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## WARM TIMES AHEAD.

**Vice Chairman McLeod Calls Meeting of Sixth District Executive Committee, Which Will Bring on More Talk—Solicitor Sinclair Hands Godwin a Warm One.**

Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, of Lumberton, secretary and vice-chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the sixth congressional district, issued Saturday night a call for a meeting of the committee to be held in Fayetteville Thursday of this week, the 11th. Accompanying the call was a statement to the effect that Congressman H. L. Godwin had requested Chairman Bellamy to call a meeting of the committee for the purpose of deciding upon a date for the primary and that since Mr. Bellamy had failed to call a meeting the Democratic plan of organization gives the secretary, as vice chairman, power to call a meeting.

It is expected that at the meeting Thursday some definite action will be taken in regard to the date for the primary. Congressman Godwin wants the primary held on May 18th. Solicitor N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville, who is also a candidate for the nomination, wants the primary held later in order to give time for a thorough joint debate throughout the district. Chairman Bellamy is also a candidate but has made no public statement as to when he wants the primary held. The meeting Thursday will no doubt be a warm one.

Times promise to be fairly warm in the sixth from now until the primary is held, be it held early or late. Solicitor Sinclair made public through the Wilmington Star yesterday two letters written by him Saturday, one to Chairman Bellamy inviting him to enter a joint debate with himself and Mr. Godwin, and the other, a lengthy one, and warm, to Mr. Godwin, in which he says he wants a thorough joint debate that will take them into the rural sections, that a debate in three or four towns will not do, and that the last is all that would be possible if the primary were held as early as May 18, because he, Sinclair, will be busy with his courts until May 13; and that he does not want any "snap judgment" as to the date of the primary, as he charges Godwin with trying to force. He says that Godwin knows that Bellamy will challenge him, Godwin, to joint debate "upon the charge that you procured his support for Congress two years ago by making a secret political trade with him . . . that you would not be a candidate this year but would retire in his favor and support him "soul and body". Mr. Sinclair further says that Mr. Godwin's chief representative has been publicly boasting that Godwin absolutely controls a majority of the executive committee and can make them call a primary whenever he desires; that two of the committeemen received large sums of money from Godwin two years ago, and that Godwin has offered good paying jobs in Washington to sons of committeemen and to a son of one State committeeman.

Warm times will be resumed in the sixth, as per usual.

## Store and Depot at Fairmont Robbed.

The depot and a hardware store at Fairmont were entered by thieves Thursday night and some whiskey from the depot and a cheap pistol or so from the store were taken. A policeman and a bloodhound were obtained from Rowland Friday morning and the thieves, thought to be two in number, were trailed to Proctorville, ten miles away, where it is thought they boarded a train. A crowd of men and boys followed the dogs afoot to Proctorville and had to take the ten-mile tramp back without the stimulus of the chase.

Mrs. J. L. Starnes, Hickory, N. C., has in the past suffered severely with throat and lung trouble, and says, "I used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for this and it gave me immediate satisfaction for sore throat, hoarseness, or any affliction of the throat or lungs. I know it will do all claimed for it." For sale by all dealers.

## EX-GOV. AYCOCK DEAD.

**Fell Dead While Making an Address on Education in Birmingham, Ala.—North Carolina's Foremost Orator and Best-Loved Citizen.**

Birmingham, Ala., Special, 4th, to Raleigh News and Observer.

Former Governor Charles B. Aycock, of North Carolina, dropped dead tonight at 10:03 o'clock, while addressing the Alabama Educational Association at the Jefferson Theatre in Birmingham. While in the midst of a beautiful phrase the Governor reeled to the floor. Life was extinct when physicians arrived.

"While Governor of North Carolina I was called upon to deliver many addresses," said Governor Aycock. "Oftentimes I went to churches on Sunday and when I talked I always talked about education."

With this assertion out of his lips the Governor swayed and fell to the floor. The audience thought, as he reeled, that it was a part of his gesture.

However, the truth was realized to the sorrow of over 5,000 teachers of the State of Alabama when it was announced that he was dead. It was the most tragic happening in this city in years.

Governor Aycock was preceded by Governor Emmett O'Neal, of Alabama, who was among the first to rush to his side when he fell. The Alabama Governor in introducing Governor Aycock referred to him as the "Educational Governor of North Carolina."

It was a glowing tribute paid the former chief executive of North Carolina.

The Governor addressed 5,000 people Thursday morning, taking as his topic, "Universal Education; Its Necessity and Benefit."

News and Observer, 5th.

