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THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

Democrats Assemble Today and Nominate McLean for Senate, McRae and John for House, Humphrey for Clerk, McNeill for Sheriff, Bullock for Register—Other Nominations.

The Robeson County Democratic Convention to nominate candidates for the Legislature and county offices convened on the court house lawn, where improvised seats were arranged, at noon today. Besides full delegations from all the townships there were many spectators on hand.

The convention was called to order by Chairman J. G. McCormick and was opened with prayer by Rev. Z. Paris and the prayer was appropriate in the truest sense of that word.

The chairman asked Mr. A. P. McAllister to act as secretary and the members of the press as assistant secretaries.

At this point, Mr. G. B. Patterson, speaking for the Democrats of Maxton township, at their request, arose to read the proceedings of the Democratic primary held in Maxton Saturday. The burden of the song was how the convention had unanimously adopted the following resolutions, introduced by Mr. A. J. McKinnon:

"We, the Democrats of Maxton township in convention assembled, wish to express our disapproval of an editorial in the Robesonian, a newspaper published at Lumberton on August 16th, 1906, headed 'County Pride.'"

The Robesonian, with its owners and controllers, having failed by direct methods, they have begun recently to resort to various indirect methods, such as attempting to create dissensions and sectional feeling, and in trying to array one section against another, by precipitating a fight for the division of the county just on the eve of a nominating convention.

The purpose of The Robesonian and its owners and controllers is to array one section against another, and thus to injure the cause of certain candidates whose names shall be presented to a convention of the Democrats of the county to be held in Lumberton on September 6th.

We denounce the article as untrue, unjust, and untrue, and we hereby express ourselves in opposition to any division of the county and pledge the faith of all the candidates whose names may be presented to the convention from Maxton township that if nominated and elected, they will use their best efforts to see that no Bill be passed at the next General Assembly of North Carolina to divide the county."

Mr. Patterson gave his reason for reading the minutes of the Maxton primaries to the convention today that he wanted the people to know what happened and how they feel about it. He further explained that the resolutions had been sent to The Robesonian for publication and if it was not done free to publish same at advertising rates, and that said resolutions were not published in Monday's issue.

Mr. McCormick made a short talk, which was an appeal for action for best interests of the Democratic party at large. He reviewed the record of the Democratic party and pointed with pride to its government of State and county affairs.

When no contest was reported a delegate from Sterling township made motion that the temporary organization be made permanent. The motion was seconded. Mr. J. W. Carter, of Maxton, offered an amendment that a member from each precinct delegation be allowed to decide upon a permanent organization. S. McIntyre spoke against amendment and thought all the delegates should vote on who constituted a permanent organization. Mr. McBryde, of Blue Springs, objected to Mr. McIntyre's "Quackery" plan and favored the amendment. Mr. McCormick retorted that he preferred what Mr. McIntyre called the "Quackery" plan to his (McBryde's) "Bull pen" plan. Mr. L. T. Cook, of Maxton, opposed what he called the "naked Democracy," as advocated by Messrs. McIntyre and White, and favored the amendment. The amendment was voted on and defeated by 16 majority. The original motion was then adopted and the organization was made permanent.

The chair ruled that there were 97 votes in the convention and that over 481 would constitute a majority. The chair further

announced that the first business of the convention was to nominate a candidate for the 13th. senatorial district. A motion, after discussion pro and con, was adopted limiting nominating speeches to two speeches to one candidate and that they should not be over five minutes long.

The convention adjourned at 1 o'clock for dinner.

When the convention re-assembled after dinner Mr. L. T. Cook, of Maxton, placed before the convention his township, Col. E. F. McRae, to represent the county in the State Senate. Mr. J. A. McAllister named Col. N. A. McLean for the Senate and he was nominated by the convention, the vote standing 58-8-525 for McLean and 38-517-525 for McRae. On motion of Mr. Cook, the nomination of Col. McLean was made unanimous.

Mr. R. W. Townsend, of Back Swamp, placed before the convention the name of Mr. J. E. Carlyle as a member of the house of representatives. Mr. Geo. B. McLeod moved that the rules be suspended and that Mr. E. F. McRae be nominated by acclamation as one member of the house. The motion was carried and Mr. McRae was named.

