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WHO WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE?

JOSIAH BAILEY AND THE REVALUATION ACT.

H. H. Beddingfield and J. W. Winston Probable Candidates for Commission—No Contest Yet for the House—Sheriff's Fight and Senatorial Contest in Full Blast.

Collector J. W. Bailey in his denunciation of the revaluation act, has evidently stirred up a hornets nest as Mr. W. Tom Bost in his regular correspondence to the Greensboro News, handles him with gloves off and Mr. A. J. Maxwell of the State Tax Commission puts on the finishing touches. There is no question in the minds of those who have been keeping up with the political activities of certain men in the past few years, that he is trying to pave the way for his nomination to succeed the Hon. E. W. Pou in Congress, but many of our citizens, who have been reading of the rows and resolutions in the republican party seem to think he must be setting in line for the nomination for some office on that ticket. It is doubtful though if they will even give him consideration, as they want a man to at least make believe he is sincere. Anyone reading Mr. Bailey's articles would naturally conclude that North Carolina was composed of a lot of disreputable citizens, and that everybody was raising a howl over being required to be honest. We think it is time Mr. Bailey, as well as a few others, should be learning that North Carolinians are honest and want to do what is right. They have been longing for the old dilapidated system of tax valuations, which in reality was a perjury, to merge into a more honorable and business like plan. If our understanding is correct the old laws required all property to be placed on the tax books at their actual value and practically every tax payer in North Carolina, Mr. Bailey included, has sworn to facts they knew were not true. The only consolation they had was that it was about on an equal with all the rest. They didn't like it and the change is welcomed, and there would be no grumbling, if it wasn't for a few chronic kickers who are always trying to turn good into evil. Such conditions as the present time is no exception. The same class existed during the time of Christ. They even went so far then as to crucify him. But, is it to be assumed that Mr. Bailey as well as the remainder of his followers, want their honesty and fairness measured by the desire to list his property at its actual worth? His position is ridiculous, so much so that he comes back on Tuesday with a lot of corrections to a six column Sunday article. From his attitude at first contracted with the present the biggest surprise is that he is willing to admit an error, much less correct it. And the amusing part of the whole transaction is that many people know of his activities and boasts of his power in having the revaluation act made a law. After all why should there be any difference in the amount of taxes paid on \$10,000.00 worth of property in the country and the same amount in town so far as State and County are concerned. If Mr. Bailey's plan to win his election to a seat in the United States Congress lies in his fight on matters of this kind then there is hardly any doubts but that he will have to find a new party and a new citizenship as neither of the two old parties nor the present voters will tolerate such inconsistency. His attitude is just another method of saying that the farmer is an unfair and an unjust being, which the Franklin voters will resent when time comes to vote.

Friends of the revaluation think it possible that the solution of the whole situation, no doubt, is that he desires to make a show of his political powers in this district in appreciation of his appointment, and having been led to believe by a few disgruntled that the people are all up in arms against the revaluation act he "grabbed the straw."

The only desire on the part of the average tax payer is to get the law applied uniformly and stabilized. It is a departure from a time worn system, and naturally creates some discussion, with much speculation on the part of pessimists.

Following right much in line with Mr. Bailey ex-Senator Person evidently must be feeling the unconcern of the many voters in Franklin, as the

activities for the Sheriff nomination is consuming more attention than anything else at present. Senator Person however has a very formidable opponent in the person of Mr. F. B. McKinnis, and Dr. W. B. Morton is claiming the nomination by a safe majority. Although the ex-Senator has been claiming a land slide in Franklin this year, if reports that are coming in from all parts of the County are any indication, he will not be able to count all the votes, at least. Judging from what one hears on the street it may be true that many voters throughout the County assume an "on the fence" attitude towards the revaluation law, but it is a dead certainty they won't stand for nobody interfering with their schools and roads. Mr. Person, according to the views of some, ought to have been judge enough of human nature to set his house in better order, if he expected to win. Then it is being heard about in spots that he haven't sent anybody but lawyers for so long it is time to try a business man. To say the least, there is something in the argument.

The Sheriff's fight is developing such proportions that one almost loses sight of the other officers. It has developed into a three cornered fight and drawing out some friends on all sides. It would be safe to say that hardly a man in Franklin county will escape the friendly handshake and pleasant smile of at least three of the candidates in the immediate future. Like the early bird each one is trying to get there first.

The interest in the candidates for Sheriff and for the Senate has almost caused our people to forget that candidates have to be found for the House of Representatives and possibly for Commissioner, as well as for Surveyor and Coroner. Mr. W. Henry Macon, the present member of the House, says he will serve again if the people want him, and following the idea that each officer is entitled to two terms he thinks he is entitled to return. Its a job that it does not seem that many folks want. Louisville already has enough candidates. It will be more interesting if some can be induced to run who are located out of Louisville. The prospects for the House now rests between Dr. R. E. Timberlake, of Youngsville, Dr. S. C. Ford, Col. C. I. McGhee, and Rev. J. F. Mitchiner, Franklinton. Just which one will make the race against Mr. Macon it has not as yet been stated.

