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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES MEET

County Candidates Foregathered in Lumberton Yesterday—Preparing for Campaign—Speaking Engagements Saturdays in Every Township.

The county Democratic candidates met at the court house here yesterday to make plans for the campaign. About the only thing definitely determined was to have speakers to address the people every Saturday from now until election at every polling place in the county. It is the purpose of County Chairman T. A. McNeill, Jr., who met with the candidates, to secure, if possible, the services of some of the best speakers in the State to address the people on the important issues of the day, politically speaking, and it is Chairman McNeill's purpose and the purpose of the candidates to conduct the campaign on a high plane, on a plane above petty affairs. Chairman McNeill hopes to have Attorney General Bickett address the people of the county at Lumberton some time between now and election day on the proposed Constitutional Amendments. Some time ago, as mentioned in *The Robesonian* at the time, Republicans, Progressives and others met in Lumberton and nominated an "Independent" ticket. What this independent ticket purposes doing has not yet been definitely announced. If they get into the campaign actively they will no doubt add to its gaiety but of course the untutored Democrats are in no wise doubtful of what the verdict of the sovereigns will be at the polls.

Chairman McNeill thinks he will have ready for publication in Monday's *Robesonian* a list of the appointments for the following Saturday.

These Have Bought a Bale at 10 Cents

Mr. L. H. Caldwell's name did not appear in the list published in Monday's *Robesonian* of those who would buy a bale of "distress" cotton at 10 cents a pound, but he purchased one at that price Tuesday and has agreed to purchase 4 more bales at that price in order to help the situation. Messrs. White, Gough purchased their bale yesterday from the widow of the late Tom Britt, who has five small children, the oldest 13 years old. Mr. Dennis W. Biggs has also purchased his bale for the Lumberton Furniture Store, of which he is proprietor.

Several Lumberton merchants have advertised and are advising in *The Robesonian* that they will take cotton on account of in trade at 10 cents the pound, but not much cotton is being offered on that basis.

Everyone who can buy a bale at 10 cents and does so helps that much to stiffen the market and restore confidence.

Saw Mill Plant of Alma Lumber Co. Burned

Maxton special, Sept. 30, to Wilmington Star. The large saw mill plant of the Alma Lumber Company, situated at Alma, two miles east of Maxton, was caught on fire this morning at 10:15 and was completely destroyed, the loss being about five thousand dollars and no insurance.

The fire caught in the roof of the boiler house around the smokestack and was under good headway before it was discovered. The planing mill and dry kilns were untouched, and lumber on the yards was not damaged, what wind there was being towards the river and away from the remaining buildings of the company. All the machinery in the destroyed building, except the saws, is a total loss, and it will take some time for it to be replaced.

Gov. Craig May Speak in Lumberton

October 5th. Mr. T. D. Warren, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, has notified Mr. T. A. McNeill, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, that either Locke Craig, or J. W. Bailey, speaker of customs in the eastern district, will speak in the court house here on October 5th, at 12 m. on National day. The public is invited to attend and hear the address. The governor will come if he can possibly get here.

Died at Hospital As Result of Blay On Head

Archie Rhodes, a white man, 32 years old, who had been in the Thompson hospital for about ten days suffering from a blow received on the head with a wedge some four weeks ago at his home in Williamsburg county, South Carolina, when he had a row with another white man whose name was not learned, died last evening at six o'clock. The remains were shipped to his home today.

NO DEFINITIVE YET.

No definite word has been received from the front, by way of Paris. This is the only information we have had regarding the progress of the war.

It is believed that the situation is becoming more serious. The progress of the war is still uncertain, and it is hoped that a decisive battle will be fought soon.

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MAGISTRATES TO MEET

All Magistrates of the County Asked to Meet in Lumberton October 24—Conjectures As to Purpose of Meeting.

Justice Ed. C. Graham of Howellsville township has addressed a letter to all magistrates of Robeson county asking them to attend a meeting of magistrates in Lumberton on the 24th inst. Mr. Graham states in his letter that he has been requested to call this meeting to take up some important matters, but he does not intimate what the important matters are. Conjecture is busy about this meeting and there are not a few who are wondering if the magistrates are going to meet for the purpose of considering the advisability of abolishing the office of county treasurer. It will be recalled that it was published in *The Robesonian* some time ago that the magistrates of a county have the authority to abolish the office of county treasurer and put the duties of the office upon the sheriff. County Attorney E. J. Britt, who is a well-informed lawyer, was *The Robesonian's* authority for that statement. It is doubtful if many of the magistrates knew they had that power before that was published in *The Robesonian*, and certainly not many other readers of the paper knew it. Of course their honors the magistrates may not have any designs at all upon the office of county treasurer, but this meeting having been called for just a short while before the election next month has put some people to wondering what it means.

