

SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS TONIGHT ON TERRITORIES. COOLERS IN EXTREME WEST PORTION TONIGHT.

WOULD BE THIRD TERMED IS FIGHTING FOR BAY STATE

TAFT VS. TEDDY IN HOT CONFLICT FOR MASTERY

The Presidential Preference Takes Place Tomorrow in Massachusetts.

WILL OFFER TEST OF SENTIMENT

Both Wilson and Clark Are Anxious to Learn the Outcome.

Special to the Daily News.
Boston, Mass., April 23.—After one of the hottest political campaigns Massachusetts has seen in years, the State-wide presidential preference primary will be held tomorrow. The primaries will be confined to the selection of delegates who will represent Massachusetts in the coming national conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties. The names of Taft, Roosevelt and La Follette will appear on the Republican ballot. On the Democratic ballot will appear the names of Wilson and Clark. Governor Foss withdrew his name from the ballot, though he still remains a receptive candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination and is expected to receive the support of the Massachusetts delegates when the first ballot is taken who is to have the support of Massachusetts voters. It becomes apparent that Governor Foss has no chance for the nomination.

As early as last November State politicians predicted that Massachusetts would be an interesting political State this year as one of the other States that have been known in the past as doubtful. In verification of this prediction it is not only necessary to point to the fact that both President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt have paid three visits each to the Bay State since the contest between the two began in earnest.

Encouraged by the reelection of Governor Foss and the defeat of the regular Republican candidate last fall the Progressive Republicans determined to make a hard fight in Massachusetts this year. At first they hoped for nothing more than to prevent a solid delegation being sent to the national convention for President Taft. But developments of the past two months have so encouraged the Progressives that the leaders will be disappointed if they do not capture the delegation for Roosevelt at tomorrow's primaries.

Since the Massachusetts primaries are not complicated with local fights of any kind they will offer a test of sentiment rather different from any that has gone before. It is a straight out contest between and Roosevelt, on the Republican side, and not a single State or county quota will be effected by the results. They will not even be indicative of sentiment affecting the governorship or national issues, for that matter, for the State convention is eliminated under the new primary law and the Massachusetts delegates to Chicago and Baltimore will not be governed even by a platform.

If Colonel Roosevelt succeeds in carrying Massachusetts it will mean, the opinion of his managers, that there will be no chance of checking his triumphant march towards the nomination. As the situation stands the Taft people feel comparatively safe, but at the same time they realize the moral effect of a Roosevelt victory in Massachusetts. They think that if Roosevelt carries the State the delegates from Southern States, always an uncertain quantity, will very likely slip over to the Roosevelt band wagon and create trouble, if not disaster, at Chicago.

While the situation in Massachusetts is not so crucial for the Democratic candidate, both Speaker Clark and Governor Wilson are anxious to get the Massachusetts delegates to the Baltimore convention. The Clark campaign got under way several weeks ago and has gathered great momentum. The Clark managers express themselves absolutely confident that the Speaker will defeat Governor Wilson in Massachusetts by a three-to-one vote. While they

Col. Davidson Entertains the M. E. Church Choir

On yesterday the members of the First Methodist Church choir were the guests of Colonel Thomas B. Davidson, traveling representative of the International Harvester Company and who since making his headquarters in this city has formed and entertained the friends of a large number of the citizens. The dinner was served at Hotel Louise and covers were laid for fourteen. Colonel Davidson proved to be a genial and clever host and Mr. Cherry, the manager of the Louise sustained his well earned reputation as a caterer and epicurean. The occasion was enjoyed immensely and the entire choir membership are indebted to Colonel Davidson for his thoughtfulness. After the repeat and when all the guests had expressed to the party Captain A. W. Strick in words fittingly expressed to the host in the name of the choir their appreciation. The following was the bill of fare as served.

