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REPUBLICANS MAY ENACT NEW LAW

Party Pledged in Platform to Prevention of Evils of Child Labor

WASHINGTON.—With the decision of the United States Supreme Court declaring unconstitutional the present Child Labor Law, the whole subject of child labor legislation is reopened in Congress. Sentiment among Republican members of the Senate strong for the initiation of a constitutional amendment, banning child labor. Republican leaders feel that the child labor law crusade has from the first been an essentially Republican fight, and there is no disposition to abandon it with the present setback.

Impetus is given to the movement for a constitutional amendment owing to the fact that the 1920 platform of the Republican party declared explicitly that in case the present law is found unconstitutional or ineffective, we shall seek other means to enable Congress to prevent the evils of child labor. The only difference of opinion now existing among Republican members of Congress is the question of the most effective manner of re-enacting legislation which will stick: The fight for child labor legislation was originally initiated in Congress by former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, who has just been nominated in Indiana as the Republican candidate for United States Senator. Success came slowly owing to the bitter opposition of southern cotton mill operators and their Democratic Senators and Congressmen. Investigations disclosed the fact that of 9 and 10 years were being worked long night shifts by southern mill owners. State authorities were either powerless or indifferent to cope with the evil, and it was felt that only by a mandatory federal law could the root of the condition be reached.

The agitation finally culminated in the enactment of a first Child Labor Law by Congress on Sept. 1, 1916. Although there was a strong Democratic majority in both houses of Congress in that year, the records show that in the final vote the House only 2 Republicans voted against the measure, as compared with 44 Democrats; in the Senate 2 Republicans and 10 Democrats are recorded against it. Of the members of committee on Labor in the House which reported out the measure, every Republican member supported the bill, while 3 Democratic members opposed it and turned a minority report. This measure attempted to end child labor by barring the products of child labor from interstate commerce.

Upon petition of North Carolina mill owners, the constitutionality of this first law was thrown into court and it was eventually declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court after being in operation only 273 days. The second child labor law (which has just met a similar fate) was enacted on February 25, 1919, as an amendment to the revenue bill. It attempted to end child labor by means of a 10 per cent tax upon the net profits of any establishment employing children under conditions prohibited by the former law. Again this measure was thrown into the courts at the insistence of Democratic mill owners of North Carolina.

In the meantime, the Republican party had been coping with the child labor evil from another angle. During the Taft administration, a Republican Congress established the Federal Children's Bureau, which has done much to awaken public opinion to the need of action. This bureau, when its existence was threatened in 1915-16, by the failure of the Democratic appropriations committee in House to provide funds for its continuance was saved by the aggressive fight which the Republican minority made on the floor of the House, under the leadership of former Representative Good of Iowa.

At the same time, the Republican child labor program has been continually furthered in the states. On Jan. 1, 1921, the records of the Children's Bureau showed that: Twenty-eight Republican states had minimum age laws prohibiting the employment of children under 14

HIGH SCHOOL FINALS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

Preparations for the Beaufort Graded School finals have been under way for some time and the indications now are that the commencement this year will be one of the best in the history of the school. Beginning Sunday with the sermon to the graduating class which will be delivered by Reverend W. A. Ayers, a well known Baptist minister of New Bern and closing Friday evening with the graduation exercises the entire program will be filled with interesting events. No doubt the capacity of the auditorium will be taxed to its utmost to take care of the crowds that will attend. Mrs. Bickett widow of the former Governor Bickett will speak Friday evening. The order of the commencement exercises will be as follows:

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock sermon by Reverend W. A. Ayers
Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock High School Play "Just For Fun,"
Thursday evening 6 o'clock pageant by Grammar and Primary grades on Courthouse green.
Friday morning at 11 o'clock address to graduating class by Mrs. Thos. W. Bickett.
Friday evening at 8 o'clock graduation exercises.

