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DISTRICT PRIMARY CALLED

Executive Committee Endorses Statewide Primary and Corrupt Practices Act

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Seventh Congressional District held in Asheboro last Saturday in which all counties in the district except Montgomery were represented, the committee unanimously decided to hold a ballot primary election in the Seventh district for the purpose of naming the nominee of the party. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Romulus R. Ross of Randolph county and organized, electing C. L. Williams of Lee county secretary pro tem. The member from Montgomery was unexpectedly called away and thus unable to be present.

The meeting was characterized by good feeling throughout. The rules and regulations under which the primary will be conducted are designed to simplify as much as possible the manner of naming the nominee of the party and at the same time secure a free expression of the choice of the Democrats throughout the entire district and preserve the solidarity of the party. The primary is called under the amendment to the plan of organization adopted in 1912 for Saturday, May 16, the date fixed by the State Executive Committee for holding primaries.

Entrance Fee \$250.

An entrance fee of \$250 is required from all candidates for the nomination, this to be used in defraying the expense of conducting the primary. All candidates must file with the secretary of the Executive Committee of the district a written declaration of candidacy and signed pledge to abide by the results of the primary and support the nominee named therein. Such statement and a certified check for the required fee must be filed on or before April 25.

The votes will be cast at the usual voting place in each precinct under the supervision of a registrar and two pollholders, known as the primary board, to be appointed by the county executive committee of the district, not later than May before the primary. The registrar shall record the names of those voting and precinct primary board declare the result and certify the list of candidates and ballots received to the county chairman. One member of the primary board shall be a member of county canvassing board which shall meet May 26, and certify the result to the secretary of the district executive committee, which meets June 3 to canvass the returns of county boards.

The executive committee passed a resolution endorsing a State-wide legalized primary and a strict enforcement of the corrupt practices act in conducting the primary and called upon patriotic and loyal Democrats to aid in the prosecution of all violations thereof. The reports from various parts of the district are bright and encouraging and it is earnestly desired that a full vote be polled at the district primary.

The "Gentle Jury" Pleases.

A large and appreciative audience greeted the Woman's Department Club who presented the comedy "A Gentle Jury" at the Auditorium last Thursday night. The proceeds amounted to a goodly sum and will be used by the Club for town improvement.

Introductory to the "jury's" assembling, Miss Marion Moring and Hanson Wiles gave a violin duet. Miss Janet Dickens sang "Old-Fashioned Roses." Miss Mary Moffitt recited "Riley's Raggedy Man," Miss Lucile Rush sang "Rosalie," accompanied by Miss Nannie Bulla on the piano, and Miss Ina Auman interpreted a piano selection.

The play itself was a most pleasing farce comedy representing the first woman's jury after it had been instructed by the court, and sent to the jury room. Instead of transacting the business entrusted to them by the court they discussed almost every other subject, including women suffrage, the sins of men in general, sick babies, coliffures and recaps.

Finally two of the jury threatened to "resign," when prevented from leaving the room by the sheriff they suddenly discovered that they had nothing to vote "in" and were let out of their miserable "imprisonment" finally by kindness of the court, who discharged them.

The cast of characters follows:

- Cyrus Hackett, Sheriff.....
- Wade Cranford.....
- Mrs. Dingley, Forewoman.....
- Mrs. W. A. Underwood.....
- Mrs. Blake.....
- Mrs. Amos Winghamam.....
- Mrs. Fritz.....
- Miss Eugenia McCain.....
- Mrs. Byer.....
- Mrs. W. D. Stedman.....
- Mrs. Small.....
- Mrs. C. L. Cranford.....
- Mrs. Fairley.....
- Miss Lillian Bunch.....
- Mrs. Jones.....
- Mrs. Fannie Cranford.....
- Miss Skinner.....
- Miss Pat Lowe.....
- Mrs. Fort.....
- Miss Esther Ross.....
- Miss Sharp.....
- Miss Sue Hoover.....
- Miss Jollyson.....
- Miss Annie Ashbury.....
- Miss Smith.....
- Miss Kate Phillips.....

DEMONSTRATION MEETING

Secretary of Navy Daniels and Others Speak on Issues at Raleigh

With Senator Pomerene of Ohio and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels as leading speakers and any number of prominent North Carolina Democrats in attendance the Progressive Democratic State meeting was held in Raleigh yesterday.

