

GODWIN WILLING FOR ONE PRIMARY BUT LYON ISN'T

Col. John G. Shaw, of Fayetteville, Issued Challenge To Let High Man Win

INTEREST CENTERS IN THREE-CORNERED FIGHT

Whiteville Solicitor Says He's Running for Congress and Not Playing to Galleries; Godwin Reviews His Record and Rests His Case With People of Sixth District.

(By R. E. Powell in News and Observer)

Washington, D. C., April 30.—Washington's political interest in North Carolina today shifted to the Sixth district and Congressman Godwin's ready acceptance of "Highland John" G. Shaw's challenge to himself and Homer Lyon. The Fayetteville contender for the Sixth district member's seat announced by wire that he is willing to let the first primary decide the fight the high man to be declared the nominee.

This is perfectly agreeable to Mr. Godwin but to Solicitor Homer Lyon it is not agreeable. Indeed, the Columbus county man is so intimate that Colonel Shaw is engaging in an interesting diversion instead of engaging in an honest to goodness race for Congress. Solicitor Lyon says he is running and must let the people decide who is to be nominated.

The method of nominating candidates prescribed by the State primary law is satisfactory to me but if you and Lyon agree that the candidate receiving the highest vote in the first primary be declared the nominee I will cheerfully agree also.

Godwin Issues Statement
Then, referring to the charges Shaw made against him in a speech in Wilmington, Mr. Godwin said in a prepared statement:

"I think it is pretty generally understood why 'windy John G.' issued this challenge. He hurried it out at the conclusion of his speech in Wilmington Wednesday night where it is understood he exploded a lot of windy gas attacking my record in Congress. I wonder if he told the Wilmington people about his record? My record in Congress is open and I invite a comparison of it. Will he do the same? He attacked me for sending out a pamphlet reviewing my services in

delivered on the floor of the House as it is an 'extension of remarks' and so states on its face, but permission was granted by the House to print it in the Record. This also appears at the beginning of these remarks. The Government did not pay one penny for the printing as the bill was paid by me out of my own funds. I am not surprised at 'windy John G.' far being afraid of this record.

"He charged that I am holding the position and believe that it is one that I can pass down to my posterity. This he knows is untrue because it is well known in the Sixth district that I have received all my nominations and elections at the hand of the people themselves. In every instance I have demanded primaries under which the people and a free and untrammelled opportunity to express their choice free from the bias and persuasion of designing politicians. In every campaign the people themselves have had the free stop to retire me but on account of the service I have rendered them they have seen fit not to do so, and I do not believe that they will be misled now by the idle vapors of a man who himself failed when he was here.

As soon as legislative matters in the House are over, I intend to visit the district and meet the people face to face and give an account on the stamp of my stewardship and I shall again demand that the people have another free opportunity to say whether they want a continuance of my services."

Shaw Declines Challenge
Here Solicitor Lyon's reply to Colonel Shaw's challenge:

"Your telegram received. If I was willing to gamble with the interests of this district, I would accept your proposition, as I am sure I would be the high man in the first primary, but having filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination, thereby signifying my willingness to abide by a decision of a majority of the voters, and believing firmly in a majority rule, I must respectfully decline to make any agreement that might defeat the wishes of the people. I am not playing to the gallery but running for Congress and expect to win. As your telegram was given to the pressers by you or your press agent my reply to them with request that it be published.

"Respectfully,
H. L. LYON."

DUKE ORGANIZES FOR 1920 BASEBALL SEASON

Duke, April 30.—A very enthusiastic meeting of the baseball fans of the town, was held in the Duke Library, last night. The purpose of the meeting was for the election of officers for the team. T. V. Brannock was elected manager; C. H. Miller, first assistant manager and business manager; P. W. Sagar, second assistant manager and official scorer; R. S. Kelly, treasurer; Tom Kelly, captain; E. H. Best, critic and chief rooter; Miss Mavis Long, official correspondent.

The Duke team is composed of some of the best players in this section of the State, and promises many interesting games with neighboring towns.

The first game of the season was with Buie's Creek Academy, on Duke ground, April 24th, the score being 11-4 in Duke's favor.

