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## WILL THE SALARY PLAN BE AD- OPTED?

Notwithstanding the varied experience we have had in trying to get our county officers on salaries instead of fees and then later in trying to get a law reducing fees and to keep that law in force, we can safely say that a large majority of the people of the county are in favor of salaries for the county officers. The people are for the salary plan but will they see to it that this plan is adopted by the convention which meets here next Wednesday? "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Winning in the minds of the masses of the people and carrying the plan through the convention and legislature are two different things.

We are surprised to learn of the great efforts which are being made against the salary idea. We have been told that six townships in the county have been "fixed" against salaries. The friends of the salary plan will have to come next Wednesday and unite their efforts if they expect to succeed.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST 3RD.

The Johnston County Democratic Convention will meet in Smithfield Wednesday, August 3, 1910, to nominate candidates for the County offices and the State Legislature. A large attendance is expected. We make a few timely suggestions:

Come early and stay. You want to talk matters over with your countymen and so it is important for you to come early in order to do this. Do not wait to see if you can be the last voter to come but come early and express your opinion about men and measures. Arrange to stay until the convention closes. Do not leave with part of your work undone. Everybody keep sober. One of the greatest mistakes a voter can make is to get drunk before starting in to the important business of nominating candidates for the offices. Do not sell your vote for a drink or two of liquor. When only a few people get drunk and become noisy the convention seems more like a howling mob than a business like body. Drinking men should not disgrace themselves and the convention. Eat dinner early, you will eat breakfast early to get here in good time. Remember to eat dinner early and then you will be prepared to give the noon hour and the afternoon to the work of the convention.

Do not trade votes. Do not trade off your own vote or try to trade your neighbor's vote. Let every candidate stand before the convention on his own merit. Do not add to or take from his chances by trading votes. If you do this it will give dissatisfaction and do damage even if you score temporary success by swapping. Vote swapping is wrong and hurts the people and the party if engaged in. Let us have an open field and a fair fight for all who run for office. None but Democrats to vote. The plan of allowing Republicans to help run our conventions when they have no idea of supporting the ticket is wrong. Democrats and Democrats only should control Democratic Conventions. The Convention should be open to all Democrats but to no Republicans. They can vote in their convention but should let ours alone. Look after this.

## DOING TOO MUCH.

We have been reliably informed that certain experienced candidates have arranged in various parts of the county for wagons and acriages to bring to Smithfield men who will agree to vote for them at the county convention, August 3rd. This is doing too much, as many horses and mules as there are in the country it does seem the people could come to the convention without the aid of any candidate. Our advice to Democrats is not to accept a free ride from a candidate thereby putting themselves under obligations to him. Come yourself and vote yourself. Do

not let anybody drag you here or vote you after you come. Every Democrat should be a man that day and stand for the best men and the best measures as he sees them. The people should never allow politicians to spend money on them. If they do sooner or later they will have to pay it back one way or another with big interest.

## APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

W. B. Cooper writing to the Wilmington Star, makes the following timely suggestion:

"I do not claim to be a 'Solomon' in political or other affairs, but if I may be allowed a suggestion I would say that as a plain business proposition, it seems to me that the only fair way in politics, as in business, is to let every man appeal directly to the people, in other words, a legalized primary for all political parties would seem absolutely fair for our future guidance, commencing with the Governor or even with the United States Senators, and coming right along down to every office in the gift of the people."

## THE HEAVIEST OFFENSE.

Under our form of government all authority is vested in the people and by them delegated to those who represent them in official capacity. There can be no offense heavier than that of him in whom such a sacred trust has been reposed, who sells it for his own gain and enrichment.... He is worse than the thief, for the thief robs the individual, while the corrupt official plunders an entire city or state. He is as wicked as a murderer, for the murderer may only take one life against the law, while the corrupt official and the man who corrupts the official alike aim at the assassination of the commonwealth itself.... The first requisite of successful self-government is unflinching enforcement of the law and the cutting out of corruption.—Theodore Roosevelt.

