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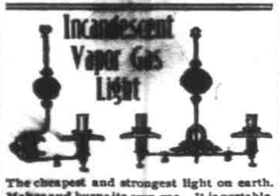

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DEMOCRATS HOLD COUNTY PRIMARIES

Precinct Meetings Select Delegates to the Convention.

Instructions Given by Many of the Primaries.

GENERAL DAVIDSON ENDORSED FOR GOVERNOR—J. M. CAMPBELL FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER.

The Democratic precinct meetings were held in Asheville Saturday evening. Delegates were selected to attend the county convention next Saturday as follows:

FIRST PRECINCT.

S. T. Dorsett was elected chairman and J. E. Gudger secretary. The following delegates were chosen: S. T. Dorsett, Max Van Gilder, J. T. Bostic, A. R. Ogburn, J. A. Campbell, D. E. Sevier, T. E. Clayton, C. J. Hannon, V. B. Bostic, J. E. Gudger.

The delegates were instructed to cast their votes for Gen. T. F. Davidson for governor and John M. Campbell for corporation commissioner, provided the county convention decided to instruct its delegates.

SECOND PRECINCT.

S. Lipinsky and R. L. Ownbey were elected delegates to represent the second.

THIRD PRECINCT.

The meeting was held in the court room. Judge H. B. Carter was chosen chairman and J. P. Kerr secretary. The following delegates were chosen: T. H. Chambers, J. Y. Jordan, H. B. Carter, W. A. Blair, J. P. Kerr, B. Burnett, George J. Williamson, W. P. Brown.

FOURTH PRECINCT.

Julius C. Martin was elected chairman, and M. A. Creasman secretary.

The following executive committee was chosen: J. W. Summers, chairman; A. F. Cook, A. M. Goodlake, M. A. Creasman, Charles A. Webb.

Delegates were selected as follows: T. E. Davis, A. F. Cook, W. H. Young, Julius C. Martin, J. W. Summers, M. A. Creasman, A. F. Weaver, Charles A. Webb, Arthur Henry, Ellis Gregory, S. M. Redmon, W. W. Young, Frank Mitchell, D. W. Cauble, Dr. T. C. Smith.

The delegates were instructed for General Davidson for governor and John M. Campbell for corporation commissioner.

FIFTH PRECINCT.

Louis M. Bourne was elected chairman, and Donald Gillis secretary. The following delegates were chosen: Donald Gillis, J. P. Sawyer, N. A. Reynolds, W. M. Allen, Locke Craig, Henry Reed, L. M. Bourne, William Francis, J. McD. Whitson, W. A. James, Thomas A. Jones, Octave Battle, T. R. Harrison, R. F. Lee, J. J. Mackey, W. F. Randolph, John A. Roebling, G. W. Davis, Charles L. Badger, J. M. Gudger, W. G. Eggleston.

The following executive committee was chosen: Louis M. Bourne, chairman; T. R. Harrison, William Francis, Thomas A. Jones and N. A. Reynolds.

SIXTH PRECINCT.

The following delegates were selected: J. A. Brooks, J. M. Campbell, A. S. Barnard, H. C. Chedister, W. R. Lyerly, A. C. Durham, J. B. Bostic, W. T. Mason, W. N. Jay and J. V. Jay.

J. M. Campbell, W. T. Mason and J. B. Bostic were endorsed as delegates to the state convention. The delegates were instructed for General Davidson for governor, John M. Campbell for corporation commissioner and B. R. Lacy for state treasurer.

SEVENTH PRECINCT.

Charles G. Lee was elected chairman and H. R. Smith secretary. The following delegates were selected: William J. Cocke, Charles G. Lee, John W. Dillon, T. B. Duckett, O. R. Jarrett, H. R. Smith, M. C. Noblitt, E. B. Powell, W. H. Bird, A. Freck, J. B. Shope, W. M. Davies, R. P. Foster, Jay Mears, D. G. Noland, W. W. Jones, J. L. L. Slagle, J. B. Erwin, G. L. McDonald.

It was resolved that the delegates to the state convention be requested to cast the solid vote of Buncombe for General Davidson for governor, John M. Campbell for corporation commissioner and B. R. Lacy for treasurer.

EIGHTH PRECINCT.

The following delegates were elected: Dr. A. Crawford, E. C. Chambers, C. Leonard, T. P. Black, George Henderson, T. H. Cobb.

The executive committee chosen was: W. A. Boyce, W. B. Gwyn, George Henderson, Dr. A. Crawford and C. Leonard.

