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FARMERS' UNION MEETING.

A Called Meeting of the County Union Held in Lumberton Yesterday—Marketing Cotton and Other Matters of Importance Discussed—ATwo-Days' County Meeting to be Held September 9 and 10—Educational Rally August 26.

At the call of President W. S. Cobb a meeting of the Robeson County Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union was held in the court house yesterday. The meeting was well attended, 30 of the 48 locals of the county being represented, and much business of importance was considered. Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the State organization, was expected to address the Union but was unavoidably prevented from being present.

In calling the morning session to order about 11.30 o'clock President Cobb stated that the Union is stronger than ever in the county and in the State and is growing in strength and influence daily. He called on Mr. W. P. Barker, of Lumberton, for some remarks about the recent State meeting of the Union in Raleigh and Mr. Barker spoke enthusiastically of the work done there, of the splendid speeches made, and urged all who could do so to attend these meetings in the future.

Vice President W. K. Culbreth reported that the terms proposed by the Bell Telephone Co. for putting in 'phones throughout the county were not at all satisfactory and he and K. M. Barnes and J. A. Sharpe were appointed a committee to take the matter up with the Bell Co. and see if more satisfactory terms can be secured.

The matter of marketing cotton was discussed at length, and the Lumberton market came in for severe criticism. It was stated that cotton last year brought from 1/4 of a cent to a cent below the prices paid elsewhere all during the season. Mr. Culbreth suggested that arrangements be made to secure quotations direct at every market in the county; Mr. W. P. Barker suggested that buyers be induced to come upon the market and compete with local mills; Mr. J. M. Hoyle insisted that nothing would be accomplished until a business agent was employed, and Mr. K. M. Barnes spoke of the difference in prices at Lumberton and Maxton and Rowland, Lumberton being always lower. On motion the following committee was appointed to look into the matter thoroughly and report at the county meeting to be held in September: W. S. Cobb, W. G. Stubbs, J. I. Townsend, T. N. Higley, Edgar Hall.

At the afternoon session it was decided to hold a county meeting to last two days, September 9 and 10. Many matters claim attention that cannot be attended to properly in one day and all Union men who can possibly do so are urged to attend this meeting of two days—to come prepared for two days of pleasure and business. The meeting will be both profitable and interesting.

Farm demonstration work came in for a large share of attention and a committee was appointed to appear before the county commissioners at their next regular meeting and petition that the county pay the salary of one agricultural expert to visit the farms of the county and advise the farmers as to best methods of cultivation, etc. The department of Agriculture at Washington will pay the salary of a second man for this work. It was the consensus of opinion that this work should be inaugurated in the county this fall, and it would be of incalculable benefit.

Mr. M. G. McKenzie introduced a resolution to the effect that the county board of education be asked to provide for an ice assistant for Prof. J. R. ... county superintendent of education, so that he may have more time to visit schools and do work along lines for which he has not time at present, and commending him for the efficient work done with the means at his

SIXTH DISTRICT MUDDLE.

Committee Appointed to Investigate Begins Sessions Tomorrow at Wrightsville Beach—Will Act With Sole Purpose of Finding a Way Out of the Unfortunate Situation.

The committee appointed by Chairman Eller, of the State Democratic executive committee, to investigate the muddle resulting from the two sixth district Democratic conventions held at Wrightsville Beach July 21 and 22 will hold its first session at Wrightsville Beach tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock instead of this evening, as at first announced. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the committee is composed of ex-Governor Thos. J. Jarvis, chairman; ex-Gov. Chas. B. Aycock, ex-Judge A. C. Avery, ex-Lieut. Gov. R. A. Doughton, and ex-Congressman Theo. F. Klutz. In his letter of notification to those who are expected to appear before the committee, Chairman Jarvis writes: "It is the desire of the committee to get all the facts and circumstances in connection with the holding of the two conventions at Wrightsville, resulting in the nomination of two candidates for Congress, to-wit: the Hon. O. L. Clark and the Hon. H. L. Godwin, and in the appointment of two executive committees, to the end that they may make a report in accordance with the actual facts, and make recommendations which shall be just to all parties."

The committee especially desires to have a conference with the gentlemen named as candidates by said convention, the presiding officers and secretaries of the convention, and the chairman of the two executive committees. I, therefore, in the name of the committee, earnestly request you to meet with the committee at Wrightsville, Friday, August 12th, 1910, and to use your influence with the other gentlemen named to attend also. I trust I need not assure you that this committee will enter upon this delicate task without prejudice to any one, and with the sole purpose of finding a way, after they shall get all the facts, out of this unfortunate muddle, which shall be just to all, and which shall restore unity and harmony to the party in that district.

