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GREAT MASS MEETING.

More Than 200 Voters Met Monday Night—Named Strong Aldermanic Ticket and School Ticket. Over 200 voters of Lexington met Monday night in the court house for the purpose of naming an aldermanic ticket and also candidates for school commissioners. The meeting was harmonious throughout. Each ward named its own candidates without any ill-feeling or trouble of any kind. In every ward there were more than two candidates placed in nomination and the contests were decided by ballot.

P. O. S. OF A TOMORROW.

Several Hundred Visitors and Delegates Coming—Big Parade at Two O'clock. Lexington is to have the honor of entertaining, tomorrow, Apr. 27th, the national officers of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America and delegates from the forty state local camps of the state at the first state meeting of this order in North Carolina. This order is comparatively a new one but it has great strength in the west and north. It has grown wonderfully in North Carolina and this meeting is for the purpose of organizing a state camp to take care of the order's rapidly growing interests in the state.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest. Mr. Ralph Moffitt is visiting his brothers in High Point. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray McCrary spent Sunday in Greensboro. Miss Pearl Hege spent Saturday and Sunday in Greensboro. Attorney Gailther, of Mocksville, attended court here this week. Mr. J. R. Price, of Albemarle, was in the city Monday on business. Mayor Burgin, of Thomasville, spent Sunday and Monday in the city. Mr. E. T. Casler, attorney at law, of Charlotte, was here this week on business. Rev. J. R. Jones went to Yadkin county Saturday to hold a protracted meeting.

MR. J. L. BURGESS INSPECTS.

Flies Work Moving ON Nicely—Some of the Plans of the Department Outlined. Mr. J. L. Burgess, state agronomist, was in the county last week looking over the state experimental farms. He found everything going on nicely and expects a fine season. This year the department is experimenting in the fertilization of wheat, a vital question in Davidson county, and the work on the experimental farms should be watched with interest by every farmer interested in bettering his own condition. The purpose of the experiments is to determine the relative value of single elements in fertilization as compared with mixtures and the following plan has been adopted: One drill row is fertilized with nitrogen. The second has no fertilizer. The third is fertilized with potash. The fourth has no fertilizer. The fifth is fertilized with 16 per cent acid phosphate. The sixth has no fertilizer. The rest of the experimental acres is fertilized with complete fertilizer. All of these fertilizers are used at the rate of 400 pounds to the acre. Just now Mr. Burgess says that the elements that show best are the nitrogen and the 16 per cent acid. In some places the potash seems to have been used at a loss.

THE GREAT CENTRAL HIGHWAY.