For the other member of the house Lumber Bridge put forth the name of Mr. H. M. John. He and Carlyle were balloted for and Mr. John was nominated, having received 514 and Carlyle 454 votes.

In the race for clerk of the court were, W. H. Humphrey, the present incumbent, D. H. McNeill, A. E. Floyd, D. P. Shaw and A. Nash. After several ballots Mr. Humphrey was nominated. The final vote was Humphrey 50; McNeill 4; Shaw 27 and Nash 9.

As was generally expected, the most exciting work for the convention was the nominating of a candidate for sheriff. Those who expected this were not disappointed. Messrs. E. C. McNeill and J. A. Barker were the two candidates before the convention for this position. At the conclusion of the ballot and before the result was announced, Mr. A. W. McLean challenged the vote of Thompson township no. 1 on the ground that it was not cast for sheriff as the primary of that township last Saturday instructed. The report of the action of the primary showed that Mr. McNeill had been endorsed unanimously for sheriff. Under the Democratic plan of organization, it was decided that the eight votes of the township should have been cast for Mr. McNeill, following out the instruction of the primary. The township divided the vote between the two candidates and it was for this reason that the vote was challenged. The chair ruled that the delegation should get together and decide by the required two-thirds majority vote to abrogate the instruction of the primary. The delegation voted five and three on the question. The chair gave them five minutes more to discuss it and when they failed to reach the proper decision, the chair ruled that the vote of the township should be cast for McNeill. The chair then announced the result of the ballot to be 50-3-7 for McNeill and 46-4-7 for Barker. Mr. Cook, of Maxton, protested the ruling of the chair and by a vote of the convention the chair was sustained and McNeill was declared the nominee of the convention. Mr. G. B. McLeod then arose and pledged McNeill the support of Barker.

About this time the convention was disturbed by a little scrap that did not amount to anything. It was some time before the convention could be brought to order again. Col. McLean was called to the front and asked if he might say "mob". He appealed to the people to let reason and judgment settle things. Order prevailed after this and the convention proceeded with its business.

D. W. Bullock had no opposition for renomination as register of deeds and was nominated by acclamation.

When nominations for treasurer were called Mr. M. G. McKenzie's name was announced. The name of Mr. George L. Thompson was withdrawn from the race. Mr. W. D. McCallum was put in nomination, but his name was withdrawn and Mr. McKenzie was nominated by acclamation.

For coroner, Mr. G. E. Rancke was nominated by acclamation. The same with J. D. Ferguson for surveyor.

The following were put in nomination for county commissioners after which the convention took a recess for supper: J. W. Carter, A. R. McEachern, C. A. Oliver, J. P. McNeill, R. S. Bond (Mr. Bond asked that his name be withdrawn in favor of A. L. Bullock), Edgar Hall, D. S. Alderman, J. F. McKay, J. T. Denny, A. L. Bullock, D. Z. McGougan, N. A. Townsend, Lock Shaw, Maj. Wooten, R. D. Caldwell and Oscar Page.

J. W. Carter, A. R. McEachern and C. A. Oliver, members of the old board, and A. L. Bullock and D. S. Alderman were nominated.

A resolution was adopted instructing representatives in the Legislature to give us the legalized primary.

WATER-MELON PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Caldwell Entertain Many Guests.

Reported For The Robesonian.

An occasion of more than usual enjoyment and interest, was a watermelon party given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Caldwell, Tuesday evening. The handsome residence was ablaze with light, and the appointed hour the guests began to arrive, and soon the spacious parlors, halls and piazzas were filled with the pleased faces of about forty of our young people. The sounds of conversation and carelessly mingled harmoniously with the strains of music, and the scene was a bright and animated one, upon which it was indeed a pleasure to look.

The game feature of the evening was a guessing contest. Pictures of watermelons, cut in two, were given each guest, and all were kept busy for a while, trying to find the ones with whom their pictures fitted. This accomplished, green paper and pencil attached with pink ribbon, were given each couple for the purpose of seeing who could make the greatest number of words out of the word "Water Melon." After half an hour, the papers were taken up and judged by Dr. N. A. Thompson and Mr. G. E. Rancke. The fortunate recipients of the prize for excellence, were Miss Mary Watson and Mr. A. Thompson.

