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Rotation in the Sheriff's Office.

EDITOR THE HERALD:—Probably the most popular man in Johnston County, outside of the present office holding class is Jesse D. Morgan, of Elevation township. What is the cause of his popularity?

As Register of Deeds he was an efficient and obliging official. He held the office two terms. Then he said "I have held this good paying office long enough. Let some other good hardworking Democrat be rewarded." This is, I say, the secret of his great popularity. He is the type of the unselfish Democrat.

Oliver succeeded Morgan for two terms. Smith succeeded Oliver for two terms. Stephenson succeeded Smith for two terms. The precedent had been established. Morgan had laid down the principle of rotation and the people accepted it as Democratic doctrine. Edgerton succeeded Stephenson and he has already stated that he will not ask for the office after the expiration of a second term.

The duties of the Register of Deeds are such as to require a man of ability to perform them, but the people have never experienced trouble in finding suitable men for the place.

Now let us look at another office in the gift of the people. The Sheriff's office pays a salary about equal to that of the Register's office. It, like the Register's, requires a man of courage and ability. But, whereas five men have held the Register's position during the past 18 years, one man only has held the Sheriff's position during that time.

In the past 18 years, Johnston County has paid to Sheriff Ellington fully \$40,000 clear of all expenses and commissions.

Why such favoritism? Why should not the principle of rotation be applied to this office as well as to the Register's? Does any one man possess such a claim upon the party as to merit a lifetime position? Is there but one man in all this county who can fill the Sheriff's place?

No man in the State has made a more efficient Sheriff than Sheriff Ellington. I have no complaint to make along that line. But, from a sense of justice and fairness, I claim that he has held it long enough. Other men have fought the fights as well as he. Other men have stood steadfast as well as he. Other men should be rewarded as well as he.

If he is the only man in the county who can fill this position, God forbid. If this is the case, let us nominate him on August 17th for the BALANCE OF HIS LIFE and give him the power to appoint his successor.

I submit the above in no bitterness. I believe that a change in the office would be of great benefit to the party. I speak for the people and the party, not in personal antagonism of Sheriff Ellington.

JESSE DAUGHTRY,
Smithfield, N. C., July 28, 1904.

Boat Theft.

Last Saturday Mr. T. J. Lassiter went to a store and bought himself a pair of shoes. He started for home but stopped in the HERALD office on his way and left the shoes, which were in a box, on the stair steps. While he was in the office John Winfield, colored, came up to speak to Mr. J. M. Beaty about some house rent. On his way down the steps he took the box of shoes and placed them under his arm between his coat and vest. Some boys sitting in front of Austin-Stephenson Co's store saw he had a bundle but thought he had bought some goods. Mr. Lassiter started home and missed his shoes. Mr. Beaty went in search of the negro and found him and took the shoes from him. Mr. J. T. Barnham, the policeman, got a warrant for him and went to get him but he had fled to parts unknown.

Coming Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-Four miles to enter school—Two boys from Australia have engaged to enter Horner Military School, Oxford, N. C., this fall.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. Lee Alford, of Raleigh, was in our town for a few hours Friday.

Mrs. Jno. Perkins, of Goldsboro, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Edgerton.

Mrs. — Gardner and son, Bennie, of Spring Hope, are visiting at I. B. Gardner's this week.

Mrs. W. J. Hooks, of Benson, is spending a few days here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Messrs. R. T. Fulgham and C. B. Bailey visited friends and relatives near Taylors, Wilson Co., last Sunday.

Miss Mary Alford who has been spending several weeks in Raleigh visiting her brother, Lee Alford, returned home Friday.

Messrs. Noble Blackman, Thos. Creech and Lonnie Richardson stopped over here for a few hours while on their way from the Rock Ridge picnic Friday.

Mr. Ira Creech, our new R. R. Agent received the sad news Saturday that his uncle, Lamb Creech, near Benson was dead. He left Saturday morning to attend the funeral and returned Monday.

Mr. R. H. Alford who has been Railroad Agent here for a number of years, has resigned and Mr. Ira Creech, of Black Creek, has been sent to fill the vacancy. Mr. Alford was elected cashier of the Bank of Kenly which will open about Aug. 15th.

