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WEAVER MADE NOMINEE

Democratic Candidate for Congress in Tenth Given Certificate of Election.

Asheville Times, 18th.

Hon. James J. Britt, who claims a majority of 13 votes over his democratic opponent Zebulon Weaver as the result of the election in the tenth congressional district, stated this morning that he would await the results of the hearing before Judge J. Adams in the matter of the mandamus issued by Judge Shaw, before deciding his course of procedure concerning the action of the board of canvassers of Buncombe county, which yesterday completed its work and certified to returns from Buncombe county which give Mr. Weaver a majority of 310 in this county and a majority of 310 in the district of nine votes.

The board yesterday afternoon, having completed the canvassing of the returns from every precinct, the official figures of some of which were not received until Thursday, certified these returns to the state canvassing board and these returns, which showed that Buncombe county's vote in the congressional election was 4352 for Weaver and 4043 for Britt, gave Mr. Weaver a majority of 311 votes in the county, while Mr. Britt contends that he received but 288.

The board, in certifying its returns, takes the position that it is complying with the alternative mandamus, issued by Judge Shaw, while Mr. Britt contends that the members of the board are in contempt. The board took such action after having consulted independent counsel, and based its course on the legal advice received from Theodore F. Davidson, Louis M. Bourne, and A. Hall Johnston.

The difference in the figures hinges on the legality on certain unmarked ballots, or ballots which did not contain the cross mark, which were sent in from five precincts, which stood 27 for Mr. Weaver and five for Mr. Britt, who contends that these votes were not legal.

Britt Charges Vote Abstract is Unsigned.

Asheville, Nov. 21.—An entire afternoon was spent by attorneys for James J. Britt, the Republican Congressman from this, the Tenth district, who claims re-election by 13 votes, in reading affidavits tending to show that if unmarked ballots from five precincts in Buncombe County should be counted for Zebulon Weaver, the Democratic candidate, unmarked ballots from all the precincts of the county would show a majority for Mr. Britt and reverse the action of the board of canvassers in declaring Mr. Weaver elected.

Just before court adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning counsel for Mr. Britt made the charge that the chairman of the county canvassers' board had failed to sign the abstract of the election returns forwarded to Raleigh, the State Capital, and the attorneys argued that such failure invalidated the findings and proceedings of the board.

Judge Adams, who is hearing the case has not yet made his position clear, but is expected to give an opinion on his jurisdiction in the case during tomorrow's session.

Honor Roll of the Marion Graded School for Second Month.

In order to attain a place on this honor roll, the pupil must have an average of two, which means from 90 to 95 per cent, must have "Very Good" in conduct, must not be tardy at any time, and must not have more than two excused absences.

First Grade, Mrs. Pescud Craig, teacher—Phillip Ruth, Charlie Walls, William Smith, Clyde Laidlaw, Theodore Watkins, Louis Bird, Karcher Clay, Lottie Eller, Ellen Church, Cary Silver, Elizabeth Moore, Jewel Hemphill, Julia Sinclair, Lula Holifield, Virginia Morrow, Doris Hill, Grace Tate.

Second Grade, Miss Swindell, teacher—Mary Jane Kistler, Edith Laughridge, Fred Mathis, Alma Eller, Jeanette Gilkey, Minnie Godfrey, Earl Howell.

Third Grade, Miss Winslow, teacher—Martha Buchanan, Margaret Craig, Bettie Lusk, Kathryn McCall, Ermine Neal, Ned Landis, Arthur McCulloch, Guyon Whitten.

Fourth Grade, Miss Kate Mae Streetman, teacher—Floyd Glenn, Helen Franklin, Dorothy Gilkey, Jennie Wall, Quince Hall, Paul Ruth, Mary Young Hemphill.

Fifth Grade, Miss Eva Keeter, teacher—Alma Link, Zella Gibbs, Simmie Cross.

Sixth Grade, Miss Martha Decker, teacher—Carter Stroud, Margaret Justice, Elizabeth Reid, Ida Scoggins.

