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## POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

**Lowden 6, Hoover 4 in State Now**  
Raleigh, April 10.—The count stood Lowden 6, Hoover 4, with two delegates non-committal in this state tonight as a result of three Republican district conventions today.

At Asheboro the 7th district convention elected H. F. Sewell and P. E. Brown to represent it at Kansas City. Sewell is for Hoover while Brown has not declared himself. The fifth district at Greensboro elected Ned Shore and J. S. Duncanson, Greensboro, Shore being a Hooverite and Duncanson non-committed. The fourth district at Raleigh elected Willis Briggs and Ezra Parker, both instructed for Lowden. Previous district conventions had given Lowden four and Hoover two.

### Smith Gets 47 in Illinois

Chicago, April 10.—Governor Al Smith added at least 47 delegates from Illinois to his list as a result of the state primary today. He will get the eight Democratic delegates at large when the state convention meets and may possibly have the entire delegation of 58 when the convention at Houston opens.

While sentiment among the delegates appeared about evenly divided, with a slight preponderance probably in Hoover's favor, yet the Lowden people showed up in great strength and evidenced equal enthusiasm. The convention is scheduled to get under way at 11 a. m. tomorrow, and an Ohioan, Theodore Burton, will be the keynote.

### Iowa For Smith

Former Secretary of Agriculture W. T. Meredith, Iowa's favorite son candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, largely defeated Governor Smith of New York to the contest for delegates to the Democratic state convention. Governor Smith led Meredith about 8 to 1 in the voting.

### Lowden Gaining, Says Whitener

Hickory special of April 6: A. A. Whitener, state chairman of the Lowden campaign, returned here from Taylorville last night and said he was "extremely pleased" over the outcome of the eighth district convention. "Everything went for Lowden," declared Mr. Whitener, saying that W. H. Gragg of Boone and O. F. Poole of Taylorville, both of whom were nominated as delegates to the national convention, were strong Lowden supporters. Whitener says, despite the apparent Hoover strength in North Carolina, that he is sure to get at least 15 of the 20 delegates to Kansas City and maybe 17 of them.

### W. Va. Senator Enters Presidential Race

Washington, April 7.—The colors of the sixth senatorial candidate for the Republican presidential nomination were flying today with the entry of Guy D. Goff, junior senator from West Virginia, in the primary in that state May 29 when 19 delegates to the Kansas City convention will be selected.

Thus, the former assistant attorney general places his name alongside Curtis of Kansas, Watson of Indiana, Norris of Nebraska, Reed of Missouri and Walsh of Montana, the latter two Democrats, in the senatorial lists for the nomination. Had he lived, Willis, Republican, of Ohio, would have made the seventh to enter the presidential contest from the senate.

### Smith Picked as Strongest of Democrats

Washington, April 8.—Herbert Hoover's political opponents opened up a new line of attack upon his presidential candidacy today. They asserted that if nominated he cannot defeat Governor Al Smith.

Assuming that Smith will be the Democratic nominee, Representative L. J. Dickinson, Republican, of Iowa, leader of the farm bloc in the house, came out with a bold forecast analysis of Smith's strength against Lowden in the electoral college. Mr. Dickinson is supporting Lowden.

His conclusion was that Smith carry New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Mexico against either Hoover or Lowden—a remarkable concession for any regular Republican to make, even in the heat of a pre-convention struggle.

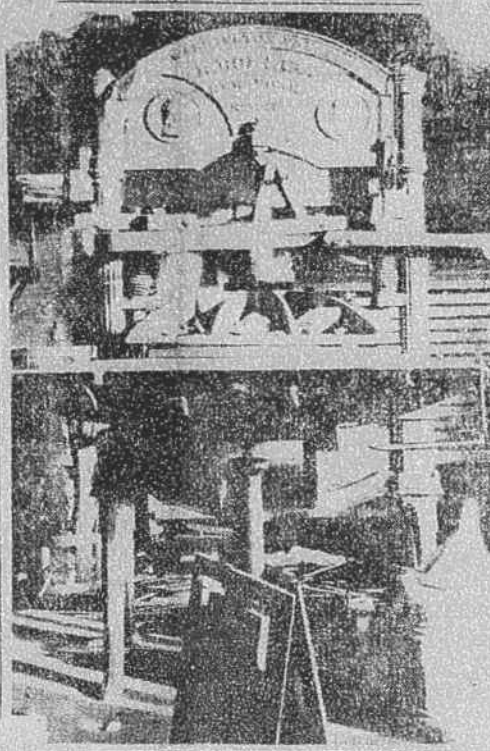
Another of Dickinson's conclusions was scarcely less remarkable. He predicted that against Hoover in November, Smith may well carry Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma and South Dakota, but that Lowden could carry all these states