ARRANGEMENTS BEEN MADE FOR BASEBALL CLUB

At a meeting of baseball fans held Monday evening arrangements were started which will result in putting a Beaufort team in action at an early date. Two payers Charles Thomas an Oak Ridge student who played here last year and H. E. Coward of Kinston who was one of the catchers on last year's team, were signed for this season. Caffrey, Skarren and Guthrie, local men who played last year, will probably wear Beaufort uniforms again this season. The organization was perfected by naming the following officials: D. M. Jones, president; F. R. Seelye vice-president; C. H. Bushall, secretary-treasurer; J. V. Caffrey, temporary manager. The following were elected directors of the club: F. R. Seelye; J. E. Ramsey; W. A. Mace; W. H. Taylor; C. S. Maxwell; J. V. Caffrey; Nathan Garner; W. P. Smith; C. H. Bushall; D. M. Jones. Already several players have written here and made application for berths on the team. As soon as the organization is completed dates will be arranged with various towns in the eastern part of the State for games. It is thought by the backers of the team that several games will be played here in the month of June.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Register of Deeds Troy Morris has recently granted permits to the following couples:

Thos. E. Car Jr. of Southport and Georgia Wade of Morehead City;
Thos. Haskett and Margie Mason of Newport; Alex. Testo, Merrimon and Georgia Wade of Williston.

POTATOES ARE MOVING.

Potatoes have been on the local market here for several weeks but the first ones to leave for the large markets left here yesterday. There were 3 cars shipped and they went to Norfolk.

The days when growers got \$7 to \$10 a barrel are over but the News understands that the present prices of \$4.00 for the best grades afford some profit to the producer. Next week it is probable that the shipments from this section will be quite heavy. The total yield this year around here will be less than it usually is, according to all reports.

years; only twelve Democratic states prohibited it. Twenty-one Republican states had laws prohibiting children from working over 8 hours per day; only nine Democratic states had this prohibition. Twenty-eight Republican states had laws forbidding the employment of children under 16 in night work; only twelve Democratic states had such laws. Or, to take another angle, thirty-two Republican states had compulsory full term school laws, while only six Democratic states had such. Twenty-one Republican states had night school laws; only four Democratic states had such laws.

ENTRIES CLOSED FOR PRIMARIES

No Contests in Republican Ranks—Three in Democratic—Some Failed to Qualify

At midnight last Saturday the chance to become a candidate for a county office in the June primaries ended. Several who had announced themselves several weeks ago failed to send in their entry fees therefore either voluntarily or involuntarily left themselves out of the race.

A meeting of the County Board of Elections was held at the courthouse Tuesday and final arrangements made for the primaries. Where candidates had no opposition they were declared nominees and as a result of this action there will be very few contests. There are no contests at all among the Republicans and only three among the Democrats, those being over the office of sheriff, register of deeds and board of commissioners. As it now stands the following is a list of the various candidates:

Democrats,
House of Representatives, M. Leslie Davis, Clerk of Court L. W. Hassell, Register of Deeds, M. M. Pigott, John Hamilton, Sheriff T. C. Wade, J. H. Felton, Board of Commissioners, C. T. Chadwick, Alfred C. Whitehurst, J. M. Carraway, W. M. Webb, W. F. Taylor, H. H. Davis, Coroner H. D. Norcum, Surveyor, E. D. Hardesty.

Republicans,
House of Representatives, E. W. Hill, Clerk of Court, Charles H. Bushall, Register of Deeds, Troy Morris, Surveyor, Hugh Hill, Coroner Elijah Whitehurst, Sheriff C. G. Gaskill, Commissioners, J. L. Edwards, H. O. Piner, B. F. Small, C. G. Taylor, C. R. Wheatly.

ST. PAUL'S COMMENCEMENT BEGINS NEXT TUESDAY.

Tuesday May 30th 8 o'clock P. M. Piano and Orchestra Recital, School Auditorium.
Thursday, June 1st, at 8:30 P. M. Band Concert, on the Lawn.
Friday June 2nd 4 o'clock P. M. Class Day Exercises School Auditorium.

Saturday June 3rd 8 o'clock P. M. Junior and Senior Play "Merchant of Venice up to date" School Auditorium.
Sunday June 4th 11 o'clock A. M. Commencement Sermon by Reverend Alexander Miller, St. Paul's Church.
Sunday 6 o'clock P. M. Band Concert on the Lawn.
Monday 5th 8:30 P. M. graduating exercises.

All are cordially invited to be present.

COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR WHITE TEACHERS

There will be seven County Summer Schools for white teachers in the Northeastern section of the State this year. All prospective teachers holding certificates below the Elementary should attend a County Summer School in order to secure or raise their certificates. All teachers holding Elementary certificates may secure renewal credit by attending a County Summer School. Teachers holding one-year certificates should secure Summer School credit this year.

Teachers from any county may attend any one of the Summer Schools listed below. Write the County Superintendent for information concerning boarding arrangements.

The Summer School term is six weeks and teachers are urged to be present on the opening day.

County Summer Schools for teachers will be held at the following places and will begin on the date given.

