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SIZE OF MAJORITY ONLY QUESTION.

Eighth District Certain to be Re-decided—Doughton a Strong Man.

Mr. Alvin Horton, writing to the Raleigh News and Observer from Statesville, where he attended the eighth district congressional convention, says of the situation in the district:

In the quietude following the congressional convention here yesterday, the most conservative Democrat is talking enthusiastically of the majority this fall. In R. A. Doughton, farmer, lawyer, zealous but not acrimonious partisan, the party has nominated a man who will appeal to every voter at his home as well as on the hustings, and whose record no Republican will dare assail.

Two years ago Mr. Doughton represented his district in the State Senate and made a record for conservatism and far-sighted statesmanship. His popularity is unbounded wherever he is known, and in his county he will receive, as he did two years ago, the support of many Republicans. His speech in accepting the nomination was brief but such as to prove him the master of Charles Cowles on the stump. While oratory is not, nor is claimed to be Mr. Doughton's strong suit, yet every Democrat who heard him will have no misgivings as to the results of a joint canvass, should Mr. Cowles agree to have one.

He said he could not take the time to tell his weary but patient friends the issue on which he expects to wage his campaign, but he indicated that one of these, if not the paramount one, would be the attempt of Cowles to secure the passage of a bill providing for Federal interference in elections—an antiquated, barbarous law which not even the Northerner who is so partisan as not to blush at the disgraceful Republican reconstruction era would attempt to defend.

In Iredell Charley has managed to offend a majority of the Republican leaders, some of them his close kin. His part in naming Henry Reynolds collector of internal revenue to succeed George H. Brown; his efforts to smooth matters by naming L. C. Wagner, Brown's son-in-law, to succeed J. W. C. Long as postmaster at Statesville, and Wagner's refusal to accept the plum—these and many other things mean trouble for Charley in Iredell. It is said that he has been here much of late, but that no encouragement so far has been given him.

In Rowan where there were some troubles among Democrats two years ago, there are troubles, a hundred-fold greater, among Republicans now. Mr. Cowles' efforts to have the popular postmaster, Mr. Ramsay, removed in order to pay a fancied political debt to another, have aroused the resentment of a big majority of the patrons of the office, both Democrats and Republicans. I am assured that Rowan will cast more than the normal Democratic vote this time.

Mr. Cowles will also face opposition in his own party, because of his Republican alliances in the State organization. As is well known, Morehead, member of the Republican National Congressional committee, and the man who will dispense the boodle sent into this State, are at loggerheads, as indeed they have been ever since a few weeks after they entered Congress two years ago, and Cowles can expect but little favors from the Morehead firm. The 25,000 letters, purely political, that were franked from Morehead's office at Washington, went mostly into other districts. If any literature is sent here, it is believed that it will be for the purpose of boosting Morehead for leader to succeed Duncan, and not to help Cowles in his present predicament.

In another story, I shall enter fully into conditions in the eighth, but I can assure the readers of the News and Observer even now that the handwriting on the wall, freely interpreted does mean, "Bye, bye, Charley Cowles, and welcome to Bob Doughton."

The troubles of Charley are by no means one of the necessary assets of the Democratic ticket, for conditions throughout the Democratic sections are such as to insure victory in almost any case; but the wars and rumors of wars in the g. o. p. camp will remove from the outsider any doubt he may have had of Democratic success.

Prof. Thompson Tomorrow Night.
Prof. Walter Thompson of the Jackson Training School, will address the people of Concord Friday night, July 22, at a mass meeting to be held by the Colored Reform School Association of North Carolina, at the Westminster Presbyterian church. Dr. Geo. C. Clement, of Charlotte, will also speak.

Misses Mary Bingham and Theresa King returned last night from Wrightsville, where they have been spending several weeks.

PERSONAL.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. W. E. Cook is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. C. H. Watkins is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. J. P. Cook left yesterday afternoon for Lincolnton.

Mr. A. P. Gilbert, of Durham, is a Concord visitor today.

Mr. J. F. Shinn, of Norwood, is a visitor in the city today.

Mr. Sinclair Stewart, of Charlotte, is spending the day in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. David Corzine have returned from a visit to Greensboro.

Mr. W. R. McMurrin, of Wilmington, is a visitor in the city today.

Mrs. J. E. Smoot returned yesterday from a short visit to Salisbury.

Miss Grace Brown, of Kannapolis, is visiting relatives at Forest Hill this week.

Mr. W. H. Redfern, of The Charlotte News, is spending the day in the city.

Miss Jennie Smith left this morning for Asheville, where she will spend several weeks.

Mrs. P. B. Means, who has been visiting relatives in Neuse is now at Piedmont Springs, N. C.

J. Lindsay Ross, who has been spending several days in the city, left last night for Anderson.

Miss Nettie Glass has returned from a visit to friends in Rock Hill, S. C.