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## EDITING NEWSPAPER WAS BIG JOB IN 'THE GOOD OLD DAYS'



R. C. Rivers, editor of the Watauga Democrat since 1889.



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## Bogle Nominated For Congress in Eighth

Concord Attorney Will Oppose Mr. Doughton; Gragg Named Delegate to National Convention

W. S. Bogle, Concord attorney, was nominated for congress in the eighth district convention held at Taylorville last Thursday. W. H. Gragg, chairman of Watauga county Republican executive committee, and O. F. Poole of Taylorville, were elected delegates to the national convention at Kansas City.

Republican leaders are said to be well pleased with the outlook at the present and declared that peace and harmony were in evidence throughout the convention Thursday afternoon.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST HAS INTERESTING MEETING

At the regular monthly meeting of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, held in the Legion hall last Friday evening, a number of matters of interest, not only to the Legion, but to the people of the town and county, were discussed.

It was decided to begin at once improvements on the Legion Park, and the following committee was named to supervise the location of streets in the park: S. F. Horton, John Combs and Russell D. Hodges. B. K. Osborne was awarded the contract to furnish posts to fence the park, this work to be done soon with woven wire.

At the next meeting of the post, the state commander will be present, and a very interesting meeting is expected following legionnaires were appointed to arrange the program for the meeting: W. E. Comer, J. W. Norris and S. S. Gragg. Also a refreshment committee was named, as follows: A. W. Smith, S. F. Horton and Russell D. Hodges.

## THOMPSON-SALL COMBINE LOSE IN ILLINOIS PRIMARY

Chicago, April 10.—The Herald-Examiner announced at 9 o'clock tonight that returns indicated Louis L. Emerson had received the Republican nomination for Governor, Frank L. Smith for senator and Oscar Carlstrom for attorney general. The Examiner supported Governor Small in his campaign.

Within a few minutes, the returns showed such a change the paper announced Otis F. Glenn had apparently received the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

One killing, scores of kidnappings, dozens of riots, general intimidation of voters and a few cases of robbing ballot boxes in Chicago marked the most hectic day in the city's history.

In the election the Republican candidates supported by Senator C. S. Deneen were swept into office by pluralities ranging from a few hundred to as high as 200,000. Deneen and his faction was opposed by Big Bill Thompson of Chicago.

Hostess's Daughter (trying desperately to keep the conversation going): Did you ever hear the joke about the curio dealer who had two skulls of Columbus—one when he was a boy and the other when he was a man?

Wiggins: No, I don't think I have. What is it?

## A PROCLAMATION

By order of the town council, acting upon the suggestion of the citizens of the town, I, W. R. Gragg, mayor of the city of Boone, do hereby proclaim the week beginning April 16 as a general clean-up period, during which time all unsightly accumulations must be removed from about the residences and business houses of the town as well as from back lots and vacant areas. The city has employed trucks to haul away the refuse, which will be in operation on Wednesday and Friday. Have the garbage accessible so that it may be hauled away.

In view of the fact that the influx of tourists to this section is likely to be the largest ever this year, it is my earnest hope that the citizens will take pride in giving our little city the best possible appearance. Remember, back yards and vacant lots must be spick and span as well as the lawns along the main street. A careful check of work done will be made and delinquents will be made to abide by the ordinances. Please abide by this ruling.

(Signed) W. R. GRAGG, Mayor.

## TOWN WILL BUILD CITY HALL

Sealed bids will be received during the remainder of this month and until the 12th of May for the construction of a city hall for the town of Boone, which is to occupy the lot to the rear of the Highland Furniture store. Work is to begin on the building as soon as possible following the announcement of the successful bidder and the authorities expect to occupy the hall within sixty days.

