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PRIMARY CALLED FOR SIXTH.

May 16 Named as Date for Primary to Nominate Candidate for Congress in Sixth District—Candidates Must File Notice of Candidacy by April 16.

The Democratic executive committee of the sixth congressional district met at Dunn yesterday, four of the committee being present in person and the remaining three being represented by proxies. A resolution was adopted by the committee calling a ballot primary on May 16th and requiring candidates to file notice of their candidacy by April 16th. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, In the judgment of this committee, the interest of the Democratic party will be subserved by holding a district-wide ballot primary for the nomination of the Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, now therefore, be resolved by the Democratic executive committee of the sixth congressional district, in session at Dunn on the 25th day of March, 1914;

"That a district-wide ballot primary for the nomination of a Democratic candidate for representative in the 64th Congress be and the same is hereby ordered to be held under the following rules and regulations:

"First every person who desires to become a candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in said district shall notify the chairman of this committee either personally or by registered mail, on or before the 18th day of April, 1914, and at the same time shall deposit with the chairman the sum of \$300 to pay his pro rata part of the probable expenses of said primary, any portion of said deposit remaining after paying all necessary expenses to be returned to the candidate depositing the same.

"Second, That in every precinct in each county of the district a voting ballot primary shall be held at the usual voting place on Saturday, the 18th day of May, 1914, at which time each Democratic elector may cast a ballot for any candidate who has previously given notice and made the deposit as above required; provided that in the county of Columbus said primaries shall be held on the 12th day of May, 1914, said day being the day designated for the general primary for that county.

"Third, That the chairman or secretary of this committee cause due publicity of the provisions of this resolution to be made in the Democratic press of this district and to furnish a copy of these resolutions to any elector of the district applying for the same.

"Fourth, That this committee do adjourn to meet on the 17th day of April, 1914, in the city of Wilmington for the purpose of prescribing further rules and plans for holding the primary herein ordered, after conference with such candidates as may have given notice of their candidacy and made the deposit above required as shall be heard before said committee at said session, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the committee, the committee reserving the right in the event that no more than one candidate has given notice and made the deposit as herein required to declare such candidate the Democratic nominee."

Among the Sick.
Mr. J.H. Powers of Powersville had a tumor removed from his forehead a few days ago at a hospital in Fayetteville and had to return to the hospital yesterday to have the place treated, his face being very much swollen.

Mr. Percy Jenkins of Fairmont underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital yesterday for appendicitis. Both an abscess and peritonitis had developed and the operation was a serious one, but his condition today is as favorable as could be expected.

Mrs. Andrew Ivey of Raynham, who underwent an operation at the hospital a few days ago is getting along nicely.

There is no perceptible improvement in the condition of Mrs. Lina McLean, who has been sick for some time at the home of her son Mr. A. W. McLean, Chestnut street. She had a bad night last night but is more comfortable today.

The condition of Mrs. Sallie Snead, who has been sick for a few days at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, East Fifth street, is improved today.

Mr. Tom Tolar, who returned recently from Richmond, where he was under treatment for some time, continues to suffer with one of his legs, injured in a fall from a street car in Richmond some time ago, and intends to go to Fayetteville within a few days to have it examined under X-Rays. He thinks his leg must be dislocated.

Pony Contest Humming.
Many of the contestants for the Shetland pony which will be given to some fortunate girl or boy by several business houses of Lumberton are hard at work and making great strides, but some are lagging and if they do not get busy the busy ones will forge ahead. The concerns that are giving coupons are: Stephens & Barnes, furniture; McAllister Hdw. Co.; Pope Drug Co.; J. H. Wishart, grocer; Townsend Bros., gents' furnishings; R. R. Carlyle, ladies' store; Pastime Theatre, and The Robesonian.

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STATE CONVENTION JUNE 4.

Date Changed From June 17 by State Committee—Resolutions Amending Plan of Organization and Straightening Tangle in Judicial Districts.

