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## OUR TOBACCO MARKET.

### Gaining in Popular Favor Daily.

With the Strong Corps of Buyers Here we are Unsurpassed by any Market in Eastern Carolina.

The Smithfield tobacco market has thus far eclipsed all previous records, in both the quantity of the weed sold and the high prices paid. About one-half million pounds have already been sold at the most satisfactory prices.

For the past two weeks the sales have been good each day, but the climax for this season was reached last Friday when something over 100,000 pounds were sold at the three houses here. The beauty of that sale was the fact that the prices were so high that every body was pleased. No very good grades have been put on the market yet, still a good deal has been sold at prices ranging from 15 to 30 cents per pound.

The market is bound to be better in the future than it has been on account of the addition of the Continental Tobacco Company as buyers on this market. This great concern is now represented here by W. A. Willingham & Co., who buy very largely and want a great many grades. Mr. T. J. Gentry, one of the best judges of tobacco in the State is buyer for them and is determined to have his part of the weed, even though the price is high.

Messrs. Skinner and Ragsdale, who have heretofore been large buyers, are coming on the market again with large orders of the better grades to be filled. This will be another step that will strengthen our market.

Messrs. R. H. McGuire and Co., have quite a number of large orders that must be filled.

Mr. Oscar Gregory, the buyer for The American Tobacco Company, is on the market with no limit as to price or quantity. The American Tobacco Company has the money and they have instructed Mr. Gregory to buy the tobacco. Mr. Gregory was here last year and the farmers know him and they love to sell their tobacco to such buyers.

Mr. Barber, the representative of The Imperial Company, of London, England, is here with no limits and he is making it lively for The A. T. Co., and the Continental and all other buyers. So the farmer who brings his tobacco to Smithfield can rest assured that he will get all his tobacco is worth and, of course, every man ought to be satisfied at that.

### For Treasurer.

Mr. Editor: As the Convention is drawing near, I wish to call the attention of the people of Johnston county to the fact that Mr. James H. Yelvington is a candidate for the office of Treasurer. He is well known and well qualified to fill the office in every particular. There is no better man in the county for the office. He is a Democrat of long standing, just and upright to his fellow-man and true to his party.

Let us nominate him on the 28th of August and he will be elected and will make an officer the people of old Johnston county will be proud of.

Respectfully,

J. W. SMITH,  
Smithfield, R. F. D., Aug. 18.

### A Legislative Ticket.

Mr. Editor: You will please allow me a little more space in your valuable paper to suggest a legislative ticket for Johnston county which will give harmony to all.

For Senator, Clarence Richardson.

For House, E. S. Abell.

For House, Charlie Powell.

And a new county ticket outright, and we will all stick and do our whole duty.

Respectfully,

J. W. PERRY,  
Princeton, N. C., Aug. 18, 1902.

### Edgerton for Register of Deeds.

As a citizen and Democrat, I wish to say a few things in behalf of Walter A. Edgerton for Register of Deeds for Johnston county.

He is and has been a working Democrat. He is sober, industrious, honest and competent. He has never held any office without the gift of the Democratic party of Johnston county. He is of a family of faithful, tried, true, hard working Democrats. The Democratic vote of Beulah township has been in many former elections the salvation of the democratic nominees; and this truth is known and taken cognizance of by the intelligent Democrats of our county. Beulah township now brings forth her candidate and asks the Democratic voters to stand by him in the approaching convention, and 'tis but just that we do so. Beulah has but one candidate while there is a township which presents to the democratic voters nine candidates for county offices. It is but fair, just, reasonable and logical that Beulah township should have the nomination for Register of Deeds, and she makes no mistake in selecting her man, for Walter A. Edgerton deserves and merits this office at the hands of the Democratic party.

GEO. D. VICK,  
Selma, N. C., Aug. 20, 1902.

### Edgerton for Register.

Mr. Editor:—I would not ask the Democrats of Johnston county to nominate Walter A. Edgerton for Register of Deeds because he has done what he could for our party. I would not ask his nomination because our township has subscribed and payed for our county paper, thereby aiding in making it paying property. I would not urge his nomination for any other than the reasoning of cold facts in our favor. We don't ask to name the entire ticket. We have only one candidate from this township and in the name of every Democratic voter in the township; in the name of justice and reason; in the name of the record we have made, we ask for his nomination. It has taken us 35 years to ask this much of the party, but we now insist upon and plead our right to ask for recognition. Boys, help us.

