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THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

DEMOCRATS DELIBERATE AND NAME A STRONG TICKET.

THOMAS WALTER BICKETT NOMINATED FOR THE LEGISLATURE

The Old County Officers Renominated by Acclamation—Everything Harmonious—Old Board Commissioners Retained Which Endorses Their Every Transaction—Simmons, Overman, Pou and Glenn Eversd—Strong Delegations Named.

In accordance with the call of the County Democratic Executive Committee the County Convention to name delegates to the State and District Conventions, to nominate a candidate for the Legislature and candidates for the County Offices, assembled in the Opera House in Louisburg on last Monday. At half past 12 o'clock the convention was called to order by J. A. Thomas, Chairman of the County Executive Committee, who requested F. S. Spruill, of Louisburg, to act as temporary Chairman, and B. T. Green, of Franklinton, to act as temporary Secretary. Mr. Spruill on taking the chair made a stirring, old-fashioned Democratic speech. Upon a call of the roll all of the townships reported as fully represented with no contests. On motion of B. W. Ballard the temporary organization was made permanent, and members of the Democratic Executive Committee were requested to act as assistant secretaries. The first business taken up was the call for the township executive committees. They were organized in by the various delegations, and the roll was again called for the delegates for the various townships. After the appointment of the delegates the chairman announced nominations for county officers were in order, and as fast as they could be named the following were nominated unanimously, by acclamation: Sheriff—H. C. Kearney; Treasurer—J. A. Thomas; Register—Deeds—W. M. Boone; Clerk Superior Court—J. J. Barrow; Surveyor—J. T. Insoe; Coroner—R. P. Taylor.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, By the Democrats of Franklin county, in convention assembled, that we endorse the able and progressive administration of our Governor, R. B. Glenn, and the wise and patriotic course pursued in Congress by the Honorable Edward W. Pou, of this district, and by our United States Senators, Honorable F. M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman.

The following resolution was handed up by the Hayesville delegation, with a request that the same be read and adopted by the convention: "We, the Democrats of Hayesville township, in primary convention assembled, on June 2nd, 1906, resolve that we extend to J. A. Thomas, County Chairman, our thanks and appreciation for his efficient and untiring labors in behalf of Democratic success, and we hereby unqualifiedly approve and endorse his management of party affairs and pledge him our united aid and support in the coming campaign."

"Mr. Spruill makes a splendid presiding officer," said a delegate to the editor. "The most harmonious, orderly and good natured convention I ever attended," remarked several delegates. "A seat in the legislature is a trifle, but the esteem and confidence of a people is a treasure."—Extract from T. W. Bickett's speech of acceptance. The short speech of B. T. Holding withdrawing his name as a candidate for the legislature in favor of Mr. Bickett, was most gracefully done, and created much interest among the delegates in this young rising Democrat.

"I do not expect times to be materially better by reason of my going to the legislature. No people were ever legislated either into riches or righteousness."—T. W. Bickett in his speech of acceptance. At a meeting of the new Democratic Executive Committee held immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, J. A. Thomas was unanimously re-elected Chairman of said committee.

The delegates to the State Convention are as follows: M. L. Fowler, J. H. Weathers, Dr. R. P. Floyd, R. C. Underwood, B. W. Ballard, R. B. White, W. M. Hayes, P. A. Davis, Dr. J. R. Wheelers, W. M. Boone, W. B. Coppedge, Rev. C. C. Williams, F. S. Spruill, J. A. Thomas. Below are the delegates to the Judicial Convention by townships: Dunn—W. A. Mullen, A. C. Perry, T. D. Fuller, K. W. Perry. Harris—D. E. Harris, J. N. Harris, J. E. Wilder, J. B. King. Youngville—Jack Winston, J. T. Wilson, B. T. Holding, C. C. Winston. Franklinton—J. E. Nicholson, B. W. Ballard, E. W. Moore, J. H. Cooke, B. T. Green, R. B. White, I. H. Kearney. Hayesville—W. P. Wilson. Sandy Creek—E. N. Williams, J. J. Cooper, H. D. Egerton, E. M. Gupton. Gold Mine—C. G. Wood, H. S. Gupton, Dr. J. R. Wheelers, Rufin Griffin. Cedar Rock—Chas. Cooke, W. O. Stone, C. E. Gupton, J. R. Earle, T. W. Stokes, R. I. Stallings. Cypress Creek—C. P. Harris, J. C. Wheelers. Louisburg—T. W. Bickett, J. R. Collie, J. J. Barrow, C. W. Roberts, W. H. Waddell, J. O. Newell, P. B. Griffin.

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On the first ballot the vote stood, Bickett 68, Floyd 21, Spruill 1. Upon motion the nomination of Mr. Bickett was made unanimous. He was invited to come before the convention and he did so. His speech of acceptance was full of sound, hard-horse sense, and was well received by the convention. At times he grew eloquent and he was cheered to the echo. Thus ended one of the most harmonious, soberest and best behaved conventions that ever assembled in the county.

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WEDDING BELLS.

Mr. Charles F. Carroll and Miss Marian M. Massenburg Wed.

