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WILL PLEDGE LEGISLATORS

To Pass for Robeson County a General Primary Law That Will Prohibit Corrupt Practices—County Committee Will Meet July 15 to Submit a Primary Bill Which Candidates for the Legislature Will Be Asked to Endorse—State-wide Primaries Favored—Rules Adopted and Managers Appointed for Primary August 8.

At the meeting of the county Democratic executive committee in Lumberton Monday the action of the former committee ordering a primary to be held August 8th next to nominate candidates for county offices and for the Legislature was ratified. There was considerable discussion as to whether there should be a primary or a convention, all members of the committee and some citizens who are not members participating in the discussion, but a majority of the committee men were in favor of the primary and all expressed themselves as in favor of a State-wide legalized primary.

The rules governing the last primary will govern in the coming primary and all candidates must hand in their names at least ten days before the date for the primary.

Chairman McNeill discussed the present primary law and advocated a primary law "with teeth" to meet the demands of the Democratic voters of the county. Mr. McNeill's arguments will be noted at length at another time.

The question of a Democratic registration was discussed and Major A. J. McKinnon of Maxton introduced a resolution, which was adopted, providing that managers of the primary to be held August 8, "be authorized to add to the registration list any Democratic elector who may have become a qualified voter since the last election, providing he present himself for registration not less than 5 days before the date fixed for the primary, and that any voter of the precinct may challenge and elector, and cause him to prove to the satisfaction of the primary managers that he is a Democrat, and a qualified voter before he be allowed to participate in the primary."

Another meeting of the committee will be held in Lumberton Wednesday of next week, July 15, to pass upon a primary law which candidates for the Legislature will be glad to pledge themselves to have passed for Robeson county. Messrs. J. B. McCormick, H. E. Stacy, M. L. Marley, A. J. McKinnon and Graham McKinnon were appointed a committee to act with Chairman McNeill in drawing up the proposed law. This was in accordance with a resolution offered by Mr. J. B. McCormick as an amendment to a resolution offered by Mr. T. W. Maxwell, Mr. McCormick's amendment reading as follows: "Resolved that a committee be appointed by the chairman of this committee, to include himself, to draft and submit a primary law to a meeting of this committee to be held in Lumberton on the 15th of July, and that when same has been approved by the committee, the committee require all candidates for the Legislature to advocate same and obligate themselves to pass the law if nominated and elected."

The resolution offered by Mr. Maxwell resolves that the committee, after full discussion and consideration, is of the opinion that the best interests of the Democratic party in Robeson county and the whole electorate of the county can be best served by primary election as a method of nominating party candidates; that the present primary method is defective and inadequate as a means of obtaining a fair and untrammelled expression of the will of the Democratic voters and does not meet the approval thereof; that there is no adequate law governing said primary method whereby the evils and defects pointed out can be remedied; and whereas further said committee deems it unwise and dangerous to the well-being and future good of the party and of the county at large to hold other primaries under said method, said committee recommends and orders as follows, viz:

"(1) That we do hereby recommend to the voters of Robeson county that they demand and require of all candidates for nomination to the next General Assembly of North Carolina, that if nominated and elected they will pass a general primary law for Robeson county, which will absolutely prohibit all corrupt means of inducing

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TOBACCO CROP PROSPECT.

At Least Half an Average Crop Will Be Made and it Will Be Late — Warehouses Will Open Last Days of This Month—Lumberton Will Afford Good Market—Good Corn and Cotton Crops.

The farmers who were lucky enough to get out their tobacco early in the spring are beginning to cure. Judging from reports of tobacco farmers from the sections where most tobacco is raised, there will be at least half an average crop of tobacco raised in Robeson county this year, but quite a bit of it will be late. The prospect is for a good price, and it is hoped the price will be so good as to make up a good part of the crop shortage.

It is expected that the market will open at Fairmont, where there will be three houses open this season, about July 28, and the warehouse here will also open some time the latter part of this month. The warehouse which has just been completed here is up-to-date and modern in every respect, and with an experienced tobacco man, Mr. H. T. Beasley, in charge, and with the good corps of buyers that has been secured for the market here, Lumberton will no doubt have a market equal to any to be found in Eastern Carolina. See the ad in today's paper and watch for a large ad announcing the opening sale at an early date.

