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STATE CONVENTION.

Enthusiastic Gathering at Greensboro.

DECLARES FOR BRYAN AND AYCOCK.

Ex-Gov. Chas. B. Aycock Chosen Chairman-District Convention Work Ratified-Platform Adopted.

The Democratic State Convention which met at Greensboro yesterday was not as small an unenthusiastic gathering as was expected. The attendance was large and enthusiasm ran high as the work of the Democratic party in the State for past years was reviewed and the present prosperous and law abiding citizenship was brought prominently to the front.

Early in the session the convention placed the State on record, with resolutions endorsing Wm. Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, and Ex-Gov. Chas. B. Aycock, of North Carolina, to lead the national ticket in 1908. Though many matters were warmly debated the proceedings were harmonious throughout, and in every instance the people ruled. At 2 o'clock Chairman Simmons called the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Dr. Detwiler, to order.

Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville, was made temporary chairman, and before taking his seat addressed the body. He declared the State in the most harmonious and peaceful and prosperous condition and briefly reviewed the brilliant record of Chas. B. Aycock as Governor. The reference to untrailing manufacture and sale of liquor brought liberal applause.

The speaker declared that the party was in better form than ever. He said that the Republican party, with its troops and still houses as its allies, had been defeated and discredited. He referred to the Republicans as a band of public plunderers, with Marion Butler as their leader. President Roosevelt is probably the most popular Chief executive, but he is abiding by Democratic principles mainly.

Concluding Mr. Craig referred to Mr. Bryan as the nation's greatest Statesman, and suggested him as Democratic leader in 1908. After appointing the committee on resolutions and platform, and another on permanent organization, the convention adjourned until 3:30 o'clock.

Immediately after dinner a message from Gov. (Hunt), who could not be present, was read.

The message congratulated the Democratic party upon the progress the State had made under its administration. "To ascertain what is the cause of this progress, you have only to review the past, and compare the material, educational and moral growth of the present, with the sorrow, shame and waste of that period when our State was under the tyrannical and misrule of Republicanism, and such a comparison will convince anyone who really loves his State, that its safety and future advancement will be best preserved by supporting its affairs in the hands of the Democratic party rather than in the hands of the Republican party who then and even now, show that all they care for is the spoils."

After this message the committee recommended Hon. Chas. B. Aycock chairman and F. B. Arendell, secretary.

Mr. Aycock made a spicy speech, which stirred the audience because of his masterful eloquence.

Then the convention came again down to business. The work of the Congressional and Judicial conventions was notified and the names of judges nominated at recent conventions were read. Instead of Judge H. R. Bryan, in the third, O. H. Guion nominated, and Judge T. J. Shaw, in the fourth, J. C. Biggs. These were the only changes.

Messrs. Franklin McNeil, J. A. Long and S. O. Middleton were placed in nomination for corporation commissioner and a ballot gave McNeil 521 votes, Long 179 and Middleton 71. The nomination was made unanimous for McNeil.

Solicitor A. L. Brooks offered a wholesome endorsing Bryan as the Democratic nominee for President in 1908 and Mr. C. B. Aycock for Vice President. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 750 to 20. At the next meeting the platform committee reported the following lengthy document. It is impossible to present it in this connection but will be printed in full next week. It treats on the result of the constitutional amendment, on educational progress, care of deaf and dumb, blind and insane, favors the forest reserve, denounces trust and tariff and strongly presents the principles of Democracy. It is a document well worth preserving and should be carefully read and preserved by every reader of the Courier.

The Greensboro people did themselves credit in entertaining the Democrats. The Grand Opera House, where the convention was held, was appropriately decorated and elaborately supplied with electric fans, cigars, lemonade, lunch and Jackson Springs water were furnished free.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS.

Successful Meetings at Baptist Church-The County Sunday School Convention.

The protracted meeting is still in progress at the Baptist church. A large number of conversions have been reported. Several have joined the church and were baptized by Rev. John Hackney Sunday evening.

Mr. Geo. Tippet, an employee of the Seaboard Railroad came home Monday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tippet.

Prof. E. C. Hamilton, of Greensboro, will begin a singing school at this place this week. He will be here for the county Sunday school convention and will conduct the singing for the meeting which is expected to be one of the best in the history of the association. It is hoped that every delegate who expects to attend will send their names as soon as possible, as the time is now short and the committee must know before hand in order to secure homes for all. Send all communications, as was stated in the Courier some time ago, to L. F. Fentress.

Mr. Mont Fentress, of High Point, came down Monday to spend some time with relatives and friends.

The Franklinville Mfg. Co. cotton mill resumed operation Monday after a shut down of two weeks.

Miss Lilla Fentress, who has been at the Oxford Orphanage for some time came to the city to spend a few weeks with Mrs. L. F. Fentress.