Speaking of the objects of the meeting, Clarence Poe, one of the prime movers in it, said that although this is an exceptionally late season and farm work much behind, a great crowd was expected. "But it doesn't matter whether the crowd is record-breaking or not," he said, "the meeting will put some issues before the people of the State—a constructive platform—and that is all we have ever intended." "It seems to me," he added, "that the strongest evidence of the need for this meeting is that it took nearly 30 days to convince some of the fairest and most intelligent leaders in North Carolina that there could be a political meeting solely for the discussion of plans and issues for the upbuilding of the State and without regard to any factions or any individuals or any boom. But that is what we positively expect to demonstrate, and I believe, in fact, that the whole body will an axe to grind, whether it be for himself or for this faction or that. It is a meeting for all North Carolina Democrats who believe in a forward movement along the general lines indicated in the tentative platform, and not a place for airing grudges or boasting friends or playing politics. If it were otherwise I should have had nothing to do with it. If putting forward constructive and progressive ideas help any man I am willing for him to be helped and if they hurt any man, I am willing for him to be hurt. But principles alone, not personalities or preferences or prejudices, should be discussed."

Elimination of Middlemen.

The Postoffice Department has taken the preliminary steps to perfect its plan to reduce the high cost of living by having the parcel post carry produce of the farm direct to the consumer. An order has been already issued by Postmaster-General Burleson permitting the use of crates and boxes for butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruit.

The matter of trying out this order has already begun by selecting the ten cities of Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, Lacrosse, Wis., Lynn, Mass., Rock Island Ill., and Washington directing the postmasters of those cities "to receive the names of persons who are willing to supply farm produce in retail quantities by parcel post." Printed lists of these names showing kind and quantity of commodity available, will be distributed among town and city patrons.

By the use of these lists it is believed the city consumer will be able to get in touch with a farmer who will fill his weekly orders for butter and eggs and other farm produce. The consumer will receive the produce fresh from the country and the personal relationship established will no doubt tend to improve the quality. The farmer will be relieved of carrying his produce to market as the rural carrier will make daily collections at the farmer's own door, of these retail shipments to city consumers.

If this system works out in practice, and there seems to be no reason to doubt that it will so work the question of getting rid of the middleman will lose some of its importance.

Mr. John C. Stout Drops Dead.

Mr. John C. Stout of near Franklville on last Saturday morning while driving to Asheboro was found dead in his wagon. Dr. L. M. Fox of this place was sent a special car to investigate the case and found that he died from natural causes, probably heart failure. Mr. Stout was about 76 years of age and was well known in Asheboro.

At Least Can Keep Out Hindus.

Orders have gone from Washington that Hindus must not be allowed to enter the Philippine Islands. There has been for years a law against it, but it has not been well enforced.

The fear is that thousands or perhaps millions of Hindus will manage to get into the United States if they are allowed to go to the Islands. Thirty-five Hindus who arrived at San Francisco recently from the Philippines were sent back; but many have entered secretly.

After three months' consideration of the subject, the National Reserve Bank Committee has named twelve cities of the United States for reserve bank centers, as follows: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco.

COMMENCEMENT DATES

County School Board Meets in Asheboro the First of the Week.

Public commencements of Randolph county schools were announced by County Superintendent T. F. Bulla yesterday as follows: Coleridge, April 11. Ramseur, April 18. Marlboro, April 29. Farmer, April 30. Asheboro, May 5.

The Randolph County School Board met at Supt. Bulla's office Monday and among other things granted a petition for a special tax election in Charlotte district, Back Creek, the purpose of the extra money being to raise sufficient funds for a new school building. The board favored State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner's plan for a negro institute at Greensboro this summer, participated in by the colored teachers of Guilford, Rockingham, Caswell, Alamance and Randolph counties.

The name of Hickory Grove school was changed to Pleasant Ridge. The district formerly known as No. 2, Coanitis, was changed to Coleridge No. 7.

SILER POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Burglars Supposed to be Same as Those Who Burglarized Randleman Office Short Time Ago.

Burglars, believed by local officers and citizens to be the same persons as those who robbed the postoffice at Randleman a few nights before, cracked the safe of the postoffice at Siler City about 3 o'clock Friday morning and escaped with \$500 worth of stamps and \$275 in cash.

