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A. W. McLEAN ELECTED NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN LUMBERTON MAN HONORED

Unanimously Elected to Succeed Daniels—State Convention Was a Great Gathering of Democrats—Keynote Speech by Senator Simmons—President Wilson's Administration Heartily Endorsed—Simmons, Overman, Craig and Car Elected Delegates at Large to National Convention—Chairman Warren Predicts Great Democratic Victory in November

At the State Democratic convention in Raleigh Thursday the expected happened when Mr. A. W. McLean was elected North Carolina member of the National committee to succeed Hon. Josephus Daniels, who announced some months ago that he would not offer for the position again on account of his connection with the President's Cabinet as Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Daniels had been National committeeman for twenty years. Mr. McLean has been acting as committeeman since Mr. Daniels has been a member of the Cabinet and his election was a foregone conclusion, though this was the first time in the history of the party that a National committeeman has been selected by the State convention.

Mr. McLean has for a number of years been a member of the State Democratic executive committee from Robeson, and still holds that office, having been re-elected at the meeting of the sixth district delegates to the State convention at a meeting preceding the convention, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian. He was a strong supporter of President Wilson at the Baltimore convention and was in charge of raising the campaign fund in the State during the presidential election four years ago.

In Thursday's Robesonian was published the most important transactions at the meeting of the sixth district delegates to the State convention in the city auditorium in Raleigh at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The meeting was entirely harmonious and every election was by acclamation except for presidential elector. Mr. Hall of Cumberland and Mr. J. Bayard Clark of Bladen were nominated and the ballot resulted in the election of Clark, who represented Bladen in the State Senate two years ago and who is well known all over the district. Other sixth district elections not mentioned in Thursday's paper were: K. B. Council of Columbus, member committee on credentials; J. O. Carr of Wilmington, committee on platform; Jno. D. Bellamy of Wilmington, vice president of convention; J. W. Lancaster of Brunswick, member committee on permanent organization; congressional executive committee (all re-elected); J. B. Clark, Bladen; Peter Bourk, Brunswick; A. E. Powell, Columbus; J. C. Clifford, Harnett; Z. W. Whitehead, New Hanover; Frank Gough, Robeson; Geo. McNeill, Cumberland.

The State convention was attended by more than a thousand delegates from all over North Carolina and it was marked by absolute harmony, good feeling, enthusiasm and determination to make this a memorable year for North Carolina Democracy. President Wilson's policies were heartily endorsed. Fifteen or twenty prominent Democrats from Robeson attended the convention. Senator Simmons' keynote speech was the feature of the convention. He spoke for nearly two hours, reviewing the fine record in the administration of State affairs, and the wonderful record made in the Nation by the Wilson Administration.

Another feature of the convention was a lambasting given Marion Butler by Cam Morrison of Charlotte. Mr. Morrison roasted the wily Butler to a turn, bringing a storm of applause, and Chairman T. A. McNeill of the Robeson executive committee so approved of the way Mr. Morrison was laying it on that he shouted to Cam to "give it to him," giving natural expression to what everybody else in the hall felt.

At the afternoon session stirring addresses were made by Governor Craig, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and O. Max Gardner, Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor by virtue of the fact that he was the only candidate at the close on April 22 of the period for listing.

Mention must not be omitted, either, of a remarkable demonstration when the convention rose to its feet and for fully a minute cheered Wade H. Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, for the mastery way in which he showed up the record of Marion Butler in a recent editorial, and unanimously elected him alternate at large to the Democratic National convention. Solicitor Brock of Wadesboro had nominated four men for alternates-at-large. Judge Murphy of Asheville, who was presiding, being the last one named. Mr. Brock put the question and the four were declared elected. Mr. Cam Morrison then rose and said one man was enough for one man to nominate, whereas Mr. Brock had nominated four, which he regretted, because the Democracy of Mecklenburg had honored the Democracy of the State opportunity to honor that heroic editor, Wade H. Harris, who had the courage to denounce an arch-traitor to his native State. This

WHITE NOMINATED FOR MAYOR DEFEATS McPHAIL 103 VOTES

Friday's Primary Results in Nomination of Mayor A. E. White to Succeed Himself—W. P. McAllister and S. K. Nash Nominated for Town Board—These and Nominees of First Primary Being Elected Today

In the town primary Friday Mayor A. E. White was nominated over Dr. W. A. McPhaul by 103 majority. W. P. McAllister, already a member of the board and S. K. Nash were nominated over R. S. Beam and Elmore Bullard for town commissioners, and J. H. Wishart was nominated for graded school trustee over H. E. Stacy.