The Democratic State convention will be held in Raleigh June 4, instead of June 17, the change in dates being made last night at a meeting of the State Democratic executive committee in Raleigh on account of conflict in dates with the convention of the State Medical Society, which had fixed the dates for its meetings as June 16-18.

The committee last night adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, The recent session of the Legislature created four new judicial districts in the State and it has disarranged the judicial committees in at least four districts, there being no resident chairman:

"Therefore, Be it resolved by the Democratic State executive committee, that any chairman now living in one of the new judicial districts shall act as chairman for such district.

"And be it further resolved, That the chairman of this committee designate some member in these districts which now have no chairman to call the committee together for the purpose of calling a convention of the judicial committee.

"Be it resolved by the Democratic State executive committee, that the plan of organization be amended as follows: 'It shall be the duty of the chairman of the various Congressional, judicial and Senatorial committees of the State immediately after they are elected, to furnish to the chairman of the State committee a list of the names and the postoffice addresses of the members of their committees, indicating the chairman and the secretary.'"

MT. ELIAM MATTERS.

Tobacco Plants Late—Asking Blessings on the Crops—Personal Mention.
Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, March 24—We continue to have cold weather, rain, sleet and snow.

There are a few tobacco plants on the "mount," but they are very small and if they ever make anything it will be late and I don't think it will be much good.

On account of the bad weather our pastor, Rev. M. A. Stephens, failed to fill his regular appointment here Sunday. We had prayer meeting at the church yesterday to ask God's blessings on us and our farms and the church this year. We hold these meetings every year and I think it a very good plan. If we should thank God for His blessings in the fall we should ask him for what we want and need in the spring.

Sorry to report Mr. J. I. Stone, Sr., one the sick list. Hope he will soon be out again.—Sorry to report Mr. Norley Britt, who is a student at Orrum graded school at home on account of being a little sick with cold.

Mr. Kelly Britt and Mr. Henry Bulard of Broad Ridge spent a while on the Mount Sunday p. m.—Mr. Grover Britt and his bride have been spending some time on the Mount visiting friends and relatives.

Rev. P. T. Britt and wife will return tonight from the beach, where he filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Magnificent Pictures—"Protea" Next Monday.

Anthony and Clopatra, shown in an 8-reel film at the Pastime theatre Monday afternoon and night, is the best series of pictures ever shown here. It deserves the reputation it has of being a corking good show. It is well worth 50 cents of anybody's money, though the price to see it was only 25 cents. One could easily believe the woman who portrayed the part of Cleopatra—and please, for love of grace, don't pronounce it Cleopatra—that "age cannot wither, nor custom stale, her infinite variety," but it was hard to fit in as insignificant-looking a man as the one who takes the part of the other leading character with the warlike, though pleasure-loving reveller, Antony. But the pictures are magnificent and those who missed seeing them missed a treat, sure enough. Manager Wishart says he is going to put on some special feature film every Monday night hereafter.

"Protea," said to be "five reels of surprises and lightning changes," will be the offering next Monday night.

Large bill-board pictures illustrating scenes from "Protea" were posted at the Pastime theatre, but Manager Wishart was told this morning that they were too naughty to put before the public and he suppressed them—that is, he suppressed the bill-board pictures. The offending pictures showed a woman lion tamer with a short dress on—up to her knees. Shocking.

Washington, March 25—After a vigorous partisan contest, the House today passed a bill to bar foreign convict-made or pauper-made goods from competition with the products of American free labor. The measure which now goes to the Senate follows a bill recently passed by the House forbidding the shipment of convict made goods in inter-State commerce into States which prohibit the sale of such products in the open market.

TOLLS FIGHT BEGINS TODAY.

Fight to Repeal Law Giving American Coastwise Ships Free Passage Through Panama Canal—Promises to be Most Bitterly Contested Struggle of Present Administration.

Washington Dispatch, 25th.
Lines were sharply drawn tonight for the opening of the most bitterly contested legislative struggle that has confronted President Wilson's administration—the fight to repeal the law giving American coastwise ships free passage through the Panama canal.

