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THE COUNTY CONVENTION

The democratic county convention met in the court house last Saturday afternoon, and the harmony and good feeling displayed all the way through promises good things for the party in the future. Every township in the county was represented either by duly elected delegates or by proxy. J. M. Zachary held the proxy of Cedar Mountain and F. E. Shuford held the proxy of Eastatoe.

The meeting was called to order by W. M. Henry, the retiring county chairman. After roll call Mr. Henry was elected as permanent chairman and R. L. Gash was elected as secretary.

On motions duly seconded the entire strength of the convention was given to Michael Shenck for solicitor and Lee S. Overman for United States senate.

On motion of W. E. Breese, Jr., the chairman was instructed to appoint delegates to the judicial convention, which meets in Marion on June 8th. The following delegates were selected: R. L. Gash, P. E. Alexander, J. H. House, E. A. Allison, Wales Lanford, I. S. Fisher, Welch Galloway, J. A. Gillespie, Wait Kilpatrick, E. E. Gillespie, T. S. Galloway, R. F. Glazener, John Hunt.

On taking up the matter of canvassing the vote for senator, T. S. Wood, the defeated candidate for this place, took the floor and stated that it was his desire that Cos Paxton be nominated unanimously, making a motion to this effect. While on the floor Mr. Wood stated that in the campaign just closing there had been no strife, that he had been accorded courteous, gentlemanly treatment at the hands of Mr. Paxton and that he had been beaten fairly and squarely. He also pledged his support to the entire ticket for the fall election, stating that he had never voted anything but a straight democratic ticket. Mr. Wood's talk was greeted with cheers. The motion to make the nomination of Paxton unanimous was unanimously carried.

On canvassing the vote the following results were obtained:

Boyd: Gudger 95, Reynolds 95, Moore 19.
Brevard: Gudger 5.61, Reynolds 4.65, Merrimon .65, Moore .36, Harrison .22.
Cathers Creek: Gudger 2.19, Reynolds .36, Merrimon .20, Moore .15.
Cedar Mountain: Gudger .33, Reynolds .67.
Dunn's Rock: Gudger 1.57, Reynolds .42.
Eastatoe: Gudger .58, Reynolds .28, Moore .14.
East Fork: Gudger .87, Reynolds .13.
Gloucester: Gudger .17, Reynolds .82.
Hogback: Gudger 1.89, Reynolds 1.65, Merrimon .08.
Little River: Gudger .23, Reynolds .34, Merrimon .34.
Rosman: Gudger .79, Reynolds .21.
Totals: Gudger 15.31, Reynolds 9.27, Merrimon 1.35, Moore .85, Harrison .22.

In the congressional convention the strength of the various candidates in this county will be voted as follows: Gudger 7.37, Reynolds 4.46, Merrimon .65, Moore .41, Harrison .11.

On motion of J. L. Bell, duly carried, one delegate from each precinct was selected as a committee to recommend delegates for the congressional convention, which meets in Waynesville today. This committee was also instructed to prepare a list of delegates for the senatorial convention, which has not been called yet. On motion of W. E. Breese, Jr., the chairman and secretary were instructed to prepare a certified copy of the returns from the various precincts and deliver it to the chairman of the congressional delegation. The following delegates were appointed to the Waynesville meeting: W. E. Breese, Jr., W. H. Duckworth, Fred Johnson, T. W. Whitmire, W. M. Henry, B. E. Paxton, J. W. McMin, J. C. Deaver, A. F. Paxton.

E. A. Allison, T. H. Galloway, Carl Wike, W. B. Henderson, J. M. Zachary, F. Paxton, A. E. Lyday, T. S. Wood, G. W. Wilson and Harry Patton.

The following alternates were chosen: W. W. Singleton, Ernest Gillespie, T. B. Reid, G. T. Lyday, T. T. Loftis, W. F. Garren, C. C. Kilpatrick, W. R. Wilson, F. Henderson, John Morris, Erwin Galloway and M. P. Hawkins.

The following were appointed as delegates to represent this county at the senatorial convention: R. L. Gash, W. E. Breese, Jr., P. E. Alexander, Los Allison, Wm. Maxwell, Jordan Whitmire, Leon Gillespie, Booth Price, J. A. Breedlove, C. B. Shuford, R. F. Glazener, E. B. Clayton and Ora L. Jones.

After the meeting of the county convention adjourned, the county executive committee met and elected J. M. Zachary of Calvert as county chairman, and R. L. Gash secretary. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring chairman for his services. No other business came before the meeting at this time.

DEATH OF J. N. BRADLEY

Mr. John N. Bradley died last week at Stockton, his father's home. The body was brought to Penrose and was buried at the Enon cemetery last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Bradley was well known in this county. After his graduation from Wake Forest college he taught for a number of years at Penrose, as principal of what was then called the Broad Valley Institute, located at Enon church. His work there was as universally acceptable as teachers can expect, and he built up a flourishing school which drew its patronage not only from the neighborhood but also from other sections. While teaching there he was married to Miss Belle Lyday, a daughter of Dr. W. M. Lyday of Penrose. She with their only child, Harry, survive him.