Messrs. W. B. Cox, Chufee Cox, Arthur Ellison, W. H. Tippet and Joe Tippet went on an excursion to Richmond Creek one day last week and spent the day hunting and fishing and have since been feasting on the finny tribe.

Mr. D. S. Culbertson and Miss Sula Dyer left last Saturday for Rockingham to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

SCHOOL ELECTION CONTESTED.

Board of Commissioners Favored Teachers and Opposed New Election Held.

At the meeting of the Board of county commissioners held Monday a complaint was filed against a school tax election held May 15th in New Market township for the vicinity of Glencoe school. The complaint alleged that the vote polled did not represent the majority of the qualified voters of the district. The Board, after investigation, found the election irregular as set forth in the complaint and declared it null and void.

Following this action up a petition was presented asking for a new election and the same was ordered to be held August 10th, 1906. R. L. White was appointed registrar and A. B. Coltrane and A. J. Spencer judges of the election.

Hand Sawn Off.

Allen Hunt, seventeen years old son of Robt. Hunt met with a serious accident on Friday of last week at Ivy Luther's saw mill in Union township. He was shoveling saw dust from under the saw and let saw catch the shovel handle which jerked his hand up against it which cut off the three first fingers of the right hand and cut off end of the thumb near the first joint.

Mortgage Deal Disclosed.

L. J. Phelps, of New York, was in Asheboro a few days ago and filed for registration a deed of trust from the Cumberland and Randolph Insurance Company to the Empire Trust Company, of New York, for an amount not disclosed, for the purpose of securing a loan of \$100,000 from the latter company.

TAR HEEL HONORED.

Carolinian is One of Harvard Commencement Orators-Discusses Race Problem.

North Carolina sent 23 young men to Harvard last year. Of these three were graduated last week.

R. W. Page, of Moore county, will settle at Boston, Mass., for the practice of law.

Harvard University Commencement occurred Wednesday of last week. Referring to the event the Baltimore Sun says:

A young Southerner, Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Pendleton, N. C., was one of the commencement speakers. This is an honor much sought in Harvard, and there is keen rivalry for it. This is the second year in succession that a Southerner has received the same honor. Last year W. A. Lambeth, now a Methodist minister in Salisbury, N. C., received the appointment, as he was then in Harvard doing graduate work after getting his degree at Yale. When Lambeth finished speaking on the race question President Roosevelt, who was here, rose and congratulated the young North Carolinian.

Mr. Stephenson today again presented the Southern side of the race problem. He has specialized in the subject since he has been in Harvard two years, and last winter was one of the speakers at the meeting of the American Political Science Association at Baltimore. His subject today was "Race Distinction," and he pointed out the growing sentiment—not only in the South, but wherever there are many negroes—for separation of the races.

DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.

Though 96 Years of Age Mrs. Hammond Was Very Active Until a Few Days Ago.

Mrs. Sibel Hammond, wife of the late Moses Hammond, died at her home near Whitehouse Saturday. She had only been sick a few days and though 96 years and 11 months old she was very active, doing much of the household work each day.

Mrs. Hammond was an excellent old lady and loved by all who knew her.

The funeral was conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock at Hopewell where the burial took place.

The deceased was the step-mother of Mr. M. Hammond, formerly of Archdale, but now making his home with his son, W. C. Hammond in Asheboro.

PARDONING BOARD ACTS.

Refuses to Recommend Mercy for Bob Small, Now Under Condemnation.

The pardon board of S. Carolina has acted adversely on the petition of Bob Small, the young Randolph man sentenced to hang next month at Darlington for the murder of a negro, John Nall, also of North Carolina, who took part in the killing with Small, is serving a life-time sentence. Many letters have been sent to the Governor from North Carolina in Small's interest. The Governor has not taken a stand on the matter. He will carefully weigh the case before rendering a decision. This is the first instance in which he has hesitated about adopting the recommendations of the pardon board.

59th Congress.

The 59th Congress adjourned Saturday night. President Roosevelt has issued a statement concerning the work in which he declares it the best on record. Of 26,500 bills introduced 4,000 became laws, surpassing by 500 the record of the two sessions of the 58th Congress. Questions of domestic concern occupied the attention of the Nation's lawmakers almost exclusively. Appropriations for this session will approximate \$900,000,000.

To Install Officers.

Thursday night the following officers of Randolph Lodge 272 I. O. O. F. will be installed: U. S. Hayes, Noble Grand; A. H. Winningham, Vice Grand; W. B. Webster, Treasurer; C. A. Hayworth, Secretary; B. B. Phillips, Warden; J. H. McCain, Conductor; A. O. Redding, R. S. to N. G.; T. J. Hoover, L. S. to N. G.; N. S. A. Dyer, R. S. to V. G.; E. O. Russell, L. S. to V. G.; Chas. F. Smith, Inside Guard; A. A. Hagan, Outside Guard; W. W. Lusk, Steward; W. H. Hall, J. S. to N. G.; D. L. L. L.

