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## FACTS PLAINLY STATED

Read This and Vote Intelligently.

Vote Against Bossism, Vote against Wastefulness and Recklessness, Vote for S. F. Lord.

S. F. Lord, one of the best mayor's in every particular Salisbury ever had, was installed May 20th, 1899, and served the city most faithfully till May 20th, 1901. During this time Mr. Lord was continually on the alert for the city's welfare, the care of our finances, the repair and improvement of our streets and sidewalks over the ENTIRE city, and such other branches of the public service as needed attention. There was no spitefulness, no partiality, no waste, no egotistic and bombastic Tomfoolery, but a good, honest, sober, conservative administration, such as all right thinking people want, such as the welfare of the city and our business interests should have. Mr. Lord, with the aid of the conservative gentlemen then on the board of aldermen, paid \$15,000 on our street bonds, the first and only payment made; paid \$1,000 for the Chestnut Hill Cemetery, (the check for this passed in December, 1900, five months before Mr. Lord's term expired) he put \$1,700 in the sinking fund, paid the current expenses, left \$590.19 in the treasury and \$842.25 in collectible taxes on hand, (this amount has been collected.) To conservative people, business people, this is a splendid showing, to say nothing of the size of pipe laid, the depth of the ditches cut, some places being 18 feet deep, most all of which were mains, 18, 24 and 36 inches in diameter. With the AMOUNT of money in hand a stupendous amount of work was accomplished. \$1114 was received for the sewer bonds the largest amount ever received for Salisbury bonds, an issue that stands out boldly to-day as the first and only issue and only expenditure ever handled here rightly, judiciously and economically, not one dollar of which was misapplied. It is a fact that our streets were then, under Mr. Ketchey's management, in much better condition than they have been since, and in addition to the above the people were given a full and correct statement at the proper time. Mr. Lord and his board had nothing to hide. Here's wherein the safety of the city and the public's interests lie. Men who spend the public's money economically, wisely and safely are the kind of men wanted and the kind residents and taxpayers should insist upon. During Mr. Lord's administration the city progressed, some of the largest and handsomest business blocks and residences were built, and enterprises established; peace, order and harmony was to be had on all sides; taxes were lighter and people were not afraid to make investments, business was good, and the general pros-

pects of the city were never better.

A. H. Boyden, was installed as mayor of Salisbury, May 20th, 1901. One of the first acts of this administration was to remove Mr. Ketchie, foreman of the street force and an old soldier. Mr. Ketchie kept the ditches open and the streets in much better condition than they are now, and was paid only for the time at work. We are told that a negro now has this place and receives a regular salary.

Geo. H. Shaver, the city tax collector was promised before the election that he would be kept in office. After the election he was deliberately betrayed, put out. Seven out of the eight aldermen promised to vote for Mr. Shaver, but when it came to vote the boss' hand showed itself.

The people voted at this time for a bond issue of \$10,000 for the purpose, (of course there was no written contract and could not have been,) and so understood by at least three-fourths of those who voted for the bonds, that the proceeds were to be used for the purpose of building a school in either the South or East Ward. These bonds were sold without a cent premium and the money used for other purposes, thus basely deceiving the people and setting them unalterably against entrusting another issue of other bonds in the hands of such men. No matter how needy the town may be or how bad our streets may get through neglect, there is no hope of the present officials securing the confidence of the people to make a contest on such an issue a success. This has been tested we hope to the satisfaction of all. Compare this with Mr. Lord's sewer bonds.

Council street, a street very little used, was macadamized in a creditable manner, but at about three times the cost it should have been. Being an unused street and so costly, this work showed a lack of discretion and is considered by many almost a total waste. A little narrow strip of macadam has also been placed on the street fronting Hon. J. S. Henderson's. These constitute the street improvements, except those "macadamized with mud" hauled from other portions of streets or from building excavations. This kind of macadam has been a great injury to several streets particularly Lee and Fulton, the latter having previously been macadamized. But the job of greatest importance is that of South Main street which had a 16-foot strip of macadam with 10 or 15 feet of dirt road on each side, and although one block out of line and there already being a large sewer pipe on this street, this macadam was deliberately, if not maliciously, destroyed by cutting through it and then throwing red mud on top. The cause of this was about as follows: A sewer was being laid on Lee street which if run straight as it should have been would have passed through the back premises of N. B. McCasles and others, parties who would have very likely freely given their consent to the work, if they had been approached on the subject. So, when Mr. McCasles found a force of men at work on his premises without his permission he had them withdrawn. Now, as the town was footing the bill, it was unnecessarily ordered that the pipe be laid from Lee to Main, down Main and back to Lee, going two blocks out of the way, wantonly ruining the Main street macadam and wasting the public funds.

