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## CONVENTION AT FAYETTEVILLE

**Sixth Congressional Convention to Meet Here Two Weeks From Today—How the Committee Voted.**

The executive committee of the sixth congressional district met Tuesday in Wilmington and decided on holding the congressional convention at Fayetteville two weeks from today—Thursday 26th. The vote was four to three in favor of Fayetteville as against Wilmington and Wrightsville.

The Wilmington Messenger's account of the convention is in part as follows:

"The people of Wilmington thought that the convention should be held here but it was lost by a vote of four to three. The convention will be one of great interest as there are a number of candidates and the delegation will be so divided as to add interest to the contest and some are predicting that none of those now in the field will be nominated."

All members of the committee were present but E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen, whose proxy had been sent to Colonel Morton, the chairman of the committee. The members of the committee are, Colonel George L. Morton, of New Hanover county, chairman; Colonel E. F. MacRae, of Robeson, secretary; H. C. Moffitt, of Columbus; R. G. Taylor, of Harnett; Q. K. Nimocks, of Cumberland; George H. Bellamy, of Brunswick, and E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen.

The committee met in the office of Col. Morton and was called to order by Chairman Morton. There at once proceeded to business and upon motion of R. G. Taylor, of Harnett, it was decided to hold the convention on the 26th of July.

Then came up the question of where the convention should be held. A telegram was read from Mayor T. J. Powers, of Fayetteville, extending an invitation for the convention to meet in Fayetteville. Mr. Nimocks briefly addressed the committee and urged that convention meet in Fayetteville. He also argued that Fayetteville possessed certain advantages that the other places suggested did not. Messrs. J. B. Underwood and C. J. Cooper, both of Fayetteville spoke in favor of Fayetteville, their principal argument being the central location of that place and also mentioned the fact that the delegates could get very cheap hotel rates in Fayetteville.

A committee, composed of Messrs. Marsden Bellamy, George R. French, Sam Bear, A. B. Skelding, G. Helbert Smith and J. H. Hinton extended an invitation for the convention to meet on Wrightsville beach, the principal speaker being Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Skelding and Mr. Smith. Mr. Hinton offered the use of the auditorium at the Seashore hotel but said it would be more convenient if the convention could meet in August. Mr. Skelding on behalf of the Consolidated company offered the use of the large new pavilion.

It was argued by those urging Fayetteville's claims that delegates could not find accommodation on the beach and again the delegates could not afford to pay the rates of resort hotels. A short talk was made by Colonel Morton in favor of Wilmington.

The vote resulted as follows:

For Fayetteville, E. F. MacRae, of Robeson; George H. Bellamy, of Brunswick; R. G. Taylor, of Harnett, and Q. K. Nimocks, of Cumberland, Wrightsville Beach, H. C. Moffitt, of Columbus, and George L. Morton, of New Hanover, and he also cast the proxy of E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen, in favor of the beach.

The action of Mr. George H. Bellamy, of Brunswick, who is in this senatorial district, in voting in favor of Fayetteville in preference to Wrightsville beach came somewhat as a surprise.

The four candidates who have been in the field from the very first are still hard at work and what the result of the convention will be no man can do more than guess and it would be very vague guessing at that. It is generally conceded that Brown will get most of the New Hanover delegation and this will help him considerably. The Godwin men are not as hopeful now of getting a good percentage of the delegates from New Hanover as they were a few weeks ago. Patterson's supporters are very hopeful. The Cook men are not saying much but are quietly at work."

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## Road Claims Paid.

The board of county commissioners, in adjourned session Monday, transacted the following business:

Mrs. B. V. Trawick was ordered transferred from the County Home to the Ladies' Home in Raleigh and that she be allowed \$6.50 per month for her maintenance there.

