

THE PRIMARY FOR COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE HELD AUG. 7

Another Primary for the Selection of Delegates to the State Congressional and Judicial Conventions was Called to be Held May 15. Convention May 19.

Rules Governing the Holding of the Primary for County and Legislative Offices were Adopted. Chairman Bell Makes Financial Report.

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The second primary which will be for the purpose of selecting county and legislative officers will be held August 7. The county convention will be held on the 15th.

If there is a second primary necessary to select any county officers it was decided to hold this on the 14th. The registration books will be open for 20 days and will close Saturday before the date for holding the primary election for county officers.

The hours for holding all primaries will be as follows: In the county, from 2 to 6 o'clock; in Charlotte from 2 to 8 o'clock. The hours at Huntersville, Matthews, Cornelius and Pineville will be the same as in Charlotte.

The chairman of each voting precinct was instructed to name two judges and one registrar. A motion was passed that all election officers certify on their returns the exact number of ballots cast.

The executive committee of the Democratic party of Mecklenburg county, met in the court house this morning at 11 o'clock.

Chairman James A. Bell called the committee to order. It was ascertained that a quorum was present, there being 16 of the 29 members present.

Those answering to their names were: W. I. Henderson, J. A. Fore, J. H. Ross, H. C. Severs, F. M. Shannonhouse, J. D. McCall, W. N. Peoples, James Sledge, T. A. Sequires, L. H. Robinson, F. V. Huey, C. B. Cross, Jonathan Reid, E. L. Reams, J. H. Sadler, Joe W. Grier, J. Walker Kirkpatrick, C. A. Spratt and W. S. Caldwell.

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Mr. W. C. Dowd moved that the chairman be authorized to go to Johnston county and secure the banner, which is Mecklenburg's by rights.

The chairman then read in detail the report of the treasurer of the executive committee which showed that after all expenses were paid, there still remains in the treasury \$211.16.

mittee decided that the dates suggested by Mr. Dowd would suit them and May 15 was selected as the date for holding the first primary and the convention the following Saturday, which is the 19th.

The next business before the committee was the selection of a date for holding the primary for the selection of county and legislative officers.

Mr. C. B. Cross suggested August 7 as the date for holding the primary and the Saturday, August 11 as the date for holding the convention.

It was here called to the attention of the committee by Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse that probably a second primary would have to be held in certain districts where there are several candidates. Therefore, he suggested that the date for holding the convention be the 15th of August and, if a second primary be necessary that be held on the 14th. This suggestion was agreed to and the above dates were selected for holding the primary for county and legislative officers.

The rules governing the holding of the primary election were then taken up. Chairman Bell suggested that the rules be taken up separately and be thus adopted. This suggestion was adopted.

The rules were then taken up separately and after certain changes they were made to read as follows:

The Rules. 1. That primaries be held in Mecklenburg county to express preferences for Democratic candidates for State, Congressional, Judicial, County, Legislative and Township officers.

2. That the candidates for legislative and county offices, delegates to County, Congressional and State Conventions be elected by a vote of the people in the respective precincts, and that such be elected by ballot.

3. That an executive committee of five be elected in each precinct in the primary, and that such election be by ballot.

4. That all qualified white voters who will support the nominees be invited to participate in such primary or primaries.

5. That a majority of all the votes cast for any office shall be necessary to nominate a candidate for such office.

6. That should there be a failure of nomination in the first primary a second one shall be held, and the two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes for any office for which no nomination is made shall be voted for in the second primary.

7. That any person who wishes to be a candidate in such primary may at least seven days before said primary is to be held file a paper in writing with the secretary of the committee, stating that he will abide the result of the primary and shall be required to furnish a fee to pay the expense of printing and distribution of tickets of \$5 dollars; provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to corner justices of the peace and constables in townships other than Charlotte township.

8. That the secretary shall make all proper announcements and have printed all tickets and attend to delivery of ticket at polling places in proper time.

9. That the names of the peace and constables shall be written or printed on one piece of paper, and no other ticket shall be voted or counted at such primary election.

FARMERS SAY TOO MANY TAGS FOUND IN FERTILIZERS

It is Alleged that This is Done in Order to Create the Idea that the Farmers are Using More Commercial Fertilizers than Usual.

This is Regarded as a Very Serious Matter with our Farmers and They will Take it up With the Department at Washington. A Good Meeting.

Two important matters were developed at the meeting of the Mecklenburg Cotton Growers' Association today—one is that there is an unusually large number of tags being used on the fertilizer sacks this year, and it is alleged that this is being done to create the impression that unusually large quantities of fertilizer are being used.

