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## COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

**Craig and McRae Endorsed—Robeson Solidly Behind McRae for Lieutenant Governor—No Instructions as to Other Candidates—S. B. McLean of Maxton Succeeds G. B. McLeod as County Chairman—Entirely Harmonious Convention—Delegates to State Convention.**

The county Democratic convention held here Saturday to select delegates to the State convention, which meets in Raleigh June 6, to select delegates to the national Democratic convention, nominate State officers, adopt a party platform, etc., was an entirely harmonious affair. There were no contests and the business of the convention was transacted in little more than an hour. No candidates were endorsed except Lock Craig for Governor and Col. E. F. McRae for Lieutenant Governor. This is Col. McRae's home county and besides instructing the delegates to cast the vote of Robeson for McRae a resolution was adopted calling on every Democrat in the county who can do so to go to the State convention and do all he legitimately can for his nomination. Robeson will stand solidly behind Col. McRae and if he is not nominated for Lieutenant Governor it will not be the fault of his home county.

At a meeting of the county Democratic executive committee immediately preceding the convention Mr. S. B. McLean of Maxton was elected chairman to succeed ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, who has been chairman for the past four years. The vote stood 15 for McLean, 8 for McLeod.

In calling the convention to order at noon in the court house the new chairman expressed appreciation for the honor and pledged his best efforts in behalf of the party. He said that the business of conducting the campaign does not devolve wholly upon the chairman but that every Democrat should help, and especially the members of the executive committee should feel responsibility for party victory. He urged united effort to make the Democratic party stronger and the victory greater this year than ever before.

In seconding the motion of Mr. J. S. Oliver that the temporary organization of the convention be made permanent, Mr. McLean being in the chair and Mr. K. M. Barnes having been asked to act as temporary secretary, ex-Sheriff McLeod, the retiring chairman, extended congratulations to the young man who had been selected to lead the Democracy of the county and said no mistake had been made in placing the banner in his hands. He thanked those who have stood by him in the past and who stood by him in the election just held and declared that he was not sulking but would go into the fight and do all he could for victory against the common enemy. Later during the convention Mr. R. D. Caldwell offered a resolution, which was adopted by a standing vote, thanking Mr. McLeod for past services, as follows:

"The thanks of this convention and of the Democrats of Robeson county are due and are tendered by this convention to Geo. B. McLeod, ex-chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Robeson county, for his successful leadership of the party during his incumbency of said office."

Mr. J. P. Wiggins of Maxton was asked by the chair to assist Secretary Barnes and members of the press were also asked to act as assistant secretaries.

Representatives from the townships formed since the last election, and which therefore have no election figures upon which to determine their vote in the county convention, were asked to get together with representatives from the townships from which they were formed and determine what strength they should have in the convention. Fairmont, formed from White House No. 2, Back Swamp and Britt's, took nothing from the two last-named but took the 6 that belonged to White House No. 2, which is no more, as it was completely absorbed by Fairmont. Rennert

was given 2 votes, 1 from St. Paul, 1 from Lumber Bridge; Pembroke was given 3, from Back Swamp 1, from Burnt Swamp 2.

Mr. A. W. McLean suggested—and it was later put in the form of a motion and carried—that 40 delegates be sent to the State convention to cast Robeson's 20 votes in that body, and no alternates. If only 20 delegates were elected some of the smaller townships would not be entitled to a delegate. Mr. McLeod suggested that it might be well to send 60 delegates, in order to have as large a crowd to root for Col. McRae as possible, but it was thought that that was not permissible and that seats would not be provided in the convention hall for so many, so it was determined to send 40; and Mr. McLean's suggestion was adopted to select these on a basis of 1 delegate for every 75 votes or fraction exceeding 38 cast in the election of 1908. On this basis the following delegates were elected to cast Robeson county's 20 votes (the vote for Governor in 1908 was 3,005 instead of 2,823, as The Robesonian was at first advised, giving 20 instead of 19 votes) in the State convention:

Alfordville, McKay McKinnon; Back Swamp, T. M. Moore; Burnt Swamp, W. A. Smith, A. C. McLeod; Fairmont, Dr. J. P. Brown, I. M. Thompson; Howellsville, J. I. Townsend, A. A. Bethune; Lumberton, R. C. Lawrence, A. W. McLean, R. D. Caldwell, A. E. White, D. B. McNeill; Lumber Bridge, H. M. John, D. L. Sinclair; Maxton, A. J. McKinnon, J. P. Wiggins, McP. McL. Alford; Parkton, J. B. McCormick, A. J. Garris; Pembroke, N. McInnis; Red Springs, J. G. Williams, Martin McKinnon, A. T. McCallum; Rennert, J. T. Denny; Raft Swamp, J. E. Carlyle; Saddle Tree, Dr. R. G. Rozier; Smith's, H. L. McNeill, R. H. Lowrie; St. Paul, W. D. Johnson, W. Davis; Sterling's, Orrum, Britt's, Eli Britt, K. M. Barnes; Thompson No. 1, H. E. Stacy, Graham McKinnon, R. S. Bond; Thompson No. 2, L. R. Hamer; White House, Oscar Page, C. A. Oliver; Wishart's, J. Ed. Tyson.