The following claims were allowed tax-listers for their services in the different townships: J. M. McNair, Blue Springs township, \$36.28; A. E. Israel, Wishart, \$20.13; J. L. Shaw, Lumber Bridge, \$34.75; J. T. Pate, Burnt Swamp, \$25.78; N. A. McIntyre, Saddle Tree, \$14.93; L. M. Cook, Red Springs, \$35.00; Wm. Davis, St. Pauls, \$24.92; S. A. Adams, Thompson, \$53.50; R. A. Hedgpeeth, Sterling, \$31.42; C. B. Cox, Alfordsville, \$34.19; J. E. Carlyle, Raft Swamp, \$10.54; L. B. Townsend, Back Swamp, \$26.37; A. M. L. Morrison, Maxton, \$46.58; F. S. Floyd, White House, \$45.93.

Buie Jackson, \$75 for ditching road, to be paid equally by Smith and Burnt Swamp road fund.

W. J. Prevatt \$10.16 for feed for chain gang mules.

Ordered that J. J. Shaw be paid \$5 by Lumber Bridge road fund for damage to land.

Ordered that D. C. S. Shaw be paid \$4 by Lumber Bridge road fund for damage to land.

Ordered that Miss Jennette Dallas be paid \$5 by Lumber Bridge road fund for damage to land.

Ordered that Lumberton township road fund pay to general county fund \$20 for the use of two mules for two months up to July.

Ordered that report of W. G. Allen, superintendent of roads, be accepted and filed.

Ordered that bill of W. G. Allen, superintendent of roads, \$141.67, salary for June be paid.

Ordered that board borrow \$300 from Bank of Ashpole for White House road fund to be due Dec. 1st, 1906.

Ordered that board borrow from First National Bank \$250 for Raft Swamp road fund to be due Dec. 1st, 1906.

Ordered that the board borrow \$500 from Bank of Rowland for Thompson road fund to be due Dec. 1st, 1906.

Ordered that the reports of the several road supervisors be accepted, approved and recorded.

Ordered that T. L. Smith be allowed \$24.05 for conveying Miss Stantun to Raleigh.

## Tiniest Engine in World.

T. H. Robbins, in Technical World. "Tiny Tim," as I have named this smallest of all engines, is made of gold and steel, and is so small that a common house fly seems large in comparison. It fits easily into the smallest 22 shot cartridge, balance wheel and all. It weighs just four grains complete, that is about the weight of a common match. It takes 120 such engines to weigh one ounce and 1,920 to weigh one pound—3,840,000 engines equal one ton.

The engine bed and stand are of gold. The shaft runs in hardened and ground steel bearings inserted in the gold bed. These bearings are counterbored from the inside to form a self-lubricating bearings. The fly wheel has a steel center and arms, with a gold rim; and this part (the complete wheel) weighs one grain.

The cylinder is of steel with octagonal base, highly polished. The stroke is 1-32 of an inch; bore, 3-100 of an inch; seventeen pieces are used in the construction of this engine.

The feed is through the gold base, which is hollow. The speed of this engine is 6,000 revolutions per minute. When running 100 per second no motion is visible to the eye, but it makes a note like the noise of a mosquito—caused by the vibrating piston rod.

The horse power is 1-498,000 of one H. P. Compressed air is used to run these engines and it may be of interest to note that the amount required to make the large engine hum can easily be borne on the eyeball without winking.

## Judge Adams Chairman.

The Republican State Convention at Greensboro Tuesday named Judge Spencer B. Adams, of Greensboro, for State Chairman on the first ballot. He received 476 votes; Blackburn, 297 and Harris 84. Judge R. M. Douglas was nominated for Corporation Commissioner.

The convention was full of interest and excitement and at times stormy.

## Percentage of Deaf and Blind.

Washington Dispatch, 5th.

About one person in every 1,200 was blind and one in every 850 persons was deaf in the United States in 1900, according to a special census report on the blind and deaf in the United States in that year, just issued by the Census Office. The inquiry was conducted under the direction of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell.

