

PRIMARY DATE SELECTED

THURSDAY, THE 22D, CHOSEN

Democratic Executive Committee Meets and Selects Date for the Holding of the Municipal Primary... The Democratic executive committee at a special meeting for this purpose in the court house last night decided upon Thursday, April 22, as the date for holding the city primary to determine who shall be the candidate of the party for mayor of the city and school for aldermen, school commissioners and executive committee.

The following rules were adopted for the primary: 1. That on April 22, 1909, there shall be held in the City of Charlotte, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m., a primary election for the nomination of Democratic candidates for mayor, aldermen, school commissioners and executive committee.

2. That in the said primary the Democratic committee elected shall serve two years, and until their successors are elected, executive committee shall be elected as follows: Four from Ward 1, three from Ward 2, three from Ward 3, three from Ward 4, one from Ward 5, one from Ward 6, one from Ward 7, one from Ward 8, one from Ward 9, one from Ward 10, and one from Ward 11.

3. That a majority of all the votes cast for mayor shall be necessary to elect or nominate a candidate. 4. That no person shall be elected alderman, school commissioner or executive committee member, unless the votes received by such person shall be equal to or greater than a majority of the number of persons who shall have voted for such persons.

5. That in Ward 1, there shall be elected four or nominated four aldermen and three school commissioners; in Wards 2, 3 and 4, respectively, there shall be nominated three aldermen and two school commissioners; in Wards 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, respectively, there shall be elected one school commissioner and one alderman; and in Ward 8 there shall be elected two school commissioners and two aldermen.

6. That should there be any failure in the primary held on April 16, 1909, there shall be a second primary on the Thursday following, during the hours above mentioned, at which time, in case there has been no candidate nominated for mayor, only the two highest candidates in the first primary shall be voted on. If one alderman, school commissioner or executive committee member shall fail of nomination or election, in the first primary, in any ward, then only the two highest candidates failing for nomination for such office in the second primary shall be voted on. If two aldermen, school commissioners, executive committee members, fail for nomination in the first primary, then the four highest candidates failing for nomination in such ward, shall be voted on in the second primary; if three aldermen, school commissioners or executive committee members fail for nomination in the first primary, then the six highest candidates failing for nomination, in such ward, shall be voted on in the second primary; and if four aldermen or executive committee members fail for nomination in the first primary, then eight highest candidates for nomination for such office in such ward, shall be voted on in the second primary.

7. Then should there be any office not filled by nomination, in the second primary, it shall be the duty of the executive committee to provide for a further primary to fill such offices as shall have not been filled. 8. That all qualified white voters in the City of Charlotte, who will support the nominees of said primary election, are invited to participate in said primary.

9. That for the purpose of providing roll of the registered white voters in the several wards of said city, it shall be the duty of the registrars to obtain from the clerk of the Superior Court registration books used in Democratic municipal primary held in 1907, and the charter election of 1909, and the said registrars shall add to said roll the names of legally qualified voters in their respective wards, whose names do not appear on said roll, who shall apply to them for registration, on or before Tuesday, April 20, 1909, and for that purpose shall keep their registration books open in some convenient place, in their respective wards, between the 12th of April and the 20th of April, both inclusive, and no person whose name does not appear on the registration books, in the manner aforesaid, or who shall not have his name registered, on the registration books in the ward in which he resides, in accordance to the foregoing provisions of this section, shall be entitled to vote in said primary. 10. That any qualified voter of the city, whose name appears on the primary books of one ward, and who shall have moved from the said ward of the city, at any time since the last municipal primary, shall be entitled to vote in said primary in the ward where he shall be entitled under the municipal election law, to vote in the city election of 1907, and upon same terms and conditions.

Mr. J. E. Johnson to Boys. Mr. J. E. Johnson, student secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Carolinas, will address the Boys' Sunday Club at the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. His subject will be "The Fireman," which is the fifth address on the railroad series. Mr. Johnson is a very enthusiastic speaker and his talk to boys to-morrow afternoon will be unusually attractive. All boys of the city invited.

THE LARGEST OF DIAMONDS.

Pho-Simile of the Cullinan Diamond, Which Originally Weighs More than 3,100 Carats, on Exhibition in the City—Interesting Facts. In the show window of the jewelry store of Garibaldi, Bruns & Dixon, is a striking fac-simile of the famous Cullinan diamond, the largest in the world, which the South African government recently gave as a birthday present to His Majesty, King Edward VII of Great Britain and Ireland. Accompanying this fac-simile is the following interesting history which is reproduced in full:

"This largest of all diamonds ever found weighs no less than 3,024 3/4 carats. It is 4 inches long, 2 1/2 inches high and 2 inches broad. It has eight planes, four of which are cleaved, the other four showing the original crystalline surface. 'If one considers that the 'Excelsior,' a diamond found in 1931, which is the largest known diamond before the discovery of the Cullinan, weighs only 971 1/2 carats in its natural state, one can form an approximate idea of the extraordinary dimensions of this natural phenomenon.

