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COUNTY CONVENTION

The Democratic county convention to send delegates to State and Congressional conventions met in the court house in Asheboro last Saturday.

J. A. Spence was chosen chairman and J. Rom Smith and B. Craven were the secretaries.

All state officers received solid vote except Lieutenant-Governor not instructed. For Corporation Commissioner Pell received seventy-one votes, Maxwell seventeen, Justice seven, Travis seventy, Daniels eighty-eight.

For Presidential preference, Wilson seventy, Harmon five, Underwood eight. Page endorsed for Congress.

The convention named J. A. Spence, a Wilson man, as a candidate for district delegate from this district to the national convention.

The following delegates were named to the State Convention.

Delegates—J. A. Spence, A. N. Bulla, C. H. Julian, C. R. Curtis, H. C. Causey, R. K. Ross, E. Moffitt, T. J. Reddin, W. H. Watkins, Sr., T. J. Finch, W. C. Hammer, W. C. Hammond, J. M. Caviness, Geo. T. Murdock, D. B. McCrary, C. C. Cranford and Walter Pressnell.

Alternates—J. Rom Smith, Hugh Parks, J. E. Williamson, David Cornelison, Capt. J. Parkin, R. L. York, W. D. Stedman, L. C. Phillips, J. M. Whitehead, B. Craven, C. E. Everhart, L. H. Smith, Jr., Dr. W. J. Sumner, J. F. Cameron, W. R. Julian, Benj. Morgan and W. J. Scarborough.

Delegates to Congressional Convention Seventh District

Frank Cameron, Marvin Kearns, Jm. Rush, C. T. Luck, S. S. Cox, K. L. Winghamam, A. S. Pugh, Dr. R. L. Caviness, Tom Graves, John Ward, H. W. Bray, Tom Ingram, H. C. Lassiter, G. T. Murdock, C. H. Lucas, S. A. Cox, O. M. Yow, D. A. Cornelison, E. B. Leach, T. B. Tysor, W. L. Bouldin, Sr.; H. A. Tomlinson, W. N. Elder, B. Craven, Dr. C. H. Phillips, David Thomas, Troy Redding, Geo. Bulla, Orlando York, Foushee, S. E. Bostick, John Woollen, John Fields, Augustus Parker, S. E. Kirkman, J. W. Birkhead, R. R. Ross, E. L. Moffitt, C. C. Cranford, John McDowell, S. L. Hayworth, R. C. Kelly, Joe Betts, J. S. Ridge, Zell Brown, Eli Pritchard, T. H. Redding, W. C. Hammer, J. A. Spence, J. A. Wall, R. L. White, R. L. Causey, S. E. Coble, Ed. Frazier, Bub Pugh, R. D. Patterson and Man J. Rightsell, C. H. Julian, I. F. Craven.

Alternates to Congressional Convention

D. M. Ballance, John Brame, Joe Wall, W. C. Cannon, Kelly Pugh, Will Wood, J. Rom Smith, Ben Morgan, Dr. R. W. Myers, Vanc e Bulla, David McCain, Ed York, Lude Winghamam, L. F. Pentris, Clarence Parks, E. C. Watkins, Amick Thomas, Sam Cranford, Marvin Kearns, E. Whalley, Will Allen, J. M. Caviness, Thomas Cox, Jack Caviness, M. Ward, J. M. Sh. Walter Lyndon, J. M. Luther, A. R. Calcott, Frank Auman, William Yow, Geo. Cornelison, Charles Tysor, Joe McDowell, W. A. Underwood, Walter Bunch, W. W. Jones, T. J. Hoover, Sulon Stedman, C. Rush, P. Z. Clapp Chas. Everhart, D. L. Fox and J. V. Hinshaw.

Miss Bunch Hostess

Miss Lillian Bunch delightfully entertained a number of friends at a thimble party last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Kemp Alexander met her guests at the door and received their work in a basket. Then all were seated in the cozy parlor, and each one present drew a piece belonging to someone else, after which the needles flew busily and the ladies chatted merrily for an hour or more. One of the most interesting features of the afternoon was a humorous poem which was begun by Mrs. Alexander and finished by Miss Laura Stinson, then read aloud to the party.