Mr. Henry Smith, who has been at visiting Miss Jennete Lentz, returned today to her home in Salisbury.

Mr. Henry Smith, who has been at Atlantic City with Mr. B. N. Duke, is expected in Concord Saturday.

Miss Jennie Johnson, of Richmond, Va., is spending several weeks with Mrs. Marshall Goldston, at Forest Hill.

Dr. W. T. Whitsett, president of Whitsett's Institute, spent yesterday in the city in the interest of his school.

Mrs. M. L. Brown and daughter, Miss Lucy Brown, will leave tomorrow for Salisbury to visit Mrs. Fletcher Smith.

Mrs. J. F. Dayvault and children returned yesterday afternoon from Cleveland county, where they have been visiting relatives.

Miss Rhetta Culp, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. White, for some time, will leave tomorrow for her home in Rock Hill.

Mr. W. L. Robinson will leave tonight for Ocean View, Va., where he will join Mrs. Robinson, who has been there for several days.

Mr. H. P. Montgomery, who has been visiting relatives in the city for several days, returned this morning to his home in Montgomery county.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Caldwell left yesterday afternoon for Mecklenburg county, where they will visit for several weeks.

Prof. W. H. Williams, who recently resigned his position at the Jackson Training School, left yesterday afternoon with his family for his old home in Alexander county.

Prof. J. B. Moose and Miss Cora Moose, of Mt. Pleasant, left yesterday afternoon for Spencer, where they will attend the Southern Conference of the North Carolina Synod.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane left this morning for Bessemer City to attend the semi-annual meeting of the directors of the Osage Manufacturing Company, of which he is president.

Mr. James Willeford is spending the day at Misenheimer Springs. He will return this afternoon accompanied by Mrs. Willeford, who has been at the springs for the past week.

Small Child Struck by Freight Train at China Grove.

The 18-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hinson, of China Grove, was dangerously injured yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock by being struck by a moving freight train. The parents of the child live only a short distance from the railroad track and yesterday morning the little fellow crawled up the embankment opposite the home and was sitting on the track watching No. 11 pass by, when a freight train came along on the new double track and struck the child, knocking him off the track. He is very dangerously injured and it is almost a miracle that he was not instantly killed. The little boy was standing on the extreme edge of the track when struck by the engine and this is given as the reason he escaped being killed. The child was given prompt medical attention and the prognosis state he will recover.

POLITICAL SENSATION IN RICHMOND COUNTY.

Mr. William L. Steel, a Candidate in the Democratic Primary for Treasurer of the County, Gives His Competitor, Mr. Daniel Gay, \$700 to Retire from the Race.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer. Talk about sensational political situations, but that's what they had in Rockingham and Richmond county last week, and it grew out of the fact becoming public that one candidate for the nomination for county treasurer paid his opponent \$700 to retire from the race, thereby leaving a clear field for the candidate putting up the money.

Messrs. William L. Steel and Daniel Gay and another gentleman were candidates in the recent primary in Richmond for county treasurer. Mr. Gay, who is an old Confederate soldier, polled 47 more votes than did Mr. Steel, who is a son of the late Col. Walter L. Steele, of Rockingham. The third gentleman in the race polled sufficient votes in the primary to prevent a nomination, therefore, it was necessary to hold a second primary to settle the question as to whether Mr. Steele or Mr. Gay was the choice of the people for the office.

Not long after the primary Mr. Gray's friends were very much astonished when he came out in a card in the Rockingham Post withdrawing from the race, as it was generally understood that his chances for receiving the nomination were excellent. A trade was suspected when Mr. Gray's card of withdrawal appeared, and it was not long until suspicion became a certainty, as strange to say, neither party to the dieker appeared to realize that he had done anything wrong, and for that reason did not treat the matter as much of a secret.

When the facts above narrated became known, Mr. Steele and Mr. Gray were given to understand by leading Democrats that both of them would have to come down in favor of a third man. Mr. Gray, having already abandoned the race, readily acquiesced in this arrangement. Mr. Steele, being out \$700, which Mr. Gay at last accounts, had refused to return to him, was not so amenable to reason.

However, after it was made plain to him that no other course was possible, he finally consented to withdraw.

The second primary to make a nomination for treasurer, which was to have been held Saturday, was called off by the county executive committee in order to give an opportunity to new candidates to announce themselves.

NEWS FROM KANNAPOLIS.

Cannon Mill Closed Down for Two Weeks—Kannapolis. Defeats Concord—Other Items.

The Cannon mill is giving its employees a two weeks' vacation, and they seem to enjoy it. Many are visiting friends in the country and many more are visiting distant relatives. But we are not homesick, for we can hear the whirr of the spindles and the rattle-bang of the looms in the Patterson mill. This mill had its vacation during the first week in July.

