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## INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED.

**Committee on Sixth District Middle Announces no Decision—Will Probably Recommend Another Primary or Convention—Godwin Says Will Abide Decision.**

Wilmington Star, 14th.

The committee of distinguished party leaders appointed by Democratic State Chairman A. H. Eller to consider and report upon the unfortunate conditions in the sixth congressional district of North Carolina, growing out of the dual convention held at that same place three weeks ago, completed their investigation at Wrightsville Beach yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock without giving any intimation of what their decision will be with reference to the case.

It is gathered, however, from the trend of the investigation yesterday and the line of inquiry towards the last, that a majority of the committee probably incline to the opinion that neither of the conventions was strictly regular and it is believed that it will be recommended to the State Committee either that the convention be reconvened or that a primary be called in the district to determine who shall be the nominee of the party. As to the wisdom of such a course, among the party leaders at the beach from the district, there was a diversity of opinion yesterday, many declaring that such a course would serve only to intensify the bitter partisan feeling that has been engendered while still others hold that it is the only solution of the knotty problem of just what to do under all the circumstances. Nothing definite, however, will be known until the special committee makes up its report and the same is submitted to the State committee to be called together later.

The important feature of the hearing yesterday was Congressman Godwin's notification of the committee that he would abide by any recommendation that they might make while another development was that a majority of the committee had given expression to the statement that Temporary Chairman Geo. H. Bellamy, of the convention, erred in his ruling as to the protest of the vote of Cumberland and New Hanover, which action brought on all the trouble. It was also stated that the committee could not give the stamp of regularity to the manner in which Chairman Bellamy was deposed, it being held, so it is said, by the committee that had Chairman Bellamy's action warranted a deposition of that official, it should have been done on the floor of the convention and not by the congressional executive committee. These and other horns of the dilemma were wrestled with for several long hours yesterday, the committee showing signs of weariness about 6 o'clock when the hearings were suspended and members of the body went into conference over the situation.

Unless something unforeseen develops, there will be no further testimony and report will be made directly to the State committee which it is presumed will be called together as soon as possible in order that the congressional campaign in the district may be launched at once.

## A Business Change.

Mr. T. W. Bullard, local ticket agent for the Raleigh & Charleston Ry., has purchased the grocery business of Messrs. Regan & Regan, on Elm street, next to the wholesale store of Messrs. Whitfield & French, and has placed Mr. Arch, Regan, one of the members of the former firm, in charge for the present. Mr. Bullard resigned his position with the R. & C. Friday, to take effect as soon as possible and not later than the 31st inst., when he will take charge of the business in person. It will be known as the King Grocery Co. and heavy and fancy groceries will be handled.

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## MAXTON NEWS ITEMS.

**Bank of Robeson Increases Capital Stock—Rain and More Rain—Meeting of "McKinnon Clan"—Personal and Other Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, Aug. 12.—Mrs. T. J. Wooten spent Wednesday in Red Springs.—Mrs. J. T. Eason, of Bennettsville, was in Maxton Wednesday visiting relatives.—Messrs. McKay McKinnon and John McKinnon went to Jackson Springs Tuesday.—Miss Edna Tyer, with her friend Miss Carrie Wilson, of Dunn, spent Thursday in Laurinburg.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wiggins left Wednesday morning in their machine for Charlotte, where they expect to spend several days.—Col. and Mrs. G. B. Sellars and daughter, Evelyn, have gone to White Sulphur Springs, near Mt. Airy, to spend several days.—Miss Whitfield of Dunn is visiting Miss Olivia Russell out at Sycamore Hill.—Miss Anna Clarkson visited friends in Red Springs last week.—Miss Eliza McQueen has returned from a visit of two weeks with friends at Wilson.—Ex-Judge W. H. Neal, of Laurinburg, was in Maxton Wednesday.—Mrs. A. P. Tyer left Wednesday for Elizabeth City to visit her married daughter.—Mrs. E. E. Cook visited friends in Lumton Tuesday.—Mr. J. C. Everett went Monday to Scott's Hill, where he will spend some time.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCutcheon, of Bishopville, S. C., are visiting Mrs. McCutcheon's mother, Mrs. M. B. McLean, near town.—Mrs. McP. McL. Alford, who had been on quite an extended trip up North, returned Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Carter has just done some remodeling and painting on his handsome residence, corner of McCaskill avenue and Currie street. It is one of the most beautiful homes in Maxton now—in fact it looks quite palatial.

