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DEMOCRATS HOPE TO JOIN FORCES

Some Think That Neither McCauley Nor Al Smith Can Be Nominated.

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, May 27.—That group of Democrats who are "last ditch" neither for McCauley nor Governor Al Smith are casting about for a ticket on which they hope to concentrate their forces in the New York convention. They persist in contending that neither McCauley nor Smith can possibly be nominated and that when these two great forces inevitably destroy each other, for their respective candidates, there then must be offered to the convention a combination of names for President and Vice-President that will sweep the convention with a gale.

Many names are being suggested for this hoped for psychological moment but the most frequently heard combination in the last day or so is that of John W. Davis of West Virginia and New York and Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana. Sometimes Walsh's name comes first but more often Davis' name. The Davis-Walsh boomers see in this combination a harmonizing of many of the antagonistic elements existing between the McCauley and Smith camps. They profess to believe that the Davis-Walsh ticket would remove two or three of the strongest objections that have been urged against either McCauley or Smith.

Mr. Davis, it is pointed out, is intellectually the ablest of all the men whose names have been mentioned for the nomination for President. His conception of the office and its duties is so lofty that he has refused to seek it actively as a candidate. It is further pointed out that Mr. McCauley and his adherents can find no reasonable excuse to object to Mr. Davis and a Wall Street attorney of J. P. Morgan, when Mr. McCauley himself is on record as having accepted a fee from a branch of the United States Steel Trust and also as having received a large fee from E. L. Doheny, the oil king.

Mr. McCauley's strongest claim on his party is that he is the only outstanding progressive candidate but Mr. Davis' friends assert that in some essentials he is every whit as progressive and that he could stand with Woodrow Wilson on any platform the latter would be willing to stand upon were he now living. They contend that Mr. Davis has all the personal virtues and few if none of the Wilson shortcomings. Although a Wall Street attorney he is a practical idealist and that once in the White House Wall Street would look as small to him as Main Street Keokuk.

Senator Walsh even on the tail of the ticket, some Democrats are claiming, would tend to pacify that large Catholic element in the Democratic party that has taken umbrage at the opposition to Smith because he is a Catholic. The nomination of Walsh, it is believed, would to a great extent eliminate the religious prejudices that have sprung up between Protestants and Catholics on account of the Smith candidacy. Smith also being wet, while Walsh is dry.

Senator Walsh, it is now felt, has a great claim to the recognition of his party in the nation. If he were not a Catholic and not from a sparsely populated Western State, it is believed that he would be the outstanding candidate of his party for President. The work of that Montana Senator before the oil committee of the Senate has not only made it possible for the American people to behold the saturnalia of corruption that has been practiced in their government at Washington but has furnished them with many facts on which to base a moral reform of their public servants.

Democrats are saying that the paramount issue in the campaign is clean, honest government and the work of Thomas J. Walsh has incarnated that issue but the public mind is still confused in its idea of his monumental achievement. There is not another man in the congress or in the entire government, it is declared by competent observers, who could have conducted the oil investigation with the skill and achieved the results that are now credited to the Montana senator. Some of his deviations in that investigation are as uncanny as anything in fiction.

But the Davis and Walsh ticket like a number of others that are being proposed, is only a trial balloon sent up in an effort to find some common ground between the clashing forces of the two leading candidates.

DEATH OF MRS. SARAH MORRIS

Mrs. Sarah Morris died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Crawford in Denison last Monday morning at the age of 75 years. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of her death. Mrs. Morris was among the best known women of her community, a Christian woman, who was known for her deeds of kindness to those about her and her untiring church work.

Interment was made at Salem church cemetery in Randolph county. The deceased is survived by three children.

Woman's Club to Meet June 4th. The Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the school house next Wednesday afternoon, June 4th, at 2 o'clock. It is important that every member be present at this meeting because of urgent business.

THE FRANKLINVILLE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Moving Picture Shows Semi-Weekly. Place For Public Gatherings.

