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AMERICA FIRST



THE ISSUE

If you are in favor of the Town buying all the current it needs from the Southern Power Company, and the Town realigning it to the citizens, and the Town making the profits, to keep down taxes, then vote for

Dr. J. W. McGEHEE,
J. E. SMITH,
J. H. BURTON,
W. S. ALLEN,
D. A. HENDRIX

If you are in favor of the Town selling out all of its Electric Light and Power privilege to the Public Utilities Company, and be in their clutches for 60 years then vote the other ticket.

The issue is squarely before you, and you will have the privilege of voting on the issue Tuesday, as the two commissioners tickets stand on those two platforms.

If the above named gentlemen are elected, that means that the Town will buy its current and do its own distributing. If the other ticket is elected that means they would sell out the plant and franchise, subject to such sale being ratified by a vote of the people.

The commissioners have to first make the sale and then submit their action to a vote of the people.

The people don't act first, they act last. In that instance, the only way the people can act first is by voting for the commissioners that best represent their views.

Then if a majority says by their votes that they don't care to sell, that ends the matter; but if a majority says they do want to sell, they say to their commissioners to go ahead and fix up a contract of sale, but they want to vote on the contract before any money is passed. This denies no one a voice in settling the electric light and franchise question.

It will be noted that the "selling out" commissioners' ticket make no pledges about not selling or giving away the electric lighting FRANCHISE.

In the anonymous circular issued Saturday the Pinnix candidates for mayor, recorder, and prosecuting attorney do not appear at the masthead. WHY?

Had it occurred to you, Mr. Voter, that the advocates of "selling out" have not produced any testimonials from a single town in the United States showing that "selling out" was a good thing.

In the last presidential election Mr. Wilson ran on the Democratic platform; Mr. Hughes on the Republican platform. The election of Mr. Wilson meant carrying out Democratic policies. No one claimed that "the sovereign people" were denied any privileges when they were not asked to again vote on whether Mr. Wilson

should carry out Democratic or Republican principles and policies. These policies were decided at the presidential election. Likewise this electric light question will be settled TODAY!

Every member on the commission ticket supported by the Town Ownership League will serve out the full term for which they were elected. How about the members of the other tickets.

The tentative contract for buying the "juice" has not yet been signed, and if our factories want the current now, it can be arranged for in the contract before it is signed. What's the use of the town spending the money to provide a large amount of surplus current before it is needed?

The city of High Point buys its electric current and retails it to the citizens at 6 cents. A foreign corporation owns the plant in Greensboro and retails it to the citizens at 12 cents. And still they tell us that "selling out" to a corporation is a good thing. Yes, a mighty good thing for the corporation.

"The organization of the 'Town Ownership League' was a bright idea."—"The Citizen," (an anonymous circular issued here Saturday). Precisely. This league was organized to shed "bright" rays of light on the electric light question now before the people. Per contra, the opposition is doing its level best to keep things "dark!"

The figures gotten out by the expert accountant employed by the board of town commissioners with reference to the operation of the water and light department have been severely criticized by the "sellers out." Mr. W. B. Wray accepted this same gentleman's figures in his settlement as town treasurer and remarked at the time this accountant certainly knew his business.

Today's municipal election is the most important election held in Reidsville in twenty years. Vital principles are involved of the most far reaching character which will shape the destinies of the people for a lifetime of the present and next generations. The giving over of our public utilities to a private monopoly means the absolute domination by that private monopoly of the future politics and policies of this town.

Dr. Walter Rauschenbach, an expert of national reputation in matters of public welfare and service, in his Chautauqua address last year, complimented our Town on the fact that we had not yielded to the large corporation influence by selling our lighting plant and franchise, and above all urged us never to think of doing such a thing, as we should be sure to regret it. The only safe way is to elect a Board of Commissioners opposed to selling.

"It is the history of towns where the public utilities are owned by private corporations that they exert a most demoralizing influence on the political life of the town." So said Mr. Talbot in his address Saturday night. We think we see a striking example of what this is likely to be in the present campaign. Let every citizen interested in clean politics use his influence, and his vote if he has one, against saddling such an influence on our town for sixty years. Most States have laws absolutely prohibiting any town or municipality from granting a franchise for any such length of time as that.

W. Bracken Cobb, chief engineer of the electric light plant, brands as a lie the statement contained in the anonymous circular issued by the "sellers out" that "A few nights ago a certain consumer using 11 h. p. motor cut in at about eight o'clock at night so overloading the generators that the Supt. saw fit to get immediately in touch with that consumer, threatening to cut the wires if he did close down." Mr. Cobb says that the statement is untrue in substance and in fact that there is no 11 h. p. motor in use in Reidsville and that the dynamo

have at no time within the past eighteen months (since he has held the position as chief engineer) been overloaded.

