

There is interest and enthusiasm among Democrats in this county.

Every man in a Democratic Convention has a fair chance.

With Republican editors and spell binders rising prices are due to the republican party; but when prices decline they are due to some other cause.

There is no fight between the out and ins in Randolph. Some of the present officials are candidates for re-nomination and some are not. The people will settle these matters in the primaries and will settle them right as they generally do, and all will be satisfied.

Politics is beginning early this year. The democratic state convention will be held July 10. The counties all round about us have either nominated or fixing to nominate their tickets; candidates are announcing themselves, and the air is getting warm.

If the proof was not overwhelming we could not believe that the beef packers take great masses of tainted and putrying refuse from dead hogs and cattle in making various kinds of potted meats, chemicals being used to preserve decaying and putrid meats.

Let the democrats confer together but let there be no caucuses to select tickets. Let republicans continue to select their nominees in that way. In democratic conventions let the people rule. Let no man or set of men control, dominate or select the ticket in democratic conventions.

Several weeks ago we published in these columns that we had adopted a rule requiring all communication to be signed. Our experience has taught us that this plan is most satisfactory. This course is taken for good and sufficient reasons. We shall be glad to publish unobjectional articles advocating nominees when signed. In fact we invite our friends to write such articles.

It is said that when Upton Sinclair's book, 'The Jungle', was published, President Roosevelt sent for the author, and the result of the conference was the appointment by the president of Messrs. Neill and Reynolds to make an official investigation. Their report of conditions are even worse than was outlined in Mr. Sinclair's book. Mr. Sinclair's book states that men with consumption are in the habit of expectorating upon the floor, and occasionally upon the meat which they handle in the packing houses of the trust; that rats are frequently caught in the machines and ground up; that diseased cattle are slaughtered at night. The report makes matters even worse.

We hear much about candidates for some of the offices, and something here and there about this one or that one for the general assembly, but little or nothing is said as to county commissioners. We would like to hear of some good men who would not only accept but run for the office of county commissioner. We do not know whether the commissioners now holding these offices are candidates for renomination and have heard no one say as to that. If they are not candidates the people should know it, so they can begin to cast about for good men for their successors. We believe now as we have always believed that the democrats in the primaries should say who they want to fill the various offices. Let the democrats consider well their nominees for the important office of county commissioner. If they wait until the day of the convention to think about it a mistake may be made.

Settle in the primaries who shall be the nominees and then work for the whole ticket.

One of the plans this year is for republicans to try to induce democrats who do not succeed in getting nominations to kick and run as independents. Later on in the campaign republican leaders promise to endorse the independents. Did you ever see an independent and do you know what one is. He is always a disappointed office seeker. It is always sour grapes with him.

In writing of the recent rate bill fight in the Senate Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, has this to say of Senator Overman, who has gone to the front in the Senate:

Overman made a capital record, and his amendment was conceded to be one of the most sensible that was offered. Indeed in the wind-up of this titanic struggle a few of the Senators fared better than Senator Overman.

There is a contest on in this county, and a friendly contest it is for the county officers. The candidates who are in the race are broad gauged men who can stand defeat or success. There can be but one successful candidate for each office. It is fortunate that we have only those in the race that are big enough and broad enough to readily and cheerfully accept the verdict of the people and join with good feeling in the ratification of the nomination of the successful aspirant. A little man sulks and becomes sour: a big man accepts without murmuring at the adverse decrees of fate or fortune.

The horror and brutality of scenes in the Chicago stock yards have as narrated by Upton Sinclair in a recent book have started the world.

We quote one paragraph: "Worst of any, however, were the fertilizer men, those who served in the cooking rooms. These people could not be shown to the visitor—for the odor of a fertilizer man would scare an ordinary visitor at a hundred yards, and as for the other men, who worked in tank rooms full of steam, and in some of which there were open rats near the level of the floor, their peculiar trouble was that they fell into the vats; and when they were fished out there was never enough of them left to be worth exhibiting—sometimes they would be overlooked for days till all but the bones of them had gone out to the world as Durham's Pure Leaf Lard."

This is the trust, like Standard Oil, which presses, drives and forces all competition out of the way. Stock raisers are helpless and dependent on its will.