Quite a goodly number from here attended the picnic at Rock Ridge last Friday. They reported a good time, it being the best picnic held there in several years. The crowd in attendance was much larger than last year. Several good speeches were made. "REX."

Death at Benson.

Mr. L. U. Creech died at his home in Benson last Friday night. He had been unwell for some time but it seems heart failure caused his death. He was found dead in bed Saturday morning. He was buried Sunday evening at his old home in Elevation township in the presence of a vast number of relatives and friends. His funeral was preached by Rev. J. W. Suttle. He had been with J. D. Parrish & Son for several years. In his death Johnston County loses one of its best citizens. We extend sympathies to the bereaved.

Mr. R. H. Gower For the Legislature.

EDITOR HERALD:

It is but a few weeks till our county convention meets to select men to fill the various offices, and the next Legislature will have to meet many questions both moral and financial. We should send our best men.

I desire to present the name of R. H. Gower, of Clayton township, as Representative. A man qualified both by age and experience to represent his county well.

Respectfully,

M. G. GULLEY,
Clayton, N. C.

Night was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hood Bros' drug store.

Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, has been elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

SENATOR SIMMONS WITH ONE VOICE.

Optional Primary Plan For Counties Adopted.

Raleigh, N. C., July 27.—The State Democratic Executive Committee was in session last night in Raleigh with twenty-seven members present in person or by proxy, and a number of prominent visitors from over the State.

As the result of the enthusiastic meeting Senator F. M. Simmons was re-elected State Chairman, Mr. A. J. Field, Secretary to the committee, a central committee of forty composed of four members from each district, named, the chairman empowered to appoint an advisory committee of five, plans for an optional primary provided for, regulations for campaign clubs adopted, addresses made by the State Chairman, and Hon. R. B. Glenn, Democratic nominee for Governor.

Besides this the committee provided that there should be a joint discussion with the Republicans and that a notice to this effect be served on the chairman of that party, the discussions to be between the opposing nominees.

The resolution for an optional primary, proposed by Hon. Walter E. Moore and formulated by Hon. James H. Pou, after various amendments, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That this committee will provide an optional primary, to be adopted by the Executive Committee of any county desiring to nominate county candidates and members of the Legislature by a primary. That the Chairman is authorized to appoint a sub-committee to formulate such a plan, and when approved by the Chairman the said plan shall become a part of the plan of organization. Where any county executive committee has already called a primary, such County Executive Committee may formulate and promulgate its own rules for such elections already ordered. The plan provided for in this resolution will not supersede the present plan, except in those counties adopting this plan.

To regulate the clubs the following resolution was proposed by Mr. James H. Pou was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that the organization of Democratic clubs in various localities be promoted wherever, in the opinion of the chairman, the organization of such clubs will assist in the campaign work. In order that harmony may be preserved and unity of action attained, all Democratic clubs will be regarded as part of the Democratic organization and under the jurisdiction of this committee, and they will perform their duties in harmony with and under the direction of the Executive Committee of the counties wherein they are situated.

The following resolution introduced by Judge T. B. Womack was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that there shall be a joint discussion of the issues involved in this campaign between the candidates of the Democratic party for political offices and the opposing candidates of the Republican party, and that the chairman of this Executive Committee is authorized to arrange with the chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee for such general joint discussion.

The central committee for the fourth district are: F. S. Spruill, Louisburg; H. A. London, Pittsboro; B. H. Bunn, Rocky Mount and E. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh.

A Wilmington Boy wins Honor in Boston.

Neil D. Emerson, of Wilmington, N. C., completed a four years' course in three years at the Boston Institute of Technology. He was prepared at the Horner Military School Oxford, N. C.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Miss Ruby Penny, of Penny, is visiting Miss Ione Guilley.

The show was rather "Bummy" so those say who attended.

Messrs. Floyd Harris and Lonnie Holland were here for several days this week.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard is assisting Rev. J. W. Suttle in a series of meetings at Bethesda.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Stephenson spent Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George King.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes and children, left Sunday for a two weeks visit to relatives in Sanford and Raleigh.

