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Democratic State Convention Meets Today

Not a Few Aspirants to Enter Primaries—Number of Carolinians Who Served in World War Not Available, but Some Figures Given.

FEDERAL JUDGES HOLD FOR STATE AGAINST RAILROADS AGAIN.

State Bankers Meet at Pinehurst April 26-28.

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, April 18.—The Democratic State Convention Thursday is the event of this week and the "key-note" speech to be delivered by Congressman Ed W. Pon of the fourth (Raleigh) district, temporary presiding officer, the outstanding feature of that occasion.

Some of the party's guardians and "leaders" are on the preliminary scene and many an old political hen will be set during the week on seven-months eggs, designed to be hatched out in November.

The third congressional district is causing more anxiety than any other spot in the party firmament at present, there being a whole setting of eggs in that one district alone for the primary to dispose of before hatching time.

At least a half-dozen aspirants, including Charles F. Abernethy and Larry Moore of New Bern, Matt Allen of Goldsboro, Dr. Carr of Duplin, and others, are expected to file notices this week.

Saturday is the last day for any citizen who wants to be congressman, judge, solicitor, state senator, associate justice or corporation commissioner on either ticket to declare himself and pay his fee. The lists close next Saturday night at midnight, though any notification bearing the stamp of April 22 will be accepted and filed.

Four judicial districts, congressional districts, seven solicitorships, scores of those who will seek senatorial honors and the place on the Corporation Commission were unspoken for by either Republican or Democrat. But few Republicans have applied for any office, though a full roster of them is expected before the expiration of the time limit.

The twelfth judicial district showed up with opposition to J. Allen Austin when his fellow-townsmen T. W. Albertson, filed his intention to run for solicitor in that district. Judge T. J. Shaw, also of that district, filed notice of his intent to run for re-nomination.

Among the latest entrants listed are: Thomas J. Shaw, Greensboro, Judge Superior Court, twelfth district; W. H. Fisher, Clinton, (R.), solicitor, sixth district; T. W. Albertson, High Point (D.), solicitor, twelfth district; G. D. Bailey, Burnsville (R.), solicitor, eighth district; Jas. M. Carson, Rutherfordton (D.), solicitor, eighth district; J. E. Swain, Asheville (D.), solicitor, nineteenth district.

Figures About Tar Heels in the War. Following a request from Commissioner W. A. Graham of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Senator Simmons obtained information from the Adjutant General's office, War Department, saying that complete figures showing the number of North Carolina men who served in the world war are not yet available but the following estimates would be given:

"The most recent estimates, based upon the number of statements of service thus far completed, indicate that approximately 4,438, 000 men served in the army as enlisted men during the period of hostilities, of whom

some, 94, 900 entered the service from the state of North Carolina. It has also been estimated that 3, 865 of the 206, 350 commissioned officers came from that state.

"Recently compiled casualty statistics show that 2, 505 North Carolina soldiers, of whom 70 were commissioned officers and 2, 429 were enlisted men, lost their lives during the period of the war, and that 3, 823 others, including 156 officers, were wounded."

State Wins Again in Railroad Tax Court Order.

The State of North Carolina and the State Department of Revenue, A. D. Watts, commissioner, have again won a court fight against the big railroad systems that have been delaying payment of income taxes.

Again arguing their suit against the taxing department of the state, the railroads were unable to move the federal judges who recently denied their application, their honors refusing again to continue the injunction pending the hearing of that appeal before the United States Supreme Court.

The carriers are in the anomalous position of asking an injunction against nothing. The court has dismissed the action against the state. The roads have appealed. But the real purpose of the application now before the court is to stay the collection of the taxes. The three judges who sat in these cases point the roads to the highest court. They refuse to stop payment until they are themselves stopped.

Judges Connor and Waddill, who heard the informal argument of the railroads, granted thirty days to the roads, thus staying the state's procedure against the companies another month to give the Supreme Court of the United States a chance to act. After the expiration of that thirty days the roads will have to pay what amounts to a substantial million dollars annually in taxes. Judge Connor, sitting alone, set June 15th for the final hearing on the income tax feature of the litigation.

Former Associate Justice George H. Brown of the Supreme Court, Thomas D. Warren, Judge William P. Bynum and Attorney General James S. Manning appeared for the state, and Col. W. B. Rodman, Col. Thos. W. Davis Col. Harry Skinner, Murray Allen, W. M. Hendren and James F. Wright appeared for the several roads.

Big Time at Bankers' Meet.

North Carolina bankers, in all the towns of North Carolina, are looking forward with pleasure to next week.

