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Object: The Promotion of the Agricultural, Civic, Commercial, Educational, Industrial and Moral Life of Transylvania County

TRANSYLVANIA GRIPPED BY WORST STORM SINCE JUNE FRESHET OF '76

Thousands of Acres of River Farms Transformed Into Vast Lakes, and Hundreds of Bushels of Rye Washed Down Stream While Crops Stand Several Feet Under Water; Railroad Transportation Suspended for Three Days Without Mail and Passenger Service; Power Plant Out of Commission and Town in Darkness; Dams of Big Lakes Threatened; Lumber Road Seriously Damaged and Farm Crops Injured to Extent of Thousands of Dollars; All Result of Four Days of Storm Which Sweeps Southern States.

Transylvania county is emerging from the most destructive overflow it has suffered since the noted "June freshet" of 1876.

It began Friday and through Saturday, Sunday and Monday there was almost a continual downpour, as a result of which the streams in this county overflowed and a heavy crop of rye, over thousands of acres of land farm products valued at several hundred dollars and did a damage to immaterial crops, fields, roads and bridges that approximate thousands of dollars.

POWER PLANT, TRAINS NOT MAILED

The plant which furnishes electric power for Brevard and community was put out of commission Sunday night and the town was in darkness Sunday night. The operation of trains between Brevard and Hendersonville was suspended for several miles, suffered greatly from the rains as a result of which it is understood many ties have been seriously damaged so as to prevent further traffic until after extensive repairs.

POWER PLANT OUTAGE

When Brevard had no electrical connections Sunday morning an announcement was made that possibly the town would be in darkness for days, but the damage to the plant on Little River was not so serious as was first reported and electric lights were enjoyed on Monday night. The race leading from the pond above the high dam was broken and logs and debris with rest and prevented the flow of any great volume of water to the power plant. As soon as the debris could be removed the flow was increased sufficiently to light the town Monday night but there was not sufficient power to run the car on mill at night. The break in the race has not been repaired but will have attention as soon as the waters subside. The damage is not believed to be very great.

ROADS SWELLED SATURDAY NIGHT

After the floodgates of heaven opened on Saturday the streams began to rise and on Sunday, French Broad was seen to rise several inches within an hour. In many of the bottom lands stock was grazing in the pastures and people had to wade in some instances nearly up to their necks to save the loads. Hour by hour the streams grew stronger and deeper, inundating over the fertile fields under cultivation until on Monday the river was possibly 15 feet higher than when in its normal course and in some places was nearly two miles wide, covering a vast acreage under cultivation.

STORM SWELLED SATURDAY NIGHT

The storm brought clearly to mind the frequently mentioned "June Freshet" of 1876, when the waters are said to have been higher and more destructive than they were during the present storm, which swept the Gulf States, entailing a property damage of millions of dollars before visiting the mountains.

OVERFLOW OF LAKES THREATENED

Fear was expressed in the Fairfield and Deery sections that the big lakes would overflow and cause the dams to break. The water in Lake Toxaway was the highest it has been in the history of this vast sheet of water, the beauty and grandeur of which in its majestic setting in the hills beneath the shadow of lofty mountains has won the admiration of tourists from all parts of the world.

LEMBUR ROAD SERIOUSLY DAMAGED

The railroad of the Gloucester Lumber Company, which runs from Rosman into the mountains for several miles, suffered greatly from the rains as a result of which it is understood many ties have been seriously damaged so as to prevent further traffic until after extensive repairs.

R. H. ZACHARY URGED FOR THE LEGISLATURE

COUNTY-WIDE PRIMARY TO
BE HELD ON SATURDAY

Executive Committee Outlines
Rules for the Primary; The
Names of Judges.

The most important development in political circles during the past week was the persistence with which the friends of Ralph H. Zachary, former representative, urged him to make the race for the legislature. His friends have pushed the matter with personal appeals, letters and lengthy petitions and he has finally decided to do so according to the following letter furnished the News Wednesday night:

To the Voters of Transylvania County:

I think I am safe in the assertion that not less than a hundred prominent democrats from all parts of the county have personally asked and many insisted, that I make the race for representative.

