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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Interesting Items of News Briefly Set Forth For Busy Readers.

Winston has re-begun the movement to consolidate Winston and Salem into one town with the same municipal government.

Durham seems to be very much alarmed over the lellagra situation within her borders, from which disease six persons have been the victims recently.

The collector's report for the western revenue district shows that during June the tobacco tax amounted to \$52,961; whiskey tax \$307; lists \$26,211; special \$4,000.

Mr. R. L. Doughton of Alleghany was nominated on the fifty-eighth ballot for Congress on the Democratic ticket in the eighth congressional convention at Statesville last Friday.

The new Erwin Cotton Mills at Durham and the largest single roof plant in North Carolina, have been completed and announcement made that as soon as the markets adjust themselves, they will begin operation.

Miss Alva Weeden, of Blowing Rock, was bitten Tuesday by a copperhead snake and little hope is entertained for her recovery. Reports say she turned dark spotted all over her body and is frightfully swollen.

Mr. J. S. Stanbury, of Watauga county, has found oil in his well. Mr. Stanbury says he first thought some one had poured oil in his well, but on investigation found there was too much to have been poured in. A paper dipped in the water burns readily.

There is a deadlock in the convention which met in Newton last week for the purpose of nominating a judge for the 13th Judicial District. The balloting lasted till 2 o'clock the next morning, when no agreement could be reached and the convention adjourned till August 25th.

Edwin Yates Webb, of Shelby, who has represented the Ninth North Carolina district in the House of Representatives five successive terms, was renominated by the Democratic convention at Shelby last week without opposition. S. S. McNinch, former Democratic mayor of Charlotte, is running on the Republican ticket in opposition to Webb.

Morganton Correspondence to Charlotte Observer: "Pressure is being brought to bear on Solicitor J. F. Spainhour to make the race this fall as the Democratic candidate for the Legislature from Burke county. It is needless to say that should he do so he will be triumphantly elected and will be one of the leaders in the next General Assembly of North Carolina."

Joint Passenger Station at Bostic.

Acting on an official investigation made by Commissioner S. L. Rogers, the Corporation Commission last week ordered the Seaboard Air Line and the C. C. & O. Railway companies to provide a joint passenger station at the crossing of the roads east of Bostic, and authorizing the Seaboard to discontinue its passenger station at Bostic. The order also requires the Seaboard to retain its freight depot at Bostic, but authorized an arrangement by the two roads for the exchange of freight at the crossing if the companies desire to do so. This is the end of a big fight between faction of citizens and the railroads.

MONUMENT TO MAJOR WILSON

Movement for Restoration of the Fountain at Round Knob.

Asheville Citizen, 20.

Among the recent deaths in this section none have caused more general regret than that of Major James W. Wilson. He had a state-wide acquaintance and had accomplished nothing more in his life than the survey and building of that section of mountain railroad which stands even today as a rare feat of engineering, he would have done enough to earn the lifelong gratitude of every resident of Western North Carolina. In a letter to this paper, published yesterday, Mrs. James P. Moore suggests that the people of North Carolina keep the memory of the deceased green "by erecting some fitting and lasting monument and to perpetuate the memory of his great service to the state in opening 'The Land of the Sky' to the world." Mrs. Moore says:

"There are many points along the line of the Asheville division that would be appropriate to place this memorial, but at or near Round Knob seems to be the logical spot, as here is the real gateway to the perilous climb, and nowhere else along the line of road is there so strategic a position—like comprehensive and commanding many views of 'the iron path' that winds with equal ease across mountain gorges and towering peaks.

"The restoration of the fountain—the highest in the world—at Round Knob would be a most beautiful tribute; making permanent a thing of beauty his brain evolved and his hands placed there over a quarter of a century ago. I recall as a child the pride that filled my breast on hearing the exclamations of delight that fell from the lips of the passengers on beholding it. Should the restoration of this fountain be deemed inexpedient, then a cairn of field stones erected on the isolated knob, rising in the broad Mill Creek valley, a few hundred yards above where the Round Knob hotel stood. At one time during the construction of the road, Major Wilson lived in a cottage on this knob.

"The above are only suggestions as to the kind of memorial, but the plea to place one is a just and earnest appeal to the state pride of every North Carolinian. Will not the love and loyalty of those few still of the 'old regime' prompt them to lend their influence in making this tribute to their old comrade possible?"

The Citizen is of the opinion that the restoration of the fountain referred to would be the finest monument that could be erected to the late Major Wilson. During the long years that it was in operation the fountain was the admiration of thousands who passed it year in and year out. The deceased, who first turned on its waters, could be given the choice, would ask no more in the way of lasting tribute. Here, then, is a movement which can be undertaken without any great cost, and we are inclined to believe that the Southern railway authorities will be the first to move when the matter is brought to their attention.

Boys, Buy Land.

The following is from the Yorkville Enquirer, and while it was written for the boys of York county, it is equally as good for the boys of McDowell or any other county:

Boys, buy land, not for speculation, but for a home, buy it as cheap as you can and on as good terms as you can. Don't try to buy too much to begin with. Twenty-five, fifty or a hundred acres, will do for many of you. And when you have bought, go in to farm it, and farm it right. You have no idea how much bigger it will make you to become a land owner. You will actually feel that you are bigger and you will be bigger. There is no risk about a land purchase if you have a fair amount of grit and intelligence. You can make it pay. But even if you fail to you can't

ALLEN AND LEE THE NOMINEES

The Only Two Contests of Democratic State Convention Decided on First Ballot.