The Franklinville Community House which stands on the hill above Randolph Mills No. 2, Franklinville, was for many long years a store building. It was built during the life of Mr. Hugh Parks Senior, and at the date of its erection was a modern building. After a few years an addition was built to it in which to store furniture.

In the course of years it was thought best to consolidate the two stores, Franklinville and Randolph Mill Co. and place them both under one roof. So a nice up-to-date brick building was erected in 1920 near the M. E. church in the heart of the town. On December 3, 1920, the goods were moved into the new building leaving the others vacant.

In 1923 when the new company put out the mills they decided to put a moving picture machine in the old Randolph store building and convert it into a kind of theater. So the shelves were torn down, the building painted inside and out and comfortable seats installed. On Saturday night, July 14, 1923, the first show was given. The crowd that came to the shows became so large that more room had to be provided, and one of the partitions were removed to give ample space. We now have first class pictures twice a week.

The other wing of the building has been made into a dining room and kitchen where an oyster supper is held about once every month.

This building has been well named, "The Franklinville Community House," for it serves the community well by providing an ideal place for all kinds of public gatherings such as: Betterment meetings, oyster stews, community fairs and public speakings, in addition to the good picture show we have twice a week.

REV. COITHAN G. SMITH FORMALLY INSTALLED

Rev. Coithan G. Smith, who for the past year has been supply pastor of the Asheboro Presbyterian church, was recently called by the congregation as regular pastor. Last Thursday evening Mr. Smith in the presence of a large audience was duly installed for the ensuing year.

In addition to the congregation of the Asheboro Presbyterian church, a delegation from The Church By The Side of the Road, Greensboro, and many friends and admirers of Mr. Smith from other Asheboro congregations were present to witness the ceremony. The choir of The Church by the Side of the Road supplied the music while the pastor of that church, the Rev. Wade C. Smith, father of Mr. C. G. Smith preached the sermon.

Rev. S. M. Rankin charged the new pastor and Mr. A. W. McAlister formally, and impressively charged the congregation. The progress of the church during the past year has, in every way, been notably fine. Mr. Smith has, during his brief residence, endeared himself to not only the personnel of his own church, but has also drawn friends from the entire community, many of whom remained after the service to congratulate him and greet each other upon this happy occasion.

M. E. MATTERS

(By W. H. Willis.) Since five weeks are to elapse before the pastor occupies his pulpit again, he is urging every member of his church to be present Sunday morning next.

The building committee went to Greensboro and Reidsville Friday in the interest of a plan for the new church. Interment was at Waycross.

The Sunday school choir is adding a cornet and trombone to cost \$170.00. No service Sunday night on account of the baccalaureate sermon at the school auditorium.

The doors of the church will be open Sunday morning for the reception of members.

Randolph Bar Endorses Hon. Charles Ross for Office of Attorney General

Whereas, Hon. Charles Ross, of Lillington, North Carolina, is a candidate for the office of Attorney General for said state:

Whereas, he was born and reared in Randolph County and rendered valuable and faithful service to the Democratic party, while a citizen of said county:

Whereas, the Democratic members of the Randolph County Bar are not forgetful of said services and his fight for democracy, although he is no longer a citizen of county or member of our local bar;

Whereas, the said Charles Ross is well qualified and fitted from training and experience to discharge the duties of said office in a highly and efficient manner:

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Democratic members of the Randolph County Bar endorse the said Charles Ross as a candidate for Attorney General, and we heartily commend him to the Democratic voters of the state as a man well qualified and fitted to discharge the duties of said office.

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ASHEBORO SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT BEGAN WITH A MUSIC RECITAL

Next Exercise Friday Evening May 30th: Baccalaureate Sermon. By Rev. J. H. Barnhardt June 1st: Address Will Be Delivered June 3rd By Dr. N. W. Walker.