The booby prize, a set of beauty pins with large blue centers, was awarded Miss Eva Harrison and Mr. R. McA. Nixon.

Later in the evening, refreshments, consisting of watermelons, were served.

The occasion was a thorough success and the guests feel grateful to their genial host, and charming hostess, for affording them a most delightful evening.

Those who attended were: Miss Mary Watson with Mr. E. J. Britt; Miss Flora Neill McMillan with Mr. D. D. French; Miss Anna McLeod with Mr. Henry Pope; Miss Mary McNeill with Mr. Mike Caldwell; Miss Eva Harrison with Mr. A. Thompson; Miss Ada Howell with Mr. D. Y. Floyd; Miss Pearl Floyd with Mr. G. Ed. Rancke; Miss Christine Gower with Mr. Frank Morrison; Miss Alma Rancke with Dr. F. D. Castlebury; Miss Pat. Pitman with Mr. Simon Caldwell; Miss Dora Smith with Mr. Gerald Pitman; Miss Leslie Proctor with Mr. Jno. C. Fuller; Miss Julia Loftin with Mr. Rudolph Carlyle; Miss Virginia Whitfield with Mr. R. McA. Nixon; Miss Dorcas Boone with Mr. P. P. Gray; Miss Minnie Lennon with Mr. C. H. Morrow.

Stags—Messrs. Richard M. Norment, Sandy H. McLeod, Dennis Biggs and Drs. N. A. Thompson and John Kniox.

ROWLAND SCHOOLS OPEN.

Miss McCallum Accepts Position in Georgia—New Doctor—Mr. and Mrs. Graham Entertain.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Messrs. Tom Graham and Ben McEachern left last Tuesday for Oak Ridge, where they will attend school during the coming year.

Miss Willie Reedy was returned to Salem Female College, where she enters upon her work in the senior year. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Carrie Loud, who is also a student there.

Dr. H. Reedy, Miss Willie Reedy and Miss Carrie Loud, spent several days very pleasantly at Clio, S. C., last week.

Mr. Jno. W. Ward has returned from an extended trip to Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Mr. B. F. Barnard and son, C. A. Barnard, have recently returned to Georgia and Alabama. We are very glad to know that they have fully decided to remain in this part of the country indefinitely.

Rev. P. R. Law, of Lumber Bridge, filled the Ashpole pulpit last Sunday morning and preached in the Methodist church in town at night. His many friends were delighted to have him with them again.

The Rowland High School opened under very favorable auspices last Monday morning. Prof. E. L. Willis, of Stokes county, has been chosen as principal for this year and will be ably assisted by Miss Alice Saunders, of Chase City, Va.

The Rowland public school opened last Monday week with a large attendance. Prof. Brooks, of South Carolina, is the principal and is assisted by Miss Whitney, of Charlotte.

Mr. Jesse Stansel, of Lumberton, visited friends here last week.

Deputy Sheriff Barker was in town Thursday on a man hunt.

Mr. Gay Carter has returned from a pleasant visit to his old home near Asheville.

Miss Algie McCallum left last week for Sparks, Georgia, where she has accepted a position with the Rowland Mercantile Co., the senior member of the firm being Mr. Ashley Rowland, a native of this county. Miss Algie will be greatly missed and carries with her the very best wishes of every one.

Miss Sallie McArn is in the Northern markets buying fall millinery for the firm of McArn and Smith. They will have something interesting to tell their friends through the columns of the Robesonian shortly.

Dr. W. L. Grantham, formerly of McDonald, has located here for the practice of his profession. He is a young physician of more than ordinary promise and comes highly recommended. He is cordially welcomed as a resident of our town and has before him a very bright future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Graham pleasantly entertained a merry party of young people at their home two miles in the country last Tuesday night.