ORRUM OCCURRENCES.

Debating Society Re-organized—Baseball Season Over—School Progressing Nicely—A Surprise Marriage—Personal.

Correspondence of *The Robesonian*. Orrum Sept. 28.—The boys of the high school met last Thursday night and re-organized the F. O. L. debating society with 18 members. The young men are doing a good work and will at an early date begin to prepare for a public debate.

The Orrum baseball team closed its career Saturday by whitewashing the East Lumberton team—3 to 0. During the past season the boys have played 30 games and have won 25 out of 30. They will try to put out a still better team next season. The school is progressing very nicely under the efficient management of Prof. W. E. Fleming, having 100 on roll now which is encouraging considering the rush on with the farmers just now.

Mr. E. B. Nye, one of our progressive young farmers, surprised his many friends when last Saturday evening he took as his better half Miss May Belle Price, of Proctorville.

Mr. A. B. Lawson advises if you have your head clipped you had better stay off the "Broad Ridge." Prof. Ponders and Mr. Claude Floyd, of Barnesville, were visitors in town Sunday afternoon.—Misses Dove and Edna Prevatt spent the weekend at home in Lumberton. —Mr. B. L. Frink of Bladenboro is visiting friends and relatives in town today.—Miss Jessie Prevatt spent part of last week in Fayetteville visiting her brother Mr. Kelly Prevatt.—Mr. Willie Owens and Miss Fannie Ritch of Boardman were visitors in town Sunday afternoon.

Wake Forest Seniors Buy a Bale.

Special to *The Robesonian*. Wake Forest, Sept. 29.—Today the senior class met and voted to help the present cotton situation by buying a bale of cotton. This is, indeed something new, especially for literary college, and sets a precedent.

The farmers are not the only ones interested. Neither is the business world by itself. College students have rushed to the rescue.

Most of the students here are sons of farmers and probably this is the cause of this action. The men show themselves to be interested in the cotton situation and are willing to turn aside from their studies for a few moments to help.

We think this action of the seniors is to be commended. P. H. W.

Church Services.

Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, will preach at the auditorium in East Lumberton tonight. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. H. G. Hill the veteran pastor of the Presbyterian church at Maxton arrived this morning and will preach at the Presbyterian church tonight. Dr. Hill is stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAllister.

The name—Doan's inspires confidence—Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney ills. Doan's Ointment for skin itching. Doan's Regulets for a mild laxative. Sold at all drug stores.

TOBACCO SEASON ABOUT OVER

Market About Closed at Fairmont—About 4,000,000 Pounds Sold At That Market for Around \$300,000—A Hard Year for Tobacco Farmers.

Perhaps not in the history of tobacco growing in Robeson have the farmers had such a hard year trying to raise the "weed." The cold icy spring caused all the first plants to die, and by the time the resowed beds were ready the drought came on and most of the farmers had to set their plants from two to five times, it being in the middle of June before they got any plants to live. However, there has been a lot of tobacco sold at Fairmont during the season, but never was so much trashy sorry tobacco (with no life in it) sold on the market there before. Some few farmers, who got their plants to live at the first setting realized from \$100 to \$150 to the acre, but many of them did not, they say, make enough to pay for the fertilizer used.

It is said that Fairmont now leads any market in the South Carolina belt, having sold this season something like four million pounds, which brought right about \$300,000.

The market at Fairmont will remain open, or a part of it at least, till Thursday of next week. However, most of the buyers are gone, and Messrs. E. J. Davis & Sons who have had much to do with making the Fairmont market what it is, closed their house yesterday. This house, which did some Robesonian advertising, had perhaps the best year in its history, and the managers say they are sure the advertising was well worth while.

Mr. L. M. Walker, buyer for the Export people, left yesterday for his home at Walnut Cove, N. C. As a rule Mr. Walker buys much tobacco at Fairmont, and pays a good price for it, but this year he has only been allowed to buy a small quantity.

CANOING DOWN THE LUMBEE

A Party of Six From North, Including An Artist From England, Traveling To Georgetown by Canoe.