CITIZENS ENDORSE PRIMARY TICKET OF TOWN DEMOCRATS

West Meeting Is Fiasco When Independent Movement Is Started

OLD LINERS PACK EMBARGO GATHERING

Result is That Republicans Are Giving Battle to Majority Party in Dunn Today—C. Leslie Wilson Heads List Nominated by Opposing Forces.

(By R. E. Powell in News and Observer)

For the first time since Hattie McNeil took the measure of the late lamented A. R. Wilson in a majority election nearly a quarter of a century ago, the Republicans of Dunn will give battle to Democracy in Dunn today. They have a full ticket in the field and are hoping for the support of those Democrats who were disappointed in the primary of a couple of weeks ago.

C. Leslie Wilson, son of that good old Republican who regularly used to beat Major James Pearson and all other Democrats until uncle Hattie beated his scalp, is the nominee for Mayor.

M. F. Hodges, for the first ward; J. E. Crockett, for the second; Elder E. V. Gaine, for the third, and Willie Morgan for the fourth—good men all—are the Republican nominees for commissioners.

Entrance of these men in the field furnishes one of the most amusing instances in the political history of Dunn. It was not the intention of the G. O. P. to name a ticket in town this year. Lawyer Edgar Carlisle West, Republican nominee for the office of County Recorder, was not pleased with the ticket named by Democrats. He called a meeting of the citizens to name a "Citizen Ticket."

In answer to the call such good citizens as John O. Willford, Paul Westbrook, Nat Townsend, L. P. Mack Hodges, Nat Townsend, Paul Westbrook, Ernest P. Young, Joe Wilson, Morris Fleishman, A. R. Adams, William Thompson, Albert Burles and a large number of others were present in the Recorder's courtroom when the meeting was called to order by the caller.

Right off the bat Mr. West had Townsend wouldn't serve. Neither would William Thompson nor any other of the Democrats present. Mr. Adams, however, agreed to serve.

Then nominations were in order. Mr. West suggested the name of Mack Hodges in the first ward. Paul Westbrook seconded the nomination. Somebody suggested the name of Jud Jones, the Democratic nominee, but that was ignored. J. E. Crockett was then named by Mr. West for the second ward.

At this stage somebody wanted to know who would be named for Mayor. Mr. West, very considerably suggested that the meeting endorse J. Lloyd Wade, Democratic nominee, for the office. There was an unanimous second. Commissioner from the third ward then engaged the attention of the crowd. Elder Gaine's name was submitted by Mr. West.

There were no secondaries many of the Republicans having left the assembly with something akin to disgust written upon their grim countenances. Judge Lee James Best arose to ask that William Huitch Newberry, another nominee of the Democratic party, be endorsed. An elderly gentleman whose name could not be learned but who had all the earmarks of a Republican, then placed the name of Judge Best before the meeting.

In this latter instance The Dispatch representative concurred, for Judge Best is one of his best friends and his most reliable monitor, mentor and all that sort of thing in the town when good folk have gone to bed. There would have been no end of it, however. West was again then all except the Elder. This he said, was not a meeting for the endorsing of anybody but those who were opposed to things as they are. However good a citizen a man was known to be, he had no right to vote in this meeting unless he was opposed to the "old board."

"A. B." sitting in the chair as wise as an owl, ruled against Mr. West. Republican as he was A. B. knew when the jig was up. This was a citizens meeting and there were none but citizens present except this paper representative who had not been invited enough back from the farren lands to his native state to become re-tar-tar-tarred. He ruled that the meeting could, by majority vote, nominate or endorse whomsoever it willed.

It willed to endorse the whole ticket headed by J. Lloyd Wade. And it did.

Albert F. Surles, Republican extraordinary, not hurt a-tall by the record, chose the day and the skin for the independent and Republican folk. He saw the youth and inexperience of the youngsters were leading them into trouble. He saw, too, that the meeting was "packed" by adherents of the cause that was not there. At his suggestion the meeting was adjourned and succeeded by a regular honest to gawd G. O. P. assemblage.

It was after this latter meeting was called to order with all of seven good and true Republicans present that the ticket was named. Candidacy was "wished" upon those who are today carrying the Republican banner. None of them was present when the naming was done.

But—it must be admitted—the fellows chose a darn good set of men when they named their ticket.

IF SOCIALIST, HE'S IN GOOD COMPANY

Robert N. Page Replies To Charge of Being Socialist in Ideals

WARREN, MAY 1.—Declaring no sympathy either for the Reds or for the capitalist who continues to look upon labor as a commodity, Robert N. Page, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, in Warren court house today answered the charge of a Socialist brought by an opponent.