Farmers from all sections of Robeson who are attending court this week report good corn and cotton crops. Here's hoping the harvest will be a bumper, and that good prices will prevail.

Recorder's Court.

Bethel Chavis, Indian, and Haynes Lennon, colored, were before Recorder McLean yesterday charged with an affray, in which Lennon was somewhat carved up by Chavis Saturday afternoon, an account of which was given in Monday's Robesonian. Chavis was sentenced to three months in jail, and the jailor was given permission to use him as a trusty, or janitor, and Lennon, was fined \$10 and cost. Messrs. McLean, Varsler & McLean appeared for Lennon and Messrs. Johnson & Johnson appeared for Chavis.

Nash M'White was arrested by Night Policeman J. B. Boyle last night about 1 o'clock at the V. & C. S. station, and placed in jail. M'White was somewhat tanked up on "something to drink," and had about 3 gallons of something thought to be blackberry wine in his possession. He will be given a hearing in the recorder's court at an early date. M'White lives in East Lumberton.

Paving Orders Rescinded by Town Fathers.

At a meeting of the town fathers Monday evening the order to pave Sixth street between Elm and Chestnut, was rescinded. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the town commissioners ordered at a previous meeting that this street should be paved, but the property owners raised some kick, and Mr. C. M. Fuller employed counsel and a hearing was given last week when the town fathers stood pat; but at the second hearing Monday evening the order was rescinded. Also the order for paving the sidewalk on the north-west end of Third street, abutting the land of Mr. N. H. Jones, Sr., was rescinded.

Principal Elected for Farm-Life School at Philadelphus.

Mr. D. P. Buie and Mr. Paisley McMillan, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the board of trustees of the Philadelphus high school, met with the county board of education Monday and Mr. Samuel J. Kirby of Selma was elected principal of the farm-life school at Philadelphus at a salary of \$1320 for a term of one year. Miss Maggie Brown of Philadelphus was elected teacher of domestic science in this school at a salary of \$45 per month for a term of eight months.

Sunday School Institute at Lumberton.

The Presbyterians of the district composed of the counties of Robeson and Hoke will hold a Sunday school institute at Lumber Bridge Wednesday and Thursday of next week, July 15 and 16. All Sunday schools of the district are requested to send delegates.

MASS MEETING JULY 18.

Called to be Held in Lumberton—To Discuss Methods for Checking Extravagancies and Reducing Burdens of Excessive Taxation—All in Favor of Movement for Reducing Taxes urged to be Present.

(The call for a mass meeting published below bears the date June 27 and it is understood that several copies of the call have been circulated about over the county. Mr. W. H. Humphrey advises The Robesonian that several whose names have not been sent in have signed besides those whose names are published below.)

TO THE DEMOCRAT VOTERS OF ROBESON COUNTY:

Whereas we, the undersigned Democrats of Robeson county, are fully convinced that there is too much extravagance in the administration of the affairs of our county, along all lines, by which our taxes have become a great burden to our people; and whereas, we believe that a popular expression from our people, that is, the taxpayers themselves, who have to bear these burdens, would be a proper way of expressing our dissatisfaction; and whereas we believe a mass meeting of the people would be the most effectual way to start a movement for reform along economic lines;

Therefore, we do call upon the people of the county, especially the Democrats, to meet in the town of Lumberton at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, July 18th next, to resolve upon some method by which these extravagancies can be checked, and our people relieved, to some extent at least, of some of the burdens of excessive taxation.

Everybody that is in favor of such a movement for tax reduction be sure to be present and bring your neighbors.

