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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES NEAR.

Meetings to be held in every precinct to determine will of people regarding candidates.

Next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. the democrats of Davidson county will meet in their respective precincts and vote for candidates for all state offices, congressman from the 7th district, state senator from the 24th district, and president. Delegates will be named to the county convention, which will be held Saturday the 23rd, at noon, and which will send delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions. The primaries and convention to nominate county candidates and representative, will be held at a later date, which has not yet been named.

Interest in Davidson county, as in every county, centers on the gubernatorial contest. Candidates for other offices have not been discussed very much, and doubtless many people do not know who are running for other offices.

The candidates for governor, as is well known, are Mr. Locke Craig, of Buncombe; Mr. W. W. Kitchin, of Person; Mr. Ashley Horne, of Johnston; For lieutenant-governor the names of Col. W. P. Wood, of Randolph; Senator J. Reece Blair, of Montgomery; Judge W. J. Adams, of Moore, and Mr. T. W. Blount, of Washington, have been mentioned.

For secretary of state, the present incumbent, Col. J. Bryan Grimes, and Gen. W. P. Roberts, of Gates, are candidates.

For auditor, the present incumbent, Dr. B. F. Dixon, and Mr. Frank Hackett, of Wilkes, are candidates.

For treasurer, the present incumbent, Mr. B. R. Lacy, and Capt. S. A. Ashe, of Wake, are candidates.

For attorney-general, Mr. Hayden Clement, of Salisbury, now assistant attorney general; Judge B. B. Winborne, of Hertford, and Mr. John E. Woodard, of Wilson, are candidates.

For superintendent of public instruction, Prof. J. Y. Joyner. There is no opposition to him and needn't be. He has served the state well.

For corporation commissioner: Mr. B. F. Aycock, of Wayne; Maj. H. A. London, of Chatham; Mr. S. A. Middleton, of Duplin, and Mr. L. C. Bagwell, of Wake.

For commissioner of labor and printing: Mr. M. L. Shipman, present assistant commissioner, of Henderson county; Mr. John B. Sherrill, of Cabarrus; Mr. T. G. Cobb, of Burke; Mr. L. C. Powers, of Rutherford; Mr. W. W. Haywood, of Mecklenburg; Mr. G. E. Webb, of Forsyth.

For commissioner of agriculture: Mr. C. C. Moore, of Mecklenburg; Maj. W. A. Graham, of Lincoln; Mr. R. W. Scott, of Alamance; Mr. E. F. McRae, of Robeson, and Mr. T. B. Parker, of Wake.

For insurance commissioner, Mr. J. R. Young, present commissioner. No opposition.

For congress, Hon. R. N. Page, of Montgomery, no opposition.

For president, W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska; Gov. John Johnson, of Minnesota, and Judge George Gray, of Delaware. A number of counties have sent un instructed delegations on president.

For the state senate, Mr. A. F. Sams, of Thomasville, is a candidate; Mr. G. F. Hankins and Mr. S. E. Williams, of Lexington, are candidates. The senatorial district is composed of Davidson, Anson, Union and Stanly, and this year Davidson and Anson each name one senator. The man nominated in the county primaries will be nominated by the senatorial convention.

This is the list of all the candidates so far as is recollected. The people can take their choice. Prepare your ballots!

To nominate any of these candidates for state offices, it will take 423 votes in the state convention, there being 855 votes in all. The state convention meets in Charlotte Wednesday, June 24th. Davidson will have 14 votes in the convention.

The county convention which meets May 23rd will contain 88 votes. According to precincts this vote is divided as follows:

Abbotts Creek	3
Alleghany	2
Arcadia	3
Boone	4
Getton Grove	5
Summers	5
Hampton	1
Holly Grove	2
Healing Springs	2
Jackson Hill	2
Liberty	2
Lexington	23
Midway	2
Reedy Creek	2
Silver Hill	3
Thomasville	17
Tyro	1
Yadkin College	2

The strength of each candidate as shown in the primaries will be reported to the convention.

Commissioners Indicted.

