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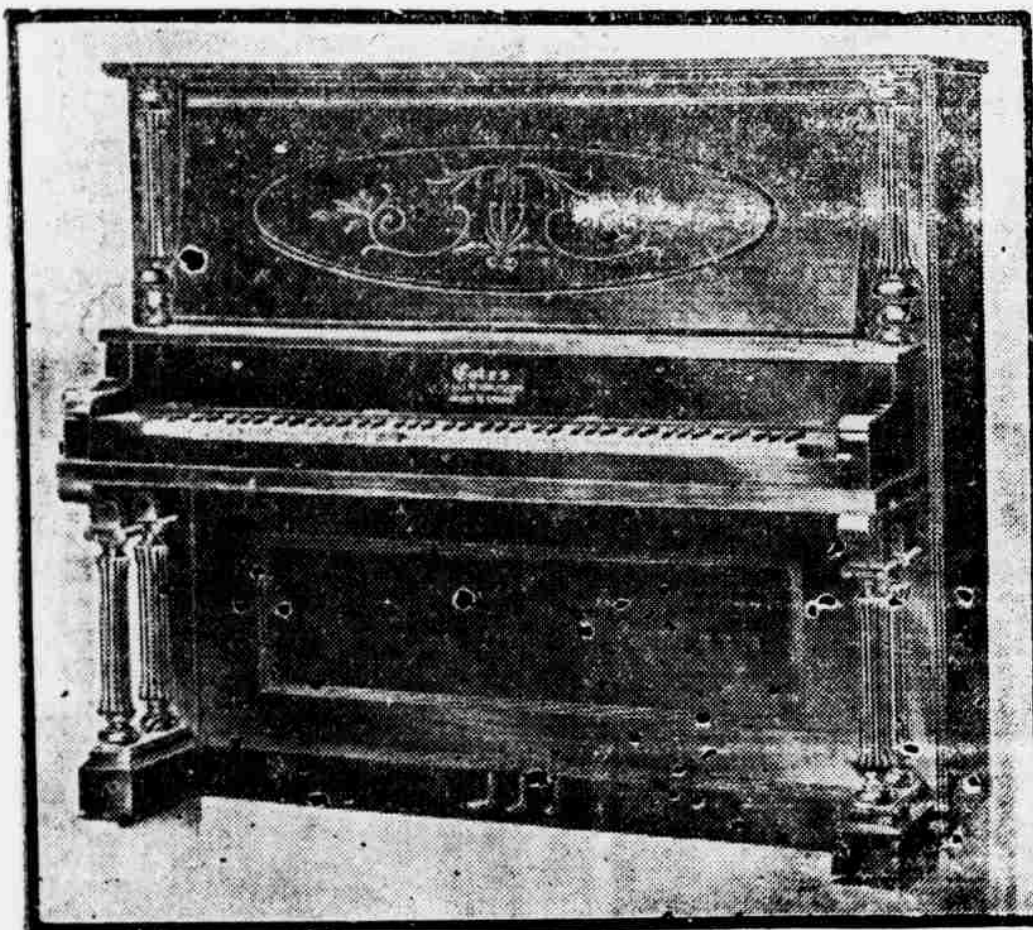
LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1910

WHOLE NO. 250

GRAND PIANO VOTING CONTEST

Handsome Four Hundred Dollar Piano to be Given Away in the Grand Voting Contest to the Person Receiving the Highest Number of Votes---Contest Begins With This Edition.

Today The Robesonian inaugurates the Greatest Voting Contest of its kind ever held in North Carolina.



GRAND PRIZE.

The grand prize will consist of a magnificent Cote Grand piano, a piano of the finest make that has ever been brought into this city, and its beautiful mellow tone has made it a universal favorite, that stands prominent among the most artistic productions of modern piano making.

The Cote piano is a beautiful instrument and has a very artistic case, of a plainness that always attracts. The instrument has seven and one third octaves, the keys being made of the best quality of ivory.

The extension front with music rack the full width of the piano adds much to the comfort of the performer.

The action is of the most improved French double repeating pattern, the strings are made of imported German wire, three unisons with over strung bass. The panels are hand-carved and the fall board is of the latest folding pattern. Trimmings nickerleated throughout. Three pedals, including muffler. The case is double veneered in and out, and the instrument is guaranteed by the maker for ten years.

SECOND PRIZE.

The second prize will be a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) Ladies' Diamond Ring. This ring will be on display after October first at the Lumton Drug Store.

The Contest Free For All to Enter.

