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PLEMMONS BOLTS PARTY AND BREAKS PROMISE TO NEWS-RECORD

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Mr. Ira Plemmons,
Hot Springs, North Carolina.
Dear Mr. Plemmons:

I understand that you have filed your name with the County Board of Elections as a Republican candidate for the State Senate for the 30th Senatorial District. I have no quarrel to make with you about this, but I really believe that when you come to seriously consider the matter that you must decide that as a Republican and as a man, that you ought to withdraw your name. I suppose that there is no law to prevent you from filing your name, regardless of whether you have the legal right under the law, governing political nominations of candidates to do so. I think you know that I was not an applicant for the nomination. Without my request or any action on my part, the Republican Convention held at Marshall, March 12th, unanimously endorsed me for the nomination, which in effect was instructions to the Senatorial delegates to vote for me for the nomination in the Senatorial Convention. You were present in the Convention at Marshall and took an active part in the proceedings of the Convention. When the resolutions were offered (by parties not in Marshall), endorsing me for the nomination, not only the delegates like yourself were permitted to vote but the question was submitted to all Republicans present and the Courtroom was crowded. No vote was cast against me or in the negative, and I take it that you voted for me. At least you did not vote against me or make any protest against my nomination, and certainly nothing was transpired on my part since the Convention that would cause you or anyone else to be against me. The Senatorial District Convention was regularly called by the Chairman of the Senatorial Executive Committee to meet at Spruce Pine on the 7th day of May at 1 o'clock. At the time appointed the Convention was regularly organized and all the counties, Madison, Mitchell, Avery and Yancey, were represented by duly elected delegates by the Republican Conventions of the respective counties. After the Convention was organized my name was placed in nomination by delegates from all of the counties and I was unanimously nominated as the Republican candidate for the 30th Senatorial District. My nomination was duly certified by the Chairman, Dr. C. A. Peterson, and the Secretary, Mr. Frank Carr, to the Chairman of the Republican Party of the four different counties composing the district. This seems to me to constitute a legal and valid nomination as candidate of the Republican Party for the 30th Senatorial District.

As a man and as a loyal Republican, do you think you are doing the proper thing in the face of all that has been done, to defy the action of the organized Republican Party and to become a candidate against the regular nominee of the Party? I have consulted several other lawyers and they all agree that I have been legally nominated under the law and that I am the regularly nominated candidate for the State Senate of the Republican Party in this District. I am loathe to believe that you want to be put in the position of a bolter of your party and defying the organization of the Republican Party. If the Republican Party, through its duly authorized agents and representatives, had put you in the same position that I occupy, neither persuasion nor any other kind of inducement would cause me to let my name run in opposition to the voice of my party and in opposition to its duly and regularly nominated candidate, regardless of what I might think voters might do in the primary. I thought we had reached the point for one time for the last several years when the Republican Party in this County might be united, when it might be said that no Republican would bolt his party or do anything to help elect Democrats to office in the strongest Republican County in the State.

I most respectfully ask you to stop, think and pause before you take the last step which cannot be recalled. It seems to me that there is more than the nomination for office to be considered, but honor and loyalty are at stake. I think when you come to more deliberately consider the matter that you may decide that you cannot afford to repudiate your own actions and to defy the law and precedent of your own party, and to become a bolter of your party which it appears to me if you continue to press your nomination in the primary election you will do, regardless of what the result of the vote in the primary may be. I must think that after more mature deliberation that you will decide that you cannot afford to take such a step and that you will withdraw your name from the Board of Elections and avoid being put in the position of having the stigma of bolter placed upon you, whether you personally intend it or not. I know that every man who is active in life has some enemies. I don't know that I have any but my lot in life has always been that I have had to scrap for a living and I have been active in my profession and possibly I have made some enemies who may be appealing to you to take the course which you have just set out in order that they may even up in some way with me, but may I ask you in the name of

common fairness and justice that every man owes to another, and in the name of the Republican Party not to be moved by any parties who are appealing to you through such a spirit or who may be appealing to you for their own selfish political advantages.
JOHN A. HENDRICKS.

The above letter was sent by mail to Mr. Plemmons. No answer. It is the universal political party law that where a candidate is regularly nominated for any office, by duly constituted convention, that such nomination is binding on the party and all loyal members of the party. As heretofore shown, I was duly and regularly nominated by delegates properly elected, as the Republican candidate for the State Senate, 30th District. In compliance with all precedent, all that was necessary was for me to file my name with the election Board in order to have my name put on the ticket as the regular nominee of the Republican Party.