After leaving Penrose, Mr. Bradley was for a time principal of the Franklin high school, and later took a position at the Asheville post office. There he lived until about three years ago, when he accepted work of the same nature at Hendersonville. His health failing in this kind of work, he made plans for re-entering the teaching profession, and was elected last year principal of the Penrose high school—the same school as Broad Valley Institute, only under a new name, and registered as a state high school. But disease had so wasted his strength that he was advised by his physician to give up this position, which he did to the great disappointment of the community. He remained at Penrose last summer and a part of the winter, finally removing to his father's home, where his health gradually failed till the end came last week.

At his request he was buried at Enon, where he had spent several years of usefulness in school and church.

St. Philips church, Whit Sunday, May 31, 1914. Litany and communion at 11. Subject, "The Invisible Spirit." Sunday school at 3:30. Whitsun Monday and Tuesday, services at 5. Wednesday: Ember day, prayer at 12 noon. Thursday, May 28: Parish meeting in the evening at 8 o'clock. Friday, May 29: Evening prayer with address at 5.

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INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of Brevard Institute began on Friday night of last week and continued until last Tuesday night. Most of the exercises were held in the Institute chapel.

The opening program was presented by the primary department Friday evening, May 22. It consisted of a play called the "Adventures of Robin Hood and His Merry Men," which was very well presented. The parts were largely taken by little girls dressed up as outlaws in the following of Robin Hood in Sherwood Forest. A few boys also took part. The character of Robin himself was presented by a girl—Miriam Silverstein—who showed excellent training and real ability. The children seemed to enter heartily into the spirit of the play, and stage settings and costumes harmonized well with the medieval idea.

Quite a number of persons from town were present and enjoyed the efforts of the children.

The last chapel exercises the year were held on Saturday morning. The school convened at the usual hour with exercises closely similar to those of the usual chapel occasion. After the singing of two hymns and prayer, Miss Blair sang.

Mr. Trowbridge then talked from the tenth verse of the twenty-third chapter of Proverbs: "Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless." He referred to the continuous growth of the Institute which had made changes, but all of them were beneficial to everybody concerned, and held up this kind of growth as a model for individuals. He referred to the fact that the Bible never thought it worth while to forbid a man moving a landmark back on his own property, still people do sometimes do that foolish thing by receiving from advanced positions in mental and spiritual experience. Mr. Reece led in prayer, and urged a continued consecration to the divine will. The necessary announcements were made by the teachers, and the regular work of the school year was at a close. The souvenirs distributed were cuts of the line of students which in October, 1913, took positions outlining the location of the administration building.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to field day exercises on the athletic grounds near the Institute building. Basket ball and tennis were the features of the afternoon. These contests were between the Adelphians and Lanier societies and the rivalry was pitched high. Everywhere the girl members might be distinguished by their colors, the red and white of the Adelphians and the green of the Laniers.

The contest of the girls in basket ball was marked by zeal and strenuous activity. It was quite remarkable to see how much physical exercise they were capable of enduring. The tennis games were played by Russell Wells and George Smith for the Laniers and Robert Crawford and Clarence Douglas for the Adelphians. In both basket ball and tennis the Laniers came out victors. The busy exercise on the part of the spectators—especially the Laniers—was almost as strenuous as the playing, and showed how much interest is taken in the athletic contests of the two societies.

Saturday night in the Institute chapel the music pupils gave a concert, the greater part of which was piano playing, with a few vocal numbers. Most of the pupils acquitted themselves with credit, and the correctness of their playing was noticeable. Miss Mabel Wells sang two solos very sweetly, and Miss Hope Wells and Mr. Antonio Macias rendered well a beautiful vocal duet. Mr. Clarence Douglas presented the rather unusual sight of a young man at the piano and gave good reason for his place on the program. The concert showed much attention is being paid to good music at the Institute.

The annual commencement sermon and devotional service took

place at the Methodist church Sunday morning, beginning at 11 a. m. The students and teachers of the school and a few visitors marched in procession into the church. The morning's program was as follows:

Hymn by the congregation.

Invocation, by Rev. J. J. Edwards of Iredell county.

"Hark, Hark My Soul," song by the Institute choir.

Scripture reading and recital of creed.

Duet, "Angelus," sung by Misses Blair and Wells.

Sermon, preached by Rev. J. F. Kirk, pastor of the Broad street Methodist church of Statesville, N. C.

Prayer, hymn by congregation, and benediction.