The contest is free to each and every contestant to enter, and it costs nothing to win; all The Robesonian asks is hearty cooperation of its friends and readers to make this contest an enthusiastic and friendly struggle for leadership.

HOW TO ENTER.

Just clip the nomination coupon out of each edition of the paper and fill in the name of the person whom you wish to enter as a contestant, with the address written plainly or, if you do not have a nomination coupon, send in the name and address, and announce the person as a candidate. The name of the nominator will not be divulged.

HOW VOTES ARE OBTAINED

Votes are obtained by getting subscriptions to The Robesonian. A regular scale of votes will be found in another column of this paper. Besides getting subscriptions, votes are obtained by sending in the Free Voting Certificates in each weekly paper. These Free Voting Coupons are limited to twenty-five votes, and as many may be sent in for each contestant as one can possibly collect.

NOMINATION COUPON

The first one of these coupons sent in for each contestant, entitles them to 1,000 free votes. Only one of these coupons will be allowed to each contestant.)

I nominate Mr. Mrs. or Miss _____

Of _____ State _____

as a candidate in The Robesonian contest.

Nominated by _____

of _____ State _____

While it is not absolutely necessary that a coupon be used, it will facilitate matters to send one for each contestant. Under no circumstances will the nominator's name be divulged. Robesonian Contest Manager.

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MCNEILL WINS NOMINATION.

Hard Fought Battle For Sheriff Ends in Victory of Present Incumbent—McLeod Concedes Defeat—Another Primary Will Have to Decide Between Skipper and Humphrey. Who Are in the Lead for Clerk—Incomplete Returns Indicate Nomination of Cobb for Senate—Full Vote Cast and Interest Intense.

Complete returns from 15 townships and partial returns from 6 others indicate that in the Democratic primary held today (though this is written at 3 o'clock Friday morning, The Robesonian is dated Thursday) McNeill has been nominated for sheriff of Robeson county over ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod by between 400 and 500 majority. Partial returns so far received give him 447 majority. McLeod concedes his defeat by between 300 and 500 majority.

For clerk of the court, returns from 18 townships give C. B. Skipper 1075 votes, W. H. Humphrey 851, these two being in the lead over K. M. Barnes and D. W. Bullock. A second primary will have to be held to decide between Messrs. Skipper and Humphrey.

For the Senate, townships so far heard from give E. F. McRae a majority over W. S. Cobb of 31 votes, but Cobb claims that in the townships not heard from—Alfordville, Back Swamp, Burnt Swamp, Orrum, Pembroke, Sterling's, (that is, so far as the vote for the Senate is concerned)—a vote sufficient to put him in the lead by about 150. It is impossible to tell, at the time of going to press, who has won the nomination for the Senate, but it looks like Cobb.

For House of Representatives, 15 precincts from which returns have been received give the following: Dr. W. A. McPhaul, 1485; Dr. B. F. McMillan, 1316; J. O. McArthur, 1398. It is impossible to tell who are the nominees, as the other precincts may change the lead.

For county commissioners, it is believed, from townships so far heard from, that the following are in the lead: J. W. Carter, A. K. McEachern (these members of the present board), W. P. Barker, J. F. McKay and A. J. Floyd. The other candidates are Jno. A. McPhaul, D. Z. McGougan, W. H. McLellan, N. J. McRimmon and J. A. McCormick.

Fifteen precincts give Treasurer M. G. McKenzie 1371 majority over W. A. Graham, his opponent for the office of county treasurer, and it is thought that his majority will be between 1600 and 1800.

Register of Deeds T. N. Higley and Coroner G. E. Ranche had no opposition.

The vote in Lumberton township is said to have been the heaviest ever polled. Interest centered here, as elsewhere throughout the county, in the fight between McNeill and McLeod, and supporters of these two candidates worked tirelessly from early morning till the polls closed at 8 o'clock p. m. The entire vote polled here was 565, the vote for sheriff was 551, McNeill receiving 288, McLeod, 263. Every precinct heard from polled about its full strength.

Complete returns from the precincts not yet heard from will perhaps not be received until late tomorrow or Saturday.

This ends perhaps the hardest fight in the history of Robeson county politics. People all over the county were stirred up as never before over the fight for the nomination for the office of sheriff, this fight overshadowing all others, though there was much interest in who should receive the nomination for the Senate and clerk of the court.

There is no disposition on the part of the friends of Sheriff McNeill so far as this scribe is able to judge, to exult over the victory. They waged a hard fight for what they conceived to be right and just and for the best interest of the county, against the tendency of McLeod

to play the role of boss; and that they won is simply an indication that here in Robeson county, as elsewhere, the people are resenting "bossism" as never before and are setting a high standard for men for public office.