The first primary was held Tuesday, results of which were published in Thursday's Robesonian, at which primary Alf. H. McLeod was nominated for chief of police over H. H. Redfern and F. A. Wishart, James D. Proctor was nominated for town commissioner, and Frank Gough, H. M. McAllister and W. S. Britt were nominated for the board of audit and finance without opposition.

Not in the history of Lumberton has a more quiet and orderly primary been held than that of Friday. While friends of the various candidates worked hard for their favorites, peace and quietness reigned throughout the day.

The result of the two primaries means that A. E. White will be elected today for the fifth successive time for mayor of Lumberton and Jas. D. Proctor and W. P. McAllister will be re-elected members of the board of town commissioners. S. K. Nash will be the only new member of the board, being nominated in the place of L. C. Townsend, present incumbent, who did not offer for re-nomination and election.

While the primary is equivalent to election, the general town election is being held today, in which the above-named candidates will be duly elected.

There were 407 votes polled Friday—11 votes less than were polled Tuesday. Following is the vote polled by each candidate in Friday's primary: For mayor—A. E. White 250, W. A. McPhaul 147; for town commissioner—W. P. McAllister 214, S. K. Nash 201, R. S. Beam 197, Elmore Bullard 105; for graded school trustee—J. H. Wishart 178, H. E. Stacy 129.

While many smiles and a number of frowns were in evidence after the result of the primary had been made known, the only celebration more than a few whoops and loud laughs, was the ringing of the court house bell for a spell.

was greeted with cheers and Judge Murphy immediately withdrew his name and Mr. Harris was elected without a dissenting vote. The other alternates-at-large are E. L. Travis, J. C. Biggs, Thomas D. Warren.

Delegates at Large
Senators Simmons and Overman, Governor Craig and Gen. Julian S. Carr were elected delegates-at-large to the National convention by acclamation.

Electors at Large
Cameron Morrison of Mecklenburg and J. O. Carr of New Hanover were elected electors-at-large by acclamation.

A memorial resolution in honor of the late Tom Pence, former secretary of the Democratic National committee, was adopted in silence by a rising vote.

The convention was called to order shortly after noon by Chairman T. D. Warren. In his address he referred to the fact that a short time ago there convened in the same building the Republican convention of North Carolina, when there ensued such a fight for selfish aims and patronage control that shocked even the decent Republicans of the State. Nothing was done save to put Marion Butler in command of the party to dispose of patronage to the highest bidder. He contrasted the difference between the two conventions, the Republicans representing the dollar while the Democrats represent the man. Providence, he said, had blessed this country in having a Democrat at the head of the Nation in the person of Woodrow Wilson, who had presided over the destiny of the Nation with patience, wisdom and fidelity, without thought of aggrandisement but in the interest of humanity. In calling Senator Simmons to the chair Mr. Warren paid tribute to his party service. While North Carolina was disgraced by political dishonor, he said, it called upon one of her sons to lead the manhood of the State. How Senator Simmons led is political history.

Since the convention Mr. Warren has stated that the convention was a most gratifying surprise to himself and party leaders generally, especially in the very large attendance in the absence of any contests or other conditions to bring out crowds beyond manifesting personal interest in the welfare of the party and the country. He is confident that the Democratic majority next November will be over the 50,000 mark and that every congressional district will be carried, including the redemption of the tenth.

