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HEAVY VOTE POLLED IN PREFERENCE BALLOT

RESULT FOR FIRST WEEK ANNOUNCED

Over One Hundred Votes Polled for Various Candidates in Four Days

The News' preference vote has started off with a rush. Soon after the announcement was made last week the ballots began coming into this office and has continued up to the present time. The supporters of the different candidates seem anxious to vote for their favorites, and they don't care who knows how they vote. The people show they are well versed on all the issues and much lively discussion has been indulged in as to the probable chances of the different candidates.

Although Bryan's name is not on the ballot printed in the News almost the first ballot to reach this office was for Bryan for president. For senate, Aycock seems to be the universal favorite. Nearly every democratic vote to come in carried a cross in front of the ex-governor's name. Of course there is only one man for the democrats to vote for for governor and all seem to take great pleasure in voting for Locke Craig.

"Our Bob" is also running at his usual gait. His friends seem very numerous in this county, as a look at the vote will show.

The date for the closing of this ballot will be announced one week in advance. In the meantime every one is urged to send in their tickets at once. This contest will not last long. Clip the ballot printed in this issue, make a cross in front of your choice, and mail it to the News office, or bring it in person. The votes will be counted and announced each week by Cos Paxton, D. L. English and J. A. Galloway and the standing of the different candidates will be printed each week.

Below is the standing for the first week:

For President.	
Wilson, Dem.....	40
Roosevelt, Rep.....	31
Harmon, Dem.....	25
Underwood, Dem.....	9
Clark, Dem.....	1
Bryan, Dem.....	1
Taft, Rep.....	1
For Senate.	
Aycock, Dem.....	52
Simmons, Dem.....	19
Morton Butler, Rep.....	18
Kitchin, Dem.....	4
Walter Clark, Dem.....	3
J. J. Britt, Rep.....	2

H. G. Ewart, Rep.....	2
W. H. Faulkner, Rep.....	2
Benbow, Rep.....	1
For Governor.	
Craig, Dem.....	71
Settle, Rep.....	32
Newland, Dem.....	2
For Congress.	
Reynolds, Dem.....	46
Gudger, Dem.....	27
Pearson, Rep.....	25
Grant, Rep.....	3
Mark Brown, Rep.....	2
Merrimon, Dem.....	1
S. L. Rogers, Dem.....	1

ROSMAN ITEMS

We are having beautiful weather again.

Miss Mary Underwood, one of the teachers at the Rosman school, was unable to teach Thursday and Friday on account of illness.

The Toxaway Tanning Co. were without hides two days last week for the first time in the history of the plant. Now, however, they have plenty, as four cars were delivered Friday and Saturday.

Dr. C. E. Lyday returned Sunday night from Asheville where he accompanied Mrs. M. M. Bryant, who underwent a very serious operation at the Mission hospital. Dr. Lyday reports that his patient is doing very well.

Mr. J. S. Silverstein returned Sunday night from New York and Boston. He was met at Asheville by Mrs. Silverstein who returned with him. Mr. and Mrs. Silverstein called at the Mission hospital while in Asheville to see Mrs. Bryant.

Mrs. Ernest Paxton of Asheville spent Sunday with Mr. Paxton, who is one of the bosses for the Gloucester Lumber Co.

The recent snow storm caused much inconvenience, and with telephone wires down, as well as telegraph wires the business people were rather helpless.

Little Maggie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor, is very ill with pneumonia and Master Lonnie Whitmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Flen Whitmore, is recovering from a severe case. Both are patients of Dr. Lyday.

On account of bad weather all building operations in Rosman are at a standstill.

Rev. Carpenter and the presiding elder for this district held a quarterly conference on Saturday and Sunday. In spite of bad weather good sized congregations were out at each service. The main feature of Sunday morning's service was the love feast.

The Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools meet every Sunday morning at 10:30. All the young people should attend one of these schools, as both are good things for the community.

With best wishes to the News,
A ROSMANITE.

A SHORT OUTLINE OF THE WORLD'S NEWS

GEORGIA CONVENTION INSTRUCTS FOR TAFT

President Withdraws North Carolina Appointments Until Factional Fight is Ended

Georgia Republicans Meet.
The state republican convention of Georgia met last week and instructed its delegates to vote for Taft "first, last and all the time." It was reported that a majority of the members attending were negroes, and a negro chairman presided over the meeting. The negroes were given equal representation in the delegation to Chicago convention.

