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ALL EYES TURNED TO SATURDAY'S STATE-WIDE PRIMARY--MANY CANDIDATES

WILL CLOSE HOT FIGHT FOR GOVERNORSHIP--LOCAL REPUBLICAN RACE FOR SHERIFF CLOSE--CONGRESSIONAL RACE AMONG DEMOCRATS INTERESTING.

The State-wide primary, in which Henderson will participate next Saturday, June 3rd, is the subject of greatest local interest this week, and for the moment wars and rumors of wars are forgotten.

The great fight within the State seems to be between Bicket and Daughtridge for governor, with the friends and supporters of Bicket seemingly the most active. The Hustler, taking no part in this fight, can express no opinion as to the outcome.

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that Shipman and most of the other State office incumbents will again receive the Democratic nomination.

Locally the fight of greatest interest on the Democratic side is that between the candidates for the State senate in this, the 32nd district, Henderson having the privilege of naming one of the candidates and Rutherford the other. Here the fight lies between R. M. Oates, T. B. Allen, J. Foy Justice, R. J. Lowndes and V. C. V. Shepherd. The fight is extremely vigorous and interesting.

The only other fight on the Democratic side is between R. E. L. Freeman and Carroll P. Rodgers for the Democratic nomination as representative to the State Legislature.

The Congressional fight is of interest only on the Democratic side; since Congressman Britt has no opponent within the Republican party and has been declared the nominee.

The fight between Honorables Sol. Gallert, Zeb Weaver and M. H. Justice and has reached a high pitch.

On the Republican side, there are a big bunch of Republican candidates for the nominations to various offices, as follows:

Sheriff--U. Grant Pace, T. L. Drake, Shack Anderson, H. D. Hyder, M. Alford Case, John N. Russell and J. G. Justus.

Tax Collector--W. F. Brown, E. B. Drake, R. P. Freeman, E. M. Mullinax, S. L. Jones, W. K. Ledbetter and Z. Z. Blythe.

County Commissioners--vote for three--Sidney J. Whitaker, John A. Maxwell, Jackson F. Stepp, T. A. W. Lyda, D. S. Pace, C. E. Canfield, John T. Stanton and P. T. Ward.

Coroner--Dr. B. F. Cliff and Dr. P. W. Sumner.

Surveyor--J. B. Paterson and Hen Revis.

Roosevelt Republicans Active.

The local Roosevelt Republicans will work with tickets at the polls and expect to carry the county for T. R. Similar work elsewhere is expected to land the North Carolina delegation for the Colonel.

Australian Ballot.

The new primary law specifies that the election shall be held under the Australian ballot system, thus ensuring secrecy for each voter as he makes up his ticket. The ONLY person permitted to be with the voter when he is making up his ticket is an election official, which the elector can summon to his assistance, if he finds assistance necessary.

TO HOLD COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HERE TWO WEEKS.

Prof. E. E. Hawkins and Miss Maggie Higgins to Have Charge of Work All Teachers Must Attend.

A two weeks session of county teachers' institute has been called by state superintendent J. Y. Joyner to be held at the court house in Hendersonville beginning Monday, June 12. E. E. Hawkins of Burnsville and Miss Maggie Higgins of Marion, N. C., will conduct the institute.

The law requires the continuous attendance of all public school high school, and graded school teachers, unless providential hindered, or unless such teachers attend an accredited summer school in lieu of an institution. A certificate of valid attendance will be issued to all who deserve it at the close of the institute.

Teachers are required to have character "Teaching the Common Branches," and the course of study.

ICE CREAM SUPPER FOR SCOUTS.

A very interesting meeting of the Boy Scouts was held in the "Rest Room" Monday night when several boys were accepted for membership.

The offer of the beautiful lawn at the Glendale as the place for the ice cream supper was accepted and a lot of thanks sent to Mr. and Mrs. Lester for their kind invitation to use the lawn.

The purpose of the festival is to secure funds for the erection of a camp house in Laurel Park. The people are requested to help boys in this way.

FERNWOOD WOODMEN HOLD INTERESTING MEETING.

Fernwood Camp, Modern Woodmen of America held an interesting session Monday evening. There were 56 members present, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and three candidates were inducted into the mysteries of the order. This organization is making plans for a rousing celebration on July 4th, at Hendersonville, and all the neighboring camps will be asked to participate. Promises of attendance have been given by the camp of 400 members at Asheville, and those at Saluda, Tuxedo and Canton. Practically all the funds necessary have been raised for the securing of uniforms for the drill team and the order will be mailed during the present week. They will be of dark blue with gold trimming and will be here in ample time for the celebration. Fernwood camp has had a phenomenal growth during the past several months and now has a membership of 130. The records show that this fraternal insurance order has added more than 60,000 new members during the present year.