I have uniformly told them that I could not afford it for business reasons.

The European war, over two years ago, nullified my business by driving export pine lumber off the seas, and only a few weeks after I had assumed a \$12,000 obligation for a farm, and this together with a \$1,000 loss by fire, makes it imperative that I make some money, and I can't do it in politics.

I did say to not over a half dozen men some time ago that if business matters should change so as to look like I could possibly afford the sacrifice, I might consider it. If the people still insisted on it, on this assurance I am returned that they circulated a report that I would be a candidate before the primary Saturday.

I regret to say that my circumstances in business affairs will not permit me to give the necessary time to the campaign.

With sincerest gratitude to my friends for their solicitude in the matter, and trusting that they may be better served than I could do, I beg to remain,

A Democrat,
R. H. ZACHARY.

Dr. T. J. Sumney of Rosman has qualified as candidate for coroner and C. R. Sharp of Selma has qualified for sheriff.

The primary for selecting democratic nominees for county officers will be held on July 15. There is an array of strong men seeking the nominations, their names being given in the column of announcements in the News.

At a meeting of the County Democratic Executive committee recently the following rules were adopted for carrying on the primary.

1. The voting shall be conducted at the various polling places in the county under the control of two judges and the polls shall be kept open from the hour of 12 until the hour of 4 in each precinct except Brevard precinct, which polling place shall be kept open from 12 o'clock until 7 o'clock.

2. Any citizen of the county who is entitled to vote or who will become entitled to vote in the November election shall be entitled to vote in said primary, provided that only those voters who belong to the Democratic party and who vote the Democratic ticket shall be entitled to vote in said primary. It is further provided that any Democratic voter shall be entitled to vote in any precinct in which he may be on the day of said primary, but shall only cast one vote for each candidate and shall only vote in one precinct.

3. That the said judges shall keep a poll book of all voters in

Brevard Institute Installs \$500 Worth of Electrically Driven Woodwork Machinery



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BREVARD INSTITUTE

V. B. Peck, director of the carpentry department at Brevard institute, is this week installing about \$500 worth of electrically driven machinery for the wood work shop in the Institute. The benches for the hand tools have been moved across the hall into one end of the laboratory, and the power tools are in the old carpentry shop.

One of these machines is a wood turning lathe. It can be operated at three different speeds and can be used for turning pieces up to 20 inches in length. This will permit the manufacture of table legs and round balusters, etc.

Another piece is a 30 inch hand saw mill. The table is 24 by 26 inches and is supported by rollers. The iron wheels are 2 inches in diameter by one and one-half in face. The instrument is equipped with a patent straightening device, which permits unusually rapid running of

the hand saw without danger of breaking the blade. The saw is also protected by wire mesh curtains, but still leaves all working parts visible.

The third and most elaborate piece is a variety woodworker, which can be adjusted to do sawing, planing, boring, gaining, tenoning and panel raising. Adjustments made on either side do not conflict with adjustments on the other side. The frame is one piece of cast iron. The iron table is 30 by 41 inches and can be raised and lowered like the head of a planer. It is equipped with the 20 inch saw which will handle lumber up to fourteen inches wide by turning the lumber over. It can be used for planing and jointing up boards five inches wide, for making tongue and groove, for making sockets, etc.

These machines will all be run by a five-horse power, three phase, six cycle, alternating current motor, which runs at 1,800 revolutions per minute. This motor has a horse-power unusually large for the pres-

ent equipment, for it is expected that it will eventually be used for other woodworking machines and perhaps later for dairy equipment. It can also be made to operate sawing machines in the domestic art department on the other end of the building.

All these installations are the generous gifts of the Woman's Missionary council, which owns and operates the school. Working in combination with the carpenter shop, students can now be trained to do practically any kind of woodwork. The carpentry class will devote particular attention to the hand tools, which are similar to those in use on practically every farm. Those who take this work with the power machines should be able to secure very attractive positions in box or furniture factories anywhere. Mr. Peck's experience as a practical cabinet maker is of the highest value in connection with this machinery. The equipment with the knowledge which he has puts the Institute in the very forefront of schools of its kind in this section.

which shall be kept the names of all persons voting.

