

CANDIDATES ARE HELPED BY FRIENDS

GREAT ASSISTANCE IS BEING
GIVEN TO CONTESTANTS IN
SECURING VOTES.

ENTHUSIASM HIGH

"Club Officers" Afford Candidates for
Prizes a Chance to Secure a Large
Number of Votes With But Very
Little Trouble.

Every aggressive candidate nominated in the big contest is making a great effort to complete at least one of the clubs that earn one hundred and fifty thousand extra votes. Many of the candidates that have done but little themselves have a splendid start on one of the clubs, due to the fact that their friends have turned in subscriptions for them.

Enthusiasm is by no means confined to the candidates. Friends in many instances are showing much greater interest than some of the contestants who receive the votes.

Many of the busiest men of Washington and the outside territory have found time to look over the conditions of the vote offer and bring their subscription to the office so their favorite candidate might receive the greatest vote credit upon it. Support of that kind is a compliment to the lady candidate that she should not take lightly.

The most effective manner of showing appreciation of the complimentary support of friends is by doing a little voting on your own book and demonstrating that you are not indifferent.

The interest is not confined to the people at home, proven by the fact that several people residing at a distance have renewed their subscriptions voluntarily and cast the votes for their favorite candidate. Today a letter was received from a Daily News subscriber in Pittsburgh with a check, and a request to credit one of the candidates with the votes. Yesterday a gentleman from Washington, D. C., mailed his subscription and asked that full credit be given on the vote offer as well as what was due from the regular vote table, which demonstrated that he had taken time to acquaint himself with some of the details.

About the Clubs.
While one of the clubs will give you a fine big vote, do not stop with one club. Nor with two clubs. Get just as many as you can. Just think, three clubs will net you almost a half million votes. Six clubs about a cool million. Make the most of the big offer. It presents the real opportunity of the contest.

WILL USE THE RAILROADS

(By United Press)

Washington, March 31.—The war department stated today that no positive refusal had been made by Mexico for the use of the railroads by U. S. troops. General Gaviola at Juarez is merely awaiting a definite order before permitting supplies to leave El Paso. It is expected that the supplies will start immediately.

NEW LEAD
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VIVIAN MARTIN
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"WISHING RING"
A Shubert Photoplay
in 5 parts
Also the 8th episode of
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Prices 5c & 10c

CO. SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT ATTENDED BY OVER 8,000 VISITORS

The Day's Program Carried Through
Without a Hitch. 2,000 Children
In the Parade

Many Handsomely Decorated Floats in Line of March.
Fire Department Gives Exhibition. Program This
Afternoon at Beaufort Warehouse

With ideal weather conditions prevailing and an estimated attendance of 8,000 visitors, the Beaufort county school commencement was held in Washington today and was carried out successfully in every detail.

Shortly before eleven o'clock, the parade started from the corner of Market and Second streets, proceeded down Second, over to Main and then up Main across to Fleming Park. The chief of police headed the line followed by the Aurora band. An automobile, carrying W. M. Butt, R. T. Hodges and E. W. Ayers, school committeemen and Rev. N. Harding, came next in line and was followed by another auto in which rode County School Superintendent Privette.

The various floats followed in the order mentioned below:
Pineville, two floats, one trimmed in white and bearing large pine boughs and the other decorated with blue and yellow banners.

Highland, two floats and an auto, decorated in purple and gold.

Chocowinity, three floats, two decorated in green and white and the other bearing a replica of an Indian tepee with "squaws" and "paposes" sitting around a camp fire. A haughty "orave" drove the float. This was voted by many of the spectators as the best float in line.

Bear Creek, one float, with children in white inside of a large crib, also of white.

Bayside, one float, decorated in purple and gold.

Everetts, one float, decorated in red and white.

Magnolia, one float, drawn by four horses and decorated in green and white.

The children of the various schools of the county followed next in line.

They marched in the following order: Singleton, Hardison, Bear Creek, Haw Branch, Blounts Creek, Edward, Aurora, Small, Oregon, Campbell's Creek, Core Point, Ransomville, Bath, Surry, Gaylord, Webster.

Additional floats followed, being those of Stallings Cross Roads, decorated in red and white; Woodards Pond, two floats, one decorated in red and white, and the other having two little children sitting in a boat and fishing.

Children from Hawkins and Shepherd schools came next in order and were followed by the Piney Grove float, decorated in green and white.

Little school had two floats. The Hunters Bridge also attracted much attention, being in the form of a bridge, with boys, carrying guns, representing the "hunters."

Everetts float followed next in line. Then came the pupils of Pantego high school, all of the girls being attired in middle suits. Children from the Pungo school and all of the pupils in the Washington primary, graded and high school ended the procession.

