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ROBESON COUNTY WILL SEND UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATIONS

County Convention to Elect Delegates to State, Congressional and Judicial Conventions Held Last Thursday--Convention was Very Harmonious and Pleasant.

The election of delegates to the State, Congressional and Judicial conventions was the only business of importance transacted at the Robeson County Democratic Convention held in the court house Thursday of last week. The convention was well attended and was harmonious throughout. The only difficulty experienced occurred in deciding upon the manner by which the delegates should be elected, and this was amicably settled. The delegates to the State convention were nominated by a committee composed of one member from each township, and the delegates to the other conventions were nominated by the townships according to their strength and elected by the convention. The county has 16 delegates to the State convention and 49 to each of the Judicial and Congressional conventions. The convention failed to instruct for or endorse any candidate.

The convention was called to order shortly before noon Thursday by Mr. J. G. McCormick, Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. A. P. McAllister was appointed temporary secretary and the representatives of the press assistant secretaries of the convention. Mr. McCormick in a brief speech stated the purpose for which the convention was called. He referred to the work of the party in other years and said he felt sure Robeson would stand by the Democratic party in the future, as it has done heretofore.

The chair asked if there were any contests and it was found that none existed. The township of Parkton having been formed from St. Paul's and Lumber Bridge it was decided that these townships should vote as follows: St. Paul's, 3; Parkton, 3; Lumber Bridge, 5.

The temporary organization was made permanent. Mr. A. W. McLean moved that the convention go into the election of delegates. The first delegates to be elected were those to the State Convention. A long drawn-out discussion of the method of electing the delegates then followed. There was quite a division of opinion. Col. McRae favored electing one delegate from each township and allowing these to cast the sixteen votes to which the county is entitled. Finally, the motion of Dr. B. F. McMillan to appoint a committee composed of one delegate from each township to nominate the sixteen delegates was adopted. The committee was appointed, after which the convention adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

When the convention reassembled, the committee to nominate delegates to the State Convention made its report, which was unanimously adopted. The convention then went into the election of delegates to other conventions. Again there was a long discussion as to the method of electing delegates, it being decided that each township should elect its proportionate part of the number of delegates. The delegates were soon nominated and elected by the convention, as also were the delegates to the Judicial Convention.

A motion offered by Colonel McLean, instructing Robeson's member of the Congressional Committee to endeavor to have the committee chose Red Springs as a meeting place for the Con-

gressional Convention, was unanimously adopted.

The convention then adjourned.

MEETING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Immediately after the adjournment of the convention, Chairman McCormick called the County Executive Committee to order. The following townships were represented:

Back Swamp—R. W. Townsend. Blue Springs—J. W. Chism. Britts—J. L. Thompson. Howellsville—N. A. Townsend. Lumberton—A. W. McLean. Lumber Bridge—M. L. Marley. Maxton—E. F. McRae. Raft Swamp—J. E. Carlyle. Red Springs—S. N. Ferguson. Saddle Tree—R. E. Lewis. St. Paul's—A. R. McEachern. Smith's—D. L. Stewart. Thompson's No. 1—A. L. Bullock.

Thompson's No. 2—L. R. Hamer. White House No. 2—N. A. Carter.

Parkton—Neill McNeill.

Col. E. F. McRae was appointed secretary of the meeting. Mr. J. G. McCormick was unanimously re-elected chairman of the committee. On motion it was decided that the chairman should appoint the secretary of the committee.

Mrs. L. R. Hamer asked that the committee move the place of holding the Democratic precinct meeting in Thompson's No. 2 from Raynham to McDonalds', and that the board of elections be asked to move the polling place to McDonalds'. This suggestion was adopted.

It was decided not to call the convention to nominate county officers until a later date. The committee then adjourned.

NOTES ON CONVENTION.

Those in the convention who had hoped to have some candidate receive the endorsement or support of the convention were disappointed. They felt the pulse of the convention and decided not to offer the motion.

Friends of Congressman Patterson claim that he will receive ninety per cent of Robeson's vote in the Congressional convention. Others well informed seem to doubt this and think we will receive hardly more than half of the county's vote.

It is thought that Mr. G. L. Peschau, of Southport, will receive a good vote for solicitor.