The matter of instructing for presidential candidates was not mentioned in the convention at all. While the representation of the new townships was being determined Mr. R. C. Lawrence made an appeal for contributions to the fund to erect a suitable monument in Raleigh to the late Gov. Aycock. He said that he has been appointed by Mr. A. W. McLean, who is vice president for this district of the North Carolina Aycock Memorial Association, to raise funds in Robeson, and that he wants the county to raise at least \$500. Any contributions that may be made will be acknowledged through the county papers.

## Only a Few Days Remain in Which to List Property for Taxation.

To the Editor of the Robesonian:

Please call attention to the fact that but a few days remain in which to list property for taxation, the law requiring that this be done during the month of May. Many tax-payers have neglected to attend to this matter, and much confusion and trouble may be avoided by handing in the lists promptly. The list-taker for Lumberton township will be at the court house during this week, and it is important that all turn in their lists by June 1.

Wade Wishart, Listtaker for Lumberton Township.

## A Robesonian Wins a Bride in Bladen County.

Reported for The Robesonian.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 22, at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Bettie Lewis near Bladenboro, Bladen county, there was a quiet home wedding when her daughter Miss Blanch was given in marriage to Mr. Edward C. Graham of Howellsville, Robeson county. There were only a few of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor of the groom.

## DRAINAGE DISTRICT BONDS.

**Opinion Must be Obtained from State Supreme Court Before Sale of Back and Jacob Swamp Drainage District Bonds is Confirmed.**

Mr. T. L. Johnson returned Saturday from Toledo, Ohio, where he went to go over with the bond attorney of Spitzer, Rorick & Co. some points in connection with the Raft and Jacob Swamps drainage district bonds, bought by that company. The bonds have been approved by the company's attorneys, but the company has lost a large sum of money by reason of bonds issued by a drainage district in Texas being declared unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court, and a decision of the State Supreme Court is wanted before the sale is confirmed. This Mr. Johnson says there will be no difficulty in obtaining. A test case will be made up and an opinion obtained as soon as the court meets in August. In the meantime, contracts will be let so that the actual drainage work may be begun as soon as the sale of the bonds is confirmed. The company that bought the bonds will bear all expense connected with obtaining the court's decision.

These bonds, as has been stated, are in the sum of \$150,000, 13-year 6 per cent, but no payment is to be made until the third year, after the drainage work has been completed. They sold at the best price ever obtained for drainage bonds in this State; for while other similar bonds have sold at par, as did these, in every other instance there have been some strings to the sale which brought the price below par. In this instance it was a bona fide sale at par. The Back and Jacob swamps drainage district comprises, as has been stated, about 35,000 acres of land.

## Superior Court.

The week's term of superior court which began last Monday, Judge R. B. Peebles presiding, closed Saturday—that is, it practically closed Friday but Judge Peebles remained over and signed several judgments Saturday, though no court was held on that day. The only jury case tried was Alvin O Tracy vs. Robt. A. McEachern et al, a suit for \$900 for a stallion. The case was decided in favor of the defendants for about \$2,600 and was appealed. Considerable interest was manifested in the protest in the will of Robt. A. McEachern. Judge Peebles sustained the will with the understanding that if those who contended otherwise could satisfy him of the justness of their claims within 60 days this judgment would be set aside.

These were the only cases disposed of besides those mentioned in Thursday's paper.

## Changes at the Virginia & Carolina Southern Station.

Mr. S. R. Clary, who since June last year has been general freight agent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railway Co., has tendered his resignation, effective the 31st inst., and has accepted a position with the Atlantic Coast Line at Washington, this State. Mr. E. B. Huggins, who has been agent for the V. & C. S. since the road was put in operation three years ago, has also resigned and will go to Dover, where he has accepted the agency for the Norfolk-Southern. The successors of these men have not yet been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Clary and Mr. and Mrs. Huggins have made many friends during their stay in Lumberton who will regret exceedingly their decision to leave but who wish them all success in their new homes.

## Notices of New Advertisements.

Dr. F. S. Packard, who visits Lumberton once a month, will be at the Waverly hotel Wednesday, June 5.

Big bargain sale—Jno. T. Biggs Co. The player piano—Chas. M. Stieff.