So far as known, Mr. Plemmons is the only man in the history of the Republican Party in North Carolina, or any other party, who has not kept the faith, has broken the rule and become a bolter and seeks a nomination under like circumstances.

From the publisher's statement in last week's News-Record, it appears that Mr. Plemmons, in order to get his propaganda published in the News-Record, pledged his word and honor that he would under no conditions be a candidate for office. He violated his honor bound oath and broke his word with The News-Record, according to Mr. Story's statement.

For many months Mr. Plemmons has put out his written propaganda, appealing to the prejudices of the people, has endeavored to inflame the minds of people against taxes without suggesting or offering any remedy to legally reduce taxes or for the better progress and uplift of the people. My plan for a state-wide school system and uniform state school tax will reduce the taxes in Madison County and other small counties from 50c to 60c, on the \$100.00 of taxable property and we will have better schools and better schoolhouses. We will have better roads and more roads to amend the State Highway Law as I propose and the people in Madison County living off the highways will have part of their road time to put their private roads in condition.

I am informed that the State Highway Commission has taken the maintenance off the road from Mars Hill to Upper Laurel, also off the Marshall-Sandy Mush Road. Of course this is a State matter, but I know the road from Mars Hill to Upper Laurel ought to be

maintained by the State. This is one of the principal roads in the County and serves a large and prosperous population. The road from Marshall to the Forks of Sandy Mush should be taken over by the State. The people in the Sandy Mush Section have never had a dependable road and it is one of the best sections of Madison County and they are entitled to a good road to get to the County seat and to market their products. Whether I am elected to the Senate or not I shall do everything in my power to have the State take over and maintain these roads. If necessary I will go to Raleigh and present the matter to the full Board, State Highway Commission. If we pull together I believe the State will take over and maintain these roads. I know if we can have the State Highway Law amended as I have proposed we shall have plenty of money apportioned to Madison County by the State to do this, and give Madison and other small counties as good highway system as the large counties now have.

JOHN A. HENDRICKS

Pedestrian: "Which is the quickest way to get to the general hospital?"
Officer: "Jump out of that window and break your leg."—American Boy.

FOR SHERIFF

To the Voters Of
Madison County

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Madison County, subject to the action of the Republican Primary, June 2nd.

I shall appreciate the support of all the voters, and if elected will discharge my duty to the best of my ability.

Willard C. Rector.

FOR STATE SENATOR

In entering the race for the State Senate, I feel that I am doing so at the demand of very many of the good citizens of this County.

I cannot make any campaign, since my father is a very sick man and I owe to him the duty of being near him, and with him, to do all I can for him.

I think it is very well known what I stand for, and in the event the voters nominate me, I shall do all within my power to give the taxpayers some relief.

If my friend, Mr. Hendricks, gets a majority of the votes in this County, then he will be the nominee of the party, since it is Madison County's time to name the State Senator for this district.

I take it that if I shall have a majority in this County, then the nomination will come to me.

I urge the voters to carefully consider which of us represents the best interests of the taxpayers and vote accordingly.

I further urge every voter to go to the polls and vote.

I thank you for the confidence you may have in me.

HENDRICKS' PLATFORM

HENDRICKS FAVORS MEASURES THAT WILL REDUCE TAXES AND HELP THE PEOPLE

I favor a state-wide school system, every county in the State to pay the same rate of school tax which will reduce taxes 50c to 60c on the \$100.00 taxable property in Madison County.

I stand now as I did in the legislature of 1921, against any further bonding the county except by vote of the people. I passed the law in 1921, that Madison County should not bond beyond 5 per cent of the taxable property. The next legislature repealed this law.

I am in favor of a law that will give people living on private roads or cartways part of their road time on such roads or cartways.

I favor amending the State Highway law so as to apportion State road money on a basis of mileage and not population. This will give Madison County and all the smaller counties more and better roads.

I am in favor of the State taking over and maintaining the road from Mars Hill to Upper Laurel, and the road from Marshall to the Forks of Sandy Mush. The people in these sections are entitled to this and I shall do all in my power to have the State take over these roads.

If elected I propose and hereby pledge to stand and work for such measures as will better the conditions of the people, regardless of party, friend or foe.

JOHN A. HENDRICKS

SHIPPED FROM MARSHALL

Mr. Brintnall informs us that on last Monday 600 lbs. of butterfat were shipped to the Biltmore Creamery from Marshall. This amount at the prevailing price would be worth \$300.

