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ASHLEY HORNE, OF CLAYTON

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

Clayton, N. C., June 8, 1907.
To the Democrats of North Carolina:

Ashley Horne, of this place, is a candidate for Governor, subject to the action of the Democratic State Convention.

I have known Mr. Horne all of his life, and feel that it is not out of place for me, of my own knowledge, to state what manner of man he is. He is a native of Johnston county; is 65 years old; had a common school education, but in early manhood volunteered as a private in the Confederate army, and following the torture of the Army of Northern Virginia for four years, and surrendered with it at Appomattox. His record as a soldier is without a blemish.

After the war he had neither the time nor ability to complete his education. Necessity required him to go to work. The first year after going home he cultivated a crop, then clerked in a store, and in 1867 began merchandising for himself. He prospered, made friends of his customers, and many of the men who began to trade with him forty years ago are still his customers and friends.

As a farmer and as a business man he has been successful, and he has also embarked in other lines of business. Now he is regarded as one of the most successful men in the State. While he has other large lines and is engaged in banking, insurance, manufacturing, merchandising, he is still a large and active farmer. He is not merely a farmer on paper, but every day during the crop season a visitor would be apt to find him in the field, actually carrying on large, active, and successful farming operations. And so well informed does he keep himself on market prices of farm products that many will recall that during several recent years he has published cotton letters which have contained wholesome advice to the farmers with regard to holding their cotton. This advice has proved to be well founded, and there is no estimating the money it saved the farmers of the State, and they were not slow in expressing their gratitude to him. In fact, he is on all business propositions a very practical and wise counsellor.

He was one of the organizers of the Cotton Growers' Association, and he has established warehouses somewhat on the line of the bonded warehouse system now advocated by that association.

He has always been a straight, regular and organization Democrat. He has voted the Democratic tickets as they were printed.

In the early 90's, when Populism was making such headway among the people, he opposed it, but he understood the hard conditions under which the farmers were suffering; and, instead of denouncing their movement as many unwise men did, he treated them with kindness and sympathy, dissuading them from leaving the Democratic party, but never denouncing them. In the country immediately contiguous to Clayton, Populism never made any headway, and one of the reasons it made no headway was the wise and kindly manner in which the farmers were treated by Mr. Horne and other Democrats. After the fusion of Populism and Republicanism carried the State, and when many Democrats felt that it would be best for us to make some arrangement with the Populists by which the State could be redeemed, Mr. Horne was outspoken in his denunciation of the movement. Six or eight years before he had been moderate and conciliatory in dealing with the Populists, for he understood the burden under which the farmers were then staggering. But in 1898 he had no sym-

thy for any movement looking to a fusion with Butler, Russell and Thompson. He was outspoken in denouncing any such proposition. He came to the State Convention in 1898 and threw his whole influence in favor of a straight fight.

If there is one idea in Mr. Horne's mind, or if there is one motive in his life which predomi-

The proposition was made to Mr. Horne to have the Clayton mills included in the merger. He declined to even submit the proposition to the stockholders. The fate of that merger justified the wisdom of his course.

He was one of the first men to advocate the formation of home insurance companies, both fire and life, and to stop the outflow of North Carolina money for insurance. He was one of the early stockholders of the North Carolina Home, and is an officer and director in a number of successful life and fire companies.

One of the rules of his business life is to give the preference where practicable to do so, to

everything that promoted the welfare of his community, regardless of its financial effects upon him.

Mr. Horne favors the strict enforcement of the laws passed by the last General Assembly regulating railroads and requiring them to give better service at reduced rates. He believes in holding corporations to their duty and within the law, and doing this with a strong, bold hand. He has always favored strict regulation of corporations and has always favored requiring railroads to perform their duties vigorously, and at the lowest possible rates, and he never rode a mile on a railroad pass, believing that railroads should serve and not boss. More than 30 years ago, when the rates on cotton between Clayton and Raleigh were too high, he organized a wagon train and sent the cotton through the country, until the railroads, in disgust, asked him to name what he thought was a fair rate. This he did, and this rate between Clayton and Raleigh has never been exceeded. He has always opposed the granting of special favors to railroads. In 1885 he was a member of the State Senate. The Richmond and Danville Railroad proposed to build to Murphy, if the state would donate free the use of several hundred convicts. Mr. Horne was anxious as any to see that work completed, but he thought the Richmond and Danville was under obligations to build it at its own expense. He voted against the donation of the convicts, and was one of the Senators who signed a protest against the measure.

This is a brief account of Mr. Horne's life. He is in the race today. He is encouraged by promises of support from every section of the State. We believe he will be nominated.