It has been suggested that Mr. J. W. Winston, of Youngsville, a former commissioner, will enter the race for a seat on the Board. Mr. Winston made a

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ARMENIAN RELIEF.

The good people of Franklin County are responding to the appeal, made in last week's issue of the FRANKLIN TIMES for funds for the aid of the Armenian Orphans, but this response has neither been as general nor as generous as we have learned to expect from Franklin County for such a cause. Don't make a personal campaign necessary in this case. Stop and think, can you afford to allow such an opportunity to save the lives of starving children pass without lending a hand. Send, or have the cashier of your bank send, your contribution to Mr. A. F. Johnson, Editor of THE FRANKLIN TIMES, and DO THIS TO-DAY.

The following letter from Mr. Henry Morganthau has been received by Chairman E. H. Malone:

I and H. Dodge, Treasurer of Near East Relief that you have accepted the position of Chairman in your County, I wish to take this opportunity of assuring you that the cause which you are thus representing in your community is one of the most worthy with which you could possibly be identified.

"You are no doubt fully informed as to the desperate conditions that obtain in Western Asia. I merely want to congratulate you on the opportunity which you have of serving humanity and civilization. Every dollar which the generous people of your County can give to this work is sorely needed, in order that actual starvation may be prevented. My deep personal interest in these tens of thousands of helpless children and needy women prompts me to urge upon you and your Committee, and through you upon your County itself, the very grave importance of doing all that is possible to care for its share of this burden.

Sincerely yours,
"HENRY MORGANTHAU."

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

HELD ON MONDAY IN COURT HOUSE.

About Twenty-Five Present—Select Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions—To Put Out County Ticket—Mr. Geo. T. Whitaker Chairman.

After having been requested to act as temporary chairman, Mr. Geo. T. Whitaker called the republican convention together in the Court House in Louisville on Monday. Mr. E. L. Rogers was called as temporary secretary. The object of the meeting was stated and business taken up. Delegates to the State Convention and their alternates were elected as follows: Delegates—D. C. Tharrington, W. W. Green, A. K. Rogers, J. W. Bartholomew, Geo. T. Whitaker. Alternates—J. B. Lamb, R. L. Carr, G. W. Edwards, R. U. Hicks, H. L. Rowland.

Upon motion it was decided that the Alternates to the State Convention would become delegates to the Congressional Convention and the delegates to the State Convention become alternates to the Congressional Convention.

The committee on resolutions composed of W. W. Green, Chairman, G. W. Edwards and W. R. Young, made their report. They endorsed the stand of Congress in revising the league of Nations, urged the enactment of a fair election law, endorsed Linney and Morehead, denounced the revaluation act, etc. The resolutions were adopted.

Sam Hayes voiced his antagonism to the revaluation act by saying that it had raised the tax value of his land from \$12.00 an acre to \$60.00 and that by the change of date it forced him to give in his corn and meat before they were eaten up.

The question of electing a successor to T. H. Whitaker, Chairman of the Executive Committee, was taken up and Mr. Green got the floor and without regard for the Chair or its rulings ran the steam roller over Mr. Geo. T. Whitaker, by placing him in nomination and calling for a vote without the consent of the Chair. He was elected.

The Chairman was instructed to select Secretary and report at the next meeting; at which time a County ticket would be nominated. Upon motion the convention adjourned.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday with all members present. After approving minutes of all previous meetings business was transacted as follows:

Akie Pearce was relieved of poll tax for 1920.

Ordered that S. C. Holden look up W. P. Neal estate, colored, taxes for 1919 and see if there is a mistake in same.

Ordered that J. G. Jones be allowed to act as Farm Demonstration Agent without cost to County.

Ordered that the Louisville Township Road convicts, on account of recent escapes and the apparent impossibility to confine them in the stockade, be kept in county jail at night and when not on duty.

Ordered that R. W. Ashley be relieved of poll tax on account of the loss of one arm.

The appointment of a Road Commissioner for Cedar Rock Township was deferred till the April meeting.

B. F. Wilder was appointed Road Trustee in Harris township in place of J. L. Byron resigned.

The Commissioners passed an order seeking the Federal aid in constructing roads.

J. K. Perry was reimbursed for taxes paid on \$400.00 cotton for 1919. County's part.

W. H. Gupton was unanimously elected a member of the Gold Mine Road Commission to succeed C. C. Murphoy.

The report of Dr. J. E. Malone was received and filed.

