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THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1905.

MR. SEARS CANDIDACY.

In the candidacy of Hon. J. Boyd Sears for the Democratic nomination for the Senate of Virginia the Democrats of Mathews have the opportunity not only to honor themselves and one of their county men by casting their ballots for a man of character, a citizen of integrity and a lawyer of ability, but they have the chance to reward a faithful public servant and return to the Senate of Virginia a representative who has won higher distinction, made a greater enviable reputation and more successfully represented his constituency in that body than any of his predecessors in the last twenty years.

The Journal, in whose management Mr. Sears is partially interested, has not used its columns heretofore in advocacy of his claims, and it is in his absence and without his knowledge that this article now appears; but in view of the persistent rumors that are being falsely and indistinctly circulated as to his candidacy and its reception by his home people (circulated most persistently by people residing out of the district, whose information is gathered largely around circular tables and over a serious consideration of pasteboard problems) the Journal feels that it can consistently give its reasons why the people of Mathews should support (and are almost universally supporting) Mr. Sears in his fight. First, let us say in passing, that from the most reliable information and canvass of every section of the county, we do not believe that there will be one hundred votes in the county cast in opposition to Mr. Sears. It is true that he has incurred the enmity of men whom he prosecuted for keeping "speak-easies" and men who do not like the high stand which he takes upon every moral question, and he is not as popular as some candidates for public office with the crowd that hangs around hotels and public places and seriously considers those pasteboard problems heretofore mentioned. But fortunately for the good of the community these compose a very small proportion of the Democratic voting population and the great body of self-respecting, conscientious people are rallying to the support of the distinguished young lawyer and favorite son of Mathews—and that same self-respecting body of people love him the more for the enemies he has made.

Secondly: The people recognize not only his high character and brilliant attainments, but his faithful and successful service in their behalf. They remember that when Mr. Sears went to the Senate of Virginia, the tax on pound nets was \$5 and \$10 per net (a tax imposed while his opponent was a member of the Legislature) and that through Mr. Sears' influence and labor that tax was reduced to \$3 per net. They remember his brilliant and successful fight to defeat the Jordan Oyster Bill, designed to rent out 75 per cent. of the natural oyster beds to the State, after it had passed the

House of Delegates, of which his opponent was a member at the last time it was presented and passed that body.

They remember, too, that in no relation in life has he ever betrayed a trust or proved unfaithful to a friend; that he has never violated the wishes or instructions of his people, nor disregarded his duty to his neighbors, his comrades nor his country, but as neighbor, citizen, lawyer and senator he has measured up to the full stature of a lofty and courageous manhood. For such a man the loyal Democrats of Mathews will give a rousing majority in the coming primary.

"With this issue the Topic Publishing Company—Dr. C. C. Weaver, and Messrs. A. E. Woltz and J. E. Mattocks—retires from the field of journalism. In our brief career on the editorial stage we have received a few flowers, the memory of which will be cherished with others most dear to us. The audience has been a most patient and indulgent one, and that they did not applaud more often is not a fault of theirs. We retire, not because the harness galls at any point, but because one more experienced is among us. The people of Caldwell deserve a better paper than it has been within our power to give. We have realized the essence of a much-worn maxim, and that is, one thing at a time is the only way to derive the greatest good. In introducing our successor, Mr. Thos. N. Locke, of Mathews, Va., we wish to say that Mr. Locke has had a successful career of thirteen years in the newspaper business. His influence for the cause of Democracy and general good has been felt wherever the people were so fortunate as to have him. He is highly recommended as a gentleman of high character and a man of ability, and that he will identify himself with the best interests of the community there is no doubt. As we sever this pleasant connection and retire to the more humble walks in life, we feel that our friends will find in our successor an exaggeration of the few good qualities we possessed, and our enemies a tempering of the bad ones."—Lenoir, N. C., Topic.

EDUCATIONAL.

The Educational Association met Tuesday afternoon at the home of the President. We appointed a Board of Managers, composed of five men, viz: Messrs. S. E. Richardson, G. S. Marchant, J. F. Marchant, J. J. Burke, and Alex. James. We also appointed a Board of Trustees. A full report of our meeting will be given in our next issue of the paper. The Board of Managers will meet on Thursday afternoon in the Journal office immediately after the speaking.

Sec. of Ed. Board.

IN MEMORY OF AN OLD FRIEND.

Saturday morning, July 1, at his home in Sutherland Springs, surrounded by his family and friends, our old friend J. D. Brooks passed forever from the walks of men. He had been sick only a few days, and his transition from the tried to the untried, from the known to the unknown, was gentle and serene as the noiseless falling of a withered flower from the parent stem.

