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## LYON AND SINCLAIR NOMINEES.

**Seventh Judicial Convention Names Former for Judge and Latter for Solicitor—J. G. McCormick Receives 741-2 Votes to Sinclair's 731-2 on the 10th Ballot, But Bladen Changes Vote and Nominates Cumberland's Candidate—The Convention Lasts Till Midnight.**

The seventh judicial convention met Wednesday at Fayetteville. It was called to order in the court room at 3 o'clock by Mr. D. T. Oates, chairman of the district executive committee. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Messrs. E. J. Britt, of Robeson, and Greer, of Columbus, were made temporary secretaries. A majority of the counties were present at the roll call.

The following committees were appointed on rules and organization:

Bladen—E. F. McCulloch, rules; C. P. Parker, organization. Brunswick—George Bellamy, rules and organization.

Columbus—H. T. Moffitt, rules; J. D. Coats, organization.

Cumberland—J. H. Currie, rules; B. T. McBryde, organization.

Robeson—R. B. Branch, rules; N. A. McLean, organization.

The convention then adjourned until 4:15 o'clock, when Col. N. A. McLean was elected permanent chairman of the convention.

The name of Mr. C. C. Lyon was placed in nomination for the judgeship by Mr. E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen. It was seconded by Hon. John G. Shaw, of Cumberland. He was nominated by acclamation, there being no other name before the convention.

The contest came when the nominating a candidate for the solicitorship came up. J. G. McCormick, of Robeson, was nominated by Jackson Greer, of Columbus; Geo. L. Peschau, of Brunswick, by Geo. H. Bellamy, of Brunswick, and N. A. Sinclair, of Cumberland, by H. McD. Robinson, of Cumberland.

At the outset, there was some dispute as to the casting of the vote of Robeson, a number of delegates from the upper end of the county claiming that they had made pledges to Mr. Sinclair not knowing that Mr. McCormick would be in the race. Mr. McCormick did not enter the race until the morning of the convention and only then by the urgent solicitation of friends of Robeson and other counties. He stated that he did not really desire the position and very reluctantly at the last moment and after much persuasion did he agree to allow the use of his name.

The vote that each county was entitled to is as follows:

Bladen	20
Brunswick	13
Columbus	32
Cumberland	34
Robeson	49
Total	148

It required 74 votes and a fraction of a vote to nominate. On the first eight ballots Mr. McCormick received 62 votes; Mr. Peschau 18, and Mr. Sinclair 68. On the ninth ballot, Mr. McCormick received 74 1-2 votes which was sufficient to nominate, but before the result was announced by the chairman Bladen changed two votes to Mr. Sinclair, thus giving him the nomination.

Inasmuch as he permitted the use of his name only a few hours before the convention, the fact that he was really one time nominated is quite complimentary to Mr. McCormick.

The delegates from Lumberton who attended the convention were Messrs. J. G. McCormick, R. E. Lee, Wade Wishart, A. E. White, E. J. Britt, S. McIntyre, Frank Wishart and Col. N. A. McLean.

## AN INTERVIEW.

In an interview with one of the delegates on his return to Lumberton he said:

"After seeing Mr. McCormick

nominated, Bladen county, being pressed and urged thereto by Cumberland, asked permission to change its vote. This, under strict rules, is not permissible, and Mr. McCormick could have been, and, according to rules adopted by State Executive Committee for government of all Democratic conventions, if they had been enforced, would have been declared the nominee of the convention. But Col. McLean, a personal friend of Mr. McCormick and also chairman of the convention, not wishing Mr. McCormick to be nominated under such circumstances as would give any one any reason to dispute the fact that it was the will of the convention, permitted Bladen to change her vote.

"This was done by Bladen at earnest solicitation of Mr. Sinclair and friends. On change of Bladen's vote, Mr. Sinclair was declared elected by a majority of three votes.

"It is conceded that had Mr. McCormick and his friends cared to stand out for strict enforcement of rules Mr. McCormick would have been declared nominated as he had received, and the secretary had tabulated for him and the chairman was ready to announce that he had received 74 1-2, a majority of the votes of the convention."