BIBLE CLASS TO BUILD

The Men's Wesley Adult Bible class of the Hendersonville Methodist church having outgrown their present quarters, and it being impossible to find a room in the Sunday school adequate for its accommodation, decided some weeks ago to raise funds and erect a building in the grove of the church yard. The necessary amount is now in sight, and the material will be placed on the ground within the next two or three days. It is the purpose of the members of the class to meet at the church on next Wednesday morning, June 7th, and endeavor to erect and complete the building in one day. The ladies of the congregation have kindly offered to furnish dinner for the workmen on that day and it is earnestly hoped that every member of the class will either be present or send some one in his place to help with the work. The Hustler has been asked to say that while this is a Methodist class, any and all men who feel kindly towards such an undertaking are cordially invited to join with the class on that day. The building will, when finished, accommodate about 150 persons, and all men will receive a warm greeting who may enter its doors this summer.

DEATH OF JAMES J. HILL.

Great Railroad Builder and Capitalist Passed Away Monday.

St. Paul, May 29.—James J. Hill, railroad builder, capitalist and widely known citizen of the Northwest, died at his residence here at 9:30 o'clock this morning, as the result of an affection due to bowel trouble.

Mr. Hill was born on a farm near Guelph, Ont., in 1838, of Scotch-Irish parents. Under the hard work of the farm he grew up sturdy and healthy. Between the age of 7 and 14 years he attended an academy near his home, where he developed a marked aptitude for reading and study. His father's death when he was 14 years of age made it necessary for him to go to work as a clerk in the village store.

Mr. Hill began his wonderful career as a railroad genius with his acceptance of the agency of the St. Paul and Pacific Railway.

Mr. Hill's wealth is estimated at from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

Winter Squash Not Appreciated. Few appreciate the value of the southern winter squash, the cushaw. It keeps through winter in ordinary storage and rivals the sweet potato for pies and other table uses.

Warm Water for Hens. Notice how eager the hens are to drink when they first come off the roost in the morning. Water should be slightly warmed when the weather is cold.

Key to Poultry Success. The key to success with the flock this winter is clover or alfalfa hay and the root crop. Roots fed with the grain ration make both more valuable.

LUTHERAN SERVICES SUNDAY.

There will be Lutheran services at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Regular services will be held during the summer at the same hour each Sunday. Rev. F. Grover Morgan will preach.

THE CANDIDACY OF M. L. SHIPMAN

Endorsed for Re-election by Local and District Organizations.

(News & Observer, Nov. 14, 1915.)

The undersigned respectfully present the name of M. L. Shipman as a candidate to succeed himself as Commissioner of Labor and Printing. He is serving his second term, and we have heard only the highest praise of the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Department. Wherever duty called Mr. Shipman has shown himself equal to the occasion, and his actions have brought honor to the State and credit to himself. That he has doubly increased the usefulness of the Department is generally admitted. There appears little, if any, sentiment to displace him, and we wish merely to advise his friends that he will appreciate their support for re-election.

Mr. Shipman has not only made a capable official during the six years and half of his incumbency in the position, but he has also long been an effective party worker, both as editor and county and district chairman. We



M. L. SHIPMAN, Commissioner Labor and Printing.

Check his name on your ballot next Saturday.

appreciate his fighting qualities up here in the mountains and want to see him more adequately rewarded for the splendid service he has rendered the Democratic party and for his constant devotion to duty in the office he now so competently fills. He needs no introduction to the people of North Carolina, and we feel that our knowledge of their sense of justice warrants the sincere belief that Commissioner Shipman will be nominated by an overwhelming majority to succeed himself.

We believe it would be a serious mistake, from a business standpoint for the State, to retire Mr. Shipman at a time when he is best fitted to serve the people, and hope his numerous friends in various sections of the commonwealth will see to it that his interests are thoroughly protected.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) J. Scroop Styles, Michael Schenck, A. Cannon, E. W. Ewbank, R. M. Oates, C. E. Brooks, J. W. Bailey, J. Mack Rhodes, Otis Powers, Hendersonville, Oct. 28, 1915.

These signatures represent the district, county and city organizations of the Democratic party. Mr. Styles is the chairman of the Tenth District Executive Committee; Mr. Oates chairman of the County Executive Committee; Mr. Brooks, Mayor of Hendersonville; Mr. Powers, Chief of Police; Mr. Schenck, Solicitor of the Eighteenth Judicial District; Mr. Cannon, member of the State Board of Agriculture for the Tenth District; Mr. Bailey, express and ticket agent, president of the Greater Hendersonville Club and member of the city council; Mr. Rhodes, cashier of the First Bank and Trust Company; and Mr. Ewbank, president of the Citizens National Bank.

MRS. C. R. TRUAX PASSES AWAY.

Mother of Local Telephone Manager Dies After Stroke of Paralysis; Has Lived Here Several Years.

