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Office Holding.

Editor the Herald,
This has been a matter of much concern to the American people since we became a republic. The first presidency was given to the man who had rendered greatest service to his country. When he had held the place a reasonable time and was offered the place longer, he said no, and retired, saying the change of men in official capacity distinguished a republican form of government from that of a kingdom, just what the American people had been fighting.

Down the line this example has been followed till more than a hundred years have passed and no man has been elected president of the United States but two terms. Who does not remember the services of the great Vance? and he was elected governor of the state but not for life.

It was said in every part of North Carolina that F. M. Simmons should be elected to the United States senate. His services for his party and his country could not be forgotten. In the recent state convention the services of Hon. R. B. Glenn were not forgotten. Why should this fairness not prevail in our county politics? Do you say it would be unsafe to change? No harm has come of the changes in higher positions of greater responsibilities. Do you say men in our country are not as able and as honest as men in any place? and men have been found to fill these high offices? Do you say men now in office have not been sufficiently rewarded? Well, in no other case has it required a lifetime job to reward and service in this country. No, I do not think you believe these things, but such ideas had there beginning with men in office who wished to continue themselves in office.

Now, to the men who have enjoyed office life with its comforts and its pay: Do you not think you know fellows who have loved their country as well as you do? who have done as much service as you have? who have as much ability as you have? who would like to come in from the cold of winter and heat of summer and draw some public money awhile? Is it your love for the dear people that makes you wish to hold on? Or is it not largely in that comfortable office and in that pocket book?

J. D. Morgan, now one of the most popular men that has ever held office in Johnston county, had no trouble in making the people understand that he was not a candidate and from then till now every man who has been register of deeds has known that he would fill the office two terms without opposition and positively could not hold it longer. When T. R. Hood was treasurer and had filled the office two terms he had as many friends as any man who has held office in the county at any time and when urged to be a candidate said no, and he was not nominated, as so rotation applies strictly to these two offices as important as any in the county. Why the partiality? Why not apply the principle to all offices alike?

W. A. Edgerton, who has made one of the most efficient officers ever in the office of register of deeds, will be nominated without opposition, August 17th, but said two years ago that he would not be a candidate after the second term and his best friends are not thinking of his nomination for a third term and other candidates are now at work for two years from now. Why is it that when Sheriff Ellington said two years ago that he would not be a candidate if he has lived up to that statement and is doing so now, that he cannot get his friends to understand him? I like Sheriff Ellington as man, but I am in favor of changing county officers and giving some honor and some reward to more than one or two men in the county. Let's nominate some good man for sheriff for but two years from August 17th, and then let him rest from his labors.

W. A. SANDERS.
Four Oaks, N. C.

W. L. Fuller for Sheriff.

It is a question soon to be decided who is to be our next sheriff. We have had for the last eight or nine terms a good sheriff, in every respect a good man, a man of popularity, a man who has given his full and undivided attention to the duties of his office and who has commanded the respect and highest regards of possibly every citizen in Johnston county. But why should we marry one man to any particular office? We could not expect a change to put a better man in office than the present incumbent notwithstanding there are others who would fill the office of sheriff just as well.

August 17th is the day for this question to be decided. I would suggest that the decision be made in favor of Mr. W. L. Fuller, who is well known throughout the county as a clever, earnest, hardworking young man, and who would fill the office of sheriff with credit to himself and good old Johnston county.

Let us all meet on the day of the convention and give him our full strength, for in so doing we could not expect a mistake.

E. P. BAKER.
Four Oaks, Aug. 2, 1904.

Canaday for the House.

To the Editor:

We were pleased to see the letters of Mr. J. D. Morgan and Mr. F. P. Wood in last week's Herald advocating the selection of Mr. J. P. Canaday as a member of the next general assembly. We heartily endorse everything they said concerning Mr. Canaday and hope to see him nominated at our convention to be held August 17th. No better selection could be made.

J. B. HARDEE,
JOS. PARRISH.
Pleasant Grove Township.

For Sheriff Ellington.