Mr. Kirk took as his text II. Cor., 5:17, and 4:16. His subject was the new birth and the new life. The sermon was well worth publication in full, but our present space will allow for a mere outline. Mr. Kirk said that the Bible made much of new things—a new heart, a new birth, a new life, the passing away of old things and a continual advent of the new. Science had come in and fastened upon our minds the idea that there was nothing new, tucked away in a snug law called the conservation of energy. But science itself has come to recognize that new things are possible, and transformations are taking place in this age at a rapid rate. Even in the realm of matter is this true, especially so in the spiritual realm. It is wonderful to think that God can make a new man out of a hardened sinner, but it is wonderfully true. This new birth, however, is not the work of man. It is not the result of foresight but of insight. Faith, vision, are necessary. If we believe, the impossible becomes possible. The new birth is not once for all, but day by day. In this continued renewal is to be found the long dreamed of fountain of youth. The spirit should never grow old. Even the body is changed by the power of God and the very countenance is altered. This age is pre-eminently a new age of the world, and its characteristic note is enthusiasm and optimism. The present president of the United States and a former executive, Theodore Roosevelt, while differing in many things, were typical of the age in undaunted optimism. People are beginning to look younger and handsomer. But the "outward man perisheth" as it should. It is only the shell. If we live only for material things when our hold upon these begins to relax what have we left?

Mr. Kirk is a forceful and attractive speaker, his language simple, logical, expressive of earnest thought and feeling. The sermon was suitable not only to the graduating class, but inspiring to every person in the congregation.

Sunday night at the town Auditorium the seniors and juniors presented a pageant, illustrating in a number of scenes the coming of immigrants and their subsequent preparation for citizenship in this country. It showed the part played by mission schools and Christian workers in this training. The closing scene illustrated in spectacular form the United States in its paternal relation to the aliens from many lands, ending with a song whose words were set to the inspiring strains of the "Pilgrims' Chorus." This feature of the commencement was entirely new and quite successful. The pieces played during the march of each band of immigrants were the national airs of their respective countries. The whole program had been arranged, the material compiled, and much of it written originally by Mrs. C. H. Trowbridge.

The first public exercise on Monday was the annual commencement concert at 2:30 p. m. The music department of the Institute, from small beginnings, has grown year by year until it is now one of the most important departments of the school. This year three teachers were required to do the work. Miss Blair is at the head of the department, assisted by Miss Mabel

Wells, and for a part of the session by Miss Maud Allison.

The concert was designed to follow one central theme idea, which was a wedding occasion, and all the music developed this idea. It was expressed in the opening song by the glee club, "Happy Day," from Robin Hood, and carried out through all the members, instrumental and vocal, reaching a climax in the two bridal choruses by the glee club, from Lohengrin and from the "Rose Maiden," placed near together, and ending with Mendelssohn's celebrated wedding march, played on two pianos by four students. Both in design and execution this concert was one of the best ever given before the public in Brevard.

The Lanier and Adelphian literary societies had their annual contest in recitations and debate on Monday night. As in the athletic contests, the rivalry is always keen and the enthusiasm among the students cannot be repressed. The program opened with a well rendered arrangement of "Sweet and Low," sung by the girls' glee club. The recitations were: "We Speak to Men," by Miss Gertrude Edwards; "Swan Song," by Miss Anna P. Nichols; "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," by Miss Neppie Brothers; "The Pearl of Great Price," by Miss Marie Williams. The recitations were followed by a vocal duet, "Oh! That We Two Were Maying," by Misses Hope and Mabel Wells. The debate on the query "Resolved, That the Monroe Doctrine Should Not Be Extended," was between Jeter Matthews and George Smith, affirmative, and Oscar Parker and Robert Crawford, negative. During the wait for the decision of judges the audience was entertained by two numbers by the boys' glee club, "Tinkers' Song From Robin Hood" and Topical song. The essay receiving highest distinction for the year was read by its author, Mr. Omra Jones, subject, "Ascent of Mount Mitchell." The decision of the judges was to Miss Edwards in recitation, to the affirmative in debate, and to Mr. George Smith for best individual debate. All of these were victories for the Lanier society.

The final commencement exercises took place on Tuesday night. An invocation was made by Rev. J. J. Edwards of Statesville, and this was followed by a song by the girls' glee club, "Schubert's Serenade," one of the best rendered musical numbers in the entire commencement program. The members of the graduating class marched under a series of floral arches held by students and took their places on the stage. Two of the members read essays: Mr. Clarence Douglas a well written paper on "The Importance of Music" and Miss Cora Willson an extremely interesting essay on "Pre-Transylvania History." This paper showed a great deal of research and preparation and contained an amount of historical information in regard to this immediate section. Miss Willson deserves much credit for her efforts to put into tangible form the floating historical data of this county.

Owing to the detention of the train by a freight wreck, Rev. Loy D. Thompson did not arrive until a part of the exercises had been finished. He addressed the graduating class and students, taking as his subject "Yourself," the most interesting subject, as he said, to every person, and his remarks on this subject were interesting and inspiring. He urged the students to trust themselves, to put a high estimate upon themselves, to love the lovely, and to hate the hateful. He said that of all the wonders of the world, man was the most wonderful, and from this central idea drew his conclusions to apply to the lives of his audience.

The presentation of diplomas and certificates by the principal, Mr. C. H. Trowbridge, announcements, and the awarding of honors made the closing scene in the school year. Mr. Trowbridge paid a high tribute to the graduating class,

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