

ENDORSES POU'S COURSE.

J. M. ALLEN AND B. W. BALLARD RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

Democratic Executive Committee of Franklin County Met on Monday—Endorses Bickett for Governor.

The first meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Franklin County for the coming campaign year was held in the Court House in Louisburg on Monday.

Upon motion Messrs. J. M. Allen and B. W. Ballard were recommended to the State Board of Elections as the Democratic members of the Franklin County Board of Elections.

A motion by Mr. White prevailed that the Chairman of the Executive Committee be authorized to call a County Convention if such shall be found necessary at such time as he may think proper.

A motion by Williams prevailed that each precinct should elect delegates and send in their names with their primary returns for the County, State, Judicial and Congressional Conventions.

A motion by Kearney prevailed with a unanimous rising vote that the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee does most heartily endorse the whole hearted support being given President Wilson by our Representative, Hon. E. W. Pou, in Congress.

E. N. Williams, of Sandy Creek, offered a resolution that this committee go on record as endorsing Hon. T. W. Bickett's candidacy for the nomination for Governor of North Carolina.

Chairman Collier made a request that every township executive committee take full stock of itself, and make a complete reorganization filling all vacancies that exist and stir up more life in its organization that we may have a more representative vote in the coming primary and election.

At this time Kearney, of Franklinton, suggested that as the time for holding the primaries is the time for the re-election of the township committees that the fact that such elections would be made at that time be sufficiently advertised in advance that the public may be well apprised of this action to be taken, thereby making such action as one of as much of the people as could be done.

A discussion of the practical side of the primary law was entered into but as there were some points the State Executive Committee would have to rule on it was left over to another meeting.

This completing the work of this meeting adjournment was taken.

Trading Lime for Potash.

By Karl Langenbeck, Chemist, The Lime Service Bureau, Washington.

The net result of the use of lime is equivalent to the application of potash and phosphoric acid fertilizers to the soil, not to mention the marked influence on nitrates. It may be remarked further, that this is entirely legitimate as the soil store of plant food, while not to be wasted, is not to be hoarded; it is to be wisely used.

How the Soil Hoards.

The soil is a great sponge, which

absorbs not only water, but materials out of its soil-water solution, conspicuously potash and phosphates. It holds these so firmly, that they do not go back into the soil water except in very small amount and are consequently hoarded there. For the growing crop gets only the soil foods passing into the soil water which it absorbs. The soil sponge does not hoard an indefinite amount of plant foods, but a maximum amount of each depending upon two things, its spongy and its sourness. What is supplied over and above this maximum is held so loosely that it passes into the soil water again easily for the benefit of the crop. If, therefore, potash and phosphates are used as fertilizers, these give up to the soil so much of each for permanent holding as is required to make up this maximum amount. The surplus goes to the benefit of the immediate crop. This shows two things: first, why the same fertilizer, used in the same amount for the same crop, on two soils, may give a vigorous growth on one and a poor growth on the other soil. The latter took nearly all of it to satisfy the absorptive or hoarding property of the soil-sponge. Secondly, that the soil liberally fertilized for several years, holds, for future use, a large amount of available plant food, mainly potash. Some agent must, however, be employed for unloading it.

Trading With Lime.

This agent, as Professor Frear says, is lime. The reaction is not chemical but physical. It does not take place in definite proportions between lime and potash, but between lime and the particular soil and a greater or less rainfall, as incidental factor. It is not possible to say, therefore, "so much cost for lime will supply so much potash left out of the fertilizer." But you can say, "so much lime needed to neutralize my soil will give me enough potash. If I have not wasted, the hoard in previous years by overliming." The wise farmer will insist that the county agent carry a soil tester, and tell him how much lime to use. For if he limes by guess, he may lime too much wasting money for lime and driving more potash out of the soil than the immediate crop needs. Again, the lime used by custom alone, and therefore by guess, may be too little for his soil. In this case he falls short, in the trade of potash release. This is the logic of what prompts Professor Frear to say, as a result of his experience, "The saving of lime bills alone, would doubtless many times repay the cost of a study of the lime requirements of acid soils."

Mrs. Wilcox Entertains Study Circle.

"An afternoon of real enjoyment, an enthusiastic meeting, and a delightful refreshing of the inner man" were expressions which arose from the numerous members of the Study Circle as they passed from Mrs. Wilcox's to their respective homes on last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. D. E. McKinne's introductory reading and comments on the 6th chapter of Acts were most appropriate, emphasizing as she did, Cooperation and Mutual Helpfulness, necessary to, and without which, no organization can ever hope to succeed.