To the Editor:

Please allow me space to mention the name of a man for the office of Sheriff, who the people want and who they intend to nominate at the coming convention. A man who can carry more votes than any other man. We well know that there is friction and there must be some one that can and will harmonize and bring about peace, and I know of no man that can accomplish this than the present incumbent. Besides he is one of the best political speakers we have. The people has learned to love him because he loves his people.

Now, Mr. Editor, is it safe to say that the men that fought for their country and for what they perceived to be just to our beloved old country in the dark days of the sixties to say by our votes that they shall no longer hold an office? Is this the way they are to be treated? I hope not. Now, let us come together on the 17th of August and nominate Hon. J. T. Ellington by acclamation. It seems to me that the other aspirants are young enough to wait. It can't belong before all the old veterans will pass over the river to rest with their commanders, Lee and Jackson. Then these aspirants will have the open field to fight.

Verbum Sat Sapientii,
J. R. BARNES.
P. S.—J. T. Ellington is the only old Vet. we will demand.
OLD REB.

Canaday is Endorsed.

To the Editor:

In a recent issue Mr. J. M. Morgan has something to say in regard to the dispensary question. I want to say I am in thorough sympathy with Mr. Morgan on the question as to the division of monies derived from said dispensaries, and shall use my best efforts at the convention along that plan. The country Democrats are united in a demand for a division, and we honestly think our town friends should yield this much to us.

F. T. BOOKER.

A Letter From the Sheriff.

To the Herald.

Having been so many times unjustly accused of covertly electioneering for office I had long since determined to forever be absolutely silent and speak to no one about my candidacy unless some inquiry was first made to me, content to let the people in their majesty speak their choice and until this good hour have I kept that determination inviolate; but since the articles published in your issue of July 29th it seems that further silence on my part would be wrongly construed and an injustice be done to all concerned.

I verily believe that all men are under everlasting obligations to the Democratic party. She has never owed me anything; she owes no man anything, nor can any man lay any just claim against her, except to see that he is protected in every God-given right; that he may enjoy the fruits of his own labors without molestation and "worship God under his own vine and fig tree" according to the dictates of his own conscience. To see that wholesome laws are enacted and judiciously executed and that the weak are protected from the avarice of the strong—that the innocent shall be set at liberty and the guilty punished that life, liberty and property be protected and that equity and justice be accorded to every man—these are her functions and here her indebtedness to the people individually and collectively ceases. She owes no man "place, position or pelf"—these are strangers to her functions, and no man with all his labor will ever be able to repay her for her protecting care over him—she be the mother—we be the children!

The people have been exceedingly kind to me, they have and shall ever have my deepest and sincerest gratitude. No service I might perform could ever compensate. I have an abiding faith in them and the world would call me a base ingrate to refuse their demands, and if they desire my services I cannot refuse.

Let them forever speak freely and voluntarily without let or hindrance and whatever the majority of the Democrats of Johnston county see fit to decide will be "law and gospel" to me.

Let this everlasting bickering and nagging cease. We will be brethren.
J. T. ELLINGTON.
August 3, 1904.

Concerning Dispensary Question.

To the Editor:

The letter of Mr. Morgan, which was published in a recent issue of your paper in reference to the apportionment of funds derived from dispensaries in our county has caused much discussion in this section and aroused those who have not before expressed themselves, to talk with their mouths wide open. They know that it was the purpose of the delegation from this county in 1899, when the dispensaries were established, to secure to country districts of the county an equitable apportionment of the profits from the dispensaries established.

I, as a member of the delegation from this county at that time, caused to be passed an act which I hoped and expected would secure to the general school fund of the county a proper portion of the funds thereby derived; but a Fusion Attorney General, (the Fates save us from another) by request I suppose, construed the act in a way very different from the intent of the member who drafted the bill. It is reasonable to suppose that the body of men who composed the Legislature of 1899 and forever freed North Carolina from negro rule and Fusionism and by appropriating in addition to the then usual amount, one hundred thousand dollars, which the country districts their just share in the profits of an enterprise to which they contributed. Mr. Morgan's stand as he says is understood. Now, Mr. Editor, there are those who say that as the Democratic Legis-

lature of North Carolina has said that there shall positively be a four months school, at least, in every school district in the State, of course this means those counties that have neither dispensaries nor open saloons, that they had rather apply the money derived from the sale of intoxicants to the improvement of the county roads than educate their children by such means.