In conclusion, I beg to say if you want to support a Confederate soldier for Governor, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a successful business man and a life-long farmer, for the office, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man who has been a consistent and life-long enemy of trust and combination, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man who has been a leader in the industrial development of his section, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man who has always stood for good roads, for temperance, education, and morality, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want a man for Governor who will give his whole time to that office and who will not aspire to other positions, Mr. Horne is the man. If you want to support a straight, fire-tried Democrat, who has never turned either to the right or to the left, but who has consistently fought the party's battles for more than forty years, Mr. Horne is such a man. If you want a man for Governor who will fill the office well, who has never done and will never do an unworthy or improper act, who will never do anything that will require defense, apology, or explanation, Ashley Horne is such a man.

J. T. ELLINGTON,
Clayton, N. C.

Eleven Die of Heat.

Pittsburg, June 24.—Eleven persons are dead and many prostrated as a result of the warm weather experienced in the Pittsburg district within the last twenty-four hours.

At present there is no relief in sight before to-morrow night at the earliest.

A peculiar feature of the present warm spell is that the heat has hastened death in several cases of heart disease.

The intense heat came following a period of almost winterlike conditions, causing much suffering. Especially is the effect of the warm weather serious in the mills and manufacturing plants. In a number of the departments in the steel mills where furnaces are used the men are working short shifts, and even then are almost exhausted when relieved by a fresh force of men.

Hon. E. W. Pou Will be a Candidate for Renomination.

There is a report being circulated in some parts of the Fourth Congressional district that Hon. E. W. Pou will not be a candidate for renomination before the next Congressional convention which meets next spring. The report has caused a number of friends in certain localities to write Mr. Pou asking whether or not the same can be confirmed. He has received several letters recently from friends in this county asking whether there is any truth in the report. Mr. Pou authorizes THE HERALD to say that there is absolutely no truth in the report that he would not be a candidate for renomination next year, and it is hard to understand just how such a report could have been started. Certainly Mr. Pou himself has never intimated to anyone that he would not stand for renomination. On the contrary shortly before the adjournment of the last session of Congress, he gave out an interview which appeared the next day in the Raleigh News and Observer, in which he stated as one of his reasons for not becoming a candidate for Governor that he would prefer, if the people of his district were willing to let him stay, to remain in Congress a while longer, inasmuch as his several years of experience in that capacity had better fitted him for the duties of that office than for those of any other position to which he might aspire, that he was just beginning to reach that point in his Congressional service where he could be of some substantial service to the people of the district and State, and therefore he would prefer to continue in Congress rather than aspire to the office of Governor.

The people of Johnston County will read the announcement above with pleasure. They are proud of the record Mr. Pou has made in Congress and will be glad to vote for his renomination and his return to Washington. All thoughtful men who have observed his career in Congress have noted his steady advancement in important committee appointments and therefore his increased influence in all legislation touching our State.

North Carolina has been able recently to secure more recognition at the hands of a Republican Congress than ever before and the main reason is that more of our representatives have been kept in Congress for longer terms than formerly. Mr. Pou has proved himself to be one of the strongest and most influential representatives from this State.

One Good Market.

The history of other tobacco markets indicates that only one market, that a good one, in each county, is alone feasible or practical. Its record of ten years, coupled with the fact that neighboring markets have given up the ghost, demonstrates the wisdom of establishing a market in a live, centrally located town, where ample preparation has been made to care for the interests of the tobacco farmer.

Smithfield has \$45,000 or \$50,000 worth in property necessary for the success of the market. It has banking facilities second to no other town in this section. Its warehousemen are clever, experienced and capable of looking after every detail. Its prizeries and stemmeries are sufficient to prevent congestion. No matter how great the break today, the sale tomorrow will be handled quickly and satisfactorily.

Every farmer in the county should be interested in its success. Let them aid in the work of making a market equal in annual sales to Wilson or Greenville. Such a consummation would mean a great deal to the county at large. The labor and money and enthusiasm incidental to a great tobacco market would radiate into the most remote sections of the county and no man would be exempt from its profitable influences.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Taken From The Daily Papers.

Captive Bride Escaped.

Danville, Va., June 22.—After having been kept a prisoner in the basement of her mother's home since her marriage at noon last Thursday Mrs. Edward K. Broadas, daughter of Mrs. Nannie L. Booth, of this city, escaped early this morning and joined her husband, who was waiting on the outside.

Mrs. Booth drank two bottles of laudanum in an attempt to commit suicide when she learned that her young daughter had eloped with one of her boarders. Prior to the attempt on her life, which proved unsuccessful, she had, with the assistance of several of her relatives, made her daughter a captive. The young bride was kept a prisoner on her wedding night and all day yesterday.