The total number of blind in the United States in 1900 was 64,763 of whom 35,645 were totally blind and 29,118 partially blind. Of the total blind, 37,054 were male and 27,709 females. Almost 65 per cent. of the blind became blind after 20 years of age. About one-tenth of the total number of blind were born so. The number of blind per 1,000 of population was greater among the negroes than among the whites, and greater among the foreignborn whites than among the native whites. In about 5 per cent. of the cases of blindness reported, the parents of the blind were cousins. Of the blind whose parents were so related, 25 per cent. were congenitally blind, while among the blind whose parents were not cousins, the proportion congenitally blind was only 6.8 per cent. Of the blind at least ten years of age, 20 per cent. were engaged in some gainful occupation. The percentage of persons engaged in professional pursuits, trade and transportation and in manufacturing and mechanical industries is larger among the totally blind than among the general population.

Deafness, on the whole, the report says, is more common in the Northern part of the United States than in the Southern and there are more deaf males than females. The total number of deaf in the United States is given as 89,287, of whom 37,426 were totally deaf and 51,861 partially deaf. From the latter class, however, are eliminated those merely "hard of hearing."

The census report of 1890 gave the number of persons deaf as 121,178, and the opinion is expressed that the returns for 1890 are undoubtedly excessive, while those for 1900 are deficient. Of the totally deaf, 52.5 per cent. were males. Negroes constitute 11.6 per cent. of the general population and only 5.2 per cent. of the deaf. That the negroes seem less susceptible to deafness than the whites, the report says, is probably due in part to less complete returns for the negro deaf. Of the totally deaf, 91 per cent. were so from childhood (under 20 years of age) and 36 per cent. from birth. Of the 89,287 persons returned as deaf, 54,501 were able to speak well, 6,417 imperfectly, and the remainder not at all.

Hereditarily played a part in producing congenital deafness, and the deafness occurring in adult life; whereas, deafness occurring in early childhood, after birth and under the age of five, is probably to a large extent adventitious.

Of those at least ten years of age among the deaf, 35.5 per cent. were gainfully employed, as compared with 50.2 per cent. among the general population.

## The New Chadbourne Road.

Chadbourne special to W. H. Star.

At the meeting of those interested in the building of the link of railroad from this town to some point on the Seaboard Air Line, held here Saturday, there was a large attendance and it was decided to at once begin the preliminary survey. As soon as this is done and the point at which the proposed road will tap the Seaboard Air Line is definitely ascertained, steps will be taken to raise the necessary capital and secure a charter for the company. The meeting here Saturday was attended not only by the people of Chadbourne, but also from along the proposed route and from the Seaboard Air Line territory.

The preliminary survey will be made this week and report will be made to another meeting to be held at Chadbourne the coming Saturday.

## Baseball Tomorrow.

The Lumberton Athletics baseball team will go to Maxton tomorrow to play the Maxton team.

The Lumberton team is composed of Wallace Norment, manager; David Fuller, captain; Ralza Kinlaw, Furman Williams, Douglas McLean, Lee Stone, Sam Bridgers, Albert Boylin, Norwood Nunn.

Norment, pitcher, and Nunn, catcher, compose the batteries.

## NEXT MEETING AT LUMBERTON.

**Robeson County Medical Association Met at Red Springs Yesterday.**

The Robeson County Medical Association met yesterday with the Red Springs members at Hotel Townsend. There were fifteen members present and a very enjoyable and enthusiastic meeting held. Two new members joined at this meeting. They were Drs. John Knox, of Lumberton, and W. L. Grantham, of McDonalds.

Papers were read by Dr. R. G. Rozier, of Lumberton, and Dr. Prince, of Lumberton. The next meeting of the association will be in Lumberton Wednesday, September 5th.

Those who went from here to the meeting at Red Springs yesterday were Drs. N. A. Thompson, R. G. Rozier and John Knox.

## Mr. Berry Sutton Dead.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. Berry Sutton, of Boardman, after a lingering illness of two months, died at his home Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Besides a host of friends and relatives, he leaves a wife and six small children, the eldest but eleven years of age, to mourn their loss. The funeral ceremony was conducted at the home of the deceased by Rev. Warren Barnes, of Fair Bluff, after which the remains were taken to Piney Forest cemetery.

The service was closed at the grave with a most touching prayer by a small boy of 12, which touched the hearts of the many friends present.

