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The County Campaign.

Interesting Report of the Speeches of the Legislative Candidates—How They Stand on the More Important Issues of the Day.

The News is indebted to Mr. John T. Green, of Lancaster, for the following excellent account of the campaign meeting at Hopewell Thursday. Mr. Green was also to have reported for us the Belair and Vanwyck meetings, but he was unexpectedly summoned Tuesday by telegram to Gaffney. The speeches of the candidates at Hopewell, however, are said to be practically the same as those made at Belair and Vanwyck.

HOPEWELL MEETING.

The third meeting of the county campaign was held at Hopewell on Thursday. About 150 voters and a few ladies were present to greet the candidates for the various offices. The meeting was in charge of Mr. W. G. A. Porter, who made a few appropriate introductory remarks—asking that each candidate be given a patient and respectful hearing. Possibly no community in the county will furnish to the candidates a more attractive and appreciative audience than that furnished on this occasion. Again, to one who knows this community it will not be a matter of surprise to hear that the best of order prevailed throughout the meeting. To the credit of the candidates be it said, nothing was said or done by either of them to mar the pleasure of the audience. Each one seemed to be running on his own merits and not on the real or fancied defects of his competitor.

At the request of the chairman the meeting was opened with an appropriate prayer by the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed of Lancaster. The chairman announced that the candidates for Senate and House would be allowed 30 minutes each and introduced as the first speakers.

HON. J. H. FOSTER,

candidate for the senate. Mr. Foster, in his preliminary remarks, recalled to mind the fact that near Hopewell was the scene of a fearful butchery of American patriots by the cruel and blood-thirsty Tarleton during the Revolution.

The speaker also reminded his hearers of the value and sacredness of the ballot. As a member of the House of Representatives he voted for the act passed by the Legislature forbidding the use of money in elections. Wanted the office of Senator for the honor that was in it. If the county is in debt, he did not vote to increase that debt. Read from the report of Gov. Heyward to the last general assembly to show that the financial condi-

tion of the State is better. He favored a restricted immigration contending that we needed a desirable class of immigrants to aid in the development of our agricultural and manufacturing interests.

Opposed a compulsory system of education on the ground that it was a violation of the rights of the private citizen and impracticable. Secured passage of an act to limit the passenger fare on the L&C. R. R. to 3 cents per mile.

Favored reestablishment of county chaingang. Voted for biennial sessions of the General Assembly.

Too much of the privilege tax goes to Clemson College; some of it should go to the common schools.

Favors prohibition—Twice he made the race for the legislature on an anti-dispensary platform and as a result suffered defeat as did Hoyt and Featherstone. As a member of the House he has done his best to kill the state dispensary and if elected to the senate, he will continue to fight it on account of its corruption. The system cannot be reformed. It is impossible to reform the devil. He voted and worked for the bill seeking to abolish bucket shops.

HON. T. Y. WILLIAMS,

a candidate for the senate. It was a pleasure for him to appear before the people of Hopewell and discuss the issues of the day. For eight years he served his people in the House—an honor for which he was grateful.—During his last term he succeeded in securing the issuance of new bonds with which to refund the old C. & C. R. R. bonds—thereby saving to the people 2 per cent interest on the debt. On this debt the county now pays a smaller rate of interest than that paid by the state on her debt.

Is running at the request of friends all over the county. The state is falling behind financially year by year. Last legislature voted greater appropriation than ever before in its history. County is in debt also. His friends have urged him to run—they know he will aid in reducing both the state and county debt. No appropriation bill can pass without the consent of the senator and care should be taken to select the proper man.

On liquor question—does not drink. Voted for Child's bill.—Favors prohibition if it can be enforced. If not enforced—favors county dispensary. Opposed to state dispensary. Opposed to manufacturing whiskey in South Carolina, so voted. Opposed to high license in Charleston or elsewhere. Favors local option—as between county dispensary and prohibition.

Opposed to the State Bureau of Immigration. \$11,500 spent by it in 3 years resulting in no benefit to Lancaster county.—Only thing it has done is to aid large corporations to settle lands bought at low prices. Do not

want such immigrants as the Bureau brings. Welcomes every good immigrant, but objects to anarchists, socialists, etc.

Favors reducing privilege tax from 25 cents to 1 or 2 cents.—Not fair to farmer to make him alone pay expenses of Clemson. Tax should be just enough to pay expense of analysis of fertilizers. Clemson, not exclusively a farmer's college. Clemson now getting too much money anyway.—Should be supported out of state treasury.

Favors good roads, but only way to get them is by taxation. Can't macadamize our roads—Would bankrupt county. Should use road machines and mules to work them. Opposes reestablishment of chaingang, for it has been tried and found too expensive—not enough convicts. Opposed to appropriating money out of state treasury to common schools for the reason that it is not fair to up country. Low country would pay in less and get more than up-country. The up-country would get back only 85 cents out of every dollar she paid in.

If elected will fight the effort of Kershaw county to take from Lancaster a part of the town of Kershaw.