The following is the list of delegates elected to the several conventions:

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

Delegates—W. G. Pope, M. M. Singletary, Charles Purcell, J. A. Humphrey, N. A. McLean, G. B. McLeod, A. L. Shaw, J. B. Sellars, J. G. Williams, J. L. Townsend, C. A. Oliver, E. F. McRae, T. L. Northrop, R. S. Bond, J. P. Brown, N. A. Townsend.

Alternates—Geo. C. Fisher, L. B. Townsend, Jos. McBryde, J. E. Carlyle, Ed. M. White, R. C. Lawrence, W. J. Prevatt, J. D. McGowan, J. G. Williams, Neill Alford, S. B. McLean, G. W. Townsend, A. L. Bullock, G. S. Page, R. A. Pittman.

DELEGATES TO THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

Alfordville—Alex McGirt, Dr. O. C. Faulk. Back Swamp—J. K. Singletary, J. A. Thompson. Blue Springs—J. M. McNair, M. A. Chisolm, D. S. Aldermen, Peter Ray.

Britts—J. S. Thompson, W. G. Pope, W. T. Carter. Burnt Swamp—J. B. Humphrey. Howellsville—D. C. Regan, A. A. Bethune. Lumberton—A. W. McLean, R. E. Lee, Wade Wishart, A. E. White, J. G. McCormick. Lumber Bridge—J. C. Johnson, James McPhail.

Maxton—John Leach, Leon T. Cook, H. C. McNair, S. B. McLean. Raft Swamp—John E. Carlyle. Red Springs—D. P. McEachern, E. C. McNeill, B. F. McMillan, R. B. Branch. Saddle Tree—F. A. Prevatt. St. Paul's—Lock Shaw.

Sterlings—R. R. Flowers, E. C. Nye. Smiths—P. H. McArthur, J. K. McGirt. Thompsons No. 1—C. T. Pate, E. M. Hines, G. L. Robertson, J. C. McCallum.

Thompson No. 2—G. P. Grant, C. M. Townsend. White House No. 1—A. Clark Oliver, D. M. Rogers. White House No. 2—O. I. Floyd, N. A. Ratley. Wishart's—F. H. Wishart. Parkton—J. B. McCormick, A. J. Garris.

ALTERNATES TO THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

Alfordville—N. L. Sinclair, Alex Alford. Back Swamp—L. B. Townsend, D. A. Pitman. Blue Springs—M. W. McLean, M. D. Bethune, W. B. McMillan, Baxter McNeill.

Britts—A. G. Freeman, Andrew Freeman, John Stone. Burnt Swamp—S. B. Williams, Howellville—J. M. Butler, John A. Fisher. Lumberton—E. M. Britt, E. J. Britt, D. P. Shaw, R. C. Lawrence, W. J. Prevatt.

Lumber Bridge—W. S. Cobb, John Culbreth. Maxton—J. S. McRae, J. B. Weatherly, R. T. McElyea, R. M. Williams. Red Springs—John Ferguson, Hector Currie, N. A. Brown, A. T. McCallum.

Saddle Tree—E. J. Biggs. St. Pauls—John McArthur. Sterlings—R. R. Barnes, T. J. Noblin.

Smiths—S. M. Smith, Luther Watson. Thompsons No. 1—J. E. Phillips, J. P. Smith, Jr., J. H. Lennon, J. O. McArthur.

Thompson No. 2—J. E. Price, John Bridgers. White House No. 1—A. W. Harrington, D. J. Oliver.

White House No. 2—A. R. Bullock, L. Floyd. Wisharts—Orrin Flowers. Parkton—D. C. Culbreth, S. J. Cobb.

DELEGATES TO CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Alfordville—G. C. Fisher, W. F. Bullock. Back Swamp—R. W. Townsend, G. L. Thompson.

Blue Springs—R. M. McQueen, D. P. McLeod, Thos. McBryde, J. A. McPhaul. Britts—J. L. Thompson, Archie Davis, W. G. Pope.

Burnt Swamp—W. A. Smith. Howellsville—J. B. Regan, C. H. Lewis. Lumberton—S. McIntyre, A. E. White, Frank Gough, N. A. McLean, J. G. McCormick.

Lumber Bridge—M. L. Marley, D. Z. McGowan. Maxton—W. S. McNair, A. J. McKinnon, McP. L. Alford, J. W. Carter.