H. H. RICHARDSON,  
Kenly, N. C.

### For Register of Deeds.

Mr. Editor: As the setting sun hides itself behind the western hills it reminds us of the fact that the day is fast approaching when the Democrats of the Banner county of the Old North State will be called on to name the men to serve them in the various offices in Johnston county.

In making their decisions they should decide on men that will fill them with credit to themselves and to the county as they have done heretofore. The man I shall suggest for Register of Deeds is a man well qualified to fill the office. A man capable of making a lively campaign for the Republican party. A Democrat in every sense of the word; a man of unblemished character. That man is Walter A. Edgerton, of Kenly.

Jno. C. HOOD,  
Oneals Township, August 14, 1902.

### For Register of Deeds.

Mr. Editor:—Allow me space in your Honorable paper to call the attention of the voters of Johnston county to Mr. Nathan R. Pool, of Clayton township, for the office of Register of Deeds. Mr. Pool is in every way qualified to fill the office. He is a Democrat of long standing. He is a man who advocates the cause of Democracy in all of its purity, and a man of high character and integrity; is known by all his neighbors and acquaintances. So let us nominate Nath R. Pool for Register of Deeds on the 28th.

JOHNNY STEPHENSON,  
Pleasant Grove Township,  
Aug. 19th, 1902.

### For County Treasurer.

To the Voters of Johnston county:

The time is near at hand when we must select our candidates for different positions in Johnston county, and I had thought I would keep quiet over the matter. But I feel it my duty to say a word. There are a good many candidates for County Treasurer and I haven't a word to say against any of them. But it does seem to me we can't beat our present incumbent. He is thoroughly fitted for the position, a good business man, thoroughly honest, agreeable to every body, not much of a stump speaker, but the best bush whacker in Johnston county. Nominate John W. Futrell and there will be no trouble about the bond and on election day you will see him pull up the biggest majority of any man in Johnston county.

R. B. WHITLEY,  
Selma, N. C., Aug. 20.

### For County Treasurer.

To the Editor:—I have but a few words to say in regard to the office of County Treasurer, but I have a few thoughts I want to express.

I have seen the names of several gentlemen for the Treasurer's office, but I want to say that I don't think the people of Johnston county can get a man that will fill that office any better than the one that now has it.

Some people say make a change; I am in favor of that when a man holds an office for a long time, but Mr. Futrell has discharged his duty so faithfully let's keep him a while longer. Our present Treasurer is well-known throughout the county and no man can bring any charge against him.

Now let's all we Democrats meet on August 28th and nominate Mr. J. W. Futrell for our next County Treasurer.

J. T. CREECH,  
Micro, N. C.

### For Register of Deeds.

Mr. Editor: As this is the last week the good Democrats of Johnston county have the opportunity of writing anything in the way of recommendation for the different county officers please allow me space in your valuable columns, to second the nomination of one, whose name has been before our great Democratic Convention for the past four years. This gentleman whom you all know, is Walter A. Edgerton. A man who has been very submissive all the time, withdrawing his claims for stronger ones. I will ask the friends of the present incumbent of this office, if they have forgotten Mr. Edgerton, withdrawing his name in favor of Mr. Stephenson, asking his friends to nominate him. If this be true, what is your duty on next Thursday? It is to nominate this kind gentleman. Nominate Mr. Edgerton, he is a good canvasser, and this is what we need for our next campaign.

Mr. Editor, I will say a few words for Bill, I cannot compare him to anything but the old darkey's mule when he went to trade for a young mule. By some cause he could not get a trade to his notion, so he says go on, Bill, you're the best old mule I ever saw. If I had traded you for that air young mule I might got bit, for Bill you're just the best thing I ever saw. You duse everything my folks and neighbors wants you to do.

Respectfully,  
JOHN A. STEPHENSON,  
Pleasant Grove Township.

### For Sheriff of Johnston County.

I would like to make some suggestions to the voters of Johnston county and place before the Convention a man who has stood by the Democratic party from his youth until the present; he is competent in every way to fill the place with credit to himself and the county; that man is Chas. M. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills. Furthermore, his township, Wilson's Mills, has never

had any office from the hands of the public in many years, and through the effort of Mr. Wilson, Wilson's Mills township has always given a majority for democracy, when there were more negro voters than whites. Let every good Democrat turn out on the 28th and nominate C. M. Wilson for Sheriff of Johnston county and they will make no mistake.