The stockholders of the Bank of Robeson held a meeting on Tuesday night and decided to increase the capital stock from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Miss Flora McIver, of Carthage, arrived Thursday evening to visit Misses Lillian and Elizabeth McNair. She accompanied them to Jackson Springs, where they will spend several days.—Mr. J. L. McRae left yesterday for Lenoir to visit his family, who have been there for several weeks.—Mr. J. W. Carter left the first of the week for Asheville to join Mrs. Carter and little Lena. They all will return home in a few days.

Miss Clarkie McLean entertained a few of her friends at tea last evening in honor of Miss Eva Hill, who is visiting at the home of her brother, Dr. H. G. Hill.

It has been raining here steadily now for a week and looks as if we are going to have a regular deluge. We should think it would prove quite disastrous to crops in the surrounding country.

For some reason which we haven't been able to learn yet, the excursion which was to have run to Johnson City Wednesday evening was postponed or abandoned altogether and disappointed several here who had intended going.

The "McKinnon Clan" met at Caledonia last Wednesday and spent quite a pleasant day together. Several talks were made by different members of the clan, after which an elegant dinner was served in the grove. A business meeting was held in the afternoon. Mr. A. M. McKinnon, who has been elected chief annually heretofore, was made chief for life. All had a delightful time and decided to meet next year in the grove at Mr. A. M. McKinnon's home.

At the Democratic county convention of Beaufort held at Washington Thursday resolutions were passed to the effect that the Representatives and Senator from Beaufort county be instructed to have a law passed changing the remuneration of the county officers from the fee to the salary system and that no officer hold office longer than two years.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

**Protracted Meeting—Dr. Alexander to Farmers—Road Work—New Store Building and Brick Mill—Farm Work.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Aug. 12.—Messrs. L. C. and C. S. McArthur and Murphy McMillan left Monday for Moore's Springs to spend a week or so recuperating.

Rev. Chas. Parker gave at the Methodist church Sunday morning to a large congregation a lecture which was greatly enjoyed. A collection was taken in behalf of his work in India of a little more than \$20.

The protracted meeting is in session this week at the Baptist church, Rev. C. S. Cashwell doing the preaching. Large crowds attend the meetings.

Mr. J. T. Daniel, of Flemington, Ga., spent a week with his son Mr. E. B. Daniel, cashier of the Parkton Bank. Mr. Daniel returned home to Georgia this week.—Mr. J. P. McMillan, of Lake Joe, Fla., is on a visit to relatives here and in Cumberland county.

There were visitors from several different States here to attend the picnic. Never did Parkton witness such a large crowd of people before. In fact, the picnic was too large to enjoy to its fullest.

The Parkton Concert Band attended a banquet at Mr. W. S. Cobb's last night. Dr. H. Q. Alexander was there and addressed the farmers of this section. His speech was edifying, giving the farmers some good advice, especially as to the use of prepared guano. He urged the farmers to do their own mixing of their fertilizers.

Melons are being shipped yet. The brick store of Mr. L. E. Hughes is rapidly going up. This work will be pushed to completion as fast as possible. Prof. J. H. Forbes' nice residence is nearing completion.

The road work is moving on nicely now. Mr. J. R. Chason has charge of the work and he is doing good work. Street work is also going on in the town. We long to see the time when a mud hole can't be found in town.

Mr. D. C. Culbreth is spending a few days in Cumberland county on business.

W. H. Murph & Sons brick mill has started up again and the first kiln will soon be completed and ready for market.

Most of the farmers have stopped plowing their cotton and the majority of their cotton will be covered with grass at picking time. Look out for turnip planting. Next week will be the time to plant. Fodder pulling has commenced with several of our farmers.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Annie Haywood on the sick list today. No new cases of fever to report, we are glad to say.

## Church Services.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, formerly pastor of the Lumberton church and the church at Barker's, preached the dedicatory sermon at Barker's yesterday morning and preached at the Methodist church last evening. Large congregations attended both services and Mr. Bundy was most cordially welcomed by many friends at both these churches.

Prof. C. N. Beech, principal of the Bell high school, Sampson county, delivered an address at the First Baptist church last evening in the interest of his school and Christian education. The Bell high school is one of the secondary schools under the management of the Baptist State Convention and Prof. Beech is making a tour of the churches of the Robeson Baptist Association in its interest. He received contributions here amounting to about \$100.

**Smallpox Quarantine Will be Raised Tomorrow.**

The smallpox scare—which was not much of a scare after all—is now a thing of the past. Della Sikes, colored, and daughter, who live near the Seaboard freight depot and who were the only victims, have recovered and the quarantine will be raised tomorrow.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

**Convened This Morning—Sessions Twice Daily in Graded School Auditorium and Allen's Hall.**

Notwithstanding the rains of the early morning, between 30 and 40 teachers were present in the auditorium of the graded school building this morning about 11 o'clock when the Robeson county teachers' institute convened. Rain delayed the opening and many teachers were prevented from arriving this morning, but they are arriving on every train and it is expected that by tomorrow many more will be in attendance.