Notable Gathering in Raleigh—Case Car Will Be Used as Official Scout Car. Thursday, April 20th, there gathered in Raleigh representatives of the nine central highway counties through which the Great Central Highway is to pass, for the purpose of outlining the plan for the laying out of the route and making such arrangements as may be necessary to get things under way for the greatest highway project in the history of the United States. The undertaking is an unusual one—spectacular even in some of its features and has challenged the attention of the road builders of the nation. The road will be close to 500 miles long, traversing the best sections of the state, running through nineteen counties, from the sea to the Tennessee line. The meeting was held in the office of Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture. The following members of the board of trustees were present: Carteret—G. D. Canfield, of Morehead City. Wake—Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Cary. Durham—William Dunn, of New Bern. Lenoir—J. F. Hooker, of Kinston. Wayne—George C. Royall, of Goldsboro. Johnston—James A. Wellons, of Smithfield. Wake—Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Cary. Durham—Dr. A. C. Cheatham, of Durham. Orange—H. M. McIver, of Mehane, N. C. Alamance—Capt. S. H. Webb, of Mehane, N. C. Guilford—Clem. G. Wright, of Greensboro. Davidson—H. B. Varner, of Lexington. Rowan—P. B. Beard, of Salisbury. Iredell—W. L. Gilbert, proxy for R. R. Clark, of Statesville. Catawba—John Robinson, proxy for R. R. Clark, of Statesville. Madison—Thomas J. Murray, of Marshall. The absentees were: Jones—J. H. Bell, of Pollocksville. Burke—W. E. Walton, of Morganton. McDowell—W. T. Morgan, of Marion. The telegraphed hearty co-operation, that was detained on business. Buncombe—E. C. Chambers, of Asheville. The following officers were elected, says the News & Observer of Friday, April 21st: H. J. Varner, of Lexington, editor of Southern Good Roads, chairman. Edward E. Britton, of Raleigh, secretary. George C. Royall, of Goldsboro, treasurer. Central Committee—William Dunn, of New Bern; Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Cary; R. R. Clark, of Statesville; W. T. Morgan, of Marion; Thomas J. Murray, of Marshall; J. A. Wellons, of Smithfield, secretary; H. B. Varner, of Lexington, chairman ex officio. The initial tour of the Central Committee, with other members of the Board of Trustees, and a representative of the Highway Division of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, will be made in automobiles, and at each stopping point on the route, there will be a "Good Roads Day" meeting, at which routes will be discussed and plans made for the construction of the Central Highway. The dates for these meetings, each to be held at one o'clock in the afternoon, are: Morehead City, May 8. New Bern, May 9. Kinston, May 10. Goldsboro, May 11. Smithfield, May 12. Raleigh, May 13. These will be the points for the first week of the tour, and the next tour will be from Western North Carolina, back to the central portion of North Carolina. The second tour will begin the first week in June, in Madison county, and will be continued through thirteen counties till Durham is reached. There will be one of those good roads meetings in Lexington and perhaps another at Thomasville during the progress of the western tour which is to be held the first week in June. Ample notice will be given so that the good roads advocates along the line may be able to get the people out and get the full advantage of the speeches, advice and suggestions of the road experts that will accompany the party.

MR. NUNN COMPLIMENTS US.

