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## NEWS BREVITIES OF 38 YEARS AGO

Outstanding Happenings of Boone and Watauga County As Chronicled in the Columns of the Watauga Democrat

Thursday, May 8, 1890

Eight wagons and about 15 persons arrived at Coffey's hotel last night. They go to Elk Park after harvest which they propose to sell to the farmers of this county.

As we go to press, Mr. Bryan reports a heavy snowstorm at Elk Park. Surrounding country yesterday evening that continued for more than an hour. The mountains are white this morning in the sight of Boone.

The Democrat extends most hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Newton Mast and his fair young bride. May their lives be bright, peaceful and happy. May auspicious winds blow gently around them as they journey through the complicated labyrinth of life, and may their last days be the happiest.

The railroad tax of \$50,000 carried by a large majority in Johnson county, Tenn. It is claimed that the road will soon be built from Bristol, Tenn., via Elizabethton and up the Watauga river to the mouth of Roans creek to Mountain City. Thirty-five thousand dollars' worth of mineral and timber lands were sold there in one day. Our neighbor county is on a high boom.

The town election went off quietly here Monday. Our popular mayor, W. C. Coffey, was re-elected without opposition. The following commissioners were elected: W. L. Bryan, I. F. Spainhour and R. C. Rivers.

Wanted—15 colored hands at \$1.25 per day, to work on the 3 C's railroad near Johnson City. Good backs and wood furnished. To make contract, call on J. W. Hodges, Boone, N. C.

One of our foremost merchants, Mr. Bryan, is preparing to build an extensive store house on the old Horton lot. This will improve the locality very much.

Commodore Clark was again triumphantly elected mayor of Blewings Rock on last Monday. Good choice.

Prof. Francum's school in Boone is progressing nicely.

A movement is now on foot to build a \$10,000 hotel in Wilkesboro, says the Chronicle.

For the protection of our fences and more especially for the purpose of keeping stock from being hitched on the sidewalks, let us put a lot of racks on some convenient plot of ground near the public square. This wouldn't be an expensive job, but is one we are badly in need of.

Attorneys Council and Blackburn have returned from Mitchell and Yancey counties. It is probable that both of them will be nominated by their respective parties for solicitor and then they will spread themselves before their constituents for mastery.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL PLAN FOR BOONE SCHOOL

The board of education was in session Monday and Tuesday and many matters of a routine nature were disposed of. One of the most important items of business was that relative to the construction of a high school for Boone. The high school heretofore has been taken care of by the Normal, but the authorities of that institution served notice some time ago that the board would have to provide quarters of their own before the next term of school. It was decided that a meeting should be held on May 18, at which time the May budget would be drawn up, and different tentative plans considered for the construction of the Boone high school building.

It was also voted to consolidate three schools in Meat Camp—Green Valley, Chestnut Grove and Tugman—the building to be constructed near the Meat Camp Baptist church. A truck is to be put on the Todd road to bring pupils to the Boone high school and the board and superintendent will visit Riverview to consider rebuilding of the school house recently destroyed by fire.

It was voted to raise the standard of the Foscoe school so as to include the teaching of high school subjects.

## JAILED ON FORGERY COUNT

Clarence Cannon of the Beech Creek section of the county is in the Watauga jail in default of \$2,000 bond, the arrest having been made at the home of the defendant yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff H. A. Hagaman.

Cannon was to have appeared at the last term of superior court, to answer a charge of check raising, being an accomplice in the crime of Dewey Harmon, now serving a term in the state prison for the robbery of the Valle Crucis Bank. He "skipped" the bond of \$1,000 and officials heretofore had failed in their efforts to capture him.

## Two Boone Women Win Prizes in Boston

Quilts Made by Mrs. C. G. Hodges and Mrs. Lulu Ragan Win First Prizes in Home Beautiful Exposition

Boston, Mass., May 6.—Before 18,000 people attending the closing of the home beautiful exposition here, Mrs. C. G. Hodges of Boone, N. C., was awarded first prize for an antique quilt and Mrs. Lulu Ragan, also of Boone, won first prize for a quilt of modern design.

The exposition, biggest thing of its kind ever held in New England, drew exhibits from all parts of the United States.

Tribute was paid the two North Carolina women and the fact brought out that in the two quilt exhibitions more than 2,500 were offered by contestants.

Neither of the Boone women were strangers to Boston for both were prominent in the exhibition last year during which time Governor Alvin T. Fuller visited their quilt booths and paid them a splendid tribute.

The governor's wife and Mrs. Henry Ford, wife of the Detroit automobile magnate, who was visiting here at the time, visited the Boone women for a considerable period each day. Mrs. Ford at that time purchased several quilts.

The booths of the North Carolina women were among the most popular at the exhibition and nearly 15,000 people looked upon it daily.