Seventh Grade, Miss Ethel Crawford, teacher—Vissie Murphy, Irene Franklin, Luna Wall, Dorothy Wood, Brownie Giles, Ester Thomas, Elma Houk, Lucile Conley, Mae Curtis, Jack Justice.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade—Mayo Laughridge, Annie Kate Burgin, Edna Tate, Hettie Mae Cannon, Pauline Conley, Pauline Hawkins, Paul Story, Edwin Pless.

Ninth Grade—Flora Steppe, Edna Rader, Gertrude Jones, Lurlene Corpening.

Tenth Grade—Robert Burgin, Nelle Corpening, Estelle Corpening, Gladys Corpening, Mary Sweeney, Mattie Gladden.

Eleventh Grade—Sue Conley, Jessie Conley, Rosa Houk, Ruth Finley.

The Griffin Speller.

The Cleveland Star.

Prof. I. C. Griffin, superintendent of the Shelby Public Schools, is co-author of a new spelling book entitled "Essentials in Spelling for High Schools." Assisting him in the preparation of the book were Dr. L. A. Williams, professor of school administration, and Dr. H. W. Chase, professor of physiology, both being members of the faculty of the University of North Carolina. Griffin is a member of the faculty during the summer months when the teachers take their training courses. The new High School speller is just from the press and is published by Alfred Williams & Co. It has been recommended by State High School Inspector Walker for use in the High Schools of the State and a number of schools have already adopted it.

Every parent and every school teacher should read Dr. Dula's article in this paper on the preservation of children's eyes. It is really a duty.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, Nov. 20.—B. G. Gettys and son, Arthur, of Nebo, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Crawley visited relatives at Thompson's Fork yesterday.

Rev. M. W. Mann and Rev. M. L. Kaylor, both of Nebo, were visitors here one day last week.

Miss Mattie Snipes has returned to Marion after spending a few days here with her mother, who has been quite ill but is improving.

James Pyatt was here on business one day last week.

The school here is progressing nicely with James Gettys and Miss Zeldia Yelton as teachers.

Dallas Rowe returned home Saturday and is recovering from his recent accident.

Miss Cordia Simmons has returned to Raleigh after spending a few days here with her mother.

Harmony Grove, Nov. 21.—J. N. Yelton spent the week-end with relatives in Rutherford county.

Corn huskings are very much limited in this community.

B Mangum's barn and all his feed-stuff were burned Sunday night. His horses and cattle were saved. The origin of the fire is not known.

There will be a box supper at Harmony Grove school house on Thursday night, November 30th. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. Everybody cordially invited.

HANKINS

Hankins, Nov. 20.—Mrs. S. W. Cannon and little daughter Helen spent several days last week in Bakersville.

Miss Delia Gibbs spent the week-end in Asheville.

Will Morgan of Nebo spent Sunday with homefolks here.

Rev. Fletcher Simmons preached an interesting sermon at Hankins Baptist church Sunday morning.

Miss Gertrude Barnes of Nebo spent Sunday with homefolks here.

Fred Craig spent the week-end with friends at Spruce Pine.

Fred and Percy Barnes have returned after an extended motor tour over a number of Western States.

Hankins school is progressing nicely with an enrollment of 28. The daily average attendance last week was 26.

Graham-Allison.

Old Fort Sentinel, 17th.

Friends of Miss Daintry Graham will be very agreeably surprised to learn that on last Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Baptist parsonage in Asheville, she was happily married to Mr. Robert Allison, of Black Mountain. Their engagement had been kept secret and only a few close friends knew of the affair. Miss Graham left Old Fort Saturday morning for Asheville to attend to her shopping and the rest of the wedding party joined her on the way. The ceremony took place at 2:00 p. m., Rev. Calvin Waller officiating.

Mr. Allison is in the employ of the Southern Railway as one of the supervisors of the work at the new tunnel at Graphiteville, and Mrs. Allison is teacher in charge of the public school at Dendron. They state that they will not go to keeping house till after the first of the year.

The population of Continental United States has passed the hundred and three million mark. Officials of the Treasury Department in their monthly money circulation statement estimate that on November 1 the population of the country was 103,002,000.

Students Organize County Club.

Special to MARION PROGRESS.

Chapel Hill, Nov. 17.—Just as soon as the excitement and clamor of the election had died away among the echoing peaks of the Blue Ridge, the sons of Carolina became quickly united again in a common cause. Inspired by the motive to serve more than for selfish interest the students from McDowell and Rutherford counties met to-night and organized a county club, there being so few students from each county making it necessary for a joint organization.