Governor Aycock was in his 53 year. He was born in Wayne county, N. C., November 1, 1859, the youngest son of Benjamin Aycock and his wife, Leroue Aycock. He graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1880 with high honors. He was admitted to the bar in January 1881, practiced in Goldsboro and made a great success from the beginning, appearing in many important cases.

He was a leader in the great campaign which brought the Constitutional Amendment. In 1900 he was nominated for Governor by acclamation and was elected by a great majority. He was the Educational Governor of North Carolina and set the State forward in education. After the close of his term in 1904 he continued the practice of law in Goldsboro for some time, in partnership with Judge Frank A. Daniels, with whom he had been associated before. In 1909 he removed to Raleigh and was associated in the practice of law with ex-Judge Robert W. Winston.

Governor Aycock, urged to do so by great numbers of friends throughout the State, agreed a few months ago to become a candidate for the United States Senate. His health not being of the best, he went to Philadelphia less than two months ago for medical care and rest, returning to Raleigh on the twenty-fifth of March, and was to have made his opening address in Raleigh on Friday, the twelfth of April. From all sections of the State news had come assuring him of a strong support.

Governor Aycock was twice married. His first wife was Miss Varina Woodard and his second wife Miss Cora Woodard, daughters of Elder William Woodard, of Wilson, who survives him with eight children, Alice V., Milton B., Conner W., Mary, John, Louise, Brantley and Frank Daniels Aycock.

The deepest sympathy of all in the State will go out to the bereaved widow and children. North Carolina will weep today for one of its best-loved sons has gone. And when the summons came he was preaching his great sermon of education—and he was preaching it from the heart. He fell as he would have fallen in the service of the children of the South, carrying the great message to them of education for all.

Governor Aycock appeared in

excellent health Wednesday afternoon before he left for Birmingham, and in his office he exchanged pleasantries with his friends. His visit to Birmingham was in response to an invitation to address the Alabama State Teachers' Association, and his subject was that of his greatest address—Universal Education—a subject close to his heart. Governor Aycock had talked education, lived education, and it was of education he was speaking when the final summons came. He died at his post of duty, for he considered it a duty of his life to preach universal education.

## Funeral Yesterday Attended by Thousands.

The remains of Gov. Aycock arrived in Raleigh Saturday and were first taken to the Aycock home and Saturday evening they were taken to the Capitol, where they laid in state and were viewed by thousands until the funeral, which took place from the First Baptist church yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. In a Raleigh dispatch to the Greensboro News it is stated that "for profusion of flowers, the multitude in attendance and the sincerity of the tributes paid the funeral services are unparalleled in the history of Raleigh." Thousands of people were present from all parts of the State, also practically the entire State delegation in Congress.

## Movement For Monument to Aycock.

Goldsboro Special, 5th, to Charlotte Observer.

A local association was formed here tonight to promote the erection of a monument in Raleigh to Charles B. Aycock. The following officers were elected: G. C. Royall, President, Charles Dewey, vice president; G. C. Konegy, treasurer; and M. H. Allen, secretary. Committees were appointed to secure the co-operation of the people of the county and to ask them to join the association. It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a State association. Those present to-night guaranteed \$1,000 to the monument fund and would do more but wish to give the people of the whole State an opportunity to make this offering of love.

## Easter and Other Services—Egg Hunts.

At Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday Children's Day exercises, especially adapted to Easter time, were held at the regular hour for preaching services. The church was appropriately decorated and the exercises, in which a number of small children took part, consisting of recitations, songs, etc., were delightful and were enjoyed immensely. A talk was made by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley. There were also short exercises by the children at the Gospel tabernacle Sunday school.

Dr. T. A. Norment gave an egg hunt to the children of his Sunday school in West Lumberton Saturday afternoon, which was immensely enjoyed by the little folk, and this afternoon at four o'clock there will be an egg hunt at the Methodist parsonage for the children of Chestnut Street church.

The series of meetings at the Gospel tabernacle, in which the pastor, Rev. F. R. Cardwell, is being assisted by Rev. A. B. Crumpler of Clinton, will continue this week, preaching every evening at 8 o'clock.

## Mr. J. T. Barker a Candidate for Register of Deeds.

Mr. J. T. Barker of Lumberton has a card in this issue of The Robesonian announcing himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of register of deeds. It is understood that Mr. J. E. Carlyle of Raft Swamp is also candidate for this office and the present incumbent, Mr. T. N. Higley, will ask for renomination.

## Mass Meeting to be Held at Pembroke April 9.

A mass meeting of citizens who favor the formation of a new county and all others interested in making some changes in county government will be held at Pembroke on Friday of next week, the 19th inst.