In the absence of Mrs. K. P. Hill, Mrs. F. B. McKinne presented the lesson, the subject being, The Organization and Methods of the Mormon Church. It seems almost a coincidence, that just in this study, while examining and investigating their methods and schemes for proselyting, there should come to us, real, authentic information, that one of our ex-presidents has plunged into Polygamy, seven-fold. Besides showing much selfishness on the part of our Country's laws, and becomes, not only of National concern, but it is possible that our Missionary Society may have to suspend its present activities for awhile, and solve the problem of how to rescue Teddy from the Mormons.

The next Study Circle will be held with Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, on Monday, March 13th.

Of course, if those bad boys across the water keep on throwing pebbles at Uncle Sam the old boy may wake up some day and get real peevish about it. And Uncle is powerful frisky when he's peevish.

KAISER WINS OVER PREUSS.

In Wrestling Bout at Opera House Thursday Night.

Quite a large crowd gathered in the Opera House on Thursday night of last week to witness the first wrestling bout for Louisburg, when Charles Kplser and Fred Preuss met on the mat to contest for the honors.

The preliminaries consisted of a ten minute wrestle between Kaiser and Mr. Edward Paul, which proved of much interest. Kaiser succeeded in pinning Mr. Paul to the mat in eight minutes.

Interest ran high then as the next combatants announced were Kaiser and Preuss and the game started in earnest with much life and showed that each was on to the game. The first thirty minutes were lively and almost a guess game to see who would win but soon thereafter Kaiser had Preuss safely on the mat and was declared the winner of the first fall by Referee Pahl. The second half was not of so much interest as it was plainly in evidence that Kaiser, being the heavier, had worn out his adversary, and he soon took the best which made him the winner.

Between the two periods of Kaiser and Preuss, Dr. Fleming had arranged a wrestle between two little boys, which was especially interesting and amusing. The contestants in this were Orris Moseley and Bennie Jenner, the latter winning the series.

We understand that another wrestling match has been arranged for Wednesday night March 16th in the local Opera House when Mr. Edward Paul will meet Mr. L. T. Hicks, of Raleigh, who is the champion amateur wrestler of that city. This promises to be a feature of much interest, and no doubt a large number of people will go out to see it.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Franklin county will meet at Bunn, Saturday, March 11th. The service will begin at 10:30 A. M. The first fifteen or twenty minutes will be devoted to getting acquainted with each other.

The service will open with devotional exercises, then there will be reports from the different societies and general discussion of questions which are of interest to all.

The Sunbeams will have charge of the afternoon exercises. First there will be a little play, "How Not To Do It," showing how not to conduct a missionary society. Following this the Sunbeams under the able leadership of Mrs. E. W. Gupton will render their regular monthly program, thus showing how to conduct a missionary society.

All the Missionary societies in Franklin county are invited to join the Union, whether your church belongs to the Tar River or the Central Association.

Mrs. Gupton especially invites all the children and young people to be present. A large attendance and a good time in the best sense of the word, is expected.

Minors Must Not Visit Pool Room.

As a result of instructions to Chief of Police D. C. High, from Mayor Joyner to enforce the ordinance relative to minors visiting the pool room, we are informed quite a number of boys under twenty-one years old have been deprived of this past time. It is a splendid ruling and we heartily commend the Mayor for his actions.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Public worship Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M., conducted by the pastor, "The Life That Knows No Defeat" will be the theme of the morning sermon; "How a Filled Disciple Was Made Bold" will be the subject at night. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. B. Y. P. U. Monday at 7:45 P. M. and other services of the church as usual.

Oxford Orphan's at Franklinton.

We are requested to state that the singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will give an entertainment at Franklinton, on March 24th, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock. The people of Franklinton are familiar with the high class performances these little children give each year and will attend in large numbers.

The wise man listens when others speak. The fool hears only himself.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Action Taken to Sell Bridge Bonds—Other Business.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving minutes of previous meeting the following business was disposed of:

Walter Harris was stricken from outside pauper list—being dead. Mr. Dolan was allowed to cut a road near the Gold Mine and place a good bridge over same, and to keep the same up without expense to the county. He was allowed to make other changes in road and bridges near there.

W. O. Pruitt was relieved of poll tax in Franklinton Graded School district—not being in same. J. M. Dickens was relieved of graded school tax on 30 acres of land—not being in district.