A travelling company have put down a merry-go-round here for a short while. Better come along and enjoy the fun while you may.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Horne and Miss Swannanoa have returned from the World's fair, accompanied by little Miss Melba McCullers, of St. Louis.

The Masons have moved to the hall over Mr. W. E. Stallings store and will hereafter have two meetings a month instead of one as heretofore. Grand Lecturer, B. W. Hatcher, is giving a series of lectures this week.

Police Ellis captured a negro man, Mack Maynard, at Messrs. Geo. W. Ellis & Son's saw mill Wednesday. The negro had made an account which he obligated to work out and failing to do so he finds himself in the lock-up. Moral: Better not try to get out of paying an honest debt.

On Tuesday evening about two o'clock a through freight was derailed about four miles above here. The cause was a defective rail which broke and let the trucks down between the rails, the result being fifteen cars on the ties and a good long stretch of track spread. The section forces put in good work and the trains were able to pass before sunset.

YELER.

Southern Democracy Given Fresh Courage.

The next Governor of North Carolina, Hon. R. B. Glenn, was seen at the National yesterday. He has been spending a couple of weeks in Atlantic City, recuperating from the arduous campaign that culminated in his triumph at the recent Democratic State convention. The coming chief executive of the Old North State looks as though he were good and fit material for almost any high public office. He is reputed to be an orator of surpassing eloquence and is one of the men of whom the country is apt to hear a good deal more.

In a short talk with a Post reporter Capt. Glenn said: "The nomination of Judge Parker has given Southern Democrats fresh courage. Best of all, it has put an end to the factional differences within the party, and from now on gold Democrats, Silver Democrats, and Democrats of all sorts and conditions will put their shoulders to the wheel and work for the election of the ticket named at St. Louis."

"Since coming East I have met and talked with many prominent business men, and have been surprised to learn that among them there is a pronounced sentiment in favor of the Democratic candidate. Many of these are going to break their record of a lifetime by giving their support to the opposition. One such man was a Philadelphia banker, heretofore a most zealous Republican. He assured me that by reason of his association with prominent men in the same class with himself he had come to know their views and that a large per cent. of them would help elect Judge Parker. He has not the least doubt of Parker's election."—Washington Post.

—All good Democrats should make it a point to attend the County Convention on August 17th. A Legislative and county ticket, with exception of clerk, will then be nominated.

W. L. Fuller For Sheriff.

Mr. Editor:

Twenty days from now the Democratic Party in Johnston county will meet in Convention to nominate its candidates for county offices, for the next two years. It is time that the people of the county should be considering the matter and decide who they want to fill the offices.

I wish to mention the name of a man for a county office who will fill said office just as acceptably to the people as the present incumbent. The power to nominate is with the people and if the majority prefer to nominate W. L. Fuller instead of J. T. Ellington for sheriff of Johnston county no mistake will be made; but it will insure the biggest Democratic vote that Johnston county has given in many years.

Sheriff Ellington has filled the office for about 18 years, has made a good officer, as was his duty to do, has been paid about \$60,000 for doing his duty. He said two years ago that he would not be a candidate again.

Mr. Fuller is a man of ability, and has the confidence of the people, he is popular, and a democrat whose party loyalty has never been questioned, a man whose service to the party for the past fifteen years has been equal to that of any man who has been sheriff or who has asked to be nominated for the place. Lets nominate W. L. Fuller on August 17th, and by that act say that party service may be rewarded and ability recognized.

J. M. OLIVER,
Princeton, N. C.

J. P. Canaday for the House.

TO THE EDITOR:—

The Democracy of the State did well, when in convention assembled at Greensboro, it named its candidates for the State offices. With Bob Glenn at the helm, the old Democratic "Ship of State" will sail smoothly into the harbor of victory and weigh anchor, thus assuring the people of our grand old state four years more of Democratic prosperity and good government.