The "invisible" gentlemen who prepared the matter for the "sellers out" circular takes a "crack" at the present board of commissioners for not landing the knitting mill. Every action of the board on this proposition was by unanimous consent. Messrs. Scott and Crutchfield voted with Messrs. Smith and McGehee on the water main proposition. Honors are even!

MISLEADING STATEMENTS

In the anonymous circular sent out Saturday by the invisible forces that are desperately trying to rape the town of Reidsville of a very valuable piece of property, the statement is made that in the tentative contract negotiated with the Southern Power Company 450 horse-power would be all the power for which we would have a contract for the next ten years." The Review exploded this silly assertion in its last issue and it is unnecessary to go into it again.

This circular goes on to say that the officials of the American Tobacco Company (as it is informed) immediately upon learning that the contract had been negotiated "stopped at once all preparations to construct the new cigarette factory here, as it was apparent that they would be without cheap power to operate, and unless something can be done we are to lose this valuable industry."

This is a revamping of the old rumors put out some time ago when the movement was first started to get the board of commissioners to order an election on the selling out proposition. The Review took the matter up at the time and when the second mass meeting was held in the town hall a long telegram was read from Mr. C. A. Penn, vice-president of the American Tobacco Company, emphatically denying that any action of the board of town commissioners took on the electric light question would have any effect on the plans of the A. T. Company. The statement of the anonymous circular about the cigarette factory, therefore, is absolutely untrue, is misleading in every way and was so intended.

The town of Reidsville through its board of commissioners has given assurances and guarantees that an unlimited quantity of current for power purposes will be given to any industrial plant now located here at as low a rate under the same conditions as is given by any other town in North Carolina. Any firm or corporation who can secure from any hydro-electric company in the State a lower rate than given by Southern Power Company, (which schedule the town of Reidsville guarantees to give users) will have to get such lower rate by an illegal secret rebate, which is a violation of the laws of North Carolina. Therefore the anonymous circular's statement as quoted above is absolutely untrue in substance and in fact.

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Our clever and courageous friend, Jack Pinnix, who so boldly signed his name as "Chairman" in big, bold black letters on the first circular sent out by the "Sellers Out," is conspicuously omitted from the anonymous circular issued Saturday night. We used a magnifying glass on the circular and failed to find his name even in the tiniest type. Wonder if Jack got "cold feet" on the line-up of the "private monopolies vs. the people," or did Joe Connell simply take the management of the "sellers out" campaign out of Jack's hands. WHY? ? ? ?

City May Again Become the Capital of a Jewish State.

Jerusalem, the holy city of both Jews and Christians, is likely as a result of this war to be permanently lost to the Turks, who already have been deprived of Mecca, the holy place of the Mohammedans. That the ancient city which was for so long the center of the worship of Jehovah may again become the capital of a Jewish state under the protection of the allied powers is more than a possibility.

Jerusalem was taken by the Saracens in 637 and held by them until the period of the crusades. After withstanding for years the medieval crusaders, whose quest was the holy sepulcher, Jerusalem was at last rescued in 1099, the crusaders also putting 70,000 "infidels" to death. A Christian kingdom was founded, which continued until 1187, when the Saracens under Saladin captured Jerusalem.

Saladin's behavior was in marked contrast to that of the Christian captors of Jerusalem, for he proclaimed a general amnesty and permitted the surviving Christians to depart unharmed. In 1217 Jerusalem was taken by the Turks, but was surrendered to the Emperor Frederick II, in 1228. The crusaders again entered Jerusalem in 1243, but it was taken from the Christians in the latter part of the century. Four centuries ago the Turks gained undisputed possession of Jerusalem, and, except for the brief period in 1799 when it was held by the French under Bonaparte, the ancient Jewish capital ever since has been beneath the flag of the Ottoman empire.

When you have anything to sell, advertise in our Business Builders, five cents per line for one insertion; 10 cents per line for three insertions.

CONVENTION HERE AT THE M. P. CHURCH

The third annual convention of the Young People of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Protestant Church was in session here Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The first session consisted of a song service led by Prof. T. O. Pender, and the registration and assignment of homes to the visiting speakers, ministers and delegates from the various churches in the North Carolina Conference.

Rev. N. G. Betha conducted devotional services Friday night at eight o'clock after which Rev. J. D. Williams, pastor of the First Methodist church of Winston-Salem delivered a very strong address, his subject being "Forward."

Rev. H. L. Freeman, D. D., general secretary of the board of young people's work delivered an interesting and instructive address on "The Challenge of the Hour."

An address: "The Christian's Responsibility in the Use of Money" was delivered by Rev. A. C. Dixon of High Point, at 9 o'clock.