Deceased was born in Mathews county, Va., in 1822. In 1855 he came to Texas, settling on the Cibolo where he resided until his death. He was married in 1870 to Mrs. Henderson, a widowed sister of Gen. J. B. Polley, who survives him. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and two children, both of whom are grown and settled in life. His daughter, Mrs. Wm. Craighead, is a most excel-

lent specimen of Southern womanhood, while his son, J. D. Brooks Jr., is a young man of good morals and deportment.

The loss of a good man is a serious blow to any community, and of all the good men whom this writer has had the pleasure of knowing, he has never known a better, truer, kindlier one than Mr. Brooks. It was the passion of his heart never to pollute his hand by the execution of evil, nor to defile his lips with falsehood's baleful poison, nor to desecrate his soul by harboring malice toward, or being covetous of, his neighbors. He was not a great man in the common acceptance of that term, but he was that which is incomparably better—he was an absolutely honest man. While he was not a member of any church, he was, nevertheless, a strong believer in Jesus Christ, and experienced through his long and useful life the joys that can only come to him who looks to Calvary's Cross for light and life.

Mr. Brooks as a citizen came up to the loftiest standard of our great republic; as a neighbor he was generous, kind and hospitable; as a friend, devoted, constant and loyal, ever ready to extend a helping hand, to give his counsel and advice and to freely mingle his tears with theirs in the hour of sorrow and distress; as a husband and father he sought to fill his home with the warmth and glow, the freshness and fragrance of a pure and deathless love.

We shall never forget, nor cease to value this grand old man. Candid as a faultless mirror, kind as the dew to a thirsty flower, honest as sunlight, faithful as the mariner's unerring needle, and gentle in disposition as the first sweet breath of morning, his life, though ended in this world, leaves within my heart the perfume of a sacred memory. Old friend farewell, though I trust that we shall meet again in the city of our God.

W. H. Blanton.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIARD BLASSINGHAM.

On Sunday, July 23, at one o'clock P. M., the soul of Willard Blassingham deserted the tenement of clay and passed into the Great Beyond. While the death of Mr. Blassingham was not unexpected, it caused universal sorrow in the community and sincere sympathy was expressed by every one for his family. Willard's life had been one of unusual trouble and affliction, but he lived it heroically and cheerfully. Maimed and crippled as he was, he carried cheerfulness and brightness wherever he went and by uniform courtesy and kindness he won the esteem and admiration of the community. His checkered life is "now beyond the reach of change or death, not ended but begun," for we believe that e'er the fevered life had ebbed itself out, he felt upon his wasted brow the breath of the eternal morning. His happier sphere, his release from pain and disease, will assuage the suffering of his family and friends, and be to them a comfort in their sorrow and trouble.

THE MATHEWS COUNTY VA. FITZHUGH LEE MONUMENT FUND.

Names of children contributing to the Fitzhugh Lee monument fund since our last issue:
Ronie Morris,
Jessie Bassett,
Beatrice ..
Selma ..
Dutton Soles,
Lois Cornelius,
William Blake,
Preston ..
Edward Armiger,
Ethranl ..
Frances Ethel Diggs,
Lizzie Katharine ..
James Jackson Moore.

As the undersigned should like to see all the children in Mathews County subscribe to the Fitzhugh Lee Monument fund, he will be glad to receive a penny from each child, (whose name will appear in the columns of the Journal) and will forward contributions to the committee in Richmond.

Giles B. Cooke,
Rector of Kingston Parish.

REPLY TO MR. MCCREADY.

(To late for last week.)
In reply to the communication of Mr. R. L. McCready published in the Journal of last week, I desire to say that the only purpose of my recent card was to make public announcement that I am not a candidate, and that it was far from my intention to give offense or do injustice to anyone.

I could not create an impression that Mr. McCready was not a candidate, for his card of announcement published in both the Sentinel and the Journal each week informs the public that he is a candidate.

Nor would I belittle the size of his following. Its size is only a matter of opinion, and if I did injustice in not regarding it as large, I am sorry for the error. His following may be larger now than it was at the time of which I spoke, and whatever it may be, the Primary will reveal.

I have never questioned Mr. McCready's Democracy. He has been a true and loyal Democrat ever since I have known him.

Geo. Y. Hunley.

July 19, 1905.



Mr. Spider—How are you, old chap? I'm awfully glad you dropped in.—New York Evening Journal.



"Johnny, I believe you wrote this excuse yourself."
"No, ma'am! Johnny Jenks and Tommy Traddles dey helped me."—Chicago American.



Mother—Now take your medicine, Johnny, and I'll give you a penny.
Johnny—Not much I won't. That medicine tastes so bad it's worth a nickel easy.—San Francisco Examiner.

The Easier Way.



Mrs. Nuwed—Yes, I tried to get some of those fancy teacups today, but the man wouldn't break the set.
Mr. Nuwed—Why didn't you get the set and let the cook break it?—New York World.