## Marriage of Miss Marsh and Mr. Gibson at Red Springs.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Marsh, Mr. Will-N. Gibson was married to Miss Maude Marsh Tuesday morning at Red Springs.

The marriage was a very quiet one, only a few of the intimate friends and relatives were present. The bridal party entered the parlor to the sweet strains of the wedding march which was played by Mrs. T. M. Cunningham. During the ceremony Narcissus was softly played. The attendants were Miss Alt Marsh, sister of the bride, as maid of honor and Mr. J. T. Gibson, brother of the groom, best man. The bride wore white crepe de chine over white taffeta and carried a shower bouquet of white peas. The maid of honor wore white organdy over white roses. The groom and best man wore the conventional black. After the ceremony which was performed by Rev. P. R. Law, the happy couple left on the 10 o'clock train for Asheville and other western North Carolina cities on their honeymoon. Mr. Gibson is a Scotland county boy and has a host of friends who wish them all happiness. The happy congratulation of the Exchange is extended to this popular couple.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Among the deeds recently filed in the office of Register Bullock are the following:

Graham McKianon and wife to E. B. Grooms, four lots in Rowland, consideration \$1,000.

William McQueen and wife to Sheppard McQueen, five and one-half acres in Maxton township, consideration \$110.

S. C. McRae to McNicholson, 20 acres in Shoe Heel swamp, consideration \$45.

L. Z. Hedgpeith and wife to McNair and Pearsall, three lots in town of Rowland, consideration \$2,500.

E. W. West and wife to J. P. West, one-eighth interest in tract, consideration \$90.

A. H. Mercer et al to J. P. West, 34 acres in Wisharts township, consideration \$100.

John C. McCaskill and wife to N. W. Smith, five acres, consideration \$350.

The trustees of the State University this week conferred the doctors of laws degree upon Gov. R. B. Glenn, W. L. Potat, president of Wake Forest College, and Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College.

## WORK OF COMMISSIONERS.

**Deal With Cottingham Lumber Co. Ratified by Board—Tax Levy Same as Last—Claims Passed.**

The county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday. The members present were Messrs. J. W. Carter, J. A. Hodgkin, C. A. Oliver and A. R. McEachern. The following county claims were passed:

Roads and Bridges—J. K. Singletary, \$13.44 for repairs on Inman's bridge; A. L. Shaw, \$65.89 for feed for mules, etc., (charged to Lumber Bridge road fund); N. M. Allen, \$1.44 for lumber and hauling; J. P. McKay, \$16.12 for lumber (charged to Red Springs road fund); L. T. Cottingham Lumber Co., \$61.55 for lumber and nails for Big Swamp bridge; J. P. Brown, \$14.45 for lumber (charged to Britt's township).

Dave Prevatt was appointed road supervisor for Red Springs township.

Taxes—Leota Atkinson, 88 cts. rebate; Edwards and Broughton, \$4.50 for binding tax books.

County Home and Paupers—F. J. Meares, \$89.30 for keeping home for May; Pope Drug Co., \$29.50 for drugs.

Hardy Thompson was placed on the pauper list at \$1 per month and Lott Britt and Arch Oxendine at \$1.50 per month.

Court House and Court—H. C. Freeman \$2 for packing typewriter; Freeman Printing Co., \$8.15 for printing; G. B. McLeod, \$18.20 for summoning jurors; Geo. D. Barnard and Co., \$29.50 for books; G. B. McLeod, \$66.20 for conveying prisoners; W. J. Pate, \$6.50 for boarding jurors.

Jail and Prisoners—D. W. Biggs, \$61.45 for keeping jail for May, and \$7.05 for supplies.

Commissioners—J. A. Hodgkin \$39; A. R. McEachern \$41.30; C. A. Oliver \$49; R. R. Barnes \$12, and J. W. Carter \$50.40, all for services and mileage as members of the board; D. W. Bullock, \$21 for clerking for board; A. R. McEachern 9.50 for extra services.