Yours &c.,  
Y. D. VINSON,  
Selma, N. C.

### Six Questions.

To the voters of Johnston county, I wish to ask just six questions:

First. Is the Democratic party an organization for the benefit of individuals, or is the organization intended to promote good government by making and executing wise and good laws?

Second. Does any one man, or any set of men, as individuals, claim more merit or more consideration at the hands of the party than any other man or individual who is of equal character and of the same moral worth?

Third. Do the offices and places of honor, trust and of emoluments belong to any one man, more than another, both being equal in capacity and fitness?

Fourth. Is any white man entitled to pay for being a Democrat?

Fifth. Is any office holder entitled to be honored, or had he ought to be perpetuated and continued in office because he is honest?

Sixth. Does not the party expect honesty and a faithful discharge of duty from all the incumbents of office?

Now if the offices belong to the people, and the people are the Democratic party, is it right, is it just to perpetuate and continue any one individual in office simply because he is honest or has discharged his official duties?

Ought any good man, who has the ability to fill an office, who has been a life long Democrat, and spent his time and his means for the success of his party, be criticised because he may have some political aspirations; or should he be slandered because his friends ask his nomination at the hands of an open convention?

If the offices belong to the party and not to individuals let every Democrat who asks to be honored at our convention have a fair show, and the people ought to see that he is not slandered or his character attacked. As an old fashioned Democrat I believe that honesty and the intelligence of the people will be proven at our convention in Smithfield on August 28th.

S. A. LASSITER,  
Elevation Township.

### An Appeal for Joseph W. Wood.

TO THE HERALD:

As you will be to visit us but once more before our people are to meet in convention to name our standard bearers, I beg leave to submit an earnest appeal to the people that when they meet on the 28th to do their duty, pay their debt of gratitude and add strength to the ticket, they shall nominate by acclamation Joseph W. Wood for Senator.

Duty to ourselves and our district demands that we nominate one honest, able and brave. Gratitude invites us to remember the one to whom every one that has been elected in this county for many years is indebted, and party policy dictates that we select one whose name will strike terror to the hearts of the opposing ranks, a man that can carry not only his home vote but can sweep the district by a majority second to none other.

In the face of these arguments we point with pride to the man above mentioned, and when we shall have nominated and elected him, in all that august body, no county can boast of an abler champion of the people's rights than the "gentleman from Johnston" Joseph W. Wood.

Respectfully submitted,  
P. B. TART,  
Glenwood, Aug. 20, 1902.

### An Endorsement.

Mr. Editor:—You have for weeks past been deluged with letters from all parts of the county, advocating this, that and the other man for the different offices to be filled the coming election. I have refrained from writing, but before the opportunity closes, I want to add my suggestion to the many for some "ins" and an "out." Without searching the dictionary very extensively for adjectives describing the qualifications, the past services to their party, especially to the "people" of "Jess" Ellington and "Bill" Stevens, I want to unqualifiedly endorse them for renomination for the offices they now hold. None can fill the offices more acceptably, none can serve the people better than they. Others might lack a great deal of doing both as well.

Now for an "out." Since it is an unwritten law or understanding among the people that the Register of Deeds be changed every four years, I suggest, with the approval of my own conscience, and the hearty "amen" of my neighbors and the people generally in this part of the county, the name of Mr. T. J. Lassiter to fill that important office.

While not as widely known, perhaps, as Ellington and Stevens he is nevertheless as favorably known among those who are intimately acquainted with him. Enough to say he is a Christian gentleman, eminently qualified to fill the office to the benefit and satisfaction of all, and we in this part of Johnston county, will be found to join his many other friends in nominating him on Aug. 28th. Meet us at the convention.

Respectfully,  
D. B. DENNING,  
Benson, N. C.

### POLENTA NEWS.

Fodder pulling and cotton picking now in vogue. Soon the cotton gin whistle will be heard. The cotton crop will be much shorter than anticipated; the corn crop will be one of the best on record.

Miss Annie Black, of Linden, Harnett county, will teach the public school at Polenta Academy this fall. She is a full graduate of Red Springs college, and is highly spoken of. The school will begin November 1st.