Opposing forces divided for the first skirmish in the conflict which will open when a special rule is presented to the House tomorrow to limit debate on the repeal controversy.

For the first time since the Democratic administration took charge of the Government, administration leaders found a strong, resourceful and determined element within the party opposed to a policy which President Wilson personally has espoused, personal convictions on the question almost have obliterated party lines.

This situation, with the international character of the question involved, and the stress the President has placed on his position as necessary to the successful conduct of the administration's foreign policy; combined to form a problem fraught with complications.

The President's supporters tonight declared they were gaining ground in the House, and one enthusiastic administration leader predicted the passage of the repeal bill by a majority of nearly 100. The more conservative members of both sides, however, anticipated a hotly fought struggle with a bitter and protracted debate, followed by a close vote.

Aligned against the President's demand for the repeal are the three leaders of the parties in the House—Representative Underwood, of the Democrats; Representative Mann, of the Republicans; and Representative Murdock, of the Progressives. Wings of all three parties are behind these leaders. On the other hand, Chairman Adamson of the House Interstate and foreign commerce committee; Representative Henry; Stevens, of Minnesota, and many others of all three parties have accepted the President's position.

Supporters of the President are prepared to argue that the exemption of American ships from canal tolls is a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty; that it is a form of subsidy to special interests; that the repeal is essential that the President may carry out his foreign policy. On the other hand, opponents will declare that American shipping needs the free use of the canal; that trans-continental railroads fear the competition of free American ships, and that to repeal the free tolls section would be "trucking to Great Britain without exhausting diplomatic negotiations."

An effort will be made if the rule is adopted, to press debate to a conclusion, and reach a vote on the bill late Saturday. If debate is prolonged however, the final vote may go over until next week.

Heard Strange Early Morning Noise.

Mr. Jim Dent, who lives at Rozier's, about 10 miles from Lumberton and who was in town yesterday, says that he heard a mighty strange whistle down Lumberton way from his home Sunday morning at an early hour—four or five o'clock. It was while he was eating breakfast, Mr. Dent being an early riser, Sundays as well as week-days. It was the strangest whistle, Mr. Dent says. He asked his wife what it was when he first heard it, and she thought maybe it was the stove. Mr. Dent put his ear down to the stove. No, it wasn't the stove. Then he went to the door and heard it plain, down Lumberton way. He thought maybe it might be a fire, and yet it did not sound like any whistle he had heard in all the days of his life before, and being sixty-six years old Mr. Dent has seen some days, first and last—and heard a few whistles. Then he thought maybe it might be the trees sighing for more snow, seeing as how at that very time they were loaded down with ice. Others heard the whistle and thought like Mr. Dent at first thought, that there must be a fire down Lumberton way; but nobody at Lumberton heard it. Mr. W. S. Wishart of Lumberton, who is something of an early riser himself, if anybody should happen to ask you, was up at five o'clock Sunday morning, but he heard nothing. He thinks maybe it was steam escaping at a sawmill where the fire was dying down. He remembers that on a time some folks got scared pretty bad hereabouts by just such a noise, and could not tell for the life of them what it was, but they found out later that it was at a sawmill where the steam was getting low.

Atlanta, Ga., March 25—An unsuccessful attempt to rob the Atlanta State Savings Bank, 200 Auburn avenue, a negro institution, was made here late today by a lone bandit. The police have arrested a white man giving his name as Ed. R. Rhyana, 30 years old, on suspicion of having attempted the hold-up. Rhyana, who is married and says he is an actor, denies any knowledge of the affair.

A new treaty has been signed between the United States and Venezuela, by which all questions not capable of settlement by diplomacy shall be submitted to investigation by an international commission for at least one year. It is the fourteenth of Secretary Bryan's peace treaties.

Cotton valued at \$2,500,000 was destroyed by fire at Bombay, India, Monday.

TEXTILE PLANT BURNED.

Textile Building at A. & M. College Burned Yesterday—Loss About \$80,000.

