

PREPARING FOR A FIGHT  
CONTEST ON AT FAYETTEVILLE

With District Congressional Convention... Fayetteville, July 24.—This city is getting ready to let down the bars and welcome the "great untried Democracy" Thursday next. If it does not prove to be one of the record-breaking nominating conventions of the year, the politicians will be very much disappointed in the signs of the times. It looks very much as if the convention this week will develop very much as did that of 1902, which John D. Bellamy entered in the lead and kept the lead all through, but with the 180 votes of Robeson, Cumberland and Columbus preventing his nomination. Next Thursday J. A. Brown will enter the convention as a leading candidate, going up possibly to 75 votes, but like Bellamy, the indications are that he will have no reserve to draw on, and it will be very difficult for him to reach the necessary 100 votes. There are three candidates in three counties in a bunch, together casting 107 votes, or seven more than a majority. This, as will be seen, is a very dangerous combination of primary leading men, as a stampede of one county would almost inevitably be followed by the other two, and elect a minority candidate or a dark horse. The political situation is already canvassing the matter of the permanent chairmanship of the convention. Several mentioned, but the thoughtful Democrats seem to be agreed that it would be bad policy to select a chairman from a county having a candidate.

The National Bank of Fayetteville, W. A. Vanstony president, is one of the purchasers of Panama Canal bonds, to the amount of \$100,000, at 102 1/2. This bank has been chosen by the Treasury Department as one of the depositories of the United States government.

FUNERAL OF MR. TOWNSEND.—The remains of Mr. H. A. Townsend, who died in Mercy General Hospital in Charlotte, arrived here yesterday morning via Maxton, and the funeral services will be held at Hay Street Methodist church, Rev. D. H. Tuttle conducting, the exercises. There was a large crowd of friends and relatives in attendance, though the train arrived late.

Yesterday morning in the Highsmith Hospital an operation was performed on Edmund Grady, aged about 12 years, son of Mrs. Hunter G. Smith, for appendicitis. The boy is well very ill.

The Raleigh & Southport Railroad will put several new passenger coaches between Raleigh and Fayetteville about the first week in August, one of them being a finely equipped chair car.

An important land sale was made Saturday, Mr. C. C. Bullard purchasing the Poined farm of about 200 acres for \$4,000. He will build a residence and put up a planing mill and machine shop.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, and his wife are making a visit to Montreal, Canada, where Dr. Hall had his first pastorate after leaving England.

Dr. W. S. Jordan, of Raleigh, a graduate of the University, is now resident physician of the Highsmith Hospital, the staff finding such an assistant absolutely necessary in the great number of medical and surgical cases.

One of the first important improvements in the Hotel Lafayette, which is to be remodeled and refitted throughout, is the new dining room just open for the accommodation of guests. In convenience of arrangement and tastefulness of decoration it has no superior in the State.

John Glen, a private in Company A, Fifth North Carolina Infantry, in the civil war, and enlisted in this city in 1861, was found on the streets of New York city the other day in a destitute condition, and was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Where he had been, or how, he happened to be in New York, is not yet known. Camp 852, Confederate Veterans, of this county will look into the matter.

ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE.—The corresponding returned yesterday from Moore's Creek battle ground, where he delivered an address Friday on the occasion of the annual meeting of the association, though the battle took place on the 27th of February, 1776. There was a very large gathering of people from the counties of Pender, New Hanover, Bladen, Duplin and Sampson, besides numbers from Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach. A bounteous dinner was spread in the grove, plentifully feeding hundreds of visitors, and the young folks danced all the afternoon in the pavilion to the music of the Evigado Cornet Band. At the meeting of the association the following officers were re-elected: J. H. Moor, president; W. J. Hollingsworth, secretary; W. S. Moore, treasurer. Congress has appropriated \$500 for a monument, and the association has decided on greatly improving the grounds.

Mrs. W. E. Kyle, Mrs. John Underwood and Miss Helen Kyle are spending the remainder of the summer at Lowry, Va.—Mrs. J. B. Broadfoot and Miss M. N. Broadfoot leave tomorrow for a visit to the summer home of Judge H. E. Bryan, Chestnut Lodge, on Black Mountain. Mr. J. A. Williamson returned yesterday from a stay of some days at Wrightsville Beach.—Capt. J. D. McNeil returned yesterday afternoon from West Haven, Conn., where he addressed the Broken's association of that State. Miss Bell Jennings has returned from a visit to friends in South Carolina. Misses Oppella and Mabel Howell, of Goldsboro, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hughes, on Dick street. Mrs. C. J. Cooper and children have returned from the sea-shore.