Supt. W. H. Swift, of the Greensboro graded school, opened the institute for white teachers with a short talk and Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school, opened the institute for colored teachers at Allen's hall, in North Lumberton. Tomorrow morning Mr. R. D. Caldwell will address the white teachers on behalf of the trustees of the graded school, in the absence of the chairman of the board, Col. N. A. McLean, and Mr. S. McIntyre will make a welcoming speech on behalf of the town. The sessions will be from 9.15 to noon and from 1.30 to 4.15. The public is invited to attend. Prof. K. H. McIntyre, of Wake county, will lecture tomorrow and Wednesday on agricultural education. As mentioned elsewhere, the white teachers will be entertained at the motion picture show tomorrow evening by Messrs. White & Gough. The institutes will continue two weeks and other entertainments will be provided during the stay of the teachers in Lumberton.

## IN SOCIAL REALMS.

**Miss Amanda McDiarmid Entertains.**

Reported for The Robesonian.

Miss Amanda McDiarmid gave a porch party last Friday evening to the XX Club for her guests Misses Katie Lee McKinnon and Katie McQueen of Maxton. A unique contest was held consisting of a series of questions to be answered with a word ending in "X," being significant as one of the club letters; for instance, "A turning point?" should be answered with the word "climax," and "To mingle?" with the word "mix." Much fun was had in answering these. There was no "booby" prize, thus avoiding embarrassment on the part of Mr. Albert Boylin, who would certainly have been the recipient, having answered the question "to make love" with the word "perplex," and the question "holding hands" with the word, "mix," and so on down the line. We are not certain that all the answers were in the dictionary and we are not certain that part of them were not correct. The prize, a volume of "Lyrics from Cotton Land," was won by Miss Mildred McIntyre, who very gracefully presented it to one of the guests.

Several songs were rendered by the "Old Maids Tea party" and after delightful refreshments were served a number of games were engaged in until a late hour.

## Notices of New Advertisements.

Giving customers good value for their good money—McAllister Hdw. Co.

Keep your valuables where neither fire nor earthquake nor burglars can harm them—First National Bank.

The A. K. J. W. Co has just sold 11,000,000 feet of timber for \$35,000 and has other attractive bargains.

The Bank of Lumberton gives as its best recommendation experience, ability, and \$600,000 of assets as good as gold.

Ira Mullis, civil engineer, has opened an office in Lumberton. Col. E. F. McRae announces his candidacy for State Senate.

Lady wanted to introduce fall line of wool suitings, etc. Agent wanted in Robeson and adjacent counties.

The McAllister Hdw. Co. will hold Majestic range demonstration weeks at its stores in St. Paul and Lumberton—at St. Paul September 5 to 10, in Lumberton September 12 to 17.

## AMONG TRANSGRESSORS.

**An Erring Husband Brought to Account and Promises to be Good—Alleged Burglar Ventures Back to Town and is Nabbed—Other Cases.**

One D. B. Watts, whose wife lives at the Lumberton Cotton Mills and who has himself been living for some time at Kemper, S. C., was tried before Justice J. H. McNeill Saturday afternoon on the charge of deserting his wife and failing to support her, but the matter was adjusted, Watts agreeing to live with and support his wife, and he was dismissed upon payment of costs, \$1.95. His appearance before Justice McNeill was brought about on this wise: Saturday morning Mrs. Watts swore out a warrant against her husband for leaving her and said that it was her information and belief that he was going that very day to meet the wife of Tom Bryant, a section man on the R. & C. Ry., at Kingsdale and run away with her. Deputy A. E. Spivey took the matter in charge and when Mrs. Bryant hired a horse and buggy and left town Deputy Spivey followed her. At old Kingsdale Mrs. Bryant and her driver and Deputy Spivey arrived in due time and when the train arrived from down Kemper way Watts got off, evidently expecting to meet his lady love and hie away. But his plans were upset, if such was his intention, for as soon as he got off the train, before he had a chance to speak to the lady, Deputy Spivey took Watts under his care and brought him to Lumberton, with the result as told above. Mrs. Bryant came back to Lumberton with the same driver who went with her to Kingsdale.

Eli Higgins was before Justice J. H. McNeill Saturday on the charge of appropriating a pair of buggy wheels belonging to Erastus Humphrey and putting them on his own buggy. Higgins agreed to return the wheels and pay the costs—\$3.15—and the case was dismissed. Both men are colored and live down Fairmont way.

