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## Vote For Plato D. Ebbs FOR REPRESENTATIVE

### Ebbs Answers Plemmons Charges.

It was my aim and purpose to conduct my campaign for the Legislature on a high plane and keep it free from abuse. It was not my desire to succeed at the expense of any one, but it was my hope to win in this election by the votes of my friends without having to say unkind things about my opponent. I regret that the campaign has reached that stage where I am forced to meet Mr. Plemmons on grounds of his own choosing. He has seen fit to attack me in the News-Record; and therefore can not complain when I answer and show the voters the manner of man Mr. Plemmons is. His article in last week's issue of this paper was a deliberate attempt to injure me by false representations and statements. I will answer his charges in a few words:

I was elected Mayor of the town of Hot Springs in May, 1905, defeating my opponent's father. The trouble with Mr. Rich and Mr. Parris referred to by Mr. Plemmons occurred during the year following my election. If I broke my pledge with the people of Hot Springs, as alleged by my opponent, then I will ask him to explain why the people of Hot Springs re-elected me mayor, without a dissenting vote, at next election and elected me Mayor at the next two following elections by overwhelming majorities, notwithstanding my opponent and his followers in Hot Springs did all they could to defeat me. The question of a dispensary came up at one of the meetings of the Board of Aldermen, and I refused to put the question before the board. I was at that time opposed to the sale of whiskey and am to-day opposed to its sale. The trouble with Mr. Rich and Mr. Parris was for non-attendance on the Board meetings. It was impossible to transact the business of the town, and these two aldermen were fined for failing to meet with the board as the law required and as they had taken oath to do. I told Mr. Rich that he might make bond and take an appeal to the higher court that the matter might be heard, and went so far as to send Mr. Tom Frisbee to him to make his bond. He refused to appeal or make bond and went to jail on his own accord. I wish to say right here that I never had any ill will towards either Mr. Parris or Mr. Rich, but did my duty as I saw it.

He charges that I was in Raleigh and helped pass the bond bill. The bond bill was passed by Mr. James E. Rector, the Republican representative from Madison county, and Mr. C. B. Mashburn, the Republican senator from this county. These are the parties who passed the bill and are responsible for it. Whether the bill proves good or bad for Madison county it comes with poor grace from Mr. Plemmons to attack the representative of his party.

He charges that I am interested in the bond issue because I own a small share of stock in one of the banks. I understand that the banks have to pay the county interest on the money while it is in their possession, and that it is of no very great benefit to the banks. What would Mr. Plemmons have done with the money? If it is not placed in a bank where it is to



Plato D. Ebbs, Candidate For Representative.

be kept? If I have committed any crime in holding a small share of stock in one of the banks, then every stockholder in these banks has done wrong, and Mr. Plemmons would appear to be the only honest man in this section. There are good men all over Madison county who own stock in these banks and I take it they will compare favorably with Mr. Plemmons.

He says he has been charged with being in favor of good roads. I do not remember that any one has ever made so grave a charge against him, but I do know that he was before the County Commissioners and was the loudest advocate in having the commissioners put the bond bill into effect. He asked the commissioners in a speech to issue the bonds, and he dare not deny it, and then after they acted upon his advice and the advice of a great many other men, he plays the traitor and coward, and for the sake of a vote stabs them in the back for doing the very thing he asked them to do. Mr. Plemmons, if you were wrong in your advice to the commissioners you should have the manhood to stand by them and not act the coward and desert them when they listened to your advice. A man who will advise a board to do a certain thing and then stab them in the back for doing what he asked them to do is ungrateful and does not deserve the support of good men. Regardless of whether the bond bill will prove good or bad in Madison county—it has proven one thing—that Cocanut Ira is all things to all men, and that he has no convictions of his own. I desire to go on record as

being opposed to any further bond issue for Madison county. I have never thought of such a thing, much less advocated it. This false statement was made with the hope that it would fool some one and gain my opponent a vote. Again I say that a candidate that will issue a deliberate falsehood in order to gain support does not deserve the support of any one.

His intimation that the money of the county is being misapplied by any one, if true, could be no charge against me; and I am not called upon to defend the officers of Madison county. But I do know that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Madison county and the members of the Highway commission are all good men. Mr. Plemmons dare not say that any of these men ever misapplied one cent of money belonging to Madison county, but in a cowardly way he insinuates that such is the case.

He hopes to win by spreading his slanderous lie over every one who has had anything to do with Madison county. The Highway Commission did not pass the bond act, but were named by the Legislature to carry the law into effect. Not one cent of money goes into the hands of this commission. Every claim is paid by check, signed by the Treasurer of the county, and cashed by the banks. A report is made each month of every dollar spent and the balance due each township. The books are open to the public. The books are open to Mr. Plemmons. No, he does not want to see the books, he prefers to slander good men. Mr. Plemmons do you mean to insinuate in your letter that F.

your slanderous charges would be unnecessary; but I have answered so that people who do not know us personally may know the truth.

### To the Voters of Madison County

I am in the race for your Representative in the Legislature with only one purpose in view, and that is if elected to serve the best interests of ALL THE PEOPLE in Madison County. If I am the choice of the voters of the county it is the ambition of my life to go to Raleigh and accomplish all I can for my people.

I will appreciate your vote on November 3rd.

Yours to serve.

PLATO D. EBBS.

### Industrial Edition Postponed to Next Week.

This week we are short on all things except political advertisements. The Industrial edition been put off until next week.

You may expect a fine edition then, with only the news and the Industrial pages. We beg your pardon for the delay, but it was thought best to do it as now the edition will go out filled with what concerns the county and business and unmixed with local politics.

Miss Queen Ramsey was in from Walnut last Tuesday.

The boys and girls enjoyed the show very much that was here last week. They showed to a good crowd.

# YOU Can't Go

Wrong if

# YOU VOTE

FOR

# PLATO D.

# EBBS

Shelton, Alfred Sprinkle, Joe Brown, Guy V. Roberts, George Wild and W. S. Brown have received anything from the county that was not proper? No, you did not have the manhood to make a charge openly that you knew was false, but insinuate just as any coward would do.

The charge that I am a whiskey man is a deliberate falsehood. It was made to catch the vote of some good citizen that did not know me. He knew the charge to be false when he made it. While I was mayor of Hot Springs the prohibition election came on and I voted for prohibition and did all I could for it. Mr. Plemmons knew this when he wrote his article for the paper. If I am elected I pledge myself to do all I can for prohibition and the advancement of good morals in Madison county.

My opponent alleges that I am going to build fifty or sixty thousand dollar bridges at Marshall, N. C. A statement like this is a reflection upon the intelligence of the voters of Madison county. The absurdity of the proposition shows to what lengths Mr. Plemmons will go. If he will make a statement of this nature to deceive and gain a vote, can the people of Madison county afford to trust him as their representative?

I regret that I am forced by you to bring these matters before the public, but you can not complain that the people know the truth when you have attacked me so unjustly, and at a time when I was carrying on a clean campaign against you. In Hot Springs and in the Spring Creeks, where we are both well known, an answer to