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DRYS WIN SMASHING VICTORY

Anti-Repeal Avalanche in Watauga

SOUTH CAROLINA GIVES TWO TO ONE VOTE FOR PROHIBITION

South Carolina Follows the Lead of Sister State in Giving Hearty Oke to National Prohibition, but on a Smaller Scale. Predictions Upset as Democratic East Joins Republican West in Dry Stampede.

Charlotte—North Carolina yesterday rejected the proposal for repeal of the Federal prohibition amendment and South Carolina apparently had done likewise.

With returns from all quarters of North Carolina showing substantial, and in many counties overwhelming dry majorities, Walter Murphy, field marshal for repeal forces, last night conceded victory to the prohibitionists.

He made his statement from his headquarters in Raleigh, after partial returns showed the dry forces leading by a two to one majority.

Even earlier, Cale K. Burgess, chairman of the United Dry Forces, claimed a victory of "landslide proportions." Burgess asserted his information indicated at least 90 of the 120 delegates to be named by the State's 100 counties, would be against repeal.

With the return from 1,309 of the 1,831 precincts tabulated, the vote stood: for repeal 97,668, against 232,572.

In South Carolina the anti-repeal forces clung to their lead as returns were compiled from two-thirds of the State's precincts. With 836 precincts reported out of 1,220, the vote stood: for repeal, 31,236; against 32,994.

First returns in North Carolina favored the dries, and their margin increased as reports of the balloting came in from the Tennessee border to the Atlantic Ocean.

Reynolds' Precinct Dry

Even the home precinct of Senator Robert R. Reynolds, who was elected a year ago on a repeal platform, gave a heavy dry majority. The vote was: for repeal 96; against 464.

The State-wide vote was taken on the question of whether a convention should be held in December to act upon the proposed 21st amendment. As a result of the apparent overwhelming majority against repeal, there will be no convention for which the counties elected delegates.

Prohibition strength was shown in all parts of the State. Before the election it had been predicted that sentiment in the east would favor repeal, while in the western area, where the Republican party is relatively strong, the repeal leaders anticipated their greatest trouble.

However, even in the east, on the face of available returns, the repeal forces made a poor showing in comparison with the dries.

The voting was light throughout South Carolina and it was regarded as unlikely that the outstanding boxes would change the result, although the lead of the dries was less than 2,000 votes.

The city vote in Charleston, Columbia and Florence, considered strongholds for repeal sentiment, was included in the returns.

Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson, the other principal cities, joined with the rural voters of their neighborhoods in rejecting repeal.

Of the 46 counties, repeal was leading in 16, but by narrow margins except in Aiken, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston and Richland.

North Carolina dry leaders estimated they had scored a two to one victory.

Incomplete reports indicate that North Carolina will vote dry at least two to one," Burgess said in a statement.

"We appreciate the efforts of temperance people. We thank God for the victory."

"Back to Hoover"

Walter Murphy, manager for the United County for Repeal, conceded the anti-repealists had carried the State.

"It looks like we've headed back to Hoover," he added, declining to comment further.

The apparent victory against ratification of the 21st or repeal amendment marked the second time in 13 years that North Carolina has refused to ratify an amendment to the federal constitution.

In 1920 the State refused to ratify the 19th amendment which gave suffrage to women. That action came even though the national Democratic platform, calling North Carolina by name, urged ratification of the 19th amendment as 35 other states already had ratified it.

No action has been taken by this State on the 20th amendment proposed.

Prohibition Forces Overwhelm Opposition In Lively Balloting

The dry forces in Watauga County climaxed their intensive campaign with a smashing victory in Tuesday's voting, the repealists being buried with an avalanche of ballots against any changes in the national prohibition status. Thus Watauga County joined in the landslide which was registered for the dries in practically every section of the State, and at the same time registered the same sort of fighting spirit that was shown in 1908 when State prohibition, rather than national, was the issue. At that time Watauga County went dry by almost a thousand, and Tuesday the anti-repealists chalked a clean-cut victory of about 2,400 on the basis of incomplete returns. The vote at present indicates there was about five repeal votes to every ratification vote.

The dry forces, headed by Messrs. T. E. Bingham and W. F. Miller had reached the victorious climax of an admirably aggressive campaign, every nook and corner of the county had been canvassed and there had been little doubt as to the outcome. However, many are surprised as to the extent of the lead amassed.

The repealists conducted no campaign whatever so far as is known, apparently pinning their hopes on a fair sized vote on the influence of the Roosevelt administration.

Voting Heavy in Boone

Voting began early in Boone Precinct, and soon thereafter it became apparent that the Eighteenth Amendment was to be approved by Watauga's electorate. Poll workers solicited voters and informed them at the courthouse door, others patrolled the streets, and strings of automobiles flashed by constantly carrying voters. Hot blood was missing, it appeared, at the polling place. Discrimination was absent in the voting set-up and for the most part it was a cheerful throng that marched to the defense of the national prohibitory laws.