## Salaries Versus Fees.

Very general interest is being manifested in the proposed change in the remuneration of county officers from the fee system to a fixed salary basis. The question was a prominent issue in the campaign which preceded the Wake county primary, and definite movements looking to the same end have been organized in Iredell and Rowan. Absolute uniformity of governmental machinery in North Carolina counties is neither practicable nor desirable, inasmuch as varying conditions may make one county's meat another's poison, but the salary basis has the advantage over the fee system that it enables the tax-payers to know without undue research just what the county is paying for the services it receives. This point is brought out by The Kinston Free Press, which urges the people of Lenoir county to direct their attention to the matter. "County offices," declares The Free Press, "should be paid well. It takes men of ability to fill them acceptably and men should not be asked to do the work for less than in the same community men receive for service requiring the same grade of intelligence. But the county does not want to pay more, neither does it want to deprive itself of a possible income that its officers may receive from public business a larger income in the way of fees than is justly due them. Then, again, when the officers are placed on a salary the county knows exactly what it is doing. When it relinquishes its income to its officers it virtually pays those officers salaries amounting to the income relinquished. For a county to know exactly what it is doing is something greatly to be desired." In other words, the virtues of ignorance have been greatly exaggerated. We entertain the same view.—Charlotte Observer.

## Firing At the Fees.

More about the fee system is said by the Virginian-Pilot, and well said, too:

"But if the evils and ills growing out of that system are more manifold, more obvious or more glaring in Richmond than they are in Norfolk city and Norfolk county, then God help the community. It is pertinent to recall, however, the saying, as true as trite, that the Lord helps those who help themselves. The people of Richmond, of Norfolk and of the State at large will get relief from the vices and evils of the fee system when they have made up their minds to abolish the system itself and have carried out that determination by electing a Legislature committed to that end. They can, if they will; if they don't and won't, they have nobody to blame but themselves."

That's just the sort of Legislature that we must elect. The fee system must be eradicated, and so completely eliminated that it "can't come back." Let us all hope that the fee system is very close to the fifteenth round right now.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## LIVE TOPICS

### SOME OF THE THINGS NORTH CAROLINA EDITORS TALK ABOUT

Statesville Landmark: The Landmark stands for salaries for county officers in place of the fee system. This paper has favored the change for years, and it is more and more convinced every day, from every view point, that the fee system should go; and we believe it is going soon. The salary idea has been tried and proved. Throughout North Carolina the demand for a change is growing and it will continue to grow. The same question is being agitated in Virginia.

Concord Times: Gen. Julian S. Carr, who will be sent to the Legislature from Durham county, announces that he will not be a candidate for the Speakership. Since he was nominated, he has been deluged with letters from all parts of the State offering to give him support for the position if he wants it. Gen. Carr has many friends who would have supported him for the position. Mr. Z. V. Turlington, of Iredell, is the man who ought to be elected Speaker of the next House. He is a strong, clean man, of long legislative experience, and is in every way qualified to preside over the House.

Charlotte News: The Robesonian gets classically poetic or poetically classical—whichever way one chooses to have it—over the sixth district convention proceedings. Hear it "Venus, goddess of beauty and mother of love, is fabled to have sprung from the foam of the sea, and the laughter-loving goddess was something of a disturber in her day—a decade-long war is charged to her. Down at Wrightsville Beach Thursday, within pebble-casting distance of whitecaps that chased themselves over the ever-restless sea, a frothy objection to a county's representation caused bitterness and strife and scars that may be age-long in healing." Whether Venus had a hand in the proceedings or not, surely Eris, the goddess of discord, wielded a potent influence. He seems to have presided over the meeting more effectively than did either of the chairmen appointed by the two warring factions.

## POLENTA NEWS.

A series of meetings are being conducted this week at Oakland, Rev. conducted this week at Oakland, Rev. pastor. Rev. Rose is a speaker of great power, and his labors are of such a nature as to leave no doubt but what he is a consecrated, pious exponent of God's Holy Word. He has already preached some wonderfully fine sermons.

The crops are looking better. Corn has improved greatly; cotton is looking some better; tobacco is of a poor grade; wheat has turned out much better than was expected.

Picnic at Shiloh Saturday and not on Sunday, as your operator made me say in my last items.

The Democrats of this township will be in Smithfield next Wednesday in full force.

Mr. J. W. Myatt's wheat crop fell short of an average of fifty bushels to the acre very little. Mr. G. B. Smith had a twelve acre field which averaged forty-eight bushels per acre.

Mr. Seba Johnson has a twelve acre field of corn which he feels confident he will get sixteen barrels per acre. Seba is developing into a pretty good farmer.

The family of Rev. Mr. Spence is spending this week in this section.

Miss Ruth Jones and Miss Meta Lunceford, of Smithfield, are on a visit to the Misses Yelvington.

Myatt's School House Farmers' Union will give a Brunswick stew and picnic on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in August.