Our good old friend, Col. Allen Jordan, of Troy, is still a joker as in the days of yore when he had Seago Smith called so often one cold wintry morning at Troy court. He writes the Industrial News that Montgomery county is natural Democratic but has suffered reverses by reason of indecent methods of which decent Democrats are heartily ashamed. Col. Jordan continues to joke when he says there is not only an opportunity to put Montgomery in the Republican column this fall, but a fine opportunity to redeem the 7th congressional district by the selection of a Trojan as a candidate against R. N. Cagle. Col. Jordan says: The particular Trojan who can do the job with neatness and dispatch is G. D. B. Reynolds, at present chairman of the county executive committee, and a lawyer of fine ability. The district will please take notice that Montgomery has a candidate and will press his claims. He is a leader and will make a canvass to be remembered.

Bunch Items.

The heavy rains last Sunday did considerable damage to both farms and crops in some parts of this section.

Mr. Sam Martin is all smiles—it's a boy.

Owing to the wet weather the farmers are considerably behind with their work.

There is to be a picnic at Denton in the near future celebrating the arrival of Jones' new cars.

The steamer "Lille" owned by Capt. J. W. Harper, plying between Wilmington and Southport, burned Saturday.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS.

Improvements at the Franklinville Mfg. Co's Mill—Personal.

The Franklinville Mfg. Co. received last week two new slubbers and a drawing frame from Saco & Pettee machine shop which will be placed in a few days.

Mr. W. A. Alfred, one of our truck growers, who has for many years furnished our town with nice vegetables through the summer season, was on our streets Saturday with a load of snap beans the first for the market that we have heard of this season.

Joe Manser, of Asheboro, was in town Sunday.

J. A. McKinnon has purchased the Ross Pugh farm on the public road leading from this place to Asheboro, about 1 1/3 miles from town.

Prof. D. M. Weatherly, our tax liter, had his books open Friday and Saturday at Franklinville and Randolph Mfg. Co's store and several of our citizens from the country were in the city to list their property.

John Barrow, who has the contract for making a large quantity of brick at Biscoe spent Sunday in town with his family.

Several of our road overseers have been working their roads for the last few days and have put their roads in as good condition as they could under the present system of working and are to be commended for their efforts; but the roads are bad yet and we believe always will be until a better system is adopted. Suppose we try working by taxation. Who will start the ball rolling.

Joe Hancock and Miss Sela Jones spent Sunday at Randleman. Monroe Craven visited friends Sunday evening at Cedar Falls.

S. W. Free and family are visiting relatives at Kinston, Alamance county this week.

Mrs. Dave Elliott, of Ramseur, and Mrs. Cora Brown, of near Salisbury, were the guests of Mrs. Jane Elliott Sunday.

Several of our farmers are cutting their wheat this week and report that their crops are in good condition and a good yield expected. T. P. Frazer has been on the sick list for few days.

Rev. James Jordan is improving the appearance of his residence by a new coat of paint.

Mr. G. C. Russell has commenced the erection of his new residence. Mrs. Joseph Sanders, of Whitesville, is spending some time in the city with the Misses Lunsden.

Bill Jones made his appearance in town again last week.

FIRE IN ELWOOD HOTEL.

Lightning Causes Damage to High Point Church and Ware House—Other High Point Local.

About midnight Wednesday fire was discovered in the sample room of the Elwood Hotel at High Point, and but for the prompt action and hard work of the fire department the fire would have been most disastrous. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hazzard had just returned from a social function when they discovered fire on the second floor, and gave the alarm. The damage to the hotel is estimated at \$15,000, while considerable damage by water was done to the stock of the Mann Drug Company and the Newlin Brock Company, who were on the first floor. The business of the hotel was not interfered with however.

J. H. Adams, of the High Point Overall Company and the High Point Hosiery Mills will be married this week to Miss Elizabeth Barnes, of Bennettsville, S. C.

Dr. C. S. Farris is spending a few days in the city before going to New York to spend the summer.

Wednesday evening lightning struck the Episcopal church on the corner of College and Washington streets doing considerable damage. The ware house of the Thomasville Chair Company was struck about the same time. It was damaged about \$50.

J. W. Harris is building an opera house and office building for the colored people, on East Washington street. The colored people are highly pleased over the prospect of having for themselves such a building in their part of town.

The material is being placed, for the new M. E. Church, on South Main St.

Claud Woodel and Will Saider, finished their new houses last week.

Mrs. T. T. Ferree, of Asheboro, who has been here in the Junior Order Hospital, has returned home feeling much better.

Mrs. J. Ed. Kirkman, Mrs. Oscar Kearns, Mrs. L. H. Hilliard, Miss Victoria Smith, Mrs. A. J. Owens, and others left as delegates, to attend the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, at Charlotte Thursday.