Boone township gave Grady Moretz, repeal candidate, 185 as against 843 for W. W. Mast, dry delegate, and the groundswell extended into other precincts proportionately.

The vote in the various precincts that had reported up until Wednesday noon follows: Bald Mountain, repeal 2, dry 149; Beaver Dam, repeal 11, dry 289; Blue Ridge, repeal 17, dry 202; Blowing Rock, repeal 63, dry 211; Cove Creek, repeal 194, dry 403; Meat Camp, repeal 22, dry 298; Meat Camp No. 2, repeal 3, dry 36; Watauga, repeal 24, dry 372; Stony Fork, repeal 65, dry 235.

Allan A. Holsclaw Passes In Oregon

Mrs. W. L. Henson, of Vilas, has just received a telegram to the effect that her brother, Attorney A. A. Holsclaw, died last week at the home of a daughter in Portland, Oregon.

The deceased was formerly a merchant in this county. He studied law and began the practice of his profession in Mountain City, Tenn. About twenty years ago he moved to Idaho, where he was successful in the practice of law and politics. Two years ago he received injuries in a car wreck from which he never recovered. Last week a stroke of paralysis brought the end.

In this county the most of his relatives live. Mr. Holsclaw was noted for his fine social qualities.

PENN. COAL DIGGERS POUR BACK TO WORK

Uncintown, Pa., Nov. 6.—The whirr of straining hoists and the thud, thud, thud of miners' boots told the story in sound tonight of the break in a prolonged strike at western Pennsylvania's steel company operated coal mines.

The last 15,000 or so of the 75,000 who battled for three months for union recognition began winding their way through fog and drizzling rain in Fayette county.

Roll Call to Begin Here on November 13

The Annual Red Cross Roll Call campaign will get under way in Watauga County on November 13, it has been officially announced and will continue through to Thanksgiving, Mr. Austin E. South is expected to again act as Roll Call chairman, although no definite plans have thus far been made. Organizations will be set up, it is presumed, as heretofore, composed of canvassing committees in the several communities who will seek to secure as many of the dollar memberships as possible to aid in relief or distressed throughout the land.

Revival in Progress At Oak Grove Church

A revival meeting is in progress at Oak Grove Baptist Church, one mile west of Boone, and is being conducted by Rev. Finley Watts, the pastor, and Rev. Isaac Watts of Boomer. There have been 35 conversions and 28 additions to the church. The meeting is still going on and members of adjacent churches are showing fine co-operation. Members believe that a great spiritual awakening is at hand in that community.

AT GRANDFATHER ORPHANAGE



The annual Thanksgiving offering for Grandfather Home for Children, at Banner Elk, has already brought in a goodly supply of canned goods from the Presbyterian ladies of Watauga County, says Miss Jane Russell, superintendent. The orphanage takes children of all denominations or none and serves Northwest North Carolina and Northeast Tennessee. Gifts of staple groceries and money are especially needed this year, Miss Russell says.

M. F. HOPKINS IS DEAD AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS; AGED 62

Prominent Elizabethton Citizen. Brother to Mrs. John W. Hodges of Boone, Succumbs to Brief Illness. Funeral Services Held in Home Town and Body Brought to Gap Creek for Burial. Was Well Known.

M. F. Hopkins, 62, former mayor of Elizabethton, Tenn., and for years one of the most prominent business men of this entire section, died at his home in that city Friday afternoon, after an illness which had first appeared serious on the previous Saturday. Death, however, came after a long period of declining health.

Funeral services were held from the M. E. Church in Elizabethton on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. C. L. Bowden, the Rev. W. S. Hendricks and the Rev. E. A. Cox of Elizabethton, the Rev. J. K. Haynes of Knoxville officiating. The body was brought to Gap Creek near Boone for interment where other members of the family rest. A long caravan of automobiles from the Tennessee city passed through Boone with the body, and a great throng of Watauga County people gathered for the conclusion of the service, which was by the ministers who conducted the first of the service. Great mounds of flowers were banked about the grave in token of the esteem in which Mr. Hopkins was held by the people of this section.

Surviving is the widow, the former Miss Cleo Blackburn of Todd, and four daughters, Misses Olena and Edna Hopkins, Mrs. Verna Nave and Mrs. Nell Graybeal, all of whom survive. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. John W. Hodges of Boone; Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mountain City; three brothers, J. B. Hopkins, Washington, D. C.; T. W. Hopkins, Mountain City, and T. W. Hopkins, Newland. All were present when death came, as well as all nieces and nephews, and a large number of friends.

Mr. Hopkins was known by most of the people of Watauga County and his reputation for honesty and integrity spread far and wide. He counted his friends by the hundred and was one of the most beloved men of this whole section. Mr. Hopkins contributed a full share to the development of the city in which he spent his last years, and spent a great fortune in its upbuilding.