Charlotte, N. C., July 14.—With harmony as its watchword, and no jarring note, the democratic state convention, in session here today, made these nominations, all the candidates going in on the first ballot.

Chief justice of the Supreme court—Walter Clark, of Raleigh. Associate justices—Platt D. Walker, of Charlotte and William R. Allen, of Goldsboro.

Corporation commissioner—Henry C. Brown, of Raleigh and William T. Lee, of Waynesville.

Chief Justice Clark and Associate Justice Walker had no opposition. Supreme Court Judge Allen was nominated over the incumbent, Associate Justice James S. Manning, of Durham, who was appointed by Governor Kitchin to succeed Justice Connor, who resigned to accept a federal judgeship. The contest was close but without bitterness. Allen's majority over Manning was 92.

A surprising feature of the day was the splendid run made by Mr. W. T. Lee of Haywood for Corporation Commissioner. The most

that his friends had hoped was that he outdistance his competitors by a very narrow margin, and a deadlock was looked upon as a not unlikely eventuality. Yet, lo, and behold, the "mountain man" ran ahead of the procession so far that he outdistanced them both by some 90-odd votes.

State Chairman Eller called the convention to order and United States Senator Overman, who acted as temporary chairman, outlined the issues of the coming campaign in a vigorous speech charging the republican party in state and nation with breaking faith with the people and betrayal of confidence.

Hon. Walter E. Moore of Jacksonville was elected permanent chairman of the convention and Mr. C. C. Daniels of Wilson permanent secretary. The assistants being R. A. Deal, of Wilkes; W. W. Neal, of McDowell; W. S. Wilkinson, of Edgecombe, and the members of the Democratic press present.

At the adjourned meeting to-night the convention adopted without contest a platform which generally reaffirms the principles of the party, and denounces the Payne-Aldrich tariff as the most iniquitous measure ever foisted upon the people. Hundreds of idle cotton mills in the state were pointed out as evidence of republican misrule, while a strong stand was taken for advancement in the state along industrial lines.



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Democratic Nominee for Congress of The Tenth District.

lose much. But open your eyes, boys, and look about. The time is coming when the opportunity to buy a little farm will not be as good as now.

Work to Begin on the Air Line.

Statesville Landmark.
Civil Engineer R. L. Greenlee, who made the preliminary survey of the Statesville Air Line railroad from Statesville to Mt. Airy, is here with his force of assistants to begin work today making a permanent survey of the road out from Statesville. A route out from Statesville has not yet been decided on and the first work of the engineers will be to make a number of surveys and thus determine the most feasible route. The work of grading the road is expected to begin before many days.

During the operation of the new North Carolina automobile act for the first year just closed, there were registered 1,580 machines with the payment of the \$5 registration and license tax. In addition to this there were 252 transfer certificates at \$1 each. Now with the beginning of the second year there have been 1,294 renewals at \$1 each. So that the revenue from this act practically within the period of the first year of its operation has been \$9,446.

PEOPLE'S FORUM.

(This department is reserved for letters from the people on various topics. The Progress is not responsible for the views of its correspondents. All communications must be originally signed for our protection though the name may be withheld in publication.)

REFORM MUST COME.

Special to THE PROGRESS.

Some time ago we noticed a statement in THE PROGRESS expressing a sentiment like this; that our young men should study the political situation and take great interest in public affairs. We also notice the mention of the inspiring fact that a number of McDowell's best citizens have pledged themselves against any kind of corruption in politics and have circulated copies of this pledge in the county to constrain others to do likewise. This is commendable.

It is a matter of common consent that every parish, city, and hamlet, from Seattle to Key West is infected with a political disease; a commerce in suffrage. However I suppose that the counties of Western North Carolina are as free from this scourge as any, or more so; but reform must come. The value of an intelligent citizenship, exercising the right of suffrage without bribery or intimidation is of greater concern to us than all other issues we have to face. We cannot solve any national, state or municipal question correctly and permanently as long as the balance of power is made an object of barter. Reform must come and it will come, and it seems to me that the right move in the right way has been made by these gentlemen, for this change must come from the people themselves. There are no laws stronger than the moral sentiment that sustains them, so the reform must come from the voting citizens. I am glad that McDowell has made the first start. It shows a spirit like that shown by the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, when they declared themselves free from the tyranny and imposition which came from England, only this is more com-

mendable because it is a harder fight, the opposition come from within. It is to be hoped that other counties and towns will fall into line and that we shall soon be rid of this foul contagion, and that a quarantine will be established at our borders against any corrupt men or corruption funds.

It was Pope who said "Blessed is the man who expects nothing for he shall not be disappointed." We must expect great things. Is there a better time for the young men to turn their attention toward public affairs? They should work like soldiers to accomplish this reform for themselves. Josephus says that each Roman soldier worked to please his decurion and each decurion his centurion and each centurion his tribune and each tribune his Superior Commander. Young men work in harmony, the change will come. The whole nation sees it and now is the time to strike.

"Our legions are trim full and our cause is ripe:

The enemy increaseth every day; We at the height are ready to decline. There is a tide in the affairs of men Which taken at the flood leads on to fortune;

Committed, all the voyage of their life Is bound in shallows and miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat, And we must take the current when it serves, Or lose our ventures."

B. L. L.
Rutherford College, July 16.

Lawyers stand up in court houses before jurors, in the presence of large audiences, and denounce men as liars, scoundrels, thieves and perjured villains, and when court adjourns the men appear to harbor no ill will against them. But let a newspaper faintly intimate that a man's character is blemished, and he has to confront a horse pistol, stand a libel suit or suffer what the people think to be the greatest of all mortifications—lose a subscriber.—Ex.

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