## CLARKTON NEWS NOTES.

**Mad Dog Causes Excitement—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, April 5. — Mr. Henry Farrior of Kenansville was in town a few days this week on business.

Mrs. Elisha Meares and little daughter returned to their home at Blaney, S. C., after spending some time with Mrs. Meares' parents, accompanied by her sister Miss Katie Smith.

There was great excitement among the people of this neighborhood on last Monday morning when a mad dog passed through and bit three people and fought with several dogs. The people who were bitten went to Raleigh Monday evening for treatment.

Mr. Henry Russ spent a short while Wednesday at Abbottsburg.

Mr. W. M. Monroe spent Saturday night with relatives here.

Mr. Will Troy passed through town enroute to his home in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. J. H. Wooten spent a few days in town.

Miss Annie Neal Clark, of the Clarkton high school, spent two days in Red Springs recently.

Miss Katie McLeod's school closed Tuesday with quite an interesting program. She left Wednesday for her home, at Elizabethtown.

Dinglefoot.

## IN RE TAXES.

## County Commissioners Will Also Have to Give Rebate on Property Tax.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I note what you say in yesterday's Robesonian in answer to Mr. Smith's inquiry about taxes, that is, that county commissioners will refund 85 cts. on each and every poll of the \$2.85 levied and collected, acknowledging that \$2 is all that our State constitution will allow levied on a poll. Now that is true, and the constitution also says that a poll shall be equal to \$300 worth of property. Now if our county commissioners have made a mistake in exceeding the constitutional limit in levying the poll tax, they have also exceeded the constitutional limit in levying the tax on property in the same proportion. Therefore, if they refund that part of the poll tax that is more than \$2 they must refund that part of the property tax, that has been levied and collected, that is more than 66 2/3 cts. on the one hundred dollars worth of property, both real and personal; because the constitution requires this equation kept up—that is, that a poll is equal to \$300 worth of property for taxes, in levying and collecting for any and all purposes, whether these taxes be for State, county, municipal, special or any other way, or the taxes cannot lawfully be collected.

So then if the commissioners refund 85 cts. on each and every poll they will have to refund 28 1/3 cts. on every \$100 worth of property. The two go together.

J. S. Oliver  
Marietta, N. C., Apr. 2, 1912.

## New Light and Power Plant at St. Paul.

The St. Paul Light & Power Co. at St. Paul, of which Mr. Opie Odum is the leading spirit, will begin work next week laying the foundation for a new plant to be erected at the place where the old plant, which was recently destroyed by fire, was located. The company has received a new dynamo and it has been installed temporarily at the W. D. Johnson Lumber Co.'s plant and is furnishing light for the town at present.

## Special School Tax Election Carries.

A special school tax election was held in district No. 7, Howellsville township, Saturday and it carried. The vote was 7 against 16 for the special tax of 90 cents on the poll and 30 cents on property. The district will be known as the Baker's chapel district.

Two women were fatally injured and scores of houses were demolished by a cyclone near Philadelphia, Pa., Tuesday.

## BETTER FIRE PROTECTION.

**Town Commissioners Order Purchase of Motor Car for Fire Department and Better Fire Alarm System—Subject to Approval of Audit and Finance Board.**

At a special meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Friday night it was ordered, subject to the approval of the board of audit and finance, that a combination chemical and hose motor car be purchased for the fire department, and the mayor and Chief J. P. Townsend, of the fire department, were authorized to purchase a Gamewell fire alarm system to replace the present system. This equipment will place the town in the second class as to insurance. The motor will give protection to people who live outside the range of hydrants. It is expected that the audit and finance board will take some action this week.

This equipment will cost about \$6,000. As mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, the plan is to pay for it with the difference between the second and third class insurance rates, some 90 per cent. of the citizens of the town having agreed to pay for the space of three years to the town the difference between the rate they are now paying, under third class, and the second class rate. This difference will amount to \$1,200 or \$1,500 per year.

It now rests with the audit and finance board whether the town shall have up-to-date fire equipment or not.

## Superior Court.

The time of the court is still occupied, at the beginning of the second week, with the case of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. vs. the Virginia & Carolina Southern, a suit involving a crossing the latter railroad built across the Seaboard at the Lumberton cotton mills in East Lumberton. Many expert witnesses, civil engineers, have been summoned by both sides and the end is not yet in sight. Judge R. B. Peebles, who is presiding, announced from the bench the other day that owing to inadequate hotel facilities many of the witnesses have had to go to Hamlet and elsewhere to spend the night, so court has been delayed in opening mornings until the arrival of the east-bound Seaboard passenger. Among the out-of-town attorneys attending court today are ex-Lieut. Gov. W. D. Turner and Mr. Dorman Thompson of Statesville, Messrs. G. B. Patterson, S. B. McLean and J. P. Wiggins of Maxton, A. P. Spell of Red Springs and V. H. Taylor of Fairmont.