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DEATH COMES TO AGED WAR VET

W. M. Millsaps Succumbs at Home of His Daughter; Was 91 Years Old, and Volunteered in Civil War in 1861; Six Children Among the Survivors

W. Marion Millsaps, 91 years old, and a veteran of the Civil war, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Eliza Guy, at Beech Creek, last Thursday, from the natural infirmities of age.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ed. Farthing and interment took place in the old Mount Gilead cemetery. A large crowd of friends and relatives were present to pay their last respects to their aged neighbor and friend.

Surviving are six children and two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Guy, Mr. W. C. Millsaps and Miss Lalah Millsaps, of Beech Creek, N. C.; Mr. R. M. Millsaps, of Helena, Mont.; Mrs. Emma Carswell, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Mrs. R. M. Millsaps, Montana. His sisters are Mrs. Alice Palmer, Beaver Dam; Mrs. Lue Johnson, Akron, Ohio.

The only relatives any distance from home to attend the funeral services were two granddaughters and three nephews, Mrs. J. L. Phillips and Miss Fay Guy from Akron, Ohio, and Mr. Donley, Arthur and Smith Millsaps, Abingdon, Va.

"Uncle Marion," as Mr. Millsaps was familiarly known, was born in Alexander county February 20, 1842.

LEGION PLANS FOR HUGE COUNTY-WIDE CHRISTMAS EVENT

County's Poor Will Be Special Guests on Christmas Tree Saturday Before Festive Day. Committees Are Appointed to Raise Funds for Charity Party. Santa Claus to Pay Visit. Children Asked to Write.

A county-wide community Christmas tree in Boone on Saturday, December 23rd, is the latest project of Watauga Post American Legion, and a special committee has been appointed to collect funds and make arrangements for the holiday event. Santa Claus promises to make a visit to Boone on this day.

Efforts are being made to make this celebration as large as possible and it is believed that sufficient funds will be collected so that every child of the needy may receive toys, etc., from Santa Claus. The committee to solicit moneys for this purpose is composed of Ralph G. Greer, chairman, W. C. Greene and C. W. Teal. Any member of the committee and all other members of the American Legion will be glad to accept contributions at any time and an effort will be made to see that all funds are used for the best effect possible.

Santa Claus Letters
All children of Watauga County under twelve years of age are requested to write Santa Claus a letter in care of the Watauga Democrat, and the editor will see that they are forwarded. It is urged that these letters be written as soon as possible to avoid the late rush.

School teachers of the county will be asked to report on all families who are unable to supply their children with toys, fruits, etc., necessary to make Christmas a happy day and it is hoped the people of Watauga County will supply a sufficient amount of cash so that all these children may receive gifts from Santa Claus on his visit to Boone and as it is estimated that there will be more than one thousand children in this class you can readily see that it will take several hundred dollars to finance this gigantic undertaking.

MAGGIE UNDERWOOD DEAD

Miss Maggie Underwood, resident of Watauga River, died Tuesday morning at the age of 90 years. Death came after a period of declining health extending over several months. One daughter survives. Further details could not be learned.

The rising bell, which has awakened Harvard University students since 1860, was recently ordered discontinued.

Major Capus White Scheduled to Speak

Major Capus White, of Raleigh, who is State Commander of the Spanish American War Veterans, will address a gathering of World War and Spanish War veterans at the courthouse in Boone on Friday evening, November 17th, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced Monday. All veterans and others are asked to attend and a special invitation is extended to the ladies of the county. Major White is known as an able speaker and an eminent authority on Veterans affairs, and former soldiers will be particularly interested in his discourse.

Legion and Auxiliary Met Friday Night

Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting Friday night, November 3, with a large number of veterans and ladies present.

Quite a number of matters came up for discussion and action and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The district meeting will be held in Spruce Pine on Armistice Day and all veterans and ladies of the Auxiliary who can do so are urged to attend. Spruce Pine post has arranged a program which will be enjoyed by all who attend.

Commander C. S. Stevenson calls attention of all veterans to the fact that the new year began November 1st and every veteran eligible is urged to join the post. Mr. Stevenson says, "We need your help and you need ours, so let's get busy doing things."

The next meeting will be held on Friday night, November 17th, at 7:30 o'clock.

RALPH BENNETT PAROLED

Ralph Bennett, who was tried at the August 22nd term of Recorders court for carrying a concealed weapon and sentenced to serve six months on the county roads, was paroled by the governor, it became known Monday. In announcing the granting of the parole the governor stated that a letter asking this action had been received signed by the trial judge and solicitor. Other officials and good citizens asked for the parole, the chief executive stated. The right to revoke the parole at will is reserved.

Mrs. Carl Stout of Adams has returned to her home after having been a patient at the Banner Elk hospital for three months. The friends of the popular lady will be glad to know her health is much improved.