Among those present were, Misses Hallie Lytch, Carrie Loud, Willie Reedy, Mary, Maud and Harriet McLeod, Lillian and Annie Smith, Minnie Townsend, Mattie Draughon, Whitney Meeks and Patience Alford; Messrs. Bristow, Charlie Cox, Dan McLaurin, Sion Alford, Edens, Chitty, George Draughon, Ben McEachern, Callahan, Cook and Grady McCormick.

Mr. Plug Bond has returned from a pleasant stay at Lumberton. He says he does not like country life and is glad to get back to the city again.

Mr. Archie Robertson has gone to Raleigh to enter the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Rowland, N. C., Sept. 5th.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The board of aldermen met Tuesday, but adjourned to meet at some early date to transact regular routine business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Townsend are occupying the house on north Elm street formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas.

Dr. D. C. McIntyre, who recently went to Tabor, Columbus county, to practice, died there this afternoon at 5 o'clock of typhoid fever.

The convicts were turned over to the county Tuesday by the Cottingham Lumber Co., there being 16 of them. They and 16 others were put to work on Big Swamp at Tolarsville Tuesday.

The 1907 class of Wake Forest students met Tuesday and organized by electing officers. Among the officers are Messrs. T. H. Beverly, of Lumberton, secretary, and Mr. Woody Lennon, of Lumberton, poet.

Friends here of Miss Elberta Winburne will be glad to know that she has decided to return to Lumberton to teach. She is at the Institute, teaching the same line of work, and will be glad to see all who are interested.

Mayor Thompson yesterday afternoon sentenced two negroes to work on the street for vagrancy. Mr. Thompson did his town a good service and if he will only keep up the good work the town may be reclaimed from the weeds.

Dr. R. Vambill, who takes his meals at Mrs. Carolina Jones' boarding house, had finished dinner yesterday and had started down the steps to go across the street to his home, he fell down the steps and his left shoulder was badly injured. It is not thought that any bones are broken but Dr. Vambill will be very sore for some time.

Mayor W. O. Thompson, manager, will run his annual excursion to Wilmington and return Saturday. The train runs through without stops. Three separate cars for ladies and children. Refreshments on train. The train leaves here at 7 o'clock. Rate for the roundtrip will be \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children. Good order assured.

A party of young people, chaperoned by Mr. J. G. McCormick and Miss Jessie Fuller, spent a most delightful evening at St. Pauls the guest of Miss Shaw. Among those who went were Messrs. Rudolph Carlyle, Simeon Caldwell, Charlie McAllister, Richard Norment, Jr., John Fuller and Raymond Nixon; Misses Leslie Proctor, Jean Hutchinson, Elizabeth and Virginia Whitfield and Eva Harrison.

PERSONAL.

Cotton today 9 1/4 cents
Sage 20 cents

Mr. Walter Bethune left Tuesday for Wake Forest College.

Mr. W. J. McLeod, of Red Springs, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Neves have returned from Tigersville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nicholson, of Parkton, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. W. H. Bryant returned Tuesday night from a short visit in Virginia.

Mr. Chas. McNeill and family, of Columbia, S. C., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. A. Weinstein has returned from the markets, where he bought fall goods.

Messrs. N. H. Andrews and R. H. McMillan left this week for Davidson College.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell left Tuesday for New York. They will return in about ten days.

Messrs. A. T. McLean and P. A. Bryant spent a short while in Raleigh this week on business.

Mrs. E. T. Bennett, after spending some time here with relatives, left for her home at Laquim, Pa., Tuesday.

Misses Lillie A. Barker, Ethel Higley and Ethel Pitman left Tuesday morning for Oxford Female Seminary.

Misses Davie and Edna Prevatt left Tuesday morning for Raleigh, where they entered the Baptist University for women.

Miss Julia Sanders, of Corsicana, Texas, who has been visiting in this section for several weeks, left for her home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wright, of Old Fork, W. Va., arrived Tuesday on a visit to relatives and friends in this section. They will remain here several days.

Long Branch Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The Sunday school quarterly meeting met with the Sunday school at Oakton today with a large attendance and some excellent speeches from different schools.

Mr. F. T. Callum who is home from Wake Forest, was with us in our prayer service and made a talk which was highly enjoyed as it was rich in truth. Fred is one of our best boys and has the best wishes and high esteem of us all. He will return this evening.