Raft Swamp—W. C. Powell. Red Springs—J. L. McMillan, Martin McKinnon, S. N. Ferguson, John M. Brown.

Saddle Tree—R. E. Lewis. St. Pauls—A. R. McEachern, William Davis. Smiths—D. L. Stewart, H. A. McNeill.

Sterlings—W. A. Leggett, Thompson Williams. Thompsons No. 1—A. J. McLeod, A. L. Bullock, R. S. Bond, Graham McKinnon.

Thompson No. 2—McN. Patterson, L. R. Hamer. White House No. 1—Oscar Page, J. S. Oliver.

White House No. 2—N. A. Carter, W. A. McPhaul. Wisharts—Bunyan Stansel. Parkton—Edgar Hall.

ALTERNATES TO CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Back Swamp—D. B. McIntyre, E. D. Pitman. Blue Springs—J. W. Wilks, A. J. Currie, J. D. McLeod, Jnc. A. Hodgkin.

Britts—A. L. Stone, J. S. Thompson, W. T. Carter. Burnt Swamp—D. W. Sherrill. Howellsville—J. I. Townsend, J. W. Barker.

Lumberton—Dr. N. A. Thompson, Wade Wishart, M. W. Floyd, Q. T. Williams, T. N. Higley. Maxton—E. McRae, J. R. McCallum, R. McNair, McKay McKinnon.

Saddle Tree—J. H. Powers. St. Pauls—Lock McGeachy, Marcus Smith. Sterlings—E. C. Nye, R. R. Barnes.

Smiths—J. J. McClachlin, D. Wilkinson. Thompsons No. 1—R. H. Miller, W. H. Graham, V. G. Pleasants, G. L. Robeson.

Thompson No. 2—F. M. Townsend, C. P. Grantham. White House No. 1—G. E. Morgan, Timothy Page. White House No. 2—J. D. Mc-

Lean, J. M. Oliver. Wisharts—J. P. West. Lumber Bridge—Jas. Conoly, H. M. John. Parkton—Neill McNeill. Alfordville—T. B. Bullard, P. F. McGirt.

MAXTON NEWS NOTES.

Young People Go on Fishing Expedition.

Maxton, June 2—Messrs T. J. Davis and J. R. Van Ness, of Charlotte, and officials of the Seaboard and Coast Line Railroads were here Wednesday to see about the side tracks for the new oil mill which is soon to be built here.

The young people of the town went to McRae's Mill Wednesday afternoon on a fishing expedition but their catch was slim. The ladies furnished the supper and all had a good time.

Miss Jackson, of Wilmington, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Womack, returned home Thursday.

Mr. Lacy McLean returned from Davidson College Tuesday night for the summer vacation.

The Officers of the Maxton Guards gave an ice cream supper and smoker to the members on Wednesday night in the Armony. Quite a large number was present, and all enjoyed themselves greatly.

The contract for the new Methodist Church has been let to Mr. J. F. Stewart, of Bennettsville, S. C. Work is to commence at once and the church is to be completed by Dec. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McRae and little son and Miss Fowle spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Russell, of Sycamore Hill.

The Maxton Building and Loan Association opens Series No. 23 on Saturday, June 2nd. The Association is improving very much now and is a great benefactor of the town.

Dr. D. C. McIver and Mr. Hector McLean left Thursday morning for Jackson Springs.

Dr. H. W. McNatt and wife left Thursday morning for Baltimore.

Miss Linnell returned Wednesday from Richmond, Va., where she has been attending school.

Miss Charlotte Styron returned Thursday afternoon from Wilmington.

Dr. D. S. Currie returned home Thursday night from Charlotte, where he was just licensed to practice medicine.

Mrs. Mary B. John, of Bennettsville, S. C., is the guest of Mrs. S. E. McCormick.

Miss Pearl Morrison, of McColl, S. C. is the guest of Miss Clarkie B. McNair.

Dr. J. D. Croom return home Thursday night from Charlotte where he attended the meeting of the Medical Society.

Mr. Bennis Amfield, of Fayetteville, is in town.

Mr. J. G. McCormick, of Lumberton, was in town Friday night.

Children's Day Services.

Children's Day exercises were observed at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and at the Methodist church Sunday night. The exercises at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning were well attended and the children delightfully entertained the congregation. The Methodist church in the evening was filled to overflowing, many finding only standing room. Again, the exercises were greatly enjoyed and the collection was quite good.