No more whiskey from Danville, is to be shipped here by Geo. Mil-

ler, as he says that it did not pay him to keep an agent here. Guess not, since the new city ordinance went in to effect.

Rev. O. L. Powers is in fine spirits over his trip to Randleman last week, where he went to preach the commencement sermon. He was well pleased with the treatment given him by real Randolphians.

Mr. E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, was before the board of City Aldermen again Thursday night, asking for a franchise for an electric line, for the Greensboro and High Point Electric Company to enter the city. The Board will consider the proposition this week.

Members of Company M. High Point Rifles feel proud of their 1st annual Canteen, given by Capt. L. Dodamead, Thursday night of last week. Capt. and Mrs. Dodamead, planned the whole affair and asked the select of the city to assist them in making it a success. The Band boys furnished splendid music for the occasion. Refreshments were served by the ladies. 400 people were in attendance. The receipts of the evening were about \$90.

Robt. Laughlin, of Hoyle, was here last week.

Chief Horney, of the Fire Department, will have an expert from Atlanta here this week, to give a demonstration of a fire alarm system. We need such a system and will no doubt give the order for it at an early date.

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS.

Things that Have Happened In and Out of the State.

High Point will install a fire alarm system.

The Carolina Savings and Trust Company was organized at High Point this week.

A. N. Perkins has leased the Roaring Gap hotel for the season. It will open June 20th.

At Charlotte this week, G. L. Patterson, former postmaster at Concord, will be tried in the Federal court upon the charge of permitting his clerks to abstract mail.

From an unknown cause dynamite exploded in the powder mill near Lancaster, Pa., Saturday, causing the death of eleven people and serious injury to five others.

\$100,000 has been subscribed for a new cotton mill at Selma.

Rev. E. D. Cameron, pastor of the Baptist church at Rockingham, has resigned to accept the presidency of the Baptist University at Blackwell, Oklahoma, and left with his family to assume charge of his new duties last Thursday.

Gov. Glenn has been unable to attend to his executive duties for several days past on account of sickness. He is unable to leave the Executive Mansion.

The disclosures of the unsanitary condition of the great meat packing houses made by the house committee have caused great excitement over the country. The demand for packed meats has decreased fifty per cent during the past week.

Statesville Society was alert Thursday afternoon to witness the marriage of Miss V. Copeland and Mr. David S. Craig, two of North Carolina's social favorites. The marriage solemnized at the Presbyterian church, was one of the most brilliant ever witnessed in that city. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Craig left for Canada to spend a month.

Wm. Jennings Bryan seems to be coming again to the front as leader of Democracy in 1908. Many Western and Middle Western states have declared for him while many national party leaders express themselves favorable.

Capt. Jas. C. McCanness, a valued citizen of Salisbury, died Friday last, from a stroke of paralysis received while in the court house at Salisbury Wednesday. The deceased was sixty-five years of age.

Prof. J. A. Bivins, head-master of Trinity Park High School, has accepted the position as Superintendent of the Monroe school.

The heirs of the late Rev. T. H. Pegram will contest his will which gives the home place to his wife until her marriage, then to his children, and at their death to revert to the Greensboro Female College.

Gov. Warfield, of Maryland, has appointed Ex Gov. Wm. P. Whyte to succeed the late Arthur P. Gorman in the U. S. Senate.

The jury in the case of Joseph Hicks against the Naami Falls Manufacturing Company returned a verdict at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,200, after deliberating over the matter from 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.—Greensboro Telegram.

Miss Jessie Davis of Randleman, is visiting her sister Mrs. Will Skeen.

Misses Leona and Nellie Muse, of High Point are the little guests of little Miss Vivian Cranford.

I will be at Brower's Mills, June 26, forenoon; W. H. Wrenn's, June 26th, afternoon; F. M. Teague's, June 27th, Wednesday, and Erect Post Office, June 28th Thursday, for the purpose of listing taxes—E. B. Leach, List Taker, Brower township.

W. C. Armstrong returned Tuesday from Central Falls, where he relieved his father of his duties as manager of the Morris-Scarboro Moffitt Company's branch store for a few days. Mr. Armstrong Sr. who has been sick for several days is able to return to his post again.

Mt. Airy, Surry county, is soon to have a cotton factory.

Miss Lanta Winslow, of High Point, is visiting in Asheboro.

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