

Republican County Convention.

The smallest attendance at a Republican convention ever assembled in the county met in Randolph's new court house on last Saturday. The season was in part the result of the slim attendance and were so unkind as to say that causes contributed to the failure of the assembly. Probably the cause or maybe more of the points were represented. It was claimed by a representative Republican present that there were primaries held in only three precincts. How true this statement is The Courier is not prepared to say. Another said the party had come to a poor ebb, that it was on its last legs, and the future was full of gloom and disaster and little did he care if such was the case.

The resolutions reported contained a paragraph endorsing the administration of President Taft. This was stricken out by a vote of all present except J. S. Lewis and three others. D. W. Barrow made a spirited speech in opposition to Taft and told about how he had insulted North Carolina Republicans and that he had appointed Judge Connor a Federal circuit judge, an old line Democrat, who refused to accept the nomination of associate justice of the supreme court at the hands of Mr. Barrow's party in this state in the days of fusion and famine. J. S. Lewis returned a Rowland for every Oliver. He cited the fact that Roosevelt had appointed in Alabama and other Southern states just as many Democrats as Taft had appointed. He did not refer to the appointment of Federal Circuit Judge Jones in Alabama by Teddy in the terms that some others did in private, a man who was wearing a red shirt when he received his commission for the bench.

There were only two votes cast in opposition to the resolution endorsing Roosevelt, J. S. Lewis and Seth W. Laughlin. Not a word from Hayes of the Bulletin, who has been publishing Taft literature and attacking Roosevelt in his newspaper.

L. D. Mendenhall nominated J. T. Winslow as a delegate to Chicago convention, and J. M. Williams seconded the nomination. J. M. Allen put W. F. Tally, the chairman of the convention, in nomination. A rising vote was called for. About half of those present voted for Winslow and none for Tally.

While the present convention did not nominate a county ticket, yet a resolution was passed endorsing salaries for county officials.

It is claimed by one of the faithful that it was done to get ahead of the Democrats, who are said to favor it by a large majority in the county, the placing of public officials on a salary basis. Of course the Democrats will not act on this matter until the convention convenes to nominate county officials, and it may not then, but it is believed a majority have favored and will continue to favor salaries until the same is enacted in law. So pronounced is the agitation for the question that two or three different bills have been discussed in more than one part of the county.

The suggestion that no money or other thing of value be used in elections should be lived up to by all parties, and vigorous prosecution should be against those who violate the law in this particular as well as in all other matters so seriously affecting society and the best interests of the public. This resolution is entirely proper and those responsible for it are to be commended for their action.

The clause favoring the actual construction of "good roads" is indefinite and amounts to little toward advancing the cause of good roads.

Resolutions Adopted by the Convention

The Republican party of Randolph county in convention assembled, May 11th, 1912, recommended the able management of the party by State Chairman Morehead.

We are in favor of a better and more friendly feeling between the individuals of both parties in the county.

We believe the time has arrived when good men of all parties should condemn the use of money in corrupting the electorate. We therefore pledge the people that we will not use money in any campaign but will vigorously watch and prosecute any person who uses or attempts to use money or other things of value during the campaign.

We favor and pledge to the people that if elected we will put the officers of the county on a salary thereby saving the county a large sum of money per year.

For a better system of roads, we favor the actual construction of good roads in the county. We favor the establishing, under proper provision of law, a department of agriculture and forestry for the county.

Furthermore, we recommend the instruction of delegates to the state convention to cast their votes favoring the nomination of ex-President Roosevelt to our National convention.

J. M. Williams, C. J. Cox, Chas. H. Redding.

Additional Resolutions on Salaries for County Officers

Whereas, the present antiquated system of paying the officers of Randolph county is neither business-like nor just, and usually results in compensation entirely disproportionate to the services rendered; and whereas, it is estimated upon the best of authority and shown by the records that several thousand dollars a year can be saved to the taxpayers of the county and at the same time pay each officer just and proper compensation for his public services by the adoption of the more modern, business-like and more correct system of salaries for our officers; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Republicans of Randolph in convention assembled, That our member of the House of Representatives and the Senator of this senatorial district in the next general assembly be and are hereby requested to secure the enactment for Randolph county of a law placing the treasurer, sheriff, clerk of the court, and register of deeds upon salaries such as may be determined to be just and reasonable, with such additional sums for deputies and assistants as shall be deemed necessary and proper by the board of county commissioners.

(Signed) C. J. Cox, C. H. Redding, J. M. Williams.

