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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES TO ENTER SECOND PRIMARY

After Balloting 471 Times the Congressional Convention Orders a Second Primary to Be Held August 15th, 1914

THE FIRST BALLOT RESULTED AS FOLLOWS

	Gudger	Harrison	Merrimon	Moore	Reynolds
Buncombe.....	31.21	.24	7.85	.82	36.83
Cherokee.....	6.34	.90	1.00	.....	10.65
Clay.....	4.76	.14	.13	.....	2.97
Graham.....	3.79	.....	1.77	.....	3.44
Haywood.....	19.87	.39	2.39	.39	18.95
Henderson.....	11.83	.....	.98	.....	9.18
Jackson.....	5.16	.37	.40	12.09	6.98
Macon.....	5.03	9.40	.07	.....	6.50
McDowell.....	11.37	.72	.47	.07	8.37
Polk.....	6.43	.....	.46	.17	6.81
Rutherford.....	21.88	.24	.53	.12	22.23
Swain.....	10.60	.60	.30	.10	4.40
Transylvania.....	7.47	.11	.65	.41	4.46
Total.....	145.64	13.11	17.09	14.17	141.77

The democratic congressional convention at Waynesville was the most remarkable meeting ever held in this district, and possibly in the state. It was remarkable in many ways and one that was filled with surprises to everyone. The meeting was called to order Friday afternoon, May 29th, at two o'clock and remained in almost continuous session until twelve-thirty Sunday morning, reconvening again Monday afternoon at two o'clock and remaining in session, with only one recess, until Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

With over a thousand delegates in attendance on all these extended sessions, and with all the keen intellects and sagacity found in such a meeting, no nomination of a candidate for congress from the tenth congressional district could be made, although 471 ballots were taken. Had the convention remained in session for three months, in the opinion of nearly every one present, no nomination would ever have been made.

Late Tuesday afternoon it became very evident that there would be no nomination of a candidate by the delegates present, a resolution was prepared and offered whereby the matter of the selection of a candidate was referred back to the people. A committee composed of one man from each county was appointed to draft suitable rules and regulations for the purpose of holding such primary, and the date for the primary to be so held was fixed for August 15. At that time the people will be called on again to vote for their choice of candidates for congress, and the results of the various primaries will be certified to the executive committee who will determine the winner.

In case no one receives a majority of the votes in this primary the two leading candidates will then go into another primary to determine who is the winner. The candidates are to pay the expenses of the second primary. Both the leading candidates seem to be very optimistic as to the result of the primary, and both claim they will be the nominee.

The meeting was one of the most harmonious affairs ever held, taking into consideration all the circumstances, and the chairman, Mr. J. S. Adams of Buncombe, had almost perfect control of the meeting at all times. The decisions of the chairman were at all times commended by the various candidates and their friends and never was a decision appealed from.

While the fight was primarily between the two leading candidates, J. M. Gudger, the present congressman, and Robert R. Reynolds, the other candidates also entered into the contest as very important factors, in that their strength controlled the key to the deadlock that existed in the convention. Late Saturday night J.

H. Merrimon withdrew from the race, as did also John O. Harrison, but inasmuch as their votes were divided between Gudger and Reynolds, Walter Moore's strength then tied the matter up, and he controlled the situation. As no break ever came from his forces the nomination was not made as was expected when the break came. At the reconvening of the convention Monday afternoon Judge Merrimon re-entered the race and after that time there never appeared to be any chance for a nomination.

Late Tuesday afternoon an agreement was reached in which all parties interested agreed to re-submit the matter to the people of the district and hold another primary in which all who wished could enter and the man receiving a majority should be declared by the executive committee as the nominee of the democratic party, thus obviating the necessity of holding another convention. The third delegates passed this measure with a whoop and made a break for the depot to catch the late trains for home.

The vote on the first ballot is given in the table on this page. The official vote showed that Reynolds had carried four counties, Gudger seven, Harrison one, and Moore one. There was no change from this vote until the fourth ballot when Transylvania voted Harrison's 11 for Gudger and Moore's 41 for Reynolds. This vote remained stationary until the tenth ballot when by agreement between Transylvania's delegation the vote was restored to its original position. Transylvania did not change her vote again until Harrison withdrew from the race on the 31st ballot. On the 31st ballot Merrimon's .65 went to Reynolds, Moore's .41 and Harrison's .11 was divided between Gudger and Reynolds.

After the withdrawal of Merrimon and Harrison there seemed a possibility of a nomination for awhile, but as twelve o'clock came a motion was made to adjourn to avoid the running of the convention into Sunday. This had been agreed upon by the leaders of the candidates, but as some one called for a division of the vote it was twelve-thirty before the adjournment could be made. A number of delegates had left the hall in the meantime, declaring that they would have no part in a political meeting on Sunday, and one man declared he would not support any man nominated on Sunday.