## MUST USE WOODLAND TO SUPPLY INCOME

Much more land in North Carolina is in woods than in crops and there is an additional million acres which has been cleared but is now idle. Little of this land is made to return an annual income.

"Yet land is the chief item of equipment in the farming business," says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State college. "To be successful as an industry every acre must be made to produce. Idle acres pay no taxes, cover no overhead nor produce income on the investment. The three main ways in which we can use our land is for the production of field crops, use as pasture and as woodland for the growing of timber. At the present time, our 18,588,070 acres of farmland in the state is divided as follows: 5,720,250 acres in crops; 1,430,287 acres in pasture; 8,453,483 acres in woodland; 1,136,571 acres cleared but idle and 1,849,979 for other purposes."

This division shows the necessity for some return to come from the woodlands and the idle cleared land, states Mr. Graeber. By practicing the simple principles of good forestry management, every farmer may become a forester and secure such returns.

Mr. Graeber quotes one forester who says: "The farmer who has a piece of woodland where during the winter months he cuts his fire wood and fencing and a few logs for the repair of buildings and implements, and during certain years when prices are high cuts some logs for the neighborhood sawmill, but at the same time looks after the piece of woods, cleans it of dead timber and other rubbish, thus keeping out fire and insects, and otherwise making an effort to keep the land covered with forest—such a man practices forestry. His forest may be small or large, his ways of doing may be simple and imperfect, the trees may not be the kinds for the particular locality and soil, they may not be as thrifty as they should and could be; but nevertheless he is a man who does not merely destroy the woods nor content himself with cutting down whatever he can sell, but one who cares for the woods as well as uses them, one who sows as well as harvests. He is a forester."

He purchased an abandoned mine in Burma and gave this up at the outbreak of the war because to keep

## Appalachian State Normal College Closed Very Successful Session Friday Morning

Eighty-nine graduates from the Appalachian State Normal received their diplomas at the closing exercises of the Normal last Thursday morning in the auditorium of the administration building, the exercises being presided over and the diplomas presented by Dr. E. B. Dougherty, president of the institution.

The feature of the program was an address by Senator A. E. Woltz of Gaston county, a former member of the faculty of the Normal, and author of the equalization law, passed at the last session of the North Carolina general assembly. "The Essentials of Success," was Senator Woltz's theme, and his masterful address received the close attention of the graduates and friends of the school who were present.

Governor Will C. Newland, of Lenoir, who in 1903 introduced the bill in the legislature that made the institution possible, was presented by Dr. Dougherty, and made a brief but interesting talk. He recalled that in 1907 or 1908 he delivered the annual address to the graduating class of the school and declared then that he expected to live to see magnificent brick buildings dotting the beautiful campus, accommodating hundreds of young men and women in search of education. "When I walked off the platform," said the governor, "a friend of mine asked whether I was crazy or just dreaming. My reply was that I was prophesying, and my prophecy has been fulfilled in much shorter time than I expected."

Dr. A. T. Allen, superintendent of public instruction of North Carolina, delivered certificates to the 91 graduates, entitling them to teach in the public schools of North Carolina.

The program for the exercises Thursday morning was as follows: Processional, "O Mother Dear Jerusalem: Invocation, Rev. P. A. Hicks; Song, "Hark, Hark, the Lark; Salutatory, Viola Upright; Song, "Welcome Sweet Springtime; Valedictory, T. E. Davis; Literary address, Senator A. E. Woltz; Presentation of diplomas and certificates; School song, "Appalachia"; Recessional, "Lead On O King Eternal".

Following is a list of those receiving diplomas:

Mary R. Abernethy, Lelia Black-

## Leading Contender for G. O. P. Nomination



HERBERT HOOVER

(This is the first of a series of sketches, dealing with the careers of presidential possibilities. Next week will be Governor Alfred E. Smith.)

Herbert Hoover was born in Iowa in 1874, the son of a blacksmith. His mother was a reader in a Quaker meeting house. He was orphaned at 9 and brought up by relatives in Oregon; he worked his way through Leland Stanford University; he worked with a pick in the mines, and later was assistant in the office of a San Francisco engineer.

At 23 he was manager of a large British mine in Australia; at 25 director general of the Imperial mines of China. He was a chief figure in the defense of Tientsin in the Boxer revolution, and during the next 15 years headed vast mining enterprises in various quarters of the world.