Yet, friends, after the election there is a Legislature to meet in the Capital City, before which body there doubtless will be great measures brought—measures which will effect the whole people of our State. Therefore, it is extremely important that the next Legislature should be composed of strong men—men with character and a will; men who fear no man, but God alone; men who have the power and the might to cry down the wrong and stand up for the right; clean men—christian men.

Such is the man whom I wish to present to the Democratic voters of Johnston County for their consideration as a candidate for member of the Legislature of 1905. And, this man is Prof. J. P. Canaday, of Banner Township. Consider the character and daily walk of this man. Study him from every view point and you'll find him to measure up to the full standard of man. You will find him always on the side of right and justice against wrong and oppression. He is a great educational worker, and has devoted the best years of his life to this work; yet he is today a young man and is strong and vigorous, and would make a good campaigner—being a fluent speaker and strong debater.

Consider him well, and nominate him on the 17th day of August, and the citizens of "Old Johnston" will view with pride his record in the next General Assembly.

F. P. WOOD.

Four Oaks, R. F. D., July 21, 1904.

The fact that The Sun, Herald, Times, World, Evening Post, Brooklyn Eagle and the Staaz-Zeitung, the largest papers of New York have all repudiated President Roosevelt is evidence that Parker is sure to carry New York. All these papers were hearty supporters of McKinley.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. R. P. Noble is visiting relatives in Murfreesboro N. C., this week.

Mr. M. C. Winston spent Sunday at Morehead City with his family.

Messrs. M. I. Nordan and Y. D. Vinson spent a few days in Norfolk this week.

Mr. Charles U. Harris returned Monday from Raleigh where he has been attending court.

Mr. F. B. Oliver has moved his family here from Pine Level. Glad to have him as a citizen.

Miss Lottie Blow, of Greenville, N. C., who has been visiting the Misses Etheredge left for her home Wednesday.

The Odd Fellows will have a barbecue at the "Old Rock Spring" near the river next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. All Odd Fellows are invited to attend.

Mr. John Eason says he has a "cimlin" vine twenty-seven (27) inches long with thirty-seven "cimlins" (?) on it. Can anyone beat it? More "cimlins" to the square inch than any heretofore reported.

J. W. Barnes for Commissioner.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me space in THE HERALD to put before the public a name for County Commissioner. Wilders has not been represented in the county ticket for several years and I think that we are justly due a candidate this time. I do not wish to leave the impression that the present incumbents are not good men but sometimes it is necessary to make a change. The man that I shall name to you is one that is pretty well known in Johnston county. He is a man that will do honor to himself and his county in the discharge of his official duties if elected. He has all the qualifications necessary to fill even a higher office than that of County Commissioner. We find this man in the person of Mr. J. W. Barnes. He has done more for the cause of education and the uplifting of humanity than any other man in this community and will if elected do the same for the county. He is known so well I feel that any feeble words of mine would be too weak to tell any more.

I trust the county convention will consider this matter and his friends use their influence.

W. L. STANCL.

July 25, 1904.

Resolutions of Respect.

Relief Lodge No. 431, A. F. & A. M. Benson, N. C., July 24th, 1904.

Whereas it has pleased our Supreme Grand Master to translate from this world of toil and care our beloved brother Lamuel U. Creech, be it

Resolved, I—That we accept this dispensation of providence in the spirit of submissive humility, with a deep sense of our loss, recognizing the wisdom of our Great Creator in all his dealings with mankind.

Resolved, II—That in the death of our beloved brother, the lodge has lost a true and faithful member, who for many years has been its Tiler, on all occasions performing his duty well, showing most conclusively his high esteem for Masonry.

Resolved, III—That the community has lost a true and warmhearted citizen, the family a devoted husband, a kind and affectionate father, whose life is worthy of emulation by us who survive and who feel so keenly our loss.

Resolved, IV—That we extend to the bereaved family our most earnest sympathy, and implore the rich benedictions of Him who rules the universe upon them in this their sore bereavement.

Resolved, V—That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, and a copy sent to THE SMITHFIELD HERALD for publication.

G. W. CAVENAUGH,
E. L. HALL,
U. F. WALLACE. } Com.