Respectfully,

H. A. M'White, A. Rice,
Chas. E. Zedaker, Wesley Thompson
R. M'White, J. B. Regan,
A. A. Bethune, J. W. Barker,
H. L. Edens, Spurgeon Jones,
H. F. Townsend, J. C. Stansel,
Jno. T. Singletary, W. H. Humphrey,
W. A. McPhaul, J. H. Britt,
I. M. McLean, C. A. McLean,
A. F. Jones, H. S. McLean,
Foster Williams, D. H. Britt, Jr.,
B. O. Britt, J. C. Turner,
J. V. Faulk, Joel Stone,
W. F. Stone, Andrew Ivey,
Scott Stone, J. F. Parker,
C. C. Price, S. C. Stone,
Vester Britt, C. P. Grantham,
J. E. Carlyle.

Chased Negro With Bloodhound But Negro Escaped.

Township Constable B. W. Lovett of Mt. Eliam was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Lovett says he had a fine chase Sunday afternoon after a negro for whom there is \$200 reward in Columbus county. He says his bloodhound, or one that belongs to the Butters Lumber Company and is kept by Mr. Lovett, gave the negro a close chase from Boardman to Proctorville, a distance of about ten miles, the way the negro went through the swamp, and got to Proctorville just about four minutes after the negro arrived, but the negro had boarded a train which was passing and made good his escape. Mr. Lovett says the dog is right on the job when it comes to chasing a man.

Teachers Standing Examinations.

County Superintendent J. R. Poole is giving examinations for white public school teachers today at the graded school building. Forty are taking the examinations—34 ladies and 6 men. Thirty-five are taking the county examination, four are taking the examination for State high school certificates, and one is taking the examination for 5-year State high school certificate.

Colored teachers will be examined tomorrow and Indian teachers will be examined Saturday.

Death of Mrs. W. M. Williams of Maxton.

Mrs. W. M. Williams, aged about 60 years, died Tuesday at her home at Maxton, from the effects of a second stroke of paralysis. Deceased is survived by her husband and six children. The funeral was conducted from the home yesterday at 10:30 a. m. by Rev. A. A. Butler, pastor of the Baptist church of Maxton, assisted by Rev. I. J. McIlwaine, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Maxton.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

Criminal Term Convened Tuesday.—Disposition of Cases.

A term of criminal court convened Tuesday morning, Judge C. M. Cook of Louisville presiding and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville being present to represent the State. This is a 2-weeks' term, but there are not many cases of importance and it is hardly probable that court will last longer than this week.

The grand jury was duly impaneled and charged, Mr. W. J. McLeod being sworn in as foreman and Mr. N. A. Ratley as officer.

Judge Cook departed from the usual lines in his charge, calling attention to corrupt practices in primaries and elections.

The following cases have been disposed of:

Ransom Dial, guilty, 1 penny and cost.

Wm. Strickland, guilty, 1 penny and cost.

Lindsay Revels, guilty, 1 penny and cost.

Shaw Manning, guilty, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Mack Taylor, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, \$10 and cost.

Java Rice, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Kelly and Wyatt Wilson, assault, guilty of simple assault, \$1 each and cost.

Will Galbreth, assault, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost. Alfred Davis and Nathan Bruce, nuisance, guilty, fined \$30 and half cost, defendants placed under \$100 bond, to appear at each term of criminal court for two years and show good behavior.

Rev. A. Stroud, violating insurance laws of North Carolina; guilty, \$250 and cost and required to pay the clerk \$50 for the Insurance Department. This was the case which was tried in the recorder's court here some two months ago, when the "Rev." Stroud was bound over to court for organizing the "iWse Men of the East" and the "Daughters of Queen Sheba" fraternal orders without license. Stroud's home is in Wilmington.

Alonzo McIntyre, larceny, eight months in jail.

Quite a number of cases have been continued and not prosed.

DESTRUCTIVE HAIL STORM

Great Damage Done in Gaston County N. C. and Yorke County, S. C.