Telegraph wire of both the Western Union and Postal Cables have been installed in the convention assembly hall for the newspaper men.

Mr. A. W. Wheeler, district superintendent of the Standard Oil Company, with headquarters at Raleigh, has in contemplation the removal of his office to Fayetteville, as offering certain unusual advantages.

The farmers' meeting and picnic at Salem church, Fica Hill township, was very pleasant and largely attended, with addresses by Messrs. Carlin, of Tolson, and Bain, of Cumberland.

The Cumberland Democratic executive committee meets at 11 o'clock next Thursday in the court room.

The Atlantic Coast Line officials have informed Mr. F. R. Rose, secretary of the chamber of commerce, that on the 25th of August, if good connection will be made, giving Fayetteville quick transit to Columbia, N.C.

The Seaboard Air Line has issued a circular to the effect that it is prepared to handle Fayetteville freight and trade for its line over the Raleigh & Southport Railroad.

The train from here to Raleigh on the Raleigh & Southport Railroad was forced to return this morning on account of the condition of the bridge and trussing over Little river.

TRIP TO CANADA.

Rev. William Black and Party Will Leave Davidson Friday for the North—Personal and News Notes. Special to The Observer.

Davidson, July 24.—Rev. William Black preached here Sunday morning in the absence of Dr. Graham. He is seldom heard at Davidson, but when he does happen to be here on Sunday he is always heard with deep interest and much profit. His hearers is in his work as a preacher, and he has a message for all who will hear. He and party leave for an extended tour to the North, including Canada, Friday, the 27th. At least they are expected to go. They will travel by way of the Seaboard, going to Washington, Baltimore, through the Lehigh Valley to Buffalo, Niagara, Toronto, and later to North field, where several days will be spent. The trip will occupy something like three weeks. Among the Davidsons expecting to go are: Mr. Ernest Black, Miss Potts, two or more of the young men in the Brown-Knox Mercantile Company's stores and possibly others.

Prof. Walter Thompson, superintendent of the Concord schools, was here to-day.—Rev. Arthur Barnes has come in from Texas to spend his vacation with relatives here. Mr. Bert Harrison of Salisbury are here for a few days.

The young people are invited to Mrs. Ida Davis' home near town again tomorrow night, when they expect another delightful evening. The fun is expected to come in the form of a tacky party.

Mr. Alfred Young hopes to move into his handsome new house in a few days. The pebble-dash exterior is especially pretty.

Rev. John Lafferty and wife, with their little boy, arrived this morning from their home in Georgia. They will spend some time with relatives in this part of the State.—Miss Lavelle Dupuy leaves to-day for Charleston and Sullivan's Island to be the guest of her mother and father.

Dr. Smith left this morning for Montreal, where he will spend one or two days.—Dr. Shearer came in Friday night and left this morning for his second trip to Virginia.

There will be several changes in the residential part of town by the opening of the new term. The house occupied last year by Mr. Heilig has been rented by Mr. Cook, of Georgia, mother of young Cook, of the rising sophomore class. Miss Alphin, who with her niece and nephew were in Dr. Shearer's home, the past session, on Concord street, recently purchased by Dr. Martin, and will reside there the coming year.

Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Harrison will go next week to Baltimore for the rest of the vacation.

TWO MURDER TRIALS.

McDowell's Criminal Docket is Large—Nine Italians to be Tried for Attack on Camp at South & Western Railway. Special to The Observer.

Marion, July 24.—Superior Court for McDowell county met in Marion yesterday, Judge Cook presiding. This is supposed to be for the trial of civil and criminal cases combined, but from present indications no civil cases will be heard, as the criminal docket is the largest in the history of the county. Two murder cases are to be tried, viz: State vs. Kasey Ingram, a foreman on the South & Western Railway construction work, who shot and instantly killed Bob McGhee week before last. It is understood that the killing came about as a result of a drunken row and that the plea on the part of defendant will be self-defense, as the deceased had severely cut and was in the act of cutting the defendant when he fired the fatal shot. The defense is represented by J. W. Prais, Esq., of Marion, and Locke Craig, of Asheville, while the prosecution is represented by Hudgins & Watson. It is understood that the latter will insist upon a verdict of murder in the first degree.