It is estimated that there were 2,000 children in line. It took the parade over half an hour to pass a certain point.

At Fleming Park, the local fire department gave a most creditable exhibition of putting out a blaze, which had been started in order that they might demonstrate their efficiency to the visitors.

The school children were then formed in line and marched to the Beaufort warehouse, where lunch was served.

An interesting program, consisting of numerous addresses, was carried out at the warehouse.

EXCELLENT DISPLAY OF WORK MADE BY BEAUFORT CO. SCHOOLS

Large Exhibits On Display Today At Beaufort Warehouse. Complete In Every Detail.

An exhibit of work from various schools in the county, surpassing anything of the kind ever before seen in Washington, was on display today on the walls of the Beaufort warehouse. Not only in size but in quality was the work superior to that of last year. Attractively mounted and displayed, the work was the cause for much admiration and favorable comment on the part of the thousands of visitors who viewed it.

Writing, drawing, "cut-out work," embroidery, bead work, paintings, manual training and many other samples of the children's work during the year were to be seen. The feature of the exhibit was probably the display of two beautiful paintings, one a marine view and the other a wood scene, by Phoebe Hamilton of Bath, who is only 13 years

of age. The Highland school exhibit was especially large. Samples from practically every tree grown in Beaufort county formed an interesting part of this showing. An exact replica of one of the earlier type of farm houses in Beaufort county, with grass growing in the yard, several miniature pine trees at the corners and a fence around the entire place, formed a part of the Pantego school exhibit and was also much admired. Chocowinity school also had an excellent display of wood work. Other exhibits were a highly attractive display of wood work, Woodard's Pond, Hawkins, Viney Grove, District No. 16, Long Acre, Fork, Jordan, Ransomville, Sidney, Kinston, Gaylord, Bayside, Everetts, Hunters Bridge, Pineville, Bear Creek, Edward, Small and Magnolia.

BISHOP HENDERSON AT W. C. INSTITUTE

Delivered Interesting Address There
Last Night. Local Citizens
Attended.

A number of prominent citizens were present at the Washington Collegiate Institute last night and attended a dinner which was given in honor of Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

At the conclusion of the meal, the guests adjourned to the auditorium, where religious services were held. The bishop made a most interesting address on the subject of education and the opportunities of life.

PUBLIC INVITED TO HEAR DEBATE

New Bern and Washington to Meet
at Auditorium Tonight Beginning at 8:30.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the State triangular debate, which is to be held at the high school auditorium tonight between Washington and New Bern.

The topic to be debated is an interesting one and each debater is fully prepared on his side of the question. The judges will be J. O. Tuttle of Vanceboro, Rev. A. G. Harris of Greenville, and B. G. Moss of this city. The debate will start at 8:30.

EXECUTION OF CARRANZISTAS NOT CONFIRMED

EARLY REPORTS THAT VILLA
HAD MASSACRED 173 MEN AT
GUERRERO DOUBTFUL.

HAD PASSED THERE

Official Statement from General
Funston Monday Declared That
Bandit Had Passed Through Guerrero at That Time.

By E. T. CONKLE.

El Paso, March 31.—The reported execution of 173 of Carranza's men at Guerrero were unconfirmed at Juarez today. The reports conflicted with the official statement of General Funston Monday to the effect that Villa had Guerrero at that time.

Another unconfirmed report stated that Villa had 2,000 men with him. Army officers believe that General Dodd's men are close on the bandit's trail. Momentary fighting is expected.

SHELBURNE TAKES BEAUFORT WHSE.

Has Severed Connection With Central Warehouse. Is in Business by Himself.

V. B. Shelburne has severed his connection with the Shelburne-Baughman Tobacco Co. He operated the Central warehouse in this city last season, and will this season assume active management of the Beaufort warehouse. Mr. Shelburne will operate this warehouse in his own name.

HOLD SCHILLER AS A PIRATE

(By United Press)
Washington, March 31.—Ernest Schiller, "the solo pirate," is likely to spend the remainder of his days in the Federal penitentiary. He will not be punished by England for seizing the steamer Matopop single handed and forcing them to change the course of the ship as he desired. The maritime law authorizes that Schiller be held subject to the piracy law.

A Daring Stunt.

A daring plot to capture the 5066 ton steamer, Matopop, was revealed by Ernest Schiller in New York today. Schiller admitted that others were implicated and said that four companions and he planned to capture the officers and crew the Chinese crew with the display of pistols. They then contemplated a dash for the high seas.