Miscellaneous—J. W. McLaughlin Co., \$1.97; G. E. Rancke, coroner, \$17.25; Neill Alford, W. T. Newton, J. A. Campbell, D. J. McKenzie, H. C. Alford and W. A. McCormick, jurors, \$1.50 each for holding inquest over Alex Alford; G. E. Rancke, coroner, \$8.05; D. W. Wrenn, W. G. Hall and A. A. Thaggard, \$1.70 each and W. F. Steel, Thomas Monroe and H. Biggs, jurors, \$1.60 each for holding inquest over Nan Dunn Smith; G. E. Rancke, coroner, \$10.75; J. B. Weatherly, H. C. Alford, C. A. Burns, T. L. Smith, E. McRae and J. P. Patterson, jurors, \$1.60 each for holding inquest over John Bowden; Town of Lumberton, \$41.46 for water and lights for jail and court house for May; D. A. Calhoun, \$6 for repairs on stock law fence; Wm. Davis, \$9 for repairing stock law fence; J. A. Hodgins, \$5.40 for looking after stock law fence; R. D. Lancaster, \$45; W. H. Chason, J. C. Barnes and W. B. Griffin \$15 each, all for services as guards on chain gang.

The board ordered that the contract made on the 14th day of April by and between the board of commissioners of Robeson county and the L. T. Cottingham Lumber Co., relative to the chain gang, be ratified and confirmed. Commissioners McEachern and Hodgkin voted for the motion and Commissioner Oliver against it.

The monthly report of the county treasurer was ordered recorded and filed.

A remittance of \$527.41 was received from the L. T. Cottingham Lumber Co. and placed to the credit of the county fund, this being the amount due for the hire of the chain gang.

The tax levy for 1906 is the same as the last.

At its Democratic Convention Cumberland county endorsed McNeill for Corporation Commissioner and H. L. Cook for Congress.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS.

**Routine Business Transacted—Claims Passed.**

The county board of education met Monday, Messrs. J. R. Poole, R. C. Lawrence, Graham McKinnon and J. N. Baie being present. Business of a routine nature was transacted.

It was ordered that a hearing be held June the 20th on the proposition to establish a new school district at McDonalds, in Thompson's township. Superintendent Poole was instructed to notify the school authorities in Raynham and Iona districts to this effect:

The sum of \$25 was appropriated to Raeford special district in full payment of all sums due Cumberland county on account of said school.

Messrs. Alford Bullard and A. D. Prevatt were appointed school committeemen district No. 3, white, Burnt Swamp township.

The following claims were ordered paid:

Aifred Williams & Co., \$40 for books for libraries; S. A. Thompson, \$1,000 to apply to building for district No. 1, White House township; W. H. Humphrey, \$1 for probating deed; W. F. Baie, \$9 for surveying line for district No. 1, Burnt Swamp township; D. W. Bullock, \$10.02 for recording deeds and school notices; Freeman Printing Co., \$2 for stationery; G. D. Torry, \$4.50 for pump and heater for district No. 5, colored, Lumber Bridge township; G. E. Thompson, \$2 for lumber for district No. 1, white, Britts township.

## Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lumberton Cotton Oil & Ginning Co. was held Wednesday. A report of the company showed a good business done the past year. A dividend of 15 per cent was declared and a nice amount added to the surplus fund.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. R. D. Caldwell, L. H. Caldwell, G. B. McLeod, Thos. Kinlaw, A. A. James, A. R. McEachern, W. P. McAllister, W. J. Prevatt and Dr. J. D. McMillan. The directors elected Mr. Prevatt president and Dr. McMillan vice-president. A secretary and treasurer was not elected, but a committee was appointed to confer in regard to electing one.

## PARKTON NEIGHBORHOOD.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. Walter Ray and family, of Leroy, Florida, are here visiting relatives.

Dr. D. S. Currie, of Maxton, is located here for the practice of medicine. We gladly welcome him and bespeak him a liberal patronage.

Miss Rachel Culbreth, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Georgia and Florida for the past six months, returned home Wednesday to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. Norman Fisher came home from Raleigh Tuesday, where he has been attending school.

Children's day will be observed at the Baptist church Sunday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. L. H. McGougan, of Midriver, Ga., is home on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McArthur.

Rev. L. V. Smith filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church last Sabbath. On account of the inclement weather, communion was postponed until first Sabbath in July.

Mr. Shaw McArthur spent Sunday in Bennettsville, S. C.

Miss Pennie McNeill, of Lumberton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Nicholson.