Raleigh Times, 25th.
Fire at an early hour today completely destroyed the textile building and contents at A. and M. College, causing a loss estimated at least \$80,000 and causing inconvenience to students in this department. Insurance to the amount of \$66,000, was stated by the insurance department, was carried on the plant. The blaze, which was spectacular, encountered slight resistance from the feeble fire apparatus at the college and before the Raleigh department arrived the building was doomed. The fire originated on the second floor from an unknown cause.

Mr. W. H. Regan, of High Point, chairman of the board of trustees, was communicated with by telephone today by President Hill and arrived at 12:30 this afternoon to take up the matter of calling the trustees together for the purpose of making plans to rebuild. In the meantime the students in the textile department will use other class rooms, and carry on their exercises in the cotton mills around Raleigh. Mr. W. H. Williamson, president of Pilot Cotton Mills, was among the first to offer the use of his plant, and 13 young men will work there.

While the loss is estimated at \$80,000 it is doubtful if the building alone could be replaced for less than \$40,000 or \$50,000. It was constructed in 1901 when materials were cheaper than they are today. The machinery was contributed mostly by textile concerns.

MR. G. Y. JONES RESIGNS.

Tenders Resignation as General Freight and Passenger Agent of V. & C. S. to Accept Position with Laurinburg Southern.

Mr. G. Y. Jones, general freight and passenger agent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern, sent in yesterday his resignation, effective May 1st. He will go to Laurinburg, where he has accepted a position as auditor and freight claim agent of the Laurinburg Southern, a position he held for three years prior to coming to Lumberton. Mr. Jones says that the consideration in the change is more pay and that he regrets very much to leave Lumberton. He has been here for two years and with his family has made a host of friends that will regret the loss of his decision to leave. The Laurinburg road has offered Mr. Jones several hundred dollars more a year than he has been getting here.

Mr. Jones says that he wants it understood that his little daughter Maie Pearl, will be in the pony contest until the finish. Maie Pearl won last week the weekly prize. Mr. Jones expects to go to Laurinburg about the first of May, but his family will remain in Lumberton until June or later.

Mr. Jones' successor has not yet been named.

Mr. C. B. Townsend Mentioned for County Treasurer—Talk of Abolishing the Office.

Mr. C. B. Townsend of Lumberton is being urged to run for county treasurer. The Robesonian man heard about it the other day and asked Mr. Townsend about it, but he wouldn't commit himself. He said that some of his friends had mentioned the matter to him and wanted him to announce himself for the place, but that he had not decided what he would do. Mr. Townsend was clerk of the court for a number of years and is now a member of the board of county commissioners. He has the entire confidence of the people and is thoroughly competent to fill the office. If he should decide to let his friends put him in the race as they are inclined to do, it would make it interesting for other candidates.

There is some sentiment in the county, just how much The Robesonian does not pretend to know, in favor of abolishing the office of county treasurer and letting some bank perform the duties of the office. By that means the county could save more than half the salary paid for the treasurer, and there does not seem to be any sound reason why such a plan would not be satisfactory. Some other counties adopted that plan at the last session of the Legislature. It has been suggested that it would be a good plan for Robeson to elect a treasurer this year for a term of two years with the understanding that a bill would be put through the Legislature next year to abolish the office two years hence. No doubt many people in the county would be in favor of that.

Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill and Son Dissolve Law Partnership.

Elsewhere in this issue is published a notice to the effect that ex-Judge T. A. McNeill and his son, Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., who had been practicing law together for a number of years under the firm name of McNeill McNeill, have dissolved partnership and that each will practice alone in the future. Mr. McNeill, Jr., will continue to occupy the offices heretofore occupied by the firm in the Lumberton Cotton Mill office building on Elm street. Ex-Judge McNeill will announce next week where he will have his offices.

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ARMY BEATEN BACK.

Battered Remnants of General Guardiola's Army Back at Starting Point.