Specifications call for a solid brick, two-story building with a Barrett specification built-up stone roof. The first floor will be of concrete and will be used for the fire fighting equipment, mayor's office and will also contain storage room and sleeping quarters. The second story will be the municipal auditorium and will be of sufficient size to accommodate about 150 persons. This will be reached by means of an outside stairway. The building will front on Howard street and will present a very pleasing appearance. Windows are arranged that the lighting will be excellent.

The successful bidder will give bond in the sum of one thousand dollars in order that municipality may be protected and specifications are open for inspection at the mayor's office.

## JURIST PATIENT AT LONG'S

Judge Michael Schenck, who adjourned court here on account of illness, is recovering from a minor operation performed at Long's sanatorium, Statesville. An erroneous dispatch stated that the jurist was being treated at the Davos hospital, hence this correction.

Prof. to student: I think you would have passed this history if you had paid a little attention.

Student (aggrievedly): I paid as little attention as possible, I'm sure.

## News of Week in and About Blowing Rock

Fire Truck Aids in Suppressing Brush Fire That Threatened Summer Homes in Green Park

Blowing Rock, April 11.—The fire truck answered its third alarm last Wednesday when a brush fire was discovered climbing up the mountain toward several of the finest summer homes in Green Park. Although the houses were at no time in very real danger from the fire, they might have been destroyed if the flames had been neglected. The summer home of E. A. Dunn of Charlotte was directly in the path of the fire. The nearest plug was the one at Ingle's, which was 1,000 feet from the fire. Fifty or more men volunteered to carry the hose through a rhododendron thicket over the hill to reach the fire. The flames were quickly subdued, after an additional 500 feet of hose had been brought to reach that part of the fire lower on the mountain.

It is believed that sparks from a logging camp in the gorge caused the fire. Little damage was done to standing timber, as the fire was confined mostly to underbrush.

### Will Operate Picture House

The new building being erected by G. Pitts adjacent to the Sanitary Barber Shop will be occupied by a moving picture theater this summer, the owners have announced. The company operating the theater is composed of G. C. Robbins, Mr. Pitts and E. G. Underdown.

Only first-run releases will be shown in the theater, it was said, and whenever other entertainment can be had, it will be shown on the large stage, which is being built.

Seating room to accommodate the large summer crowds will be provided and the theater will have an attractive lobby. The owners promise to open a first class theater about June 1.

### Pupils to Present Play

The sixth and seventh grades of the Blowing Rock school will present Saturday night the play "Aunt Jerusha on the Wax Path." The performance will be preceded by a concert by the Blowing Rock Band. It will be held in the auditorium of the school.

Those in the cast are Joe Belick as the farmer, Duke Belick as an old hypocrite, Sidney Cannon as the constable, Edward Coffey as manager of the carnival, Grayson Story as the farmer's wife, Virginia Coffey as the old maid, Dorris White as the fortune teller, Blair Sudderth as the carnival queen, and six or eight chorus girls. The play will begin promptly at 7:30. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

### Off to State Convention

Blowing Rock's party to the state Republican convention left Tuesday morning. Among them were C. S. Prevette and G. C. Robbins, delegates, and J. E. Holshouser, Mrs. Prevette, Miss Lena Reeves and Louise Prevette accompanied Mr. Prevette to Raleigh.

### Social and Personal

Mrs. G. W. Beverly was hostess at a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of the birthday of her husband, Rev. Beverly, who was sixty-six on that day. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crisp and Byrum Crisp, Mrs. G. C. Buxton of Charlotte, Albert Peoples and Mrs. Cameron Williams and children. A sumptuous dinner and a lovely birthday cake were enjoyed.

Edward Ward is reported in a fairly favorable condition following an accidental blow which injured his skull last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Bessie Ward Killian who came to see her brother shortly after he was injured was accompanied by her small son.

Miss Kate Holshouser took advantage of a short vacation from her duties as librarian in the Winston-Salem public schools to spend Easter with relatives and friends here.

Howard Klutz who is a student at Wake Forest was at home for Easter.