The value of a check book—First National Bank. Peas for sale.

## I. AND C. CLUBSMOKER.

**A Business and Social Meeting of Industrial and Commercial Club—Committees Appointed on Union Station, Public Building and Dredging Lumber River, Paving and Other Important Matters.**

A smoker for club members was held in the reading room of the Industrial and Commercial Club Thursday evening. It was well attended and was enjoyed. At the annual meeting held recently for the election of officers it was decided that a social evening of some kind should be held on the second Thursday evening of each month and this was the first meeting held since that was determined. Also some matters had been postponed until a later meeting at the annual meeting and these were taken up.

It was decided to reduce the initiation fee from \$10 to \$5.

Messrs. T. A. McNeill, Jr., A. E. White, E. M. Britt, J. D. McLean and T. C. Evans were appointed a committee to take up with the railroads that enter town the matter of a union depot. The Seaboard Air Line and Raleigh & Charleston now use the same depot but it would be greatly to the convenience of the traveling public if these two roads and the Virginia & Carolina Southern could get together and put up a handsome union station.

Messrs. J. P. Russell and G. M. Whitfield were appointed a committee to determine the advisability of having a large sign of the Industrial and Commercial Club painted on the west end of the Lumberton Cotton Mills building, in which the club has its rooms. This was suggested some months ago by Mr. Russell and has been commented upon by The Robesonian. The west end of this building can be seen plainly by passengers as east-bound trains come in and an attractive sign there will command attention.

Messrs. A. W. McLean, S. McIntyre and J. A. Sharpe were appointed a committee to take up the matter of securing appropriations for a public building and for dredging Lumber river. Senator Simmons has already secured an appropriation for a survey of Lumber river with a view to improving it, and that is of course the first step toward an appropriation for dredging. And there is no doubt of the fact that the town needs a public building. Senator Simmons will no doubt be glad to do anything he can to assist in these two objects.

The legislative committee was instructed to investigate the advisability of asking the next Legislature to enact a law authorizing the town to issue bonds, say 10-year bonds, for the purpose of paving all sidewalks, property owners whom it might inconvenience to pay all at once to be allowed to give notes to the town for the work. Many people want their sidewalks paved who do not feel able to have the work done when it has to be paid for in a lump sum, and it is thought that many will be glad to have the work done if payments are made to extend over a long period.

Supplies have been ordered for the pool room and this will be placed in first-class shape. Hereafter all club rooms will be kept locked and club members will have individual keys to each room. This has been made necessary by reason of the fact that some citizens of the town who are not club members have taken advantage of the open doors to use and abuse the club's property.

The following committees were appointed—most of them re-appointments from last year: Industries and business enterprises, A. E. White, K. M. Biggs, S. McIntyre; advertising, J. A. Sharpe, J. P. Russell, J. D. McMillan; information and statistics, M. W. Floyd, W. K. Bethune, A. T. Parmele; health and sanitation, A. W. McLean, W. J. Prevatt, Dr. T. C. Johnson; public entertainment, R. D. Caldwell, M. G. McKenzie, Frank Gough; grievances, R. C. Lawrence, E. J. Britt, E. M. Britt; legislation, T. A. McNeill, Jr., A. E. White, J. D. McLean; finance, T. C. Evans, R. McAnix.

The club had as its guests for

## THE FINAL SUMMONS.

**Mrs. Smyth Page Succumbs to Operation After Long Illness—Remains Interred Near Barnesville.**

Mrs. Smyth Page died yesterday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock at the Thompson hospital, where Saturday she underwent an operation. Mrs. Page had been in ill health for about 6 months and for the greater part of the last month she had been very sick. The operation was performed Saturday by Dr. H. A. Royster of Raleigh and Dr. N. A. Thompson, superintendent of the hospital. The remains were carried last evening to the residence of the deceased on Elm street, where they remained until this morning, when they were taken on the Raleigh & Charleston train to Barnesville and thence to the old home place, about three miles from Barnesville, where at 12 o'clock interment was made in the family burying grounds. A brief service was conducted this morning at the home by Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which deceased was a member, and Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton. The service at the grave was conducted by Mr. Durham. The pall bearers were: Messrs. W. O. Thompson, Q. T. Williams, Frank Gough, T. A. McNeill, Jr., L. H. Caldwell and C. B. Skipper. Quite a crowd from here went to Barnesville to attend the interment.

Deceased is survived by two sons, Mr. W. B. Page of Charleston, S. C., and Mr. G. T. Page, who is town clerk and treasurer and who lived with his mother; and one daughter, Miss Cora Page, who also lived with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Page have been here for about two weeks on account of the serious illness of the deceased.

