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AS TO THE PRIMARY.

As we were going to press with our last issue, when the Democratic executive committee passed the resolution declining to order a primary election, we did not have time to say anything more than to merely announce the result.

Mr. L. R. Hamer, of Thompson No. 2, offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. J. S. Oliver, of White House township.

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Democratic executive committee of Robeson county, that a primary for the nomination of county officers, under the plan of organization, be held at this time, for the reason that not sufficient time can be given for the consideration of the plan of primary elections and of candidates, and the making of a canvass of the county before the primary, and before the general election and for the further reason that there is no law, by which the voting in a primary election can be regulated and safe guarded, resolved that the petition for a primary be not granted at this time.

J. S. OLIVER, L. R. HAMER. The question being declared open for discussion the following prominent Democrats favored the adoption of the resolution and thereby urged that the primary be not adopted at this time: R. S. Bond, of Rowland; L. R. Hamer, of Raynham; Sheriff G. B. McLeod, of Lumberton; and Col. N. A. McLean, of Lumberton.

Those speaking against the resolution and in favor of the adoption of the primary were A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, and G. C. Fisher, of Alfordville.

After this discussion several members of the committee discussed the matter and upon the vote being taken the resolution of Mr. Hamer was adopted by a vote of twelve to six. Thus the committee, by a vote of two-thirds majority, decided that it is not to the best interests of the Democratic party at this time to adopt the primary. The Robesonian, before the meeting of this committee, had expressed no opinion on the question, but after hearing the argument for and against the primary, we do not hesitate to say that we think the decision of the committee was a wise one, and that it is to the best interests of the Democratic party in Robeson county that the primary was not adopted

this time. The reasons most strongly urged against the adoption of the primary, among others, were the following:

That it was too late to give Democratic voters time to fully consider the matter and to give the candidates for the various offices time to canvass the county before the primary. That there is no law in force whereby the holding of the primary could be so regulated and safe guarded as to prevent fraudulent voting and unfair methods being resorted to. There was no way by which Republicans and those who did not intend to support the nominees could be prevented from voting in the primary. That the holding of the primary would create dissension and bitterness among the Democrats in the county and thereby make it possible for the Republicans to take advantage of this in the November election. It appeared upon the hearing that quite a large number of the persons who signed the petitions for the primary misunderstood the matter and that they would not have signed had they known that there was no law under which the primary could be held. Quite a number of the petitioners who were present asked that their names be taken from the petition and reports were received from others who stated that they would not have signed the petition except under misapprehension. The Democratic executive committee of the county, representing as it does all sections of the county, is supposed to be and is in fact, the chief party council, charged with the duty of acting in all matters coming before it, for the best interests of the party, and we are sure that in its action in regard to the primary, there can be no cause to doubt that the best interests of the Democratic party in Robeson county will be subserved. Under the Democratic plan of organization, if carried out in the different precinct meetings, there can be no question but that each candidate can have his strength registered in such way as that he will receive it in the county convention, and besides, it gives every Democratic voter in every township the right and privilege to attend the primary and take part in the election of delegates and the selection of candidates. If any voter fails to attend this primary then he should not complain that he had no voice in the nomination of various officers. If for any reason there is a disposition on the part of anyone in a primary to suppress the will of any candidate or democratic voter, the matter can be taken before the county convention and there presented, and there is no doubt that the convention will see to it that each and every candidate shall have his strength, as provided under the democratic plain of organization. This is pure democracy and no good Democrat can complain at the enforcement of these doctrines.

Seaboard Expects to Ruling.

We copy the following in reference to the action of the Seaboard Air Line railway, in appealing from the order of the corporation commission, requiring them to erect a union station at Lumberton. The full text of the exception is as follows: "Citizens of Lumberton vs Seaboard Air Line Railway et al. The respondent, the Seaboard Air Line railway, excepts to the ruling and order made in the above entitled proceedings and cause on the 28th day of July, 1906, and states for its ground for exception as follows: "(1) That the North Carolina Corporation Commission is without jurisdiction and authority to entertain said proceeding and make said rulings and order.