The following delegates were reported by a committee composed of J. M. Allen, A. B. Cottrane, and they were elected unanimously by the convention:

Dr. J. D. Gregg, R. E. Johnson, J. M. Williams, O. C. Marsh, Wiley Ward, J. J. Allen, Dr. S. W. Caddell, John B. Humble, Clyde Ellison, Ed Spence, W. H. Pickard, W. F. Redding, J. S. Lewis, J. H. McCane, S. W. Laughlin, J. T. Winslow, J. F. Hughes, N. C. English, Joe Spencer, A. M. Ferrer, Horace Ragan, A. B. Cottrane, J. M. Allen, L. D. Mendenhall, W. F. Tally, O. Elwood Stanton and N. H. Ferguson.

Official Vote in Bond Elections

The result of the bond elections for the Randolph & Cumberland railroad last week in Cedar Grove, Concord and New Hope townships is given below:

Table with 2 columns: Township and Vote. Rows include Cedar Grove Township, Concord Township, and New Hope Township with sub-rows for Registered vote, For bonds, Against bonds, and Majority against bonds.

In Concord township the vote for bonds lacked 25 votes of receiving a majority of the registered vote.

In New Hope the votes for bonds were seven more than a majority of the registered vote and the proposition carried.

Lutheran College at Mt. Pleasant.

The North Carolina Lutheran Synod in Charlotte May 10th, determined upon a location for their Woman's College, Mt. Pleasant was decided to be the most suitable place. Salisbury forfeited its claim with regret, but South Carolina has made a proposition to North Carolina to help build a large college. Therefore, Salisbury will help with this.

Sensational Railroad Rumors.

What is called by some as sensational railroad rumors about the building of a great trunk line railroad through this section of North Carolina across and connecting five great systems of railroads with a deep water terminus at Southport. This great railroad movement is of tremendous significance to this section.

There is no doubt about the fact that work will soon begin in the construction of a great trunk line from Abingdon, a station on the Southern Railway, or some other point in Virginia or from some point, say St. Paul, a station on the C. & O. in West Virginia.

One report says the Southern and the Carolina and Clinchfield will unite in building the road via Winston-Salem, thence through Randolph county via Asheboro, connecting with the Randolph and Cumberland to Cameron, thence an air-line to Southport via Elizabeth town in Bladen county.

Another report connects the Chesapeake and Ohio with the building of this new road.

It has not been a month ago since a party of "Clinchfield" railroad officials went to Wilmington and chartered a steamer to take the party to Southport where the "Clinchfield" road owns water front at Southport.

One report is that the C. & O. has taken over the "Clinchfield," which is really a coal road. The Wilmington papers publish that the C. & O. has purchased and will operate the road from Wilmington to Southport.

There may be or may not be some alliance between the Southern and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroads, but there is no doubt about the fact that something important is going on in railroad circles. It is certain that some sort of railroad deal is on tap.

Another report is that the Atlantic Coast Line has purchased a well constructed lumber railroad from Whiteville to Reaves' ferry, having only sixteen miles to build from that point to Southport. It is said that the A. C. L. purchased the timber road to get ahead of the "other crowd."

The C. & O. is one of the greatest railroad systems in the United States and controls a transcontinental line to the Pacific coast. These are no doubt big railroad movements with Southport as their objective.

It is said the entire line from the coalfields to Southport will be completed within two years in time for the opening of the Panama Canal. One other rumor is that the road would be built on the north side of Deep river, a straight line to Wilmington, connecting with the Brunswick and Southern Railroad from Wilmington to Southport, a distance of more than thirty miles, but that the Randolph and Cumberland has interfered and is making preparations to build a road on the south side of the Deep river, not crossing the river until at or near Wilmington.

One suggestion is that all this activity by the C. & O. and Southern is because of the fact that the Randolph & Cumberland is making such heroic efforts to get a road from the mountains to the sea connecting with all five of the great railroad systems, penetrating the South and connecting with the C. & O. at St. Paul, West Virginia.

One other rumor is that the Seaboard Air Line wants to get into Greensboro and contemplated building an air line from Southport, but that some millionaire capitalist who are connected with the Seaboard, conceived the idea of building a road through the progressive section south of Deep river provided that sufficient encouragement could be obtained in the way of bonds to aid in grading the road. It was also determined that the charter of the road should be a North Carolina corporation for the reason that all the other trunk lines operating except the Raleigh, Charlotte and S. A. and it can hardly be called a trunk line yet, are foreign corporations, having their principal offices in other states.

There is much railroad talk in the air. This much is true: The Courier feels sure it is in possession of information that the Randolph & Cumberland will be built provided the small bond issue asked is carried in the territory through which it is proposed to go. If these bond issues

BIG WILSON CLUB.

Bruce Craven Speaks for "The Next President" in Asheville.

A big and enthusiastic Woodrow Wilson Club was organized in Asheville last Thursday night, and Bruce Craven was one of the principal speakers. His speech was described in the papers as "full of fun and good humor but at the same serious and even hot."