"Because of my position on this question," he said, "one of my opponents has called me a Socialist. If this be socialism, then I am willing to stand the indictment for by the same token St. Paul was a Socialist and so was Jesus Christ."

Mr. Page spoke before a crowded court room and his address was characterized as one of the best ever delivered here.

"I believe the voters should know the position of candidates on all questions of interest and that they have the right to expect candidates to give their position on such questions," he declared, stating his platform and telling the people in a straight from the shoulder fashion what he would do if elected.

Mr. Page emphatically denied the charge that he resigned from Congress. "I served the full term to which I was elected," he said, "and I want to take this opportunity to say that from the time the war began in Europe, in 1914 until my retirement from Congress in March 1917, upon every measure submitted to the House of Representatives by the administration, I voted with the administration. I refer you to the record and challenge anybody to dispute this statement."

Referring at some length to the prevailing industrial unrest, Mr. Page said that some remedy must be found. "Capital and Labor are the two essential elements entering into industry," he held. They should work in harmony; instead we find them antagonistic and practically at war, with the result that production is hindered and dissatisfaction and high prices prevail. "In his opinion this problem cannot be solved by the enactment of laws, and he is convinced that the best solution is some equitable plan of profit-sharing in the proportion to the work of each of these essential elements are entitled.

"The 'Red' is a menace to our government and if a foreigner, should be deported, and if an American, jailed for life," he declared.

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GENTRY RESIGNS AS SCHOOL HEAD

Is Succeeded by R. G. Fitzgerald, Now Superintendent At Belmont

Byrd P. Gentry has resigned from the office of Superintendent of schools in Harnett county. The resignation was tendered the County Board of Education at Lillington yesterday and accepted when Mr. Gentry explained that he could not continue in the office after June 30, when his present term expires. The resignation will be effective on that date.

R. G. Fitzgerald, now superintendent of schools in Belmont will succeed Mr. Gentry. He was elected yesterday upon Mr. Gentry's recommendation, and will assume his duties June 1. Mr. Gentry will remain in office with him for thirty days to give him the benefit of his experience.

Mr. Gentry will give his attention to private business in Lillington. He has been superintendent since he was elected to succeed John David Ezell in 1915. Prior to that time he had been successively superintendent of the city schools of Dunn, co-publisher of the Dunn Guide with the late J. P. Pittman, and farmer with C. Spears Hicks in Person, his native county.

During his tenure of office he has been a big factor in the growth of Harnett Schools. Harnett loses fine service by his resignation, but, he says, it gets an excellent man in Mr. Fitzgerald.

N. A. Smith was elected to membership on the board to succeed O. Bradley, who died last week.

PANAMAIS MAKE STRONG PROTEST AGAINST STEP

Torchlight Procession Holds Up General Pershing's Autobiography

Panama, May 3.—Several thousand Panamanians last night marched the streets in a torchlight parade as a protest against the acquisition by the United States of the major portion of Taboga Island for the purpose of fortification as a part of the Pacific defense scheme of the Panama canal.

An automobile in which General Pershing was driving to a ball in his honor at the Union club, was halted by the procession and forced to return to the Tirrell hotel.

Mobs later formed in the streets and irresponsible persons threw rocks at prominent Panama officials, a number of whom were injured. Mounted policemen, acting on orders of Mayor Boland, charged and dispersed the demonstrators.

Major General Chase W. Kennedy, commander of the American troops in the canal zone, following receipt of reports of the rock throwing, ordered all American officers attending the ball to leave immediately.

Earlier in the evening General Pershing attended a reception at the Belmont administration buildings where thousands of American employes shook hands with him.

BAGGETT SPEAKS AT PARKER SCHOOL

Commencement Exercises Best Ever Held by Groves Institution

(By Ralph H. Johnson)

Commencement exercises of Parker school were held Thursday and Friday of last week.

The exercises opened Thursday evening with a program by the primary department. All acquitted themselves with credit and showed the careful and painstaking training they had received at the hands of their excellent and much beloved teachers.

On Friday afternoon O. M. Johnson introduced the speaker of the day, J. B. Baggett.

Education was the speaker's theme. He stated at the outset that there was no question about the value and necessity of education, the only question being that of what sort of education was desirable.