Dr. Crawford was recommended as a delegate to the state convention.

NINTH PRECINCT.

This meeting was postponed.

BIG IVY PRECINCT.

Chairman J. B. Morgan called the township convention to order. G. H. McKinney was elected secretary. The body elected the following township executive committee: J. G. Williams, J. P. Dillingham, P. M. Loven, J. B. Morgan, W. R. Maney.

W. R. Maney and J. A. Buckner were elected by acclamation delegates to the county convention and were also recommended to go as delegates to the state convention, together with J. H. Fisher, G. D. Carter, R. P. Llewellyn, T. J. Garrison, W. A. Swain, J. B. Morgan, G. H. McKinney.

The delegates were instructed to cast their votes for General Davidson for governor and R. D. Gilmer for attorney general.

A motion to instruct for western men was carried.

BEAVERDAM PRECINCT.

The Democrats of Beaverdam ward met in the hall of the Grace Literary society Saturday afternoon, electing W. L. Baird chairman and T. B. Haynes secretary.

E. P. Stradley, T. B. Haynes, J. A. Drummond, Goodson Ramsey, W. L. Baird, Eugene Way, Wm. Reynolds, J. D. Murphy, John Kimberly and B. H. Sumner were elected delegates to the county convention.

J. D. Murphy, George W. Tilson, T. B. Haynes, I. V. Baird and H. E. Barnard were elected a precinct executive committee.

Resolutions favoring the abolition of the Circuit Criminal court and pledging the unidivided support and hearty co-operation of Beaverdam ward in behalf of the constitutional amendment and white man's government were unanimously passed.

LIMESTONE.

Arden, N. C., March 3.—The Limestone Democrats met in convention at 2 p. m. for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of good honest Democrats who have the cause and safety of our county and state at heart. The meeting selected the following delegates: W. P. Lance, P. H. Frady, W. H. Young, Wm. Nettles, Dr. W. E. Hemphill, M. Y. Rickman.

The township executive committee was also selected: Dr. W. E. Hemphill, chairman; J. A. Lance, J. M. Rickman, Wm. Nettles, N. Lanning.

Some of the lifelong Republicans express a willingness to support the amendment. The Democrats have never been more united than at present and it is to be hoped that if we carry a handsome majority as we did on last election day, which we expect to do, that we will not be treated as before (disfranchised) in order to seat a defeated Republican. However, the promise is to the faithful, and we expect to do our part in a gentlemanly-like manner as before.

M. Y. RICKMAN, Secretary.

FRENCH BROAD.

The Democrats of French Broad township met Saturday afternoon and organized by electing J. R. Byrum chairman and J. M. Woodson secretary. The following were appointed as a committee to recommend delegates to the county convention: Dr. W. J. Clontz, C. N. Parker and Zeb Vance.

The following delegates were recommended and elected: Patt. Proctor, L. R. Rodgers, Latta Hunter, Zeb Vance, John Rogers, C. N. Parker and J. W. Lee, the names of the chairman and secretary being added to the list.

On motion of Dr. W. J. Clontz, John M. Campbell was recommended for corporation commissioner. General Davidson was unanimously endorsed for governor.

The following were elected as township committee: J. E. Gwaltney, John R. Byrum, Z. F. Vance, Hardy Embler, Rans. Martin and W. C. Sluder.

GOT INTO TROUBLE.

A Young Man Who Formerly Lived in Asheville.

The following item in regard to a young man who was secretary to Chief Clerk Acee of Superintendent Loyall's office until recently, is printed by the Charlotte Observer:

"Holland R Pollak, who left Charlotte three weeks ago, has been arrested and jailed in Atlanta, Ga., for stealing clothes—unlimited clothes from various people in that city.

"Pollak came to Charlotte from Asheville on January 20. He is a good stenographer and easily procured a position with the Southern railway. At the end of the week he was discharged for laziness. He returned to Asheville, but finding that he could not get his former position he again came to Charlotte. After he had remained here a week he left town; but his trunk was held at his boarding house, on account of an unpaid bill.

"While he remained in this city Pollak's room adjoined the room of Mr. Baird, who is employed in Mr. R. H. Jordan's drug store. Mr. Pollak was armed with letters to many well known persons in Charlotte and he and Mr. Baird became friends. As the intimacy increased Mr. Baird noticed that from time to time he missed small articles from his room, and finally the climax was reached when his bran new blue serge suit disappeared. But he suspected nothing until Pollak had gone. Then Mr. Baird and his roommate, Mr. Dozier, made a key to the trunk of their absent friend.