Gaston county, this State and the adjoining county in South Carolina. Yorke, were visited by a destructive hail storm Tuesday night. In a section several miles wide near Rock Hill crops were beaten level with the ground and at least 16 head of cattle were reported killed. Chickens and birds were reported killed in large numbers and in drifts the hailstones were said to have reached an almost unbelievable depth. A half-acre flat 13 hours after the storm was covered to a depth of 4 feet while gullies are said to have been filled to a depth of from 8 to 14 feet. The damage in York county is estimated at \$250,000. Gaston county suffered damage estimated at \$100,000. The storm entered Gaston at the north-west corner and devastated a section about 4 miles wide. Corn and cotton fields were utterly destroyed. At McAdenville 5,000 window panes were broken out in a mill and residences. At Cherryville the roofs of two mills were demolished. A dispatch from Fort Mill, S. C., states that on a farm near there the wings of chickens were cut off as they attempted to fly to places of refuge, and that some of the tenant farmers, feeling that it is too late to make another crop, are abandoning the farms and seeking other employment. A hail and wind storm in the Mount Airy section on the same day did great damage to the fruit crop. The storm was also severe in Mecklenburg, Stanly and Catawba counties.

Charlotte is to lose the North Carolina Medical College, according to plans that are almost completed for merging it with the Richmond Medical College at Richmond, Va. The lack of clinic facilities, which prevents it being rated as a class B institution, is the reason for the move.

Ira F. Norris of Chicago was nominated Monday by President Wilson for Minister to Sweden.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

A Busy Saturday on the Fourth—Protracted Meeting Begins Soon — Working Streets—Social and Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, July 7.—The young people of our town are enjoying a lawn party in the beautiful grove of Mr. Neill McNeill. A good sized crowd is in attendance and the beautiful moonlight is all that could be desired for the occasion. So the young people thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

The Fourth of July was only a busy Saturday with most of our people. The trade was very good. As Fayetteville and Lumberton both had big days, our town did not celebrate the Fourth. The following went up to Fayetteville and report a fine time: E. B. Daniel, T. N. Fisher, B. C. Parham, C. D. Williamson, T. M. Blue, Pemberton McCormick, H. B. Culbreth, G. B. Tuttle, J. D. McCormick, Charlie Williamson, Jr.

Melons were plentiful here the Fourth. Our town was crowded with darkeys, but everybody enjoyed themselves picnicking. As for the melons, this scribe has enjoyed some very fine home-grown ones since the first of the month from Ocala, Fla.

Mr. John M. Johnson and little son Jack are spending a few days with Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Sallie Johnson. Capt. W. R. Johnson of Florence, S. C. is on a brief visit. — Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Porter returned home Thursday from a visit home.—The protracted meeting will begin at the M. E. church on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in July. Rev. J. A. Hornidy of Weldon will assist the pastor in the meeting. Wonder who will be the first to plan to take their vacation or visit out of town during the meeting? Just any excuse to leave home just when they are most needed at home.

Mr. Collier Cobb and family, Miss Essie Lancaster and Mr. Floyd Lancaster and J. W. Williamson and Miss Mary McMillan attended the picnic at Arabia Saturday and report a most excellent time.—Mr. Justin McNeill spent Sunday with relatives in town.

We observe that Mr. Chason from Lumber Bridge is on our streets with his champion road machine and this means new streets.

Mr. G. W. Bullard and Mr. B. A. McDonald have added a pressing club at the barber shop, a nice place for doing the work.

Mr. A. B. Williamson and son Erle, spent the Fourth and Sunday with relatives over on the east side of a Cpe Fear.—Mrs. R. F. Council and daughter, Miss Ruby, are spending some time visiting relatives in South Carolina and Scotland county.

Introducing More Candidates.

In the rush of other matters The Robesonian failed to state in its news columns Monday that Mr. Geo. A. Barnes has shied his hat in the rig for the office of coroner. Mr. Barnes was a candidate two years ago for this office but was beaten by the present incumbent, Mr. G. E. Rancke, Sr.

Mr. Marshal Shepherd of Orrum enters the race for the lower house of the General Assembly, where he served one term four years ago. Mr. Shepherd is well and favorably known all over the county. This makes three candidates for the House and two are to be elected.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis announces that he is a candidate to succeed himself. Sheriff Lewis is now rounding out his first term in office and he has no opposition. He has made a good officer and is popular all over the county. Of course, his nomination and election are certain.

A Tall Fight Between an Indian and His Wife.