Summer Term of Circuit Court.
Congressman Gudger has introduced a bill in congress to establish a summer term of the Circuit court in Asheville. The court now holds all its sessions in Richmond, and should Mr. Gudger's bill pass this court could hold its summer term in Asheville. Should the court come to Asheville it would be of great benefit to this section of the country, and would be very popular with the judges and all who attend this court.

Evidence in Hawkins Case.
In an interview with the Asheville Citizen solicitor A. Hall Johnson made the statement that all the evidence he has been able to collect in the Hawkins murder case will be presented to the grand jury at the next term of Superior court in Henderson county. He also stated that the authorities have been very active in pushing this case but had been working under difficulties for lack of funds. It is to be hoped that this famous case will be cleared up and that the guilty parties will soon be brought to justice.

Mexico Invaded by U. S.
A body of armed soldiers of the United States invaded Mexico last week. Much excitement was occasioned and business was practically suspended, the saloons were closed, and the authorities had difficulties in preventing a riot. The incident was explained by the officer in charge to the satisfaction of the Mexican authorities and the soldiers were allowed to return to the American side. It appears that the officer had been assigned to duty on the frontier a day or so previously, and was ignorant of the exact location of the boundary line, and that he thought he was still on American soil. It is a serious violation of international law for a body of armed soldiers to cross the boundary.

Taft Plays Hands Off.
President Taft has withdrawn all of the North Carolina appointments from the senate and will make no more until the Duncan and Morehead factions fight out their differences at home. Included in this list of nominations is that of Christopher D. Jones, collector for the Beaufort district, who is a close personal friend of Mr. Duncan.

Behind the action of the president is an interesting political story. Duncan, national committeeman, and Morehead, state chairman, have been at work for two years. Morehead has been supported by Hiles and Duncan by Hitchcock. After Mr. Duncan was elected one of the committee on arrangements for the Chicago convention he made headway at the White House. The appointment of Jones was at his earnest solicitation. This appointment fired the Morehead wing of the party. No sooner was it announced than did Morehead appear and ask that it be withdrawn. The new Taft managers heard Mr. Morehead. Tonight Duncan is down and Morehead up.—Washington Correspondence of Charlotte Observer.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Transylvania County Teachers' Association held its last meeting for the current school year at the graded school last Saturday, beginning at 10 a. m. Many of the county schools having closed, the number of teachers in attendance was small compared with the fall meetings. The interest, however, was not abated and those who attended had a pleasant and profitable meeting.

Rev. P. F. Brown opened the program with devotional exercises. In a short talk to the teachers he encouraged them in their great work.

The program, as published, was not literally carried out, owing to some absences. Supt. Henderson, who had been assigned a discussion of certain chapters in Colgrove's "Teacher and the School," occupied the first part of the morning session. His discussion of the chapters was analytical and illuminating. The text afforded opportunity for enforcing many of the pedagogical ideas in which a live superintendent is interested. A detailed blackboard analysis enabled the teachers to follow the address without confusion.

Mr. T. H. Nifong of the Selma school read a paper on "Cigarette Smoking," which provoked considerable discussion. In this paper Mr. Nifong stated that the number of cigarettes consumed by the American people averaged six a day. Such appalling statistics are enough to arouse all those who have in hand the training of youth. In this discussion Mr. Miles Reese also contributed to the sum of statistics, arguing against the use of tobacco in general.

At the noon hour the teachers took lunch together, arrangements having been made for that purpose by the Brevard teachers, and the social meeting was quite pleasant.

The afternoon session was taken up by Prof. Trowbridge with a model history class, by Prof. Reese in a discussion on "How to Study," and by the meeting of the County Betterment Association.

Prof. Trowbridge had with him the English history class of the Institute, and a regular recitation was carried on for the benefit of the teachers. The subject was the "Battle of Waterloo" and connected history. In this recitation Prof. Trowbridge followed a line of thought on which he believed such work should be based. The recitation was good; well recited, well conducted, and free from stereotyped method.

Prof. Reese spoke with characteristic logic and force on a chapter in the book "How to Study." The outline of this discussion is suggestive: "Dig, Eat, Assimilate."

Miss Hattie Aiken presided over the Betterment meeting and re-read the aims of the association. A new feature developed in this meeting was the idea to offer prizes to boys and girls in the county for excellence in declamation and expression recitation. It was decided owing to the closing of many schools, not to take up this plan till next year.