"I am sure I do not appeal to you in vain to meet with the committee in this work. No one can be hurt by making the effort. If we succeed we will have done our State and party a great service. If we fail we will have done our duty. But we cannot fail if the gentlemen named will meet with the committee in the same spirit in which they have been invited."

MAYOR GAYNOR SHOT.

Mayor of New York City Shot by a Disgruntled City Employee—Had Boarded Steamer to Sail for Europe—Daggerously Wounded.

New York Dispatch, 9th.

William J. Gaynor, mayor of New York City, was shot in the head and seriously wounded today as he stood on the promenade deck of the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, by James J. Gallagher, a discharged and disgruntled city employe. Gallagher was almost instantly overpowered and arrested.

The shot was fired at 9:45 o'clock this morning, fifteen minutes before the steamship was due to leave her pier at Hoboken, N. J., and the Mayor was receiving God-speed from a group of friends preparatory to a vacation trip to Europe. The bullet struck him behind the right ear and ranged downward, inflicting a dangerous, though not necessarily fatal, wound. And unless blood poison develops surgeons are hopeful of the Mayor's recovery, although at his age, 59 years—such a wound is essentially grave.

The big liner was gay with flags and ringing with shouted good-byes when the tragedy occurred. Most of those who had been aboard the ship to say farewell to friends or relatives had gone ashore, but a little group remained to talk with the Mayor. They were standing on the port side of the vessel near the promenade ward and were in the act of posing for a group photograph when Gallagher, unnoticed, pushed his way almost to the Mayor's side and fired point blank at his head.

He used a 38-calibre revolver and an examination later disclosed that the first cartridge had missed fire. This probably saved the Mayor's life for Gallagher when he first pulled the trigger was less than two feet away. Backing away slightly in his excitement he pulled the trigger a second time and sent a bullet crashing into the Mayor's neck, below the ear.

Rarely has a wounded man evidenced more fortitude and cheerfulness than did William J. Gaynor today. He evidently thought as he was being carried down the companionway from the ship on a stretcher that his wound was fatal for he smiled faintly and said to those near him: "Tell the people good bye." To his wife and his son, Rufus, he said at the hospital later: "It is very strange, very strange. I wonder why he did it?"

Gallagher, judging by appearances and actions is not a lunatic. His mind is apparently as sound as any man's of 50 odd years, but he has nourished in his heart a hatred for Mayor Gaynor ever since he was discharged as a night watchman in the department of docks and ferries in July last for incompetency. Since then he has repeatedly written to the Mayor anonymously and otherwise, harping on an obsession that he had been persecuted and demanding redress. He has even written to the Governor, so it became known tonight, and he went on board the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse today with the expressed purpose of murdering the man whom he charges with having robbed him of his bread and butter.

"You took the bread and butter out of my mouth," he shouted as he approached the Mayor, then he leveled the revolver and fired. The struggle about the deck ensued almost instantly. As he grappled with the man Commissioner Edwards was heard shouting "I've got him; I've got him," and as he pinned Gallagher to the floor he beseeched those around him to bring a pair of handcuffs. It was then that Henry Geering a special officer of the North German Lloyd Line, brought the nippers and Gallagher was pinioned with steel.

A dispatch from New York yesterday states that Mayor Gaynor has shown no alarming symptoms and that while it is not possible to say whether he will recover, as there is danger of blood poisoning, his temperature has given no cause for alarm on this score.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

Begin Monday in Lumberton and Last Two Weeks—Several Experts Engaged—Attendance Compulsory—A Pleasant and Profitable Time for Teachers.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, institutes for white and colored school teachers will be held in Lumberton for two weeks, beginning next Monday, the 15th. Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, has received many letters of inquiry in regard to these institutes and is expecting a large attendance. Attendance is compulsory, no one being allowed to teach in the public schools of the county who has not attended an institute either in this county or in some other county.

Sessions of the institutes will be held twice daily, in the graded school building for white teachers, in the colored school building for colored teachers, and they will be made as interesting as possible. Some of the organizations of the town will provide some sort of entertainment for the teachers during their sojourn here and everything possible will be done to make the stay of the teachers in Lumberton both pleasant and profitable.