Mr. D. H. Britt of Back Swamp is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Britt reports a near-serious affray between Lawrence Bartley and his wife, Indians, who live on Mr. Britt's place, yesterday afternoon. It seems that Bartley and his wife had a little row Tuesday night and yesterday Bartley went into the field where his wife was working with a hoe and she proceeded to hoe him out, cutting one of his thumbs in two. Bartley picked up a stick and struck his wife across the head just above the ear and inflicted a gash four inches long and about a half inch deep. While it was a tall fight, nobody was "kilt."

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Mr. W. R. Atkinson of Center is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Atkinson reports good crops in his section.

—A party of young people went over to Fayetteville on a pleasure trip last evening. They made the trip in automobiles.

—Mr. Mike Caldwell has been confined at his home on Caldwell street for several days with a lame foot from making a mis-step Saturday.

—Mr. Scott Stone, of the cotton raising section of Raynham, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Stone reports good crops in his section.

—The East Lumberton Baptist Sunday school will picnic at the church, near the county home, Saturday afternoon of this week from four to 7. All members of the school are invited.

—Mr. Grover Pope of Pope's Crossing was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Pope says he and his father, Mr. W. G. Pope, went fishing Saturday and his father caught a trout that tipped the scales at nine pounds. Some trout.

—Mr. T. D. McLean, district agent of farm demonstration work in eastern North Carolina, employed by the United States Department of Agriculture spent yesterday with County Farm Demonstrator J. A. Boone visiting farms in Robeson.

—"That Pair from Theopia," Essany; "A Snakeville 'Courtship,'" also Essany, "Banty Tim," Lubin, will please lovers of good pictures at the Pastime theatre tonight. On Thursday night of next week, 16th, "Monte Cristo" will be run in 5 reels.

—Mr. Frank Gough returned yesterday from Morehead City, where he attended a meeting of the directors of the Atlantic North Carolina Ry. Co. They declared a dividend of 1-2 per cent. Mr. Gough says the road was hit hard by the short potato crop.

—The indications are that a large crowd of people from this section will visit Wilmington Sunday, taking advantage of the cheap Sunday rate which is only \$1.25 for the round trip. The party will go down on the early train and return on late evening train.

—Dr. W. W. Parker will leave Sunday for Wrightsville, where Monday and Tuesday he will attend the North Carolina State Optical Association. Dr. Parker is a member of the executive committee. While Dr. Parker is away Mrs. Parker will keep his store open.

—Beginning next Sunday the V. & C. S. will sell round-trip tickets to Wilmington from Hope Mills for \$2.35 and from St. Pauls for \$1.80. These tickets will be good only on day issued, but with the present schedule one can leave Hope Mills in the morning and spend several hours at Wrightsville and return to Hope Mills the same night.

—At a meeting Tuesday evening St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., the following officers were installed by Past Master C. B. Skipper: G. E. Rancke, Jr., W. M., E. J. Britt, S. W.; B. H. Stansel, J. W.; J. D. Proctor, treasurer; John P. McNeill, secretary; N. A. Thompson, S. D.; Jno. S. McNeill, J. D.; J. P. Townsend and W. G. Pittman, stewards; G. E. Rancke, Sr., tyler.

—An excursion for colored people operated over the R. & C. railroad from Marion, S. C., yesterday brought in even 400 negroes, who spent the day at Seven Pines in North Lumberton, and returned to Marion last evening. They seemed to have enjoyed the day immensely. Mayor A. E. White made an address of welcome and Dr. B. W. Page, county physician, made an address on sanitation, both of which seem to have been greatly enjoyed.

—A 7-year-old horse belonging to Messrs. H. M. Beasley & Brother, who conduct a livery business on W. Fourth street, died Tuesday morning while enroute to Elizabethtown. The horse, which was driven by one of Mr. Beasley's drivers, left Lumberton Monday afternoon hitched to a buggy by the side of another horse. When he was about 12 miles from town he was taken sick and died the next morning. It is not known whether the horse was driven too hard or not.

Mr. J. D. Bullock and son, Troy, of route 1 from Fairmont, are Lumberton visitors today.