Marking the beginning of commencement exercises for the Asheboro school was a recital given by the members of Miss Nannie Bulla and Miss Bertie May's music classes. This concert was given in the new school auditorium, being used for the first time, and the new Steinway piano which these two teachers have been instrumental in securing, was used for the first time, publicly, also. A large number of people from the town were present and enjoyed the recital which was unusually good from beginning to end. The splendid training of these two teachers was reflected in the performance of the children, and many of the children shown talent rarely seen in young children. Several numbers given by the older pupils were splendid and enjoyed by all. One notable feature of the entertainment was the fact that things moved along so smoothly, and the young performers possessed poise and self control rarely seen throughout an entire company or class of much older and advanced pupils. The program was as follows:

Chorus, Springtime, Wooller—Class. Piano Trio, Dans Ecossaise, Baker—Louise Swain, Dorothy Lewallen, Frances Moore.

Piano Solo, Morceaux Caracteristiques, Wallenhaupt—Effie Jean Ferree.

Piano Solo, Second Mazurka, Godard—Nannie Adkins.

Solo and Chorus, Come Play With Us—Frances Hughes and Chorus.

Piano Solo, Scenes of Gayety, Martin—Margaret Hammond.

Piano Solo, Poupee Valaante, Polini—Jackie Brooks.

DEATH OF CHARLES A. PORTER

Charles Addison Porter, eldest son of the late D. W. and Fannie Walker Porter, died at his home in Waycross, Ga., last Monday, May 24th. Charles Porter was born and grew to young manhood in Asheboro. Following the death of his father in the spring of '81 Mr. Porter went to South Carolina where he entered the railroad business under one of his uncles.

While in South Carolina he was married to Miss Meekins of Florence, in that State and to this union six children were born, one of which died in infancy and another dying in camp, he having joined the army for service under the flag at his country's call. The other six, three of whom are married, with Mrs. Porter, survive. Leaving South Carolina, Mr. Porter returned to his native state and for some time lived at or near Asheboro. About 25 years ago he went to Waycross, Georgia, and entered the service of the Atlantic and Birmingham Railroad and remained with that road for many years. Mr. Porter made a success of his work, and from time to time had been advanced until, prior to his death, he held a high position in the commercial department of that great road.

Mr. Porter will be most pleasantly remembered here by a host of friends, of the older generation, and the announcement of his death was a great shock to them as they had not known, before, of his illness.

Besides his wife and children, Mr. Porter is survived by one brother, Samuel S. Porter, of Reidsville; and three sisters, Mrs. Angus Shaw, of Charlotte; Mrs. C. Hubbard, of Farmer; and Mrs. W. J. Moore, who lives on a part of the old ancestral home place in Asheboro.

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Ramseur Defeats Asheboro. Ramseur defeated Asheboro on the Ramseur diamond last Saturday afternoon 4 to 0, in a five inning game which was called off on account of rain. The pitching of Parks for Ramseur and the fielding of Hamlet of Asheboro featured

ASHEBORO TO HAVE UNION TENT REVIVAL

All Churches of the Town Unite In Revival Effort. Dr. L. J. Miller Will Have Charge.

All churches of the city, without exception have elected to unite their forces in a revival effort to begin June the 6th and continue three weeks. General evangelist, Dr. L. J. Miller, of Nashville, Tenn., assisted by D. W. Milian of Lincolnton, N. C., as choir director, will have charge of the services.

A large tent was ordered Saturday from Dalton, Ga., and is expected to arrive by the middle of next week. The committee of arrangements have decided to place it on the Burns Lot, corner of Fayetteville and Salisbury streets.

Preparatory semi-weekly prayer meetings are being held in each of the four sections of the town, and a men's noon day prayer meeting of fifteen minutes is being held daily at the Norfolk and Southern waiting room.

Dr. Miller has just closed a successful meeting at Dawson, Ga. At the meeting just previous, at Meriden, Miss., there were more than 300 professions, and at the one before that, at Sharon, Penn., 160 persons joined the churches. Advertising matter will be posted next week in nearby towns, and the influence of the meetings ought to be county wide.

