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EVERY VOTER INVITED TO SHOW HIS COLORS

STRAW VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY THE NEWS

Vote For Your Choice For President, Senator, Governor and Congressman

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party."

No matter what your political beliefs are, you can have a vote in the big contest now on. The News is this week starting another big voting contest, but in this there will be no pianos, buggies or ranges given away. In order to learn in advance of the fall elections just who will win, a "straw vote" will be taken in this county. Beginning this week the polls will be opened at the News office, and votes will be received for your choice of president, senator, governor and congressman. No matter who you favor for these offices, you can vote for your choice, and it is hoped you will rally to the support of your leaders. The closing of the polls will be announced one week in advance. Mr. Cos Paxton, clerk of the Superior court, and Mr. D. L. English, a prominent attorney, these two gentlemen to select a third man, will act as judges of the election.

An official ballot is printed on this page. If you do not find the man you want to vote for printed on the ballot, there is a blank where you may write the name of the candidate. The News has endeavored to place the names of all who have been mentioned as "possibilities" for the different offices on this ballot. In the matter of senator we have heard of no one being mentioned on the republican side.

Each ballot must bear the voter's signature and address, but the names will not be published. Send or bring your ballot to the News office. Indicate your choice by a cross mark on the blank before the name you wish to vote for.

You will not be required to show your poll tax receipt, and proof that you are a registered voter will not be required, but if any illegal voting is discovered the ballot will be thrown out and the person found trying to defraud the ballot box will be arrested by the official dog catcher of the township in which he resides, tried before the postoffice, and hung on the sassafras tree behind the barn.

The political situation is getting very warm, even at this early date, and it is believed by the manage-

ment of the News that this special election will be the warmest proposition ever undertaken in this county. The result of this ballot will undoubtedly have great weight in the Chicago and Baltimore conventions, and it is very important that every voter show his colors. Bring or send the ballot in at once, as the polls will not be open very long.

A ballot box has been placed in the News office and each voter's name will be written in a book as he votes, in order to prevent any person voting twice.

As soon as the polls are closed the official judges will go over the ballots carefully and announce the result of the contest, and the returns will be sent out broadcast to the world over our special leased wireless telegraph lines. Maybe Josephus Daniels will print the result in poke-berry juice.

PHILATHEAS ENTERTAIN

The Philathea class of the Baptist church entertained the Baraca class last Thursday night at the home of Miss Dracilla Hamlin on Depot street. A very large crowd of young people gathered and all spent an enjoyable evening.

In order to get the large crowd better acquainted with each other, the first thing on the program was "progressive conversation." Miss Annie Henry and Miss Annie Shipman tied for first place in this contest, while Mr. Santa Nicoison was voted to be the best gentleman conversationalist.

A number of games were played, and several instrumental selections were rendered by Miss Lore Gailmore. Delicious refreshments were served, and all went home about 11 o'clock declaring they had enjoyed themselves immensely.

It is probable that the Baracas will entertain the Philatheas early in March. These two organizations are a great help to the Sunday school work in the Baptist church. All young ladies and young men not members of some other Sunday school are invited to meet with one of these classes each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

LITTLE RIVER ITEMS

(Left over from last week.)
The people of this section have been enjoying zero weather for quite awhile.

Mrs. W. N. McCall has been very sick for several days.

Cari Couch has returned from Asheville.

Arthur Pickelsimer has returned from Fruitland Institute. He has been very sick for about a week.

Mr. S. C. Elkin began building his new residence last Tuesday.

Drake & Co. will soon have their new store completed.

The Sunday school at Little River is progressing nicely.

TOUCH ME NOT.

BATTLESHIP MAINE IS FLOATING IN HARBOR

MANCHUS' RULE IS ENDED IN CHINA

The World's News Shown at a Glance for the Benefit of the Busy Man.

Battleship Maine Floated.