The second fact brought out is that there will be a reduction of 30 per cent from a crop of 2 years ago and 6 per cent decrease from the crop of 1905.

The matter of fertilizer tags created quite a sensation and was discussed by half a dozen members, the consensus of opinion being that too many tags are being used, and the association will take the matter up with the State Board of Agriculture to ascertain if possible, whether the use of so many tags, as alleged, is legal.

A motion was adopted that President Reid take the matter up at once with the department, to communicate the facts brought out at today's meeting, and to find out if there is anything illegal in the alleged free use of tags.

The association was called to order by President Reid at 11 o'clock. On the calling of the roll, the following townships were found to be represented: Charlotte, Berryhill, Steel Creek No. 1, Steel Creek No. 2, Sandis, Crab Orchard No. 1, Crab Orchard No. 2, Mallard Creek No. 2, Sharon, Long Creek, Morning Star and Dewese.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. Capt. S. B. Alexander, for the executive committee explained that the organization was really to be an assistant to the president. The man whom the committee first decided upon could not be secured so they had instructed the president to employ a man to aid him in the work of organization. The report was received and adopted.

A letter was read by the secretary from the chairman of the State Executive Committee, setting forth the necessity of more money for carrying on the work in the State.

The secretary reported that this county had paid the State organization all that was due up to the present month. About \$900 has been subscribed by business men and others in the city and vicinity to date.

A motion was adopted to have each township make its report as to the amounts collected and the amount still due. The treasurer then reported on initiation and bale levy receipts.

A communication was read from Mr. H. C. Long, chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Twentieth of May Celebration, asking the association to take a part in the celebration and contribute a float.

The matter was referred to the executive and finance committees, and the president and secretary.

DEATH OF MISS LEWIS HEATH.

Occurred at Bishopville—Funeral at Monroe this Morning. Special to The News. Monroe, April 7.—The funeral of Miss Lewis Heath took place at Central Methodist church at 10 o'clock this morning and the interment followed in the cemetery here. A large number of people attended the services at the church and followed the remains to their last resting place.

The death of Miss Heath occurred at Bishopville, S. C., Thursday and came as a distinct shock to the community, where she was so well known. She was always so full of life and happiness and spirit that it is hard to realize that she is now cold in death. But she was so gracious, kind and sweet that it is easy to picture her as, not dead, but only transferred to a better world and eternal happiness.

Miss Heath was a daughter of the late J. M. Heath of this county. She is survived by one brother, Mr. John D. Heath, and two sisters, Mrs. J. I. Kintz of Albemarle, and Mrs. Hargraves, of Monroe. She was a cousin of Messrs. Crow at this place and Messrs. B. D. and O. P. Heath, of Charlotte.

STRIKE IS RAPIDLY GOING TO PIECES

Only one Mine of Pittsburg Coal Company Idle. "Stand Pat" Organization Disrupted. Break in Ranks of Strikers. Clouds Clearing Away Rapidly.

Pittsburg, April 7.—With only one mine controlled by the Pittsburg Coal Company idle in the Pittsburg district, the disruption of the "Stand Pat" organization of the Independents last night, and the break in the ranks of the strikers in the Irwin field, the miners' strike, so far as the bituminous coal fields of Western Pennsylvania are concerned, is practically over.

The announcement was made today by the officials of the Mine Workers' Union that nine firms representing 3,000,000 tons of production, and employing 5,000 men, had signed an agreement and work will be resumed Monday.

Will "Stand Pat." Cleveland, O., April 7.—The Ohio coal operators in session here, decided to "Stand Pat" on the miners' strike and to offer no concessions whatever.

To Return Monday. Shamokin, Pa., April 7.—A number of Pennsylvania road employees who were laid off owing to the suspension of mining were today ordered to report for duty Monday. The miners believe this is an indication that the operators intend making some move which will cause President Mitchell to order the men to return to work.

CAMBRIDGE WON ANNUAL REGATTA

Race was on the Thames and the Time was 19 Minutes, 24 Seconds. Great Enthusiasm Over Aquatic Contest Between Two Great Universities.

London, April 7.—Cambridge won the University Boat race from Oxford on the Thames today. The time was 19 minutes, 24 seconds. The distance was a little over four, and a half miles. Cambridge won by three and a half lengths. Oxford struggled gamely, but the work was so puny that several collapsed at the end.

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Last year Oxford won by three lengths, rowing the course from Putney to Mortlake in 20 minutes, 35 seconds. At the outset this season Oxford was regarded as having the better chance of winning. Later, however, several members of the Oxford crew were incapacitated and in the betting yesterday Cambridge was the favorite.