This, of course, is for the people to decide.

J. FLOYD BROWN.

For the House.

Editor Smithfield Herald:

As Wilson's Mills township has not furnished a representative to the legislature in many years and as there are many worthy men from that township that would make good legislators I wish to suggest to the Democratic voters of Johnston county the name of a young man educated at the A. & M. College and who is now engaged in his chosen profession—farming. And he is successful at it—don't take my word for it, but go to his farm and you will see 50 acres of as pretty cotton as any one can show. He is of good size mentally and physically, and pleasant of approach and will make friends and votes and would add strength to any ticket. I refer to Mr. G. Clifford Uzzle, son of the late Geo. F. Uzzle and grandson of the late John M. Wilson, for whom the town of Wilson's Mills was named and who was known all over Johnston county and the state of North Carolina. The Democrats would do well to nominate him and after the Legislature has adjourned he will have done honor, to himself and made a representative of whom we will be proud.

WM. D. AVERA.

Stands for Sheriff Ellington.

To the Editor:

A communication in last week's Herald signed by Jesse Daughtry, appears to me to use unjust and uncalled for criticisms and insinuations against the great "Rhinochoss," (as Dick Massey once called him) Sheriff J. T. Ellington. I am not a special chaperone of Mr. Ellington, but I cannot willingly permit such intimations without protest.

As to time of service, and reception of fees, there is no question, and I take it that he had nothing to do with either. If Mr. Daughtry, or any other man has ever been importuned by Mr. Ellington to boom his candidacy from his first appointment to the office, through all succeeding nominations, I have never heard of it, and I have been among the "boys" in every struggle from reconstruction days to the present time. I was in the Confederate army with him, surrendered with him, returned home with him, and have lived with him ever since and never have I heard him charged with trying in any way to intrude himself in the sheriff's, or any other office, and Mr. Daughtry's intimations of a life tenure in office and power to transmit is purely imaginary and especially unkind. Mr. Ellington's lease of office is no exception in the State. Sheriff Hardee, of sum has been increased by the Legislature meeting since that time thus inaugurating the present educational era, would have found some mysticism in the phraseology of the bill, if the intent, at least, had not been plain. I write this to explain to the people of the county that from the beginning we wished to preserve to Cumberland, and Hughes, of Orange, both served nearly thirty years, and until death. Sheriff Kearney of Franklin, and Julian, of Rowan, hardly know when they went in, and by the way are "old Confeds." They like Sheriff Ellington, were like the old ducky said about the train killing his hogs, just blowed and "tuck 'em." The people just "tuck 'em." and the people know what they want. Ellington with a "full hand" has always stood "pat." He neither deals nor slips a hidden card.

C. S. POWELL.

Mr. Morgan is Right.

To the Editor:

I heartily endorse what has been said so well in regard to sending Prof. J. P. Canaday to the Legislature. I know of no man who would represent us so worthily. His qualifications fit him to adorn any position our people may see fit to elevate him to. None need fear to trust him. All will rejoice in having the privilege of voting for him. Cleveland township will give him a rousing vote. Why not send him to the Senate, however, instead of the House? Let us honor Prof. Canaday by placing him at the head of the ticket.

F. T. BOOKER.

For State Senator.

I am requested to introduce through the Archer News to the Herald (by friends of this man) a man for Senator. He is a man that is very well known all over the county and pretty well known over the state. He has served Johnston county faithfully before as Senator and also as a Representative and his friends wish to again see him elected Senator. As every one knows him I feel that an introduction to public notice is all that is necessary. You will find this man in the person of Hon. Clarence W. Richardson, of Selma. We trust his many friends will use their influence in his behalf.

August 1st.

W. L. STANCLIL.

In Memoriam.