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well, Ida May Brandon, Edna Bray, Mattie Brown, Florence Clark, Pearl Cowles, Thelma Dull, Emma C. Deal, Marie Drum, Robert W. Elliott, Evelyn Floyd, Lucile Clarke, Mildred Graham, Mattie Gray Guthrie, B. L. Hoaxner, Annie May Helms, Bessie Hill, Essie Lorene Hood, Rosa Mae Ingram, Mandolin Johnson, Nellie Rose Lazenby, Lois Catherine Kistler, Grace Linchberry, Mildred Logan, Glennie Love, Olivette Martin, Lena Ruth McMillan, Fannie B. Moore, Myrtle Morgan, Mary Hardy Murrill, Florence Ethel Eula Frances Pyatt, Mabel E. Reel, Dessie Roberts, Lucile Sartin, Mildred Faye Sharpe, Ada Catherine Simms, Nan Stewart, Elizabeth Todd, Charles Jennings Walsh, W. J. Waters, Mary Williams White, Ruth Benfield, Margaret Woodard, Clara Ruth Ball, Edna Minnie Bowers, Josephine Brandon, Nola Brotherton, Bessie Cain, Margaret Clarke, Grace Crouse, Ted E. Davis, Ila Leota Deal, Stella Drum, Nannie B. Finch, Eula Mae Garrison, George Lee Gibson, Mamie Griffin, Myrtis Hamrick, Belle Hawkins, Lorena Merle Hedrick, Ona B. Helms, Eloise Hutchens, Aggie Jennings, Rosa Louise Jones, Wilma Wimala, Ruth Ives Lane, Annie Little, Dora Moore Ledbetter, Lela Clara Marlowe, Kathleen McConnell, Annie Laura Miller, Nellie Kathleen Mullen, Beatrice Morgan, Ruby Allene Pennington, Annie Perry, Ruth Rhyme, Myra Sale, Martha Schachner, Margaret Siler, Mary Lee Staten, Mary Thompson, Linnie Viola Upright, Evelyn Ward, Verna Phipps Weaver, Mary Lillian Williams, Nellie Hope Wilson.

The following completed the two-year standard college course: Beverly Heavner, DeV. Boyles, Clay Harman, Oscar Roberts, Alexander Mull, J. Bynum Love, Elizabeth Gambill, Tom Hayes, Kyle Hayes, Paul Bingham.

Grady Lester Pugh, who escaped from the Alamance county jail at Graham a few weeks ago while awaiting trial on a charge of robbing the bank at Elon College, was arrested at Lumberton Sunday and turned over to Alamance authorities. A reward of \$100 was offered for his capture.

## Watauga May Get Another Railroad?

Rumor Has It That Southern Will Build Road From Tennessee to Deep Gap; Power Project Is Said To Be Assured

By RUPERT GILLETT

Watauga county is to have a standard gauge railway and three power dams.

Information to this effect, coming from sources believed to be thoroughly reliable, has been received here and is generally credited. The railway, it is said, is to be built by the same company that has been surveying the sites for the three dams on Cove Creek and Watauga River.

That the dams will be built is considered certain, since a conference between representatives of the syndicate behind the project and officials of the Tri-County Lumber Company, at which the lumber company officials were told that if they continued to build their logging railway along its projected grade it would be covered with water when the dams are built.

The lumber company then agreed to relocate the grade of its road, so that it will be above the water lines of the lakes.

A prominent Tennessean came through here a day or so ago and told a Boone business man that representatives of the syndicate had conferred with the president of the Southern Railway about building a railway from some point in Tennessee, through the Cove Creek valley to Boone, thence to Deep Gap, where it would take over the Deep Gap Road and Lumber Company's logging railroad. This road connects with the Norfolk and Western at Bowie.

It was intimated that if the road is built, it will be a subsidiary of the Southern, if it is not taken over actually by that company. This would give Boone direct rail connections with Tennessee and with Richmond and Washington.

It is still not known definitely who is the syndicate behind these projects, but the rumor has persisted ever since the surveying began that it is the American Aluminum Company. At any rate, the project, if it is carried out, promises to be one of the greatest industrial developments in Western North Carolina.

## NAMING PRESIDENTS IN PAST NATIONAL POWWOWS

With the approach of the two national conventions, it is an interesting thing to review the past conventions, since the first was held in 1856.

From the beginning, the Republicans have cast a total of 90 ballots while the Democrats have displayed a much more vigorous fight before naming their party leaders, and have chalked up 310 ballots.

Probably the most spirited convention was in 1921, when Davis was nominated on the 103rd ballot, and the count may in a long time before the number of ballots will ever equal that convention. The highest number of ballots ever required to nominate at the Republican convention was in 1880, when Garfield was the choice on the 10th ballot.

With the two conventions again in the offing, the parties may both place a leader in nomination on the first ballot, or they may spend some time and chalk up a long list of ballots before a selection is made. The time has only been on a few occasions that the conventions have named a leader on the first ballot.