Mrs. Ann McGeachy and Miss Sallie McNeill, of Red Springs, are spending some time with their brother, Mr. Neill McNeill. Parkton, N. C., June 6th.

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

**Interesting Meeting to be Held in Raleigh—Teachers' Salaries Increased.**

One of the most interesting features of the great educational meeting at Raleigh from June 12th to July 9th will be the meeting of the State Association of county superintendents, June 16th to June 18th, the last day of the Teachers' Assembly and the first day of the Summer School. County Superintendents are required by law to attend this annual meeting of the association and their traveling expenses are required to be paid out of the county school fund. The annual meetings have usually been held in the fall.

The date was changed this year in order to give the county superintendents without additional expense the benefit of the Teachers' Assembly and the Summer School. This will probably be the most largely attended and profitable meeting of the county superintendents yet held.

The first session on Saturday morning will be held in connection with the Woman's Association for the betterment of public school houses and will be devoted to a consideration of that work. The other sessions, Saturday and Monday, will be devoted to a discussion of practical problems that the county superintendents must deal with in their work.

Among the subjects of discussion will be the following: Uniform examination, graduation and certification of teachers; attendance and what can be done to increase it and to reduce illiteracy; township high schools; reports of what has been accomplished by some efficient county superintendents employed for their entire time.

The annual gatherings of the county superintendents have been very helpful in bringing about co-operation, unity of purpose, uniformity and sympathy among these leaders in the work of public education of the various counties of the State. No educational gathering in the State is more important and more profitable and far-reaching in its results upon public education than this annual meeting of the county superintendents.

## TEACHERS SALARIES INCREASED.

The reports of county superintendents for 1905 on file in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction show that in the following counties the average salaries of both white male and female teachers were increased:

Alexander, Ashe, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Burke, Camden, Caswell, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Duplin, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Greene, Henderson, Jones, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Pender, Pitt, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanly, Surry, Swain, Tyrrell, Union, Wake, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson—44.

In the following counties the salaries of white male teachers were increased: Alleghany, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Davie, Hyde, Mecklenburg, Pamlico, Watauga, Yadkin—11.

In the following the salaries of white female teachers were increased: Cartaret, Chatham, Chowan, Davidson, Guilford, Hertford, Jackson, Johnson, Macon, Northampton, Perquimans, Polk, Robeson, Scotland, Transylvania, Vance, Warren, Yancey—16.

In the following counties the salaries of white male teachers remained the same as in 1904: Alamance, Buncombe, Chowan, Edgecombe, Montgomery, Scotland, Vance, Warren.

In Lenoir and Lincoln there was no change in the salaries of female teachers. In the remaining counties there was a small decrease in the average salaries.

## NEWSY ITEMS FROM ELROD.

**Work Progressing on New Hotel Mr. and Mrs. McCall Entertain.**

Work is progressing fairly well on the hotel here, the cover is now being put on, and it is expected the building will be completed in the near future. A hotel has been very much needed here for the accommodation of travelers who have to stop to wait for different trains.

Mr. Dan McCall, of the Atlantic Coast Line employ, is spending a few days with his mother.

A few friends were delightfully entertained Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McCall. After music, etc., refreshments were served. All present pronounced it an enjoyable occasion.

Miss Mary Paul will go to Florence, S. C., Wednesday to be present at the marriage of her brother, Mr. Chas. Paul, to Miss Mary Turbeville, of that town.

Mr. McN. Patterson went to Lumberton one day last week.

Mr. Gus McCormick, of McCall, S. C., visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. W. F. Adams, superintendent of Purvis Sunday school, gave a short address to the school last Sunday. His subject was "Sunday School now and Fifty Years Ago." A good many were present and all seemed interested.

Rev. J. M. Ashley and wife, of Ashpole, were here Monday.

Miss Bessie McLean, of McDonalds, who has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. P. H. Adams, returned home Saturday.

Elrod, N. C., June 5th.

## Women Coin Testers in the Mint.

Leslie's Weekly.

The adjusting of the coin is the most interesting part of the whole process. This requires a delicateness of touch which is more highly developed in woman than in man, and on account of her superior qualification in this respect this department is in her charge.