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THOUSANDS ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER FROM VESUVIUS

New Craters Opening in Volcano. Populations of Towns and Villages Near Crater Stricken with Blanching Terror. Lava Surrounds Cities.

Streets Filled with Families Surrounded by Household Goods Anxiously Waiting Means of Escape. Prayers Offered for Those in Danger.

Naples, April 7.—Boscorease has been surrounded and invaded by lava and one stream is closely threatening Attajano. New craters are opening in the volcano.

The populations of the towns and villages near the danger zone are still stricken with great fear. Whole families surrounded by their household goods are waiting in the streets, hoping to find a cart horse or donkey to help them place their possessions beyond danger.

Many heart-rending scenes are witnessed. Artillery carts have been sent to help the fugitives. Cardinal Joseph Prisco, Archbishop of Naples, has ordered special prayers to be offered for the safety of those who are in danger.

MAY UNITE IN CELEBRATION. Effort to Be Made to Have Joint Celebration of Different Towns An Event of President's Visit.

Norfolk, April 7.—At the incident of the coming of President Roosevelt to Norfolk Decoration day, an effort will be made to have the Confederate Veterans camp of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley united this year in one large memorial celebration, the confederates joining with the Grand Army of the Republic and the army and navy in a union celebration; that day, heretofore the confederate camps of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley have been holding separate memorial day celebrations.

GOVERNOR KILLED BY BOMB. While Passing Through Street, M. Slepstzoff Was Suddenly Killed by Explosion of Bomb.

Tver, Province of Tver, Russia, April 7.—While the governor of Tver, M. Slepstzoff, was passing through the principal street of the town at three o'clock this afternoon, he was killed by the explosion of a bomb.

Governor Slepstzoff was regarded as a very reactionary official and was held responsible for the beatings administered to the intelligentsia by the "Black Hundreds" last fall.

The body of the Governor who was in his carriage when he was assassinated, was terribly mutilated and his coachman seriously injured.

POSTAL CONGRESS FOUNDED. Representatives All Over World Present at Inauguration of International Postal Congress.

Washington, April 7.—President Roosevelt has notified the delegation which invited him to attend the annual convention of the League of American Municipalities at Chicago next September that he will be unable to accept the invitation. In his letter of declination, which was sent to Mayor Rhetz, of Charleston, S. C., he expressed interest in the work of the convention, but said he could not attend it.

Roosevelt Party Arrives. Savannah, April 7.—Mrs. Roosevelt and party reached Savannah this morning from the West Indies. They will leave this afternoon for Washington.

COMPANIES CHARTERED.

Companies at Wachington and Salisbury Chartered.—Goldboro Named As Place For Union Depot. Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 7.—The People's Investment and Protective Company of Washington, N. C., was chartered at \$50,000 capital to do a general wholesale, retail and mercantile business. C. E. Askey being the principal incorporator.

An amendment was allowed for the charter of the People's Bank and Trust Company of Salisbury, for an increase in capital of from \$60,000 to \$75,000. D. R. Julian, president.

The corporation commission received notice from the Atlantic Coast Line, Southern and Atlantic & North Carolina railroad companies this afternoon that they had agreed on a location for a union depot at Goldsboro, it to be in the western suburb of the town the tracks to skirt the town rather than traverse the main street as at present. A map showing the location of the proposed site is filed, their selection being subject to the approval of the commission.

In the superior court today there was a pitiful case in which Frank Gilbert, a white boy who came here from Greensboro pleaded guilty of stealing a watch from Mrs. G. L. Pike who had befriended him by providing him a home for a few days. R. H. Ayers of Pittsboro entered a plea for the boy that he was of an excellent family and the Judge had received letters from two of the boy's sisters in Chatham county pleading for their brother. Judge Council stated that there was evidently need for him to deal out some punishment to the boy as a correction. He regretted that the state did not have some place of correction for boys and passed sentence that he be sent out to the county farm for six months.

Late last afternoon Ben Williams convicted last week was brought before Judge Council in the Superior court and sentenced to be hanged May 25 for the murder of Alex Clark, a negro brakeman on the Seaboard Air Line who came to Raleigh from Petersburg. Appeal was taken to the Supreme Court because of a refusal of the Judge to grant a new trial on account of newly discovered evidence a feature of which is that Williams was in such condition that he should not be held accountable.

Garfield Williams, another negro who was convicted last week of the murder of Chas. Bunch, colored, by having kicked him in the abdomen during an affray at a disreputable house, death having resulted in a few days, was also brought before Judge Council and sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary.