"(2) That said rulings and order are in violation of the fifth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, in that the respondent is deprived of its property without just compensation. "(3) That said rulings and order are in violation of the provisions of the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, in that it deprives this respondent of its property without due process of laws and without compensation, and denies to this respondent the equal protection of the law. "(4) For that the said rulings and order are in violation of the

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Announcements.

For the House of Representatives To the Democratic Voters of Robeson County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention. J. E. CARLYLE.

For the House of Representatives To the Democratic Voters of Robeson County: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention. SYLVESTER B. McLEAN, Maxton, N. C., July 25th, 1906.

For Treasurer. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Robeson County, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention. M. G. MCKENZIE.

To the Democratic Voters of Robeson County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court for Robeson County, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention to be held in the County. I will appreciate the support of all my friends. D. H. McNEILL, Blue Springs Township.

For Clerk Superior Court. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Superior Court Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention of Robeson County. A. E. FLOYD.

For Register of Deeds. I take this opportunity of thanking the people of Robeson County for having elected me Register of Deeds two years ago. I have tried to make them a faithful servant. I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to said office, subject to the action of the Democratic voters of Robeson County, and promise to give them the best service possible if re-elected. D. W. BULLOCK.

To My Fellow Democrats of Robeson County. With a sense of profound appreciation for your kindness to me in the past, I respectfully solicit your support at your township primaries and county nominating convention for the nomination for the office of Clerk Superior Court. If chosen for the office, I shall endeavor, with the aid of my experience and observation, to make you a more acceptable officer than I have in the past. Respectfully, W. H. HUMPHREY.

For Treasurer. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Robeson county, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention. GEO. L. THOMPSON.

For Clerk Superior Court. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Robeson County, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention. A. NASH.

For Sheriff. I take this method of announcing to the citizens of Robeson County, that I will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention. J. A. BARKER.

For Sheriff. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Robeson County, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention. E. C. McNEILL.

For Treasurer. I hereby announce myself a candidate for office of Treasurer for the county of Robeson, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention. 6-16 W. D. McCALLUM.

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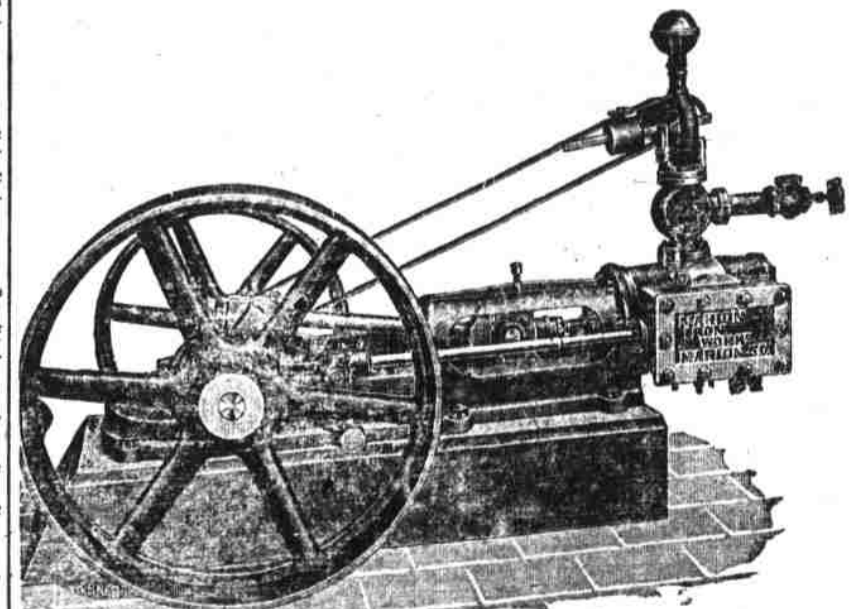
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