Last night the members of the Booth family went to sleep and got two young men who are friends of the family to guard the basement. The girl pleaded with the guards with tears in her eyes to allow her to go to her husband. They finally agreed to give her freedom.

Young Broadas had previously been chased away from the house by his mother-in-law, who was armed with a razor. Mrs. Booth has recovered from her illness, brought on by drinking the poison.

Took Swimmers Clothes.

Wilson, N. C. June 24.—Yesterday at Contentnea Creek, while Mr. Bill Stancill was in bathing two villainous looking hoboes took every stitch of his clothing from the creek bank and left the unfortunate bather to get back to Wilson as best he could. He borrowed a pair of overalls from the pumping station man and phoned the police of his predicament. It wasn't long before the blue coats caught the men with their plunder.

Swam Too Often.

Spray, N. C., June 25.—Yesterday morning while out swimming in Smith river, near Spray Woolen mill, J. K. Lawrence, while attempting to cross the river the second time, was drowned. He appeared no more after sinking the first time, and the body was not found until late in the afternoon.

Mr. Lawrence leaves a widow and several children.

Forty Cents a Pound.

New York, June 25.—The first bale of new cotton to arrive at New York was sold at auction in front of the cotton exchange today. Latham Alexander & Company were the successful bidders. The purchase price was forty cents per pound.

Pittsburg Overheated.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 25.—Three deaths from heat occurred here today, making fourteen fatalities since Sunday evening. Probably a score of persons have been prostrated a number of women are in a serious condition.

Johnston County Masonic Gala Day—Thursday, July 11th.

At Smithfield on Thursday, July 11th the Masonic Lodges of Johnston county will have their annual basket picnic and installation of officers.

Rev. J. J. Carden of Durham will deliver an address on Masonry. In the afternoon the degree of the Eastern Star will be conferred in the hall of Fellowship Lodge.

All Masons and their families in the County are invited to attend.

IRA T. TURLINGTON,
Sec. Fellowship Lodge.



MR. ASHLEY HORNE, CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

nates over all others, it is opposition and hatred of monopolies and combines. He has always stood for the individual and in favor of the freest competition. He does not believe in any law which gives one man an advantage over another, and he believes that any agreement between two or more men, or two or more companies to restrict competition, or to create a monopoly is a crime against human right and ought to be punished in the severest manner. He is a practical trust fighter. Not a trust-buster on paper, but a man who has systematically and earnestly fought monopolies in the only way he found it practicable to fight them.

When the cotton-oil industry became important he was one of the men who organized the first cotton-oil mill in Raleigh. When he ascertained that the American Cotton Oil Company had obtained control of that mill, he sold every dollar of his stock and retired. When it appeared that the fertilizer business was going into the hands of large concerns, he was one of the men who helped to organize the Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, near the city of Raleigh. Propositions were made to buy that mill out. Mr. Horne opposed it and offered to become responsible for the future of the mill himself, provided it was kept independent. A few years ago, when it appeared that the American Cotton Oil Company and the Southern Cotton Oil Company would control the cotton seed market of the South, and they possibly might combine and regulate prices, immediately Mr. Horne assisted in the building of an independent mill at Clayton, which mill is now owned and controlled by Clayton people and run independently. It provides an independent market for seed, and furnishes independent of other companies fertilizers.

He is president of the Clayton Cotton Mills. In 1902 many North Carolina mills favored going into a combination, so as to

local and independent companies, rather than to foreign companies or large combinations of capital. As far as it is possible to do so, he taboos trusts and monopolies. From the purchase of the oil which lubricates his machinery to the placing of insurance upon his property he always gives the preference to local dealers and independent companies.

Mr. Horne is not identified with any particular faction of the party. He is neither conservative nor radical, so called. He is a Democrat plain. If elected to office, he will not endeavor to build up any faction, nor to create any personal following looking to his future advancement. He will be content to serve the people in the office of Governor for four years, and at the end of the term return to private life. He will not attempt to use the great office of Governor as a stepping stone to any higher honors.

Mr. Horne will not make a canvass of the State prior to the Convention. If nominated, he will take the stump and ably uphold the Democratic cause. He is able to make, and will make a strong and vigorous canvass, but he will not expect busy people to come out and hear him speak when he is canvassing for himself and not as the standard bearer of his party.

Mr. Horne's personal life is without spot or blemish. No person, however much he may differ with Mr. Horne in politics or otherwise, can be found who would impugn his personal honor or believe him guilty of an improper act. He has been a sober, moral man all his life. He was a temperance man when temperance and prohibition were not popular. As far back as 1881 he voted for prohibition. He has always stood for temperance, for the home, the school, and the church.

He has always been a progressive man; and, while by far the largest tax-payer of his section, he has always voted for special taxes for schools and good roads, and has favored