Here the coin is first "selected"—that is, pieces which show the slightest imperfection or roughness are thrown out; those which pass successfully through the skilled fingers are sent to the long tables where another set of women weigh each one on delicate scales. If a coin is too heavy a portion is filed off; if too light it is thrown out to be remelted. Some of these women have become so expert as to handle a thousand pieces a day.

The coins are next fed to the milling machines, this work also being done by women. The planchets are put into the instrument by means of a tube, and as they descend they are caught upon a revolving wheel and the edge is compressed and forced up. At least 500 dimes can be milled in the short space of a minute. About eighty women are employed in these two rooms.

## How Tillman Lost an Eye.

Pearson's Magazine.

Although his brothers were old enough to serve in the Confederate army, Benjamin R. Tillman was a schoolboy of 15 when the great struggle began. He knew that at 16 he must join the Confederate forces, and his brothers wrote back from the field entreating him to get as much education as possible, because the war might last so long that he would never again be able to go to school.

Even at night young Tillman would continue his studies, frequently carrying a lighted pine knot into the woods and lying down with his books beside it. He was a lank, tall, silent boy, dictatorial and brusque, but a natural student. The heat of the pine torch injured his left eye, and a plunge in cold water brought on a tumor that destroyed it. It was almost two years' illness following this mishap that prevented the youth from serving in arms against the Union.

## SENATOR GORMAN DEAD.

**Maryland's Senator Passes Away, Death Resulting From Heart Trouble—A Notable Career.**

Washington Dispatch, 4th.

Arthur Pue Gorman, United States Senator from Maryland, died suddenly at his residence in this city at 9:30 o'clock this morning. While Senator Gorman had been ill for many months, he had shown some improvement lately. Heart trouble was the immediate cause of death. Senator Gorman leaves a widow and six children.

The funeral will be held from Senator Gorman's late residence, 1432 K street, N. W., at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

Senator Gorman, in a written request addressed to Mrs. Gorman, asked that no State funeral should be held. He said that he did not wish his body to be brought to the capitol, as he wanted his colleagues always to think of him as they knew him in life as an active Senator. There he was always cheerful and invariably smiling, and it is regarded as characteristic of his disposition that he should desire to be so remembered.

Senator Gorman had long been a notable figure in the national Congress. He first took his seat in 1881 and served continuously for eighteen years, and nearly all of that time he was the leader of his party in the Senate. Winning an early reputation for sagacity and the keenest judgment in congressional affairs, he attained prominence, not only as a leader in the Senate, but in the country at large, and by many men was considered the most available man in his party for the presidency. He was chairman of the executive committee and managed the campaign that resulted in the election of Cleveland in 1884.

The most notable contest of his congressional career, and one which attracted to him wider attention than anything else, was when he led the Senate minority in 1890-91 and defeated the Federal election bill. To his sagacious leadership and adroit management his party friends attributed the defeat of the measure which was so obnoxious to the South.

When the Democrats had control of the Senate, Gorman was the recognized leader of that body. It was at that time that the tariff bill of 1864 was passed, and although the Maryland Senator was not a member of the finance committee, he had so much to do with shaping that measure that his name is often given to it and in fact it is frequently called the Wilson-Gorman tariff.

## BREAK WITH CLEVELAND.

It was during Cleveland's last administration that a break occurred between the Democratic President and the leader of the party in the Senate. In a speech which will always be remembered by those who heard it, Senator Gorman severely arraigned the President. To this opposition the defeat of Senator Gorman a few years later is attributed, although his party lost Maryland in the silver campaigns.

As soon as the Democrats regained control of the State he was at once re-elected to the Senate. The State Board of Agriculture adopted a resolution proposed by Mr. A. T. McCallum, of Red Springs, for the encouragement of agriculture and agricultural fairs and stimulating the farmers of the State to a greater diversity of crops by providing special premiums at various fairs in the State where the fair management supplements an equal amount. For the State Fair at Raleigh \$200 for the best and greatest variety and most artistically arranged collective agricultural exhibit and \$100 for the second best. And for county or local agricultural fairs \$100 for the best exhibit of the same character and \$50 for the second best. Also a like provision for the State colored fair at Raleigh.