Before adjournment Mr. Reese offered a resolution of appreciation to Supt. Henderson for his many valuable services to the county schools. The association unanimously responded. Mr. Henderson replied briefly, expressing his thanks, and declaring that what he had done had been made possible by the hearty co-operation on the part of teachers.

The following teachers were in attendance: Miles Reese and Z. A. Nicholson, Broad Valley Institute; C. M. Gullamore and Miss Sue Lanning, Rosman; T. H. Nifong, Miss Mary Kate Gash and Miss Jessie McCall, Selma; J. P. Bennett, A. B. Riley, Miss Maud Jacobs, Miss Delorah Stepp, Miss Hattie Aiken and Miss Daisy Holcomb, Brevard; Miss Louise Laughter and Miss Myrtle Clayton, Blantyre; Miss Lillie Collins, Turkey Creek; Miss Olivia Whitmore, Quebec; D. M. Hooper, Owen school. Cleveland Nicholson was present as a student of Broad Valley Institute.

COW PEA VINES AS A SOIL FERTILIZER

EXPLAINED BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL

Cow Pea Vines Are Not as Good Fertilizer When Cut, as When Plowed Under.

Who has not heard of the cow pea as a hay making and a soil improving plant? And who has not been led to believe that one-third or more of the nitrogen and other plant food elements found in this plant at maturity, are left in the roots and stubble after the crop is harvested and cured for hay—that is to say, out of every hundred pounds of nitrogen, etc., found in the pea crop at maturity, 33 1/2 pounds are the roots and stubble?

This was our best information up to a short time ago, and even now some of our best agricultural advisers insist on proverbial third of the nitrogen, etc., being left in the underground portion of the plant. Like the old idea of the sowing of the soil on well drained land, some men seem to have guessed at the amount of nitrogen, etc., left in the roots and stubble and hastened to rush his intention into print.

Now a ton of cured cow peas has, in the whole plant, about forty pounds of nitrogen. If one-third of this amount were in the roots and stubble we would have left on the soil and in the soil about fourteen pounds of available nitrogen per acre in case the acre produced a ton of cowpea hay. This amount of nitrogen is equal to that furnished by 700 pounds of an 8-2-2 fertilizer—a pretty heavy application for most farm crops. This seemed to be a rather weighty argument in favor of cutting the vines, feeding them to live stock, and putting the manure back on the land regardless of the fact that the manure from a ton of cow pea hay fed to cattle will cover—well, what part of the acre will it cover?

Our farmers have been acting on this advice for a number of years in the face of the daily decreasing fertility of their lands under this system. Mr. W. A. Marsh of Union county took this advice literally, sowed oats, cut and removed them, then sowed cowpeas on the oat stubble and cut these for hay when mature. This practice was continued till his land would not produce a crop even of peas. Examples could be multiplied where the pea crop has been removed year after year with disastrous results. Indeed, it now seems that the surest method of depleting the fertility of the soil is to remove a crop of cowpea vines from it every year for a few years in succession.

The real explanation of this phenomenon has finally been discovered. In an exhaustive series of tests and experiments conducted by a number of our best experiment stations it has been found that the amount of nitrogen, etc., left in the roots and stubble of the cowpea plant is not one-third but about one-tenth of that found in the whole plant. Here seems to be one of the leading factors in the explanation of the running down of average soils by the annual removal of the pea crop. Another, and, perhaps the leading factor, is that all the organic matter is removed from the soil for a series of years by this method and thus all bacterial life is driven from the land which is thereby rendered dead. These dead soils are not necessarily robbed of their mineral plant foods, however, as will be demonstrated by plowing down a cowpea crop or a good crop of rye for a year or two in succession.

One ton of green cowpea vines contains about five and a half pounds of nitrogen; two pounds of phosphate; and six pounds of pot-

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News' Preference Ballot

Polls Now Open

Use this ballot to designate your choice in the News' preference poll. Each voter is entitled to cast one vote. The ballots must bear the voter's signature and address, but the names will not be published. One week before the voting closes, the date will be announced. Send or bring your ballot to the News office. Indicate your choice by a cross mark in the blank before the name you wish to vote for.

President:	For Senate:
..... Underwood	..... Taft
..... Wilson	..... Simmons
..... Harmon	..... Roosevelt
..... Clark	..... Kitchen
..... Marshall	..... Cummins
	..... Aycock
	..... Clark
	..... LaFollette
For Governor:	For Congress:
..... Craig	..... Reynolds
..... Settle	..... Gudger
	..... Grant
	..... Pearson
Name	
Address	