Mr. H. Woodall sold tobacco at the Capitol Warehouse in Raleigh last Friday at 31c, which was the highest given that day. Mr. Woodall lives in this section and has succeeded well in the culture of the weed. Mr. Babe has, we are told, several barns of tobacco which is said to be equal to any ever seen in this section.

It is thought some of it will sell as high as seventy cents per pound. Mr. J. W. Green and M. A. Gower also have made fine crops of tobacco, and have succeeded in making some beautiful cures. Mr. Gower sold one thousand pounds of his first cures, sand-lugs, etc., which netted him eleven cents at home. Who will say now that tobacco culture does not pay? It is rumored that Mr. J. W. Myatt, of this section, and Mr. Julian Barbour, just over the creek, will go largely into tobacco next year.

Preaching at Oakland next Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Hines.

Misses Lizzie Tomlinson, Emma Tomlinson, Bettie Sanders and Cornelia Sanders, of Preston, Miss Fida LeMay, of LeMay, Miss Daisy Green, of Raleigh, Miss Florence Ward, of Whitakers, and Messrs. Will Tomlinson and Lee Sanders, of Preston, attending Sunday School at Oakland last Sunday morning. Miss Green is visiting the Misses Sanders, and Miss Ward, the Misses Tomlinson. Both are ladies of refinement, culture and are quite popular.

Miss Ava Yelvington will, at the commencement of the fall term of Turlington Institute, re-enter that institution.

Smithfield is said to be by those who have given it a trial, as good a tobacco market as can be found anywhere. The farmers who go there to sell come

back home well satisfied with prices they get and treatment they receive.

Township Convention Saturday evening. All who intend to vote the Democratic ticket, cordially invited to attend and participate.

Miss Audrey E. Booker is on a visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Mr. Douglass Holt, of Clayton, spent part of last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Susan Powers.

Miss Nellie Johnson is at home again after a visit to friends in Smithfield. She reports a delightful time. TYP.

### A Change Advocated.

Mr. Editor:—I have seen letters in your paper of late advancing what seems to me such absurd propositions, that I desire to submit a few thoughts for the consideration of the Democratic convention to assemble in Smithfield on August 28th, 1902.

We have been told that to change officers just for the sake of a change is dangerous. Therefore why hold conventions when the offices are filled by good men unless one should die. Then call convention, nominate another good man, then no more convention in perhaps ten or fifteen years when another good official should die and so on. Now this, it seems to me not to be democratic. Since my earliest recollection of Johnston county politics and county government, it has been a custom to change county officials and our county has done well. We have had the situation now in the county compared to D. L. Russell following Zeb B. Vance as Governor of North Carolina, and such stuff as trading fat horses for lean. I think these comparisons too out of place to deserve notice.

Twelve years ago Col. L. R. Waddell was Clerk of the Court of Johnston county. No man had done more valiant service for the party than Col. Waddell. He had been clerk for eight years. It was said that was long enough and I am informed that Mr. W. S. Stevens was nominated on the ground that Col. Waddell had held the place long enough, and that it was not best to keep a man so long in office. Mr. Stevens has now been in the same office for twelve years. Why should not the rule that made a change twelve years ago after eight years in office, make a change now since twelve years in office.

Sheriff Ellington has been in office fifteen years and why should not the same rule apply? These men have made good officers, but they have been well paid.

How many men in the county equal to these or others in ability, character or party service would gladly have done what these men have done for the emoluments of their offices!

We are told how valuable these men are since their long experience. Who would say they did not do as well during their first term as during their last. There was no complaint and I feel confident that other men, their equal in ability and character, would do as well their first term as these men have done their last. I am in favor of changing county officers and let no man feel that he has a life tenure of office. Our fathers considered it wise. I observe from what I hear men say in the county now that is considered safe and right, and I am for it. J. W. ALFORD.

—Mr. G. E. Thornton, who has been selling sewing machines in Rockingham county, for the past several months, has located here and will sell Pianos and Organs. See his ad in this paper.

### Shatters All Records.

Twice in hospital, F. A. Gull-edge, Verbena, Ala., paid a vast sum to doctors to cure a severe case of piles, causing 24 tumors. When all failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve soon cured him. Subduces Inflammation, conquers Aches, kills Pains. Best salve in the world. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.