The robbery was discovered a few hours after the burglars left and a vigorous search was instituted at once. Officers scoured the country round about Siler City and investigated all trains. Nearby towns and cities were notified and officers were on the lookout for probable robbers at many points, but failed to arrest any suspects.

The front of the safe was torn completely off by the force of the explosion and the postoffice was littered. The robbery is believed to have been the work of professionals. It is believed here that the bandits who cracked the safe last night at Siler City are a band of professional crooks who have been operating in various towns in this section of the State recently.

Davis & Conrad, contractors, will commence the erection of the new home for Dr. H. B. Hiatt soon. Dr. Hiatt left Asheboro about a year ago and has located in High Point. In this short time he has built up a fine practice and won many friends. The plans call for a nice frame house with stone trimmings.

RESTRAINED ON THE CARS

Believed That John C. Foust of Liberty Intended Suicide.

A special dispatch from Greenville S. C. to The Charlotte Observer of Tuesday, April 7, contains the following sensational dispatch about a well-known citizen of Liberty, this county:

"Returning to his home in North Carolina from Hot Springs, Ark., by way of this city last night, John C. Foust of Liberty, N. C., attempted to leap from a moving train just before arriving at the Southern station here.

"Thoughts of suicide flashed through the mind of those who witnessed Foust's attempt to jump from the train, and he was restrained by force.

"When the train pulled into the station Foust, who is 67 years old, was placed in charge of an officer who later accompanied the man to Charlotte where he was met by his son who had been communicated with."

A Good Programme for Consideration at Raleigh Next Week.

Among the pledges which the mass meeting at Raleigh next Wednesday, in addition to those suggested, we commend the following for serious consideration:

- "To the State-wide movement to improve the rural schools.
- "To the consolidation of all district schools where practicable.
- "To rural school supervision.
- "To an extension as soon as practicable, of the common school term.
- "To the effort to have better trained and better paid teachers.
- "To a more efficient truancy law, with the necessary machinery for its enforcement, and such provisions for children from indigent homes that no excuse can be offered for not being in school.
- "To the absolute divorcement of the schools from politics.
- "To the teaching of agriculture and home-making in the schools.
- "To a better system of roads in every community in the State."
- "To the movement to revise the present system of taxation."

New Postmasters in Randolph.

The following have been recommended for postmasters by Representative Page, under the civil service rules, where postoffices pay more than \$500 and less than \$1,000: Louis F. Fentress, Franklville; John M. Caviness, Coleridge; J. Rom Smith, Liberty; Mrs. Eva Whitaker, wife of Dr. Whitaker, Julian; Frank Auman, Sea Grove; I. N. Pogue, Trinity. The names for Staley and Ramseur have not yet been recommended by Representative Page.

SIMMONS BUSY IN SENATE

North Carolina Senator is Confident of Winning the Tolls Fight

Senator Simmons has been asked by several persons close to President Wilson to organize the forces in the Senate for the Panama free tolls repeal bill. He is at work, and will get results. There is no doubt that a majority of the votes in the Senate are with the President but a desperate effort is being made to take them to the opposition. It will require clever organizing to keep all of the men in line. There is a disposition among the Republicans to play politics on repeal bill; they know that to defeat the President's proposition would be a blow at the Administration. Yet, it is thought by Senators Root and Lodge, led by Senators Root and Lodge, will vote for the repeal measure.

There are plenty of Democrats to speak but a good organizer is rare, and Senator Simmons' great success with the tariff bill, and his help with the currency measure has convinced the leaders here that he knows how to round up the votes, and votes count more than anything else in a close fight. Senator Simmons counts noses and makes a record as he goes, so that when the roll call comes he can rely on men enough to win.

WOULD SEGREGATE RACES

Dr. Stiles Tells Greensboro Audience of Its Benefits.

Dr. C. W. Stiles, in charge of the Marine Hospital at Wilmington, speaking at Greensboro on Thursday before physicians of the Eighth District Medical Society and citizens said that the public health problems of the South are intimately interwoven with the race problems, and he viewed segregation of the races as one of the most important public health steps to be taken. In reply to the argument that the idea of race segregation is based on race prejudice against the negro, he said that it is thought white race by segregating the whites.