"This remarkable diamond is called after Mr. T. M. Cullinan, president of the Premier Diamond Mining Company, Ltd., in the mines of which, almost 20 miles to the northwest of Pretoria, the precious stone was found on January 25, 1905. 'Captain' Wells (an overseer is called 'Captain' in South Africa), while on a tour of inspection through the mines, saw something glittering on one of the sides. It attracted his attention. He examined it, and recognized in it a diamond of unparalleled size. He was, however, unable to get it loose as a large portion of it was still imbedded in the rocks. 'Blue ground.' At last, however, after several hours of exertion, Mr. Wells succeeded in getting the diamond free.

"Although this find signified extraordinary good luck for the mining company, (indeed, the value of the stone was rated at no less than \$2,500,000) the delight at its discovery was anything but universal. For many a partner of the company asked himself who, in all the world would be able and likely to sink such an enormous capital in an article of luxury, especially as it was an evidently inoperative for anybody to wear an article of such weight in any form as a personal adornment. Besides it was to be feared that, if more such stones were discovered, the status of diamonds, especially of large ones, might considerably diminish. This fear seemed the more justified as in the Premier Mining Company from September, 1903 till June, 1905, no more than 22 diamonds had been found, weighing more than 100 carats each, viz: four weighing more than 300 carats, two weighing more than 200, and 16 weighing between 100 and 200 carats. How far this fear is grounded, time must show.

"Fortunately, for the first mentioned difficulty, a solution was found in 1907. The South African Government bought the diamond on the suggestion of General Botha for \$750,000—and, wishing to give their new sovereign, King Edward VII of Great Britain and Ireland, a proof of their loyalty, made him a present of it on November 9, 1907. The King's birthday. The London agent-general of the Transvaal in London and Sir Francis Hopwood, Under-Secretary of the State for the Colonies, handed 'the Cullinan' to His Majesty, King Edward, after having consulted the London diamond dealer, Mr. Levy Nephew, resolved to entrust Mr. L. J. Asscher, the well-known diamond cutter and polisher of Amsterdam, with the task of cutting the stone in his renowned diamond cutting works, a proof how highly the Amsterdam art of diamond cutting is appreciated.

"The 'Cullinan' was cleaved on the 10th of February, 1908, by the eldest member of the firm, Mr. Joseph Asscher, and has been cut and polished by Mr. Henri Koe, who is renowned for his skill in treating diamonds. The result of the work is entirely successful, and the Cullinan diamond is now divided into nine brilliants of considerable size, nearly one hundred small ones and a quantity of unpolished 'ends.' The large stone, the Cullinan I, weighs 576 1/2 carats; the Cullinan II, 203 1/2 carats and the rest are smaller.

DEMONSTRATION AT ACADEMY.

Local Theatre Being Overhauled by Invaluable Renovator—Public Cordially Invited to Witness Work To-day.

An interesting demonstration of the most modern and practical method of sanitary cleaning is now being made at the Academy of Music by George A. Simpson, special sales representative of the Electric Renovator Manufacturing Company of Pittsburg, one of the well known concerns making the most improved portable electric air renovators and cleaners in the country. Mr. Simpson's mission in the South is to establish State sales agencies for his company. He has selected Charlotte as the most central point in which to place an agency to control the sales of "Invaluable" renovators in North and South Carolina. All the State agencies in the North, East and West have been successfully established and there remains but two more to be placed, the Carolinas and Virginia. The "Invaluable" renovators have been demonstrated, approved and accepted by the government at Washington where a large number is in use removing the daily dirt and germ accumulations from the different department buildings. Mr. Simpson called at The Observer office and requested that an invitation be extended to every one interested in the removal of dirt and germs to witness these demonstrations to-day at the Academy of Music.

Closing of Carolina School.

The closing exercises of the school at Carolina Academy will occur April 20 and Messrs. Cameron Morrison and F. R. McNinch, of the local bar, together with Supr. R. J. Cochran, have been invited to be present on that occasion to deliver educational addresses, the latter to serve as master of ceremonies. Music will be rendered by the Minville singing band, Misses Callie Scirens and Hattie Murr, who were the successful teachers at this school during the past year.

The Great Passover.

Rev. Francis M. Osborne, rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, will be the speaker at the meeting for men at the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Osborne has elected to speak on the subject, "The Great Passover." The address as well as the other features of the programme will be appropriate to the occasion.

Rally This Afternoon.

There will be a rally in the Boys' Club rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 5 o'clock for the members of the Boys' Club who have made the best record in attendance during the past four months. George Hartman, Jr., scored the greatest number of points while Melbane Long ran second.

FINE BUILDING PROBABLE

BANK TAKES OVER PROPERTY

Directors of Commercial National Bank Take Over Hands of President R. A. Dunn the Handsome Corner Lot at Tryon and Fourth Streets Which He Purchased For \$45,500—No Details of Plans For New Building, But the Property Was Thought to Be Bank—Another Skyscraper Likely—Substantial Institution.

