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COUNTY CONVENTION.

Robeson Democrats Canvass Returns From Primaries and Elect Delegates to Congressional, Judicial and State Conventions - Over Protests of McKinnon Supporters. Godwinites Select all Delegates to Congressional Convention - Much Hissing and Hooting and Liquor in Evidence - McLeod Re-elected Chairman.

Of Robeson's 60 votes in the congressional convention, Congressman H. L. Godwin will get 45.85, A. J. McKinnon of Robeson will get 13.70, O. L. Clark of Bladen, will get .34, H. L. Cook of Cumberland will get .11, N. A. Sinclair will get the entire vote of the county for solicitor; of the 20 votes in the State convention, W. R. Allen will get 10.77 and J. S. Manning will get 9.23 for the place on Supreme Court now held by the latter; and for Corporation Commissioners the 40 delegates who go to the State convention will vote as to them seemeth wise at the time and place.

This, in brief, is the result of the county Democratic convention held in the court house in Lumberton Saturday. Geo. B. McLeod called the convention to order at 11.45 o'clock and the temporary organization was made permanent. Prior to the calling together of the convention the county Democratic executive committee met and re-elected McLeod chairman. The election of chairman has heretofore been postponed, it is understood, until after the convention.

The morning session lasted but little more than an hour. After the roll of townships was called, J. E. Carlyle, D. W. Galloway, R. E. Lewis, A. R. McEachern and W. E. Leggett were appointed committee on resolutions and the convention adjourned to re-assemble at 1.30 p.m.

Thus ended the first chapter. The first business taken up in the afternoon was adjusting the votes to be given the newly created townships Orrum and Pembroke by the townships from which they were created. The matter was soon settled by the townships concerned, Britts and Sterlings giving 1 each to Orrum, Burnt Swamp and Back Swamp giving 1 each to Pembroke. The roll-call of townships then began, the secretary giving as he called the various townships the votes cast in the primary for the various candidates. All went smoothly until Pembroke was reached. Here the curious return was made, "Godwin, 67, or, in other words, nearly unanimous vote." Same for Allen. Major Geo. Hall, of Red Springs, announced that he had an affidavit from J. A. McCormick, of Pembroke, to the effect that there were ten men at the Pembroke primary who wanted to vote for McKinnon, giving the names of the men; also that there were several men there who wanted to vote for Manning. Chairman McLeod ruled that since the strength of the candidates was not demanded at the primary these ten votes could not be counted.

And then the liveliest fight of the convention was on. Mr. W. J. Prevatt, of the Lumberton delegation, was on his feet immediately, and protested in a hot speech against unfairness; and when an effort was made to hiss him down he denounced the hisses as cowards and called on them to get up and show their faces. But "nary" a man got up. Ex-Congressman G. B. Patterson, of Maxton, next got the floor and with great earnestness and force plead for a cool, calm, fair and dispassionate decision of this matter. Orren Locklear submitted remarks to the effect that the McKinnon men were so few at the Pembroke primary that they did not make themselves known, and he was cheered to the echo, and when the vote was taken by townships to decide whether or not to let the votes be counted for McKinnon it was decided in the negative 76.65 to 38.35. Then the Manning vote was taken up and it was decided at once to allow Manning the vote claimed for him. And then the

Godwin crowd saw how they had walked blindly into a pit of their own digging and the same crowd that cheered the Indian Locklear and voted not to allow McKinnon his votes, turned tail, backpedaled, and voted to give McKinnon the votes claimed for him.

The next fight occurred when a motion was made for each precinct to select its delegates to the congressional convention from the friends and supporters of the candidates. In vain McKinnon men contended that this was unusual and unfair, that it was impossible to select delegates in that way as so many fractions would be involved, and that the county is the unit for selection of delegates. Mr. S. B. McLean, of Maxton, Mr. McKinnon's manager, asked the chairman for a ruling on the point as to whether each candidate's delegates should be selected from the friends of the candidate by his friends. The chair ruled that the law governing that point expressly states that the delegates shall be selected from the friends of the candidates. Godwin men were in the majority and pleadings for the friends of each candidate to select his delegates were in vain, and Mr. McLean filed his protest against this action. This method of selecting meant obviously that all delegates, except the delegates from Maxton township, the only one in which McKinnon men were in the majority, should be selected by Godwin men, that Godwin men should decide who were the friends of their own candidate and also the friends of McKinnon. Mr. S. B. McLean filed another protest to the effect that McKinnon's friends were not allowed to select his delegates and that in many instances McKinnon delegates were not selected from McKinnon's friends.