Organizer of the Farmers' Union Compares Davidson and Granville Counties. Mr. R. L. Nunn, county organizer for the North Carolina Division of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America, made a flying trip through Davidson county recently and when he got back home he wrote some letters to the Danbury Reporter, one of the best weekly papers in the northwestern part of the state and an exponent of all that is good in Stokes county. Mr. Nunn says that in a place called "Wagon" in addition to being one of the Union's organizers he is the president of the Stokes County Union and is generally regarded as "some punkin" up where he comes from. His fame had not preceded him when he struck Davidson and the people did not know about him. Not understanding such treatment he went back to Stokes and contributed some weighty "literachoor" to the columns of the excellent sheet afore-mentioned, part of it good, much of it indifferent and some of it impertinent. In the last named class are certain near-facetious references to a good lady of Davidson who had failed to snare a male biped in her youthful days and was getting too old to hope to acquire one of the frisky critters. Mr. Nunn, however, over-stepped the bounds when, from way down in Granville, he sent his paper the following: "There is just about as much difference in this county and Davidson county as there is difference in heaven and hell. When I was in Davidson if I got to stay all night in a place I thought I was lucky, and had to play for it at that." Mr. Nunn did not miss it far when he said that the man who got the chance of enjoying the hospitality of a Davidson county home was lucky. For that is the simple truth. The hospitality of the Davidson county home is the real thing—the best on earth and is to be prized highly. One man told a representative of The Dispatch a few weeks ago that he had traveled all over Davidson county, visited every township and almost every school district and that he had been allowed to pay for his meals and lodging or for the feed of his horse. There is, of course, a big difference in men. But listen to Mr. Nunn a little more and you will understand just why he says the people of Granville. He says: "They make the appointments and carry me around to them free of charge—all they want me to do is to speak at their appointments and organize and they will do the rest." The members of the Farmers' Union in Davidson are accustomed to paying as they go. They are good substantial citizens, independent and self-respecting and it probably never occurred to them that Mr. Nunn, a paid agent of the Union, expected to be ha'ud' around the county or given free entertainment—something no member of the union in the county would have expected or asked for himself. One can hardly keep from wondering just how the Davidson county members of the Union will take this ugly fling of Mr. Nunn. They will hardly think any more of him for it.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Current Events in The United States and the World at Large Briefly Set Forth. Governor Kitchin pardons Tom Simons the negro serving a sentence for killing Albert Murphy. The pardon was recommended by the board of county commissioners, grand jury, physicians and numerous citizens. Simons is in Buncombe jail, said to be dying of tuberculosis. The Richmond, Va., board of aldermen has passed an ordinance providing for the segregation of the races. It provides that negroes shall not move into houses on streets tenanted by white folks and that whites shall not invade colored territory. The negroes of Richmond are "some hot" about it and say that they will spend a million dollars to have the law set aside. Frank Stewart, colored, was sent up to the Union county chain gang from Moore county for larceny and completed his sentence of two years yesterday and awhile before night slipped into the stocks and broke open a box in which the "citizens' clothes" of the convicts is kept and stole a lot of clothing belonging to his fellow prisoners. He hid the clothing and after his release the theft was discovered and he was arrested. Recorder Stevens sent Stewart back to the chain gang this morning, giving him a four months' sentence. This prisoner has served time for larceny before he was sent to this county and if he was a white man and from a good family he would be called a kleptomaniac, but as he is just a plain friendless nigger he is a common thief.—Monroe Enquirer. Meeting of the Class of North Carolina. This body will meet in annual session in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Thomasville, Wednesday evening, May 3, at 8 o'clock. Business sessions will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday; popular meetings will be held each evening as announced in the following programme made out by the pastor of the church, Rev. Clarence Woods: May 3rd—Wednesday evening 7:30—Annual Classical Sermon by the retiring president, Rev. W. W. Rowe. Thursday evening 7:30—The Activities of a Layman in his Home Congregation. Hon. C. C. Barnhart. The Layman's Interest in Foreign Missions. Friday evening 7:30—The Work of the Reformed church in the Foreign Field. Rev. Dr. J. P. Moore. Saturday evening—The Educated Young Man. Prof. John F. Buchheit. Christian Culture for Young Women. Rev. Joseph L. Murphy, D. D. Sunday morning 11:00—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Causey. Sunday afternoon 3:00—S. S. Rally. A Need for Greater Cooperation to S. S. Work. Rev. J. C. Leonard, D. D. The Present Field for S. S. Growth. Sunday evening 7:30—Sermon. Commencement Arcadia Academy. Arcadia Academy begin Sunday, Apr. 30th, with the annual sermon by Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, of High Point. Tuesday night the Hesperian Literary Society opens up with its annual debating contest for a gold medal and on Wednesday evening the Gazean Literary Society will have its essay contest. Thursday, May 4th, will be commencement day proper and it will be marked by declamation and elocution contests and the literary address by Mr. T. Gilbert Stephenson, of Winston-Salem. Thursday night the school will give its annual entertainment. This school has made a fine record under the management of Prof. J. O. Barnhardt and is one of the best schools in the county. The people of Arcadia are proud of it and have a right to be, for it is doing most excellent work. The refreshment privileges will not be let to outsiders this year as in the past. The school has decided to furnish the refreshments and there will be plenty for everybody. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school and will go to improve the school building.

Spurred Lover is a Suicide.

Durham dispatch, 22.—"God knows I loved the girl better than life; better than anything else in all the world. I tried to treat her right but she had a heart of stone, and that's the reason I did it." Dying from a pistol shot wound a few inches above the heart, inflicted by his own hand, drew the young man named in a strong one and it named at the election next week will do much for the up-building of the city. The proposed board is made up of men who will work for the interest of the whole city and will serve no clique or faction. It is a board that will "wear man's collar" but will serve only the people.

Celebrating Twentieth Anniversary.