AMONG TRANSGRESSORS

Recorder's Court Cases—Negro Who Assaulted White Man Will Be Tried Tomorrow

The following cases were disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday: Robert Prevatt, trespass, not prosed. The evidence brought out was that Prevatt broke the ground on a disputed parcel of land and later Mr. Duncan M'White planted corn in the ground. Prevatt then plowed the corn up. The trouble started from a disputed land line between Mr. Prevatt and Mr. M'White.

Addie Hickman, abandonment, not prosed. Plaintiff failed to show up. Daisy Watson, colored, larceny, not prosed. The evidence was that Daisy had the stolen property—a watch—but that it had been pawned to her by another negro.

Joe Edwards, drunk, not guilty; cursing on the streets, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

The case of Cleo Floyd, colored, charged with assault upon Mr. J. H. Smitherman, had been set for Saturday, but was continued until tomorrow in order that the defendant might get another witness. Floyd is the hotel porter who got gay and ran his truck over Mr. Smitherman, who is Seaboard baggage man at the union station, which led up to a fight, mention of which has been made in the Robesonian. He was placed in jail after his arrest, but later Mr. R. H. Crichton went on his bond and he was released. Mr. Crichton refused, however, to renew the bond Saturday.

Roy Holmes, Indian, abandonment, prayer for judgment continued with the understanding that Holmes give his family \$2.50 per week. Upon failure to do this judgment is to be moved. The evidence was that Holmes had a wife and 2 children and was letting them suffer for the want of food.

Fire Quickly Extinguished—A Fight

Fire was discovered burning on the roof of the kitchen at the home of Mr. M. W. Floyd, 120 W. Tenth street, about 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The alarm was phoned in and the fire company rushed to the scene and extinguished the flames before much damage had been done. Had it not been for the quick work of the fire company and the assistance of neighbors before the company arrived the building would have quickly been enveloped in the flames. Chemicals were used in extinguishing the fire, which originated from a spark from a stove flue.

While the fire caused some excitement, a fight between Mr. A. Weinstein and Mr. A. Schwartzberg just after the fire company arrived on the scene caused even more, perhaps. Mr. Schwartzberg is a member of the fire company and ran across Mr. Weinstein's lawn, right next to the home of Mr. Floyd. Mr. Weinstein objected to seeing his lawn trampled upon and asked Schwartzberg to stay off, whereupon Schwartzberg is said to have cursed and said he would go where he pleased. A fistfight followed. The greatest damage done was that the hat of Mr. Schwartzberg was torn up in the encounter and Mr. Weinstein's shirt was torn into shreds. The combatants were parted by Mr. J. P. Townsend, fire chief, and Policeman J. S. Thompson.

TAX-LISTING TIME

Listtakers Began Work Today and You Must List During May or be Fined

It's tax-listing time! The listtakers for the various townships—the names of whom have been published in The Robesonian—met in the office of County Auditor McCallum Thursday for the purpose of receiving abstracts and instructions as to taking the lists. The listtakers began their work today and must have it completed by June 1. The law provides that all who fail to list their property during the month of May shall be fined, so you'd better look after the matter right away.

Mr. Wade Wishart, listtaker for Lumberton township, will be in the auditor's office all during the month with the exception of four afternoons, when he will be at the various mills about town. On the afternoon of the 8th he will be at the Kingsdale lumber plant, on the 9th at the Lumberton cotton mill store, on the 10th at the National cotton mill and on the 11th at the Jennings mill.

New Wholesale Grocery Concern

A new corporation for Lumberton is the Wishart Company, which was chartered last week. The authorized capital is \$25,000, with \$3,000 paid in by A. V. G. Wishart, Eli Wishart and others. The new corporation will do a general wholesale grocery business. Mr. A. V. G. Wishart has conducted a wholesale business in the Biggs building, Chestnut street, for some time and it is the purpose of the new organization to enlarge the business. Mr. Eli Wishart, who for a number of years has been a salesman in the McMillan drug store, has tendered his resignation and will begin work for the new corporation, of which he is a member. Both the Messrs. Wishart are well known young men who have had much experience in various lines of merchandising.