Oyster Cocktail, Sweet pickles, Blood Onions, Young Radishes, Consomme Clear, Chicken Soup, with Croutons, Baked Shad, Hollandaise Sauce, Potatoes Parisienne, Roast Beef, au Jus, Roast Tenderloin, Tomato Sauce, Roast Chicken, Sage Dressing, Soft Shell Crabs, on Toast, Tartar Sauce, Baked Macaroni, Pine Apple Fritters, Wine Sauce, Mashed White Potatoes, Steamed Rice, String Beans, Canned Yams, Apparat on Toast, Stuffed Potatoes, Welsh Grape Juice, Strawberries with Cream, Baltimore Ice Cream, Peach Custard Pie, Chocolate Cake, Orange Jelly, American Cheese, and a variety of other delicacies. All No. After Dinner Mints, Coffee, Ice Tea, Hot Tea.

AUTOMOBILE PARTIES HERE YESTERDAY

Automobile parties from Greenville and Plymouth were in the city yesterday and were guests at Hotel Louise. They arrived in the city about twelve o'clock and left for their respective homes last night at nine thirty o'clock. Those from Greenville were: Jesse Speight, M. L. Turnage, J. L. Anderson, H. Q. Best, J. W. Turnage, Thomas Dupree, Thomas Timberlake, H. M. Phillips, H. W. Cobb, J. S. Fleming, W. W. Martin, J. D. Martin and O. F. Clark. In the party from Plymouth were: Thomas L. Smith, Miss Brinkley, Conway Newman and Jack Reid Jr.

DRUG PARTNERSHIP HAS DISSOLVED

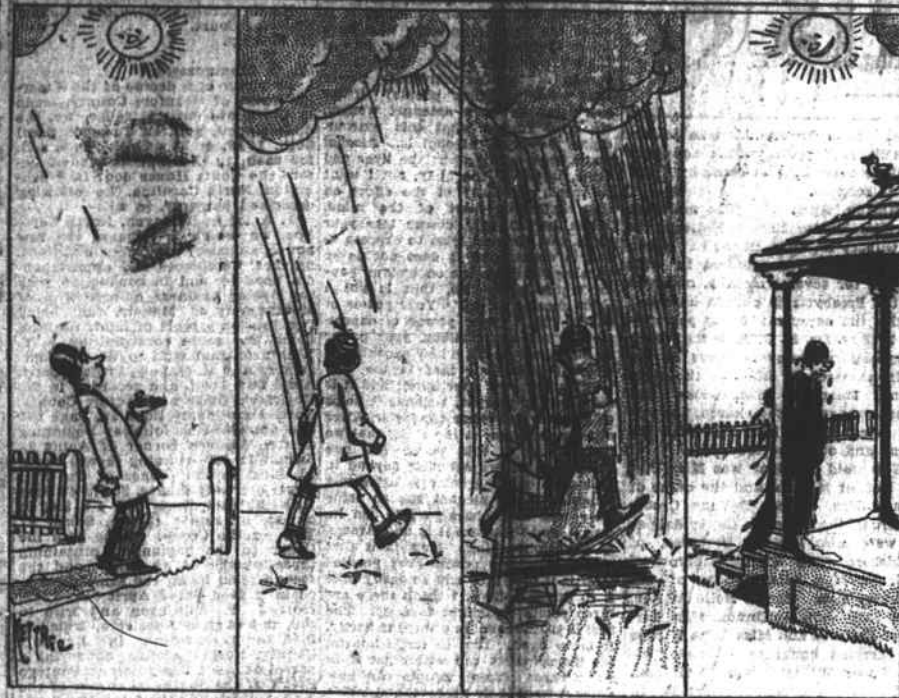
Mr. W. F. Rhyne who has been a resident of this city for the past three years as a druggist, and one of the partners in the Hoyt Drug Company, has disposed of his interest to Dr. A. C. Hoyt. The future plans of Mr. Rhyne are not as yet known. He has several flattering offers outside of Washington. While a resident of Washington he has made numerous friends and it is to be regretted that he is to leave and locate elsewhere. He has the best wishes of all.

NEW IRISH POTATOES

Mr. J. H. Simmons proprietor of the Simmons Marble Company and lease of the Smallwood farm about six miles from this city, has just on Irish potatoes Saturday. They were as large as hickory nuts. So far as the Daily News is able to know these are the first of the season.

are not making any definite predictions as to the outcome, the Wilson managers apparently are not worried over the situation here. They say that Governor Wilson is certain to have his share of the Massachusetts delegates. At the same time they have taken for granted and have sent some of their strongest campaigners into the State during the past week.

