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Notice of Candidacies Filed With Sta. Board

Only State-Wide Primary Contest is for Corporation Commission--Z. V. Long Has No Opposition For Solicitor Fifteenth District.

Saturday, April 22, at midnight, the limit expired for filing notices with the State Board of Elections offices in North Carolina.

Localized Contests.

Most of the state senatorial contests have been removed from the jurisdiction of the state board by local agreements, and only five of the thirty-five senatorial districts have contested candidates.

Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston-Salem, filed notice of her candidacy against Major Stedman, the remaining Confederate veteran Congress.

Associate Justice.

W. J. Adams, (D), Carthage; E. W. Timberlake, (R), Wake Forest.

Corporation Commission.

W. T. Lee, (D), Wayneville; A. C. Avery, (D), Morganton; Charles M. Hoover, (R), Lexington.

Member of Congress.

First District--Hallett S. Ward, (D), Washington. Second District--Claude Kitchin, (D), Scotland Neck. Third District--C. L. Abernethy, New Bern; Joseph E. Robinson, Goldsboro; Samuel H. Hobbs, Citron; Dr. R. L. Carr, Duplin county; Capt. Fitzhugh Whitfield, Clinton; Hampton D. Williams, Duplin county; J. H. Allen, Goldsboro; Rivers D. Hanson, Warsaw. All Democrats.

Fourth District--Edward W. Poul, Smithfield; W. M. Person, (D),

Louisburg.

Fifth District--Charles M. Stegman, (D), Greensboro; Mrs. Lucy B. Patterson, (R), Winston-Salem.

Sixth District--Homer L. Lyon, (D), Whiteville; W. J. McDonald, (R), Fayetteville.

Seventh District--W. C. Hammer, (D), Asheboro; W. B. Love, (R), Monroe.

Eighth District--R. L. Doughton, (D), Laurel Springs.

Ninth District--A. L. Bulwinkle, (D), Lincolnton.

Tenth District--Zebulon Weaves, (D), Asheville; R. W. S. Pegrum, (R), Waynesville.

Judge Superior Court.

First District--W. M. Bond, Edenton.

Second District--George W. Connor, (D), Wilson; J. E. Woodward, (D), Wilson.

Fifth District--J. Lloyd Horton, New Bern.

Sixth District--Henry E. Faison, Clinton; George R. Ward, Wallace; Henry A. Grady, Clinton; H. L. Stevens, Warsaw; Guy G. Moore, Kinston. All Democrats.

Eighth District--E. H. Cranmer, (D), Southport; R. G. Grady, (D), Wilmington; Charles E. Taylor, (R), Southport.

Ninth District--Henry Lilly Cook and Neill A. Sinclair, Fayetteville. Both Democrats.

Tenth District--W. A. Devin, Oxford. Democrat.

Twelfth District--Thomas J. Shaw, Greensboro. Democrat.

Thirteenth District--A. M. Stack, Monroe; W. E. Brock, Wadesboro. Both Democrats.

Fourteenth District--W. F. Harding, Charlotte. Democrat.

Sixteenth District--James L. Webb, Gastonia. Democrat.

For Solicitor.

First District--E. L. Stewart, Elizabeth City; Walter L. Small, Washington; W. L. Spencer, Swann Quarter; Herbert Leary, Edenton. All Democrats.

Second District--R. G. Allsbrook, (Continued on page 8.)

COXEY THREATENS WASHINGTON WITH ARMY OF TRAMPS

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, April 25.--"General" Coxe is here again. You know who he is. Twenty-seven years ago he marched from his Ohio home at the head of the unemployed. Seven years he renewed his march. He is now here to warn the Harding administration that he is prepared to march again and this time at the head of 100,000 representing the 6,000,000 men and women out of work and on whom depend 25,000,000 people in this country.

Coxey is a small, shabby faced man 67 years old, rather shabbily dressed but with a glib, fluent tongue. The one idea that he carries under his hat for the present depression is his flat money scheme to have the government base its issue of currency on the taxable property of the states, municipalities and other corporate communities. It was for this idea that he was arrested and jailed here in 1894 but he continues to hammer on it as he has hammered on the sandstone in his quarry at Massillon for forty years. If congress gives him no encouragement he will return with his army.