Laredo, Texas, Dispatch, 25th.
The battered remnants of the Army of 1,100 Federals which General Guardiola set out to attack the eastern headquarters of the Constitutionalists at Matamoros, Mexico, returned to New Laredo today minus ammunition, supplies and a large part of their active force, the result of the battle Monday at Guerrero which ended in the rout of the Federals.

Tonight preparations are being made to resist a possible attack on Nuevo Laredo.

After the fight at Guerrero, Guardiola and his forces retreated to San Ygnacio and not counting the wounded, it is stated that of his 1,100 troops only half that number remained to march back to Nuevo Laredo. Seventy were killed and the other fled.

Gen. Jesus Carranza and Antonio Villareal, the Constitutional commander, declared the rebel loss 53 dead and wounded. They claim their forces numbered 3,000 to the Federals 1,200.

On the field after the battle the Constitutionalists found a rich treasure in supplies abandoned by the Federals. It was claimed Guardiola's sword and cap and his wallet containing personal papers were found and identified. Besides the arms and clothing of the Federals, the Constitutionalists reported finding 422 rifles and carbines, many caps and parts of uniforms. The Federals saved their artillery. It is estimated that 2000 infantry covered their retreat and later were dispersed.

COMEDY-TRAGEDY OF ERRORS.

Government Explains Dealings With Revolving Officers—Resignation of War Secretary Declined.

London Dispatch, 25th.
The government today published its promised statement of its dealings with the revolving officers of the Third Cavalry Brigade and the House of Commons held another heated and disorderly session. Between the documents presented and the various statements drawn from Cabinet Ministers, vital facts of the affair were made clear. They reveal a comedy or tragedy of errors perpetrated by Colonel Seely, Secretary of State for War, and Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the troops in Ireland.

Colonel Seely took all the blame on himself. He frankly declared he had made a great mistake. His written assurance to General Hubert Gough that the government "must retain its right to use all the forces of the Crown in Ireland or elsewhere to maintain order and support the civil powers in the ordinary execution of their duty, but has not intention whatever of taking advantage of this right to crush political opposition to the policy or the principles of the home rule bill" was given without the knowledge of the Cabinet and contrary to its policy.

The War Secretary tendered his resignation to Mr. Asquith but the premier refused to accept it. The Government has withdrawn Colonel Seely's guarantee, according to a statement by Viscount Morley in the House of Lords, and Sir Edward Grey told the House of Commons that the Government's decision would be made known to General Gough tomorrow. Thus the situation with respect to General Gough and his 59 comrades, who sent in their papers is still in a state of suspense.

Preparing for Street Paving—Laying Sewer and Water Lines—Filter Plant on Way.

Chestnut street is a scene of great activity these days, preparations being made for street paving. Supt. Pittman is laying a sewer line in the middle of Chestnut to First and he will put in a water main extension to First on the same street. Many of the trees between First and Fifth on Chestnut have been uprooted, and the others will go. Telephone men are preparing to move telephone poles off the street. R. G. Lassiter of Oxford has the contract for paving. Curbing will be put down first. It is hardly probable that the paving of the center of the street will begin under two or three weeks.

Final arrangements have been made for getting the money for the filter system and it is expected that the work of installing will begin soon.

Savannah, Ga., March 25—Fire of unknown origin today caused damage estimated at \$200,000 to the rosin and cotton wharves of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad here. The British steamer Farley, was slightly damaged by the flames. Two large sheds in which were stored several hundred barrels of rosin were completely destroyed. The fire discovered shortly after daylight, raged unchecked for three hours and for a time endangered the entire harbor front. Hard work by firemen kept the flames from reaching a nearby shed in which a large quantity of raw turpentine was stored.

Fifty-one young ladies representing all sections of the State, took part in the debates last Friday night in the preliminary contest of the North Carolina Debaters' Union, and 11 of them won and will go to Chapel Hill for the finals on April 3 as contestants for the Aycock memorial cup.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Mr. H. E. Stacy, of the local bar, delivered the address at the closing of the high school at Bladenboro Tuesday.