There having been something said about a saving in regard to the laying of sewer pipe, the people ought to understand this fully. This saving is in reality a waste and time will prove the assertion. Instead of laying the large 12, 16, 18, 24 and 36-inch pipe previously used, we are told by men who saw the work in progress that the pipe put down by the present administration was, on an average, only 6 inches and

the ditches about two feet deep. Of course in a few years this will not answer the needs of the city and will have to be torn up and relaid with something larger and more expensive.

Now as to actual conditions. In regard to our streets a man with two good blind eyes will tell you they are worse today than they have ever before known to be before, even before the days of macadam. Some streets, old streets, thickly settled, have not been touched within two years, nor have they been given even a gas light, yet the regular taxes have been paid and the money spent, and just why old settled neighborhoods have been ignored cannot be learned. No reasons can be assigned to such treatment unless they come under the same ban as those on South Main street, who were told they "did not vote right."

As for a genuine, regular town statement, none has been made. We have had several fragmentary, unsigned arrays of expenditures. We all know enough, however, to be perfectly satisfied that the regular revenue has been spent to the cent and as much more as could be borrowed and the town account could be overdrawn, this latter item amounting to something like \$15,000 or \$20,000 alone. Besides this there are a number of outstanding notes for property purchased and other obligations. It is conservatively estimated that the city is about \$25,000 in debt in excess of bond issues. It is not worth while to talk about how it will be after a while, facts not prospects should alone be our guide in such matters, unless by some ill luck the same people should be returned to power for two years more, then we could look forward to \$50,000 or \$75,000 indebtedness and no more to show for it than we have at present, if as much.

### POOR JUDGMENT.

The most rash and unwise methods have been the rule of this administration. Beginning with the useless and expensive work on Council street, we go from bad to worse, the purchase of the property on Fisher street, paying more for it than the city will ever be able to receive, a loss of several hundred dollars, with the campaign yarn that a premium has just been offered on it to the contrary, notwithstanding; the attempt to reform men by cruelty and force, by using a public office to persecute personal and political enemies; by making a silly effort to stop a mob, inciting it to violence and unlawful hanging of the Gillespie negroes. (The mob at this juncture had been deserted by two thirds of its members and could have easily been discouraged by sending a suitable party within its ranks. But no, "there SHANT be a lynching here while I am mayor.") Another instance of this poor judgment is the buying of property, giving the town notes for same and paying interest on these notes, without taking charge, making use of or renting such property. A total waste.

### LAW VIOLATED.

Sec. 82 of the city charter is as follows:

Said board of aldermen shall cause to be made out and published in some newspaper in some city at end of every calendar year, an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements of said city for the year immediately preceding, and the amount of money then in the hands of its treasurer. The mayor of said city shall prepare and submit to said board of aldermen, at its last meeting in April of every year, a condensed statement of all receipts and disbursements, and the general business of said city for the year immediately preceding the submission of such reports respectively.

Now the city authorities are under oath to carry out the law and in this particular indictable in case of failure, (read sections 15 and 16 of the charter.) The above quoted section as we all know has not been complied with more than above mentioned. This is a very important section

and is clothed in the strongest language, "shall prepare, and submit \*\*\* at last meeting in April."

The first effort at a report was made in December, seven months of the time was left out, it was full of inaccuracies, was not approved by the aldermen nor signed by the treasurer. This very properly raised a storm of indignation and another array of expenditures was published, in many respects the same. This was also not approved, or signed by the treasurer, items were left out and the figures supposed to make an exact balance could not be made to come out right. But one thing it did show was that over \$8,500 of the school-bond proceeds, money voted for a specific purpose was placed in the general fund and went the way of the rest.