The object of the organization is to keep alive an interest in the home counties, by becoming acquainted with their standing in wealth, economics, and education. At the next meeting in December a number of subjects will be discussed—where the home counties lead, where they lag, and the way to the front. The fundamental aim of the club is to keep the University before the people at home so they will come to appreciate its true worth.

The club noted with no pride that from both counties there are but twelve students taking advantage of the excellent equipment the University affords. Cooperation with the Alumni at home seems to be a desire of the club, for the purpose of putting the University in the right light.

The following officers were elected: M. O. Dickerson, of Rutherford, president; C. B. Landis, vice-president; K. B. Crawford, secretary, and A. S. White, treasurer, all of McDowell.

Blackwood-Atwell.

W. J. Atwell, electrical supervisor for the Southern Railway, with headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., was married to Miss Margaret Blackwood, of Chattanooga, Tenn., at the home of the bride in Chattanooga, Thursday, November 9. Mr. Atwell is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Atwell of this place and has a large circle of friends in Marion who wish him a long and happy wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Atwell visited the former's parents here during the week on their way to Atlanta and other points. They will make their home in Memphis.

Contract Let for Clinchfield Mill.

Contracts have been let for the big Clinchfield Company's mill No. 2 as follows: Building and power houses to the Gallivan building Company, Greenville, S. C., with Supt. Agnew in charge. Work has already been begun and the foundations are being put in. The main building will be 132x520 feet, three stories high, and the power plant about 50x100 feet.

The contract for steam turbine, alternator and all motors goes to The General Electric Company; 40,000 spindles to Saco-Lowell Shops, Boston, Mass.; 1,000 looms to The Draper Company, Hopedale, Mass. Five 300-horse-power Manning type boilers will be installed; a chimney 165 feet tall will be built from radial brick. Fire protection will be furnished and installed by the General Fire Extinguishing company of Providence, R. I., and Charlotte, N. C.

The total cost of the building and machinery will amount to \$1,000,000.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Southern railway has let the contract for a big new steel car shop in Spencer, to cost about \$300,000.

A Charlotte Observer writer hears that Gov. Craig may be offered a diplomatic position under the next Wilson administration.

Another Burke county township has gone on record for good roads. Upper Creek township has voted \$20,000 of bonds for that purpose. Soon Burke will have good roads by township bond issues.

Julian Davis, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Davis of Asheville, was struck and killed by an engine in the Southern railway yards in Asheville Saturday. The boy was employed as messenger in the yards.

The State Board of Pharmacy last week granted license to 22 of 68 applicants. R. R. Copeland of Tarboro led the class. Among those who passed were Robert Bonner, H. T. Campbell and J. W. Keever of Hickory, and L. N. Kirksey of Morganton.

Sam L. Rhyne, a widely known business man of Newton, committed suicide Sunday by hanging, during a fit of melancholy, to which he had been subject for many months. Until recently he had been under treatment at the hospital in Morganton. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Drastic Dry Bill to Be Introduced.

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, having reappointed Rev. R. L. Davis to the superintendency of the work for another year, is marshaling its forces for its biennial raid on the Legislature for advanced measures in the tightening of the prohibition law of the State.

Some weeks ago the committee promulgated its platform of demands that will be made upon the 1917 Assembly. This includes reducing the quantities of intoxicants that can be in the possession of any citizen to one-half gallon of whiskey, three gallons of malt or beer and five gallons of wine.

There will be an effort to prohibit the circulation of any newspapers that advertise liquors and to provide for the confiscation of any vehicles used in illicitly handling liquors, whether the driver or vender owns the machine or not. There is to be a feature designed to cut out the keeping of liquors at club apartments for members.

The final touches are being put on the legislative bill that the committee will undertake to put through the Legislature and the indications are that this measure will be one of the most notable features of the 1917 Legislature.

Minnesota to Hughes.

St. Paul, Nov. 18.—The complete official vote of Minnesota, as announced today by Secretary of State Julius A. Schmah, gave Hughes a plurality of 396. The vote was Hughes 179,553; Wilson 179,157.