Coxey talked to Harding for an hour. Laddie Boy was present and the leader of the "commonweal" army said to the President that every time he fed juicy beef steak to his White House dog he should remember that there were tens of thousands of children in his own state of Ohio who were subsisting on the skins of potatoes.

Coxey is himself a man of substance but he says the policy of deflation adopted by the federal reserve board in May, 1920, has forced him to ride in day coaches and put up at shabby hotels.

Coxey is a man of wit. Representative Strong of Kansas, a member of the house banking and currency committee, asked Coxey how he, Strong, was to get fat money. "Suppose I have no property and I am sick?" "Then" shot back Coxey, "you will continue to be a charge on the government as you now are."

Coxey's visit at this time and his threat to bring here a huge army of the unemployed possess significance from the fact that it is a vivid symptom of one of the most serious ailments in our great democracy.

Perhaps the most remarkable example of the power of invisible government ever seen in this country was the order last came from J. P. Morgan and Company, Kuhn, Loeb and Company, Guaranty Trust Company and the City National Bank of New York together with the banking interests of secretary of the treasury, Mellon, to the federal reserve board in the spring of 1920 to begin the deflation process by restricting credits to member banks. When this order went into effect the country was flowing with prosperity but the farmers and small business people were compelled immediately to turn their pockets out.

Why was the order given? During and immediately after the war the people had invested their money in billions of war bonds at fabulous prices. Labor was so prosperous that it had become cocky and even arrogant. Labor must be disciplined, and those who talked strikes and demanded higher wages must be made to walk the streets with empty stomachs and the people must be forced to sell their bonds to the banks with a great profit to the banks.

Only by a sudden drastic deflation of two and one half billion dollars in the currency could the people be robbed of their hard earned war bonds and labor be again humbled. Both of these desired objects have been accomplished by this administration. The bond market is now up and the Republicans are actually boasting of the fact, alleging that it is an indication of returning prosperity, but Coxe

AUNT EMMY STOKES OF DAVIDSON, SAW NATION IN BUILDING

(By David F. St. Clair.)

"Aunt Emmy" Stokes, who died at the age of one hundred and three years in Davidson county last week and whose death was recorded in The Courier last week was indeed one of the old type of American womanhood. She had the unusual distinction of living through three victorious foreign wars of her country and one between its states. At the time of the War with Mexico she was a grown young woman and when the civil war arrived she had passed the age of forty. Her mind was full of the incidents of those days and before then when America was still more or less in the formative stage of a great nation. When she was born the War of 1812 between the United States and Great Britain had been ended but about five years. Every great modern invention came about during the time when she could well remember, these including steamboats, railroad trains, telegraph, telephone, cotton gin and hundreds of others to which people of today are accustomed.

She read the papers and kept herself well informed until her eyesight would no longer permit. She then listened to those who would read to her. She was interested in all public matters and had for many years prophesied that the day would come when women would vote, and had made the statement often, it is told, that she expected to live to see the day and to vote herself. She was a staunch believer in woman's rights through many years. The ballot came to women about the time Mrs. Stokes reached the century mark but at the election in 1920 she was in rather poor health so did not get to go to the ballot box and cast the first vote to which she was entitled.

She was born in Montgomery county but had spent most of her life in Davidson. Mrs. Stokes was the mother of a large family of children several of whom still survive. There are scores of grandchildren, great grandchildren and quite a number of great great grandchildren.

Farmer Commencement Tuesday.

The annual commencement at Farmer came off Tuesday. Mr. W. F. Wood, superintendent of the school, was in Asheboro last week and considers this has been one of the most successful schools in the history of the institution. There are twenty members of the graduating class. Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of the M. E. church of High Point, delivered the address.

ey is furnished with 6,000,000 people out of work.

This great conspiracy of the money kings has probably brought more acute suffering upon the American people than did the civil war but it has not been wholly evil in its effects. Two years ago this country had well nigh gone mad in its riotous extravagance. Labor had deserted the farms for the towns and the country was in danger of starving for labor and the towns for food. The authors of deflation, however, had only their interests in view. They cared only for their own profits.

There is more real depression at this moment than there was twelve months ago but the most startling fact in the whole situation is that a dozen powerful but irresponsible men in a democracy of 100,000,000 people can dictate their economic life in the back room of an office building in New York.