Now let's look at section 85: "Said board of aldermen may borrow in any fiscal year, a sum of sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate ten thousand dollars outstanding at any one time, in such amount as the same may be needed for the necessary expenses of said city at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum, and execute therefor the notes of said city, sealed with the seal of said city, and to be in such form as the board of aldermen may, from time to time, prescribe; but such aggregate sum shall not, in any fiscal year, exceed the aggregate taxation of said city for that year on general subjects of taxation therein, and all such loans made in any fiscal year shall be paid out of the general taxes for that year, and no such loan shall be made to come due at a date later than the expiration of the fiscal year in which it is made, and no sum whatsoever shall be borrowed under the provisions of this section until all preceding loans made thereunder in any previous fiscal year or years shall have been paid in full of principal and interest."

How does this sound to a reasonable man? With the city now about \$25,000 in debt and no prospect of paying out on or before May 18, the end of this term. How does this look?

Another matter of very grave importance is the taking of jurisdiction in cases that should only be tried in the Superior Court. We are told by competent authority, and the news items in the daily press will bear out the statement, that cases of carrying concealed weapons, larceny, etc., are commonly tried, found guilty and sentence passed, completely ignoring the law of the land and the jurisdiction of higher courts. A number of such cases of usurpation of authority can be cited.

If you are seeking the best men and the welfare of our fair city can you ask for more evidence of the unworthiness, incapacity and unsafe conditions with which we are now hampered? Have you, good citizen, got the hardihood to say by your vote we must bear such a galling burden two more long years? No, no, not if you are a good citizen.

What has become of the \$1,700 Mr. Lord put in the sinking fund?

Our people should look at this matter fairly and honestly. Intelligent people can't be fooled by a lot of cheap pyrotechnics. To some of our people the present administration has been an injury both to their business and property, and when their fellow citizens persist in pressing on them a crown of thorns, unjustly and merely to satisfy some prejudice or personal whim, it will not be surprising to learn that the Democracy, the community, their chances of re-election in turn will be permanently injured thereby. We do not advocate retaliatory methods, on the contrary we oppose it, except when the most blatant demagogues are, without excuse, thrust upon us. The good people and tax payers of Salisbury are in earnest in this matter, as they ought to be, consequently they do not relish the idea of suffering longer merely to satisfy politicians or party pledges in which they have had no say. This is not intended as a threat, but it is to draw attention to the

fact that there are two sides and both should have fair play. Men who are now holding office by the goodness of the people should keep "hands off."

If there is a single statement in the above that can not be borne out by the facts, it is an error of the head and not of the heart, we desire to do no man an injustice, and therefore ask, in case there is doubt in any particular as mentioned above make inquiries for yourself, and if you find them correct, do you think such a condition should be continued? As a good citizen vote for Lord and right.

Don't be bulldozed at the polls. Vote your sentiments.

One thing the people ought to insist upon is the selection of pollholders who are entirely above reproach. There should be, especially in a Democratic primary, perfect freedom to vote and an honest count. We would suggest that each voter see that his vote is, without a doubt, put in the box.

Don't be bulldozed at the polls. Vote your sentiments.

It is to be hoped every voter in the North Ward will vote for J. F. Barber and D. M. Miller, for aldermen. These gentlemen are property owners, permanent residents, have the welfare of Salisbury at heart, their word is as good as a bond and they cannot be used as a cat's paw by a political boss.

We are told that, with the bringing out of M. A. Shank for alderman in the North Ward, an effort will be made to force the Spencer shop employes to vote for Mr. Boyden for mayor. While we do not doubt such an effort will be made and that such are the desperate straits to which Mr. Boyden and his friends are in, we do not believe the respectable class of employes at Spencer will submit to such dictation. If there is anything freemen ought to prize above another it is the privilege of voting as they please and for whom they please. Away with the dictators.

Don't be bulldozed at the polls. Vote your sentiments.

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**FOR MAYOR.**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Mayor of the city of Salisbury, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

S. F. LORD.

March 9, 1903. t.

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