"Mr. Craven said that if there were no other reason, he would be for Wilson because of the money that is being used against him. Wherever you see the influence of much money in politics, it is sure to be for the wrong side, for the rich does not have to depend on money. Wilson has not sent a dollar into this state for the simple reason that he has no special interests backing him as the others have. It is a plain principle of common sense that corporation before election means corruption afterwards. Wilson is for reform now and will always be. He is the only candidate who even claims to stand for the common people and for evening the burdens of taxation. He will be nominated if the untrifled and unpurchasable Democracy does its duty. He is the only Democrat who can win over either Taft or Roosevelt, and either of the other Democratic candidates would be defeated by either Taft or Roosevelt and this is why Wall Street and the monopolies generally are putting up the money to defeat Wilson, and having done that, they have no choice between the others."

The papers mentioned the fact that the name of Bryan evoked the greatest applause of the evening, and it was freely predicted that Bryan will be the nominee if Wilson is not.

The people of Randolph county are at heart for Wilson and ought to be sure to send solid Wilson delegations to the State and Congressional conventions.

Bulletin Changes Hands

Mr. O. A. York and Mr. L. D. Mendenhall have purchased the Randolph Bulletin and will assume the management after this week's issue. Mr. York will be the editor and Mr. Mendenhall will be associate or contributing editor.

Mr. Mendenhall, who has been editing the Randleman News under a lease from the owners, will suspend its publication, and it is understood that the unexpired subscription list will be filled out by the Bulletin under the new management.

It is not given out what Mr. Hayes will do in the future, but it is said he will remain with the paper in some capacity.

We welcome the new proprietors and editors to our town and hope to co-operate with them in a united effort to make this section better and the people happier.

Windstorm's Damage

Considerable damage resulting in the uprooting of trees blowing over two houses and injuring two men who had sought shelter in one of them near Spero last Saturday afternoon.

are not carried the road will not be built through Randolph county.

There are many reasons for the building of this new system through this fine agricultural and timber section from the deep water connection to the coal fields.

The Wilmington Star, referring to the matter, says: Careful inspection will settle the fact that as an ocean gateway for Panama canal traffic no port has such peculiar and emphatic advantages as the ocean outlet afforded by the lower Cape Fear. Not only does that advantage consist of a large land-locked harbor and immense anchorage basin extending for miles inward, but it specially involves the fact that the port offers a direct gateway to the Panama canal, making it, in sailing distance, the nearest available deep water port on the South Atlantic coast.

Added to all that are the possibilities for securing still deeper water as it is needed, while the geographical position of this ocean outlet logically makes it unequalled as a distributing center for a wide scope of territory extending to the Mississippi and beyond the Ohio to the Great Lakes. If these railroad rumors have no foundation they ought to have, since a tremendous opportunity is to be found here for developing the greatest port on the South Atlantic.

NOTES FROM AN OLD NEWSPAPER.

Bridges Built 64 Years Ago Still Standing—Interesting Items.

Mrs. T. E. Andrews of Pekin, Montgomery county, has sent The Courier a copy of the Randolph Herald, dated March 29, 1848, it being Vol. 2, No. 47, of that publication, edited by R. H. Brown, who was also proprietor.

The Herald was Whig in politics and advocated Charles Manly for governor.

In this issue is a notice of a meeting to be held in the court house for the purpose of appointing delegates to conventions at Greensboro and Carthage.

In another column there is an article about a new cotton factory at Franklinville, just beginning operations, under the firm name of "Island Ford Manufacturing Company," and the capital is \$14,000, which is to be increased in a short time to \$20,000. The building is described as making a handsome appearance, 61 feet long and 30 feet wide, has three principle stories and an attic; and stands immediately on the bank of the river in full view of the cotton factory by the "Randolph Manufacturing Company."

The number of spindles given as running then was five hundred and twenty-eight, the company expecting to double the number soon. Thirty looms were also to be put up.

To show the spirit of enterprise at Franklinville then it was stated that the building was commenced on April 23rd in the previous year. Besides a neat storehouse had been erected, a large assortment of goods brought on, and a number of commodious buildings erected for operatives.

The Bridge.

It is also noted that the new bridge at Franklinville had also been finished and was then in use. It is described as follows: "It is built on the plan of the improved Truss bridge, and is 210 feet in length. The abutments required a great amount of labor, the one of the left bank being over 100 feet in length. It is composed of the best materials, and is unquestionably a good and substantial bridge. We like it better than any we have seen in this section of country. The factory and bridge were both built under the direction and superintendence of Mr. Rice, whose reputation as a master builder has been long established."

The editor of the Herald in closing the foregoing article stated that all the manufacturing interests of the county will be noted at greater length hereafter.