A review of these conventions, since 1856, shows the following, with the first named at each convention being the Republican candidate and the second the Democratic:

- 1856—Fremont on first; Buchanan on seventh.
- 1860—Lincoln on third; Breckinridge on first; Douglas on fifth.
- 1864—Lincoln on first; McClellan on first.
- 1868—Grant on first; Seymour on twenty-second.
- 1872—Grant on first; Greeley on first.
- 1876—Hayes on seventh; Tilden on second.
- 1880—Garfield on thirty-sixth; Hancock on second.
- 1884—Blaine on fourth; Cleveland on second.
- 1888—Harrison on eighth; Cleveland on first.
- 1892—Harrison on first; Cleveland on first.
- 1896—McKinley on first; Bryan on fifth.
- 1900—McKinley on first; Bryan on first.
- 1904—Roosevelt on first; Parker on first.
- 1908—Taft on first; Bryan on first.
- 1912—Taft on first; Wilson on forty-sixth.
- 1916—Hughes on third; Wilson on first.
- 1920—Harding on tenth; Cox on forty-fourth.
- 1924—Coolidge on first; Davis on one hundred and third.

## POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

### Hoover Leads in Indiana

On the basis of returns from the urban districts of Indiana, Herbert Hoover is leading Senator James E. Watson almost 2 to 1 for the state's Republican presidential vote. Returns so far tabulated included Fort Wayne, South Bend and the Calumet region. However, unofficial returns from rural sections in the southern part of the state indicated a majority for the native son. Whether or not Senator Watson will be able to recover from the landslide of the cities cannot be determined until the rural districts are finally tabulated.

### Moody Faction Wins in Texas

The harmony faction of the Democratic party in Texas had a good lead over all other factions, according to reports from Tuesday's presidential conventions. Ninety-two counties which have about two-thirds or 109 of the state convention votes have been reported. They are divided as follows: Uninstructed, 87; instructed to support prohibition but without orders as to individual candidates with wet tendencies, 39; for Governor Smith, 20; for Jesse Jones of Houston, 2. On May 22, the state's 10 delegates to Houston will be selected at Beaumont.

### Anti-Smiths Lead in Alabama

Holding to an early advantage, four candidates for delegates to Houston, representing Alabama's anti-Smith faction, are in the front as 143 widely scattered precincts had been tabulated from Tuesday's Democratic primary.

### Smith Will Get Delaware

Democrats of Delaware in convention Tuesday selected six delegates to the convention at Houston. Although uninstructed, they favor the nomination of Governor Smith.

### Hoover and Bruce in Maryland

With approximately 100 rural precincts to be reported, Secretary Hoover is still swelling his presidential primary majorities in Maryland, and Senator William Cabell Bruce is an overwhelming favorite as the Democratic senatorial nominee. Hoover polled 22,534 votes as against 4,918 for an uninstructed delegation to Kansas City.

### Hoover Ahead in Texas

On the basis of incomplete returns from Tuesday's Texas primaries, Secretary Hoover is the unanimous favorite for the Republican presidential nomination, all delegates so far accounted for having been pledged to the Commerce secretary.

### Senator Walsh Withdraws

Withdrawal of Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana from the race for the presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket was announced in Washington Friday. The Montana senator, famous as the prosecutor of the senate's Teapot Dome inquiry, expressed the view that recent events clearly indicate that the Democrats desire as their candidate Governor Smith of New York, who is well ahead of his field in the fight for delegates.

Announcing that he would carry his fight to the finish, Senator Jas. A. Reed of Missouri, said he wished the Montana had "arrived at his conclusion before he muddled the waters by entering the California primary," and added that if he were a general in a war he would not surrender his army because he had lost a skirmish.

### Daniels Won't Run on Third Party Ticket

Declaring that the only hope of wresting the government "from the hands of privilege and corruption" lies in a victory for the Democratic party, Josephus Daniels last Wednesday telegraphed Wilbur Leggett, California manager for Senator James A. Reed, that he would not accept a nomination on a third party ticket if Governor Smith is nominated at Houston.

Leggett's telegram to Mr. Daniels was as follows: "Majority vote in Southern California against Smith shows that best element of Democratic party is not for Smith. If Smith is nominated at Houston will you consent to run on third party ticket vice-president headed by Senator James A. Reed or Senator Borah of Idaho if either agrees? We do not believe Southern Democracy will swallow Tammany Hall, do you?" Here is Mr. Daniels' reply:

"Replying to your wire of this date, my answer is that the biggest issue in America today is to wrest the government from the hands of privilege and corruption. The only hope for that end is in a victory by the Democratic party. I therefore expect to support the nominees of the Houston convention. I expect that convention to declare without equivocation for the sacred enforcement of prohibition and all other laws and do not believe any man will nominate will be as indifferent and as inefficient in enforcement as Mellon has been under the Harding and Coolidge administrations. I see no hope in any third party. Enough prohibition Democrats will be elected to congress to guarantee

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