Paschal-Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor Paschal have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Esper, to Mr. John W. Jackson, the wedding to take place Tuesday, June 12th, at 12 m., at home Goldston, N. C. Miss Paschal is well known in Lumberton and her many friends will be interested to learn of her approaching marriage.

MULATTO WOMAN KILLED AT HOME

Luke Smith Shoots and Kills Nan Dunn in her House.

SMITH FOUND IN McCOLL, S. C.

Smith Is Unsavory Reputation, Though Prominently Connected in County—He Talks of Affair and Says It Was Accidental—The Story of Affair.

Luke Smith, white, is in jail here charged with the killing of Nan Dunn, a mulatto woman, at Red Banks, this county, Sunday morning.

The first news of the affair reached here about 7 o'clock Sunday morning in a telegram from Marshall Wrenn to Sheriff G. B. McLeod. The latter notified Deputy Sheriff J. A. Barker and Coroner Rancke and they left immediately for the scene of the killing which is about 14 miles from Lumberton.

The story of the killing and circumstances leading up to it are about as follows:

Smith bears a very unsavory reputation. He has frequently been before the courts for retailing and other cases. About two years ago he had a case in court which was settled with the understanding that he take up his residence in some other State. This he did not do. He has been living with this Dunn woman for some time, claiming they had been married. More recently he was in court again and by the intercession of friends he was let go and ordered to keep at least one State between him and this. He did go off for awhile but this woman refused to go with him. She kept company with another man.

Saturday night, Smith, who was at work at McColl, came to Maxton accompanied by one Mr. Lockley. During a short stay in Maxton he showed four pistols to some acquaintances. After this he and Mr. Lockley hired a team to take them to the Dunn woman's home, about 7 miles from Maxton. When they arrived they found Jim Oxendine, a Croatan there.

Smith asked the woman for a private conversation. She refused this. He then asked Oxendine to leave for a few minutes and he refused. The woman was seated on a chair. At the refusals, Smith shot her with a pistol, the ball entering between the nose and right eye. Death was instantaneous that her body never fell from the chair but was in natural position except that the head was slightly tilted back.

Smith left after the shooting. Mr. Lockley remained until the coroner held the inquest and dismissed him.

SMITH TALKS OF KILLING.

When seen in the jail by a representative of The Robesonian this (Monday) morning, Smith talked of the affair without hesitation. He did not seem greatly worried over the situation and said that just so he got out of it without hanging, he would be satisfied.

Smith claims that he came to Red Banks Saturday night upon invitation of the woman, who had written him. When he and Lockley arrived he found the woman and the Oxendine boy in bed. When he went in the woman hugged and kissed him, he says, and said she had something to tell him. He asked her to take a walk with him and tell him. While she was sitting in a chair and putting on her shoes, the shot was fired.

Smith claims that while handling the revolver it was accidentally discharged. The ball, he knew, went in the direction of

the woman, but he did not know it struck her. He thought the ball went over her head. He explains his leaving as soon as the pistol fired by saying he was afraid of Oxendine. He went on by Red Banks and arrived in the afternoon at McColl, S. C., where he was arrested.

He says he would not have killed the woman for anything in the world; that they were on the best of terms and he had no reason for shooting her. He is sorry of the act and "would not have killed her for anything in the world."

Smith is a well-built man, of fine physique, strong as an athlete. One eye is missing, but with that exception he is of good appearance and rather handsome. The top of his head is bald. Smith is well connected in the county, claiming as relatives a number of our best people.

The quick, effective work of the sheriff and his deputies in arresting Smith is to be commended. As soon as it was found he had gone towards McColl, the authorities there were notified and a party of ten went from Maxton.

ASHPOLE NEWS LETTER.

Drs. Brown and McPhaul Dissolve Partnership.

Ashpole, June 4.—The partnership between Drs. W. A. McPhaul and J. P. Brown was dissolved last week. Dr. Brown will continue the management of The Ashpole Drug Company. Dr. McPhaul has fitted up an office in the upper story of the Brown building.

We learn that Mr. F. L. Blue and Miss Cash were married in Dillon on the way to Miss Cash's home last Wednesday. They will visit Spartanburg and Asheville before returning to Ashpole. Their many friends wish them much joy.