But the most comforting thought is that Mr. Sutton was a member of the Baptist church here and one who lived his profession.

When he was crossing the dark river of death he called his loved ones and friends to his side and told them of his elder brother, "Jesus Christ," whom he should soon meet and said, "It is well with my soul."

Boardman, N. C., July 10th.

## Lumber Bridge Locals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. J. L. Shaw returned from the beach Monday, where he spent a few days.

Mr. J. W. Hall returned from Georgia and Florida today.

Mr. J. E. Clifton spent Saturday in Fayetteville on business.

Mr. D. R. John, of John Station, came over Friday night and attended the Antioch picnic Saturday.

Messrs. G. R. Thagard, Tom and Leslie Shaw and Rowland Lancaster went to Ashville Monday on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. N. Shaw and daughter and Miss Mittie Cobb went to Jackson Springs Tuesday, where they expect to spend some time.

Mr. W. E. Smith was called home from Florida Monday on account of the illness of his little son, Leslie.

Mrs. Witherspoon and two little grand-children, of Lancaster, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Thomas Stamps.

Rev. Evander McNair, of Missouri, who is on a visit to his old home, preached for Rev. J. A. Caligan Sunday. His old friends gladly welcomed him home, as it has been thirty eight years since he left Lumber Bridge, N. C., July 11th.

## Drunkennes Defined.

Charlotte Observer.

Whoever has attended courts where the trial of "drunks" are frequent will remember that almost every witness has a different notion of what a drunk man is. If he staggers some call him drunk; others think he must be fumbunctious, and others think he must be in the ditch. Ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson has either discovered or invented a rhymed definition, which the reporter takes the liberty of offering to the profession:

"He is not drunk, who, from the floor, Can rise again and drink once more; But only he who prostrate lies, And cannot either drink or rise."

## First National Declares Dividend

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank Tuesday, a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent was declared and about 7 per cent passed to the surplus fund.

By reference to this institution's advertisement elsewhere in the paper it will be seen that its growth has been remarkable. The assets amount to \$237,300 and the bank is only 21 months old.

Read our Business Builders.

## KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION.

**Mr. J. S. Stone Meets Horrible Death at His Sawmill Near Town.**

Mr. Joe. S. Stone was killed by the explosion of the boiler at his sawmill near Long Brance, about six miles from town, early yesterday morning.

The one who regular attended the boiler was absent at the time. Mr. Stone walked by and noticed that the water was out of the boiler and turned some in. It exploded and tore things up in general.

Mr. Stone was hurled against some lumber several yards away. His body was not mangled much. Deceased was a well-to-do citizen of the county and highly respected and was 50 years old. He is survived by a wife and five children. Funeral services will be held this afternoon.

Another party standing nearby was slightly scalded.

## Lumber Bridge Socially.

Fayetteville Observer.

Among the social features of the week at Lumber Bridge was a delightful porch party, given by Miss Pearl Cobb at her home, in honor of Miss Essie Shaw and her charming guests, Misses Alma Love, of Wilmington, and Susie Hubbard, of Fayetteville.

The porch was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns, ferns and potted flowers, which made it an ideal place. Among the amusements of the evening were several guessing games. Misses Hubbard and Cobb charmingly rendered several piano solos later on in the evening, which were greatly enjoyed.

Among those who were present were Misses Alma Love, Wilmington; Susie Hubbard, Fayetteville; Myra Burns and Myrtle Cook, Red Springs; Essie Shaw, Pearl Cobb, Pauline Stamps, Emma Currie, Mittie Cobb, Berta Cade, Kitty John, Leticia Lancaster and Edna Smith; Messrs. Lyd Whitted, Fayetteville; Henry Jones, Lumberton; William Jones, St. Pauls; Curry Pool, McKethan Peele Britt, Raeford; Girden Thagard, Less Shaw, Dan Marley, Bee Johnson, Evander Conoley, Roland Lancaster, Lacy John, Albert Sikes.

## Acted in Self-Defense.

Clinton Special 11th, Cha. Observer.