A most beautiful marriage ceremony took place in the Methodist church here on Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock; the contracting parties being Mr. Charles Fisher Carroll, of Warsaw, N. C., and Miss Marian Norwood Massenburg, of Louisburg. The decorations around the altar and chancel of the church were appropriate and very tastefully arranged, consisting of palms, magnolias and ferns. Sometime before the hour for the ceremony quite a large congregation had assembled in the church to witness the nuptials, the following gentlemen acting as ushers: E. P. Massenburg, W. K. Massenburg, J. L. Palmer and S. C. Ford. Upon the arrival of the bridal party at the church and just before entering, "Constancy" was sung by Mrs. D. G. Pearce, Miss Sallie Williams presiding at the organ, with an accompaniment on the violin by W. J. Barrow. Following the ushers came the sweet little flower girls, Misses Elizabeth and Fannie Massenburg, sisters of the bride. Then came the dame of honor, Mrs. J. L. Palmer down one aisle while the groom came down the opposite aisle accompanied by his cousin, Dr. Norwood Carroll, of Raleigh. They were met at the altar by the bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. B. B. Massenburg. Rev. L. S. Massey, in a very appropriate and solemn manner, performed the ceremony, during which sweet notes from the violin were rendered by Mr. Barrow. After receiving congratulations the bride and groom accompanied by a number of friends, went to the depot where they took the 11:30 train for a bridal trip to Washington City. They will be "at home" at Warsaw, July 14th.

The bride is a woman of a most charming disposition and she has a host of friends here and elsewhere, and the groom belongs to one of the prominent families of the State, and is now holding a very responsible position in the railway postal service of the United States. The bride and her attendants were elegantly attired. An informal reception was given a few friends at the home of the bride Tuesday evening.

MARRIAGES.

As usual the tone of the matrimonial market was rather dull during the month of May. Licenses were issued to the following couples: WARRS—A. R. Timberlake and Beulah Burnett, C. H. Wheelers and Lillie B. Spivey. COLORED—Wallace Bryant and Annie Sills, James Green and Fannie Branch.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE TAX RATE LEVIED WAS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

A Very Busy Session—Much Business of a General Nature Attended to—Resolution to W. H. Mitchell Adopted.

The Board, all members being present, held their regular monthly meeting last Monday, and after reading and approving the minutes of last meeting attended to the following business: The Wilson bridge near Alex. Wilson on Henderson road, was accepted as a county bridge. W. H. Williams and R. S. Foster, tax-listers for Dunes and Hayesville townships respectively, took the oath that they would discharge the duties of their office in accordance with law. Report of Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Superintendent of Health, was received and filed. He reports the Home in excellent condition and no sickness. He also recommended that Miss Rebecca Pleasant be paid \$8 for services during the recent sickness at the Home. Lizzie Insoe, orphan, Class Jennys and Wm. Ethridge were put on outside pauper list at \$1 per month each. J. H. Cooke was appointed to have necessary repairs made to bridge over Cedar Creek at Alford's mill. A special school tax election was called, in response to a petition, from freeholders of the district, the boundaries of which is as follows: Beginning in the line between Franklin and Wake counties at the point where Little river crosses said line, thence up said river to the line of the Youngville Graded School district, thence along said school district line to the Wake line, thence along the said Wake line to the beginning, Saturday July 14th, was named as the election day and the voting place at June Jones' residence. Cornelius Hobgood was appointed registrar and June Jones and Charlie Alford, poll holders. Furney Perry, Rufus Barnett and T. J. Parnell were relieved of poll tax. Ed. Parrish was appointed Constable for Cedar Rock township to fill out the unexpired term of O. M. Collins, resigned. He tendered his bond and took the oath of office. Report of Superintendent of county home was received and filed—reports 5 white and 18 colored inmates. Winn Weathers was stricken from pauper list—dead. F. S. Spruill, who was appointed to confer with the town authorities of Youngville relative to expenses incurred in small pox cases, recommended that the Board pay one-half of same. The order heretofore passed directing the list-takers in the county for taxation at two-thirds the purchase price paid for it, was rescinded, and the attorney to the Board was requested to prepare a circular letter to be sent to the tax-listers in the county directing them to require of each tax payer having standing timber, whether or not said timber has been sold, if so, when, to whom and at what price. The list-takers are also directed to make a separate supplement to their regular list giving to the Board of Commissioners the information elicited by such enquiry, to the end that the Board may arrive at a just valuation of said standing timber for taxation. J. H. Ussell was appointed to secure necessary timber to repair bridge at Louisburg, and also to have Jackson mill hill graded. The Board levied the taxes for 1906 as follows, (same as last year): For State purposes—21 cents on \$100 property valuation. General County purposes—22 cents on property and 32 cents on each poll. Pensions—4 cents on property and 12 cents on each poll. General School Tax—18 cents on property and \$1.50 on poll. Special Debt and Poor—20 cents