Invitations have been received by friends in this city reading as follows: 1891—1911 Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Shoaf request the pleasure of your company at the twentieth anniversary of their marriage on the evening of Friday, the twenty-eighth of April. One thousand nine hundred and eleven from half past eight until half past eleven o'clock. Center Street, Lexington, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Shoaf have hundreds of friends in Lexington, many of whom will gather at their hospitable home Friday evening to congratulate them on the great good fortune that has befallen them. For two score years and to wish them many more years of unalloyed happiness.

Reeds School Closes Friday.

The Dispatch is in receipt of an invitation to the sixteenth annual commencement of Reeds High School, of which Prof. Tillet Hendrix is principal which takes place Friday of this week. There are but two in the graduating class this year—Miss Sadie Craver and Miss Elizabeth Evans. The marshalls are: Arlie Myers, chief; Webster Perryman, Milton Hedrick, Clarence Fritts and Webster Hege. The managers are: Miss Elizabeth Evans, chief and Misses Sadie Craver, Maxie Myers, Savannah Myers, Tallie Massey and Zella Foster. Under Professor Hendrix excellent work has been done at Reeds and it is regretted that he will not be at the head of the school next year. He has done fine work as a teacher and has made hundreds of friends in the county.

About Mr. George L. Hackney.

The Asheville correspondent of the Merchants Journal has the following in regard to the resignation of Mr. Hackney: "At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asheville Retail Merchants' Association, the resignation of President George L. Hackney was accepted. Mr. Hackney, who has served our association as president for almost a year, during which time we have steadily progressed, leaves Asheville to become secretary-treasurer and general manager of a chair factory at Lexington. Mr. Hackney has been active in business and social circles in Asheville for about twenty years, always taking a leading part in every progressive movement, and genuine regret is felt over his departure, but we bespeak for him a cordial greeting from the people of Lexington."

Good Roads Speaking in Emmons.

Hon. Zeb V. Walser and H. B. Varner will address the citizens of Emmons township at Kildley's school house, Wednesday night May 3rd, at 8 o'clock on the question of voting a tax of 20c on the \$100, and 50c on the poll for the purpose of improving the public roads of that township. This election will be held in Emmons township, May 30th. Healing Springs, Jackson Hill, Alleghany and Reedy Creek will also vote on the same question, on the same day and it is generally believed that the road tax will win in all these townships.

Business News Notes.

Shepard's ad this week ought to appeal to scores of people in Lexington at this season. This great store is talking about graduating dresses for the sweet girl graduates. Read it. O-NO-to the self-filling fountain pen, at J. B. Smith's, "The Old Reliable." They are all to the good. Sheriff Delap has an interesting message in this issue. Read. The Fred Thompson Company talks about shoe comfort in his ad this week. The Walk Over cannot be beat anywhere. Read his talk on comfortable shoes. The Davidson Furniture Company, "Makers of Happy Homes," devotes its advertising space this week to talking about the beauties of the mattresses it handles. Read it. W. G. Penny, "The One Price Store," offers special bargains this week in Oxfords, silks and hose. Don't miss these specials. The Davidson Hardware Company sounds a warning in their ad this week that every wise citizen will read. If you think of buying a buggy you will make a mistake if you buy without seeing what they have to offer. Read their bid ad in this issue and get wise to a few vital buggy facts.

Five Negro Children Bused in a House.

Five negroes, 4 of them children ranging in age from 2 to 5 years, one of them a girl 30 years old, were bused to death at Bladenboro Tuesday night in a fire which destroyed the house they occupied, which belonged to Mr. H. C. Bridgers, of that place. They were the children of Reuben Branson and wife, who were away from home at the time. The fire occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock and was caused by the explosion of a lamp, while all the occupants were asleep. A man who was in the house awoke after his bed was in flames and barely had time to jump out of a window.—Lumberton Reporter.

Stripling Decried a Paragon.

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