It was a Republican congress on the orders of these men that inflicted deflation upon the country. Now the chickens have gone home to roost. The Harding administration has a deficit of \$500,000,000 to \$700,000,000 in the treasury for 1923. To meet this deficit new taxes must be imposed on a people now groaning under the burden of taxation.

State Platforms of Both the Political Parties

Democrats Endorse State Administration and Pledge Continuance of Economy and Progress--The Republican Platform in Full.

The Democratic platform adopted and the Republican platform adopted and the State Convention follows:

Profoundly thankful to Divine Providence for the great blessings to our beloved commonwealth of North Carolina, the Democratic party in convention assembled does hereby declare its platform, as follows:

National Affairs.

We reaffirm our allegiance to the time honored principles of the Democratic party, and we hereby commend the constructive policy of the Democratic party under our great President, Woodrow Wilson.

We heartily endorse the course of our Senators and Representatives in Congress and point with pride to the record they have made.

We condemn the Republican administration for its failure to legislate to meet the needs of the country.

State Affairs.

The Democratic party since it has been entrusted with power in this state has uniformly favored and enacted legislation providing for longer and better schools for the children of the state, for increased facilities for the care of the state's unfortunates, for the conservation of the public health, for the building up and encouragement in every proper way of the agricultural interests of the state, for the fostering of all legitimate business enterprises, for the protection of the mutual interests of labor and capital, for the construction and improvement of public roads, and, in fact, for the upbuilding and uplifting of the state.

The Present Administration.

We heartily endorse the Democratic state administration. We commend and endorse the action of the recent general assembly of North Carolina in the great constructive programs which have been carried on for the material and industrial progress of the state.

We commend the legislature for the enactment of legislation looking to the care and protection of the interests of the youthful delinquents

and defectives of the state; we commend the legislature for the enactment of legislation looking to the construction and establishment of a system of hard-surfaced and other dependable roads connecting the county seats with the principal cities and towns, and we pledge the people of this state that this road program will be carried on with efficiency and economy; we commend the provisions made for increasing the facilities of our state institutions, both educational and charitable; we commend the legislation providing the splendid program being carried on in the state for the protection and conservation of the public health, an the improvement of sanitary living conditions, both urban and rural; we commend the legislation providing for the collection of the state's entire revenue from incomes, inheritances, franchises, insurance policies, fees, and rentals from the state's property, thereby providing a system of taxation whereby no taxes whatever are levied for state purposes upon property, and the establishment of a department for the assessment and collection of the state's revenue; we commend the legislation simplifying the judicial procedure in civil actions and reducing the cost of litigation; we commend the provisions made for the care of our Confederate veterans and their widows, and pledge the Democratic party to a continuance of all of those policies.

We point with pride to the fact that Governor Morrison has recommended and vigorously urged the passage of this great constructive program enacted by the last general assembly.

In the administration of his office as governor, Governor Morrison has inaugurated many measures and movements for the moral and material upbuilding of the state.

(a) We endorse the appointment by him of boards of consulting specialists to visit and minister to the needs of the insane, the delinquents,

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REPUBLICANS ARE WITHOUT AN ISSUE, SAYS HON. E. W. POUL

In his admirable speech at the Democratic convention, Hon. E. W. Poul said that only when the Republican party had followed the lines down by the Wilson administration had it been able to approximate success in any endeavor.

They have tacitly abandoned any of successfully appealing to the electorate at this year's election by an of any achievement of a legislative character along domestic lines. Representative Poul said, "and casting their hopes upon the re- limitation of armament agreements and the treaties there rat-

ifying the Republican party "foundered in confusion and led with pitiful incapacity," their restoration to control of the reins, Mr. Poul said he believed to be "literally true" that "even certain Republican politicians had rather do some act that would give them a name than to the most beneficent legislation in the human mind can frame."

He added, "and they have hated from the beginning of his career because of that splendid ability and impeccable character which have placed him in the foremost ranks of the world's orators. Because of envy they have hated him in the days of his activity even now, as he sits in dignified retirement, their bitterness goes out against him and their venom they wish to spread upon him."

He could not be expected that a man which sees red and then goes with madness at the very mention of a name would or could approach the solution of grave problems in a spirit of intelligence or of pure patriotism.