In a trial today before three justices J. T. Bedsole was adjudged as acting in self-defense in the killing of Dan Alexson, on the excursion train near Autryville, Sampson county, on Sunday morning, and released from custody. It appeared on trial that Alexson was heavily armed and had been threatening Bedsole all day and the two men had to be kept separate, and when the fatal shots were fired Bedsole was in a coach with only one or two persons trying to avoid him, and his antagonist rushed at him with pistol in hand, when he was shot and instantly killed. About ten witnesses were examined.

## STATE NEWS.

Some unknown party blew up the town hall of Kernersville a few nights ago with a stick of dynamite.

Robert D. Douglas, editor of The Industrial News, has been appointed postmaster at Greensboro. At the same time L. N. Grant was appointed postmaster at Goldsboro. These appointments represents a pretty slick move on the part of the President. He patted two parties on the back at the same time. Douglas is an "organization" Republican, while Grant is one of the "outs."

Mr. R. N. Hackett, Democratic congressional nominee in the eighth district, challenged Mr. Spencer Blackburn, Republican nominee, to a joint canvass of the district. Mr. Blackburn left it to the chairman of his committee, or in other words, he will not accept. Mr. Blackburn is spoken of up in his neighborhood, as the "Drummer Boy who never beats a retreat." We guess this is an exception to his rule.

## Shannon News Notes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Misses Annie and Mittie McMillan, of Ashpole, are visiting Misses Ella and Belle Smith, of Shannon.

Miss Emma Taylor, of Virginia, is visiting Mr. J. E. Singleton at Shannon.

Miss Lula Humphrey, who has been visiting in the Shannon vicinity, has gone to Philadelphia to visit relatives.

Miss Nellie Humphrey, accompanied her cousin, Miss Lula Humphrey, to Philadelphia.

Crops in the Shannon section are looking fairly well, but cotton has had too much rain and in some places has suffered for proper cultivation.

Shannon July 11th.

The Wadesboro lyncher's case will be tried in Monroe next week and the outcome will be of decided interest to the State at large. There will doubtless be a big array of counsel for the defendants.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mr. Gerald Pittman was taken to Wilmington this morning to a hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

The Cpio Odom Co. has been chartered to do a general lumber business at St. Pauls with \$600 capital stock.

Brittie Bankton Page, the 20-months-old son of Mr. E. E. Page, died Monday and the remains were interred Tuesday.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lumberton Cotton Mills yesterday a dividend of 7 per cent was declared for the quarter just ended.

There will be a basket-picnic at the "old desert mill," near Rennett, Saturday, July 21st. Everybody is invited to go and carry a well-filled basket and enjoy the day.

Mr. W. J. Prevatt and son, Master Robert Prevatt, left Monday afternoon for Asheville. Mr. Prevatt is chief of the Lumberton fire department and goes to Asheville to attend the Fireman's Association.

Mrs. Rense Britt died Tuesday night at her home near Bellamy, Wishart township, of typhoid fever, aged about 30 years. Her husband and three children survive. They are all sick with typhoid fever.

The Lumberton Lodge No. 245, Independent Order Odd Fellows, has issued invitations to the installation of new officers in the lodge room this evening at 8:30 o'clock. There will be an address, recitations, music and refreshments.

Rev. Evander McNair, of Missouri, is visiting relatives in Robeson county. Mr. McNair was pastor of the Presbyterian church of Lumberton thirty years ago. He went to Missouri then and had not been back since until the present visit.

Mr. D. P. McBryde, of Charlotte, field representative of the Textile Excelsior, the best trade journal of its kind in the South, spent Monday afternoon and night in Lumberton. Mr. McBryde spent Sunday at the seashore hotel at Wrightsville Beach and had the misfortune to lose his grip there. It was left in the lobby and was either carried off through mistake or otherwise.