Dr. Stiles criticized the American husbands for carelessness with regard to public provision for protection of families, saying that in this respect European countries held the lead. American husbands and fathers, he said, seemingly prefer to pay hundreds of dollars in doctor bills to safeguarding against sickness. He complimented the work of Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, for placing North Carolina first among Southern State health systems.

The Eighth District Medical Society was organized with Dr. A. H. Ballinson of Winston-Salem, president and Dr. W. M. Jones of Greensboro, secretary. The society is attended by 75 physicians from Randolph, Guilford, Rockingham, Surry, and Stokes counties. Two meetings will be held annually and the next will be held in Winston-Salem.

President Wilson's Stand for Humanity.

When Woodrow Wilson declined to recognize the Huerta government in Mexico, he gave his own country a position of moral leadership on this hemisphere which will mean much for the permanent advancement of both North and South America. That action, supplemented by his speech at Mobile last fall, has given the Latin-American peoples a new conception of the mission of the United States. As these peoples come to interpret that mission by the standards of Wilson and Bryan they will see that what they have long believed to be the frowning colossus of the North, with professions of amity on his lips but with the lust of land and power in his heart, is in reality a brother whose only ambition is the people's good in all the Americas, whose only purpose is the consecration of the Western hemisphere to liberty, to progress, to fraternity.

In refusing to acknowledge the Huerta regime the President of the United States in effect announced that governments on the two American continents must have a higher basis than absolutism, sired by treachery and assassination. The beneficent and steady effect of this action can hardly be measured by the present generation. It is a promise of freedom and opportunity to the lands below the Rio Grande. It means that humanity, conscience, right must hereafter be dominant considerations in determining our attitude toward our Latin-American brethren.—From "The Mexican Situation," by Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, in the American Review of Reviews for April.

Hookworm Doctors Busy.

Dr. John Collison and Mr. J. L. Tregalls, who have been conducting hookworm dispensaries in this county, went to Sampson county today. Dr. Doan and Mr. Tuttle of Pennsylvania will fill the remainder of the engagements which have been advertised. The young men who have been working here report that much interest has been shown in the work. On last Saturday more patients were examined in Asheboro than in any one place in the State up to this time.

FEE SYSTEM IN RANDOLPH

Busy Session of Commissioners Held at Court House Monday and Tuesday.

At a joint meeting of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners and the Finance Committee of Randolph County last Monday and Tuesday, a resolution was adopted placing the fee reduction system in effect in this county in lieu of the salary system for in the laws of the General Assembly. The plan is effective June 1.

W. T. Foushee, H. A. Tomlinson and D. A. Cornelson of the board of commissioners were present and the county finance committee was represented by W. J. Scarborough, H. M. Worth and J. O. Redding. Mr. Redding was the only member of the conference who voted in the negative and he explained his vote by saying that he was in favor of a salary system.

The county commissioners authorized a new steel bridge to cost \$320 in Trinity township. C. F. Pickett & Co. are the contractors.

The following are appointments for list-takers in the various townships:

Asheboro—J. M. Lassiter, Asheboro.

Back Creek—J. F. Jarrell, Caraway.

Brower—G. F. Gatlin, Kanoy.

Cedar Grove—M. Worth Lowe, Asheboro Rt. 3.

Coleridge—T. J. Green, Ramseur Rt. 2.

Columbia—I. H. Foust.

Concord—H. C. Nance, Farmer.

Franklville—D. M. Weatherly, Franklville.

Grant—M. P. Cox, Asheboro.

Level Cross—R. L. Causey, Randleman Rt. 1.

*Liberty—H. C. Causey, Liberty.

New Hope—J. A. Hopkins, Pinson.

New Market—J. Add Wall, Sophia.

Pleasant Grove—M. A. Ward, Cheeks.

Providence—F. J. Pugh, Climax.

Randleman—W. P. Prevett, Randleman.

Richland—E. F. Caggs, Seagrave.

Tabernacle—J. A. Varner, Fallers Rt. 1.

Trinity—Lee Andrews, Trinity.

Union—S. A. Cox, Piggab.