Supt. W. H. Swift, of the Greensboro graded school, will conduct the institute for white teachers, assisted by Miss M. I. Tillman, an expert in primary work. (Supt. Poole has lost Miss Tillman's letter and cannot remember where she hails from). Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school, will assist Supt. Poole in holding the institute for colored teachers and Prof. Swift and Sentelle will change places from time to time during the institutes. Prof. Swift conducting the institute for colored teachers and Prof. Sentelle conducting the institute for white teachers. Prof. K. H. McIntyre, of Holly Springs, Wake county, will lecture two days during the institutes on agricultural education. Prof. McIntyre, who is engaged by the county board of education in addition to the regular teachers, has met with great success in teaching agriculture. He will make experiments relating to soils and seed germination, and he says that within the two days during which he will lecture he can instruct teachers so that they may, with the same sort of inexpensive apparatus he uses, perform the same sort of experiments and obtain the same results he has been obtaining in his work. Some Lumberton physicians will lecture on sanitation and hygiene, on how to detect diseases among children, how to make eye and ear tests, etc. There will also be lectures by an expert on the hook-worm.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the institutes will be made of great value to all who attend. Sessions will be held from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 1.30 p. m. to 4 p. m. Teachers are requested to bring the books used in the primary and intermediate grades and will be required to do regular work. Arrangements are being made for 20 or 30 teachers to board at the dormitory, near the graded school building, and board in private families will be secured for others.

Messrs. White & Gough Purchase a Large Stock of Goods in Sanford.

The firm of White & Gough has purchased a large stock of bankrupt goods in Sanford. The deal was perfected Tuesday and the amount involved is about \$10,000. Messrs. White and Gough both went to Sanford Tuesday morning and they expect to have the goods here for their big department store within about ten days. Mr. White returned home Tuesday evening and Mr. J. H. Turner, one of the firm's salesmen, left Tuesday afternoon for Sanford, where he will assist Mr. Gough in taking inventory and shipping goods. Mr. White says that they will let Robesonian readers know when the goods arrive. They know something of the value of advertising.

WILL HOLD PRIMARIES.

County Democratic Executive Committee Decides Upon Plan of Selecting Candidates—Date to be Fixed Later—Central Committee and Managers of Election.

Pursuant to a call issued by Chairman Geo. B. McLeod the Robeson county Democratic executive committee met in the court house in Lumberton yesterday and the primary plan of selecting county candidates was determined upon. The date for the primary was left to be fixed by the chairman and the central committee. The following were selected to compose the central committee: G. B. McLeod, J. E. Carlyle, J. M. Butler, M. L. Marley, E. M. Britt.

The following schedule of charges was fixed to meet the expenses of the primary: Clerk of the court, register of deeds, treasurer and sheriff, \$25 each; for senate and house of representatives, \$10 each; for county commissioner and coroner, \$5 each.

Following are the names of the managers of the primary election in their respective townships: Alfordville—Troy Cobb, N. J. McRimmon, G. C. Fisher; Burnt Swamp—D. H. Brown, J. B. Humphrey, W. R. Townsend; Blue Springs—Malcolm McLean, Geo. Biggs, W. B. McVillan; Back Swamp—W. F. Howell, J. A. Thompson, Howard Prevatt; Britt's—W. H. Lamb, Eli Britt, Walker Hodge; Howellsville—N. A. Townsend, D. C. Regan, D. M. White; Lumber Bridge—L. L. Shaw, D. S. Marley, D. Z. McGougan; Lumberton—W. P. McAllister, J. P. Townsend, J. D. Norment; Maxton—A. McL. Morrison, C. C. York, J. M. McRimmon; Orum—H. Barnes, L. J. Nye, J. F. Stephens; Parkton—J. T. Odum, Neill McNeill, C. L. Beard; Pembroke—Neill McInnis, A. A. Thagard, W. A. Savage; Red Springs—Jno. Boehn, J. N. Buie, N. B. McArthur; Raft Swamp—F. Gregory, W. C. Townsend, W. E. Baxley; St. Pauls—A. H. Tyson, G. T. Fisher, P. D. Odum; Smith's—D. D. Stewart, P. H. McArthur, Dougald Leach; Saddle Tree—M. G. Prevatt, E. B. Paul, E. J. Biggs; Sterlings—J. G. Lewis, T. J. Noblin, J. A. Nye; Thompson No. 1—G. L. Robertson, S. L. Adams, Arch Hedgpath; Thompson No. 2—F. M. Davis, Thos. Greyard, Edgar Price; White House No. 1—D. M. Rogers, D. J. Oliver, G. E. Morgan; White House No. 2—A. R. Bullard, A. F. Floyd, I. M. Thompson; Wisharts—J. C. Stansel, J. P. West, I. J. Prevatt.

LUMBER BRIDGE PICNIC.

Farmers' Union, Military Companies and Masons Will Join Forces and Have a Big Day at Lumber Bridge Next Wednesday.

A great Farmers' Union, military and Masonic picnic will be held at Lumber Bridge Wednesday of next week, the 17th. Governor W. W. Kitchin will be the Farmers' Union speaker, Mr. W. C. Rodman of Washington, N. C., will deliver the military address, and Prof. J. B. Carlyle of Wake Forest College will be the Masonic speaker. Ex-Sheriff J. W. Hall, of Lumber Bridge, will be the Farmers' Union marshal for the occasion. The Fayetteville military company will be present with the Lumber Bridge company.