Judge Neal last week denied a motion to remove the case against the county commissioners in Sampson county, and the trial will be held at Clinton in August. The charge against the commissioners is that they turned over the new tax books to Sheriff Aman before he settled for the previous year. Aman is short something like \$30,000 and long ago disappeared from Sampson county. The law says that before any sheriff shall have the tax books, he must make settlement with the board of commissioners.

Child Labor Law Constitutional.

The supreme court held last week that the child labor law passed by the general assembly of 1905 is constitutional, in the case of Starnes vs. Manufacturing Company, from Mecklenburg. A boy less than 10 years old was employed in the mill, and while away from his work, he suffered injury to his hand in machinery in another part of the mill. The court held that the company was liable. The company contended that the law was not constitutional, and if it were, the child was damaged in a part of the mill, away from his work, where he was not expected to be.

The court also held in a case that where a person shoots another with a gun which he was handling carelessly and didn't know was loaded, he may be convicted of manslaughter, but not of murder, even though he were perfectly innocent of any intention to kill.

'Ware of Matrimonial Ads!

A Norwegian woman yeapt Mrs. Bello Guenness, of Laporte, Ind., has been found to be a wholesale murderer, having a "private graveyard" of her own. From 12 to 20 persons—the police are still finding gruesome remains—have been killed by her, lured to her home by an advertisement setting forth that she was a comely widow, with fine lands and heap big money. When she received a call, and the time was ripe, she is supposed to have sent her would-be husband to the happy hunting grounds, then took his coin, dismembered his body and buried portions of it around her place, using lime to aid in dissolution. She is gone, and they are after her. One theory is that she also conducted a private undertaking business for a sort of murder trust in Chicago, where they killed the people and then shipped the bodies to Mrs. Belle to bury. Anyway there is some awful doings around the peaceful home of the comely widow.

N. B. She wouldn't answer a letter unless the writer thereof agreed to pay her a personal visit.

Good Women Slandered.

Mrs. J. C. Pritchard, Mrs. Locke Craig, Mrs. G. T. Rowe and large numbers of the very best women in Asheville took an active part in the temperance election in Asheville and yet it has been said in Newton that no decent, respectable woman took an active part on election day in Asheville. This remark was made to keep the good women of Newton from taking an active part on election day. We are of the opinion that it will not be necessary for them to take part, but if they do, there is no grander, nobler work in which they can engage than aiding the cause of temperance.—Catawba News.

Orphanage Site Selected.

The committee on sites for the new Methodist orphanage last week selected the George F. Dwire farm, containing 165 acres, just west of Winston. The price is \$100 an acre. The main building, costing \$18,000, will be erected first, and then other buildings.

Charity and Children, wise in orphanage matters, through long experience, advises the Methodist brethren to build many small houses instead of a few big ones.

Frank Goss Dead.

Frank Goss, a well-known colored barber, died late yesterday afternoon. He was 41 years old and had been in poor health a long time. However, he kept working until within about a week of his death. Sensible, polite, a good workman, gentle-mannered, he had many friends among the white folks of the town who will learn of his death with more than ordinary regret.

Mr. Walker Operated On.

Mr. W. H. Walker, secretary and treasurer of the Elk Furniture Company, underwent an operation Monday in the hospital in Salisbury, in which a piece of bone in the thigh was removed. Mr. Walker has been suffering sometime with his leg, the trouble forcing him to limp. His friends hope the trouble is now removed and that he will get well.

Railroad War at Troy.

Tuesday night last week the Durham & Charlotte railroad gathered a large force of men and under cover of darkness, built a track into Troy, over the right of way of the Aberdeen & Asheboro road, right up to the depot of the A. & A. Wednesday the A. & A. got a force to tear up the track, and there was plenty of excitement. The matter was finally adjusted by the D. & C. tearing up part of its track, and all is now quiet.

A Negro Invents Interesting Implement.

Alexander A. Bullock, a worthy colored man of Vance county, has invented a cotton-barrer and chopper, which will save much labor and do good. It will barr off, chop and replace the dirt taken from the plant at the same time, as the machine is pulled down a row, and when the end of the row is reached, the work has been done as well as if ten plows and hoes had done it.

Mrs. C. W. Trice was called to Concord yesterday afternoon on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Propet.

THE CLOSE OF CITY SCHOOLS.