—Word comes from the Mt. Eliam section that it is not thought that the cold weather of Saturday and Sunday killed the tobacco plants.

—Special meeting of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M. tomorrow night for work in 3rd degree. A full attendance is desired.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Maggie Johnson and Ira McIntyre, M. L. McMillan and Donnie Walters, Maggie McMillan and L. D. Goodrich, Beatrice Holland Bagley and N. W. Lewis.

—A whole holiday was given Tuesday to the pupils of the eighth, ninth and tenth grades of the graded school and a half holiday to the seventh as reward for securing contributions to the school library. The eighth grade led in amount raised.

—Dr. R. S. Beam returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he had been since last Thursday with his father, who is sick in a hospital there. Dr. Beam's father has been very sick but his condition was improved when Dr. Beam left Washington Tuesday night.

—In Monday's paper it was stated that the residence which Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., will begin erecting soon on Chestnut street would be English cottage type. Mr. T. A. Jr., say, it ain't so, that it will be Scotch type; and being questioned further about it he said it would have a Scotch collar, too. So much the better.

—The Central Supply Co. of Lumber Bridge was chartered yesterday, to deal, wholesale and retail, in all kinds of merchandise, live stock, fertilizers and farm products, with authorized capital stock of \$5,000; to begin business with \$3,000 subscribed by D. Z. McGowan, R. J. Jones, R. B. Bennett, J. H. Jones, Lumber Bridge.

—Rev. N. L. Seabolt, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor of the St. Paul's circuit, Rev. Mr. Stanfield, pastor of the Robeson circuit, and Mr. E. L. Hamilton manager of the Lumberton Cotton Mill store in East Lumberton, returned Tuesday night from Rockingham, where they were summoned as witnesses in a case involving a contested will.

—A tailor from Baltimore, Md., came to Lumberton the other day and has decided to locate here. His name is Mr. Rudolph Bussenius, but he prefers to be known as "Rudolph the Tailor." He will have his shop on the second floor of the new store building Mr. J. H. Wishart is having erected on Chestnut street, near the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and he expects to open up for business in about ten days. His family will join him here later.

—A subscriber who paid up yesterday asked The Robesonian to please say something about the folks who borrow their neighbor's paper. He says he is always eager to get his Robesonian and that neighbors who borrow his paper provoke him almost past endurance. The paper borrowing folks are certainly nuisances. When a paper costs less than three cents a week it is strange that anybody would bother a neighbor by borrowing. Subscribe and get the paper regularly yourself, and don't cheat your neighbor and the publisher by borrowing.

Recorder's Court—Interesting Trial This Afternoon.

Hector Gilchrist, colored, was tried before Recorder Rowland Monday on the charge of retailing and was given 8 months on the roads. Ben Blount, also colored, submitted Monday to the charge of being drunk and disorderly Saturday and judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

A case which likely will take up some hours was set for trial at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Libby Hammond, Indian, has been indicted for assault with a deadly weapon, the charge being preferred by Joe Evans, whose 16-year-old daughter Gertrude it is alleged Hammond assaulted, or threatened, with a knife. The alleged assault is said to have occurred at the Indian school house of district No. 1, Raft Swamp. It is alleged Hammond called Gertrude out of the school and cursed her and drew a knife on her, the cause of Hammond's ire being, it is said, a statement alleged to have been made by the girl to the effect that she had kissed the said Hammond, which soft impeachment Hammond resented. Some time ago an effort was made to exclude from this Indian school the children of Joe Evans on the charge that they had negro blood in their veins, but the county board of education decided that the charge was not sustained and ordered that the children be allowed to attend the school.

Representatives Webb and Page have asked Postmaster General Burleson to dismiss Joseph E. Stewart, Second Assistant Postmaster General and appoint a Democrat in his place. There is considerable feeling against Stewart because he is a hold-over Republican, and he is charged with being too friendly toward the negro railway mail clerks under him.

Will Killian, 14 years old, touched a wire of the Southern Power Co. near Newton Sunday afternoon with a pole and was killed instantly.