Prominent speakers at the annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, to be held at Pinehurst April 26-28, will include Senator Dial of South Carolina; Walter W. Head of Omaha, Neb., vice-president of the American Bankers' Association; George J. Seay, governor of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank, and Oliver J. Sands, General manager of the Tobacco Cooperative Marketing Association.

The convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock on the morning of April 26th at the Carolina Hotel, and the address of welcome will be made by Hon. Robert N. Page, president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines. The response will be made by T. A. Avera of Rocky Mount. C. C. Kirkpatrick of New Bern will deliver an address on "How to Make North Carolina Pay Dividends."

Judge C. F. Moore of New York City will deliver an address at the night session. On the second day Messrs. Sands and Seay will speak, and J. W. Vaughn of Cartersville, Ga., will discuss the livestock industry. Senator Dial and Mr. Head will speak on the third day of the convention, which will close with a business session in the afternoon. The Pinehurst management has made special provision for entertaining the visitors. There will be golf every day, races and dancing in the evening. A feature of the meeting will be shooting exhibitions by Miss Annie Oakley.

A. M. Dumay of Washington, N. C., is president of the association, and Allan T. Bowler of Raleigh is secretary. The vice-presi-

dents are: C. E. Brooks of Waynesville, John D. Biggs of Williamston and S. A. Hubbard of Asheville. T. A. Uzzell of New Bern is treasurer.

Former Soldiers and Sailors Dismissed in Violation of Law.

In view of the recent wholesale discharges of government employees, including many former soldiers and sailors, Senator Caraway (Dem., Ark.) introduced a resolution calling upon the President to tell how many of such former sailors and soldiers in the classified service had been dismissed, demoted or had their salaries reduced, and cited the following Federal statute:

"In the event of reduction being made in the forces in any of executive departments, no honorably discharged soldier or sailor whose record in said department is rated good shall be discharged or dropped or reduced in rank or in salary."

Commenting on this, Senator Caraway said:

"Quite a number of soldiers and sailors with honorable discharges who were within the classified service have been dismissed from the service without any explanation. Three of them are in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. There are many of them in the Navy Yard. There were some of them in the Treasury Department, and the departments are dismissing soldiers and sailors with honorable discharges whose records are good, and we want to know why.

"There is a cry all over this country now that there is no respect for the law. How can we complain when some one becomes a bootlegger if the highest executive officer in the land and cabinet officers disregard the law and deprive men of their rights? We cannot build up a respect for law and at the same time let those who are charged with the duty of enforcing it ignore it. The law is as binding upon the President as upon the humblest citizen in the land."

Senator Caraway brought on a colloquy with Senator Sterling (Newberry Rep., S. D.), Chairman of the Civil Service Committee, when he expressed the belief that his resolution would be smothered in committee, and then added:

"But there is a court of appeal above Presidents and above Cabinets, to which court these people who have had their character blackened, and who have been denied the right to make an honest living, can appeal. These women who were discharged can appeal to that court. These ex-service men, who went out when Congress declared that a state of war existed between this country and Germany, who laid down their civil employments and imperiled their lives and their futures to save this country, now have their rights taken from them by the Executive and the Cabinet, and they have an appeal. It lies beyond this administration; it lies in the common sense and fairness and justice of the American people, and I am confident, sir, despite all that may happen here, despite what the Senate may do, that the American people are going to hear that appeal, and do justice by these men and these women. I do not care whether they vote the Republican ticket or the Democratic ticket; they have a right to look to the Executive and to Congress of the United States for justice, and when it is denied them, there is somebody, somewhere, who is going to rebuke those who sit in high places, and ignore the rights of those in humbler stations."

All Cows in County to be Tested for Tuberculosis.

The County Board of Commissioners, on April 3rd, agreed to meet the offer made by the State and Federal governments to test the cattle in this county for tuberculosis. This move ranks with the stock law and the "Tick Eradication" law. It is a very important move for the dairy industry for the conservation of health of all who drink milk, nature's best food.

Within the next sixty days plans will be made for the testing of all cattle. Those found to be infected will be killed or quarantined. For all grade cattle the State will pay \$25 and the Federal government a like amount. For purebreds a total of \$100 will be paid.

Several herds in the county have been known to be infected. A county free of this dreaded disease is a valuable asset. At least 25 per cent of all tuberculosis in the human family comes from drinking infected milk. Thirty-six people died in the county last year of tuberculosis. I have often been asked by purchasers of cattle here if there was any tuberculosis in the county. We can truthfully say after this test that there is none.