In the selection of delegates from Lumberton township a fight came near being precipitated, McKinnon's friends claiming that the delegates selected were not the ones his friends wanted, and a protest was filed and the minority appointed Frank Gough and W. J. Prevatt as delegates to represent the minority.

The committee on resolutions introduced a resolution declaring that the convention, recognizing the importance of agricultural education and schooling in domestic science and good roads, desired to go on record as favoring all that would promote these things.

It was a stormy convention and the minority received scant courtesy or consideration. In almost every instance when a McKinnon man gained the floor to speak upon any point he was hissed at and hooted at. At one time when Mr. Patterson was urging some point Mr. J. E. Carlyle charged that Mr. Patterson came there to raise a howl, and then for a full minute many Godwin supporters became a howling, hissing mob. When the howling ceased Mr. Patterson calmly remarked that if it were his purpose to raise a howl he had certainly succeeded.

Yesterday's Wilmington Star estimates that Godwin will go in to the convention with a total of 118.65 votes, 126 being necessary to choose.

The managers of both Judges Allen and Manning claim that their candidate will be nominated, and Judge Allen's manager still seems to have the best of the claim.

Mr. McIntyre Not Candidate for Senate.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I desire to say through your paper to the citizens of Robeson county that under no circumstances would I accept the nomination for the Senate from this county if it were tendered me.

Respectfully,
Stephen McIntyre.

—Mr. J. D. Johnson and son, Master Hallie, who live near Red Springs, were in town Saturday and they brought to the editor of The Robesonian several dozen of the most delicious peaches it has ever been his good fortune to eat. Mr. Johnson has excellent orchard and has peaches every month during the season.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION WORK.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Finances in Good Shape—Reports of Various Committees Show Much Good Accomplished—Another Clean-Up Day Recommended—An Instructive and Interesting Talk on the Mosquito and the Fly.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lumberton Civic Association was held Friday evening in the reading room of the Industrial and Commercial Club, a fairly good crowd being in attendance. In the absence of the president, Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, Mr. A. W. Peace presided.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Thomas, showed the association to be in good condition financially, all bills having been paid and there being sufficient money on hand to meet expenses. The committee on factory betterment, Mrs. W. J. Prevatt chairman, reported through Mr. Prevatt that a meeting was held June 6 and that 500 circulars were distributed advertising June 15 as clean-up day at the factories. Much good work was reported. The people responded readily, the management of the mills furnished teams to haul away the trash accumulated, and conditions at the mills were very much improved. It was recommended by the committee that a porch be built at the tenement house at the Dresden Mills, and the management of the mills has agreed to do this, which will add considerably to the comfort of the occupants of the house.

The committee on public health, Mrs. E. K. Proctor chairman, reported that while Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, had found it impossible to deliver the address on health and sanitation on the 20th ult., as expected, he had promised to come at some time in the near future and the date will be advertised as soon as he makes a definite appointment.

Mrs. A. T. Parmele, chairman of the committee on streets, sidewalks, etc., was not able to be present but she had prepared a written report which was read by Mr. Peace. On May 14, clean-up day, the town was given the most thorough cleaning it had ever had, but work along that line remains to be done and the committee recommended another clean-up day. At the request of this committee the unsightly signboard that was on the vacant lot opposite the court house had been removed, and the pipe and other things that had been accumulating there is being removed. Mr. Peace stated that it would take some time yet to get this lot in good condition, but that efforts were being made to have it done as soon as possible. In this connection the wooden shed that the town commissioners have authorized Dr. J. D. Regan to build on this lot was taken up and on motion it was decided to petition the commissioners to rescind their order allowing this building, as it will come within the fire limits and will besides be an unsightly building and undesirable for such a prominent corner. The commissioners will be requested also to consider the matter of requiring the other wooden stands on Elm street to be moved. A petition will be signed by the ladies to this effect and the matter will be presented to the board at its next regular meeting tomorrow evening by a committee appointed for that purpose, composed of Messrs. T. L. Johnson, W. J. Prevatt and J. A. Sharpe.

Other committees reported work contemplated and under way, definite reports to be made at the next meeting. Mrs. Proctor called attention to a ditch on Fifth street, near the residence of Mr. A. Nash. It is thought that the condition of this ditch is directly responsible for several cases of chills and fever that people in that immediate neighborhood have suffered recently, and the town commissioners will be asked to take necessary steps to put it in sanitary condition.