They dare not risk their cause at polls upon their domestic legislation. Mr. Poul continued with reference to Republican leaders. "They have provided against the reaction that will follow all wars. They have United States also from the world, with the result that our markets were destroyed, and our property of the Democratic party was situated, with the coming of Harding's term, a condition of that depression already existing with the defeat of the treaty. It fell from our high estate as a nation to a point where we had no real friends left. We were perhaps not

REPUBLICAN 'ECONOMY' HAS STARTED U. S. ON ROAD TO POOR HOUSE

By Wallace Bassford (Special News Correspondent)

Washington, D. C., April 22.--

Secretary Mellon advised Congress some months ago that the Treasury was threatened with a deficit of some fifty millions unless appropriations were reduced. The President and the Republican leaders in Congress have been vociferating loudly about the wonderful economies practiced, but Mellon is now out with a statement showing that the deficit will be about four hundred millions instead of fifty. Another year of such Republican "economy" will put Uncle Sam in the poor-house. If the bonus bill passes the Senate and is signed by the President, another heavy load is placed on the Treasury unless a way can be found to pay the bonus out of the interest and principal of the debts owed us by foreign governments. The chance that it can be paid in this manner is not promising, as England is the only one of our debtors capable of making large payments now within the near future.

The President is now urging a loan of five millions be made to Liberia, the negro republic on the West African coast. More money taken from the taxpayers' pockets to throw at birds. Liberia now owes one and one-half millions with practically no chance that it will ever be paid unless it is done out of the money which the President desires to advance. The chief object of the loan seems to be to show the colored voter in this country what a great and good friend the race has in the White House. Like the anti-lynching bill, it is intended to produce a profound effect on the colored brother.

The Senate Republicans are placing in the tariff bill a duty on hides, to fool the farmer. They will probably discover next November that the farmer is not easily fooled; he knows that a tariff on hides can not compete the packers' trust to pay more for the live steer by reason of the hide which covers it. The packers bid their price for the steer, considering him as so much beef and viewing the hide as a by-product obtained for practically nothing. It would take an ingenious Philadelphia lawyer to devise a method of getting around this situation and compelling the packers to pay a fair price for both the beef and the hide, thus leaving the problem of the hide to the packers.

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State Democratic Convention Was Harmonious Gathering

The state Democratic convention was held last week in Raleigh and was harmonious throughout. Gov. Morrison's administration was endorsed. In state affairs the platform praised the party's school record, its treatment of the unfortunates, its conservation of public health, its encouragement of agriculture, its protection of mutual interests of labor and capital, the construction and improvement of public roads, and the upbuilding and uplifting of the state.

Hon. E. W. Poul addressed the convention and delivered the keynote speech. He called attention to the fact that it had been a little over 21 years since the Democratic party took charge of the governmental affairs of North Carolina, and contrasted conditions then and now. He quoted figures and statistics of 1900 and 1920 showing the vast increase in the value of everything in which the state government was interested. In 1900 the value of our school property was a little over a million dollars. Today it is worth over 24 millions. The average value of school houses was \$125.00; today the average is over \$3,000.00. In 20 years over 2,500 school houses have been

built. The average length of the term has increased from 73 days to 130; the average salary paid white teachers increased from \$24.79 to \$69.95, and colored teachers from \$20.45 to \$46.85. The total school population has increased from 657,955 to 840,981, and the average daily attendance has more than doubled. Illiteracy in the state has dropped from 23.4 to 13.1 during these 20 years. Notwithstanding the money spent for schools, road improvement and extension and for all other necessary purposes, the tax rate is lower in North Carolina than any other state with one or two exceptions.

The permanent officers of the convention were: E. W. Poul, chairman; Mark Squires, secretary; C. U. Broughton, Miss Mary Henderson, and Miss Elsie Riddick, assistant secretaries.

The members of the executive committee of the 7th district are: J. A. Leak, B. N. Backett, Arthur Ross, D. A. McDonald, W. N. Everett, and R. E. Hoyle.