Mrs. J. M. Dickens was relieved of graded school tax in Franklinton district—not being in same. The County allowed \$2.00 per 100 feet for timber at bridge over Cedar Creek near M. T. Howell's.

T. C. Gill was allowed 25 feet of 18 inch piping and 60 feet of 12 inch piping for roads in Hayesville township. W. P. Winn was allowed 32 feet 12 inch piping for road in Hayesville township.

Clerk to Board was ordered to answer inquiries as to sale of bonds. It was ordered that Bid's for Bridge bonds be accompanied with certified check of \$500.00.

Ordered that J. B. Yarbrough list timber of J. D. Burch in Harris township for years 1914 and 1915. Boss Tayborn was placed on outside pauper list at \$1.00 per month. Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, Health Officer, was received and filed.

It was ordered that when bridge is built at Rocky Ford, same be raised four or five feet. Ordered that Mr. Mitchell be allowed to get timber for Rocky Ford bridge.

J. W. Griffin was re-elected Standard Keeper for Franklin County for next two years. A resolution was passed as to the issuance of the \$20,000 bridge bonds. School elections for special taxes in Gold Mine and Cedar Rock townships were ordered.

The Board met again on Tuesday morning and after allowing a number of accounts adjourned to meet again on Monday, March 20th, 1916, to receive bids for bonds.

War Summary.

Pausing on the ground they had won on Monday and Tuesday in their impetuous dash southward to the west of the Meuse, the forces of the German crown prince, fighting for Verdun, failed to continue last night their driving attacks on the French lines. The renewal of the great battle, however, is being momentarily awaited, the persistent activity of the heavy artillery indicating that the time cannot be far distant.

The assault on the fortress is now being pressed with great vigor along the four-mile front running from the north of Cumleres, near the river, to Bethincourt, where the Germans have already pressed forward into the Corbeaux woods, between Dead Man and Goose Hills, the commanding positions held by the French in this sector.

Recent developments, however, have indicated that no particular part of the line is free from the possibility of a massed assault at any time, and the battle has been raging with intensity from the Woivre, southeast of Verdun, where the town of Fresnes was yesterday stormed and taken, around the curving line at Douaumont and on through the district just to the west of the Meuse into the Argonne region adjoining.

Even in the Champagne region, still further west, there has been heavy fighting but this was on the French initiative. Paris reporting that the trenches lost to the Germans in a surprise attack on March 6 had been retaken in part.

Apparently the operations in the Champagne district are not directly connected with German effort toward the reduction of Verdun. The possibility is not being lost sight of, however, that the Teutonic offensive in force may spread at any time westward through the Argonne to the

Champagne. The potentialities of a drive in either of these sectors at the lines of communication of the fortress from the west notably the Verdun-Chalons railway, have been pointed out and developments in both are being closely followed.

Attention is being drawn to the operations of the Russians along the Black Sea coast in Armenia. The advance in this region is enabling the central Russian army, well inland, to keep up its onward march from Erzerum toward Sivas, some 200 miles west of Erzerum.

According to the current official statement from Constantinople the British army under General Aylmer on the way to the relief of General Townshend at Kut-El-Amara has been making renewed efforts to advance. It is declared, however, that all its attempts failed.

Rome advices indicate that Italy has determined to make every effort to retain possession of the Aviona section, at the southerly end of Albania. Allied troops have withdrawn from virtually all the other Albanian territory to the north in the face of the Austrian face southward.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 281 to 25, upheld the ministry of Premier Salandra after the premier had energetically replied to demands by Socialist groups for an investigation into the conduct of the war.

Town Commissioners.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on Friday night. All members present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved and business as follows disposed of.

Report of A. W. Alston, Clerk was received as follows: Collected light rents, \$828.61; water rents, \$321.20, total \$1149.81. He reports taxes collected as follows: General fund \$428.86; light fund \$107.75; water fund \$57.32; total \$1,074.64.

Report of D. C. High Chief of Police, for February was received and ordered filed. He reports collecting costs \$19.65, license pool room \$20.00, license pressing clubs \$12.50, license lunch counter \$5.00; total \$57.15.

A motion to allow tithemen the amount of their poll taxes was unanimously carried.

Moved and seconded that the clerk send Galleon Iron Works a check for \$125.00, for ideal scraper, in full of account and if not accepted will return scraper. Carried.