FOUR MINUTES IN APRIL



Legal Transfers Recorded For Past Week

The following legal transfers were recorded in the Register of Deeds office during the past week:
Elate Warren to I. T. Nobles.
J. T. Bishop to G. T. Martin.
W. H. Clayton to Interstate Co-operative Company.
Edward Hargrave to N. Hymia.
H. H. Thompson to R. L. M. Bonner.
W. C. Rodman, trustee to William B. Rodman Jr.
W. C. Rodman, trustee, to William B. Rodman Jr.
B. F. Cherry and wife to Walter M. Hooker.
B. B. Nicholson trustee to L. A. Lahier and wife.
Fannie L. Arnold, guardian, to Kugler Lumber Company.
F. L. Volivia and wife to T. P. Davis.
J. L. Nicholson to W. E. Fenner.
R. C. Jordan et al to J. W. Jordan Jr.
A. M. Dumay, receiver to Pamlico Co-operative Company.
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S. P. Willis and wife to John E. Woolard.
Mary E. Moore and husband to I. Bessie C. Brown.
R. D. Wall and wife to J. G. Blount Jr.
A. D. Mac Lean, commissioner to G. H. Bonner.
G. W. Sullivan and wife to Roscoe R. B. and Lumber Co.

COPY FOUND IN WILMINGTON

Several days ago the Daily News advertised through its West Column for copy of paper missing from file of April 2nd. To show that the Daily News is read in all parts of the State the issue desired was located in Wilmington, N. C., and mailed to the business office. Accompanying the missing copy was the following note:
"Saw your Want Ad looking for copy of April 2nd, happened to have mine, and gladly send it. Will not charge you for it. You see I read the paper even the West Ad."
Best wishes.

LARGE CONGREGATIONS HEAR REV. DR. MERCER

Yesterday morning and evening Rev. Dr. S. E. Mercer, president of Carolina Female College, now in course of construction at Maxton, N. C., filled the pulpit at the First Methodist Church. Both discourses were of high order and were listened to with profit as well as pleasure. Dr. Mercer is one of the strongest speakers in the North Carolina Conference. He will be in the city today and is a guest of Rev. R. H. Broom at the Parsonage.

AID SOCIETY

FIRE BURNS FOUR HOUSES

The town of Pinetown was visited by a fire last Saturday night and the damage done is estimated to be at least twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. The first was first discovered by the night watchman between 11 and 1 o'clock but it had gained so much headway that it could not be extinguished before four tenement houses had burned to the ground. The blaze was first seen in the house occupied by one John Warren, colored and he came near being a victim. It is thought that the lamp in his room exploded. When the fire was first seen a general alarm was given and a number of citizens responded. The houses, four in number, belonged to Mr. Serry Parker. They were not insured.

RESIDENCE REPAINTED

The residence of Mr. John B. Sapprow, corner of the Savings and Trust Company, on West Second Street, has been treated to a new coat of paint and is quite an improvement.

NEW CABBAGE & CEREAL PER

pound, New Tomatoes, Oranges 30 cents dozen, Apples 2 and 10 cents dozen. Five cents per pound off on all candy Saturday. Remember the day. Salted peanuts, Washington Fruit Store, Phone 459.

Services Will Continue at Bap. Church

Yesterday was a great day at the First Baptist Church as a result of the Evangelistic services that have been in progress for the past ten days. The pastor, Rev. H. P. Dalton has been doing the preaching and his sermons have been verily a feast of good things. They have been thoughtful and instructive and will be the instrument through which which untold good will be accomplished. There will be services again this evening at 7:45 o'clock and a good attendance is desired. Rev. Mr. Dalton is doing a great work in this city since his coming.

CAPT. GEO. STUDDERY FOR STATE SENATE

To the Editor:
I am glad to learn that my friend Capt. George J. Studdert will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate from this district. Capt. Studdert is a Democrat of the proper stripe and if he gets the nomination, and I believe he will if our people will consider his excellent qualifications, he will be a bold fearless and impartial champion of all the people. He will be controlled by no faction or element and will work faithfully and intelligently for us all.