After the sewing was finished, dainty refreshments consisting of iced tea and sandwiches were served. Those enjoying Miss Bunch's hospitality were Misses Laura Stinson, Esther Ross, Marion Moring, Bessie Tant, and Mesdames T. H. Redding, Elijah Moffitt, L. L. Whitaker, H. B. Hiatt, J. T. Underwood, J. T. Brittain, M. C. Spoon, J. B. Webster, W. J. Scarborough, Chas. Howell and Kemp Alexander.

Seventh Congressional District Convention

The convention of the Seventh Congressional district convened in Asheboro on Tuesday of this week, May 28th.

Hon. Robt. N. Page was renominated by acclamation for Congress from the Seventh district.

On motion four delegates were sent from the district to represent the district and cast the two votes at the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore to convene June 25, 1912. D. E. McIver of Lee county, J. R. Blair of Montgomery county, L. D. Robinson of Anson county and T. B. Bailly of Davie were selected as the delegates.

Mr. McIver and Mr. Robinson are for Wilson for President, Mr. Blair for Underwood and Mr. Bailly has not decided, but is not counted in the Underwood column and is not encouraging the Wilson forces. It is believed that Mr. Bailly has decided not to make up his mind until after the nomination at the Chicago convention.

The executive committee from the various counties were chosen as follows: Davidson, Wade H. Phillips; Davie, Jacob Stuart; Montgomery, J. W. Steed; Anson, —; Scotland, G. H. Russell; Lee, —; Union, —; Yadkin, J. W. Pass; Randolph, R. R. Ross; Moore, G. H. Humber; Richmond, R. L. Steed.

No resolutions were offered and no instructions made.

Hon. D. M. Reese of Yadkin was selected as presidential elector for the district.

This convention was the largest held in the district since the Monroe Convention twelve years ago. It was a fine body of Democrats. Every one of the counties in the district except Davie, Wilkes, and Yadkin is Democratic. Davidson has been mixing up the last two or three elections, but will go Democratic this year beyond a doubt.

Lightning killed Miss Margaret Curtis at Newton last Saturday, seriously paralyzed her brother Warren, burned a farm hand right badly and set the barn on fire destroying it with four cows.

Beulah Redmon, the 17-year-old daughter of Sam Redmon, a grocer of North Asheville, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by taking laudanum one day last week, later giving as a reason the fact that her father scolded her so much that it made life miserable for her. Final additions. So great is his

Mrs. A. M. Seales, of Greensboro, died in a Philadelphia sanitarium last Saturday. The remains were brought back to Greensboro for burial.

Fifty-five young men were graduated from the A. & M. College at Raleigh this week.

Judge Howard A. Foushee sentenced Charles Underwood, at Hendersonville, last week to the State prison for ten years, for the killing of Will Fletcher. Nick and Joe Blake, brothers, were sentenced to the chain gang for twenty months each as accessories to the murder. All are negroes.

As a result of a dispute over some trivial matter, Dr. Fred Misenheimer, a well known veterinarian, was stabbed in the chest and seriously wounded by R. B. Beckham, of Lancaster, South Carolina, in the Buford Hotel at Charlotte last Saturday.

Robert Cureton, colored, shot and instantly killed his wife at Charlotte last Tuesday, and then turned the gun on himself inflicting serious but not necessarily fatal wounds. Jealousy and religious frenzy were the troubles. He was taken to a hospital from where he will be taken to the county jail when able.

You know how your neighbor ought to live, but can you show him?

Asheboro Route 1 News

Mrs. Milner Angel Cox will preach at Bethel next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and again at night. A number of our young people attended quarterly meeting at Holly Springs last Sunday. D. L. Smith, who is staying near Denton, visited his family recently. Misses Genevieve and Leone Wilson of Asheboro have been visiting in the home of their uncle, Mr. A. S. Fugh, the past week.