Had this session lasted an hour longer no doubt some one would have been nominated, but when Monday came an entirely different situation existed.

Transylvania was represented by the following delegates: For Mr. Gudger: W. E. Breese, Jr., W. H. Duckworth, T. W. Whitmire, W. M. Henry, J. W. McMinn, J. C.

Wike, W. B. Henderson, J. M. Zachary, W. W. Singleton, T. T. Loftis and C. C. Kilpatrick. For Mr. Reynolds: Fred Johnson, F. Paxton, J. A. Breedlove, Harry Patton and Ora L. Jones. For Mr. Moore: A. F. Paxton. For Messrs. Harrison and Merrimon: B. E. Paxton.

While Transylvania's delegation was as determined as any in the convention to do everything to honorably further the interest of their particular candidate, every man remained on good terms with every other one. At the first caucus it was agreed that every man would fight and fight hard for his candidate and that there should be no underhand cuts, that justice should be done at all times, and this agreement was lived up to throughout the long drawn out meeting.

W. E. Breese, Jr., of the Transylvania delegation was one of the Gudger floor leaders, doing valiant service for his leader, and Ora L. Jones, by virtue of being a newspaper man, was one of the assistant secretaries. The editor of the News has the only complete record of the total of every roll call, possibly, in existence.

TAX LEVY

It was ordered by the board that the following taxes be levied and collected in Transylvania county for the ensuing year:

Purpose	Rate in cents per \$100 of property
State tax.....	23 1/2
Pension.....	4
Public school.....	20
Pauper.....	4
Bridge.....	3
Contingent.....	12
Excess school.....	5
Special.....	5
R. R. bonds.....	20
Chaingang.....	10
Road.....	15

For poll tax on each taxable poll \$2.15; to be distributed as follows: \$1.65 to public school fund; 12 cents to pension fund, and 38 cents to pauper fund.

It was further ordered by the board that a special stock law tax of 25 cents on each \$100 valuation of real property in Little River stock law boundary be levied and collected.

It was further ordered by the board that the following special school taxes be levied and collected in the several special school tax districts as listed below:

Name and No. of district	Amt. in cts. on each poll	Amt. in cts. on each \$100 val. of prop.
Brevard township.....	75	25
Gloucester.....	90	30
Hogback.....	75	25
Boyd No. 2 (90).....	80	30
Boyd No. 3.....	60	20
Catheys Creek No. 1.....	75	25
Catheys Creek No. 2.....	75	25
Catheys Creek No. 3.....	75	25
Dunns Rock No. 1.....	90	30
Eastatoe No. 3.....	90	30
Little River No. 1.....	90	30
Crab Creek.....	75	25

It was further ordered by the board that all license and privilege taxes listed in schedule B and C of the Revenue Act of 1913, known as Chapter 201 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, Session of 1913, in which counties are authorized or permitted to levy license taxes or privilege taxes, be levied and imposed, and directed to be levied and collected by the sheriff; and that the special license and privilege taxes mentioned in said schedules B and C be equal to the respective license and privilege taxes levied for state purposes.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The teachers of this county are notified that the Henderson county teachers' institute will begin June 15th and last two weeks. The conductors will be Prof. W. H. Cole and Miss M. M. Hudgins. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged all teachers from out of the county.

Shake Off Your Rheumatism.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. Try a twenty-five cent bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and see how quickly your rheumatic pains disappear. Sold by S. M. Macfie. adv

HAMLIN-ASHWORTH

Mr. John Ashworth and Miss Drucilla Hamlin were married last Sunday afternoon at half-past two o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Robbins, pastor of the Methodist church.

But the ceremony did not take place in the Methodist church, and there was no crowd of spectators. The happy union was consummated on the roadside about two hundred yards this side of Wilson's bridge, and the only non-participants to witness the event were Mrs. Robbins, Miss Ula Jolley and Mr. Lewis Hamlin. There, under the spreading branches of a great oak, where the road dips into a shady dell, through which a brooklet comes babbling from the mountain side, the solemn vows were taken and the words pronounced that made the couple man and wife. For such an event the old oak seems to have been waiting for years, stretching out one great arm in silent benediction; and the romantic prophecy suggested by the place has at last been fulfilled.

The party returned to Brevard, bringing the news that caused much surprise among the many friends of the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth are now at home in the Patton house on Whitmire street.