At Wakulla, Smith's township, it looked at one time like there was going to be serious trouble, but it blew over without any one being hurt. Sheriff McNeill was there, also Mr. Chris. Wilkes and his two sons, one of them the J. C. Wilkes who had published a political advertisement in The Robesonian in regard to the arrest of some picture agents at Pembroke more than a year ago. One of the Wilkeses made some remark to the effect that Sheriff McNeill would better have saved the money he spent hiring men to work for him, or something of the kind. Sheriff McNeill promptly said that whoever said he had spent any money there was a liar, whereupon it is said that the Messrs. Wilkes assumed threatening attitudes, one with a knife, one with a rock and one with a stick, advancing upon the sheriff as though they intended to do him up. But some staunch Indian friends of the sheriff came to his rescue and said that if anybody touched the sheriff they would wipe up the earth with them. And there was nothing doing. It is said that J. C. Wilkes was advancing on the sheriff from the rear with a stick when an Indian told him if he raised that stick he would raise him. Sheriff McNeill captured the implements of war and the incident may be heard from later. It is said that there was a little disturbance, which did not amount to anything, in Britt's township. With these exceptions, so far as at present reported, the primary passed off quietly and good humor prevailed.

OUT BARKER'S WAY.

Cotton is Short and Price Must Go Up—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 2, Sept. 20—Mrs. J. L. Gray, who has been on the sick list for some time, we are sorry to say is unimproved.

Miss Omah Barker has returned home from a visit to her sister Mrs. Cleman Davis, of Lumberton, R. F. D. 6.

Messrs. Lee and Cattie Parnell, of St. Pauls, visited in this vicinity Sunday.

Mr. D. H. McPhail spent Saturday and Sunday at Raynham.

Rev. Mr. Baker, of Parkton, passed through this vicinity on his way to Oak Grove, where he filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. R. Humphrey and J. D. Powell made a business trip to Red Springs Saturday.

The cry of the farmers is, "What will the merchants do?" As cotton is short, the farmers will never see the other side unless the price goes up.

Mrs. W. H. Powell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Baxley, at Red Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Joe Biggs, J. B. Humphrey and Dennis Parnell attended church at Oak Grove Sunday.

Mr. Arch. McDuffie is at home after spending last week at Lumberton attending court as juror.

Little Miss Sallie Parnell, of St. Pauls, visited at the home of her brothers, Messrs. Dennis and Arch. Parnell, Saturday and Sunday.

The Woman's Betterment Association held its regular meeting Friday p. m., 16th inst.

Judging from the time the boys got home Saturday night, we think there must have been something doing with the Woodmen. Two candidates rode the goat, so we heard.

There will be preaching at Saddle Tree church Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, the pastor.

Mr. Robt. Welch and family, of Lumberton, passed through Saturday on their return from Red Springs, where they spent awhile with Mrs. Welch's sister, Mrs. John Boahn.

Juanita.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Held in Lumberton Tuesday—A Partial Ticket Nominated, Other Nominations to be Made Later—Marion Butler Causes Disappointment by Failing to Show Up.

Robeson county Republicans met in convention in Lumberton Tuesday and nominated the following partial ticket: For State Senate, Angus Shaw of Maxton; for House of Representatives, V. H. Taylor of Lumberton; for sheriff, ex-Sheriff J. W. Hall of Lumber Bridge; for county commissioners, J. H. Currie of Maxton, W. G. McLean of Smith's township, A. B. Mercer of Howellsville township. Nominations of candidates for other offices will be made at a meeting to be held on the first Monday in October.

Quite a large number of Republicans attended the convention, partly by reason of the fact, perhaps, that a false hope has been aroused of there being some chance of winning in the coming election on account of dissensions in the Democratic party; partly because Marion Butler was expected to address the faithful on that occasion. But Mr. Butler failed to show up. He was expected on one of the morning trains, and as he did not come the opening of the convention was delayed in the hope that he would come by private conveyance. Col. S. A. Edmund, county chairman, used the wires freely in efforts to locate Mr. Butler, but it was impossible to locate him, so at 12:15 o'clock Col. Edmund called the convention to order. The roll of townships showed that all were represented except Alfordville. Mr. Angus Shaw of Maxton was asked to act as temporary chairman and after prayer by Mr. S. L. Parker of Britt's township Col. Edmund was elected permanent chairman, Mr. B. F. McLean, secretary of the county executive committee, being elected permanent secretary.