At the conclusion of routine business Dr. T. C. Johnson made an interesting and instructive

talk on the mosquito and the fly. Mosquitoes breed in sinks, rain barrels, tin cans, partially obstructed drains, etc., and he emphasized the importance of avoiding conditions about premises that furnish breeding places. He explained that the mosquito whose bite causes malaria has well-defined marks upon its wings and when seen upon a wall or other surface it places its kind feet upon the surface and that its body is at an angle of about 45 degrees with the surface; while the other kind of mosquito—the town mosquito—has no marks upon its wings and when it lights upon a surface it curls its hind legs over its back and has its body parallel with the surface. It will thus be seen that your town mosquito is rather inclined to put on airs, but both kinds are dangerous and undesirable citizens and the best way to exterminate them is to keep all receptacles in which water accumulates free from water, and in the case of ponds it is best to cover the surface of the water with oil, which forms an effective bar to their breeding. Also, the windows and doors of every residence should be screened, which can be cheaply done by means of mosquito netting, if wire screens are too expensive.

No less undesirable a citizen is the fly. Where filth abounds there the fly doth much more abound, and around army camps almost every epidemic of typhoid fever is caused by the fly. They breed in decaying vegetables and animal matter. Six feet has the festive fly, and at the end of each of these feet there is a brush-like appendage that catches up filth of every description. After wallowing in filth, so to speak, the fly flits merrily to your table and deposits filth upon your food, or it kisses the lips of the sleeping babe and deposits germs of disease, or it kisses the lips of the maiden in the blush of health and leaves a germ that brings paleness and, mayhap, death. The best way to get rid of them is to keep houses clean, and to keep stables clean. Every time a fly lights upon a person suffering with a contagious disease it carries the disease to some one else.

Too much importance cannot be laid upon guarding against flies and mosquitoes, said Dr. Johnson in conclusion, in order to protect children and those who cannot protect themselves, and in illustrating the prevalence of insects that are a menace to health he quoted—

"Big bugs have little bugs
Upon their backs to bite them,
Little bugs have lesser bugs—
And so on ad infinitum."

It is to be regretted that a larger crowd was not present to hear Dr. Johnson's talk. It was full of helpful information and no one could consider the facts he brought out without being impressed with the great importance of waging tireless war upon the mosquito and the fly.

Postoffice Receipts Show Large Increase.

For the quarter ending June 30, 1909, the receipts at the Lumberton postoffice were \$1,763.55, while the receipts for the quarter ending last Thursday amounted to \$2,163.08. During June last year the receipts were \$439.19, while for the June just ended the receipts amounted to \$794.37. A good showing that Watch Lumberton grow.

Public Examinations For Teachers.

The regular examinations for teachers will be held in the office of County Superintendent J. R. Poole in Lumberton Thursday, July 14, for white teachers; Friday, 15th, for Indian teachers; and Saturday, 16th, for colored teachers. Examinations for high school certificates and five-year certificates will be given at the same time.

—Hinton, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf H. McLeod, has been very sick since yesterday morning and his condition is not thought to be much improved this morning, though it is hoped that the trouble is nothing serious.

THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Rev. Joseph Evans, of St. Paul—An Honored and Useful Minister Passes.

Rev. Joseph Evans died Friday, his 75th birthday, at 8 o'clock p. m. at his home in St. Paul. He had been in declining health for two or three years, but was able to be up and very active, for a man of his age, the greater part of the time. The funeral took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in the Presbyterian church at St. Paul, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. McL. Wicker, Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, and Rev. A. W. Crawford, of Rowland.

The pallbearers were Messrs. L. Shaw, A. R. McEachern, D. A. McGougan, and W. N. McLearn, of St. Paul; J. T. Denny, of Red Springs; J. A. McAllister, of Lumberton, and Neill McNeill, of Parkton. The remains were interred in the cemetery at the church, and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. The crowd attending the funeral was unusually large, probably the largest that ever assembled at St. Paul on any similar occasion. Quite a number attended from Lumberton and there was also a number from Fayetteville and other towns.

Rev. Joseph Evans was born in Ireland July 1, 1835. When he was 3 years old his parents moved to Canada, where the deceased lived until 1869, when he came to North Carolina. He was received in 1870 into Fayetteville Presbytery, within the bounds of which he remained until death. Mr. Evan's first church in this Presbytery was Smyrna, near John's Station, and he preached at Bennettsville, S. C., at the same time. Thence, in 1872, he went to St. Paul, where he remained until 1884; thence to Ashpole church near Rowland, thence to Clinton, thence to Milton; and from Milton, just 20 years from the time he offered his resignation at St. Paul, he returned to that place and remained there until death, being active minister until about a year ago, since which time he has been pastor emeritus, Rev. J. McL. Wicker being the active pastor. The deceased was married twice and is survived by his wife, two sons and four daughters—Dr. W. E. Evans, of Rowland; Mrs. D. N. Oliver, of Dillon, S. C.; Mrs. S. W. Hook, of Eastover, S. C.; Mr. J. Brown Evans and Misses Josephine and Pearl Evans.