BUSINESS DEAL

Last week Mr. A. H. King sold out his livery business to Mr. E. F. Moffitt and his dray business to Mr. J. R. Hamlin. The deal was made on Thursday after the News went to press.

Mr. Moffitt will carry on the livery business at the same place where it was conducted by Mr. King. The deal did not include the auto line, which was retained by Mr. King, and in this business he will continue to serve the public as formerly.

Mr. King has been the leading livery man in Brevard for a number of years. The reputation of the business will be an asset for Mr. Moffitt in his new enterprise.

DEATH OF JOYCE TALLEY

Joyce Talley, son of Mr. W. L. Talley of Penrose, died at his home last Tuesday morning. The funeral services took place at Enon church and cemetery Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Elijah Allison.

Joyce was only fourteen years of age, but has undergone a great deal of suffering in the last two years. Rheumatism had claimed him at an early age as a victim, the heart had become involved, and lately a complication of troubles had set in. He was a boy of unusual promise, intelligent, apt in his studies at school, and possessed of fine traits of character. He was a member of Enon church and of a strongly religious nature.

The esteem and affection in which this young man was held could be seen in the gathering of so many persons, old and young, at his funeral. The floral tribute was abundant and beautiful, and the tribute of sympathy from many sources for the bereaved parents, brother and sisters was evident.

BOYLSTON NEWS

We are having some hot, dry weather. Everybody would be glad to see some rain.

Misses Onia and Elva Smathers entertained a party of young people last Saturday night with a musical. All report a very pleasant time.

Misses Sarah Scruggs and Emma Reese called at Mr. Weidon English's Saturday afternoon.

Misses Myrtle and Rachel English spent last Sunday afternoon with Miss Dovie Shipman.

Mrs. T. R. Duncan returned Wednesday from Asheville, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. May Eller.

Mrs. Bailey of Columbia, S. C., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Duncan. adv

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

The board of county commissioners held the regular June meeting on Monday, June 1. The main features of business transacted had reference to public roads and to the tax levy.

A petition was filed, signed by a number of citizens, asking first, that the road leading up the East Fork of the French Broad to or near the old F. N. Jordan place be amended by re-locating the same in the most practical manner around the bluff and that other necessary changes be made; and second, that the road leading from the Ephraim Cassell place at the mouth of Bradley's creek to Flem Cisson place be made a public road. This petition was based on the necessities of travel and the free rural delivery of mails.

Another petition was filed asking the board to build a public road, beginning on the South Carolina road, coming through Little Cane Brake near James Powell's place on Shogul creek, down said creek to Middle Fork just below L. Hawkins' place, then with Middle Fork to East Fork road near Flem Whitmire's.

These two petitions will be acted on at the July meeting.

W. C. Galloway, attorney, gave the board a check for \$200 from Col. S. T. Everette to be applied on the Clarkson Hill road. The check was turned over to Overseer C. E. Osborne to be used at once on said road.

A petition signed by a large number of citizens was brought before the board, asking the commissioners to place the chaingang on the road leading from Jones Gap to Brevard, for the purpose of making improvements on said road, the work to begin at or near the South Carolina line. J. L. Bell, T. T. Loftis, Bryan McGaha, J. S. Heath, and others were present and entered into the discussion. It was brought out in the discussion that Greenville was putting her side of the road leading to the gap in good condition, and that the proposed improvement would result in a continuous good highway from Greenville to Brevard. It was agreed by the board to put the gang on the road as early as possible, or as soon as important road work in Boyd, where the gang is now busy, is finished.

SKY LAND MAGAZINE

A recent copy of the Sky Land Magazine has been in this office. This periodical, edited by Miss Lucile Smith of Hendersonville, is comparatively young, but has already given good reason for its existence and continuance. It is of the ordinary magazine size, printed on good paper, illustrated with good cuts, and attractively bound. The cover design for the number referred to is a full-page picture of the mountain laurel, beautifully colored.

The leading articles indicate the scope of the magazine, which is not strictly local, but places emphasis on the affairs and persons of this state and section. Matters of finance and economics, especially relating to the cotton mill industry, occupy a prominent place. Appreciative sketches of such men as M. L. Shipman and Gen. "Jule" Carr give special interest.

Mr. Hilliard Booth, who lives near Brevard, has been engaged to aid in editing the magazine during the summer and is now at work in Hendersonville on the next issue. Mr. Booth will have in three succeeding issues a play, whose scene is laid at Little River. His reputation as a playwright together with the local nature of the play will naturally make these issues of special interest to Brevard readers.

Can't Keep It Secret.

The splendid work of Chamberlain's Tablets is daily becoming more widely known. No such grand remedy for stomach and liver troubles has ever been known. For sale by S. M. Macfie. adv