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Fiercest Municipal Fight in Many Years in Raleigh

CITY IN THROES OF DESPERATE STRUGGLE

Mass Meetings of the People and the Good Government Association Attended by Enthusiastic Throng—Police and City Court Records Destroyed Between the Lights of Day—Man Arrested Sunday Night—Primary Yesterday.

Latest From Raleigh.

A telegram from Raleigh last night at 9 o'clock announced that the "Reforms" won in the primary yesterday by good majorities.

For about ten days Raleigh has been in the throes of one of the hardest municipal fights in her history. It is a fight of the people under the auspices of the Good Government Association against "the ring," and the ward politician of peanut calibre. At this writing (Tuesday) we have not heard the results of the primary, which is being held, but here's hoping that the old Capital City redeems herself from the rotten government that for years has made her a political stench in the nostrils of the State instead of a model of good municipal government as she should be.

The fight has been a most bitter one. The people have thronged to the public meetings and seemed determined to put an end to boss rule. Friday night some one entered the police court room and literally tore to pieces all police records covering several years back. This led to the arrest Sunday night of a man by name of Van-Gill.

A massmeeting of citizens was held Monday night and it is said to have been a notable gathering. It was held at the court house and there was an overflow meeting on Fayetteville street, near the court house. The star speaker was James H. Pou, who made one of the most remarkable speeches of his life, repeating part of it at the outdoor meeting. He spoke in the plainest terms about the city administration's failure and fraud and said it was no longer a question of who was going to be elected, but who was to go to the penitentiary. Speaking about the mutilation of the records in the city hall, he said all the evidence was that the crime was of a domestic character. He ridiculed, amid roars of laughter the bogus arrest of Van-Gill, saying this was a grandstand play by the administration. He pronounced the administration fools and liars and gave solemn warning of the necessity of watching the ballot boxes all day Tuesday as any one of five frauds might be perpetrated. Other speakers were Alfred A. Thompson, Joseph G. Brown and J. William Bailey.

Excitement was at white heat during the speaking. One administration follower attempted to interrupt Pou during the street speaking and called him a liar. Pou told him to come up on the stand and he would whip him. The man was taken away, making threats to do Pou next day.

Ever since the news developed a little before noon Saturday of the entry into the room of the Police Justice and of tampering with the records mentioned, public interest has been keyed up to the highest point and it is significant that it has dwelt upon two men as those who did the work, and these have been shadowed. Nobody appears to believe that the arrest of Van-Gill amounts to anything. He was held in the station house Monday and it was said that he would not be given a hearing at once, one reason being that the police justice and chief of police are witnesses in the trial of Earl Cotton, Tim Holderfield and Red Hopkins, charged with the murder of Dr. Smith at the Rockquarry last winter.

Important News Briefly Told

Events of General Interest Reported for the Convenience of Readers Who Are in a Hurry.

Arthur Hill Holmes, a well known grocer, prominently connected, was found dead in the office of his store early Friday afternoon, death having resulted from apoplexy.

Dr. Charles Alphonso Smith, of the department of English in the University of N. C., has accepted a call to the University of Virginia. The chair is that of English. Negotiations have been under way for a year. Dr. James A. Harrison having urged the appointment of Dr. Smith as soon as the former thought of retiring.

President Taft is going to Charlotte May 29th to attend the celebration in honor of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. An invitation to be the guest of the city was extended last week by a large delegation from Charlotte, which was made very happy by reason of the President's prompt affirmative reply.

Weary of the gay whirl of society and face to face as she believed with years of physical suffering, Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., aged 48, wife of the tobacco magnate, committed suicide by asphyxiation at her home near the fashionable DuPont Circle in Washington city Thursday. Her tragic death shocked the first social circles of the capital as has nothing else in years.

Joseph E. Hawk, a prominent lumber man, met a horrible and instantaneous death in his own mill near New Bern Friday morning. He went to the mill early on account of some repairs and was assisting in putting on a heavy belt when a set screw on the shaft caught his overcoat. He was whirled around the shaft and his life beat out against the floor and another shaft about two feet away.