Washington, N. C., May 25th, 1922
Trenton, N. C. June 12th, 1922.
Elizabeth City, N. C. June 12th;
Manteo, N. C. June 12th,
Chowan College (Murfreesboro) June 19th.
Jacksonville, June 26th.
Oriental, N. C. June 27th,
Miss Hattie Parrott,
Superintendent of Training.

Mr. Mountville Taylor of Sealevel was a business visitor here Wednesday.

CANDIDATE HOOD SPOKE SATURDAY

Republicans Endorse County Ticket And Listen TO Speech By Candidate For Congress

As was duly advertised a convention of Republican voters was held in the courthouse Saturday at noon the object of which was to endorse candidates for the various county offices. The convention was called to order by Chairman Clem H. Wade who called E. Walter Hill to act as chairman and Julius F. Duncan to act as secretary.

Chairman Hill addressed the convention in a short speech after which on motion a resolution and platform committee composed of J. F. Duncan, A. L. Wilson and W. G. Mebane was appointed. While the committee was out Reverend Thos. J. Hood who is the Republican candidate for Congress addressed the convention. Mr. Hood is a fluent speaker and his talk was highly enjoyed and liberally applauded. A motion offered by G. W. Duncan that all the Republican candidates in the primaries be endorsed as there was only one for each office was carried. A T. Gardner offered a motion which was passed that the present board of county commissioners be endorsed for re-election. W. G. Mebane was called on and spoke for about fifteen minutes on the record of the Harding administration and Congress.

The platform prepared by the committee was read to the convention and unanimously adopted. The platform reads as follows:

1.—We the Republicans of Carteret county in convention assembled at Beaufort this 20th day of May, 1922, do commend the administration of the Nation's affairs, being now reflected in the substantial savings in all departments

2.—We do heartily approve and commend to the people of Carteret county without distinction as to politics or gender the administration of the county's affairs by its present officials; and do submit that an exhibition of their official acts is a supreme endorsement of their efforts in behalf of a progressive and far seeing people.

3.—Upon the prospect of a continuance of the confidence of the people of the county, we do pledge to all the people an honest, efficient, economical, forward looking handling of all public matters. In this confidence we go to the people in the campaign, assured of the registration of a righteous verdict at the polls.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following realty transactions have been recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds:

W. S. Chadwick to Bank of Beaufort building and lot on Front street Beaufort, consideration \$8,000.

G. W. Duncan mortgage to W. G. Mebane 36 acres in Beaufort township, consideration \$2500.

W. G. Mebane to G. W. Duncan 36 acres in Beaufort township, consideration \$2500.

F. E. Simmons and others to R. H. Quinn 4 acres in Newport township consideration \$10.

John Marshall and wife to W. S. Bell tract of land in White Oak township, consideration \$10.

Irvin Moore and wife to Mildred Willis and others tract in White Oak township, consideration \$275.

Abram Moore and wife to M. W. Willis and others tract of land in White Oak township, consideration \$150.

Amanda E. Toler to Robert Smith 1-6 interest in 400 acres in Merrimon township, consideration \$70.31.

BIRTH OF INFANT.

The News is the recipient of a card announcing the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Graham Davis of Washington, D. C. The infant has been christened Cathrine Marie Threse Davis.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Annie B. Loftin and Miss Emily Loftin wish to thank the people of Beaufort and others for their kindness during the illness of Dr. F. B. Loftin:

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS HERE

Mr. S. H. Hobbs of Sampson county candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress spoke in the courthouse last night to a small crowd of men and women. The meeting had not been advertised and probably not many knew it was to take place. Mr. Hobbs makes a different speech from most Congressional candidates. He bases his claims to the nomination on his interest in the farming class of people. He favors a liberal extension of credit to farmers and has several suggestions as to how this may be done. He is a fluent and entertaining talker and had no difficulty in holding the attention of his audience.

BIG CELEBRATION IN BEAUFORT NEXT YEAR.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening in their headquarters. A number of matters were discussed; perhaps the ones of most interest to the public was that of getting the eastern bankers convention here this Summer, the fourth of July celebration and the Bicentennial celebration for next year. D. M. Jones was appointed chairman of the committee to ascertain if the business men here wanted a fourth of July celebration. U. E. Swann, J. A. Hornaday Jr. and W. G. Mebane were appointed a committee to confer with the Community club in regard to the bankers convention. Next year, unless something very remarkable should take place, will be the 200th birthday of the town of Beaufort. The Chamber of Commerce directors think this occasion should be celebrated in an impressive and appropriate manner. A sub committee to make some preliminary arrangements, composed of G. W. Huntley, W. L. Stancil and W. G. Mebane was appointed by President Seelye. It is recognized that to have the sort of celebration that will be fitting to the occasion will require a great deal of work and time and that the general plan should be laid as soon as possible.