Mrs. C. R. Truax, aged 70, died Tuesday evening at 8:30, at her home on 5th avenue. Mrs. Truax suffered a stroke of paralysis on Sunday, May 2nd and on account of her age and feeble condition could not recover. She was conscious up until the time of her death but could not talk so she could be understood.

Surviving her are her husband, Mr. C. R. Truax and three sons, Charles, William and A. S. Truax, who is manager of the local telephone exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Truax came to Hendersonville several years ago to make their home with their son, and while here Mrs. Truax endeared herself to all who knew her, and will be sadly missed. The many friends of the bereaved family extend to them their heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

The interment will take place Friday in Montclair, N. J., the old home of Mrs. Truax.

SIX NEGROES FORCED TO LEAVE CITY ON ACCOUNT OF RACE LABOR TROUBLE; PROMINENT SOUTH CAROLINIAN VICTIM

Mr. D. H. Counts Gives His Side of Recent Labor Trouble

BIG RESORT EDITION OUT

THE MUTUAL PRINTING COMPANY ISSUES ONE OF THE BEST EDITIONS EVER PUBLISHED IN HENDERSONVILLE.

FAVORABLE COMMENTS

Citizens of City Are Well Pleased With the Work of Hustler Force. Aided by B. H. DePrist, Formerly of Shelby

The Hustler's 1916 Resort and Good Roads Edition was mailed to city readers on Monday and has been the subject of favorable comments on all sides. For which the paper is duly grateful.

All week the office force, with a few "extras," have been worked to the limit in folding and stapling the sections of the 40-page edition, in trimming the edges with big power cutters, and in mailing the edition to thousands of possible tourists to the South of us, to possible investors in the North and West and to our own folk in the county.

The magazine style of the 1916 Report Edition has met with general approval on the part of those who have seen it.

The printing was, for the most part, better than the press usually turns out, but the big cylinder bucked at times and the result was unsatisfactory with his or that cut. And it so happened that the subject of the "bad print" usually got that particular copy.

One prominent dentist, on opening his copy in the postoffice lobby, exclaimed to a friend—"Do you think I am really that ugly?" "Well—nit quite," was the response.

Another prominent dentist, Dr. A. H. Morey, had the worst luck of any, and it was not his fault, either. Not having a photograph of himself handy, and being too busy to visit Mr. Baker in time for the issue, The Hustler, unbeknownst to the doctor, requisitioned an old negative from Baker, which, it so happened, showed a month's stubby growth of beard, having been taken of Dr. Morey just after he had recovered from a severe illness and which he had had taken solely to send to his home folks back in Ohio. This was used in the edition, greatly to the good doctor's embarrassment. But the presses were stopped and the cut taken out as soon as the doctor set eyes upon the paper.

Extra copies of the booster edition have been printed and can be had at The Hustler office.

BEAR WALLOW.

(Special to The Hustler.)

Bear Wallow, June 1.—Paul Cockran, Orval Ponder, and several others, of Biltmore passed through this section Sunday on their way home from Chimney Rock.

T. B. Conner of Hendersonville was in this section recently. Joe Sinclair of Rutherfordton passed through here on his way home from Asheville, where he had been attending the Southern Baptist convention.

R. S. Huntley of Fairview, spent the past week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conner and children of Fairview spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Conner.

Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Freeman of Fruitland, have returned home after spending a few days with relatives here.

CARLSON MUST SERVE.

In the case of State vs. C. A. Carlson which was heard this week before the Supreme Court there was found no error. This means that Mr. Carlson will have to serve out his sentence in the State prison. The case created considerable interest throughout the county and was hard fought to the finish.

To the Editor of The Hustler:

My name is D. H. Counts. I live in Laurens, S. C. I have spent the summers in Hendersonville continuously for about thirty years, which I can verify by Captain Toms and J. L. Orr, of this city.

My sister, Mrs. S. H. Sanders, of Florence, S. C., recently concluded to build a summer home here. We bought a lot from Mr. W. A. Smith at Laurel Park. The agreement between us was that I should build the house and that we would divide the costs. I live within 75 miles of Hendersonville and she lives within 300 miles of this city. I came here on the 16th day of May and brought my own help with me, a big majority of which lived on my own farms in Laurens county, S. C., to do this work. In addition to this I employed three colored carpenters, who owed me more money than they could possibly have worked out on this job. I was to pay their railroad fare and credit their accounts for the balance.

We broke ground on the 16th May and everything ran smoothly for about a week. On Saturday last, May 27, a committee of white men supposed to be twelve or fifteen as estimated by the proprietor of the Blue Ridge Inn hotel, came to "wait on me" as I understand, to inform me that I must dispose of my colored labor.

I went to the sheriff of the county. He was not in his office. A young man, who informed me that he was a deputy said I could get no assistance from him. I went to Mr. Brooks, mayor of the city, and he said that he would see me at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I went to Mr. W. A. Smith from whom my lot was purchased and asked him for protection of my laborers. He replied that he could do nothing.