Died

Ernest Richardson, the fifteen-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Boliver Richardson, died at the home of his parents near Ramseur last Sunday night.

The highest price since 1882 was paid for beef in the New York market last Monday, when it was sold in bulk at 13 1-2 cents a pound. The scarcity of cattle is said to be the cause of the high prices.

Spero News

C. J. Cox, of Asheboro, was in Spero a few hours last Friday afternoon.

D. W. Millikan has been very ill, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hill spent Sunday in Randleman.

Mr. Will Lamb has been very ill for some time.

Gurney Millikan, who has been at work in Montgomery county for some time, returned home last Saturday.

Miss Annie Bulla attended Why Not Commencement last Thursday.

Mr. Mood Lamb spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. Farlow, of Flint Hill, spent a few days here last week organizing a singing class.

Walter Millikan went to Asheboro last Saturday on business.

Gurney and Walter Millikan visited Frank Cox on Back Creek last Sunday.

A Town Building Agency

Every citizen is, or should be, vitally interested in every potent agency for building up the town. Some of these agencies do not get the attention their merit deserves; and one, in particular, is neglected at the greatest loss. That is the building and loan association. In this connection an editorial from the Rockingham Post is timely:

For building up a town and community nothing better can be found than the building and loan associations. Nothing speaks better for a community than a colony of home owners, nothing ties one to a place like owning one's own home, and the way to do it is through a building and loan association. It is an institution that helps both ends and the middle. It helps the stockholder, the borrower, and the town and county. A building and loan association is a mirror in which is reflected the pride and progressiveness of a community. The more shares issued, the greater are the benefits derived.

There are towns without number throughout the state that have successful building and loan associations that have been running for years, and by which fully half the homes in these towns have been built, and there is no reason why Rockingham and Hamlet both should not have successful associations with from three to four thousand shares each.

Every man, woman and child in the county should have some stock in one of the associations. For some reason, more possibly because people don't understand the benefits to be derived than to anything else, the two associations have not been what they should. Talk to your officers and get on the books.

The success of the plan, wherever tried, should encourage every community where it has not been given a full and fair test. By the building and loan co-operative methods thousands of wage earners have created for themselves comfortable homes, which they paid for and now own; and which they never could have paid for unaided. It requires but an investigation for a provident man to become convinced of the benefits to be derived. More men should make the investigation. More men should adopt this sure method of paying for homes with rent money. It is the safe and certain route for a wage earner to follow to make sure of an easier living when he grows older. It is an undisputed fact that the average renter accumulates little of this world's goods; but when a man owns his home he is entering the pleasant walkway that leads up to "Easy Street." Take stock in a building and loan association and learn the secret of saving money and accumulating property. It pays well; and you will soon be drawing dividends on money that you are now actually wasting.

Destructive Storm at Franklinville

The worst storm in years visited Franklinville and surrounding country last Saturday evening. The wind blew a cyclone, and a flood of rain followed accompanied by hail and terrific thunder and lightning. Large trees were uprooted and twisted as if they were but toys, the roofs of several buildings were either blown off or badly damaged, quite a number of outbuildings were blown down, and chimneys and flues scattered in every direction. Many buildings were literally flooded with water, all crops and fruits were badly damaged, one cow and a number of chickens were killed. Fortunately no person was seriously hurt. Although the path of the storm was only about half a mile wide, the damage will probably run up into the thousands of dollars.

Moore County Park Association

The last legislature passed an act creating the Moore County Park Association with right to take over land for the association along the highways of the county.

Under the act the officers of the association are asking for tracts of land sixty feet wide on each side of the road for the purpose of improvement. The land owners along the way are donating the land liberally; their purpose is to cut out the undergrowth and prune the trees and later expect to plant shrubbery along the highway. In some places park elevations are being asked for and the proposition is meeting with favor, more than half the land holders have made donations along the highway. H. A. Page is president of the association, J. B. Vuncannon is vice-president, Leonard Tufts is secretary and treasurer.