The report of J. J. Holden, Superintendent of County Home was received and filed. He reports 4 white women, 3 white men, 4 colored women, 5 colored men.

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

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STATE CONVENTION DEMOCRATS WILL MEET HERE APRIL 8

TEN-MINUTE SESSION OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

March 27 Date For Precinct Meetings And April 8 For All County Conventions; Hard Surface Road Proposal Races With Motion To Adjourn and Losses.

A ten minute session of the Democratic State Executive Committee last night to fix March 27 as the date for all Democratic precinct meetings, April 3 for all Democratic county conventions, and April 8 for the State convention to be held in Raleigh beginning at noon.

This, in brief, sums up the work of the committee which last night held, probably its briefest session. All leaders were agreed that the committee should not take up matters not directly included in the committee call. So it was when the motion to adjourn had been put by Col. A. D. Watts, and Col. J. Bryan Grimes placed in the hands of the acting chairman, R. B. Redwine, of Monroe, a telegram from Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, asking the committee to go on record for hard surface roads, the presiding officer unhesitatingly folded up the telegram and called for the vote on adjournment.

Warren Offers Resolution.

Chairman Thomas D. Warren called the committee to order, but with the roll call of committees, considered his chair to Mr. Redwine and offered the resolution fixing the time and place for the various meetings. Mr. Warren explained the necessity for early meetings on the ground of early republican activity and the necessity of getting poll taxes paid.

Mr. J. R. Collier, in the absence of Secretary Whitaker, served in that capacity.

While the committee in session was silent in seven different languages on issues within the party, the day was not wasted by the delegations who crowded the Yarrowborough hotel lobbies: The Bailey-Maxwell tilt over revaluation was a favorable subject. Governor Bickett himself very much opposed to the committee action on the matter, characterized the Bailey assault on the revaluation as a back-hand blow at the whole State administration, and a charge of fraud against the General Assembly. Most of the visiting committeemen called to see him yesterday afternoon and to these he made his position plain, with more or less emphasis.—News-Observer.

RANSON-HAYES.

Invitations reading as follows have been mailed:

"Mr. John Cade Hayes requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his sister, Miss Una May Hayes, to Mr. Henry Clay Ranson, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth of March, at twelve o'clock noon, Louisville Baptist Church, Louisville, North Carolina.

Enclosed are cards reading: "At Home after April the fifteenth, Brevard North Carolina."

There will be no cards in town.

The bride-to-be is one of Louisville's most charming and accomplished young ladies. She is the daughter of the late John J. Hayes. She is deservedly popular among a large host of friends.

The groom is one of Brevard's most promising and popular young business men.

The contracting parties have a large number of friends who will have much interest in the coming event.

POSTPONED.

Upon the advice of physicians the Franklin County Missionary Union which was to have met at Centerville, March 13, will postpone its meeting until a later date on account of the prevalence of influenza throughout the county.

Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt, Sec'y.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY.

Services at St. Paul's church on the first Sunday in March will be Sunday School at 10 A. M. Morning Prayer, sermon and celebration of Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Rev. N. Colin Hughes, Rector, officiating.

MR. J. H. MITCHELL DEAD.

Quite a large number of relatives, friends and neighbors gathered at beautiful little Leah's church Tuesday morning to attend the burial of Mr. J. H. Mitchell, who died at his home nearby on Sunday night. Mr. Mitchell leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Underhill and one brother. He was a good man, loved and respected by everyone who knew him especially his neighbors. In his death the county, the State and the Nation loses one of its most sincere citizens. Mr. Mitchell was 78 years old and had been afflicted the last few years of his life. He was a member of the Board of Stewards of Leah's Methodist church and always enjoyed the time he spent in his Masters work. He was a consistent member of Louisville Lodge No. 413 A. F. & A. M. and until his health gave way was always interested in its welfare and that of his brother Masons.

The funeral services were held from Leah's church on Tuesday morning and were conducted by Revs. G. F. Smith and W. H. Jackson, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery nearby with Masonic honor. The pall bearers were T. M. Pierce, N. C. Moore, C. M. Vaughan, J. L. Byron, H. L. Stokes, A. J. Frazier.

A choir sang several selections, at both services.

The floral tribute was especially pretty.

BOUND OVER TO FEDERAL COURT.

Jack Green, colored barber of Louisville, was given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. B. Morton, Saturday evening for violation of the prohibition law, and was bound over to the Federal Court under a \$300 bond.

Information was furnished Officer B. H. Meadows to the effect that Jack had some whiskey in his possession. Securing a Federal search and seizure warrant Mr. Meadows, accompanied by D. C. High, E. C. Perry and J. E. Thomas went to Jack's shop, where they found one-half a gallon in a jug. As Jack was seen to try to place the jug in a buggy in front of his place by an officer—the mug and buggy was seized.