On Monday I took this matter up with Mayor Brooks over the phone and he told me that the sentiment was against my working colored labor. That same night Mr. W. A. Smith phoned me that there would be fifty men at my building the next morning to keep this labor from going to work. I said to him that this is a "devil of a country." His reply was that "we are doing here like they do in Georgia."

On the information from Mr. Smith, whom I had known for a good many years and believing him to be one of the leading citizens of Hendersonville, I took these negroes to the depot and purchased their tickets for Laurens, S. C., and sent them back to my farm.

I want to state that I am a South Carolina Democrat. I never did a thing in my life to advance the negro above a white man. I bought every dollar's worth of material that went into my house in the city of Hendersonville and paid spot cash for it. I wish to say that in conclusion that I am the last man living that would come to Hendersonville knowingly and violate any law, social, moral or civil.

I write this statement to put the matter clearly before the good citizens of Hendersonville.

Every tool chest on our place was broken open at night between the time we quit work on Saturday afternoon and Monday morning at the time we started to work, and the tools taken away. My paint and oils were destroyed, absolutely. I haven't the remotest idea who did this "dirty" work nor have I made any effort to find out the guilty parties. I leave this for the good citizenship of Hendersonville to do.

June 1, 1916.

D. H. COUNTS.

JUDGE ADAMS PRESIDING MAY CIVIL COURT TERM

The May term of civil court convened here Monday with Judge J. W. Adams presiding. A number of cases were non-suited. In the case of Savage vs. Savage an absolute divorce was granted and Mrs. Savage's maiden name was restored.

A full list of the cases tried at this term of court and their disposals will be published next week.

D. H. COUNTS, OF LAURENS, MEETS WITH OPPOSITION IN TRYING TO WORK HIS OWN HELP IN BUILDING SUMMER HOME IN LAUREL PARK; TOOLS STOLEN; PAINT DESTROYED.

Hendersonville is infested with a set or clique of men who apparently would do violence as an extreme measure in seeing that their desires are carried out. A particular case of this kind has been demonstrated in Laurel Park where Mr. D. H. Counts, a prominent planter and stock dealer of Laurens, S. C., was building a summer home under his personal supervision and had brought from his farm six negroes to help him with the work. At some time near midnight last Saturday (according to neighbors who live in the park) unknown parties visited the premises of Mr. Counts and his sister Mrs. S. H. Sanders of Florence, who expect to spend the summer in the house jointly, and stole all the tools and overturned all the paints and oils that could be found. The total loss to Mr. Counts is nearly \$50. He has been unable to secure any clue as to the individual who performed the deed.

Monday morning there was found on a sign made from a plank about six by nine inches long painted the inscription "RUN NEGROES" placed on the property. This of course caused the negroes Mr. Counts had brought with him, much uneasiness and an effort was made in receiving police or county protection, but with no encouragement. Mr. Counts stated that he had brought the negroes with him here mainly on account of the fact that they owed him money advanced for provisions, etc. He decided after what had taken place that it would be safer to send the colored brethren back home and possibly lose the \$200 which was owing him.

Mr. Counts states that he is not a contractor, and has never contracted a job of building in his life. He is a farmer and has had at one time hundreds of negroes working for him as well as many white men.

Last Saturday Mr. Counts was informed by his landlord, where he is boarding here, that there had been a committee of ten or fifteen white men waiting on him, but he had been detained longer than he expected on business at a local store. He could not find out who these men were. He was approached on the street by two men who would not give their names and was told that he had better get his negroes out of town. He was phoned by a prominent citizen one night last week that there would be fifty white men out at his home the next morning, if he did not move the negroes he was working, out of town.

Many leading citizens of Hendersonville feel that Mr. Counts has been done a great wrong and believe that there is a law that will protect him. If Mr. Counts had been a contractor or even was building a house for anyone else than himself and had employed negroes instead of white carpenters then it would have been a different case.

The fact that some person or persons actually broke the locks of Mr. Counts tool chests and took from them the working tools and also destroyed a quantity of paints and oils looks as if there is a lawless element at work in Hendersonville.

The officers of Hendersonville and county should use every effort in apprehending the guilty party.

Until the tools are returned a shadow of suspicion will remain upon a certain element of the working people of Hendersonville simply because some irresponsible person or persons had done a deed of violence in trying to destroy property, during a period of time when they (as a whole or large number) attempted to influence an individual in the pursuance of his work.

The best element of the city does not believe in placing the negro on any higher plane than he now stands. The principle of the whole occurrence was wrong in forcing the imported help of Mr. Counts to leave the city.

The Hustler believes in taking the side of the wronged and regardless of threats of any kinds will continue to stand up for the right, it matters not where the "chips may fall."