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Backbone of Revolt in Dublin Has Been Broken—Heavy Infantry Fighting

The backbone of the revolt in Dublin has been broken and the rebel leaders there have sent messages to various counties ordering the rebels to surrender, according to an official statement issued in London. In Dublin the rebels are reported to be surrendering freely and already 707 prisoners have been taken among them the Countess Markievicz, a noted agitator. As late as Saturday night, more incendiary fires were set in Sackville street, which already had been badly damaged from the Liffri bridge to Henry street. Cavalry, infantry and artillery have been sent to Ennis Corthy, where the rebels are still in control. A truce exists, however, while the rebel leader is on his way to Dublin to ascertain the truth of the report that the Dublin leaders have ordered a surrender.

The French and Germans on several sectors to the northwest of Verdun have been engaged in relatively heavy infantry fighting, with the results evidently in favor of the French. To the north of Le Mort Homme the French seized a German trench and captured 53 prisoners, and to the north of Cumiers made a still further gain in which 30 prisoners were taken. Berlin says that strong French attacks from Le Mort Homme to the northern part of the Caurettes wood were repulsed.

To Raleigh and Return by Auto

Messrs. H. E. Stacy, W. K. Bethune, T. L. Johnson and J. A. Sharpe made the trip back from the State Democratic convention in Raleigh, arriving here about 11:30 Thursday night. Mr. Johnson joined the party in Raleigh for the return trip, taking the place of Mr. Frank Gough, with whom the others left Lumberton in Mr. H. E. Stacy's auto at 4:20 Wednesday afternoon. The trip was a delightful one, away ahead of the trip by rail. Mr. Bethune was at the wheel and the little Ford "it rambled right along". No stops, no trouble, no anything to bother except that on account of carelessness, the roads being so good, the bunch went off the right road both coming and going, for a spell, losing some half hour or more each way. Leaving Lumberton at 4:20, the party went through Fayetteville without stopping and rolled into Dunn, 61 miles from Lumberton, in less than three hours from the time they left Lumberton—on less than 3 gallons of gasoline, at that. Other towns on the way are Four Oaks, Smithfield and Clayton. The roads are so good they are a perfect joy after leaving Robeson, except that some stretches between Fayetteville and Dunn are not so good. It is the National highway from a little this side of Fayetteville on, and all you have to do to keep on the right road is to watch the red, white and blue signs all along the road. They guide you without a blunder, if you pay attention, which folks sometimes will not do. Raleigh was reached at 11 o'clock Wednesday night. It is a 5-hour or 6-hour trip by auto if no stops are made. It is none of your business how long it took the party to come back.

Statue of Vance Placed in Statuary Hall

Washington Cor., Apr. 28, Charlotte Observer.

The heroic-sized statue of Vance was placed this morning the southeast corner of Statuary Hall, a spot picked out for it four years ago by Senator Lee S. Overman, and will be unveiled June 22. Vice President Marshall has agreed to accept the statue on behalf of the United States. The workmanship is in bronze. Senator Overman, Judge Hoke, Colonel Jones of the Document Room, and others about the Capitol who knew Vance, declared that it is a remarkable likeness, showing Vance as he appeared in full vigor. The likeness was made from a photograph of him at the age of 40 years.

A creation of the artist to give due dignity to the figure is an overcoat which hangs lightly from the broad shoulders. The statue was made by Gutzon Borghum, the artist who has planned to carry a representation of the Confederacy on the Stone Mountain near Atlanta. The cost is close to \$10,000. Mr. Borghum was here today.

Robt. Bell Not the Negro Wanted in Georgia

Robert Bell, the negro arrested and placed in jail here last Wednesday by Sheriff R. E. Lewis, on the ground that Bell was wanted in Georgia on the charge of murder, proved to be the wrong man and was released Saturday. An officer from Augusta, Ga., arrived here Saturday to identify Bell and found that he was not the man wanted. Bell had been staying about town for some time and it is said told another negro he had escaped from the chain gang at some place after he had killed a guard. Sheriff Lewis learned of this and knowing that a negro was wanted at Augusta on that charge he arrested the negro and wired the Augusta authorities of the arrest. Later a photograph of the negro was made and sent to Augusta. The picture was so much like the negro wanted that an officer left at once for Lumberton.

