miss Rovie Harris, of Stem entertained a number of her friends, at her home in honor of her sister, Miss Maude Harris, of Oxford, N. C. About 8 o'clock the guests repaired to the spacious dining room, where a delicious supper awaited them. Immediately after this delicious supper of several courses was served, the table was quietly cleared and ice cream and other refreshments were served in abundance.

Games were played until a late hour, when the guests departed to their respective homes, declaring Miss Harris an exceptionally good hostess.

Farms Wanted.

We are having many inquiries for farm lands and can find buyers for several good farms without delay. If you want to buy or sell REAL ESTATE of any kind, call telephone 88. Real Estate and Insurance in ALL Branches.

A Person County man called in Oxford to see Callis, the Buggy Doctor, and after a skilful examination, an operation and application he went home rejoicing.

DON'T FORGET. Callis keeps single trees on hand all the time, nicely painted and trimmed.

FOR SALE--Seed Wheat, Little Red, Apply to Joe Moore, Hillsboro St.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Only a Partial Ticket, Put Forth--Very Slim Attendance--Cresdmoor Overlooked.

The adjourned session of the Republican County convention assembled here in the court House yesterday at about 2 o'clock. About thirty Republicans were present. Earlier in the day a caucus had been held and everything fixed up before the regular open session of the convention.

The County Chairman, Dr. G. T. Sikes, called the meeting to order. The first business taken up was the nomination of a candidate for the State Senate. Messrs. Coley Gill and C. P. Hester advocated the nomination of Mr. H. M. Gillis of Sioval. Gillis made a speech setting forth the advantages of nominating himself. A motion was made and unanimously carried nominating Gillis by acclamation. Mr. Hester then made a motion that Mr. W. Leak Peace be nominated for the House of Representatives and the machine responding smoothly again, Peace's nomination went through without opposition.

Mr. Hester then named the following as the ticket for Commissioners: C. G. Royster, Dr. G. T. Sikes, R. M. Hight, S. H. Jones and J. T. Cozart. A slight effort was made to give the Creedmoor section representation on this slate but it proved ineffectual and the slate as named by Hester, went through.

No nominations were made for any of the other county offices and it was quite apparent that no nominations will be made. Squire Ben Thorpe offered a motion that the Executive Committee be authorized to put up other candidates if they at any time deem it advisable. The Squire while up branched out into a speech but at the first movement he made towards taking his seat, some brother moved that the convention adjourn. The motion was promptly seconded and as promptly put and carried.

The failure of the convention to nominate a full ticket can only be taken as a great tribute to the capable officials which the Democrats have placed in charge of the various Court House offices. Of course, Jim Powell, Judge Shotwell, Sam Wheeler and Mr. Lyon would have been re-elected even though the Radicals had put out a ticket against them. We must take it that the only reason why even a skeleton ticket was put out was really not with the hope or expectation of electing any of the nominees but only to keep the party machinery intact and in a seemingly good condition.

Law Firm Dissolved.

The law firm of Stem & Brummitt dissolved Monday, August 29th. Mr. Brummitt now occupies an office in the Hunt Building on Hillsboro St., just across from the Court House. Mr. Stem has gone into partnership with Mr. A. A. Hicks and from now on the firm will do business under the name of Hicks & Stem. They will occupy the same office. Mr. Hicks has been occupying on Hillsboro St. just across from the Court House, previous to the dissolution.

Attention Veterans.

Maurice T. Smith Camp No. 1277 U. S. V. will leave for Norfolk at 11:30 Monday morning Sept. 5th. All veterans are urged to be in Oxford at 9:30 A. M. to attend to important business.

A. W. GRAHAM, Commander

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Having purchased the business of my uncle, the late Mr. J. F. Edwards, I desire to announce to the public that the place is now open for business. Have a large stock of sheet iron on hand and those desiring new tobacco flues or old ones repaired can get them promptly. A carload of "Ohio" feed cutters just received. Complete line of harvesting machinery, Acme Harrows and Disc cultivators. Large stock of Deering, Walter A. Wood, McCormick and Johnson mowers. All kinds of mill supplies, brass valves, belting, lubricators, oil and grease cups, injectors and ejectors, aspirators, gasoline engines. Your patronage will be appreciated. Mail orders will receive prompt attention. My prices will always be the best and will handle only first class goods. Tin roofing, and guttering, metal shingles, all kinds of roof and cornice work done. Give me a trial.