4. That at the close of the polls the said judges shall put the ballots and certify the number of votes received by each candidate and shall the name of their number which shall be returned to Brevard and delivered to the members of the County Executive committee on Tuesday July 18 at the court house, at which said time the said County Executive committee will canvass said returns and declare the candidate receiving the largest number of votes the nominee of the Democratic party for the office to which he aspires.

5. That the County Executive committee shall meet in Brevard at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, July 18, at the court house and receive said returns from said officers and canvass same and declare the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes to be the nominee for the office sought.

6. All candidates are required to make their announcements to the chairman of the County Executive committee on or before July 12, or they will not be eligible to be voted on in the primary.

7. The following are the names of the various judges to hold said primary in the several precincts in the county:

- Brevard—Eugene Allison, Coleman Galloway and R. L. Gash.
- Boyd—T. R. Duncan and A. E. England.
- Cedar Mountain—John Hunt and Malger Allison.
- Cathey's Creek—L. W. Brooks and B. C. Batson.
- Bunn's Rock—Fred Batson and William Maxwell.
- Eastate—E. M. Whitmore and William Aiken.
- East Fork—W. W. Grayley, sr., and Ed. Gillespie.
- Gloucester—J. H. House and John Price.
- Hogback—C. W. Henderson and Avery Reid.
- Little River—C. V. Shuford and John Fisher.
- Rosman—M. J. Glazener and R. F. Glazener.

How Do the Politicians Stand on the Liquor Law In Transylvania County?

Editor, News:

We hear it whispered about that those few men in both political parties who are opposed to the present liquor law preventing the shipment of whiskey into this county are going to try and have the two conventions, and the nominee for the Legislature straddle the issue, by ignoring any mention of the matter whatever.

We understand their purpose is to have the two parties repudiate the act if they think they can muster enough force to put it through, and failing in this they propose to simply ignore it and leave their nominee for the Legislature so that he can blow hot or cold at the same time. That is, be all things to all men. When he would get to a

man who believes in the maintenance of the law he would promise to let the law alone, and when he would meet a man opposed to the law he would promise to repeal it.

We think it is time the people of the county should demand of both political parties to know where they stand on this great moral question. It is no time for trying to dodge or evade the issue. Let those people who believe in upholding the moral good of our county express themselves, and not permit any committee or evil controlled convention to pull the wool over their eyes.

W. C. McCall,
C. C. Duckworth,
C. K. Osborn,
P. H. Galloway,
Chas. Jolley.

OFFICIAL BALLOT TO BE VOTED ON IN PRIMARY BY DEMOCRATS SATURDAY

Following are the names of those who have qualified under the rules as candidates for nomination on the Democratic county ticket to be voted on at the primary on Saturday, July 15:

- Representative: G. W. Wilson.
- Coroner: Dr. T. J. Sumney.
- Surveyor: C. R. Sharp.
- Register of Deeds: B. A. Gillespie, G. C. Kilpatrick, T. E. Reid, W. R. Wilson.
- Treasurer: S. M. Lance.
- Sheriff: W. L. Aiken, J. W. Duckworth, Cos. Paxton, T. L. Spelman.
- Commissioners: L. W. Brooks, L. S. Fisher, F. Henderson, G. T. Lyday, T. S. Wood.

candidates for county commissioners and for one for each of the other offices.

According to the democratic plan of organization voters must select their candidates from the list of names above, as others have not qualified.

Let every democrat come out on Saturday and vote for his choice.

Respectfully,
W. E. Breese, Chairman,
R. L. Gash, Secretary,
County Democratic Executive Com.

NEED SERIOUSLY CHARGED

Fred Hemphill, colored, was arrested Tuesday morning by Policeman Brooks and bound over to court by Squire Henning, being charged with robbing the colored restaurant Monday night.

Hemphill is said to have left his hat in the restaurant. Several pieces of merchandise were missing.