Mr. Jonathan Steere, of the Girard Trust Company, and wife, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Margery Rawlings, an artist of Reading, England; Mr. Robert Yarnall, a mechanical engineer, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. David T. Abercrombie, a manufacturer, of Broadway, N. Y.; and Mr. Geo. W. Barton, of the Pennsylvania Crusher Co., of Philadelphia, passed through Lumberton traveling in four canoes on the waters of the "Lumbee," as they knew it, Monday afternoon, and camped at the high hill, about three miles from town down the river for one day and two nights. Some party up the river had referred them to Senator Geo. B. McLeod, and when they arrived here they called for Mr. McLeod, who while they were camping at the high hills, took them out and showed them over Lumberton and the country round about.

This party of evidently cultured, refined and wealthy folks, started their trip on the river at Kaiser, this State. They have a unique camping outfit, and sleep on the ground, with only a water proof cloth under them, and do their own cooking. They had heard of the beautiful scenery along the "Lumbee," and decided to make the trip and make pictures along the route, and no doubt Miss Rawlings will make some beautiful paintings to show her friends in England of the beautiful scenes along this river, which is not considered by many who live on its banks more than an ordinary stream, while people in the North and abroad would be attracted to its waters. The entire party expressed themselves as being well pleased with the trip. They expected to land in Georgetown, S. C., 12 days after leaving Lumberton.

They took Mr. John Roach, of Lumberton, who knows the river from a to z, along with them as a guide for the balance of the trip, knowing that so many streams between here and the ocean might cause them to lose their way.

Tolarsville Topics.

Correspondence of *The Robesonian*. Tar Heel, Sept. 29.—The farmers are nearly through picking cotton. It feels very much like frost is nearly here.

Mr. Ed Britt from Barnesville spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Flowers.

Mr. G. P. Graham went to Raleigh last Monday to see his wife and expects to bring her home if able. On account of Mr. Graham's feeble health Mr. H. C. Flowers accompanied him.—Messrs. Roland Hall and Fred Allen of Tar Heel were in this vicinity last Sunday afternoon.—Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Martin spent last Saturday and Sunday at Tar Heel visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Melvin.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED.

Three-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Norris Dies As Result of Burns—Night Gown Caught Fire Early Tuesday Morning—Funeral Yesterday.

Freeman, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Norris, was burned so badly Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock at the home of his parents on First street that he died in about four hours. Mrs. Norris said that she got up and kindled a fire in the fire place in the room in which she and her two children were sleeping and asked the little boy to get up, but he asked her to let him stay in bed and play with his baby while she cooked breakfast, so she went into the kitchen after telling the child not to get up till she went back into the room, but in a short time heard him scream, and on entering the room found the boy wrapped in flames. She put the flames out with her hands, burning them his very badly, but not until the child was so badly burned that he died in a short time after being taken to the Thompson hospital.

Mr. Norris travels for the Richmond Hardware Company of Richmond, Va., and was at South Boston, Va., when he received the sad news that his child had been burned. He arrived at home yesterday morning.

The funeral was conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon at 4:30 by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, and interment was made in the East Lumberton cemetery.

Mr. Norris says no people can be more kind to one in the hour of trouble than have the people of Lumberton to his family since their bereavement.

Wm. M. Bryan of Howellsville.

Mr. Wm. R. Bryan, aged about 28, son of Mr. William Bryan, who lives in Howellsville township, died last night at the State hospital, Raleigh, where he had been for more than a year. The remains will be brought to Lumberton tonight, and it is expected interment will be made near the home tomorrow.

LUMBER BRIDGE LOCALS

Farmers Determined to Hold Cotton—Minor Courts Busy—Death of Mrs. Sallie Bullard—School Opens.

Correspondence of *The Robesonian*. Lumber Bridge, Sept. 29.—We never saw farmers so determined to hold cotton as they are now, unless the merchant allows them ten cents on their account. There has been much ado about farmers getting help from the Government. In my opinion what help he gets will be from his friends at home and not from politicians.

It was quite lively in the municipal and recorder's court here Friday. Recorder Buie came over from Red Springs and tried one case and Mayor Hall had three cases in his court. The school funds were increased about \$90.