In order to expedite discussion of the tariff bill in the House, unanimous consent was given Saturday that the sessions thereafter begin at 10 instead of 11 o'clock a. m.; that a recess should be taken at 6 and that resuming at 8 o'clock the sessions should continue until 10:30 p. m. each day. The request for unanimous consent was made by Mr. Payne, who said that there already were 40 or 50 members who had indicated their desire to speak.

Governor Kitchin has completed appointments in the inspector general's department, engineer's department and adjutant general's department. Appointments in the other departments will be announced in a few days. Brigadier General J. F. Armfield, commanding the first brigade, becomes adjutant general, and is succeeded by the former adjutant general, B. S. Royster, of Oxford. Assistant to Col. Thomas Stringfield, inspector general, are Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Harper, Major H. B. Parker, J. D. Gwyn, J. P. Meadows and William Badham. Col. J. L. Ludlow remains chief of engineers, his assistants being Lieutenant Colonel R. S. Neal and Majors Q. E. Smith, J. C. Mints and B. M. Coburn. The assistants to adjutant general are Col. Alfred Williams, Lieutenant Colonel R. L. Leinster and Majors A. A. Hicks, E. A. Daniel, Jr., and W. A. Foil. Adjutant General Thomas F. Robertson continues in service and will become chief of ordnance with rank of brigadier general, this being a new office created at the recent session of the Legislature.

Another Big Cotton Mill for Fayetteville

To Be Erected in the Near Future

Movement is on Foot to Erect a New 10,000 Spindle Factory Here—It is Almost a Certainty. Though the Names of the Promoters Are Not Announced.

Don't say Fayetteville is not booming and growing and destined to become a real big, bouncing, bustling business center for all this section of the State.

The latest news in line of manufacturing enterprises for Fayetteville is that in the future not far distant a new cotton mill of 10,000 spindles will be erected here. That the plan to build this big mill here will materialize is almost a dead certainty, but the names of the promoters have not yet been made public, nor has any organization whatever been effected. However, there will be something doing at a day not far distant. Hurrah, for Fayetteville!

REV. MR. HUSKE HEARD

Former Fayetteville Boy Preaches Able Sermon to Large Congregation at St. John's.

A congregation that filled the church assembled at St. John's last Wednesday evening to hear a sermon preached by a Fayetteville boy who has gone forth and made himself a power for good in other sections and has won distinction as a strong young preacher. The announcement that Bartholomew Fuller Huske is to preach in Fayetteville is heard with delight, not only by the congregation of the Episcopal church, but also by members of other denominations, for he is not without honor in his own city where everybody knew him as a boy—a youth of sterling worth and bright promise, one in whose integrity and piety all had confidence. He has gone out and has steadily grown in prominence and influence in the Episcopal church. He is now the able and popular rector of St. Paul's, at Greenville. Fayetteville is proud of the young clergyman, and justly.

Mr. Huske's text Wednesday night was Acts 5: 38, 39—"And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought, but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." The sermon divided all work into two classes, that of men and that of God. The central idea presented was that nothing is sure and steadfast and permanent except those things that be of God; things material and human shall pass, but the things of God shall remain. The fruitlessness of endeavor and achievement without relation to God was portrayed and the opportunity to do work for God, work that will be eternal in its effects and results, was emphasized. The sermon was of a distinctly high order, the effort of a man of no ordinary ability. Rev. Mr. Huske is a speaker of resonant voice and forceful delivery. His diction is choice, his construction logical. He speaks with eloquence and power. Rev. Mr. Huske is a son of Mr. A. S. Huske, of Fayetteville.

Maccabees Organize in Fayetteville.

Fayetteville Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, was organized last week, with about a score of charter members. The order starts off with promise of a bright career. The men are enthusiastic and their members will doubtless multiply.