H. HINES,

candidate for the House. Hopewell's church and school house evidences of a God-fearing and progressive people. Test of a candidate for the legislature, character and ability. Good roads important to any people; can be worked only by taxation—reasonable tax and worked by degrees. Railroads and cotton mills and all other interests should be taxed and a commutation tax levied. Roads should be worked by contracts and under plans and specifications.

If elected would work for better common schools and school houses.

The Legislature has been generous towards State institutions, but too stingy towards the common schools. The principle of the greatest good to the greatest number should be made the educational policy of the State. Would not favor the crippling of our higher institutions of learning—but does favor economy in their management. Is opposed to compulsory education—it is impracticable and not a democratic measure. In place of that would favor a law forbidding the employing of a child unable to read and write—that is after the State has supplied a complete system of common schools—open for nine months in the year.

Prohibition is the burning issue in this campaign—both State and county. Has always favored the right against the wrong. We can't legislate evil into good. Is opposed to sale of liquor as a beverage by any system. Duty of law makers to make laws to preserve the good and to discourage evil. From a moral, social and financial standpoint—

the sale of liquor as a beverage is a curse, whether sold by the individual or the State.

In this county prohibition does practically prohibit—at least as much so as any other prohibitory law. The laws against murder, larceny and rape daily violated. Is that any reason why they should be repealed? Conditions in county wonderfully improved under prohibition. Favors Bruce law—it is democratic. The State dispensary is rotten to the core. It was born in sin and conceived in iniquity. If elected will never let up in his fight for the continuance of prohibition in county. Favors restricted immigration. If Bureau is run for benefit of private individuals, it should be abolished. Immigration a national not a state issue. State can not prohibit it. She can welcome the good, and not encourage the evil classes.

Report that he is a drinking man is a malicious falsehood—originating in the mind and heart of some coward, who seeks to injure him among those who have not known him. He has never taken liquor except on a few occasions, and then only as a medicine. If elected to the Legislature, he will do his full duty, as he sees it, both to his county and State.

GEORGE W. JONES,

a candidate two years ago for the Legislature. Only farmer in the race. Does not consider the liquor question as important as that of education. Always been interested in education of common people. Can't point to any alma mater.

At fifteen years of age shouldered musket for war. For 40 yrs have lived in this county. County making rapid strides in education. In favor of good roads—of any scheme that is just and right to the people.

In strong terms he arraigned bucket shops, "the Gambling Hells." Speculation an injury to farmer. Will oppose them in Legislature if elected. Opposed to immigration for it would increase production of cotton, the output of iron mines and the number of hogs and thereby reduce prices. Average immigrant only fit to raise hogs. 58 per cent of criminals and 31 per cent of inmates of charity houses are foreigners. Lancaster county has derived no benefit from the Bureau of Immigration. Would support no measure like that of appropriating public money to pay for publication of a history of the Jews.

Have been misrepresented on the liquor question. For 50 years have lived the life of a christian and of a sober man. That should be worth something to him. Liquor is the "bone of life, the cause of strife." Hadn't seen a drunk man at any public gathering this summer. Our people growing to be a sober people. Not in favor of sale of liquor except for medical and scientific purposes. Does not

favor destroying State Dispensary, just because they say it is rotten. Most that's said about rottenness of it is a lie. Favors purifying the system and restricting sales as much as possible—the minimum. Opposed to high license under any circumstances. The effect of it would be to flood country with liquor. In the legislature I will meet the issues—will always vote to decrease and not to increase the sales of liquor. News and Courier and The State not fair to Ben Tillman—the wisest politician and greatest statesman the South has ever raised.

J. W. HAMEL,

for reelection to House. Thanks for past support of Buford and Gills Creek townships. Served in Constitutional convention. By a majority of 300 was elected to the Legislature two years ago.

The dispensary is the greatest issue in both county and State campaign. Tillman has made it so. While in Legislature, served on four important committees—Corporation, Printing, Enrolled Acts, and Public Schools—evidence of his standing there.

On the stump, in his paper and privately he has worked for the common schools for years. His voice has always been in favor of the thing that tends to uplift the people. Did not vote for bill to appropriate money to publish a history of the Jews. Favors good roads. Present system is fatally defective. Taxation on property means. All should pay commutation tax into Treasury and have work done. Should also be a tax on property. Also special tax should be levied by the individual townships. Under the system the corporations would pay 6-10 of the taxes so levied for road purposes. Voted to increase appropriation for Confederate soldiers. Voted against the bill to repeal Immigration Bureau because we can't prohibit it and therefore should have a bureau to induce the new classes to come here. I will vote against any bureau that would be used to further the ends of cooperations. Have nothing to do with the races of my opponents. Recognizes but one master and that is truth. Have always stood on a prohibition platform. If liquor is not an issue in this campaign, why is it the liquor men in both State and the county are fighting those of us who favor prohibition? If not an issue, why is it that every candidate for the legislature has the question jotted down on his notes? For years the prohibitionists have declared the dispensary rotten, but it was not believed until Senator Tillman denounced it as rotten to the core.

Supported the Morgan bill, but only after he found that a prohibition bill could not pass the House. In doing so we chose the least of two evils. For the same reason I shall vote for Brunson for Governor in the

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