## A Smallpox Victim in Lumberton Saturday.

An Indian who lives near Pembroke and who has not entirely recovered from a case of smallpox, spent Saturday in Lumberton and as the eruptions had not healed he was in good shape to transmit the disease to any with whom he came in contact. There is cold comfort in that statement, but safety lies in being vaccinated. Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, has been vaccinating a great many people recently and he does it free of charge. Many cases of smallpox over the county have been so mild that they have caused no special alarm, but four deaths from this disease have occurred in the county within the past two weeks, so it is best not to take chances. Better be vaccinated.

## Simmons Club to be Organized This Evening.

Circulars are being distributed announcing that a meeting will be held at the court house this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a club to support Senator F. M. Simmons in his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate. All who have signed as charter members and all others who favor the renomination of Senator Simmons are urged to attend this meeting. A number of speeches will be made and music will be furnished by Lumberton's brass band.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Cotton today, middling, 10 1/2; good middling, 10 1/4.

—Mr. R. M. Bullard, of Whiteville, and Mr. W. E. Horne, of Rowland, are new barbers in the City barber shop and the Lumberton barber shop, respectively.

—Mr. E. E. Shooter has opened up a new box-ball alley on the vacant lot between Mr. J. P. McNeill's store building and the Waverly hotel. This makes two allies for Lumberton.

—Mrs. E. L. Holloway and little son, Master Lambert, left Saturday morning for Wilmington, where this week they will take part in a wedding. They will possibly return about the last of the week.

—A civil service examination for the position of clerk will be held at the local postoffice on the 27th inst. For application blanks, etc., address Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Lumberton. Mr. W. L. Peace, who held this position for a short while, resigned to accept a position with the Raleigh Evening Times.

—When Mr. A. Weinstein vacates the Proctor store building on Elm street to occupy his new store across the street, Elm and Fourth, Mr. H. C. Boylin will move his jewelry store to the front of the building and Mr. K. M. Biggs, who occupies the adjoining store building, will occupy the rear. It is understood that Mr. N. P. Andrews will open a shoe store in the room Mr. Boylin now occupies, next door to Miss Josephine Breece's millinery on Elm.

—Lumberton's new brass band gave an excellent concert at the opera house Thursday evening, assisted by the Truman quartet and orchestra, but citizens of the town showed scant appreciation of the efforts of the boys to give the town a good band, the attendance being rather slim. The band, which was organized only the first of January, shows that excellent progress has been made under its director, Prof. Whitley. The proceeds of the concert, about \$20, will be used for the band.

—Rev. Foster R. Cardwell asks The Robesonian to state that he regrets the hasty announcement published in the Morning Star and therefore wishes to state that while he has accepted a call to Terre Haute, Indiana, he has not yet formally resigned the pastorate of the Gospel tabernacle. His intention is to tender his resignation at the first business meeting of the church that can be held. Mrs. Cardwell's mother, who has made her home with them since the recent death of her husband, may go to Greenville to make her home with Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Hoyle.

## New Church Dedicated at Wade Fayetteville Index.

Mr. J. A. McAllister, of Lumberton, recently published a history of the old Bluff Presbyterian church, from its founding, 154 years ago. This church recently completed a new house of worship at Wade about two miles from the historic church site, and the dedicatory services were held Sunday a week ago. Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, preached the sermon after being introduced by Rev. A. R. McQueen, the pastor, who spoke briefly of the history of the church, which is one of the oldest in North Carolina.

## Ex-Gov. Glenn Will be Temporary Chairman of Democratic Convention.

State Chairman A. H. Eller has named former Gov. R. B. Glenn for temporary chairman of the Democratic State convention, which will be held in Raleigh June 6. This means that Mr. Glenn will make what is usually termed the "keynote" speech of the convention.

W. T. Gilly, a prominent dealer in Pennington Gap, Va., was so bothered with kidney and bladder trouble that he could not attend to business. He says, "I had severe pains in my back and kidneys and had to get up ten to fifteen times each night. Saw Foley Kidney Pills advertised and bought two bottles, and soon felt great relief, and was entirely cured. No longer disturbed at night, but sleep till morning." For sale by all dealers.