Lonnie Leach, colored, who was arrested Thursday morning by Deputy A. E. Spivey and locked up to await trial on the charge of stealing meat from his mother-in-law, who lives on Mr. Lewis Hamer's place at Raynham, was tried before Justice J. H. McNeill Saturday. The charge was changed to simple trespass and Lonnie was allowed to go after paying the costs, a total of \$18.95.

Geo. Bailey, colored, was before Mayor Rowland this morning on a charge of burglary. He was required to give a \$1,000 bond for his appearance at the next term of court and being unable to make bond was committed to jail. Bailey is charged with breaking into Mr. E. E. Page's house on the night of January 1st, this year, and was arrested Saturday night by Officers Redfern and McNeill. He had been away from town since the burglary was committed.

## Cigar Factory for Lumberton?

Two Spaniards whose names have not been learned arrived here Saturday from Tampa, Fla., to look over the situation with a view to building a cigar factory. They have expressed themselves as being well pleased with the place. They were induced to come to Lumberton through the efforts of Mr. Nash Powers, a former Robesonian, who now lives in Tampa. The two Spaniards left town Saturday afternoon for Barker's, where they are guests at the home of Mr. J. H. Powers, father of Mr. Nash Powers.

## Death of Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Head.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Head died Friday at noon and the remains were taken on the 10:40 train Saturday morning to Wilmington, and interred in Oakdale cemetery. The remains were accompanied by Mr. Head, Mrs. T. V. Moore, a sister-in-law of Mr. Head, and Mr. E. B. Huggins.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—The Seaboard Air Line Ry. began work Thursday on a sidetrack to the plant of Kingsdale Lumber Co. and it is expected that the track will be completed in about a week.

—Mr. W. B. Hilburn, who for several months had held the position as first trick operator at the Seaboard station, left Thursday afternoon for Middendorf, S. C., where he went to assume the duties of agent for the S. A. L. Mr. Hilburn's successor has not yet arrived.

—Workmen began this afternoon erecting scaffolding preparatory to tearing out the front of Messrs. White & Gough's store, which, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, will be replaced with an elegant front of steel, stone and plate glass.

—Mr. Ira Mullis, who, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, came to Lumberton Thursday to practice his profession as civil engineer, has opened an office in the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building. Mr. Mullis was formerly with the Southern Power Co. of Charlotte.

—Hector and Travis Gilchrist, of Lumberton, and Harrison Campbell, of Laurinburg, all colored, were arrested at the depot Friday night. They came in drunk on the excursion from Wilmington and were locked up Friday night and tried before the mayo Saturday morning, being fined \$2.50 each and cost.

—Bellamy, about 8 miles east of Lumberton on the Seaboard Air Line Ry., has been made a flag station for west-bound passenger train No. 45, due in Lumberton at 7.15 a. m., and east-bound passenger No. 40, which leaves Lumberton at 9.50. This gives the people of that section opportunity to visit Lumberton and return home the same morning.

—Mr. R. S. Sledge, who had been confined at his home on the corner of Fifth and Pine streets with chills and fever for several days, is able this morning to be at his post of duty in the Lumberton Drug Company's store. Mr. David Fuller assisted Mr. Lacy McKenzie in the store for two or three days during the illness of Mr. Sledge.

—Mr. R. E. L. Correll, who recently resigned his position as manager of the Lumberton Oil Mill, has accepted a position as traveling seed agent for the Universal Oil and Fertilizer Co. of Wilmington. Mr. Correll began work this morning. It will be a source of gratification to many friends to know that Mr. and Mrs. Correll will continue to make their home in Lumberton.

—The Eagle Furniture & Carpet Co. of Lumberton, which sells stacks of pianos, will give a special exhibition of pianos in Rowland Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Thursday evening it will give a musical entertainment in the auditorium of the graded school building at Rowland in which it will be assisted by the well-known Truman Quartette of Lumberton.

—Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school, and wife and children returned Friday night from their farm near Waynesville, where they have been since the close of the spring term, and are occupying their residence near the school building. The fall term of the graded school will begin next month. Prof. Sentelle will assist in holding the Robeson county teachers' institute which began this morning in the graded school building.

—During the severe electrical storm Friday afternoon—the severest of the summer thus far—the steeple of the colored Presbyterian church in North-east Lumberton was struck and badly damaged and the home of Ed. Love, colored, in North Lumberton, was also struck, but the damage there was slight. Love's wife was in the act of picking up an iron from the open fireplace where it had been heating when the flash came down the chimney and she received a considerable shock, from which, however, she soon recovered.