TERRIFIC STORM.

Broke Over Asheboro Sunday Night Doing Much Damage.

VENERABLE WAR OF THE ELEMENTS.

Christian Church Completely Demolished—House Unroofed—Chimneys Blown Down and Hail Broke Many Window Panes.

Sunday night between eight and nine o'clock the most furious storm on record in this section broke over Asheboro, doing no little damage. The wind, accompanied by heavy rain and electrical displays, blew from the Southwest at a furious rate. For twenty minutes the storm gradually increased in power. The terrific peals of thunder, the vivid lightning, and the heavy downpour had already terrorized many of our people when hail in great abundance began to fall. Asheboro was the scene of a veritable "War of the Elements."

Buildings creaked and windows were broken in every section of the town. But beginning at a point in South Asheboro a little tornado seemed to have passed to the Northeast, leaving marks of destruction in its path which was about seventy-five feet wide.

The Christian Church was completely demolished. The tower seemed to have been lifted from the main building and thrown several feet on the hillside. Fortunately no service was being held and no one was in the church or many lives would have been lost. The church was practically new and was valued at about \$2,500. This is a complete loss as there was no tornado insurance on the building.

The roof of the residence of James Kivett was lifted from the frame and carried across the street, striking the residence of L. D. Bulla, tearing down the chimneys.

A chimney on the residence of O. L. Sapp was blown down crushing a large hole in the roof and drenching a portion of the house with water.

The old frame store building just west of the courthouse in which was stored a lot of furniture, was also damaged by having the entire front torn away. The wind carried the ruin from the open front thereby relieving the damage to the furniture which only suffered dampness.

A barn belonging to Mr. J. F. Birkhead was also in the path and was wrecked. Trees were blown up by the roots and others badly broken.

The hail did much damage to gardens. It is learned that very light rain fell in the county and there was very little damage done by the wind. In many places the rain was not sufficient to lay the dust.

HON. R. N. PAGE RENOMINATED.

Seventh District Democrats Selected Him to Succeed Himself.

Lexington, July 2.—The congressional convention of the seventh district was held here to-day, and Hon. Robert N. Page was renominated by acclamation. Chairman Spence called the convention to order, and Capt. F. C. Robbins was made permanent chairman. The roll call showed all counties in the district present. Congressman Page was detained at Jackson Springs on account of his health. In a brief and bright speech, Editor Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville placed Mr. Page in nomination. On motion of S. E. Williams, Esq., the nomination was made unanimous.

The following executive committee was elected for the seventh district, viz: G. F. Hankins, chairman, Davidson; J. W. Pass, Yadkin; Jas. A. Lockhart, Jr., Anson; R. R. Ross, Randolph; T. J. Jerome, Union; John F. McNair, Scotland; W. K. Clement, Davie; R. O. Fry, Montgomery; W. L. Parsons, Richmond; and U. L. Spence, Moore.

\$30,000 Fire at Rutherfordton.

The business part of Rutherfordton was almost completely wiped out by fire Monday night. The fire originated in the building owned by J. J. ...

JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

Solicitor W. C. Hammer Renominated by Democrats of the Tenth District.

Lexington July 2.—Immediately upon the adjournment of the congressional convention to-day the judicial convention of the tenth district was called to order, S. E. Williams, Esq. being made chairman, and C. F. Cochran, secretary. As there was no other business than nominating a solicitor, Mr. Wm. C. Hammer was unanimously named to succeed himself. Solicitor Hammer was put in nomination by Col. W. P. Wood, of Randolph, who made a witty speech. Several short addresses commendatory of present solicitor, on motion of Capt. F. C. Robbins, his nomination was made unanimous. Messrs. Blair and Spence, who the chair stated were the only persons present able to bring him, were then sent after the absent prosecutor who made a ringing speech of thirty minutes.

Mr. Hammer responded in a short speech. He spoke of the strength of the judiciary of the State and the importance of strong men for judges. He said he felt dejected because Judge Thomas J. Shaw was not nominated. It was with Judge Shaw that he first began his career as solicitor, and he had learned from him some of the first duties of a judicial officer. It was nothing derogatory to Mr. Biggs, this regret over losing Judge Shaw, but it grieved him to see that this eminent man was the only one turned down in the State.

The following were named as executive committee for the tenth judicial district, viz: C. C. McAlister, chairman, Randolph; George B. Nicholson, Iredell; R. C. Puryear, Yadkin; C. D. Peebles, Davie; A. F. Samf, Davidson; L. H. Clement, Rowan; R. L. Smith, Stanly, and J. R. Blair, Montgomery.