The bridge referred to is still standing and doing service for the public, although it was built more than sixty-four years ago. One or two new floors have been put in and additional framework.

Mr. Rice, the builder referred to, was the late Capt. Thomas Rice, who lived some two miles west of Farmore. He also built Dunbar's bridge about the same time. It was washed away some ten or more years ago. Mr. Rice also built Trinity College soon after that time and designed and built the old West Market M. E. Church, South, Greensboro.

B. F. Hoover was clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, and in the issue of the paper referred to Alfred H. Marsh and Daniel Bull, executors of Nathan Winslow, had a notice to non-resident heirs in a suit wherein petition was filed to sell real estate to make assets. Another notice to non-resident heirs was signed by B. F. Koonce as clerk in a proceeding by Isaac Spinks and others against Duff's, Welfelt and others sought by petition for an account and settlement of the estate of Each Spinks, Jr.'s estate.

Jonathan Worth was a merchant at Asheboro; Randolph Mfg. Co. at Franklinville; John R. Brower at Privilege; Nelson & Farlow at New Market; George Makepeace, Franklinville; A. Brower at Liberty; E. D. Cosand at Caraway and Wm. Clark at New Market. Craven & McCain and J. M. A. Drake were also merchants at Asheboro.

John B. Troy was the manager, then called "agent," of the Randolph Manufacturing Company.

A. S. Crowson has a card as a fashionable tailor, while Mrs. E. S. Askew in a card begs leave to inform the ladies that she would be happy to serve them in millinery and dress-making.

B. G. Worth, merchant at New Salem, advertises sole leather, also Swede and English iron.

Why Not Commencement

The closing exercises of Why Not Academy and Business Institute will be held on Thursday, May 23rd. The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock a. m. There will be three contests for gold medals, one by the children, one by the young ladies, and one by the young men of the school. The children's medal will be given by Miss Essie Cox, a former student the reciters' medal to the young ladies will be given by Seagrove Council No. 327 Jr. O. U. A. M.; the declaimers' medal will be given by the Principal.

Mr. Bruce Craven, of Trinity, who is a grandson of Rev. Braxton Craven, who was the founder of Trinity College, will deliver the address. The address will come off about 1:30 p. m.

The Franklinville Riverside Band will render the music for the commencement exercises.

The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises and enjoy the occasion.

The following are the marshals: J. W. King, Chief; E. R. Auman, Hobart Deaton, Grady Garner and Clyde King.

Mrs Hearne Dead

Mrs. Hearne, wife of Mr. G. M. Hearne, died suddenly at her home near Troy on Monday of this week.

Mr. W. R. Harris, a brother of Mrs. Hearne, spent Monday night in Asheboro, the guest of Mr. W. J. Scarborough. He was on his way to the old home in Montgomery to attend the funeral of his sister.

Taxes Must All be Paid This Month

The County Commissioners have extended the time for one month for settlement of taxes to Sheriff Birkhead. On the first Monday in June he will have to make final settlement and will be compelled to advance all delinquent taxes out of his own pocket. This he cannot do, but will be compelled to levy and advertise after June 1st, as the law requires.

His notice appears elsewhere in The Courier and applies to everybody. There will be no exceptions.

Rural Delivery Carriers' Day.

On May 20 the free rural delivery carriers will meet in Asheboro. All the carriers in the county are invited and expected to be present.

Prominent speakers will address the meeting, and matters of importance to every carrier will be considered. An enjoyable and profitable day is expected.

Church Memorial Services.

On next Sunday, May 19, memorial services will be held at Fair Grove M. P. church at Way Not, in this county.

The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock a. m. Everybody is invited to be present and to bring flowers.

Sunday-School Convention Program.

Following is the program for the Sunday-school convention to be held at Neighbors' Grove Sunday, May 19th:

- 10:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises. 10:10—Rehearsal of the Sunday-school lesson by Rev. Amos Gregg. 10:30—Reports from Sunday-schools. 11:00—Address by Elijah Moffitt. 1:30 p. m.—Round-table Discussion. 2:30—Address by Rev. J. A. McMillan.

Jonathan Worth advertises at his store in Asheboro English and Swede iron, also a great variety of band, rod, hoop and sheet iron.

One marriage is given in the news columns wherein H. Dorsett, Esq., united in wedlock Mr. Joseph Reddick to Miss N. C. Sapp of Guilford county.

Marsh & Moffitt call for collection of all accounts on their books for the following year.

The Jonathan Worth referred to afterwards became governor of the state, and B. G. Worth, the New Salem merchant, died only two or three years ago in Wilmington, where he had lived for more than forty years. Both Jonathan and Brazilla, as B. G. was familiarly known, were brothers of the late Dr. J. M. Worth.