OYSTER ROAST GIVEN TONIGHT

An oyster roast will be given at the city market tonight by members of the M. E. Barara class. Every member has been requested to be present. They will meet at Wright's steam pressing club on Market street at 7:45, where some interesting talks will be made by prominent men until 8:30 o'clock. The meeting will then adjourn and all will proceed in a body to the "battlefield."

VILLA IS WOUNDED; U. S. TROOPS IN PURSUIT

GERMANS LOSE 20,000 MEN IN VERDUN BATTLE

(By United Press)
London, March 31.—The Germans have lost 20,000 men in the renewal of the Verdun struggle on both banks of the Meuse, according to the estimate of experts. Several battalions were entirely exterminated at Malancourt. The losses of the Teutons upon the renewal of fighting about Douaumont were extremely heavy.

U. S. CODE KNOWN TO ALL EUROPE

By CARL W. ACKERMAN,
United Press Staff Correspondent.
Berlin, March 31.—Ambassadors Gerard and Penfield and Minister Van Dyke today joined in a protest against the use of the present diplomatic code. It has been learned that the American secret code was stolen from the Balkan attaché before the war began. Officials believe that the American diplomatic and naval codes are known to every power in Europe.

GIVE WASHINGTON POPULATION 7,550

New City Directories Were Delivered Today. Contain Much Valuable Information.

The new city directories for Washington were delivered today. The book is extremely well gotten up and in addition to the names and addresses of every resident of the city, contains much additional information, including a street directory, lodges, churches, etc.

The directory gives Washington a population of 7,550. The census taker for the book claims that he covered the city thoroughly and that the figures are accurate.

DANIELS GIVES HIS PROGRAM

(By United Press)
Washington, March 31.—Secretary Daniels, resuming his testimony

the program of building, rather than a year to year plan. He suggested a continuous policy for at least five years to build two dreadnoughts year together with the proper number of battle cruisers, scout cruisers, protected cruisers, colliers, destroyers, submarines and aerial corps to make the navy really efficient.

Daniels also strongly urged the defeat of any bill that might endanger the government's lands which contain oil and fuel.

TURKEYS AT E. K. WILLIS.
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U. S. Soldiers Hot on Trail of Bandit, Who is Fleeing to the Mountains

MEXICANS ARE GREATLY REINFORCED

Reported that Villa Was Wounded in the Leg on the Streets of Guerrero. Has Best Fighting Men With Him.

(By United Press)

San Antonio, March 31.—American troops clashed today with Villa's men. General Funston today received authentic although unofficial reports that Villa has been located along the railroad bending eastward from Guerrero to Chihuahua City, where the American soldiers and the Villistas exchanged shots.

"Our reports state that Villa has been greatly reinforced," said General Funston today. "We are confident, however, that we can take him."

MALANCOURT HAS FALLEN; FIERCE FIGHT FOR VERDUN

By CARL W. ACKERMAN,
United Press Staff Correspondent.
Berlin, March 31.—The iron grip of the Crown Prince's great army closing about Verdun. Storms of artillery shells are systematically preparing the way for a great infantry advance. Every day, for the last several weeks has been utilized in completing preparations for the decisive blow. Four days ago the fortified villages of Malancourt and Bethincourt, ten miles northwest of

Verdun, were hemmed in three sides. Malancourt fell today. Verdun is still in three places. From the hills captured by the Germans, a distinctly new heavy smoke vapors over the city.

Paris Admits Fall.

Paris, March 31.—The war office announced today that the French have evacuated Malancourt Village, but firmly hold two highways leading to Lutetia. The evacuation was the result of terrific German attacks.

"SAND-CLAY ROADS HEIGHT OF FOLLY"

New Bern Engineer Gives Views On Road Building In This Section Of The State

That the expenditure of the Washington township bond issue for sand-clay roads would be utterly and extravagantly wasteful, was the sentiment expressed today by James F. Wrenn, a prominent road building contractor, who is at present engaged in constructing the roads of the township.

That sand-clay roads had proven to be a failure in North Carolina, that they were difficult and expensive to maintain and not the proper road for this section of the country.

"In the central and western part of the State," said Mr. Wrenn, "the sand-clay road answers the purpose very nicely. They have a good clay foundation there. In Eastern Carolina, however, there is absolutely no foundation. The surface of your road is sand. It is a failure."

Wrenn stated that he intended to build a gravel road in his township as this organization was appointed by the county commissioners. He also intends inviting them to go over to New Bern and see the type of road that is being built there.

AND THEIR FRIENDS.
The list of contestants and their standings is omitted from the paper today. It will appear tomorrow, and three times each week thereafter, until further notice.

FRESH OYSTERS AT E. K. WILLIS.
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