Mr. J. G. Love returned Monday from a two weeks' vacation, visiting Hendersonville, Asheville and Forest City, N. C., and Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. C. D. McIntosh, overseer of weaving in the Cannon mill, is spending his vacation at Blowing Rock. Mrs. McIntosh accompanied him on his trip.

Mrs. E. C. Love and little son, Gay, are visiting Mrs. Love's father, Mr. J. T. Fortune, at Forest City this week. Mrs. M. J. Love, of Trenton, Tenn., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Love for a few weeks, accompanied them to Forest City.

Mr. J. L. Towell and family are visiting friends at Coolemees this week.

Mr. A. H. Sides and family are visiting in the country.

Mr. Lester Patterson is at his old stand with the Paterson-Young Mercantile Company after being laid up for two or three weeks. His ear which gave him so much trouble necessitated an operation by a specialist.

Our popular barber, Mr. H. H. Peacock, is offering to sell a half interest in his barber shop. We hope he will get another barber to help him so that our turn will come quicker.

There were two games of ball played here Saturday evening. The Kannapolis boys defeated Concord in a five inning game 7 to 0, only to suffer defeat at the hands of the Rimer Town boys in a score of 8 to 5, playing eight innings.

Your correspondent being on the sick list, is unable to get all the news items this week.

Ivey's Shoe Sale.

The Ivey Shoe Company have a Cleanup Sale in July each year. They carry no stock over to the next season. They are nearly ready to get in their fall stock, and offer all summer shoes at greatly reduced prices. This is not a few job lots, but all summer time shoes in this store. In The Times today and in The Tribune tomorrow they tell you all about this big sale.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WHEELER.

Service Conducted This Morning by Rev. Plato Durham.

The funeral service over the remains of Mrs. R. S. Wheeler was held at the residence of Mr. Wheeler this morning, and was conducted by Rev. Plato Durham, in the presence of many friends.

The music was in charge of Mr. R. P. Benson, and the following composed the choir: Mrs. Plato Durham, Mrs. Hugh Propst, Misses Janie and Grace Patterson and Mr. Lloyd McKay. They sang sweetly, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Rock of Ages," and "Asleep in Jesus."

The floral tributes were many and very beautiful. Among the designs were the following: Kerr Bang & Finishing Works, an immense anchor of white lilies; Central Sunday School, a group of white lilies and asters; Virginia Dare Book Club, heart of pink roses, in large wreath of sweet peas; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a beautiful white crescent. In addition to these there were many exquisite offerings from individuals.

After the service at the home the body was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery.

Southern Conference Lutheran Synod.

The Southern Conference of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod convenes in Christ Lutheran church, East Spencer, at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning to continue in session through Sunday. On Saturday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society, of the Synod, Mrs. J. A. Linn, of Rockwell, president, will give a public entertainment and reception. This exercise will be under the direction of Mrs. C. P. Fisher, wife of Pastor Fisher, of Faith, and will consist of songs and recitations. On Sunday morning the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered.

On Sunday evening the conference will be closed by a sermon by Rev. Prof. J. H. C. Fisher, of Mt. Pleasant.

Wednesday's Salisbury Post: Miss Blanch Boyd, of Concord, and Master B. E. Harris, of Eatonton, Ga., who have been visiting Mrs. W. T. Klutz on North Main street, returned to Concord last night.

State Library

Says Airships Will Become as Common as Automobiles Before Many Years Have Passed.

That the time is coming when flying machines will be as common as are automobiles today is the opinion of Count Jacques de Lesseps, the French aviator, who was the principal figure in the aviation meeting which ended at Toronto, on Saturday.

"The time may be far away," said the Count in expressing his belief as to the ultimate ubiquity of the aeroplane, "but taking into consideration the rapid strides aviation has made compared with the development of steam and motor vehicles, I do not think it will be long in coming."

"I am interested in aviation as a sportsman simply, but I think there are great commercial possibilities in the aeroplane. The chief difficulty is the engine."

Death of Mr. Gordon Johnson.

Mr. Gordon Johnson, a well known young man of No. 2 township, died yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness of consumption. Mr. Johnson was 29 years of age, and a young man of many fine parts, and had a large circle of friends throughout the county who will regret to hear of his death. He is survived by his father, Mr. J. C. Johnson, and three brothers and our sisters. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Popular Tent church, conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. E. Summers.

Admitted to Soldiers' Home.

Clerk of the Court M. L. Widenhouse received a notice from the authorities of the Soldiers' Home, Raleigh, stating that the application of Mr. W. S. Beam, of this city, for admittance to the home had been favorably acted upon and that he would be admitted to the home upon his arrival in Raleigh. Mr. Beam will leave Monday for Raleigh. He is a native of Buncombe county, but has lived here for the past two years.

The store of H. L. Parks & Co. is closed today getting ready for the big sale, which commences tomorrow.

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