E. M. Llewellyn.

Miss Annie V. Crews and Miss Kate Hays Fleming left Monday morning for Burgaw, to be bridesmaids at the marriage August 31st, of Miss Grace Bland and Mr. J. E. Crutchfield, Miss Bland and Mrs. Crutchfield as she is now--is a sister of Mr. David H. Bland, at one time superintendent of the Oxford Graded School, and is remembered by many of our people as a very attractive "Seminary girl" a few years ago. Mr. Crutchfield is superintendent of the Graded School of Madison Rockingham County, this State.

Mr. J. Mack Hays of Petersburg, Va., spent a few days in Oxford this week visiting the family of his uncle Dr. Benjamin K. Hays. He was on his way to Asheville to resume his work as a teacher in the Bingham School there.

Mrs. John B. Booth's School of Music will open Monday September 5th.

Seeds for all Sowing. F All Kinds of Clovers, Grass, Rape and Turnip Seeds, Nothing but the BEST GRADE. At HALL'S DRUG STORE.

THE AIKEN CASE.

The Trial in Henderson Resulted in The Release of The Prisoners--Very Peculiar Case.

A notorious Sherlock Holmes or Nick Carter in his wildest adventures could not have had any wilder experience in the woods at night than Mr. W. I. Aiken said he had, while on witness stand in Henderson last Friday, when he told in the presence of a large crowd the experience of his robbery. Mr. Aiken told it without any hesitation and as though he was perfectly sure he was right and answered all questions put to him direct.

His voice was clear. When he came to a doubtful point he stated it was doubtful. The only time he hesitated was when the lawyer for the defendant asked him the pointed question whether this was the man pointing to the defendant) and at first Mr. Aiken would not state whether it was or not, but the defendant's lawyer insisted on knowing. When the question was asked about the getting on the ferry at Portsmouth or remembering anything on the train he could not recall.

There was a large concourse of people to hear the case, and the sheriff had to ask spectators to take their seats in the court house. It was not started on time, but was delayed about an hour on account of the magistrates being out of the city to a large barbecue. The day was exceedingly hot, still the eager crowd was determined to wait to hear the evidence. Presently the prisoners were brought in and it was some time before the prosecutor came in. After awhile he did make his appearance in the court room and his counsel, Mr. T. T. Hicks, came in with him.

The prisoners were rather a hard-looking set, one of them was exceedingly tough looking, but the other one was not quite so bad except only he needed a shave and showed signs of confinement in the jail. Only one man however was charged with the crime, his name being W. J. Gentry, of Richmond Va. His partner in the picture business with him was H. W. Fogle who came from Maryland.

Mr. Aiken took the stand first and was asked to tell how the robbery happened. He said he had been visiting around Dabney and had been to V. H. E. Crews home. On his way back, instead of going the road, he cut through Mr. N. G. Crews yard in order to save time; said he was traveling along and just as the horses front feet was between the two rails, we men or rather one man, came in front of him and said money or your life. By this time the horses had pulled the rear wheels of the buggy between the two rails. He said he managed to push one of the men aside, but the other man held the pistol in his face and that he was powerless to do anything. They robbed him, feeling first in his hip pocket and then in his right hand trouser pocket, but failing to search his vest pocket in which he usually carried some small change, didn't get all he had. The two men got in the buggy and drove him to Henderson. Passing by Mr. Wilkerson's tobacco barn which Mr. Aiken said he yelled to the top of his voice but it didn't do any good. Presently one of the robbers took out a bottle of whiskey, asked him to take a drink of it but he refused. After refusing this drink the larger of the two supposed robbers pulled from his pocket a vial with something in it, of which he made Mr. Aiken take a drink. Mr. Aiken took the stuff, fearing if he refused he would be killed. Thinking that he would take the drink and hold it in his mouth and not swallow it, he put the bottle to his mouth and took a drink. After taking it, the larger of the two men held his nose and made him swallow the chloroform or whatever it was. He said he didn't know anything until he reached Norfolk and received medical attention from Dr. Brown who told him he was drugged to the inch of his life. After going around to the police and informing them of his trouble, he telegraphed back to the Henderson police to lock out for his horse and buggy. He said that the men only got about \$15.00. He had a very fine watch but these men did not get that but his watch was in Durham for repairs. He said he landed in Norfolk with 20 cents.