PHILADELPHUS FINALS

Entertainments Wednesday and Thursday Evenings—Friday Commencement Day

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Apr. 30—The Philadelphia high school came to a close on last Saturday. The commencement exercises took place on Wednesday and Thursday nights, followed Friday by the commencement address and uttering of diplomas. On Wednesday night five boys and five girls were on the program for speeches. Mr. Leon Melvin was the one that won on the boys' side, while Miss Grace McMillan was the lucky one of the girls. There was also given a song chorus by five boys, who were Messrs. Leon Melvin, Paul Steede, Norton Williams, Hugh Stuart and Tom Caddell. On Thursday night there was a play, "The Golden Gift". Both nights were entertaining.

On Friday the commencement address was delivered by Rev. H. M. Eure of Red Springs which was followed by a dinner. The attraction of the afternoon was two ball games between Philadelphia and Maxton and Philadelphia and Red Springs, Philadelphia coming out victorious in both games.

Mr. Joe Brown of Chadburn was on hand and made an address in the afternoon.

Mr. J. B. Humphrey spent Wednesday in Hamlet.

Sessoms-Breece Marriage in Fayetteville Last Night

The following dispatch of last night in this morning's Wilmington Star is of interest to many Robesonian readers:

"Miss Cora Sessoms, of the Nurses' Training School of the Highsmith hospital, and A. B. Breece, prosecuting attorney of the recorder's court, were married at the home of Rev. Joel S. Snyder, of Haymont, at 12 o'clock last night, the marriage being a complete surprise to most of their friends. Miss Sessoms' home is Sumner, Fla., though she has been in Highsmith Training school for about a year and has made many friends here. Mr. Breece is a popular young member of the Fayetteville bar, having held the position of prosecutor of the recorder's court for the past year, and is a candidate for the democratic nomination for the lower house of the legislature. The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for a bridal tour in the far South. The ceremony was attended by two or three friends of the bride and groom."

The groom is a nephew of Miss Josephine Breece of Lumberton and a brother of Miss Elizabeth Breece, who has been with Miss Josephine Breece for some time in her millinery store. The Misses Breece knew nothing of the marriage until they read it in the Star this morning.

Death of Mrs. J. T. Carroll of Bennettsville

Miss Jean Pratt received Thursday night about 11 o'clock the distressing news that her sister Mrs. J. T. Carroll, who was severely burned just 8 days ago, died about 9 o'clock that night in the Columbia hospital at Columbia, S. C., where she was taken immediately after she was burned as mentioned in The Robesonian. Mrs. Carroll's condition had been considered improving up to a short while before her death and news of her death came as a shocking surprise. Paralysis set in at her feet Thursday and gradually extended to her head. Miss Pratt went to Bennettsville, home of the deceased, Friday morning. Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, Miss Elizabeth Enead and Mr. L. R. Varsar attended the funeral at Bennettsville Saturday, making the trip in Mr. Varsar's auto. Mrs. Carroll was a daughter of Rev. R. N. Pratt of Hendersonville, who was with her when she died. She was survived by her husband and five daughters, the youngest 8 years old. She was Miss Pratt's only sister. Miss Pratt, who is head trimmer for Miss Josephine Breece, expects to return to Lumberton tomorrow.

Factions at Maxton Compromise Differences and Nominate Candidates

As a result of a compromise reached this morning between the two factions at Maxton, which factions have been at dagger's points for the past few days, Mr. J. P. Stansel, formerly of Lumberton, was nominated for mayor and the following town commissioners were nominated: J. S. McRae, Jno. Medlin, Dr. D. W. Harris, J. W. Carter, Messrs. McRae and Medlin, from the faction that supported Mr. L. B. Martin for mayor, selected one man for the water board, Messrs. Harris and Carter, from the faction that supported Mr. Angus Currie for mayor, selected a man, and these two men selected the third man. Thus a hot fight ends with the selection for a compromise candidate for mayor and everything is lovely in the town of the Macks.