"Inside the trunk they found Mr. Baird's new suit and much clothing belonging to Mr. Dozier. They also found Mr. Baird's prized collection of photographs. The other purloined things that they discovered in the trunk included collars, combs, brushes and various other articles that grace a dressing case. So it is that Messrs. Baird and Dozier were not at all surprised when they heard of Pollak's taking other folks' raiment in Atlanta."

THE A. L. I.'S REGRETS.

Resolutions on the Resignation of Captain Bookhart.

The following resolutions were reported by the committee of the A. L. I. to express the company's regrets at Capwages, and he says heh as plenty of

"Whereas, It has become necessary for Captain T. W. Bookhart to resign the captaincy of company I, Third regiment, N. C. S. G., because of his departure from Asheville, making it impossible for him to serve the company; be it therefore

"Resolved, That his resignation be accepted with regret.

"Resolved, That Captain Bookhart has by his courtesy and kindness to those in his command and by the faithful discharge of the duties pertaining to his office secured the confidence of his men, and their good wishes will follow him to his new field of labor.

"Resolved, That the A. L. I. tender to him their sincere regrets for the necessity of his having to leave us and ever wish him a 'howling success.'

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be included in the minutes of the company and that a copy be sent to Captain Bookhart and to The Daily Citizen."

The committee was composed of Lawrence Young, Ernest E. Freeman and D. S. Morgan.

SUNDAY CHURCH FIRE.

Slight Damage Done to the French Broad Baptist church.

The fire department responded to an alarm yesterday afternoon at 6:35, and found that the interior of the French Broad Baptist church, on French Broad avenue, was ablaze. The fire was extinguished after having done about $100 damage to the floor and ceiling of the building.

The heating flue had fired a part of the wainscoting and plastering had to be torn away before the fire could be extinguished. The blaze was darting up the wall when the firemen appeared.

The alarm bell did not ring, owing to a spring being out of place. The alarm registered, however, and the gong sounded. The apparatus is tested at noon each day except Sunday. Had it been tested yesterday, the failure would not have occurred.

HEADED BY D. B. H.

New York, March 4.—The Tribune's Albany correspondent says David B. Hill's friends claim that the ex-senator will head the New York delegation to national Democratic convention. There has been talk of bringing forward ex-Judge Van Wyck for the Democratic nomination for vice-president.

AT ST. MATTHIAS.

James L. Houghteling of Chicago, president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will deliver an address at St. Matthias church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The public are invited to attend, an especial invitation being given to men.

COTTON MARKET.

New York, March 5.—Futures opened firm: March and April, 9.50; May, 9.53; June, 9.65; July, 9.67; August, 9.54; September, 9.64; October, 8.20; November, 8.09; December, 8.10; January, 8.09.

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PERSISTENT RUMOR CONCERNING PEACE

But Pretoria is Said to be Preparing for a Siege

Kruger Calls on Boers to Strive in the Lord's Name

FREE STATERS WILL UNITE WITH TRANSVAAL BRETHREN, MAINTAINING THE STRUGGLE TO THE LAST.

London, March 5.—A special to the Times from Lorenzo Marques, dated Sunday, says persistent reports continue that the Transvaal republic has opened negotiations looking to secure peace.

On the other hand it is asserted that the Boers will make a stand at Glencoe and Laing's Nek and that in the meantime the entrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege. A conference between the Boers' president, it is added, and the general commanding the Boers in northern Natal was hurriedly arranged on receipt of the news of Cronje's surrender.

Until Thursday night confirmation of the surrender was withheld from the public. Kruger sent a fervid religious appeal with orders that it should be read by all officers to the burghers, urging them to stand fast and strive in the name of the Lord, for unless they had faith in Him cowardice would set in and their position would be hopeless the moment they turned their backs on the enemy. Their past victories, he declared, showed the Lord was on their side.

A special says a high authority in Bloemfontein declares that in the event of a repulse of the Free State forces, the latter will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren there, maintaining the struggle to the last.

The Boer casualties at Colenso during the week ending February 25 are reported to be 31 killed and 130 wounded.

PLANS CONCEALED.

An air of mystery still covers the movements of the main British army in South Africa, though what information leaks through indicates that the campaign is being carried on with steady progress. There are now practically three British armies in the field, one in the Free State, one in Cape Colony and the other in Natal. All that is known about the first and most important is that it is in close touch with a body of Boers estimated to number 6,000.