Mrs. Sallie Bullard, widow of late William Bullard, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 23, in her 75th year. She was before her marriage Sallie Fisher and is survived by three sisters, one brother and six children. Her children are Messrs. T. R. and R. W. Bullard of Fayetteville, L. H. Bullard and Mrs. J. W. Hall of Lumber Bridge, Mrs. R. O. Edmund of Lumberton and Mrs. Jane Cade of Avon Park, Fla.; also 21 grandchildren and three great-grand children. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church for over half a century. The funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church Thursday at 4 p. m. by Mr. Porter, her pastor, assisted by Mr. J. W. Cobb of the Baptist church. Interment in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Prof. Woodard and family have moved into the dormitory, preparatory to taking charge of the high school which will open today in the new fifteen thousand dollar building.

(Arranza Expected to Resign Today

Washington Dispatch, Sept. 30. Dispatches reaching the Constitutional agency here from Mexico City tonight indicated that General Carranza would present his resignation as first chief of the Constitutionists to the convention of leaders in Mexico City tomorrow without awaiting the outcome of the peace conference about to begin at Zacatecas.

It is understood here the convention will delay action on the resignation, and take no steps toward setting up the new provisional government until some word has come from the conferees.

In official and diplomatic circles it is believed the Zacatecas conference will end General Villa's revolt by approving the choice of F. Iglesias Calderon as provisional president, and this action will be followed by Calderon's election by the Mexico City convention.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper if renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. W. E. Horn is moving his barber shop from the Griffith building on Elm street to the rear of the new building of the National Bank of Lumberton, Elm and Third.

—In the show window of the McMillan Drug Store can be seen a rare collection of old coins of many descriptions—coins from most all the countries and all kinds of American coins from "way back."

—John Quintus, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith, fell from a trapeze while playing yesterday and broke his right leg just above the ankle. Dr. John Knox rendered medical aid and the child seems to be getting on fine.

—Mr. H. Weinstein of Fairmont returned Monday from the Northern markets, where he bought a large stock of fall and winter goods for his large department store at Fairmont. Watch for a page ad telling of his bargains in Monday's *Robesonian*.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, went yesterday to Newbern to attend the annual meeting there yesterday and today of the southeastern Association of County Superintendents.

—St. Paula Messenger: The Robesonian has been publishing the fact that some citizens in the county have had some extraordinary broad cotton leaves. This is not so remarkable as a boll of cotton Mrs. M. J. Barker found last week. This boll contained 13 well developed locks. Mr. and Mrs. Barker live on Ten Mile and would be glad to see the above.

—The Bladen county campaign will open at Elizabethtown Monday of next week with a speech by Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton. In advertising this meeting in this week's Bladen journal, Chairman J. Bayard Clark invites everybody to attend this speaking "whether you are a Democrat or belong to one of the four Republican parties."

—Miss Hilda Weinstein returned this morning to Charlotte, where she is a student at Elizabeth College, after spending Yom Kippur here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weinstein and small sons, Masters Rector Lee and Morton Hannah who also spent the Jewish holiday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein returned this morning to their home at Fairmont.

—Members of the First Baptist church of Lumberton gave Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth and family, who live on the corner of Cedar and Eighth streets, a liberal pounding Tuesday evening. Mr. Hedgpeth is pastor of several churches in the country. It is needless to say that he and his family appreciate this thoughtful expression of regard from members of the First Baptist. In these times of high prices a pounding certainly means something.

—The chain gang convicts attracted some attention yesterday when they marched down Elm street to the vacant lot near the Seaboard station, where the old tobacco warehouse formerly stood, and began removing dirt from that lot in the new road just across the new iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street. Dr. W. A. McPhaul and Mr. C. M. Barker, owners of the lot wanted to get the dirt away and gave it for the new road in order to get it moved.

—Supt. R. D. Caldwell of the First Baptist Sunday school, has sent out invitations to a big affair, as he terms it, which will be pulled off at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning at 9:30. Every member of the school which has a membership of 500, is urged to be present and invite some other who does not attend Sunday school. It is hoped to have a record-breaking attendance at the school Sunday morning. Special music and other exercises will be a part of the programme, and it is expected that all who attend will be well paid.

—Mr. Enoch McConnell, who several weeks ago underwent an operation for appendicitis at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, returned last evening and began work again this morning in the grocery store of Mr. J. H. Wishart. Mr. McConnell visited Washington, New York and other Northern cities after he left the hospital and came back by way of Roberdell, where he spent some time visiting at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. McConnell. He has been in good health since he returned.