The wreck of the battleship Maine, which has been lying in the mud at the bottom of Havana harbor since February 15, 1898, was floated free of the mud last Sunday night, according to Associated Press dispatches. Major Hardy Ferguson, of Waynesville, N. C., has been working on the wreck for the past several months, and at last his efforts have proven successful. The wreck was raised by building a dam around it, and pumping the water all out. The monster battleship was then temporarily repaired so as to float, when the water was turned into the enclosure, and the battleship is now afloat again. Many hundreds of visitors thronged the dam while the ship was being floated. Major Ferguson, who has had charge of the work, has received many congratulations on his success. The ship will remain within the dam until orders are received from Washington to float her out, which can be done within a fortnight.

Cruel Fate of early.

Shunted about from place to place as the result of the long government investigation to determine whether he was a leper, John R. Early, formerly of Canton, N. C., has been located at Summit, near Tacoma, Wash., and will be fenced in on an acre of land.

The Pierce county (Wash.) commissioners decided to take this step after an investigation by the county physician. The land is the property which Early agreed to buy on installments, before it was known he was a leper. His wife and three small children are with him.

Manchus' Rule Ended.

The abdication of the throne by the Manchu dynasty, in China, was proclaimed in an imperial edict issued Monday at noon. Another edict declared the throne accepted a republic, while a third edict approved all conditions agreed upon by Premier Yuan Shi-Kai and the republicans. The dynasty thus yielded up its power, after three centuries of absolute rule, in favor of a representative form of government.

HENDERSON ITEMS

Snow again Saturday night. Wonder if there has been any more weddings?

Mr. Charlie Reece returned Saturday from Horse Shoe where he has been nursing his father, Mr. A. Reece.

Mr. Weldon English made a business trip to Pisgah Forest Friday. Walter Reece went to Horse Shoe Saturday to nurse his grandfather, Mr. A. Reece.

R. J. Orr made a business trip to Pisgah Forest last Wednesday. J. J. Hollingsworth has his new house finished and has about got his barn completed.

Mr. Ulysses Reeves and hands are repairing and building bridges on Bradley's creek and Yellow Gap road. They are progressing slowly on account of the cold weather.

That is all for this time. With best wishes to the News.

A TAE HEEL.

If one must die of overdrinking how pleasant it must be to have the coroner's physician call it "refined alcoholism."

DEMONSTRATION WORK

Secretary Wilson has received the following report on Demonstration Work of the Department in North Carolina:

Demonstration Work is only four years old in North Carolina, yet it has become a power there for progressive agriculture, and, through this, for the general uplift of the home-life of the farmer.

Many farmers, advanced in age, deplore the fact that Demonstration Work did not begin several decades ago so that they might live long enough to enjoy the fruits of its teachings, thereby reaping the benefits of more bountiful crops produced at a minimum cost of cash and labor. Many farmers who have been in the work one year state that as successful farmers they are only one year old.

The work is based upon sound, well-tried and essential principles, such as a deep soil, plenty of humus, improved seed, intensive cultivation, rotation of crops, etc. That the work is accomplishing the purpose for which it was designed, is shown in a number of ways. For instance the average yield of corn in North Carolina for the past forty years has been a little less than fifteen bushels per acre. The yields under demonstration methods were as follows: In 1908, 37 bushels per acre; in 1909, 40 bushels per acre, and in 1910 (1,361 acres) 43 bushels per acre. The records for 1911 are not complete yet, but will probably be greater than for 1910, notwithstanding the fact that a severe drought cut off the yield through the central part of the state.

The Demonstration Work stands for the growing on the farm everything needed there in the way of home supplies. The careful records kept in the work show that these can be grown for very much less than market prices. The matter, therefore, is an economic one.

The organization in North Carolina, at present, consists of a state agent, two district agents, fifty-one local agents and over three thousand farmers conducting demonstration plots averaging three acres each. The two largest demonstrations the past season were one of forty acres of corn that produced fifty bushels per acre and one of a hundred acres of cotton that grew a bale and a quarter of cotton per acre. The demonstrators are supervised by the local agents who in turn are instructed by the district and state agents.

The Demonstration Work has hearty co-operation with the A. & M. College, the Farmers' Union and other progressive organizations. The State Department of Agriculture is now co-operating financially and otherwise. Local aid for the work for the present season amounts to \$15,000.00. This shows that the people are interested in the work.

Taken as a whole the outlook is very bright for reaching and influencing in a practical way the mass of farmers in the state.