Dr. and Mrs. Fuller Pitman are housekeeping in the house on Cottage Street recently occupied by Mr. J. O'Neill, which is the property of Dr. Pitman.

The brick are arriving for the graded school building, and the contractor, Mr. R. E. Inman, expects to be at work in a short while.

Her numerous friends were very glad to see Mrs. Mary Ivey, who returned last Tuesday from spending the winter and spring in Albany, Ga.

Dr. J. C. McKenzie and Mr. Will Barnes, of Barnesville, were up last Sunday to attend service at the Presbyterian church.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill are very sorry to give them up temporarily to Chadburn. They moved last Thursday.

Miss Cash, who has been milliner for Floyd and Thompson this season, left Wednesday for her home in Spartanburg, S. C. She was accompanied by Mr. F. L. Blue.

Misses Mary Ashley, May Thompson, Maggie Floyd and Mamie McDaniel, all made a delightful short visit to Boardman last week.

Dr. J. P. Brown and Master Hal made a flying trip to Baltimore last week.

Mrs. P. B. Thompson visited Mrs. Adams, of Purvis, last Tuesday.

Mr. C. Z. Cashwell is enjoying a visit from his brother and family, who are here from Florida.

Mr. A. J. Floyd went to Wilmington last week to have his eyes treated.

The Methodist Sunday school expects to celebrate Children's Day on the second Sunday in June.

Hon. Gilbert Patterson visited our town last Tuesday night and Wednesday.

As a result of the election at Rennett a special tax for schools was voted. Of a registered vote of 27, 26 voted for it. The other vote was not present.

ELEVEN MEN HELD FOR LYNCHING

The Men Will be Tried at Next Term of Court in Union.

WITNESSES FEAR VIOLENCE.

Bonds of Men Aggregate \$60,000—Ministers Came to Trial, and Assisted in Raising Bonds—Number of Witnesses Were Examined.

Wadesboro, June 1.—An order signed by Judge Walter H. Neal at 6 o'clock this afternoon, after naming the following as defendants: John Niven, Lester Johnson, Zeke Lewis, Elmer A. Dunn, John Jones, J. F. Dunn, May Gilledge, Lewis Adams, Jim Swink, Billy Dean and Frank Graham, says: "After hearing evidence, it is adjudged by the court that there is probable grounds to believe the above named defendants guilty of the offense charged against them under the statute of 1893, and they are admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000 each, to be approved by the solicitor for their appearance at the next term of Superior Court of Union county, for the trial of criminal cases, to answer the charges set out in the warrants. In default of the execution of said bond the sheriff will commit them to the common jail of Union county and this order shall constitute a commitment to the keeper of the common jail of Union county."

These "probable grounds" were established upon the evidence of Miss Alice Boggan, Sheriff J. A. Boggan, H. D. Hendall, H. D. Kendall, Jr., Walter Meeks and J. L. Pratt. The defendants did not cross-examine the witnesses and rested upon the State's case. There was no argument.

When all the evidence had been taken and both sides had rested, the judge rapped for quiet and said: "It has been suggested to me by witnesses for the State that they fear personal violence. I have very great confidence in the law-abiding character of the citizens of this county and no less in the character of the people of the Morven section of it, but this is an unfortunate incident and the law is going to probe it, and probe it to the bottom. I want the good people to abide by the judgment of the court and not hold me."

Hotel Tarrymore Opened Thursday.

Hotel Tarrymore, Wrightsville Beach, N. C., opened Thursday for the summer. Mr. W. J. Moore, proprietor, has wonderfully improved the hotel and is better prepared to entertain his guests this season than ever before. The hotel is modernly constructed and beautifully located. There are 125 rooms, elegantly furnished. Everything has been provided for comfort, entertainment and enjoyment.

A deep artesian well of mineral water is supplied to the hotel. A biological analysis of the water is: "Very pure and good drinking water."

The Same old Game.

The angler sallied forth again, and by the brooklet's shore Both idly lie and fish and then Goes home and lies some more.

Among those licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners to practice medicine are three from Robeson county. They are Messrs. Lloyd Grantham, of McDonalds; H. H. Hodgkin, of Red Springs and D. C. Currie, of Maxton. They will locate in their home towns.

Mr. Frank Gough spent Saturday in Wilmington.