GOOD WOMAN PASSES AWAY.

Death of Mrs. Lucy Cunniffingim at Greensboro—Life Filled With Good Works.

Mrs. Lucy Cunniffingim died at her home at Greensboro Thursday last week and was buried Friday. Mrs. Cunniffingim had been in ill health for some months, but was stricken with her last illness while attending recent meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Warrenton. Mrs. Cunniffingim was born at Mocksville, Davie county, September 28th, 1828 and died in the seventy-seventh year of her age. She grew up a member of the M. E. Church, South, remaining a consistent member of that church until her death.

In 1862 she married Rev. Jesse Cunniffingim, he departing this life in 1899. The deceased graduated from the Greensboro Female College in 1858, and was president of the Alumnae Association from its organization. The announcement of Mrs. Cunniffingim's death was received with deep sorrow throughout the commonwealth.

THE REDDING MINE.

Shows Free Gold With Some Copper, Silver and Iron—Now Being Operated.

Much has been said recently about Randolph and adjoining counties as producers of metals, and a few producers of precious metals have been noted. Besides these Randolph has another mine which is paying the operators well. It is about a mile from Cedar Falls, is known as The Redding Mine and is owned by Messrs. A. H. and B. F. Redding. The mine has been worked for years in places below the vein proper, and records show that more than \$76,000 was washed from the branch below the vein, which was discovered by the present owners of the mine.

The mine is now being operated by H. C. Robertson, who took charge the first of last March. He is taking out some very nice ore which is valuable with free gold and also shows some copper, silver and iron.

Death of an Infant.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Elder died Monday morning at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Elder, at Parkersburg, Mo., 10 months.

RALEIGH LETTER.

Wake County Politics Warming Up—Salaried Officers The Question.

FARMERS CONVENTION TO MEET.

Visit of Secretary of War Taft to Greensboro Postponed Until Monday of Next Week—Other News Notes.

Wake county will be represented in the next state senate by a man who will probably make one of the most efficient and popular senators the county has ever had, Hon. John C. Drewry, who acceptably served in the House four years ago. Mr. Drewry is one of the most successful and capable business men in North Carolina and he is a man of a high order of ability and learning, a graduate of the University of Virginia, where he also received his degree in the law. However, he has never practiced that profession, the last twenty years of his being devoted chiefly to building up what is now his large insurance business. For fifteen years he has been one of the most prominent figures in Raleigh business and municipal affairs. The annual convention of North Carolina farmers begins here on Thursday of next week, July tenth, and continues three days. There will be thirty addresses delivered during that time, mostly on subjects of peculiar interest to farmers. Among the speakers will be three connected with the United States Department of agriculture.

During the three days' convention of the general farmers' organization there will be meetings held by six divisions of that organization, or rather of six associations whose members are also identified with the general organization, to wit: The state dairymen's association, the N. C. division of the southern cotton association, the farmers' protective association (tobacco growers) the state poultry association and the Woman's Division of the state convention. The last named will be addressed by several female speakers of Raleigh and elsewhere.

The annual meeting of the N. C. Teachers' Association, which has been in progress here for three weeks, will end with the close of this week.

A little ginger is being injected into the local campaign (that is to say, the primary in this county over the nomination of candidates for state senator, sheriff and county commissioners, and in consequence of a proposition to cut down the income of the principal county officers who now receive fees instead of stated salaries. It is alleged that the county clerk, the register of deeds and the sheriff of Wake county are all receiving a net income in fees of over five thousand dollars each annually, while the sheriff of Wake did realize over eight thousand dollars a year up to two years ago, when the legislature reduced his commission for collecting taxes, in excess of fifty thousand, which cut off three thousand dollars from the amount he had been realizing from that source. The proposition is to change the law in its application to Wake and the other larger counties and give these county officers all regular or stated salaries, all in excess of that amount to be covered into the county treasuries and lighten the county tax rate.

This being on off year in state politics, with only one official prize in the political grab-bag, there is not much doing, except in the county and congressional contests. Even the choice of legislature this year which will have the selection of a United States senator is discounted by the fact that the election of that high officer will be merely formal and a very perfunctory affair, because of the candidacy of only one aspirant, Senator Simmons having no opposition.

MARRIED.

At the residence of S. A. Cox, in Union township, June 29, Mr. Christopher Bingham and Miss Grissie Luther, S. A. Cox, J. P. officiating.

CHURCH OF THE COURSE.

To the members of Randolph County. I take this opportunity to announce that an independent Conference will be held at Greensboro, N. C., on the 10th, 11th and 12th of July.