W. KERR SCOTT, Co. Agent of Alamance County.

Harness your eyes with common sense. Tailor bird is known by that name because it sews the leaves of its nest together.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION Delegates to State and Judicial Conventions Elected

Pursuant to the call of the County Chairman, C. R. Love, the Democratic Convention met in the Courthouse in Graham, at 11 o'clock, Saturday, April 15, 1922. W. S. Coulter was elected temporary chairman, and D. J. Walker, temporary secretary. The object of the convention, as stated by the chairman, was to elect delegates to the State Convention, that is to meet in Raleigh, Thursday, April 20th.

The following were nominated and elected, as delegates and alternates to the State convention:

Delegates: R. J. Thompson, Fred Homewood, Mrs. C. E. Tapscott, J. J. Lambeth, W. S. Franks, R. L. Holt, L. A. McCauley, E. S. Parker, Jr., Pleas Geanes, J. M. Buckner, Jack Roney, Mrs. J. Dolph Long, Ebb Holt, Ed J. Braxton, Miss Alma Stockard, B. J. Williamson, Chas. A. Thompson, Mrs. Kerr Scott, W. O. Warren, A. B. Fitch, Walter E. Stainback, A. M. Carroll, W. K. Holt, O. E. Crowson, C. R. Love, Mrs. J. H. Vernon, Mrs. W. J. Barker, C. D. Story, Mrs. Allen Burroughs, T. H. Iseley, Thos. Sewell, E. B. Horner, Mrs. A. H. King, W. H. Carroll.

Alternates: Mrs. J. M. Coble, A. S. Thompson, J. B. Gerringier, E. C. Rumbly, J. S. Gilliam, Lawrence Huffman, John Vaughn, Mrs. Allen D. Tate, Mrs. P. A. Holt, Dr. W. S. Long, Jr., L. C. Allen, A. W. Norwood, William Coble, Walter Stockard, Miss Lavina Lewis, Henry James, M. S. Annie Minor, W. W. Corbett, J. S. Vincent, Miss Jennie Lasley, Mrs. E. L. Dailey, John M. Cook, W. J. Gosham, Dr. T. S. Eaucatte, D. L. Shoffner, A. A. Apple, Miss Corinna Gant, Mrs. Lola Linberry, Miss Lena Walton, Mrs. E. L. Graves, Mrs. J. Rainey Parker, W. R. Sellers, J. E. Moore.

It was moved and carried that any citizen or citizens attending the convention, who has not been named a delegate, shall be deemed a delegate either to the Judicial convention or the State convention, or to both.

It was moved and carried that the committees of the various voting precincts, together with their chairmen and committee, until their successors shall be elected at the regular county convention, and the various chairmen of the said committees are constituted an advisory board of the county chairman and the County Board of Elections.

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Cooperative Tobacco Association Notes.

Hundreds of contracts reaching Raleigh, headquarters of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, every week marks the successful start of the campaign for a 75 per cent membership.

Carrying out its policy of obtaining the services of leaders in the tobacco trade, the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association has announced the appointment of another group of men whose names are widely known in the tobacco world.

Charles L. Smith, District Manager of the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, has accepted the position of District Supervisor of Graders in the Leaf Department of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association.

Commenting on Mr. Smith's appointment, R. R. Patterson, Manager of the Leaf Department, said, "We consider him one of the best leaf tobacco men in the business and his reputation among the tobacco men in the Eastern Carolina section is unsurpassed."

Another veteran of the tobacco trade, who leaves the Imperial Tobacco Company for the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, is W. I. Skinner, of Greenville, N. C., according to announcement by R. R. Patterson, Manager of the Leaf Department at Richmond, Virginia.

Beginning his career as a buyer with J. M. Meadors at Oxford, N. C., when fifteen years of age, Mr. Skinner was later connected with E. S. Carlton & Company. Later going to Wilson, with Richmond Maury & Company, he became connected with the Maxwell Tobacco Company after the death of Mr. Maury and remained with that company until the formation of the Imperial Tobacco Company in 1902.

For sixteen years, Mr. Skinner has been Branch Manager for the Imperial at Greenville, N. C., and is described by General Manager R. R. Patterson as an expert in the tobacco business. He will go to the Leaf Department of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association.

E. L. Walton, until recently owner of the Banner Warehouse at Danville, Virginia, will become Manager of the Warehouses for the Bright Belt of Virginia in the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association. Mr. Walton has had twenty-eight years experience in the Warehousing business.

W. M. Fallon, for eighteen years Branch Manager for the Imperial Tobacco Company of Durham, N. C., joins the Leaf Department of the growers' association. C. O. Dixon, of Mullins, S. C., well known to the tobacco trade, has become Manager of Warehouses for South Carolina.

J. S. Neal and John Dixon, prominent warehousemen of Mullins, S. C., have transferred their warehouses to the Association and will aid the organized growers in their Warehousing and Leaf Department, respectively.