Misses Bessie and Dora Coats, of Smithfield, and Miss Eliza Stevens, of Goldsboro, are on a visit to Misses Mina and Rena Johnson.

Mr. Robt. Smith and family, of Benson, came up Sunday and spent several days with Mr. F. M. Weeks and family.

A series of meetings will begin at Shiloh on the 1st Sunday night. Mr. David Wood will conduct the Sunday night meeting. It is not known whether the pastor will have any help in the meeting or not.

A protracted meeting will begin at Elizabeth the coming Sunday.

Township meeting at the Shelter Saturday evening at 3 o'clock. Let all Democrats attend, as township officers are to be nominated. For the office of Constable we have five aspirants, either one of whom will make a good officer.

Miss Maud Stallings, of Wake, is on a visit to Miss Annie Myatt.

The blind tiger charges against Mr. Rache Smith fell through. There was no evidence against him.

## TYPO.

July 27.

5 or 6 doses "666" will cure any case of Chills and Fever. Price 25c.

## AUCTION SALE—I WILL OFFER

for sale to the highest bidder my store house on lot on South side of railroad in the town of Selma. Time: Saturday, August 6, at 2 p. m., 1910. Terms: 1/2 cash; balance January 1st, 1910. J. W. LILES, Selma, N. C.

# SALE

## SPIERS' SUMMER SALE Everything Reduced for Cash

Beginning Monday, July 18th.

Children's 35c dresses	.....29c	75c window curtain goods	.....21c
" 50c "	.....29c	20c " " "	.....17c
" 75c "	.....63c	15c " " "	.....12c
" 1.00 "	.....79c	30c silks	.....23c
" 2.00 "	.....1.59	35c " "	.....27c
Ladies' 1.50 "	.....1.29	40c " "	.....33c
" 2.50 "	.....1.89	50c " "	.....38c
" 4.00 "	.....3.38	10c percales	.....7 1/2c
" 4.00 Coat Suits	.....3.38	12 1/2c "	.....9 1/2c
" 5.00 "	.....3.89	10c suitings	.....8c
" 6.00 "	.....4.33	12 1/2c "	.....10c
" 7.50 "	.....5.89	15c " "	.....11c
" 1.00 Shirtwaists	.....79	5c laces	.....4c
" 1.50 "	.....1.23	7 1/2c "	.....6c
12 1/2c dress gingham	.....9 1/2c	10c "	.....7 1/2c
10c "	.....7 1/2c	<b>JOBS IN EMBROIDERY</b>	
Job lot "	.....6c	12 1/2c bleaching	.....10c
50c window curtain goods	.....39c	8c "	.....7 1/2c
30c " "	.....24c		

## LADIES' TRIMMED HATS REGULAR PRICE \$2.00 OR OVER, 1-2 PRICE

A cash discount of 10 per cent will be allowed on all purchases of 50c. or more when not otherwise reduced.

We are forced to sell at these prices for cash only, as in many instances they are less than cost.

Make your investment now. Buy up your Staples and other Needed Goods for the Fall. 10 per cent saved for three months is equal to 40 per cent annual interest, a big saving.

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Course in Liberal Arts covering nine departments, and including elective courses in Education and Bible, which count for the A. B. degree. School of Music, including Piano, Pipe Organ, Violin and Voice Culture. School of Art, including Decoration, Designing and Oil Painting. School of Elocution. Academy which prepares students for college courses. Physical Culture under a trained director. Full literary course per year, including literary tuition, board, room, light, heat, physician, nurse, ordinary medicines and all minor fees, \$210.50; in the club, \$50 to \$55 less.

Next session opens September 14th, 1910. Address

R. T. VANN, . . . . President  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

# FARMERS WAREHOUSE

SMITHFIELD, N. C.

## Opening Sale Thursday, August 18, 1910

We take this occasion to extend to our host of friends and customers our great appreciation for the large amount of business they have so kindly given us in the past, which has enabled us to place the Farmers at the head of the list as a tobacco warehouse in Johnston County. And we express a hope that during the coming season we may be favored with even a larger share of your valued business and we will continue to do as we have in the past, everything in our power to make our relations both pleasant and profitable to you. The buyers who were with us last year will all be with us again. With increased demands and a very short crop we confidentially look for good prices this season.

Pledging you our best energies, judgment and experience we insist that you bring your tobacco to the Farmers Warehouse and we will give you the best of accommodations and guarantee you at all times the very top of the market.

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