Chairman Edmund then made a rousing speech. After the most approved manner he glorified the Republican party, giving it credit for all the blessings, temporal and otherwise, which the inhabitants of this goodly land enjoy; and that his remarks met with hearty approval was evidenced by frequent applause. He took the whole business in, national, State and county, speaking for a full hour. And, although this scribe could not follow him in some of his conclusions, it was a good speech, well thought out, well hung together and—despite the fact that his voice almost failed him at times—well delivered. In referring to the tariff he was careful to say that President Taft has pronounced it the best tariff law ever enacted, and then he got into deep water by attempting the impossible task of showing why and how it is a good tariff law. He declared that the Democratic party of Robeson is in the middle of a bad fix and on the eve of disintegration, but in thunder tones declared his further belief that "some of them would have to see a burning bush like the apostle Paul did before they would change." Which was just a little slip, both as to his Scriptural reference and as to the condition of the Democratic party, which has just been trying to do a little cleaning up within the party.

At 2 p. m. the convention adjourned for dinner and at the afternoon session Col. Edmund was re-elected chairman of the county executive committee, which concluded the business of the convention. The nominees present, Messrs. Shaw, Taylor and Hall, were called on and responded with brief speeches of acceptance. Dr. R. M. Norment, "the noblest Roman of them all," was called on but declined, and Mr. W. H. Kinlaw, who made a good speech when he nominated ex-Sheriff Hall at the morning session, made a short speech in response to a call.

Perfect harmony seemed to prevail.

The returns from the congressional primary in the sixth district, held Thursday of last week,

TAR HEEL STATE LIBRARY BUILDINGS.

The Kinlaw-Brady Marriage—New Depot Nearing Completion—Sale of Town Lots—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Tar Heel, Sept. 21—On the 15th of September, at the home of her father, Mr. I. E. Brady, on First street, Miss Cora Belle Brady and Mr. J. Elmer Kinlaw were happily united in marriage. Miss Brady is one of our most popular young ladies and will be missed very much. Mr. Kinlaw is a son of Mr. Thomas Kinlaw, of Howellsville. He is very well known here and liked by many. Their many friends wish them a happy voyage through life. Rev. R. L. Byrd officiated.

Miss Lena Robeson, we are sorry to say, is on the sick list; also Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen and several of their children.

Mrs. T. J. Scriven is still very ill; she is not expected to live.

Mr. I. E. Brady has his new store painted, which adds much to First street.

Those from a distance who attended the Brady-Kinlaw marriage were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brady and little daughter, of Hope Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Prevatt, of Lumberton; Miss Nellie Kinlaw, of Howellsville, and Miss Lilly Bullard, of White Oak.

Miss Mary Ann Melvin returned home last Monday from Fairmont, where she visited relatives last Saturday and Sunday.

Master Bennie Brady is visiting his brother at Hope Mills this week.

Rev. P. T. Britt and Mr. Montgomery Britt, of Orrum, passed through town recently. Mr. Britt has many friends here who are always delighted to see him. He was pastor of the Baptist church here for several years and was very much esteemed.

Messrs. Wm. and Elias Monroe returned home last Monday after spending a few days with relatives and friends at Clarkton and Abbottsburg.

Work is rapidly being done on the new depot here, which will be a very nice little building when completed.

The 28th of September is the date of the big town lots sale. Now is the time for you to get a nice lot in a lively little town. Everybody come, anyway.

MERRY MAXTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins Entertain—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, Sept. 20—Mr. Grover McNair, of Winston, is visiting his uncle, Mr. W. S. McNair, this week.—Mr. J. C. McCaskill, Jr., spent Sunday with home folks—Misses Alin and Bessie Covington, of Laurinburg, are visiting Mrs. Robert Everett this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, spent Sunday with Mr. McLean's mother, Mrs. Lina McLean.—Mrs. W. R. Green and Mrs. R. M. Williams, with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wiggins, drove over to Laurinburg in their automobile Monday afternoon, returning that night.—Miss Cammie McCaskill went over to Red Springs Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. Robeson.

On Thursday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wiggins was a scene of beauty and much merriment. The occasion was the entertainment of the Rowland Book Club and though the evening was quite cold and raw, the entire club was present. The home was beautifully decorated in red and green, the refreshments were also served in red. Delicious punch was served in the hall by Miss Cammie McCaskill, and in the dining room a salad course, followed by cream and cakes, was passed. Every one had a delightful afternoon and the Rowland Club hopes to be invited again soon.

were canvassed in Raleigh Tuesday by the special committee appointed by the chairman of the State Democratic executive committee. The official announcement gives Godwin's majority 4,502, the same as given in Boy's Robesonian.

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