The appointment of P. E. Chambers of Blackstone, Va., as Manager of the Warehouses for the Dark Belt assures the northern territory of the Marketing Association strong leadership, according to T. C. Watkins, Jr., Manager of Warehouses for the Association.

Shoved Off. The Chasseurs Alpins, those classy French fighting men who helped train the marines who first went to France, could never quite get accustomed to some of the Blue Devils long lingo. One of the Blue Devils had learned the meaning of the sea-going phrase "shove-off" but when he had his first chance to use it he was—as the saying is—shoved.

"Hey, French," said a Leatherneck, "have you seen our lieutenant around?"

"Oul, monsieur, oul," said the poltu, struggling to remember the elusive phrase, "he have—what you call—pushed over."—The Leatherneck.

"HELLO" BARRED IN BOSTON

According to Superintendent of Schools Burke the Word is Both Undignified and Slovenly.

Do not say "Hello" when you pick up the telephone.

Avoid "Nope" and "Yep" in your conversation when you mean "No" or "Yes."

If Boston is going to sustain its reputation as the Athens of America, it must quit the use of these barbarisms, according to Jeremiah E. Burke, new superintendent of Boston schools.

It is more in accordance with Boston culture to say something like "This is Mr. Smith talking; with whom am I conversing?"

"There are many words," Superintendent Burke says, "which may be used in place of that moth-eaten, undignified and impolite word 'Hello.' Its use is condemned in Boston schools, particularly in classes in self-manship where knowledge of dignified and grammatical English is essential.

"There is no excuse for the use of 'Nope' and 'Yep' in conversation. I believe that if Boston school children will check themselves in their use, parents at home will gradually dispense with their use.

"My advice to the children in Boston schools is:

"Don't be slovenly in the use of English. Slovenliness is the result of habit, and once tolerated, it is likely to cling to all of us until mature life."—Boston American.

ETIQUETTE THAT SEEMS ODD

Table Manners at the Time of Chaucer Were of a Decidedly Primitive Character.

Table manners at the time of Chaucer were described in a lecture by Kenneth Hare, author and poet, on "A Holiday in London in the Days of Chaucer." Etiquette in those days (the latter half of the Fourteenth century) demanded that meat should be held between two fingers and a thumb of the left hand, and no more, if one was to be received in polite society. After soup, pike roasted in claret and flavored with strange and varied spices was eaten. Then followed partridge roasted with saffron, cloves and ginger, and jam tarts and jelly.

It was the custom to change the cloth with the courses, and one read of one feast in which each new cloth was scented with a perfume appropriate to the dish. In Chaucer's day the bath in construction was not unlike a miniature pulpit, and a bouquet of sweet scented herbs was hung over it for the stream to draw out their refreshing qualities.

The Man in the Moon. Observations made from August, 1920, to February, 1921, by Prof. William Henry Pickering of Harvard, who is one of the world's leading astronomers and an authority on lunar and Martian phenomena, tend, he asserts, to prove beyond doubt that life exists on the surface of the moon. The professor bases his assertions on a series of telescopic photographs of a crater with a circumference of 37 miles. Hundreds of photographic reproductions have, it is stated, proved irrefutably the springing up at dawn, with an unbelievable rapidity, of vast fields of foliage, which come into full blossom just as rapidly, and which disappear in a maximum period of 11 days. The plates also show that great blizzards, snowstorms and volcanic eruptions are frequent. "We find," says the professor, "a living world at our very doors where life in some respects resembles that of Mars—a world which the astronomical profession has in past years utterly neglected and ignored."

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When one adds its cargo, crew and passengers, one's brain almost staggers at the responsibility which will rest on the shoulders of the captain. —London Answers.

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Roosevelt vs. Harding.

Discussing the dismissals of the officials of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Representative Robert Walton Moore (Dem., Va.) not only pointed out who probably prepared the order of dismissal, but drew this striking contrast between the action of President Harding and what would have been the action of Theodore Roosevelt in similar circumstances. Mr. Moore said:

"It is a circumstance of marked significance in the estimation of those who dread a return to the spoils system that only a few days before the President's order was issued his Attorney General proclaimed himself hostile to the present system. His utterance was not rebuked by the President, but, nevertheless, I am reluctant to believe that he spoke with the President's authority and approval. There have been Presidents who would not only have rebuked him, but dismissed him for the good of the service. Mr. Roosevelt, who would now, had he lived, almost certainly be in the Presidency, who abhorred the spoils system and was among the staunchest and most resolute defenders of the merit system, would surely not have countenanced the doctrine which the Attorney General has proclaimed, nor, in my opinion, is it conceivable that he would have signed the order which the Attorney General doubtless prepared."

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