The following accounts were allowed:

C. W. Steed, jailor	\$174.82
J. W. Brown, lumber for bldg	11.57
J. A. Swain, conv. pauper	2.90
H. L. Andrews, wk. on bldg.	4.00
B. L. Richardson, poll tx. ref.	2.00
Edwards-Broughton, supplies	30.08
Jas. Lilly, janitor	28.50
R. L. White, court crier	20.00
Irquouis Mfg. Co., oil	35.10
Jack Farlow, tax refunded	2.00
M. F. Wrenn, lat. on note	50.00
C. A. Hayworth, inq. lunacy	2.50
Town of Ash, Wt. Lts	9.31
Ash, Chr. Co., lumber for JI	4.50
H. L. Andrews, bldg. bldg	69.76
Minnie Hoover, crt. stenog.	30.00
W. C. Hammond, C.S.C., fs.	7.00
Asheboro Grocery Co., mdse	3.50
S. E. Coble, farm demstr.	45.00
Asheboro Motor Car Co., wk and merchandise	28.28
W. L. Foust, coal	30.00
R. J. Pierce, std. Co. Hme	75.00
R. J. Pierce, merchandise	.25
O. R. Fox, merchandise	9.60
R. C. Johnson, merchandise	6.50
J. T. Dougan, work	5.40
H. L. Andrews, work	4.00
Jas. Hayworth, work	8.00
J. P. Jarrell, merchandise	22.53
R. J. Pierce, merchandise	26.00
C. F. Routh, tax refunded	4.16
E. P. Spoon, lum. for bridge	103.72
W. E. Free and C.B. Bridges, burial pauper	20.00
Lex. Grocery Co., mdse.	2.85
R. C. Johnson, merchandise	9.05
W. T. Foushee, two days and mileage	5.3
H. A. Tomlinson, two days and mileage	6.79
D. A. Cornelson, two days and mileage	5.30
L. M. Fox, Supt. Health	20.50
G. T. Murdock, issg. orders	16.34
G. T. Murdock, 2 da. clerk	4.00
Standard Drug Co., mdse	7.75
A. Auman, feeding jury	4.55
C. T. Luck, convg. prisoner	11.75
R. L. White, convg. prisoner	4.40
C. T. Luck, court officer	6.00
Standard Drug Co., mdse.	2.25
C. W. Steed, convg. prisoner	5.35
J. M. Luther, officer	4.50
J. M. Brower, officer	4.50

Needham-Hayes.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hayes was the scene of a pretty wedding when their daughter, Miss Rachel, was given in marriage to Mr. George K. Needham on Sunday morning, March 8. A large crowd of relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Mr. W. S. Gardner, J. P. The attendants were Mr. Lexie Cox with Miss Sarah Hayes and Mr. John Gatlin with Miss Cora Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham will reside on Mr. Needham's farm near Spokane, N. C.

"WAR IS HELL"

F. P. Holland

Promoted by those who seek profit and notriety, the victories of war are won and lost by the sacrifice of the lives of loved sons and brothers.

Armies and navies take from the human race the best specimens of men and leave the aged and unfit in the majority to build up the race and develop civilization.

Modern war is promoted generally by those who do the least fighting and pay but little in sacrifice or money.

If those who are the foremost in starting wars were compelled to be the first in battle and bear a full share of the grief and cost, there would be no wars—but few, if any, wish to sacrifice sons and bear the financial burdens incident to war.

Hate and vengeance are not valid reasons for making war. Those who would create war for financial gain or personal aggrandizement are our most dangerous enemies. The glory of winning a battle will not heal the bleeding heart of a single mother whose son has been slain, nor will the conquering of a nation bring happiness to the widow whose husband lies in an unmarked grave.

Education and Christianity will bring permanent peace, prosperity and lasting happiness—when education becomes general, Christianity will bring universal peace.

Wars that have been, and to keep off those that might be, now consume 65 cents of every dollar collected by our government.

Before declaring war, let us hold a primary with the understanding that those who vote for war must be in the first to the front and bear a percentage, according to their wealth, of the financial burden.

Universal peace makes for prosperity and happiness. War means waste and misery. Ask those who have sons and money if they are willing to sacrifice the lives of their sons and spend their money to win battles, and those who howl for war will cease to be heard in the land.

The number of men in armies and navies, if engaged in useful pursuits with the money it costs to maintain armies and navies, would make this earth a veritable Garden of Eden.

"War is hell" for those who furnish the husbands and sons to do the fighting.