Rev. J. O. Atkinson, of Elon College, Will Deliver the Annual Address at Commencement.

The Lexington graded schools will close next week. The commencement exercises will begin Tuesday afternoon with exercises by the class of 1908. Tuesday evening Dr. Atkinson will deliver his address, and Thursday evening there will be an entertainment by the school.

The graded schools for both races have closed a good year's work. The people have realized the importance of sending their children to the schools provided for them. Good work has been done.

The class of 1908 numbers ten, although two of them will not graduate on account of not taking a full course of study, this being Messrs. Arthur Michael and Fletcher Dorsett. The other eight members of the class are Misses Mary Hutchison, Madge Smith, Agnes Pugh, Maude Grimes, Clarice Ward and Esther McCrary; and Messrs. Carl Pickard and John Trice. The class will have its exercises Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The officers of the class of 1908 are: president, Miss Mary Hutchison; secretary and treasurer, Miss Madge Smith; prophet, Miss Agnes Pugh; poet, Mr. John Trice; historian, Mr. Carl Pickard; critic, Miss Maude Grimes.

Tuesday evening at 8:30 Dr. J. O. Atkinson will make his address. Lexington people will regret it if they miss this address, because Dr. Atkinson is a most interesting and eloquent speaker and he deserves an audience that is limited only by the size of the school auditorium.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the numbers are, 1st: "Fete in Flower Land"—primary grades; 2nd, "Columbia Reception"—third and fourth grades; 3rd, "The Building of the Red, White and Blue"—intermediate grades. On Thursday evening an admission price of 10 and 15 cents will be charged to defray expenses of commencement.

The colored department of the graded schools will hold its commencement in the opera house May 25th-27. This is the sixth commencement and the exercises will be very interesting.

The Dispatch, Vol. XXVII.

The Dispatch, of Lexington, has entered its twenty-seventh year and The Observer extends to it the assurance of its distinguished consideration. It is a paper which is written all over, and is without a superior in the state. Mr. Varner has made of it a model for other papers and it has earned the phenomenal prosperity which it enjoys.—Charlotte Observer.

The Lexington Dispatch this week enters upon its twenty-seventh year. The Dispatch is one of the most thoroughly edited weekly papers in the state and the success which it has attained is well deserved. The Dispatch is an evidence of the fact that the people know a good thing when they see it.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The Lexington Dispatch is now twenty-six years old. It has been under the management and editorial direction of Editor Varner for twelve years, and through these years it has prospered as few papers have done. The News offers Editor Varner his warmest felicitations on his success, and wishes him many more years of good service.—Charlotte News.

Luther B. Myers Dead.

Mr. Luther B. Myers, son of Rev. T. C. Myers, of Yadkinville, and division agent for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, was drowned near Macon, Georgia, Friday while in swimming in a lake with several companions. The remains were taken to Yadkinville for burial. Mr. Myers held the most important territory covered by his company, and was 31 years old. He was a brother of Messrs. E. W. W. T. and John H. Myers, of Winston, and of Mrs. M. W. Mackie, wife of the postmaster at Yadkinville.

The young man's father is known to Dispatch readers as one of the mistakers in the contest for the New York tour offered by this paper. The Dispatch is sorry to hear of the great bereavement that has come to him.

Miss Hunt Corresponding Secretary.

At the annual session of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in Greensboro last week, Miss Camille Hunt, of Lexington, was elected corresponding secretary for the ensuing year. Other officers are, Miss Margaret L. Gideon, of Wilmington, president; Mrs. Eugene Reilly, Charlotte, and Mrs. W. S. Primrose, Raleigh, vice-presidents; Mrs. W. C. A. Hammel, Greensboro, recording secretary; Mrs. Fields, Kinston, treasurer; Mrs. E. F. Reid, Lenoir, auditor; Miss Gertrude Weill, of Goldsboro, general federation secretary.

Two Colored Children Burned.

While their parents were at work in the fields Wednesday four miles from Mt. Gilead, the two little children of Jim Lilly, colored, were burned to death in a fire which utterly consumed the house and contents. As one of the children was big enough to take care of itself, it is supposed the two were asleep.

PUBLIC BUILDING TODAY.