The officers elected are the following Sir Knights:

- Past Com.—E. K. Wilson.
- Com.—J. W. Currie.
- Lieut. Com.—W. G. Copp.
- Record Keeper—J. T. Harrington.
- Finance Keeper—J. T. Harrington.
- Chaplain—H. S. Barnes.
- Physician—Dr. E. J. S. Scofield.
- Sergeant—R. J. Cain.
- Master-at-Arms—G. S. Davis.
- 1st M. of G.—A. B. Spencer, Jr.
- 2nd M. of G.—E. R. Jones.
- Sentinel—J. A. Carlyle.
- Picket—C. H. Caviness.

RETAIL MERCHANTS ORGANIZE

Officers Elected at Meeting Monday Afternoon—About 50 Charter Members.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the retail merchants and other business men of Fayetteville, held in the Court House Monday afternoon, the Fayetteville Retail Merchants' Association was organized with about 50 charter members. The organization was effected as a result of the efforts of Mr. E. E. Andrews, Secretary of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, who had secured the names of about 50 Fayetteville firms who were ready to become charter members of the association.

Mr. J. J. Powers, by request, acted as temporary chairman and Mr. R. D. Jones as temporary Secretary. Mr. Andrews in an interesting address stated the object of the meeting and explained the work and benefits of the Retail Merchants' Association, local and general. Then the election of officers was taken up and by unanimous vote the secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the body for Mr. H. R. Horne, Sr., for president. Mr. M. F. Shuford was elected vice-president. By vote the acting chairman was empowered to name a committee to retire and name a board of five directors. The committee was composed of the following: Messrs. J. H. Andersson, E. H. Jennings, L. C. Wooten, R. H. Upton and H. E. Sheetz. They reported the following board of directors: H. E. Sheetz, R. M. Jackson, J. O. Ellington, R. H. McDuffie and W. H. Dunn. The last named being a jobber and not a retail merchant, the name of J. H. Anderson was substituted.

The board of directors will elect a secretary. The next meeting will be held at the Fourth National Bank Friday night.

The organization starts out with bright promise.

CEDAR CREEK NEWS

Correspondence of The Index.

There has been very little doing at Cedar Creek this week. It seems to be one of those quiet times when there is no news to report.

The road force have nearly completed the Wilmington road as far as Mr. G. W. Jackson's farm. They have done a good job, and it is a pleasure to travel over the road. We hear that they are going next to the Newbern road, and we are sure the people on that road will be pleased to know this, as there is some deep sand on that road.

THE INDEX contest grows livelier every day, and it is interesting to see how hard the contestants are working for the prize. We wish that they could all be successful, as they are all doing their best to get subscribers.

We are glad to know that work on the new river bridge has been begun. The people on this side of the river will rejoice when they can get to Fayetteville again without having to cross a ferry.

JUVENUS.

Cedar Creek, March 29.

If you don't want to read THE INDEX yourself, your wife and children do.

Any Contestant May Get Votes Anywhere After this Date

Big Convention For Fayetteville.

Annual Meeting North Carolina Baptist Woman's Missionary Societies in March, 1910.

At the annual meeting of the N. C. Baptist Woman's Missionary Societies held in High Point last week it was decided to meet next year in Fayetteville. This Convention represents the 1900 Baptist churches in North Carolina. The attendance of delegates is about 200. There will be also prominent laymen of the denomination. The Fayetteville Baptists will have their new church complete and ready for this meeting in March 1910. These Baptist women raised last year more than \$20,000 for the various mission objects.

MARCH TERM OF COURT.

M. F. Scott, Insurance Agent, Gets Two Years in Penitentiary.

Cumberland Superior Court, which convened Monday of last week, adjourned Friday and Judge Adams left for his home at Carthage. Only criminal cases were tried at this term.