We all see with sadness an account of the death of our sister Mrs. L. H. Britt, which occurred suddenly Thursday without a moment's notice. Mrs. Britt went to bed about ten o'clock as well as usual, also was up at one in the morning well and laughing with her assistant nurse as her baby was only twelve days old. At three A. M. Mrs. Britt heard her making strange noises and called to her as she thought she was dreaming and as he got no reply hastened to the cause and found her breathing her last. The cause of her death is unknown. Mrs. Britt has a husband, two children, a father, two brothers, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The infant has been given to Mrs. A. L. Stone where it will be cared for with the best of care and affection.

Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth passed through here Saturday on his way to Big Branch to fill his regular appointment.

Mr. Joe Thompson, of Lumberton, visited his father Mr. J. S. Thompson today.

Mr. E. J. Britt spent one day last week down here with his father, Mr. Caswell Britt, whose health is fast declining.

On account of the sale of J. S. Stone deceased, yesterday lots of our good Democrats failed to attend the primary at Kingsdale and have been informed that things were somewhat crossed up. Though I guess it will be straightened on the 6th at Lumberton in the county convention.

The new church at Long Branch is nearly completed. Already one coat of paint has been put on the outside. When completed it will be a credit to its members and community. The day for dedication has not been set yet but will probably be on the third Sunday.

With best wishes for the The Robesonian.

Lumberton, No. 4 Sept. 2.

The Republicans of Robeson will hold their county convention the 20th.

Letter to Caldwell & Carlyle.

Lumberton N. C.

Dear Sirs: How did you get your business? We'll tell you how we got ours. You sell shoes, we make paint; perhaps we can do a good turn to ourselves, you and we, by swapping experiences.

We began 152 years ago in a little shop a few minutes walk from where we are now; a great many things have happened, we don't remember them all. We made as good paint as we could and learned to make better. We are the oldest now; we don't know whether we had any teacher or not; it's so long ago; if we had, he's gone and forgotten. We should have been forgotten, if we hadn't made good paint and friends.

You buy your shoes; you have an advantage in that; if you make a mistake, you can stop it quick; if you make a hit, you can push it quick. We've had to go slow; it's hard to pick out one's own mistakes, and nothing but fun to correct the mistakes of others.

You know where to go for leather that keeps its shape, feels good, looks new, and wears a long time. What a comfort it is to be comfortable from making one's customers comfortable!

We also have a unique advantage—unique, you know, means that nobody else has anything like it. We make a strong paint that takes less gallons, saves half the cost of painting your house, and it's like that leather of yours for wear. It is all paint and the strongest of paint. Paint is usually adulterated and weak.

We're very old, but we make young paint! one gallon is better than two, if it has the stuff in it.

Yours truly

F. W. DEVOE & CO.
New York.
P. S.—McAllister Hdw. Co. sell our paint.

Negro Boy Drowned.

John French, colored, aged about a dozen years, son of Jo. French, was drowned in Lumber river yesterday afternoon.

John was in a boat with another darkey named Jim Cotton, who is grown. They were in the middle of the stream a short distance below the railroad bridge, when, in a twinkling, the boat and its occupants disappeared from the sight of eye witnesses. The river is in a swollen condition and it is presumed that the boat was hurled under a log raft. Jim Cotton came out some distance from where the boat sank. The boat and the boy were not seen any more.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. M. L. Marley went over to Maxton one night last week.

Mr. Kenneth Lancaster left Monday for Oak Ridge Institute.

Miss Leitha Lancaster left Tuesday for the Baptist University at Raleigh.

Miss Flora McNeill, of Red Springs, came over Tuesday to resume her duties as teacher.

Messrs. D. C. Currie, W. E. Smith and A. B. Johnson left for Florida last Tuesday night.

Large crowds attended the missionary union here last week and reported a pleasant time.

Miss Pauline Stamps visited friends at Parkton a few days ago.

One of our saw mill men says: "It rains and rains and fills up the ponds and in a few days it dries up." He says he thinks it must turn to mosquitoes. And now if some cheap method of destroying the mosquitoes we will have the drainage question solved.

Lumber Bridge, N. C., Sept. 5th.