Randleman Route 2 News

Misses Annie Bulla, Eva Hill, and Dora Neighbors attended commencement at Why Not Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hill attended the sale at Randleman Saturday.

Miss Rosa McLeod is visiting her parents this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Splinks attended commencement at Why Not.

Miss Lela Clapp, of Spero, went to Worthville Sunday.

Mr. M. U. Canoy visited his parents last week.

Mr. E. M. Farlow will commence his singing at Neighbors' Grove next Thursday.

Mr. Robert Stevenson, of Randleman, was married to Miss Ila Neighbors on May 23, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Stevenson is a son of K. F. Stevenson, a prominent contractor of Randleman. Mrs. Stevenson is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of E. P. Neighbors, a prominent merchant of Central Falls. J. A. Neighbors officiated.

Mr. E. W. Jones will fill his regular appointment at Neighbors' Grove next Saturday and Sunday.

The Sunday School at Balley's Grove is progressing nicely with an enrollment of 41.

Fairview News

Miss Bertha Meredith is visiting her sister, Mrs. I. J. Crouse, at Cedar Lodge.

Miss Lida Kennedy has returned from an extended visit to Siler City.

Gurlie Crouse, of Thomasville Rt. 3, recently visited friends here a few days.

Mr. Sam Wall and family, of Trinity Rt. 1, visited at H. I. White's Sunday.

Miss Clara Blair, of High Point, is here to spend the summer with her grand-parents.

Little Miss Maude Lee, of High Point is visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wall, of Glencola, visited their daughter, Mrs. D. K. Myers, Sunday.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. Emily Blair.

A storm passing over this section Saturday doing considerable damage.

Randolph Boy Wins Prize

Among the prize winners announced in the dental department of the University of Maryland at the recent commencement was Mr. J. J. Hamlin, of Asheboro, who did the best combination gold filling in the Senior Class. Mr. Hamlin is a worthy young man, and friends at home will be glad to learn of his success.

The Titanic Again

Blame for the Titanic disaster is chargeable directly to the failure of the dead Captain Smith to repeated warnings of icebergs, but responsibility for the loss of life must be shared by Captain Lord of the steamship Californian, through his disregard of distress signals. This is the finding of the Senate committee which investigated the sinking of the Titanic, as appeared in a comprehensive speech delivered by William Alden Smith, of Michigan, chairman of the committee. Senator Smith declared that responsibility also rests upon the British board of trade, "to whose laxity of regulation, and hasty inspection are due the awful fatality. In denouncing Captain Lord, of the Californian, the senator said the Titanic's distress signals were plainly seen from the deck of his vessel a short distance away.

No Recess Unless Senate Acts on Tariff Question

Congress will not adjourn nor even take a recess for the big National conventions this summer until the Senate has acted upon all tariff bills passed by the Democratic House.

The question of adjournment was started because of an editorial in the Washington paper which stated that the Democrats were not sincere in the revision of tariff bills, that they would consent to adjourn before action was taken and already they had decided to pigeonhole the cotton bill.

"The statement in this paper is absolutely false. There is not the slightest foundation for such a statement," said Senator Simmons. I want to again give notice to the gentleman on the other side of this chamber that if adjournment of this Congress is expected between now and the November election a vote must be taken on all Democratic tariff measures."

Why Not Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Why Not Academy and Business Institute were held last Thursday. Probably 1,500 people attended. The literary address was delivered by Mr. Bruce Craven, of Trinity, on the subject "Vox Populi, Vox Dei."

Prof. G. F. Garner, the principal, has built up an excellent school, and has just closed a most successful session.

The Oldest Woman

In Prussia today there lives a woman who has completed her one-hundred-and-twenty-fifth birthday. Census officials have been interested in her case for the last fifty years, first on account of her marvelous memory, and more lately because of her longevity. She is now almost blind, and bent fairly in two with rheumatism. She has been transferred, within the last year, to a Catholic institution, where she will be cared for, her children having all died, one son recently at the age of eighty-nine. Another was a Jesuit priest, who died in 1910 at the age of one hundred. Her daughter died the very day the mother attained her one hundred and twenty-fifth year, aged ninety-four. She had had, in all, ten children, three dying in infancy. Her descendants number nearly three hundred, counting many great-grandchildren. Her married life extended over eighty-five years, and she has been twenty-five years a widow. She was married in 1801 at the age of fifteen.