A message comes to me that on Saturday morning, July 30, 1904, the spirit of my dear brother, Charles A. Rose, took its eternal flight from the home of our parents, near Overshot, Johnston county, N. C. The last evening, death, always brings a shadow over some surviving heart; whether the deceased be a tender child just unfolding to life; a young person stricken down while the sun of life is yet hanging in the east; or one old in years and crowned with the victories of life—or perchance bowed down to the grave by the storms which sweep across men's lives. But to me there is something peculiarly sad in death when young manhood must give up life's tasks, and leave unquaffed the joys of time and lie down dead. Yet, what greater, what holier, sacrifice can mortal make than for youth to say, while not unmindful of life's meaning, "Father, thy will be done!" After this manner went my brother where God saw fit to call him from the wasted and pain-racked body to the realms of eternal day, and the experience of perfect rest.

Charles was a Christian, and a member of the Baptist church at Hood's Grove, where he joined about a year ago. The deceased was born March 23, 1878, hence, was a little more than twenty-six years old. May even this great sorrow work to our eternal good.

For though at times impetuous with emotion,
And anguish long suppressed,
The swelling heart heaves moaning like the ocean,
That cannot be at rest.
We will be patient and assuage the feeling,
We may not wholly stay,
By silence sanctifying, not concealing,
The grief that must have sway.

E. E. ROSE.
Metcalfe, Ga., Aug. 1, 1904.

POLENTA NEWS.

Cotton crop is considerably damaged by the recent continuous rains, weed fine but fruit lacking. Corn exceedingly fine, the best for many years. Tobacco better than expected, but not the best. The peavine crop is fine.

Let every Democrat in Cleveland township attend the primary Saturday evening at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. H. Woodall and several of her daughters, including Mrs. D. C. Lee, left last week for Wilson to visit her son, Mr. J. H. Woodall.

Mrs. F. T. Booker and daughter Margie are on a visit this week to relatives in Raleigh.

Miss Mildred Young is visiting Miss Janet Pool of the City of Oaks. Mrs. Phate Austin, of the Penny section, is quite sick though improving.

There will be a picnic at Swinney Old Field next Saturday, the 6th. A large crowd is expected.

Mr. S. B. Hardee is teaching a singing class at Baptist Centre this week. Mr. John Hardee will conduct a singing school at the Lot next week, beginning Monday.

Mr. W. G. Wrenn, of Leachburg, has a daughter that is quite sick with fever, but her friends hope her indisposition will be of short duration.

Miss Nellie Johnson has returned from the Summer School at Raleigh.

Mr. J. Ruffin Barham has bought a small farm from Dr. E. N. Booker, and will take possession January 1st next.

It is conceded by many that Mr. C. T. Young has the finest cotton crop in all this section. Mr. Young is one of our youngest farmers, this being his second year, and considering the fact that he is in one of the best farming sections of the State it is creditable to have it said of him that he has such a good cotton crop. His other crops are also very good.

Mrs. L. R. Martin has returned from a visit to relatives at Wilson.

Misses Fannie and Effie Weeks are spending this week with relatives in and near Smithfield.

Kenly, N. C., Aug. 2, 1904.
Miss Eugenia Harris, of Wake Forest, is visiting Miss Emma Matthews this week.

Misses Maud and Leone Edgerton left for Greensboro, last Wednesday, to spend some time visiting relatives. They will also visit relatives at Spencer, before returning.

Misses Emma Matthews, Helen France and Annie Aycock, who have been attending the summer school at the A. & M. College, returned home Thursday.

Mr. Albert Mitchell, of Pikeville, spent Saturday night, with relatives here.

Monroe, Walter Dudley and Will Bailey, of Taylor, spent Wednesday and Wednesday night visiting friends here.

Mr. Robert Pulley, a farmer living near here, died heart disease Saturday morning, and was buried with Masonic honors Sunday evening. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. They have our heart felt sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. Grand Darden, of Falcon, N. Carolina, will go to Newport News to-morrow to spend some time visiting relatives there.

Mr. Monroe Bullock and wife of Smithfield, spent Friday night here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High's.

Several from here attended the Free Will Baptist union meeting at Raine's Cross Roads last Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Grady has his handsome dwelling on South Railroad street, completed and will move into it the last of this week.

Miss Myrtle Grady, of Seven Springs, came Saturday to spend a few weeks with her brother, Dr. J. C. Grady.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Edgerton, of Smithfield, spent Sunday and Sunday night with relatives here.

Miss Lill Sanders of Calypso, came to-day to spend a few days with her aunt, Mrs. H. F. Edgerton.

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