The following committees have been formed to handle the many activities:

Arrangements: J. D. Ross, Chrm., J. N. Nealy, C. L. Cranford, C. W. Scott and Alvin Johnson.

Prayer Meetings: Rev. C. G. Smith, Chrm., Earl Bulla, L. M. Kearns, Calvin Frazer, F. M. Wright, Rev. V. H. Stanley.

Choir: Mrs. W. H. McMahan, Chrm., Mrs. M. H. Adair, Miss May McAlister, Mrs. C. W. Scott, Mrs. V. B. Stanly, Mrs. Ella Brown.

Publicity: W. H. Willis, Chrm., L. Whittaker, T. F. Bulla, E. S. Millsaps, and L. B. Cagle.

Conservation: Rev. H. F. Dodge, Chrm., Miss C. M. Fox, Earl Bulla, Miss G. H. King, Mrs. W. J. Moore, Miss Willie Syers, Charles Lamar.

Ushers: J. M. Scarboro, Chrm., Amos Wimminig, L. L. Brooks, Grady Garner, John M. Brown.

Finance: D. B. McAlister, Chrm., Chas. M. Fox, Arthur Ross, E. C. Garner, A. R. Lowe.

MRS. BICKETT IS FOR A. W. MCLEAN

Wife of Former Governor Gives Reasons for Preference; Believes Robeson Man Stands for Those Things For which Her Late Husband Stood.

Monroe, May 18.—Mrs. Walter Bickett, who is spending the weekend with Governor Bickett's sister, Mrs. Frank Ashcraft, said when asked the question "Who is your choice for governor?"

"Mr. A. W. McLean".

And when asked if she minded stating why she was for Mr. McLean, said further:

"I am for Mr. McLean because I believe he will make a good governor. I am for Mr. McLean because my husband who knew intimately both candidates, declared his intention shortly before his death, of actively supporting Mr. McLean, should he run for governor. I have endeavored to carry out every expressed wish of my husband to the best of my ability, and in supporting Mr. McLean, I feel that I am so doing."

"I am for Mr. McLean because of his high and honorable character, his exemplary life, his fine executive ability, and because of his active interest in education, agriculture and civic improvement, and public welfare in the state.

"I am for Mr. McLean because I believe he stands for those things for which my husband stood, and which he stated in his inaugural address in the following earnest and eloquent words:

"I have no genius for destruction. The activities of this administration must be exerted along constructive lines. For four years, I want labor and capital, learning and art, and the life and letter of the law to be directed to making every act and every stream, every human and mechanical unit in the Commonwealth and be done to its level best."

And in conclusion,

"Gentlemen of the general assembly, I have endeavored to visualize my dream of a fairer and finer state. I have outlined the means by which I hope to make the dream come true, and the means all reach out to a single end—a larger hope, a wider door for the average man than he has ever known".

Dr. Brooks Inaugurated President of State College.

The thirty-fifth annual commencement of the State College is in progress in Raleigh this week. Inaugural honors were conferred upon President Brooks, who assumed the presidency a year ago. Bishop Horner, Governor Morrison and other notables were present for the installation ceremony.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

What Our Field Correspondent Hears and Thinks. Items of Interest Picked Up.

Messrs. J. A. Brower and O. C. Cox, of Coleridge, were in Asheboro last week.

Mr. Dougan James, who lives about two miles north of Asheboro, has been quite sick but is improving.

"The question is" are you going to help build Greensboro and High Point greater or spend Asheboro money in Asheboro.

The cut worms are playing havoc with early garden truck. Possibly when warm weather sets in and the worms all turn to bugs and fly away better results will be obtained in the garden line. But how about the early bird catching the worm?

Mrs. G. H. Parks, of Ramseur Route 1, has more than 300 nice young chickens and a fine garden.

Mr. W. A. Newby and family, who live in the western part of Asheboro, will move to Greensboro this week.

Mr