Civilization worked out two great schools of philosophy based on the theory of education based on the teachings of Christ. The first was the intellectual school of the Greek, and the second the Aurelian school of the latter days of the Roman empire.

Education he continued is based on service to others, and education to be effective must be a training that will fit the man to serve their neighbor, their state and their nation.

Mr. Baggett delivered by far the most powerful educational address to which this writer has ever listened. Seldom in the history of this or any other community perhaps has it been their good fortune to hear so able an argument in favor of education.

The program Friday evening was similar to that of Thursday night but if there was any difference it was probably better.

"Try the Convict," a play held the audience in that two hours. Truly as Mr. Baggett said in his address today, the home, the church and the school are the institutions that make our country great.

The teachers Prof. Kalvin McLeod and Mrs. Johnson are doing a valuable work for this community. The excellent manner in which the pupils conducted themselves during their commencement exercises clearly demonstrates they are in good hands. The good people of this community are very proud of their school and well they may be.

MAY DAY

Fifteen Thousand Miners Quit Work As Protest Against Arrest of Leaders

Toronto, Ont., May 1.—May Day activities in Canada were featured by a strike of 15,000 coal miners in the Nova Scotia district, the men quitting work as a protest against the refusal of the authorities to release the Winnipeg strike leaders on bail, pending the hearing of their appeal to the high court.

In Winnipeg a great labor demonstration was held as a protest against the imprisonment of the strike leaders. Processions were held and there was considerable speaking in the public squares, but throughout the day the crowds were orderly in all parts of the city.

Little interest was manifested by workers in what had been planned to be a monster demonstration in Toronto. As a result the celebration was confined to a meeting in the public park, where addresses were made by Socialist leaders.

In smaller towns throughout Canada the same local significance were ordered, but the situation generally brought expressions of affection from government and police officials who were prepared to take drastic action if necessary.

TWO MORE AMERICANS MURDERED IN MEXICO

Crimes Met in Rebel Territory But in Region Controlled by Carranza

Washington, May 3.—The murder of two more Americans in Mexico, reported to the state department, accentuated the concern with officials here as watching developments beyond the border. There was nothing, however, to indicate to what extent the attitude of the Washington government toward the Sonoran revolutionary movement might be affected by the fact that the incidents occurred in Carranza controlled territory.

Requests for additional warship protection at points on the east coast of Mexico already had been forwarded to the navy by the state department. While this had no relation to the latest murders, it was said to indicate the view of officials prevailing in that region, nominally at least, still held by Carranza forces.

The murder of Edward Francis Greenlaw and his young son by Mexicans near Nlora, only 125 miles from Mexico City, brought from the American embassy in Mexico City a prompt and emphatic demand that the Mexican government arrest and punish the murderers.

The American government contends that the Carranza authorities are responsible for the protection of the Greenlaw because the presence of Mexican troops in the immediate vicinity.

DUKE DEFEATS E. C. A.

Duke, May 3.—The home boys met those from Buie's Creek Academy yesterday afternoon at the Duke Ball Park, and in a very slow game defeated the visitors 5 to 3. The game was characterized by slowness. One feature was hitting by the Duke team. O'Quinn pitching held the visitors to eight hits, while Pearson for Buie's Creek allowed 15 hits, including six two base hits, netting Duke a total of eight runs.

INTEREST IS SHOWN IN FARLEY LECTURE

Business Expert Will Speak To Merchants Here Tomorrow Night

Much interest is being manifested in the retail merchandising lecture which is being brought to this city by Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock.

The lecture contains the result of thirty-five years spent in collecting retail merchandising ideas from merchants in all parts of the world, and is by far the best of its character on the road.

W. H. Farley will be the lecturer, and by means of stereoscopic slides and motion pictures he will discuss the causes of failures, and explain some of the best methods of store-keeping. An interesting feature of the lecture will be the part devoted to newspaper advertisements, selection of mediums, and the necessity for a policy of continuous advertising by the retailer will be taken up in detail.

By the same method the question of proper window display, delivery problems, and other interesting matters will be discussed.

In addition the feature film, "The Troubles of a Merchant and How to Stop Them," will be shown. This film has been exhibited from coast to coast and has everywhere been declared to be the best exposition of modern business methods ever given.