At a meeting of the directors of the Commercial National Bank yesterday afternoon, the property at the corner of South Tryon and Fourth streets was taken over from the hands of President R. A. Dunn, who made the purchase on the preceding day, presumably for the purposes of the institution of which he is the head. The consideration named in the deed is \$45,500 and, as stated in yesterday morning's Observer, the property faces on Tryon street 25 feet and runs with Fourth street a distance of 135 feet.

It was announced after the meeting that the bank intended to erect some time in the future an elegant home, but no details of the proposition were even discussed at the meeting. The fact that the lease which is at present held by the Southern Express Company on the building will last for more than a year, makes it impractical and unnecessary to arrange for any of the details of the proposed building as yet.

MAY BE ANOTHER SKYSCRAPER.

The Commercial Bank has been on the hunt for a suitable location for several months and its officials had their eyes on another principal site upon which it was aimed to erect an eight-story office building. It is considered altogether probable that such an office will be placed on the corner lot which has just been purchased. At any rate, the home-to-be of the Commercial National will unquestionably be one of the finest in the State. The prosperous and strong condition of the institution makes it fitting that it occupy an elegant home and such a conception is thought to be in the minds of the officials. When the time arrives for work to begin on this notable improvement, the plans will call for a structure that will meet, not only the immediate requirements of the bank itself, but which will be in keeping with the development of the city as a flourishing office centre. The building will be for the future.

A CENTRE OF OFFICE BUILDINGS.

The block of South Tryon street at one corner of which the new property of the bank is located has become one of the most thriving business centres of the city. The Greyhound Trust Company is just now engaged in erecting a fine building for its use of four stories in height and out of the costliest building material. This bank will add to the Commercial when the removal comes off. In this same block are also located the Piedmont Building, with a large number of individual offices, the Trust Building and the office building of the 40's, all of which are modern in their appointments and do credit to any city in the South, both in point of beauty and size.

THE STRENGTH OF THE BANK.

The Commercial National is known to be one of the strongest in the South. Its capital stock is \$500,000 and its February statement showed a surplus of more than \$327,000. It is numbered among the most reliable financial institutions in the Carolinas and enjoys a large patronage throughout the State. Its officers are: R. A. Dunn, president, W. E. Holt, vice president, Major A. G. Brenner, cashier, A. T. Summey, assistant cashier.

The directors of the bank are as follows: R. M. Brown, D. E. Rhynes, R. L. Gibson, L. Banks Holt, C. W. Johnson, E. C. Holt, William E. Holt, A. J. Hagood, L. W. Sanders, S. W. Cramer, J. W. Cannon, Jr., S. B. Tanner, R. M. Miller, Jr., D. H. Anderson, R. C. Carson, W. S. Alcorn, J. M. McNeill, C. H. Dula, Willis Brown, J. A. Durham, T. H. Houghton, F. D. Lethco, R. A. Dunn, A. G. Brenner.

Easter Exercises at First Baptist Sunday School.

The programme of the Easter exercises at the First Baptist Sunday school to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock is as follows: Music by orchestra. Song service. Selections by orchestra. Recitation—Little Alice Fielding. Prayer. Singing by school. Duet, Messrs. Ed. Calpepper and Oris O'Daniel. Selection by orchestra. Reading lesson. Solo, Mr. Cecil Butt. Lesson study. Announcements. Singing by school. Closing hymn.

All Ladies Should Be There This Afternoon.

The booths at the Masonic bazaar will be ready by 2 o'clock this afternoon and as many of the ladies in charge and their assistants as possible are urged to be present to take them in hand. In view of the fact that it is expected that the bazaar will open Monday evening, there is much work yet to be done and therefore all the ladies are urged to be present this afternoon promptly. Everything is in readiness and but little extra attention is required to complete all plans for what is going to be the most elaborate event that ever took place in Charlotte.

For a Membership Contest.

The Young Women's Christian Association will have a membership campaign during the week beginning April 20. Teams representing the churches of the city are being organized and everything will be in readiness to start off the night appointed with a supper at the Selwyn. This will be for the purpose of having a better acquaintance with association work of gaining enthusiasm at the beginning of the campaign and for good fellowship. The supper will not be elaborate and tickets for it will be on sale at the association all next week.

Air Dome to Resume.

Announcement has just been made that the Air Dome, the open-air moving picture and vaudeville place on West Trade street just in front of the Selwyn, will open on or about Monday, April 19, under the joint management of the Theatro and Selwyn. Only the very best and most carefully selected attractions will be booked and the most select patronage will be catered to. In addition to the open-air feature, there will be a roof provided for use in time of rain.

Masonic Bazaar at Hand.

Members of the Masonic committee in charge of the bazaar have been busy engaged in decorating the Auditorium for the past several days and their work is progressing nicely. Everything will be in readiness for the ladies to take a hand this afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are requested to be present promptly.

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