on property and 60 cents on poll. Roads for Louisburg Township—25 cents on property and 75 cents on poll. Graded School, Louisburg—10 cents on property and 30 cents on poll. Graded School, Franklinton—25 cents on property and \$1.05 on poll. Special School, Englewood—20 cents on property and 60 cents on poll. Special School, Pilot—20 cents on property and 60 cents on poll. Special School, Mapleville—20 cents on property and 60 cents on poll. A few accounts were allowed and the Board, after passing resolutions, prepared by the Attorney for the Board, adjourned out of respect to the memory of W. H. Mitchell, who was for several years a member of the Board of Commissioners of this county. The resolutions appear below: On the afternoon of Sunday, June 3, 1906, W. H. Mitchell was thrown from his buggy by a runaway horse and fatally injured. His death resulted that evening. His wife, who was riding with him was also painfully and seriously hurt. The deceased was that noble work of God, an honest man. He had, during his long and useful life, occupied several positions of trust in the county, and had discharged these duties conscientiously, honestly and well. Almost continuously since the war up to a few years ago, he was a Justice of the Peace of the county, and as such, had many and varied important functions to perform. He met and performed them fearlessly and in manly spirit as made men know that in his court the scales of "Justice" were evenly and truly held. In the several years a member of the Board of Commissioners of this county, during the whole of his office he was a courageous, upright and reputable dispenser of public monies. Where occasion required, his vote was given for necessary expenditures without apology and with the safe criterion of a clear conscience and well balanced judgment, where extravagance made improper drafts upon the public treasury, he always voted in frank opposition, sparing no effort and fearing no criticism. His life was an open book, a living epistle, known and read of all men. His influence and example, both in his official career and in his private living, were always in aid of civic righteousness and of the public weal. He came to his end, having for during three quarters of a century worn the pure white flower of a blameless life. Now, therefore, we, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County in regular session assembled do resolve, First, That we deplore the sad and sudden end of our venerable and highly esteemed colleague, and we desire in perpetual token of our respect, regard and tender memory to have this preamble and resolution enrolled and recorded in the minutes of the meeting of this Board. Second, That we profoundly sympathize with the afflicted widow, whose mental suffering is so intensified by her physical injuries. Third, That a copy of this preamble and resolution under the hand of the Clerk and the seal of the Board be sent to the bereaved and afflicted widow of the deceased, and that another copy similarly certified be sent to the editor of the FRANKLIN TIMES, with request that he publish the same in the next issue of his paper. Fourth, that this Board do now adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

In the death of Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, his State and the Nation lose one of their ablest and best citizens.

WATER TESTS MADE.

GRAVITY 74, DIRECT PRESSURE OVER 140—GOOD.

"The Best System I have seen in a Town Anything Like the Size of This one." Says Mr. J. L. Prioleau, Jr., Examiner.

Mr. J. L. Prioleau, Jr., of Charlotte, who is inspector of waterworks systems for the Tariff Association has been here for two days this week making a thorough examination of our water system. He expressed himself as being very well pleased, saying that he had seen no other place of anything like the size of Louisburg which had such a satisfactory outfit. The gravity pressure he found to be an average of 74 and when direct pressure was put on when it reached 140 he notified Mr. Beck that it was already beyond their requirements and he need not put on more.

Mr. Prioleau showed himself to be a very pleasant gentleman. With such a good system and a well organized fire company there is no reason why we should not get much lower insurance rates.

Election of Officers.

At the regular communication of Louisburg Lodge No. 414, A. F. & A. M., held on Tuesday night the following officers were elected: W. M.—J. J. Barrow; S. W.—S. P. Roddie; J. W.—F. W. Whelan; Secretary—Geo. S. Baker; Treasurer—R. A. Bickett. The following appointive officers were named as follows: E. P. Massenburg, Dr. J. R. Wheelers, J. H. Ussell, J. J. Barrow, J. R. Collie and T. A. Person; Tyler—A. B. Strother.

Board of Education.

The Board held a meeting last Monday, all members present. A petition for a special school tax election in Youngville township, district lying between Little River, Wake county line and line of Youngville Graded School district, signed by more than one-fourth of the free holders, was approved and sent to the County Commissioners with a request to call the election. (The election was called for Saturday, July 14th, and Cornelius Hobgood was appointed registrar, and June Jones and Charlie Alford were appointed poll-holders.) A petition was presented to the Board for the assistance in building a new school house in district No. 5 for the white, Youngville township. The Board agreed to pay one-half cost of same, the whole cost not to exceed \$400, and all plans to have the approval of the County Superintendent. R. B. Roberts, W. J. Alford and J. H. Tharrington were appointed a building committee for said district. A few claims were allowed.

Can't Some Suggest a Remedy.

I have thought for some time how dangerous it is to travel alongside of the Louisburg railroad, which practically swayed the county road, and especially when the railroad is on one side and a board or high wired fence on the other and in some places less than fifty feet from the railroad. A person traveling said road, if he don't watch very closely, will very probably find himself in the predicament that the children of Israel were with no Moses to guide the waters, and to cap the climax, come the automobile, with no schedule, frightening every one's horse. The time has passed for ladies to drive themselves, along the public highways.

J. O. Guzzey.

There is no poison in the prospect, that comes in answer to prayer.