Reception at Col. McAlister's

The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation are very anxious that the people of Asheboro meet their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Phipps, and they will be at home to the people of the town next Saturday afternoon from five to six, at the residence of Col. and Mrs. A. C. McAlister. It is hoped that every one will take advantage of the opportunity to become acquainted with these people, who are to be frequently among us in future.

Subscriptions Paid

N. W. Davis, Mrs. Mattie Morris, C. J. Seabolt, Nathan Burrow, W. A. Grimes, Ed. F. Phillips, T. J. Hoover, J. H. Kivett, R. D. Cox, J. M. Howell, S. F. Wall, J. W. Sechrist, J. R. Davis, A. E. Wall, J. R. Lons, J. L. Welborn, J. A. Holder, Mrs. Jethro Jarrell.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Special correspondence of The Courier.

Washington, D. C., May 29th—There is going to be a Democratic victory and a Democratic president in the White House after the 4th of next March. If there is not, then Thomas Jefferson's opinion of the honesty of the people of this country who vote at the polls, will have been declared a fallacy that the American electorate is not worthy of the ballot; that they do not understand Republican institutions, are not fit to govern themselves and the sooner we have an empire the better off will be the people. I honestly believe that is Roosevelt's idea and that he understands the idiosyncrasy of a whole lot of people in this country because they continue to support him in the face of all of the infamous lies he told and all of the scoundgery he has practiced not only in this campaign but while he was President of the United States.

There are a lot of Democrats in this country who affect to believe whether they do or not, that Roosevelt would be absolutely invincible as the Republican candidate for President and that no Democrat could defeat him. Those men are merely superficial observers. They have not dug under the surface sufficiently to find that in every state Roosevelt has carried in a Presidential primary less than 50 per cent of the Republican vote in that state has been polled for both him and Taft. What became of the other 50 per cent? They stayed at home where they will continue to stay if Roosevelt should be nominated, but regardless of that fact there is another that is significant. With what little political experience I have had I made the assertion a few days ago when some Democrat said we could not defeat Roosevelt, that there were two million patriotic Republicans in the United States who would refuse to support any man for a third term. Almost as in corroboration of my statement the next morning's papers stated in a telegram from St. Louis that Judge Rombauer had organized a Republican anti-third term club and that he had obtained the signatures of nearly one thousand leading Republicans in St. Louis the very first day he started out.

A lot of newspapers in this country, whose editorial writers know nothing of Missouri or Missouri politics, immediately laughed at the idea. Well, I happen to have lived in St. Louis a long time, and I know that Judge Rombauer is not only one of the ablest lawyers in St. Louis but one of the leading Republicans in the state of Missouri. He is, perhaps, the strongest man intellectually in St. Louis in the Republican party. He announces that this is only a starter and that he will have over a million signers as members of his anti-third term club before he is through with it. Aside from that the most influential and ablest German newspapers in the United States is the Westliche Post which has announced that if Roosevelt is nominated, they will support the Democratic nominee. That means that one hundred thousand German Republicans in Illinois and Missouri will vote just as the Westliche Post tells them.

This whole campaign between Roosevelt and Taft and the allocation of hundreds of thousands of good Republicans from the Republican party because they believe that the crimination and recrimination between Taft and Roosevelt has proved absolutely that the Republican party is rotten and absolutely unfit to administer the affairs of this government in the interest of the people, they have not only concluded to stay at home in these primaries, but concluded to vote for a Democrat at the next election, provided that Democrat is a sure enough Democrat who inspires their confidence, in his ability, his integrity, his manhood and American patriotism. This sort of a thought has also come to the millions of Democrats in this country and they have been doing their own thinking.

A severe rain and wind storm did considerable damage to houses and timber at Rockwell, Rowan county, last week.