Message from Washington States That Lexington Will Get Her Postoffice Building.

A message from Washington late yesterday afternoon conveyed the pleasing intelligence that the public building bill, which will come up and be passed today, will without doubt contain a provision for a \$65,000 post-office building for Lexington.

This, unless something wholly unexpected happens, may be taken as final. We are going to get the building, after two years of effort, through the good work of Hon. Robt. N. Page, congressman from this district. Lexington will be glad to hear the good news and everybody will be grateful to our popular representative for getting this meritorious measure through this year.

Old Folks Marry.

Rev. A. H. Coffield, a native North Carolinian, now pastor of the Baptist church at Thayer, Kansas, and a lady who is a sister to his first wife, were married in Beardstown, Ill., last week, where the preacher met her recently and married her after a fast and furious courtship of only three weeks. Ma. Coffield and his bride are both approaching three score and ten years, she being a grandmother twenty times over, and he boasting four children and 26 grandchildren. Forty-six years ago he married Miss Esther Wagel, in Beardstown, and now he claims her sister for his own. The aged couple attracted attention in the St. Louis union depot as they sat totally oblivious of their surroundings, gazing into each other's eyes with a fondness that would have decorated any youthful pair.

Esau Gray and Samuel Walker.

Esau Gray, a bad nigger, and Sam Walker, not quite so bad, had a row at Behaven the other day, and Esau displayed carving abilities that would recommend him to any butcher if his character wasn't so shady. He first stabbed Sam in the breast, notching his breast bone; then he slashed Sam in the ribs, and cut one rib in two, and with the same stroke he divided Sam's liver in to several parts. Sam has staying powers, however, and although wounded like this, and bleeding like two hogs, he chased Esau 400 yards, and then turned and walked to town, nearly a mile, where the doctors stitched him up. Gray escaped but was nabbed and is supposed to be realizing that reflection brings its lessons—in jail.

McKenzie Defeats Krider.

In Rowan's convention Saturday, J. H. Kenzie defeated Hodge Krider for the nomination for sheriff by 1 1/2 votes. The result was in the balance until the official vote in the convention was told. Mr. Krider, who is the present sheriff, stated that he would support Mr. McKenzie. Rowan also endorsed Hayden Clement for attorney-general and Col. W. P. Wood for lieutenant-governor. Delegates to the state convention were not instructed as to governor or other state officers. It is said that Rowan will cast one-third of her vote for each of the three candidates for governor on the first ballot and that afterwards the delegates will be at liberty to do as they see fit.

Sold Man His Own Cow.

Lum Woodliff, of Raleigh, is a-looking for a smooth thief, who stole one of his best cows and sold it to him. He keeps a number of cows and runs a dairy. Meeting a man in the market, he was asked if he wanted a good cow cheap, and went and looked at her, price \$35. Brought his wife down to see her, and she was delighted. Trade was made. They found out that night that the cow had been stolen from their herd and re-sold to them. Mrs. Woodliff thought the animal bore a striking resemblance to a cow she had.

Conrad-Graeber.

Cards are out announcing the approaching wedding of Rev. Edward P. Conrad and Miss Myrtle Graeber, May 27th, at 6 o'clock, China Grove, N. C. Mr. Conrad is a son of Mr. G. N. Conrad, of Pilgrim, and is now pastor of a church at Colburn, Ind. Miss Graeber is a daughter of Mr. Henry T. Graeber, of China Grove. They will be at home in Colburn June 10th. Many people in Davidson are interested in the wedding.

Shot Lover of Her Daughter.

Luther Williams, a young cotton mill operative of Monroe, was shot in the back by Mrs. Tom Phiffer at her home Saturday night. Williams drove the woman into the house when she tried to keep her daughter from going out with him, and she grabbed a gun and plunked him one under the shoulder blade.

The mania for plending the unwritten law seems to be getting a set-back all around. Up in Asheville the other day a fellow was convicted who pladed this law when tried for murder. Down at Greenville, S. C., last week Ben Abree was convicted for killing John Fowler, whom he claimed was intimate with his wife. Folks are getting back to punishing murderers.

Appointments for Speaking.