No women were named either on the platform or executive committee.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the court house Tuesday afternoon. The newly elected officers presided; they were: President, Mrs. J. A. Spence; secretary, Miss Julia Thorns; treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Hayworth. Several items of importance were discussed and disposed of. The ways and means committee reported good work done toward the funds for the club hut, and suggested some of their plans for the future. This committee has done some most effective work, and has some practical plans which they hope to work out in the near future. They are meeting with hearty co-operation.

It was also decided to bring Redpath Lyceum to the town this coming winter and committee was appointed to work this out. The course which the club sponsored last winter was a success from the point of entertainment, bringing as it did high class talent to our town instead of going elsewhere for our entertainment during the winter months. The treasurer of the lyceum fund reported that the course paid for itself with a small surplus for the general club fund. The committees for the coming year are as follows:

Civics--Mrs. George Ferree, chairman. Park--Mrs. Arthur Ross, Mrs. G. F. Birkhead, Mrs. C. B. Griffin. Town Sanitation--Mrs. Hal Worth, Mrs. J. F. White, Mrs. J. D. Ross. Cemetery--Mrs. W. J. Moore, Mrs. R. I. Dickens, Mrs. C. C. Cranford. Historian--Mrs. J. O. Redding. Hospital--Mrs. J. W. Hadley, chairman, Mrs. Henry Luther, Mrs. Louella Lovett.

Entertainment--Mrs. W. A. Coffin, Chairman. Mrs. L. M. Fox, Mrs. M. W. Parrish. Music--Mrs. W. B. Ferguson. Program--Mrs. Basil Brittain, chairman, Miss Julia Thorns, Mrs. E. L. Moffitt, Mrs. W. C. Hammond. Publicity--Mrs. Hal Walker. Social Service or Public Welfare--Mrs. J. T. Brittain, chairman, Mrs. W. E. Moring, Mrs. Fannie Cranford. Ways and Means--Mrs. C. M. Fox, chairman; Mrs. I. C. Moser, Miss Esther Ross.

Tabernacular Seal Sale. Mrs. G. L. Millikan, chairman; Mrs. Fowie Birkhead, Miss Kate Brittain. Membership--Mrs. G. W. Hilliard, chairman; Mrs. J. W. Wolf, Mrs. Jno. Ward. Chrysanthemum Show--Mrs. A. M. Ferree, chairman; Mrs. J. O. Redding, Mrs. Will Shinn, Mrs. J. T. Underwood, Mrs. J. K. Wood.

FLOOD SWEEP FORT WORTH, TEX., SECTION LAST TUESDAY NIGHT

Over three thousand people are homeless in Fort Worth, Texas, as the result of a terrible flood which swept the city Tuesday night, carrying before it scores of residences, overflowing hundreds of acres of land and doing untold damage. Besides the damage seventeen are probably dead, and others injured.

John J. McCuin, Fort Worth city engineer, issued a statement in which he declared that the levees around the rivers, which broke here early today and flooded lowlands of this city, were "dynamited by unknown parties," and that an investigation by a grand jury would be demanded immediately.

The flood is the most severe in the history of the city, according to old time residents. Trinity river stood at 36.7 feet at noon and was still rising. The gauge measured only seven feet yesterday. With the break of the east first street levee late today, it was believed the water on being released would spread out, loosing some of its force.

Coming on the heels of rain, the heaviest in the history of Fort Worth, and a wind and electrical storm, the flood took scores of people by surprise. The lowlands adjoining Sycamore creek were the first to suffer, and at one time water was standing level with the roofs of residences.

RANDLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT NEXT WEEK

The Randleman high school will present the play, Borrowed Money, Saturday, April 29, at 8 o'clock p. m. Dr. S. B. Turrentine will preach the annual sermon Sunday, April 30, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The primary grades will give Dixie's Triumph Monday, May 1, 8 p. m. The grammar grades will present Scene in a Southern Depot Tuesday, May 2, at 8 p. m. Presentation of prizes by Hon. N. L. Eure, of Greensboro, N. C. Class exercises by the graduating class, Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, May 3, 8 p. m., graduating exercises. Address by Dr. J. E. Abernethy, of Charlotte, N. C.

Memorial Service at Union Grove. There will be a memorial service at Union Grove the second Sunday in May at 2 o'clock. Everybody is invited. We will meet on Thursday before the second Sunday to clean off the cemetery. Everybody who has relatives buried there are invited to come and take part.