The film tells in an interesting manner the story of a merchant who through lax business methods and poor system, had been brought to the verge of bankruptcy. The causes for his failure are vividly portrayed by the film. His clerks were inefficient, his goods badly arranged, his system thoroughly disorganized.

When his hopes were at the lowest ebb, a change came in his career, and by the installation of modern business methods, and rearrangement of his store, he rose to prosperity.

Because of the enthusiasm created by the film, it is expected that a capacity audience will greet the lecture in this city. Every scene is said to contain a lesson. All merchants and salespeople in the city are invited to attend. No charge for admission.

KNOX IS ENDORSED BY MARION BUTLER

Senator Republican Statesman Declares

(By R. E. Powell)

Washington, May 3.—The Washington Post carries on its front page this morning an interview with Marion Butler, endorsing Senator Knox for the Republican nomination for President. He says Fritchard would do equally as well but winds up the interview in a way which indicates that nomination of Knox for President will be the proper course for the Republicans. With a Southerner on the National ticket the Republicans would break the solid South, Butler thinks. The interview follows:

"I do not hesitate to say that Senator Knox would make a good and safe President for this crucial period in the life of our republic. He is not only a statesman of the first rank but he is also for virile Americanism without reservations. Besides, the time has come when we should no longer go looking for a pivotal State in which to find an available candidate; the hour has struck which calls for a pivotal State but the pivotal man, no matter from what section he comes. The name is true as to Fritchard, of North Carolina. But as to Judge Fritchard, he is not only of full presidential size, but he is from a great pivotal section of this country."

"I want to say further that it has always been a part of the Republican creed that this is a nation with the big 'N', that there are no sections—no North or South, no East, no West—but one grand vitalizing whole; yet in selecting the ticket it has not during the last half century turned away from that part of the country known as the South.

"The section of this country known as the 'South,' teeming with an unrivaled wealth of natural resources, is big enough and rich enough to accommodate the whole population of the United States. We are 30,000,000 of people and we stand, every one of us, for a 100 per cent Americanism. It is time that this great section and this great people were recognized on the National Republican ticket.

"The Republicans of the South have labored under the fearful handicap of reconstruction, to uphold and advance the great constructive policies and principles of the Republican party is now strong and almost dominant in North Carolina and in all the border States, and is growing steadily in every Southern State. There are today, everywhere in the South, thousands and tens of thousands of men who still cling to the Democratic party, yet who have lost faith in the policies of that party and the wisdom of its leaders. These patriotic forward-looking men, though sick and disgusted with gross Democratic maladministration, are deterred from joining our ranks by one thing, and one only. It is the cry of the Bourbon machine Democratic leaders, that the Republican party is a sectional party, and is an enemy to our people and to our Southland. It is this and this alone which today makes it possible for a solid South.

"The Bourbon Democratic machine leaders are powerless to keep the South solid if this, their last weapon of falsehood and prejudice, is wrested from their hands. The Republican convention at Chicago can do this

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY

Country People Do Not Want to Lose Extra Day From Work

MARSHALL FORCED TO DECLINE INVITATION

National Convention Will Keep Vice-President Away—Committee in Charge of Many Phases of Celebration Are Named by Chamber of Commerce.

July Fourth will be in Dunn Saturday, July 3. It was decided last night by the celebration committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Originally it was planned to hold the big celebration on Monday, the fifth. Farmers, however, expressed the desire that it be held on Saturday since many of them would come to town on that day anyway and few offered their resignation which were secured by the board.

The celebration then elected City Attorney Henry E. Wade, mayor, to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Underwood and City Detective W. W. Hewitt to the place vacated by Chief Marker.

At a great mass meeting of Democrats here tonight Charles Rankin, a prominent business man, was nominated for mayor of Fayetteville in place of Mr. Underwood, who was nominated in the primary, but declined to run. Henry E. Williams also announced his withdrawal this afternoon. The municipal election will be held Monday.

The special auditors, George E. Wilson, retained by the county board of audit and finance, has been in Fayetteville for a week or more engaged in a check up of the records of the mayor's court and police department, and his report reveals an astonishing condition. It is claimed.

The audit covers the period from June 4, 1918, to March 31, 1919. The report shows that all money collected by Mayor E. J. Lamb, who served as chief of police until August 3 last year, was "properly accounted for," with the exception of four dollars, this being due to clerical errors.