Robeson Medical Society Meets Wednesday

A meeting of the Robeson Medical Society will be held in the court house here Wednesday of this week. An interesting program will be carried out and no doubt many doctors will be in attendance.

Mrs. E. J. Parnell of Lumberton, R. 7, was a caller at The Robesonian office Friday.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Lumbee Tent, No. 18, K. O. T. M., meets Tuesday night, 8 o'clock.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Dorsey Scott and Lula Fowler.

—Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest, will deliver the memorial address here May 10.

—The condition of Mrs. A. Weinstein, who has been sick for several days, is improving.

—Beginning today the Lumberton and National barber shops will close at 7 o'clock p. m. except on Saturdays.

—Robeson chapter, U. D. C., will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. P. Russell.

—The folks are still buying Ford automobiles. The Robeson Auto Company, of which Mr. J. H. Felts is manager, sold four last week.

—Messrs. Bullock Brothers have added a new Maxwell auto to their livery business, making three autos and one motor truck now in use.

—Mr. John T. Biggs, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital on the 10th ult., is able to be at his store today.

—The county commissioners and the county board of education are holding their regular first-Monday meetings today.

—Mr. J. C. Everett, who was appointed registrar of Maxton township, declined to serve and Mr. J. C. McCallum has been appointed in his stead.

—A dog belonging to Mr. Bill Bullard went mad yesterday and it is said bit a number of other dogs in the northern part of town before he was killed.

—Sheriff R. E. Lewis sold the land in the county on which the 1915 taxes have not been paid today at noon. As is usually the case, most of the land had to be bid in by the county.

—The Lumberton I. O. O. F. No. 245, will meet Thursday night instead of Friday night, as the W. O. W. will use the hall Friday night. All members are requested to be present.

—Mr. J. T. Davis of the Raft Swamp section is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Davis says the fishers, or some of them at least, on his way are still fishing with traps. He rightly believes that it is time to take up fish traps for a while.

—The local W. O. W. camp will give an entertainment in the Woodmen hall, over the postoffice, Friday night of this week. Prominent speakers will be present and refreshments will be served. Members of other camps in the county are invited to be present.

—Ernest Inman, colored, asks The Robesonian to say that Hubert Inman, the 10-year-old boy who was run over and killed by an automobile on the 21st inst., an account of which was published in The Robesonian at the time, was the son of himself and his wife, Etta Inman.

—Miss Victoria Hudson, representing Barium Springs Orphanage, will deliver an illustrated lecture at the Presbyterian church Tuesday (tomorrow) night, May 2nd, at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend this service, especially children. Slides showing views of the home will be shown.

—Beginning today a number of the leading stores in town will close at 6 o'clock in the afternoon except on Saturdays. If it takes you a long time to do your shopping it will be to the interest of the salesladies and salesmen for you not to wait till near 6 o'clock to begin. They will think more of you if you don't.

What Did This Hen Mean?

Mr. W. F. Lovett of route 4 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Lovett brought to The Robesonian office a hen egg on the shell of which is the likeness of a turtle, or "cooter", as they are more familiarly known. With the exception of the animal on the shell the egg looks natural in every other respect. A hen belonging to Mr. L. W. Lovett laid the egg.

Marriage Last Evening

Miss Addie Miller of Dillon county, South Carolina, and Mr. Everett Davis of the Raft Swamp section were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd here about 7:30 o'clock last evening. Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, officiated. Quite a crowd witnessed the marriage.

Gen. Townshend Forced to Surrender

Another phase of the ill-fated British campaign in Mesopotamia has closed with the surrender of General Townshend and the garrison at Kut-el-Amara on the Tigris river, about 130 miles below Bagdad. Some 10,000 men in all laid down their arms to the Turks, after having destroyed all their guns and munitions.

My glasses were fitted by Dr. Parker, the only specialist in Lumberton licensed by State Board Examination for this important work. HIS SERVICE SATISFIES