Mrs. Page was born March 19th, 1858, and was, therefore, 54 years old. She was born and reared near Barnesville and her maiden name was Smyth Nye.

Mrs. Page was of a kind and gentle disposition and all who knew her loved her. She was an excellent neighbor, always ready to serve her friends.

## TOWN AFFAIRS.

**Report of Auditor Stansel Accepted at Meeting of Board—Uniform Voucher System Adopted.**

The mayor and board of town commissioners met Friday evening for the purpose of accepting and passing on the report of Mr. J. P. Stansel, auditor, of the books of the town clerk and treasurer for the year 1911-12, same having been authorized at a regular meeting of the board which was held on May 9.

Mr. Stansel's report shows the receipts and disbursements for the year, also the condition of each separate account. It was ordered that the report be accepted and filed with the records of the town.

It was further ordered that the uniform voucher system, as recommended by Mr. Stansel, be adopted, and that these vouchers be approved at the regular meeting of the board each month, instead of at the time of payment, as has been the custom heretofore.

A summary of Mr. Stansel's report will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

—Mr. C. M. Prevatt had the misfortune yesterday of losing a valuable horse, which had been sick since Saturday. Mr. Prevatt says that he had refused over \$200 for the animal.

the evening Dr. B. F. McMillan of Red Springs and Mr. Fred Brown of Raeford.

President Caldwell was instructed to secure a speaker for the next meeting, which will be held on the second Thursday evening in June.

Mrs. Rose A. Freeman, Clifford, Va., says they have long used Foley's Remedies and want to say a good word for them. She writes: "Foley's Kidney Pills cured my husband of a long standing kidney trouble, after he had taken other medicines without relief. We would not be without Foley's & Co. medicines in our house for many times their cost." For sale by all dealers. m

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Cotton today, 11 cents, middling.

—Messrs M. G. McKenzie and W. K. Bethune attended yesterday children's day exercises at the Iona Presbyterian church, near McDonald, where each of them made a talk. The exercises by the children were fine. Mr. C. P. Grantham is superintendent of the school.

—Mr. John Pope, who for some time has been office manager of the Western Union telegraph office at Rockingham, has been offered the management of the office at Washington; but he hasn't yet decided to accept the offer. Mr. Pope is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Pope of Lumberton.

—Joe Lamb, colored, was placed in jail here Thursday evening by Constable W. W. Smith of Maxton. Lamb is charged with shooting another negro. It is understood that the trouble started about a woman. The negro shot was hit, but the wound is not thought to be serious.

—A farmer got ready to come to town the other day and could not find his money high or low till he finally bethought him of a pair of pants that had been washed and were hanging on the clothes line; and in a pocket of those pants he found his long green, apparently none the worse for a bath.

—There were special exercises at the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Sunday school. The occasion was called "Mother's Day" and the programme consisted principally of songs, recitations and the like by the little folks; and they all did fine. A good contribution was made and it goes for missions.

—Mr. Stephen McIntyre went this morning to Raleigh with his son, Master Robert, who goes for treatment of his eyes. Master Robert's eyes have been troubling him for some time. Mr. McIntyre will attend the commencement exercises of Meredith College while there. They will probably return tomorrow evening or Wednesday.

—Improvements were made last week at the Pastime theatre. Ventilators have been put in the ceiling with strong suction fans and two ventilators have been put in the front part of the hall near the ceiling; and a new piano is being tried out. "The Siege of Calais" pictures shown Friday and Saturday evenings were especially fine.

—Mr. H. J. McRae of Wilmington and Miss Omah Barker were married yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barker, who live near St. Paul. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton. The bride and groom boarded the 10 o'clock passenger train here this morning for Wilmington, where they will make their future home.

—Miss Josephine Breece and Misses Jean Pratt of Columbia, S. C., and Maud Monger of Mt. Crawford, Va., who have been with Miss Breece this season in her millinery store, went yesterday to Rowland, where they spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bond. Miss Monger went from Rowland to Dillon, S. C., where she boarded a train for her home. Misses Breece and Pratt returned to Lumberton last night, accompanied in an auto by Mr. Eugene Bond, who returned last night to Rowland.

—Mr. L. C. Townsend purchased last week from Mr. C. B. Townsend a piece of property on Elm street 16 by 115 feet. This property adjoins the lot which Mr. Townsend purchased something over a week ago from Mr. A. E. White, mention of which was made in The Robesonian at the time. The price paid for this 16 feet frontage was \$600. This gives Mr. L. C. Townsend a lot of 54x115 feet, making a fraction over an eighth of an acre. Mr. Townsend says that he expects within the next 60 days to begin the erection of a 7 or 8 room two-story residence on the lot.