Among the cases disposed of are the following:

M. F. Scott, a well known insurance agent, charged with embezzlement in two cases, was convicted and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary in one case and judgment was suspended in the other; Albert McAllister, f. and a., 12 months on the roads; Settle Avery, f. and a., 12 months; Carrie Smith, house of ill fame, 12 months in jail; Paul Vines, larceny and receiving, 12 months on the roads; Add Melvin, retailing, 10 months on the roads; George Carter, perjury, 4 months; James Armfield, a. d. w., 5 months; Pearl Hair, f. and a., judgment suspended on payment of half the cost; Settle Avery, c. e. w., 4 months on the roads; Andrew Carter, larceny, 6 months. Sheriff Watson took to the State Penitentiary Saturday afternoon M. F. Scott the insurance agent, who was convicted last week of embezzlement and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

MILLINERY OPENINGS

Gorgeous and Brilliant Displays of Headgear in Fayetteville

Gorgeous and beautiful displays of handsome headgear in every conceivable shape, variety and style, hats, ribbons, flowers, fruits, plumes, feathers, birds, and what not, greeted the eye of the passerby for several days last week, in the windows of Fayetteville's millinery houses. All of them—W. E. Kindley & Co., J. H. Anderson, Miss Mary Smith, and Frank Thornton—had their formal spring millinery openings the same days. Those were gala days with the women folk. The stores were crowded. For exquisite beauty and richness the displays made by the Fayetteville milliners this season have never been surpassed, to be sure, if equalled.

ROBESON'S SOIL MAP.

The Robesonian. The soil map of Robeson county which was completed last summer by Mr. W. E. Hoar and assistants, of the Bureau of Soils, Washington D. C., in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, will be ready for free distribution within a comparatively short time. The field sections have been assembled into one map covering the entire county and all the different soil areas have been located thereon, and the work of engraving the map and printing the report will be pushed forward.

INDEX PRIZE CONTEST A "FREE FOR ALL FIGHT"

Subscribers Anywhere May Vote After To-Day for Any Lady in Any One of the Eight Districts—The Votes are Coming in More Lively than Ever Now—Watch Out for a Pleasant Surprise Next Week.

And still they are coming in by dozens and scores of thousands—votes in THE INDEX Prize Contest. Every week the race becomes more lively and the fun multiplies. But there is no telling yet who the seven ladies will be who get the seven gold watches (now to be seen in Frank Beasley's window) which The Index Printing Co. will give away April 20th, or who will be the lady to get the handsome writing desk now on exhibition at Brothers' furniture store. If you can tell who is going to do the most hustling you may guess who will win.

VOTE ANYWHERE.

After to-day (Wednesday) any person who pays a subscription to THE INDEX for a long time or short may vote for any lady he pleases in any one of the eight districts as explained below. That is, a man in District No. 1 may subscribe and cast his votes for a lady in District No. 8, etc.—no limitations as to where a person may vote after to-day—just so he votes for some one in one of the eight districts. This applies only to votes received after to-day.

We are not printing the votes this week. They will all be printed next week. In the meantime let all contestants hustle and spring some big surprises next week.

Read how it's done and then read the names of those who are doing it:

I. For the purposes of this contest we have arranged the territory into eight districts, as follows:

1. Cross Creek Township, Cumberland county.
2. All of Cumberland county east of the Cape Fear River.
3. Pearce's Mill, Gray's Creek and Rockfish Townships, Cumberland county.
4. All of Cumberland county west of the Cape Fear River except the townships named in the first and third districts.
5. Sampson county.
6. Bladen county.
7. Robeson county.
8. Harnett county.

II. Every dollar paid on subscription entitles the payer to cast 1,000 votes for any lady in the district in any one of the eight districts. Fifty cents entitles the payer to cast 500 votes and 25 cents to cast 250 votes.

III. Any reputable white lady may be voted for in this contest.

IV. Subscribers living outside of any of the districts named may vote in any district they choose. Persons who have already paid for the paper may vote now by sending in their ballots to THE INDEX. Those who have subscribed and did not pay can pay and vote as new subscribers.

V. The lady in each district receiving the highest number of votes in that district will receive the prize—a gold watch.

VI. The lady receiving the highest number of votes in the entire territory, that is, a winner over all, instead of receiving a Lady's Gold Watch will receive a handsome quarter sawed, highly polished and costly piece of furniture.

VII. Renewals will count just as new subscriptions.

Catholic Mission Concluded.

The mission services conducted and the series of lectures delivered by Father Price, of Raleigh, came to a close last Thursday night. Father Price is a most affable man and doubtless added to his already large number of friends hereabouts as well as strengthened the cause of his church here.