The other murder case is that of the State against Norman Largent, a negro boy, who shot and killed Tom Scott, age 52, some weeks ago in Marion. Largent's mother, it is understood, will be tried as accessory before the fact. The prosecution is represented by Sinclair & Johnston, who will ask and insist upon a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Another case of considerable importance is the case of the State against the nine Italians who are in jail as a result of the feud at Camp No. 6 on the South & Western construction work some months ago. Attorney E. Holton is in Marion, availing his intentions to thoroughly investigate the matter at the request of the Department at Washington and the Italian government. The Italians are represented by Judge W. E. Morganston and Mr. Gino Sparanza, of New York city, attorney for the Italian consul. Considerable interest is shown in these cases and it is expected that a goodly portion of the time of this term will be taken up in the trials. Solicitor Spaulbour has no assistant in the Italian case, as the South & Western Railway Company refuses to have anything to do with the prosecution.

IN FULL BLAST.

Summer School at Rutherfordton Will Last a Month—Some of the Instructors. Special to The Observer.

Rutherfordton, July 24.—The summer school is in full blast at this place, and will be in session a month. Capt. W. T. R. Bell is superintendent and is one of the most capable in the State. Among the staff of instructors are: Prof. Joe S. Wray, of Gastonia, who walks about in spectacles and plays with mathematics and United States history as with a bird; Miss Edith Hoyter, a daughter of peace, is also on hand, and sustains her reputation as gifted and popular teacher of geography and language work; Mrs. Tucker is striking 12 on primary work and Prof. Judd, of Raleigh, is pastmaster in the presentation of agriculture, grammar and physiology.

The attendance is good and the enthusiasm is intense. The educational spirit is growing in this county, and this meeting will do much to develop educational interest.

Dr. W. L. Potest, president of Wake Forest College, will be here during the session to lecture. As will Dr. Alphonso Smith, of the University. This is a summer school in which Rutherford and Polk counties are holding a joint session. Polk county was at one time a by-word and reproach as a storm centre of ignorance. Present conditions show a decided improvement, and indications are good for surprising educational achievement.

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YEARLY MEETING.

Annual Gathering of Friends to be Held This Year at Guilford College Beginning August 8th. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, July 24.—The yearly meeting of the Friends will begin at Guilford College Wednesday, August 8th. The college is making preparations to entertain a large crowd on the occasion and has already put in water pipes on the campus to furnish ice water for those attending the meetings. Yearly meetings were formerly held at High Point, but a year ago they were moved back to Guilford College, where they were held in the days that the place was known as the New Garden Boarding School. Each year the attendance increases, and now it has become one of the fixed religious gatherings of the year in North Carolina. Prominent members of the denomination from the Central and far Western States often come to these meetings. In recent years the Friends do not follow the old forms of worship so closely, and the meetings now are very similar to those of other Protestant faiths.

A Pythian Smoker. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, July 24.—The Proximity Lodge No. 158, Knights of Pythias, will hold a social session or smoker in the lodge rooms Thursday night. Handsome invitations have been issued. The members intend to make this the most notable event in the history of the lodge. Several well-known speakers will be present and make addresses. The lodge is one of the most flourishing in the city.

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CONSUMPTION CHEATS COURT. Amos County Negro, Charged With Killing Another of His Race, Succumbs to Disease. Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, July 24.—Jonah Thomas, the negro, who shot and killed Ralph Bruner at a negro festival in Burnsville, township some time back, died Sunday afternoon of consumption at his home in Burnsville township. Immediately after the killing Thomas was brought to Wadesboro and placed in jail, but some time since, on the testimony given by Dr. J. H. Bennett, the county physician, Judge Shaw ordered that he be released, as it was clearly seen that he could not live much longer.

CHARGED WITH INFANTICIDE. Dora Marlow, Catawba County Woman, Committed to Newton Jail for Alleged Murder of Her Infant. Special to The Observer.

Hickory, July 24.—Owing to the suspicious evidence leading up to the death of an infant, occurring two miles south of the city, the verdict of the coroner's jury, after post mortem examination of the body, was that the child had come to its death by a blow on the forehead at the hands of its mother, Dora Marlow, an unmarried woman who lived on the farm of Pink Ward. The woman was arrested this afternoon and sent to Newton jail, where she will be held for further hearing.

New Gate City Pastor Arrives. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, July 24.—Rev. R. M. Williams, the new pastor of Walker Avenue Presbyterian church, has arrived in the city and for the present is living with the family of Col. W. S. Tibbings on Walker avenue. Mr. Williams comes from Wallace, where he served as a home missionary for the Wilmington Presbytery. His family will arrive in a few days. The church he is to serve is a new one and is located in West Greensboro, in a section of the city in which there has been no Presbyterian church heretofore.

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