Miss Nettie Beverly, of Lumberton, and D. D. Belvin, of Durham, Married in Washington.

Miss Nettie Beverly, daughter of Mrs. S. E. Beverly of Lumberton, who left here about twelve months ago for Athenia, Oregon, where she had been teaching school, was married Friday afternoon in Washington, D. C., to Mr. D. D. Belvin, of Durham. Miss Beverly left Athenia last Wednesday, arriving in Washington Friday, where she was met by Mr. Belvin and they were married immediately. After about ten days they expect to be at home in Durham, where Mr. Belvin is engaged in the lumber business. They will probably visit in Lumberton before going to Durham.

The bride formerly taught in the graded school here and has many friends in Lumberton.

Court Convenes Tomorrow, Also County Commissioners Meet.

As mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, because today is the Glorious Fourth, a legal holiday, the term of criminal court which was to convene today will not convene until tomorrow. Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, will preside. The county commissioners have also postponed their regular monthly meeting until tomorrow. The banks are observing the day and Sunday hours are being observed at the postoffice; otherwise the day is much as others here.

—There will be a regular meeting of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock.

State Library PICNIC.

Quarterly Meeting of Robeson W. O. W. Association Held at Back Swamp Friday - A Delightful Picnic—Next Meeting at Rowland.

The second quarterly meeting of the Robeson W. O. W. Association was held with the camp at Back Swamp Friday, an all-day picnic being held which was attended by a large crowd. It was a most enjoyable occasion and a royal picnic dinner was served on the grounds. In that bountiful and excellent dinner there was no suggestion of high prices of food products, for there was enough and to spare of good things to feed the hosts of Israel.

At about 11 o'clock in the morning an opportunity was given some of the candidates for county offices to spiel a few. Mr. M. G. McKenzie, candidate to succeed himself as treasurer, led the way, and Messrs. C. B. Skipper, of Lumberton, and K. M. Barnes, rival candidates for the office of clerk of the court, followed. They were introduced by Mr. Jno. E. Carlyle, who was master of ceremonies, and they made good talks of about ten or fifteen minutes each, after which dinner was served.

After dinner the Woodmen held their meeting in the school house, the meeting lasting two hours or more. Council Commander E. G. Sipher, of Lumberton, presided, and 14 of the 21 camps in the county were represented. The association is formed of council commanders and clerks of the various camps and the object of these meetings is to instruct the officers in the work of the order so that they may the better instruct their camps. The first of these meetings was held in Lumberton March 26 last.

The next quarterly meeting will be held during the last week in September at Rowland. The W. O. W. has a membership of 600 or 700 in the county, some of the best citizens in the county being among its membership.

The business meeting in the afternoon was open only, of course, to members of the order, but the picnic was for the public and while the Woodmen were in session the other picnickers spent the time in pleasant social intercourse on the grounds. Owing to the fact that farmers are busy just at this time the attendance was not quite so large as it would have been otherwise, but there were perhaps fully 300 people present, and, as remarked at the outset, it was a delightful day for all who attended. All parts of the county were represented, the attendance from Lumberton being very good. The people of the Back Swamp section are of the best and they certainly know how to take care of any occasion.

ST. PAUL PACKET.

Work on Bank Building Progressing—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, July 2.—Mr. L. McInnis left yesterday for Charlotte, where he is taking treatment for indigestion.

Messrs. A. R. McEachern, J. T. Webb, L. H. Townsend, G. T. Fisher and E. O. Fisher, delegates to the county convention, left for Lumberton this morning.

Mr. Raymond Reynolds came here yesterday and arrested a colored boy who is charged with stealing a bicycle at Lumberton recently. The boy was taken to jail last night.

Work on the bank building is progressing rapidly. The walls are up to the second story and if the weather is good the brick work will soon be completed.

Mr. A. D. Evans, who lives near here, is a business visitor at Charlotte this week.—Mr. D. B. McNeill and Mr. Russell, of Lumberton, are here today.

Mr. P. D. Odum's new residence on Broad street will soon be completed.

Mr. C. W. Jones and 3 boys, who have been very sick, we are glad to report are improving. We hope to see them out soon.