THE INSPIRED LONGFELLOW

The Epworth League will celebrate Longfellow's birthday with the following program:

Scripture and Prayer—Rev. L. D. Thompson
Life of Longfellow—Miss Bulah Oliver
The Turnip—Charles Nichols
The Psalm of Life—Choir
Evangeline—Story—Miss Parkins
Longfellow as a Poet—A. M. Flannery
The Village Blacksmith—Bertie Ballard
The Bridge—Solo—Mrs. W. L. Wiley
Courtship of Miles Standish—A. M. Verdery
The Builders—Durward Bracken
Quotations—Each person is requested to come prepared to give a quotation from Longfellow.

After the literary program there will be a social meeting. All admirers of Longfellow are invited. Methodist church, February 27, 7:30 p. m.

HATTIE AIKEN.

Third Vice President.

EVERY COUNTY MADE A FAVORABLE REPORT

SANFORD H. COHEN SELECTED MANAGER.

Greater Western North Carolina Association Now Ready for Business.

At the meeting of the Greater Western North Carolina Association held in Asheville last Thursday Sanford H. Cohen was elected as manager of the association. Each of the seven counties constituting the association made favorable financial reports. A number of committeemen were appointed, and it was decided to hold another meeting on March 7.

Considerable interest was shown in the meeting and the attendance was very large, the board of trade rooms being too small to hold the crowd, the meeting having to move to the Y. M. C. A. The principal business was the selection of a manager and the report of the counties as to raising their assessments.

Representatives from Buncombe county, which had been assessed \$5,000, reported that \$3,350 was in sight and that the balance would be raised. Madison, Haywood, Jackson and Transylvania counties, it was reported, were ready to report the full amounts assessed against them. It was reported that \$500 of the assessment of \$600 against Polk county was in sight, and that the remainder would be raised within a few days. Henderson county, it was stated, was not prepared to report as having collected the \$1,600 assessed against it, but would be able to report the full amount at a later meeting. The county is being thoroughly organized in order that each section might help in raising the money. The school districts and townships have been organized with a chairman for each district and township.

Those counties not ready to report in full were given thirty days in which to raise the money. The question was brought up as to whether the work of the association should be held up to await the final reports of the counties or pushed forward without delay. It was decided to begin work at once.

The executive committee selected the manager, and it was decided that the work for the association begin February 15. The new manager will spend some time in each of the counties in the association, familiarizing himself with the different places before going to Florida sometime about the first of March. He will possibly be in this county next week.

There will not be sufficient time before going to Florida to print any literature for distribution in the south, but Mr. Cohen will carry along literature that any of the organizations of these counties may have on hand.

The manager's salary was fixed at \$3,000 per annum, and provisions were made for him to have a clerk, whose salary shall not exceed \$100 per month. The selection of the clerk will be left with Mr. Cohen, President W. E. Breese, Jr., and Treasurer Geo. S. Powell.

Mr. Cohen is a man with much experience in the advertising business. He is well known throughout the South. He successfully managed the two annual Appalachian expositions at Knoxville, and has had experience in launching similar enterprises, besides being an experienced newspaper man.

The proposed sale of the Blantyre farm was again brought to the attention of the association. It was decided to request Governor W. W. Kitchen, Senators Simmons and Overman, Hon. Chas. B. Aycock and Chief Justice Walter Clark to

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News' Preference Ballot

Polls Now Open

Use this ballot to designate your choice in the News' preference poll. Each voter is entitled to cast one vote. The ballots must bear the voter's signature and address, but the names will not be published. One week before the voting closes, the date will be announced. Send or bring your ballot to the News office. Indicate your choice by a cross mark in the blank before the name you wish to vote for.

President:		For Senate:
..... Underwood	..... Taft	..... Simmons
..... Wilson	..... Roosevelt	..... Kitchen
..... Harmon	..... Cummins	..... Aycock
..... Clark	..... Hughes	..... Clark
..... Marshall	..... LaFollette	
For Governor:	For Congress:	
..... Craig	..... Reynold	..... Grant
..... Settle	..... Gudger	..... Pearson

Name.....
Address.....