COL. JOHN D. LANGSTON

—Candidate for—

Lieutenant Governor

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

June 2nd

PLEMMONS DOES NOT DENY THAT HE FAVORS INCREASING ASSESSED VALUATION OF FARM LANDS 20 PER CENT

Plemmons has replied to circular citing his letter in which he says the assessed valuation of town property is too high and assessed value of lands should be increased 20 per cent. He does not deny that he is still in favor of increasing the assessed value of farm land 20 per cent.

Vote for HENDRICKS, the nominee of the Republican Party, whose state-wide school system will reduce your taxes 50 cents to 60 cents.

Will you vote for Hendricks, the nominee, who proposes a plan to reduce your taxes, or for Plemmons, the BOLTER, who offers no plan to reduce your taxes?

JOHN A. HENDRICKS.

(POLITICAL ADVERTISING)

"Do you come to Sabbath School voluntarily or because you are coerced?" asked the pretty teacher. "Voluntarily, I guess," replied little Edgar. "I thought they only had to get coerced if they were Baptists." —Youth's World.

Father: "If you want to make a hit, my son, you must strike out for yourself."
Son: "You're mixed in your baseball talk, dad; if you strike out you can't make a hit."

"With feet like yours you should get a job with the government."
"Doing what?"
"Stamping out forest-fires."

"Darling what in the world is the matter with this lettuce?" asked the fond young husband of three days. "Didn't you wash it?"
"Of course I did, dear. I even used some of that good perfumed toilet soap on it."

Some startling predictions as to the future population in England were recently made by Rev. William R. Ingle, commonly known as the "gloomy deacon."—Hastings (Fla.) paper.

Thirty-five head of pure bred dairy cattle were added to the cow population of Guilford County by Agent J. I. Wagoner last week.

JETER P. RAMSEY MAKES FINAL REPLY TO DR. HUTCHINS

I have no ill feeling with anybody who is my opponent, and I wish to say that I am not approaching their character. I want a fair and just treatment to all candidates. I stand for the best interest of the people and MY WORD IS MY BOND. I mean, to do what I say I will do if it is in my power. Neither ring can lead me and I am determined to stay away. Reports have come to me that I am this and that and so on, but upon my honor and my word, which I try to make my very best, I expect and I am determined to do the square thing in all my actions toward my fellow men.

"The wish of the people is my wish." I want the people to be satisfied and if I am chosen as Representative I shall try with all my power to do what the people want done. I have nothing concealed, I stand openly to

defend and protect the people who are dear and near to my heart, the common people. I like to be in their homes and in their company for they are my class.

"I HAVE NOTHING IN MIND BUT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE." I wish to say that I have no money to spend in the race, since I expect to get nothing out of it only to serve the common people who have a hard time making ends meet. If I had some thing I wished to do for personal interest, I could then afford it and then collect out of the poor people of Madison, as many have done before. I ask the common people to stand out for their own interest, and be careful how they cast their vote this time as never before.

The common People's Friend,
JETER P. RAMSEY.
(Political Advertising.)

GROVER C. REDMON'S LETTER

May 30th, 1928.

TO THE VOTERS AND TAX PAYERS OF MADISON COUNTY.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having tried to see you all before the election and place my platform before you now as the last issue of the News-Record comes to you before the Primary, I wish to state to you that I have made you a fair offer to save you tax payers \$1061.92 each year or for the term of office, \$2,123.84. Now that J. Will Roberts has not offered this to you and by not doing so you will know that he stands for high taxes so he can get high wages, I have asked several men to take my statement to the Auditor and see if it was correct and several people went and found it correct. If you people are against high taxes, show me so by going to your voting place and cast your vote for Grover C. Redmon. What did J. Will Roberts swear on the stand about the taxes of Madison County? Here it is, just as the question asked him about how the lands were assessed:

Question (by Mr. Roberts): Then I ask if the lands in Madison County are not assessed for what they are worth for taxes?
Answer (by J. Will Roberts): About 50 per cent.

Friends, I don't believe in slinging mud with my opponent, but I am willing at any time for you to look up my record as to my general character and look up my opponent's, and then after you have thoroughly investigated them both I will be willing for you to cast your ballot for the cleanest man.

All I have ever done politically has been done for your interest and for the welfare of you. Why did J. Will Roberts and his brothers stand so closely to Plato Ebbs for the representative of Madison County? Listen, I will tell you—HE RAISED J. WILL'S SALARY TO \$2400.00 per year. These are facts you should know, not intending to mud sling but to put it before you as it is. Friends, I leave the Office of Register of Deeds in your hands, believing you will see who is the man to save you \$1061.92 per year. Thanking you in advance for your support at the Polling Boxes. Yours to serve.

Your friend,
GROVER C. REDMON.
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IRA PLEMMONS