He served his people in the capacity of Mayor of Washington and made one of the most efficient mayors the town has ever had. Capt. Studdert is a good talker, forceful in debate. We farmers would have in him a champion such as we have never had in the Senate, and in my judgment we will need a man of ability and sincerity to represent us because to my mind some of the most important matters that have ever been considered by our legislature will be up for consideration as for example—freight rate legislation—the trusts—and by no means the least the Torrens system of registering land titles. I know Capt. Studdert is right on these questions because I have talked to him about them.
"April 23rd, 1912."
Respectfully,
R. R. WARREN.

VERY ILL.

The many friends and playmates of Master Joshua Taylor, the bright and interesting son of Dr. David T. Taylor, will regret to learn that he is confined to his home, suffering with pneumonia.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. M. John is now engaged in making improvements to his place of business on Market Street in the Suman block. When finished it will be quite an improvement.

MEL JOHN L. CROOK DEAD

Dr. John C. Rodman received a telegram from Wharton, Texas, Saturday announcing the death of his uncle, Mr. John L. Crook, of Wharton, Texas. Mr. Crook was a baptist and the late Mrs. William B. Rodman, of this city.

The Southern Railway is Increasing Traffic In North and West

Its Policy Will Be of Material Aid in Opening Markets For Products of Southeastern States.

Special to the Daily News.
Washington, D. C., April 23.—By increasing and strengthening its freight traffic agencies in the North and West the Southern Railway Company is pursuing a policy that will be of material aid in extending and opening up markets for the products of the Southeastern States. The Company has regularly maintained freight traffic representatives in the Eastern and Central Northern States. Its organization in this territory has recently been strengthened by the appointment of Commercial Agents at Buffalo, New York, Detroit, Michigan, and Peoria, Illinois. Heretofore its freight traffic agencies west of Chicago and St. Louis have been limited to a General Agent at Denver, Colorado, and a Commercial Agent at San Francisco, California. The great northwestern field has not been occupied.

President Finley is personally familiar with the opportunities for a larger business between the Southeast and the Northwest, and, by his direction, Commercial Agencies have been established at Omaha, Nebraska, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Seattle, Washington. At the same time the representation of the Company at California has been increased by the establishment of a Commercial Agency at Los Angeles. One of the most important duties of these agents will be the development of traffic from the territories traversed by the lines of the Southern Railway Company into the territories in which they are located. With this end in view they will disseminate information relative to the products of the Southeast and aid as far as practicable in building up markets for those products.

INFLUENCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS DISCUSSED

Rev. R. V. Hope Delivers Strong Sermon on Education Sunday Night.
The last sermon on the subject of education was delivered by Rev. Robert V. Hope, at the Christian Church Sunday evening. As has been already announced his theme was: "Influence of Public Schools upon Christian Democracy." In discussing this great question among other things the speaker said that reverence for personality is the ruling principle in ethics and in religion. This constitutes the truest and highest test of either an individual or a civilization. Even unconsciously reverence for personality has been the determining principle in all human progress, and this reverence for the individual is indeed, the one faith that keeps meaning and value in life. Reverence for a person involves genuine self respect alike genuine respect for the liberty of others and respect for the inner worth and personality of others.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY REGISTER

The following licenses for marriage were issued last week:
Chester Neal to Minnie Ham.
W. R. Perivall to Martha Olivia Hodges.
Charles L. Nelson to Lattie E. Burgess.
Watt Gorham to Julia Orr.
Harrison Vann to Mattie Redditt.
Peter Crawford to Maggie Grimes.
Henry Broomer to Annie Topping.
Sam Gorham to Bessie Bragg.
C. W. Creech to Eva Browning.
W. Riley Hall to Gertie May Hall.
James E. Moore to Mary E. Moore.
Andrew Loyde to Josephine Babers.

CITY CLERK INDISPOSED

The many friends of Mr. W. C. Ayers, the efficient City Clerk, will regret to learn of his indisposition. He has been confined to his home for the past several days.

FIRST SHIPMENT.

The first shipment of May peas to northern markets was made this morning over the Norfolk Southern by Mr. A. C. Hathaway of Washington Park.

- LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS •
- MENUS IN THE NEWS •
- Harris Hardware Company.
- J. K. Hoyt.
- Lyric Theatre.
- Bromalgine.
- The Hub.
- Deans.
- Postum Cereal Company.