Report of J. G. Mills, auditor, received and committee appointed composed of J. M. Allen, H. A. Newell and F. W. Wheelers, to meet with Mr. Mills Monday night, the 13th of March and finally dispose of the report and report back to the Board at a meeting called by the Mayor.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to next meeting.

Old Fiddler's Convention at Youngsville.

There will be an Old Fiddler's Convention at Youngsville Graded School on Thursday night, March 16th at 7:30 o'clock. All musicians are cordially invited to be present with their violin, banjo or guitar. Various cash prizes will be given to the winners.

The proceeds will go for the betterment of Youngsville school. The general admission will be 10 and 20 cents. The public is invited.

Moore-Tompkins.

On Thursday of last week Miss Mabel Moore and Mr. Don Tompkins, of Lake City, Fla., were quietly married at the home of Mr. H. Ethridge. Esquire A. W. Alston, officiating. It was quite a surprise marriage only a few friends present. The bride was one of Franklin county's most promising daughters held in high esteem and loved by everybody. While the groom is one of the south's most successful planters. We hope for them a long and happy life in the land of the flowers and know our loss will be Florida's gain.

Universal peace? Huh! One-half the world is crapping with each other, and the rest are scrapping with their wives.

Then, too, preparedness against the vitriolic tongue of the gossip would be a welcome deliverance to many a jaccagted soul.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There.

Mr. J. R. Collier came home from Washington Sunday.

Mrs. B. B. Benson, of Raleigh, is visiting her people near town.

Messrs. F. W. Hicks and W. D. Egerton went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Messrs. K. P. Hill, G. A. Ricks and J. W. Mann went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. Palmer visited her sister, Mrs. R. G. Burroughs, at Henderson, Wednesday.

Mr. R. F. Fuller left Wednesday for Richmond to purchase horses and mules for Fuller & Perry.

Messrs. J. D. Hines and P. S. Allen are on the Northern Markets buying the Spring stock for P. S. & K. K. Allen.

Mr. H. L. Candler returned the past week from the Northern Markets, where he purchased the Spring stock of goods for Candler-Crowell Co.

Mrs. S. C. Holden returned Sunday from Raleigh, where she has been under treatment at Rex Hospital. We are glad to note that she is much improved in health.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox returned from New York Tuesday, where he successfully underwent an operation on his eyes. His many friends will be glad to know that his eyesight has been restored.

Woman's Missionary Meeting.

Franklinton, N. C., March 8th.—The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met with Misses Lizzie and Nellie Whitfield, Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Sixteen members were present. The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. C. L. McGhee, who also conducted the Devotional Exercises.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. McGhee, teaching Christ's Ministry to the sick, was read responsively by the Society.

The subject of the programme for the afternoon was "Institutions for Care of Sick and Prevention of Disease." Mrs. McGhee discussed the work being done in several of our Mission Hospitals and called attention to the horrible suffering of those who had no chance of Hospital or sanitary care.

The Study Circle then took up the lesson from "The King's Highway," the subject for discussion, "Activities of the Missions in Egypt." Those taking part in the discussion were Mrs. D. E. Barkley, Mrs. J. O. Purnell, Mrs. C. L. McGhee, Misses Eleanor Vann, Nellie Mitchell, Nellie Utley, Mattie Billard, Lizzie Whitfield, and Nellie Whitfield. Particular stress was laid upon the need of Education for the Women of Egypt and the need of Medical Missions, also upon the fact of the gradual awakening of Egypt to recognize and appreciate the effort of our Missionaries to benefit them.

The subject assigned for the next meeting is "India, Its Problems and Hindrances."

Before the Society adjourned the hostess served refreshments. The Society was invited to meet with Miss Mattie Ballard, Monday afternoon, April 3rd.

Recital at Ingleside

Everybody is invited to Ingleside next Saturday evening at eight o'clock March 11th. Miss Wicker of the Senior class of Elon College, will give us a recital filled with wit and humor. Miss Wicker has been giving recitals for the past two years, and when the people once hear her they want her again.

Refreshments will be served after the recital, music will be furnished by the Ingleside string band.

Come, don't fail to come and bring your friends. Admission ten and fifteen cents.

Dr. Beaman at Methodist Church.

We are requested to state that Dr. R. C. Beaman, of Henderson, will preach at both morning and evening services at the Methodist Church here on next Sunday. He is a forcible speaker and our people may expect to hear two fine sermons.

Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. Everybody is invited to attend all services.

Even the wisest of men have their silly moments—when they propose.