In addition to investigating cases of over- and under-payment of salaries, and paying time with over- and under-payment of salaries, the report shows that the mayor's court was not properly conducted. Other money was collected from time to time by the mayor, as has been admitted by him, of which there is no record, and which should have been accounted for by the chief of police and mayor, but just how much has been collected and how much expended we have been unable to ascertain.

"We find that the mayor is in the habit of reducing the privilege tax which is in violation of city ordinance, fixing the rate privilege taxes. In our opinion all matters pertaining to refund or reduction of privilege taxes come under the supervision of control of the board of auditors.

"When we called upon the chief of police to produce his records, including the records of the desk sergeant, he advised us that about six weeks ago his desk of mental constitution had been broken open and the records asked for together with some money were taken. Hence his inability to produce the records asked for. He stated to us, however, that he reported the facts to the mayor."

"We wish to call your attention to the fact that the mayor's desk only shows three cases deducted between Monday, October 27, and Thursday, October 30, the days upon which the fair was being held. We also wish to call your attention to the very low number of warrants dismissed during that period."

Mayor Underwood declared this afternoon that he would make a full statement later and would be able to explain every seeming discrepancy affecting himself.

Advertising Committee
Byron Ford, chairman, Eugene T. Lee, Ellis Goldstein. This committee will take care of all publicity and advertising to be done between now and celebration time.

Singing Committee
George E. Prince, chairman, Minnie Gertrude Jackson, Miss Margaret Pope, Z. V. Snipes, E. M. Warren. This committee will arrange the singing contests in which the several houses in the surrounding country will take part. It will also judge the contests and award the prizes.

Ice Water Committee
George T. Noel, Ralph Parker, Walter E. Howard. This committee will provide water for the crowds expected here for the big day.

There are still several other committees to appoint. Among them are those to arrange for fireworks, music, aeroplane flights, horse races, etc. These will be appointed in a meeting to be held some time next week, when all of the committees already appointed are expected to meet with Mr. Riddie and begin working on the program.

Every effort will be made to make this celebration the greatest ever held in Eastern Carolina. The Harnett County Fair association is co-operating with the Chamber of Commerce in the matter and has offered the use of its big plant here for the day.

With one stroke—by resigning the South on the national Republican ticket. The psychological hour has arrived to do this thing, and the South has a candidate in Judge Fritchard, a typical American of full size. With this pivotal man on the National ticket North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Maryland, all pivotal States, and the border and gateway to an empire of people are weakly will line up in the national Republican column in November. The nomination of so other candidate can produce such potential results."

WORLD'S BRAVEST MAN SURRENDERS TO CUPID

Buffalo, N. Y., May 1.—Frank J. Gaffney, termed the second bravest soldier in the American army in the war, was married here today to Marie C. Geagan, a nurse. He was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor, the Croix de Guerre, the Medal of Merit, the British Distinguished Service Medal and the Congressional Medal of Honor. He met Miss Geagan while at a hospital recovering from gas and the loss of an arm.

GEN. PERSHING KISSES SCORE PRETTY MAIDENS

Panama, April 30.—General Pershing today kissed more than a score of pretty young Bahian girls, in the course of his inspection of Panama Canal activities, afterward presenting them with a cup as a reward for their work.

The general this afternoon reviewed the parade of the Mystic Marines, which was the most gorgeous event in the history of the Isthmian temple. The parade preceded a ceremonial and banquet in honor of the general.

UNDERWOOD GETS OUT WHEN AUDITOR MAKES HIS REPORT

Fayetteville Mayor and Also Chief of Police Offer Their Resignations

BOARD OF ALDERMEN QUICK TO ACCEPT THEM

Alleged Lack of System in Keeping Records Revoked By Report of Special Auditor, Who Writes at Some Length Citizens Nominates Rankin For Mayor.

Fayetteville, April 30.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen this afternoon, following report by a special auditor showing an alleged remarkable lack of system in the police department and mayor's court and receipt and expenditure of money without keeping a proper record, Mayor John Underwood, candidate for State Insurance commissioner, and Chief of Police Paul H. Marker offered their resignations which were accepted by the board.

The aldermen then elected City Attorney Henry E. Wade, mayor, to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Underwood and City Detective W. W. Hewitt to the place vacated by Chief Marker.

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