Speculation as to the method of Roberts' advance into the Free State is worthless, so carefully are his plans concealed. In Cape Colony Generals Brabant and Clements command two horns, while General Gatacre holds the main Boer force in check.

Generals Gatacre and Clements will probably combine and advance on Bloemfontein, with Brabant guarding the right flank. This movement will be subsequent to securing a line of communications along the lines of Free State railroads, which, according to the latest dispatches, seems almost accomplished.

The third army, that in Natal, is comparatively inactive. Its movements greatly depend upon how much distance the retreating Boers put between themselves and Buller.

RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

The relief of Mafeking by a force from the south may be expected any day. Colonel Plumer's force on the north, however, seems incapable of accomplishing it.

The unexpected activity of the Cape Dutch and the reported likelihood of fighting between them and the Basutos, aided by other tribes having a grudge against the Boers, is regarded as rather ominous.

REMARKABLE CASE.

Among the wounded soldiers who arrived at Southampton today from South Africa is Private O'Leary, whose case is remarkable. He was shot in the head during the battle of Colenso. The bullet lodged in his brain, rendering him speechless, sightless and paralyzed. Sir William McCormack, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, acting as volunteer surgeon with the British army, removed a portion of the wounded man's brain and extracted the bullet, and O'Leary has since practically recovered his lost senses.

It is said on good authority that the government's budget proposals include a war loan of between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 pounds, extending over a period of 10 or 12 years. It is also anticipated that the government will issue 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 pounds in treasury bonds.

STAMPED OUT.

Waynesville, N. C., March 5.—[Special.]—Smallpox is entirely stamped out in Waynesville. The houses where it has been were disinfected and things have resumed their normal condition.

MAID OF HONOR.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 5.—Miss Marion Faxon of this city has been appointed maid of honor from Tennessee to the confederate reunion at Louisville.

SWEET DIVIDEND.

New York, March 5.—The American Sugar Refining company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. on common stock. The previous dividend was three.

HOME AGAIN.

Washington, March 5.—The presidential party reached Washington from New York this morning. The return was without incident.

Ladies clean your kid gloves with LaBelle glove cleaner, for sale only by Sumner, Deal & Co., headquarters for kid gloves and the celebrated Scruggs glove. All the leading shades. Gloves guaranteed.

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FORT JEFFERSON FOR A PEST HOUSE

WYMAN EXPECTS A GOOD DEAL OF YELLOW FEVER AND BUBONIC PLAGUE THIS SPRING.

New York, March 5.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Naval officers have been astounded to learn that they may have no rights at Dry Tortugas, where the sum of over half a million has been expended in establishing a coaling station and rendezvous commanding the southern and gulf coast at West Indies and where there is now being rapidly prosecuted the establishment of what is regarded as the most important strategic base between the Chesapeake and Central America.

At Tortugas the army had erected the most formidable fortifications. When Cervera's fleet left Spain the president promptly had Fort Jefferson on the Tortugas garrisoned to hold as a naval base, thereby enabling the blockade of the northern shore of Cuba to be maintained. Since that time naval contractors have been continually engaged in completing the great station.

Under the cimcumstances Secretary Long was astonished the other day to receive an official communication from the treasury department notifying the navy to stop work and get its men away from Tortugas by April 1, as Surgeon-General Wyman of the marine hospital service is looking for a good deal of yellow fever and bubonic plague this spring and will have to use Fort Jefferson, which cost $5,000,000, as a pest house.

MISSIONARY HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

BUILDING AND CONTENTS A TOTAL LOSS—INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED.

The missionary building of the Northern Presbyterian church at Alexander was burned to the ground last night. The building was arranged in such a way that it subserved the uses of a church, a school house and a residence for those who conducted it.

The building and most of the contents were a total loss. The origin of the fire is reported to have been incendiary.

The fire occurred at 9:15 o'clock. The burned building cost about $2000 and the insurance was small. There was a quantity of stove wood under the house. The fire is believed to have started under the southwest corner, and had gained great headway before it was discovered. The only persons in the house were the two lady teachers, who were preparing to retire. They lost nearly all their wearing apparel.

CLERK'S DECISION.

The Supplementary Proceedings in the Case of Sims vs. Lindsey.

Judgment has been rendered by Superior Court Clerk Erwin in the supplementary proceedings heard by him in the case of Carrie C. Sims against Hiram Lindsey, Robert Lindsey and Belton Morgan. It is decided that Hiram Lindsey and Belton Morgan have no property over and above their homestead and personal property exemptions allowed by law, and the proceeding is dismissed as far as they are concerned.