Miss Dorothy Sudderth and Mr. and Mrs. Lynch of Charlotte spent Easter Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sudderth.

## PIANO AND PIPE ORGAN UNIT FOR THE PASTIME THEATRE

Messrs. W. R. Winkler and A. C. Hamby, owners of the Pastime Theatre, have returned from Charlotte where they placed an order for one of the new Seeburg combination piano and pipe organ. The machine was ordered from Charlotte by wire on Monday and is to be installed within a period of ten to fifteen days. The instrument is of the very latest design and is employed in many show houses in the larger cities of the country. The owners of the local theatre are to be congratulated upon their efforts to keep a little ahead of the demands of the show-goers of this section.

## CLEAN UP WEEK APRIL 16 TO 21

City Officials Asking Co-operation of Citizens in An Effort to Really Clean Up; Garbage Trucks Will Visit Every Section of City

Mayor W. R. Gragg has proclaimed the week of April 16-21 as Clean-Up Week in the city, and this is to notify all persons within the corporate limits of the town or doing business or owning lots, are required to clean up all accumulation of trash, papers, tin cans or any accumulation of rubbish and other in boxes or bundles so it can be picked up by garbage trucks.

Chief of Police Garland will check up all homes and see that all garbage is gathered up so it can be hauled away, and he will see that the trucks visit every section of the town.

The city officials are asking for the co-operation of every citizen in this most worthy movement, and it is hoped they will have it. But they mean to clean up the town and those who will not voluntarily gather up and place garbage in reach of the trucks, other means will be used.

Let every citizen give his whole-hearted support and the town will receive the cleaning it should have. Trucks will be in operation on Wednesday and Friday, April 18 and 20, and longer if necessary but it is expected that all rubbish can be removed during these two days if placed where they can reach it.

## THOUSANDS ATTEND EASTER SERVICE AT WINSTON-SALEM

Enriched by a century and a half of tradition, the picturesque sunrise Easter service of the Moravian church was the magnet which drew thousands of visitors from far and near to Winston-Salem Sunday morning to witness the ancient ceremony at dawn symbolizing the resurrection of the Savior.

Bishop Edward Rondthaler, 86-year-old head of the Moravian church in the south, was in charge of the arrangements for the 52nd time. For more than half a century he has opened the service by stepping to the veranda of the plain little Home church of the denomination and giving voice to the theme of the ceremony by announcing "The Lord is Risen" to which the congregation of 25,000 or 30,000 men, women and children makes appropriate response.

After a brief service at the church interspersed with music by the Moravian band of some 300 pieces, the worshippers and sightseers march to the Moravian graveyard a short distance away, where the service is concluded.

More than 400 ushers were trained to assist the huge congregation in proceeding from the church, just off Salem square and adjoining Salem college, one of the country's oldest colleges for women, to the graveyard where the Moravians bury their dead without regard to family ties but in different plots, according to age and sex. Amplifiers had been installed for this year's ceremony as an innovation to hear the reading of the Litany by the bishop and the response by his flock.

## JAILS SELDOM USED IN TWO N. C. COUNTIES

Raleigh, March 16.—"Jail seldom used" is the notation given two county jails in North Carolina, those of Camden and Hyde counties, doubtless indicating a peaceful and law-abiding citizenship, according to the report submitted by Dr. C. O. H. Laughinghouse, secretary of the state board of health, to Governor McLean, as a result of investigations and inspections made of city and county jails and convict camps in the state during the past few months.

A summary of the report shows that 29 county jails have been improved in their sanitary management; six have been provided with new annexes; three have been built anew; two have been remodeled; five have been condemned, officials of three of these agreeing to make necessary improvements immediately; 41 prison camps have been improved; three new prison camps have been constructed; two are under construction; four counties are planning to construct new camps and four camps have been abolished.

## NOTICE, BAPTIST WOMEN

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of the Three Forks association will be held with the Blowing Rock church on Wednesday afternoon, April 18, at 1:30 o'clock. All societies are urged to send representatives. Visitors from churches not having societies will also be most cordially welcomed.

MRS. I. C. GREER, Supt.  
MRS. W. W. WILSON, Sec.

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