MEDICAL SOCIETY TO MEET.

All the physicians in Franklin County whether members or not are urged to attend a meeting of the Franklin County Medical Society to be held in Louisville on Saturday, March 6th, at 12 o'clock.

Business of importance is to be brought before the Society.

S. P. BURT, M. D., Sec'y.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Monday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met in the ladies parlor. The occasion was the quarterly Social Service session. The service was conducted by Mrs. D. T. Smithwick. Reports from the various committees were heard and routine business attended to. Five committees were appointed to serve this year.

The parsonage committee to look after the needs of the parsonage: Mrs. W. E. White, Chairman, with Mrs. Early, Mrs. L. P. Hicks, and Mrs. W. L. Peasley.

A church committee to attend to church decorations and oversee the work of the janitor: Mrs. D. F. McKinnis, Chairman, with Mrs. Joe Mann, Mrs. Fred Hicks, Mrs. B. N. Williams, Mrs. S. S. Meadows, and Mrs. E. H. Malone.

A hospitality committee to welcome strangers into the town, the church and the missionary society: Mrs. Love, Chairman, with Mrs. S. A. Newell, Mrs. S. J. Parham, Mrs. M. C. Pleasants and Mrs. J. A. Hodges.

A committee to visit the sick: Mrs. F. B. McKinnis, Chairman, with Mrs. G. F. Smith, Mrs. C. K. Cooke, Mrs. Lelia Williamson, Mrs. S. P. Burt, Mrs. Dora Allen and Mrs. R. Z. Egerton.

A committee to arrange for religious services at the jail, the county home, the home of invalids and shyners and wherever such services may be needed or appropriate: Mrs. J. A. Turner, Chairman with Mrs. D. F. McKinnis, Mrs. J. E. Malone, Miss Lucy Foster, Mrs. R. R. Harris and Miss Lullie Jarman.

The end of all wars in sight? Say, boy, the home brand will continue as long as man is man and woman is woman.

MOVING PEOPLE

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

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

Dr. A. H. Fleming went to Raleigh Thursday.

Rev. F. S. Love went to Nashville, Tenn., the past week.

Supt. J. C. Jones visited Henderson and Raleigh this week.

Mr. E. H. Malone paid Raleigh a business trip Tuesday.

Misses Lucy Smithwick and Una May Hayes visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Conway, of Dewitt, N. Y. are visitors to Louisville.

Mrs. Gus Cooke, of Beaufort, spent the week end with Mrs. E. S. Foster.

Mrs. W. H. Leonard, of Salisbury, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred A. Riff.

Miss Lucy Smithwick returned to Henderson yesterday where she is teaching.

Mrs. W. E. White was called to Raleigh this week by the illness of her mother.

Mr. W. E. White left Tuesday for Mebane, to be at the bedside of his brother, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Newell went to Rocky Mount Monday to visit a friend who is ill in the hospital there.

Mr. Geo. W. Ford, Jr., who is attending school at Porter's, Charleston, S. C., is spending a few days at home.

Mr. W. R. Mills and Mr. E. L. Best returned Feb. 28, from Cleveland, Ohio, where they attended an educational conference.

Mr. Sam Ruffin and Major Smith came over from Raleigh on a hunting excursion. While here they were the guests of Rev. Mack Stamps.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

March is to be a month of preparation for the Baptist Church. Realizing that cultivation precedes the harvest, an urgent request is made that all the members of the church make it a point to be in their place at all the services during the month. When the Ark of the Lord, which is the church membership moves forward its influence is bound to be felt. As the army is no stronger than the individual soldiers, so the church is calling for complete mobilization, which means preparation and activity.

The services for Sunday will be as follows:

Bible School 9:45, 11 o'clock Worship and sermon topic, "God's Ambulance Corps." 7:30 Congregational singing and sermon subject, "The Peril of Rose-colored Glasses."

CURRENT LITERATURE CLUB.

On Thursday, Feb. 26, the Current Literature Club was entertained at the hospitable home of Mrs. F. B. McKinnis. The falling snow and blustering winds could not dim the warmth of the welcome which the many club members and guests received.

The subject of the program for the afternoon was "Southern Poets." Miss Cranford read an interesting paper on Major and Minor Poets, after which Miss Board rendered an enjoyable musical selection.

Miss Henninger delighted her hearers with a reading of Lanier's poem, "Rising of the Tides in the Marshes." Miss Dodson sang: Mrs. J. E. Malone read Gordon's poem, "The Story of a Flame." All the members of the club who were present joined in a lively and entertaining discussion of the topic, "My Favorite Short Story." The program closed with a solo by Mrs. F. S. Love.

After the program a refreshing salad course with coffee was served.

And right in the midst of all of these presidential possibilities we are called upon to determine presidential disabilities.