The court finds that Robert Lindsey owns an interest in a valuable patent, used for shutting off and draining automatically pipes in a system of plumbing, and that he is also owner of an interest in an "automatic self-opening air venting bibb," which the court finds is a valuable property, "and that said patent interest should be applied to the payment of the judgment against the defendant."

It was ordered that Zebulon Weaver be appointed a receiver of the patent interests referred to. The receiver is to manage the property to the best advantage and pay the plaintiff the amount of the judgment at the earliest date.

FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Cecil Rhodes is at Capetown and expects to sail for England Wednesday.

It is said that German officers have been trying to get some of the islands of the Philippine group.

The Hamburg line announces its profits for 1899 are 18,000,000 marks, an increase of 4,000,000 over the previous year.

Cuban papers say Secretary Root should consult the workers of Cuba, not the parasites, when he reaches the island.

British troops on the Burmo-Chinese border have killed 60 natives and burned 2,000 houses in punishment for the murder of two Englishmen.

The total receipts from the Philippine islands for the month of February were $426,423, of which amount $357,000 was derived from customs sources.

The transport McClelland, which arrived Saturday at New York, brought the remains of 99 soldiers who died in Cuba, since its occupation by American forces.

The revenue cutter Onondago arrived at Norfolk Saturday after a week's fruitless search for the Spanish steamship Minerva, which is helplessly adrift at sea without coal.

The Frankfort, Ky., committee appointed by the Republican legislative caucus recently to arrange for a convention of Republicans of Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, North and South Carolina to inaugurate a movement against election laws now in force in those states, has organized with Senator Howard of Butler county chairman and Senator Cox of Maysville secretary. The Kentucky state convention will be held some time this month at Louisville. This convention will call a convention of all states to meet at Nashville.

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ANOTHER BRUTE PAYS PENALTY

Negro Fiend Shot to Death in Waynesville Jail.

Assaulted Eight-Year Old Girl Near Clyde.

MASKED MEN BATTER JAIL DOOR OPEN AND SHOOT TO DEATH THE CROUCHING PRISONER.

Canton, N. C., March 5.—[Special.]—George Ratcliffe, a burly negro, paid the death penalty for an unnamable crime committed Saturday afternoon upon the eight years old granddaughter of Matthias Holland, a respectable farmer living three miles from Clyde.

At the coroner's inquest this morning the following facts were shown:

The crime was committed at 4 o'clock. The negro was arrested the same evening, given a preliminary hearing at Clyde, and taken to jail at Waynesville yesterday.

About 1 o'clock last night Sheriff Haynes, living in the jail building, was called upon. Responding, he found a crowd of 40 or 50 masked men, who demanded admittance.

He refused and they battered the outside office door open and demanded the keys to the main prison. They were again refused, and it was also forced open.

The cells are strongly built, and could not be easily opened without great damage.

Deputy Henson refused to work the lock combination, whereupon the crowd fired several shots into the negro prisoner, who crouched in his cell, and then retired.

Fearing that they had not completed their work they immediately returned and again sent several rounds in his body. Probably 40 shots were fired in all.

Meanwhile Sheriff Haynes had gone for assistance to persuade the men to stop.

Solicitor Ferguson responded and tried to prevail with them to desist, but his appeals were unheeded.

They seemed quiet, organized and determined, and spoke but few words. None were drinking, and none were recognized. When the dastardly deed was avenged the crowd quietly departed.

This was not Ratcliffe's first offense. He ran away from Turkey Creek some years ago for stealing. He had lived at Holland's several years.

The damage to the jail was only slight.

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The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 9½ North Main Street, Asheville, N. C.

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Please mail me a sample of the policy described above.
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Listen to This!
Anderson Parker, a colored man came into the store last Saturday and said: "I want a bottle of that rheumatism medicine you sold Jed. Shook, the driver for Lorick & Smith. I've known he had rheumatism for three years, that often kept him from work. You sold him something that cured him in six days. He only took one bottle. An engineer on the Southern railway, who has also suffered with rheumatism for years and had to lay off on account of it, took one bottle and hasn't had a touch of rheumatism since. He was cured in three days."
The medicine referred to is the prescription of a prominent Florida physician, who recently visited Asheville. We have filled it for a number of rheumatic sufferers here, and have received grateful testimonials from each and every one. The price of this prescription is within everybody's reach—25 cents. You deserve no sympathy if you allow yourself to suffer with rheumatism after reading this.
The Pelham Pharmacy
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