## Lumberton Negro Turns White.

A special dispatch from Boston, Mass., to the Charlotte Observer says:

A queer case coming to light here is that of a negro, Leslie Green, of Lumberton, N. C., who has been working in North Adams. He has turned white, a sort of pinkish white, all over his body with the exception of his forehead, which is black. His case has attracted the attention of physicians and skin specialists and they learned that, at his birth, he had a light spot on his side which enlarged steadily until it now covers practically his whole body. He has never been sick or experienced any discomfort and all his four children are black. The medical experts are unable to explain the case.

[Less Green was born in Lumberton but has been away from here about ten years. He is very well remembered here. One of his colored acquaintances saw him some years ago in Norfolk and his hands had turned white since he had moved from Lumberton.—The Robesonian.]

## Parkton Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Miss Rebecca Ward, of Lumberton, is visiting relatives here.

Capt. J. D. Cobb, of Dunn, has accepted a position as clerk with Parkton Mercantile Company. He moved his family and will gladly welcome them to town.

Mr. Gilbert Wright, who has been in Wilmington for some time, is home for several days.

Mr. Cary Lancaster, after spending a year and a half in Alabama, is home recuperating.

Mr. M. F. Underwood spent last week in Greensboro.

Misses Mary Alice Malloy, Mary Janet McNeill, Messrs. Shaw McArthur and Phillip Hancock attended services at St. Pauls last Sabbath.

Protracted meeting at Baptist church begins Sunday and will continue through the week. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Kendricks from Mt. Olive.

Mrs. Chas. Terry, of McColl's, S. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welch.

Mr. S. F. Underwood, of the firm of McBryde & Underwood, Linden, spent Saturday and Sunday at home. "Sim" has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Mrs. Archibald Johnson and children, of Thomasville, are visiting her brother, Mr. Neill McNeill.

Parkton, N. C., July 12th.

The first bale of the new crop of cotton was shipped from Texas to New York and sold there at auction Monday for 24 cents per pound.

For twenty years Thomas Godsey was the premier gambler in Indiana, during which time he accumulated a fortune of \$500,000. Then, some few years ago, he reformed, "got religion" and gave away about half of his tainted money, without having any of it refused. But he reformed enough to end his days a rich man. He died a few days ago.

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## BETTER RAILROAD FACILITIES.

**Rowland is After the A. C. L. for Improved Service—Mr. Ed McKinnon Host at a Pleasant "At Country Home."**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. H. B. Ward and H. B. Ward, Jr., visited relatives at Dillon one day last week.

Mr. Clyde McCallum visited Darlington the early part of last week.

Mr. J. T. Williams visited Fayetteville last week.

Mr. Ed McKinnon played host to a jolly party of young people at his country home last Friday evening. Ed is a royal entertainer and the occasion was voted one of the most pleasant events of the season.

Messrs. A. L. Bullock, E. M. Hines and W. F. Bristow, a committee representing the citizens of Rowland, had a conference with the Atlantic Coast Line officials in Wilmington last week, praying better passenger service for our town. The committee upon its return reported that they had met with some encouragement, but what the outcome will be no one can tell at this time. Rowland is sorely in need of better train service and it is hoped the company can see its way clear to grant our request.

Mr. C. P. Grantham, of Iona, was in town some days ago.

Mr. V. G. Pleasants is spending a few days with his family at Jackson Springs.

Mr. R. S. Bond has returned from Jackson Springs.

Mr. W. C. Jackson, an old Robeson county boy, but now living in Florida, is visiting relatives near here. Dame Fortune has smiled upon him since he went to the far South and his many friends are proud of his splendid success.

Mrs. R. S. Dickson has returned from Georgia, where she was called to be with her brother who was seriously hurt in a saw mill accident. We are glad to know that she left him much improved and on the road to recovery.

Miss Estelle Pitman attended the Grantham-McPhaul wedding at Iona last Wednesday.

Dr. W. E. Evans is off on a six weeks' vacation and will spend most of the time among the scenes of his early childhood in far away Canada. We trust he will have a most pleasant time and return to his work much refreshed.

Mr. A. L. Bullock was in Lumberton Wednesday.

Rowland, N. C., July 11th.

## Shannon News Notes.