Messrs. A. F. Sams and A. H. Ragan, of Thomasville, will speak at Whiteheart school house May 15th, Kendall school house, May 16th, and Beryl school house May 17th, the first two being for 8 o'clock and the last for 4 p. m.

Rev. Parker Holmes will preach at Mt. Pleasant church May 17th, 4 p. m.

Messrs. Z. I. Walser and W. H. Phillips will speak at 8 p. m., at Dock Hill's school house the 14th, Ebenezer the 15th, Henry Crott's the 16th, at 4 p. m. Wallburg that night, Weesner's school house the 17th at 3 o'clock and at Arcadia Academy that night.

Rev. J. L. Carrick will address the folks at Sowers school house the night of the 15th; Rev. J. W. Clegg at Beck's, 8 p. m., the 16th; Rev. M. H. Vestal May 16th at 8 o'clock, at Beulah church, and Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, May 15th at 8 p. m., in the courthouse in Lexington.

Ladies and children are invited and urged to attend, as well as all others.

Index Fingers and Curling "Arns."

Miss Lizzie Ormsby, daughter of Postmaster Ormsby, of Salem, is a heroine, and two of her sisters are pretty much like her. Being awakened one night last week, she opened her eyes on a negro man, in the semidarkness of her room. Without emitting the usual hysterical feminine yell, she leveled her index finger at the scoundrel, and said sternly (!) "Leave this room or I'll shoot you!" The negro backed out, thinking that index finger was a gun. Two other Misses Ormsby then reinforced the nervous young lady, one with curling irons and the other with a button hook, and pointing these terrible weapons at the nigger, he backed down stairs still faster. Arriving at the door, he fumbled, whereupon one of the ladies dashed at him with her "gun," and he unlocked the door in affright and fled like the Yankees at Bull Run. This dramatic scene was enlivened with numerous expressions from the Misses Ormsby as "Here, sister, take my gun," and "Keep your gun on the prisoner, and if he stops going, all shoot at once!"

An index finger, a button hook, and a curling iron are just as good as galling guns often there is nerve behind them.

Governor Johnson.

A Richmond man who recently met Governor John Johnson, candidate for president, says of him: "His charm of speech is not easy to analyze; he is not a spell-binder, but he is an alert, earnest, straight-forward man. He gives the impression of tremendous reserve power, and when the people go away hearing him they are not so apt to say 'that was a great speech' as to remark, 'that is a great man.' He has the stuff in him to make a great president and to reserve to the American people the principles of Jeffersonian democracy."

Big Atlanta Fire.

Friday morning a fire started in Atlanta and swept two business blocks, causing a loss of one and one-quarter millions. The insurance is placed at \$750,000. The blaze began in a bakery, but how it started is a mystery. There was a high wind and the water supply failed. Firemen had many narrow escapes from falling walls and wires.

Gold Mines Leased.

The Gray Gold Mining Company, which owns the Gray gold mines at County Line, Davie county, has leased the properties to a northern company and this company will add machinery and work the mines anew. It is said that these mines are very rich in ore.

Most Heinous Crime.

Nine-year-old Lula May Leopard, daughter of a prominent farmer at Langley, S. C., was attacked by an unknown white man in the public pond Friday afternoon and subjected to criminal assault. She was in a critical condition at last reports. The unspeakable beast was caught and proved to be a first-cousin of the girl.

North Carolina in Commission.

The cruiser North Carolina went into commission Friday at Norfolk. It is announced that the presentation of the silver service given by this state to the ship will take place at Norfolk instead of at Cape Lookout, in North Carolina waters, as it will be impracticable and also dangerous in that place.

Thaw Today.

Harry K. Thaw's suit through habeas corpus for release from the insane asylum, will be heard today at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He is now in a jail, having been removed from the asylum.

The men who swore on the stand that he was insane will swear now that he is o. k.

Prof. Bialock Dead.

Prof. L. C. Bialock, principal of the Bialock High School, died of pneumonia last week at Norwood. He was only 30 years old and had made a reputation for fine school work.

Ohio for Bryan.

Ohio democrats have nominated Judson Harmon for governor and endorsed Bryan for president.

AND STILL CRAIG LEADS.

Seven More Counties Vote Saturday With the Result that Mr. Craig Has Nearly 200 Votes.