IN POLICE COURT.

Luther and Bert Lloyd were tried before Mayor Bushall on Monday last on the charge of being drunk and disorderly Saturday night. The Mayor imposed a fine of \$15 and costs on Luther and \$10 and costs on Bert and as they did not have the money required they were sent to jail. Since then they have been taken out and will be given an opportunity to work out the fines.

ALLEGED ELOCKADER CAUGHT.

Lee West a colored citizen of Craven county was captured at a still near Harlowe Saturday by Prohibition Officer W. D. Allen and A. L. Wilson of New Port. He was brought to Beaufort and tried by U. S. Commissioner C. H. Bushall and bound over to federal court.

MUZZLE YOUR DOGS.

Chief of Police Longest has an advertisement in this issue of the News in which he calls attention to the ordinance requiring dogs to be muzzled in the Summer. The dogs may not like this but the Chief says the law must be enforced.

BIG TIME IN NEW EERN.

New Eern people are planning to have a big time next Thursday when Aaron Sapiro the cooperative marketing leader is to speak there. A barbecue, music and much speaking will constitute the program. Farmers and business men from Carteret are invited to attend.

LOANS FOR FARMERS.

The Carteret County National Farm Loan Association is now accepting applications in a limited number for loans from the Federal Land Bank. Our Association is limited in its allotments which are made every three months. Applications will be numbered as received and handled in the order in which they are made. For further information apply to W. L. Stancil, Secy.—Treas., Beaufort, N. C.

IMPORTANT DEAL IN REAL ESTATE

Bank Of Beaufort Acquires Valuable Front Street Property—May Build

One of the most important realty transactions that has occurred in Beaufort in quite a good while took place last Saturday when the Bank of Beaufort acquired a valuable piece of Front street property from W. S. Chadwick. The property to which reference is made is the two story brick building on the south side of Front street now occupied by the Bank of Beaufort, Rountree and Company and the Savoy Cafe. The frontage is 63 1-2 feet. It is understood that the piece paid for the property was \$18,000 and the general impression here seems to be that it is well worth that figure. The buildings alone would cost at present prices that much or possibly more.

The News understands that the bank people will make for the present some minor improvements to the building they have just bought, but that they have in view some very great improvements to be made in a year or so. The idea of the directors of the Bank of Beaufort is that the bank needs a larger and more convenient home and that the town needs a first class office building. While the matter has not been fully determined yet it may be that a combination office and bank building will be erected on the present site of the bank and the store next to it. On account of its location on the water front an office building here would be delightfully cool in Summer and with Southern exposure pleasant in Winter. It is generally recognized that Beaufort needs a modern office building with heat and elevator service and realty men here say that if the bank erects such a building it will have no difficulty in finding all the tenants needed to fill the structure. The impression among business men is that the deal just consummated will mean a big improvement to Front street within the next few years.

LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT TO SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN

County Superintendent of Education Wright has recently sent a letter to the School Committeemen which reads as follows:

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN OF CARTERET COUNTY.

I wish to call your attention to some new regulations just received by the State Board of Education.

1st.—All schools making an average daily attendance of less than thirty eight (38) pupils during the school year just past will be cut down to one teacher next year. The number has been thirty in the past.

Please find out whether or not this affects your school and be governed accordingly.

2nd.—Two High Schools, or two schools doing high school work, may not be established in the same township.

3rd.—There is no change in the salary schedule for the coming year. It will be the same that it was this year.

The School Law of North Carolina requires that the Superintendent and School Committeemen meet in joint session sometime in the Spring or early Summer for the purpose of electing teachers and discussing the needs of the school for the coming year. It is my plan to hold these meetings as early as possible. I will send you a notice a little later as to when and where the meeting for your district will be held.

I am sending you herewith enclosed a schedule of teacher salaries for this coming year. You will note from this schedule that certain certificates draw certain salaries, according to experience. You will remember that the board of Education several months ago, passed a resolution that no teachers would be hired for the coming year who hold below a State Certificate.

With best wishes, I am
Yours very truly
M. L. Wright.

Mr. C. S. Campen spent Tuesday in Morehead City.