Police Sherman was next put on the stand and said the Aiken told him about the same story except that he left out that these two men were walking him about on the platform at Norfolk and that they were with him on the ferry at Norfolk. Mr. Aiken denied having told the officer of the walking up and down the platform.

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COMMISSIONERS VINDICATED.

Attorneys For Prosecution Admit Failure to Find Case and Consented to Verdict of Not Guilty.

On last Thursday at the in-door of five members of the Board of Commissioners of the county were tried upon the warrant referred to in the last week's issue of the Ledger and triumphantly vindicated. Never was fall down of prosecution more complete; never was vindication of accused men more thorough. It was unnecessary for the Justices trying the introduction of a single witness, the introduction of a single witness admitted that they could not get along with the prosecution and consented to a verdict of not guilty.

The accused Commissioners with their attorneys and a number of friends went out to Creedmoor early Thursday morning. The noon train from Durham brought Messrs. W. G. Bramham and S. C. Brantley, the attorneys for the prosecution. Soon after their arrival these gentlemen were in deep consultation with S. C. Lyon and R. H. Rogers in the parlors of the Central Hotel, Oblique Winston's excellent cavernary.

About 12:45 the case was called for trial in one of the vacant, warehouses of the town but was shortly moved to a grove in the outskirts of the village. It had been thought that Peed, the defeated candidate for Commissioner, although he had issued the warrants might retire from the case and ask another Justice to try it. But as the trial began he indicated no such intention, and thus the defendants were forced to make affidavit that they did not believe they could get justice before him and asked that the case be removed to some other justice of the same township. Peed then sent the case to Justice Robert G. Stem. At this point attorney Brantley came forward and said that he understood that Peed had asked some other justice to sit with him in the trial of the case and that if Squire Stem was this man, the prosecution would ask that it be sent to some one else. Peed then stated that Stem was not the man he had asked to help him try the case, but that he had asked Justice E. J. Jenkins of Brassfield to sit with him, thus affording ample evidence that he intended hearing the case unless it had been sworn out from him.

Justice Stem then asked Justice Roy L. Crews to sit with him in the trial of the case, and the trial began. The scenes presented as the trial began was one long to be remembered by those present. The two Justices with the grave air that befitted the seriousness of the occasion, the two attorneys for the prosecution with S. C. Lyon and R. H. Rogers sitting squat by their sides; at another table, the attorneys for the defendants, Royster, Bramham, Devin, Laster, Brummitt; and ranged beside and behind them the Commissioners, General Bob Lassiter in shirt sleeves with scarcely suppressed anger written in every line of his face Tom Cannady, with the ever-present smile on his face, the portly Ralph Curbin, Prof. Wilkerson, with blazing eyes and square-cut chin telling the story of his voice, but his party in the past, Tom Willerford, first, "first class fighting man" and surrounding all sitting or standing the crowd that had gathered to hear the matter tried, quiet men with eager attentive faces expressing neither condemnation nor approval--men anxious to learn and to know the truth about these officers of their officers to whom they had assisted in giving a thousand majority two years ago and some of whom they had assisted in nominating again in the primary of this summer.

After Justice Stem had read the warrant charging that the Commissioners had failed to publish quarterly statements of the expenditures of each town hip and had failed to elect road walkers or inspectors, attended to elect three supervisors for term of Deeds, Jim Powell, who had elected road walkers and inspectors, attorney Bramham arose and read the various sections of the road law requiring these various things. Registrar of Deeds, Jim Powell, who had been subpoenaed and commanded to bring the minutes of the Board of Commissioners and various other records from his office, bearing on the matter, was then sworn and put upon the stand by the prosecution. Powell's answer to Bramham's first question disposed of Bramham's first of the above charges. Then asked if the Board had elected a Superintendent of Roads, he unhesitatingly replied, "it has, Sir", and turning to

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FREE COUPON Good For 10 Votes. The Oxford Public Ledger Prize and Popularity Contest. Name Address Void After Sept. 10th This Coupon will not be counted unless it is neatly trimmed around the border and properly filled out