Seven more counties held primaries and conventions Saturday, six of them instructing their delegates, one Rowan, not instructing. The result is that Mr. Craig now has 193 votes, Mr. Kitchin 106 and Mr. Horne 51. Of the 54 votes cast, Mr. Craig received about 20, Mr. Horne about 10 and Mr. Kitchin about 24. To date 43 counties have taken action, and Mr. Craig has received votes in every one of them except two. The result of Saturday's primaries was very pleasing to the Craig people. In Cabarrus all that was expected by them was one-third of the vote. Mr. Craig received 4 1/2 there, Mr. Kitchin 2 and Mr. Horne 3 1/2. Caldwell was another county that caused an agreeable surprise. Kitchin people had made claims last week that put Mr. Craig barely in the lead there, but the returns show he got above 6 votes, the others receiving about one each. The conviction grows that Mr. Craig will be nominated at Charlotte. Following is the table to date:

County	Craig	Kitchin	Horne
Alamance	1	11.25	.75
Alexander	4.50	....	.50
Ashe	5.07	3.37	.56
Beaufort	3.60	4.79	4.61
Buncombe	22	....	....
Burke	6.45	.46	.09
Caldwell	6.50	1	1.50
Cabarrus	4.50	2	3.50
Chatham	2	3	4
Cherokee	4	....	....
Clay	2	....	....
Cleveland	15	....	....
Durham	.91	7.21	2.88
Graham	2	....	....
Granville	.13	10	.87
Halifax	1-3	16-2-3	....
Hartwood	.79	5.90	1.31
Haywood	10.78	.22	....
Henderson	6	....	....
Iredell	12.50	1.25	.25
Jackson	7	....	....
Johnston	....	....	17
Lenoir	1.42	7.50	1.08
Macon	6	....	....
McDowell	6	....	....
Mitchell	3	....	....
Montgomery	4.20	1.45	.35
Moore	3.46	1.90	1.64
Orange	.50	5	.50
Person	....	6	....
Polk	3	....	....
Randolph	8.61	3.57	3.82
Richmond	2.77	1.27	1.96
Rutherford	12	....	....
Stanly	3	1	3
Swain	3	....	....
Washington	2.55	.20	.25
Watauga	6	....	....
Wilkes	1.98	6.16	.86
Warren	1.66	5.73	.61
Yancey	7	....	....
Totals	193.55	106.59	51.86

*—Estimates.

Hertford, 5; un instructed.
Rowan, 17; un instructed.

Maine Monument Unveiled.

Friday a handsome monument to the 300 Maine soldiers who lie buried in Salisbury was unveiled. A delegation from Maine was present, and several thousand people attended the ceremonies. The state and the city of Salisbury were represented by officials, Confederate soldiers were there and North Carolina treated the visitors handsomely.

There are 12,125 union soldiers buried in Salisbury, out of a total of 17,179 who were prisoners at the old Salisbury prison. This, pointed out one of the Maine speakers, showed that 70 per cent of the prisoners died, a mortality greater than at any other southern prison, even Andersonville. The speaker blamed one Major John H. Gee, of the 11th Florida infantry, for the suffering of the soldiers. The south, however, did the best she could by her prisoners. She offered exchange, but the union authorities refused to exchange. She offered gold and cotton in exchange for medicines to be used for the Salisbury prisoners, double the value of the drugs, but this was refused. And a greater per cent of southern soldiers died in northern prisons than union soldiers died in southern prisons. The truth about the matter is, prisoners were treated badly on each side. They found out that "war is hell" indeed.

Barringer Gets Two Years.

John T. Barringer, the white man who cut his wife's throat in Salisbury some time ago, while crazed on the Salisbury brand, which is such good medicine, was presented with two years on the good roads question last week. His wife has recovered and appeared in superior court against him. Doubtless Barringer could have voted the 25th, would be for whiskey because it has been such a joy and comfort to him in his happy domestic life.

Will Open Catawba Mine.

B. C. Hedrick, formerly a Spencer merchant, has returned from Villa Rica, Ga., where he has been mining, and will open a mine near Catawba Station, Catawba county, in association with Griswold and Wurhm, of New York.

More Church Resolutions.