J. M. Millikan of Greensboro read a very interesting paper on "The Young People's Responsibility to the Children's Home."

Rev. C. L. Whitaker, D. D. of Asheville, spoke on the importance of taking and reading the church literature.

Rev. J. Walter Long of Greensboro, State secretary of Sunday School work, spoke on the "Three Essentials in Sunday School Work."

A very interesting business session was held Saturday afternoon in which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, Burlington; vice-president, C. A. Smith, Winston-Salem; secretary and treasurer, C. B. Wray, Burlington.

Rev. C. A. Cecil, pastor Yadin College circuit, conducted devotional services Saturday night at 8 o'clock, after which a very interesting address was delivered by S. R. Harris of Henderson on the subject: "Opportunities and Responsibilities." This was considered one of the finest addresses of the entire session.

Rev. H. L. Freeman, D. D. spoke on the subject, "Building the Three-Storeyed Life."

Sunday morning at 9:45 the convention was favored with most excellent address by Prof. E. J. Coltrane, of Jamestown. His subject being "Evangelism is the Sunday School." Prof. Coltrane is a fine speaker and held his audience spell-bound for nearly an hour.

At 11 o'clock the convention sermon was preached by Rev. H. L. Freeman. Text: Isaiah 40:31; subject, "Spiritual Recuperation of Public Worship."

Dr. Freeman has seemed to be at his best each time he has spoken during the convention, but reached the climax in this sermon. Many said it was the biggest sermon ever listened to.

Rev. J. E. Pritchard, of Burlington has presided over the meetings with much grace and dignity, showing himself peculiarly adapted for the place he so ably filled for the past three sessions.

Sunday afternoon there were three addresses. The first was "The Claims of the Ministry Upon the Young," by Rev. T. M. Johnson, D. D., pastor Tabernacle circuit.

The second was "The Claims of Missions Upon the Young," by J. Norman Wills of Greensboro and the convention closed by a round table discussion on the subject: "How Can This

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Convention Reach the People Back Home?"

The convention was characterized by a deep sense of spirituality from the first service.

There were many delegates and ministers in attendance and Rev. L. W. Geringer, pastor of the church here, and his people and the town of Reidsville generally did all in their power to make those in attendance feel "at home."

A CARD.

To the Voters of Reidsville:

I am informed that a rumor has been circulated to the effect that my name does not appear upon the registration book for the Town of Reidsville, and I am therefore not a qualified voter of said town, and for this reason cannot qualify as Solicitor of the Recorder's Court in case of my election.

In order to correct this erroneous report, I beg to say that during the period set apart for the registration of voters prior to the town election of 1915, I appeared before P. H. Williamson, Registrar, and duly qualified for registration by taking the required oath and doing all other things required of me by law. The fact that my name does not appear upon the registration book appears to be due to the fact that at the time I applied for registration, the Registrar took my name, age, etc., on a separate piece of paper, with the intent to afterwards put the same on his book, and neglected to do so. This fact has been attested by an affidavit made by P. H. Williamson, who was Registrar at that time, and the said affidavit is now on file with J. D. Womack, the present Registrar.

Having complied with all the requirements of the law myself, my right to vote and my status as a duly qualified elector was not, and cannot, be affected by the fact that the Registrar, by a mere oversight, or for any other reason, neglected to transcribe my name on his book. This error was not discovered at the election of 1915, as I was detained in Richmond at the time on account of the sickness of my little boy, and was unable to come home to vote.

Knowing that I duly qualified as an elector during the period prescribed by law in 1915, I, of course, did not apply for registration this year, and, inasmuch as the Registrar now makes

oath to the fact that I did comply with the law then, I take it that no one will question the fact that, in law and in morals, my right to vote and hold office in the Town of Reidsville is as good as that of any elector whose name appears on the books.

I will state further that I registered and voted in the third ward of Reidsville, in the primary and general elections of 1916, and also in the Graded School Bond Election and Farm Life School election of 1916.

J. M. SHARP.

Reidsville, N. C., April 28, 1917

We, the undersigned, having carefully read the above statement of J. M. Sharp, and examined the affidavit of P. H. Williamson, are clearly of the opinion that Mr. Sharp is a duly qualified elector of the Town of Reidsville, and legally qualified to vote at the approaching town election, and to hold the office of Solicitor in the event of his election.

P. W. Gildewell, E. B. Ware, W. H. Dalton, J. R. Joyce, E. H. Wrcnn, Jr., Ira R. Humphreys.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina in Book 120, at page 435 decided a case on the same facts as above. "That through neglect of the registrar or for some other reason his name did not appear on the books, but they allowed him to vote as they should have done," said the court.

CLUBBING OFFERS

The following clubbing offers are good for a limited time. Owing to the high prices on print paper these rates are liable to be advanced in the near future.

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