I have on hand a nice line of International Stock Food at 25c and 45c per box. Fresh meats on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Also a nice line of feed stuffs, such as hay, corn and bran. Eggs, 15c. Come and see your old friend. You will find him as cheap as any.

A. G. MILLER,
101 Church St., Mathews, Va.

Suffolk College, Suffolk, Va.

Select school for girls. Able faculty. Complete courses. Healthful location. Beautiful site. Comfortable buildings. Electric lights. Baths. Pure water. Unsurpassed table. Six churches. Best moral and religious influences. Terms very moderate. 37th year begins Sept. 14, 1905. For terms and further particulars address Sally A. Finney, Prin., Suffolk, Va.

For House of Delegates—

Mathews and Middlesex—
G. E. T. LANE.

(Subject to Democratic Primary)
Election Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1905.

Mr. Stubbs' Announcement

To the Democratic voters of the 39th Senatorial District of Virginia, composed of the counties of King and Queen, Essex, Middlesex, Mathews and Gloucester:

I am a candidate for the Senate of Virginia, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary, to be held in the future. I will soon publish a card, giving my views on the leading questions in this campaign.

J. N. Stubbs.
Woods X Roads, Va.
April 17, 1905.

Senator Sears Announcement

Mathews, Va., April 10, 1905.
To my fellow-democrats of the 39th Senatorial district:

I hereby formally announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the office of State Senator from the 39th Senatorial district.

Four years ago you honored me with your confidence and a seat in the Senate of Virginia. My ambition again prompts me to ask of you my return to this high position.

As your representative I made every effort to faithfully discharge every duty and responsibility resting upon me, and if you shall again honor me I will endeavor to be deserving of your confidence and esteem.

Very truly yours,
J. Boyd Sears.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF MATHEWS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES:

I hereby announce myself a candidate subject to the action of the democratic primary soon to be held, to represent the counties of Mathews and Middlesex in the next House of Delegates of Virginia.

Very Respectfully
R. L. McCready.

WANTED--A SCHOOL.

A classical, mathematical teacher of many years' most successful experience, and who now has no family, desires a situation as tutor in private families near salt water. Address Prof. E. A. Tomkies, Ashland, Hanover Co. Va.

PICNIC AND DANCE

At Stephen's Place on East River, Thursday, August 10, 1905. Refreshments of all kinds. Everybody cordially invited.
Shackleford & Miller.

Appointments for Preaching on Mathews Circuit

1st Sunday.	
Central.....	11.00 A. M.
Shiloh (Gwynns).....	3.00 P. M.
2nd Sunday.	
Salem.....	11.00 A. M.
Shiloh (Crab Neck).....	3.00 P. M.
Central.....	8.00 P. M.
3rd Sunday.	
Salem.....	11.00 A. M.
Shiloh (Gwynns).....	3.00 P. M.
4th Sunday.	
Central.....	11.00 A. M.

Special Notice
We will open on Friday, June 2, the
Largest and Cheapest Line Of Goods
We have ever offered to the trade.
Mail and Telephone orders promptly attended to.
Sears & Williams.
Mathews, Va.

Come! Come!! Come!!! to our
Half Price Clearing Out Sale
of Millinery and Dress Goods. The Season is now most over and they must go.
It will pay you to buy a hat or dress, whether you want it or not, during our half price sale. Don't fail to see the bargains.
G. S. and J. F. Marchant,
"Dealers in Everything at Attractive Prices."
Agents for
Carrara paint, the best made, \$1.75 per gal.
Liberty paint, good as gold, \$.95 per gal.
Monumental paint, for barns and bridges, \$.67 1/2 per gal.
"Japalac" varnish, wears like iron, \$2.50 per gal.
American wire fence, lasts forever, 4c to 10c per yd.
Globe steel ranges, never wear out, \$25. to \$50.
Richmond cook stoves, good as any, \$7. to \$20.
Lexington ranges, can't be beat, \$14. to \$25.
Wickless oil cook stoves, good for summer use, \$2.50 to \$10.
Syracuse chilled plows, do good work, \$6. to \$10.
Heywood-Wakefield wicker furniture, at all prices.
Russell single horse wagons.
Kayser & Allmons Wall Paper.
O'Connor's hand made Harness.
Westover Roofing Paper, \$1.00 per roll.

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with the Bridgeport Motor Company. If the season is poor and money scarce, keep a stiff upper lip, install a Bridgeport Motor and keep with the rest of the fellows next season.
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When we started in 1896 a boy could have attended to our business, now the boy's snow ball requires many men to roll it. The rings show how our insurance business is rolling up.
Solicitors.
W. W. Seward, Urbanna,
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L. M. Riley, Sandy Bottom.
Agents.
W. J. PARKER, Mt. Landing, Agent for Essex and King
R. H. NORRIS, Ordinary, Agent for Mathews and Gloucester
H. B. CHASE, Urbanna, special agent for Middlesex.

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