Everybody is invited. There will be a big dinner and this will be one of the most notable picnics held in the county this summer.

Death of Mrs. Archie Buie.

Mrs. Archie Buie, 98 years old, died Sunday at her home at Buie and the remains were interred Monday afternoon at Philadelphia church. The deceased had been blind for 15 or 20 years. She is survived by three sons—Messrs. Duncan, Daniel and Make Buie, the two first-named being twins, 77 years old—and four daughters—Misses Kate, Mary, Effie and Rebecca Buie.

HOPE MILLS NEWS.

The Final Summons—A Successful Meeting and Other Church Services—A Business Change—Personal.

Hope Mills, Aug. 9.—Mr. G. S. Edwards, of Vass, was a very pleasant caller here Monday.—Mr. Guss Fowler, of Raleigh, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.—Miss Lessie Deaver, of Asheboro, is visiting relatives here this week.—Mr. Haggard Brown, of Greensboro, is a pleasant visitor this week.

Children's Day exercises will be conducted in the Baptist church here on next Sunday night.

Rev. K. A. McLeod will preach in the Presbyterian church here on next Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. D. Pegram will preach on next Sunday at Marvin, 11 a. m.; Cotton, 3.30 p. m.; Hope Mills, 7.30 p. m.

Mr. J. A. Bynum, of the Bynum and Culbreth Furniture Co., St Paul, has sold out his interest in that business to Mr. L. M. Culbreth.

Mr. B. West, of Cumberland, died very suddenly on last Thursday morning, being in his fifty-ninth year. The remains were carried to Manchester, where interment was made in the family cemetery Saturday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. T. Britt. Mr. West had been a faithful member of the Baptist church for thirty-seven years.

Mrs. Bessie Davis, wife of Mr. L. A. Davis, of Rockingham, died very suddenly last Saturday. Her remains were brought to Hope Mills Sunday and interment was made in Big Rockfish cemetery that afternoon, the funeral being conducted by Mr. Lonnie Smith. Mrs. Davis was about twenty-one years of age, and is survived by her husband, one little child four weeks old, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nordan, of Cotton, four brothers and two sisters.

On last Sunday Rev. P. T. Britt closed a very successful meeting at Union Springs, twenty additional members being added to the church. Mr. Britt is conducting a meeting at Cotton this week assisted by Rev. D. D. Hemett, of Shallotte. Mr. Britt's meeting at Singletary's Cross Roads will convene the week after the first Sunday in September instead of the fifth Sunday, as previously announced. On the third Sunday in this month Mr. Britt will begin a series of meetings at Hope Mills, assisted by Rev. F. T. Collins of Beaufort.

MOREHEAD CHAIRMAN.

Bulter and Allies in Saddle—Harmonious Ending of Contest.

The Republican State convention this afternoon named Congressman John Motley Morehead as chairman of the State executive committee, by unanimous acclaim, the other candidates, John E. Carl Duncan and Major J. E. Alexander, having withdrawn from the contest after their names had been placed before the convention.

It was a harmonious ending of a contest, which at one time bore evidence of having in it the germ of serious party disruption.

Mr. Morehead's speech of acceptance breathed an intensely progressive and eminently fair spirit. The keynote of his campaign has been the abolition of the former referee system under which the Republican party has been operated with reference to Federal appointments, and that idea was emphasized in his speech of acceptance.

The convention also endorsed and heartily recommended the administration of the retiring State chairman, ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, a ringing resolution of thanks for his faithfulness and fairness and eminent services being unanimously adopted.

The convention was organized for business by the election of Thomas Settle, of Asheville, as permanent chairman. He received 737 votes to 373 for H. G. Ewart, of Henderson county, and the election was made unanimous. T. J. Harkins, of Asheville, was elected permanent secretary.

Col. and Mrs. N. A. McLean and two little daughters, Eugenia and Alice, will leave this afternoon for Sapphire, western part of the State, where they expect to spend ten days or two weeks.

Plans for raising more money to meet the demands of the Union were discussed and the matter will be taken up with the various locals by Secretary E. W. Stone. Mr. J. M. Hoyle volunteered to spend a week after the first Monday in September visiting locals and doing personal work along this line.

President W. K. Culbreth, of the Raft Swamp Cooperative Milling Co., announced that the roller flour mill at Pembroke will be ready for work in a few days and urged all who have wheat to grind to send it to that mill.

As has been announced in The Robesonian, an educational rally will be held in Lumberton on the 26th inst. in connection with the county teachers institute which will begin Monday and close on the 26th. President Hill, of the A. and M. College at Raleigh, Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, and other distinguished speakers will be here on that day. A full program of the day will be published in an early issue of The Robesonian.