TRAVELED IN DISGUISE. Russian Youth Fled From Persecution and Came to America.—To Join His Foster Father.

New York, April 7.—When Maxim Gorky, the Russian patriot arrives here from Russia next week, he will be met at the pier by his adopted son, Nicholas Zavoisky Pieshokoff, 22 years old, who fled from St. Petersburg a year ago to escape persecution by a secret agent of the Russian Government, who, except for a few months when disguised as a tramp, when he visited many cities on foot, has been living in seclusion on the East Side.

Young Pieshokoff is now employed in the mailing room of a Socialist magazine, of this city, and is living in a small room in East Side. Upon the arrival of the Russian novelist, he will leave East Side, and join his foster father to make a tour of the country.

Pieshokoff first met Gorky eight years ago when he went to the novelist and told him of his longing for an education. Gorky took him into his home and assumed the direction of his education.

Fourth Class Postmasters. By Associated Press. Washington, April 7.—Fourth class postmasters appointed are for Alabama, at Emerson, Anna E. Hurley; for Florida at Stempier, George Pette-way; for Georgia, at Bickley, Harley W. Bennett; at Phelps, Silas W. Hote; for North Carolina, at Fish Creek, Malcolm M. Black; for Virginia, at Bealton, Matilda J. Rogers; at Sowers, Willie Sowers.

Cotton Bringing 11.35. The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 15 bales and the best price was 11.35. For the same day last year the receipts amounted to 271 bales and the best price was 7.75.

MORE VICTIMS ARE TAKEN FROM MINE

Eleven More Bodies were Taken From Courrieres Mine To-day. Horse Found Alive After 27 Days of Entombment. Indignation Against Management.

YELLOW JACK AGAIN APPEARS IN SOUTH. IS AT KENNER, LA.

Alarming Report Proves to be Truth and the States of Louisiana and Mississippi are Thrown into Fear Again Reporter to Governor.

Early Appearance of Fever is Cause for Dread that Plague May Develop this Summer. Dr. White Reports Case. Precaution Taken.

By Associated Press. Jackson, Miss., April 7.—Governor Vardaman received a letter from Surgeon White in New Orleans, stating that notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, a fever patient at Kenner, La., was suffering from yellow fever. Dr. White states that he has seen the patient and that there is no doubt that the case is yellow fever. He notified the government of Mississippi, he adds because he felt it his duty to do so.

EXTENSION OF CAR LINE. To Build Park.—Lutheran Synod to Meet May 3rd.—A "Sack Social" Donation Received.—Popular Couple Wed.—Other News Notes.

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., March 7.—Capt. Charles M. Henderlite has been awarded the contract to build an extension to the Salisbury-Spencer car line to Fulton Heights. This is to be done by the Emithen Development Co., and a park, boulevard, etc., will be established at once. It is to be to Salisbury what Dilworth is to Charlotte.

The Lutheran Synod of North Carolina will begin its sessions on May 3rd in St. John's church, Cabarrus county, that congregation having reconsidered and will entertain this body.

The Sunbeam Society of the First Methodist church will give a "Sack Social" tomorrow evening at the parsonage.

The increase in postal receipts at the Salisbury postoffice for the year ending March 31st were over \$5,000. The treasurer of the local lodge of Heptasophs yesterday received a check for \$5,000 for the heirs of the late Capt. J. A. Mahaley, who was a member of this order.

The citizens of the thriving little village of Granite Quarry are going to install a telephone register at that place.

A marriage of interest here was that of Miss Pearl Monroe, the youngest daughter of ex-sheriff J. M. Monroe and Mr. I. A. Kidd, a popular machinist at the Spencer shops. They have gone to Northern cities to spend their honeymoon.

The reformed church of this city will observe Holy Week next week. Services will be held each night.

ONE-FIFTH IN COTTON. The Other Four-Fifths in Corn Wheat and Oats. The News man always gets something out of "Peg Leg" Graham. This morning he and Mr. G. W. Williamson of Paw Creek stopped the reporter on the square to tell him about their crops. The latter has a brag crop of onions which he claims to be the finest in the country. On a half acre of land he planted 26 bushels.

"Peg Leg" has apportioned his farming land into 23 acres of wheat and oats, 15 acres in corn and 10 acres of cotton and one ton of fertilizer.

Green-Gaynor. By Associated Press. Savannah, April 7.—W. W. Osborne, for the defense, consumed the entire morning session of the Federal court in addressing the jury in the Greene and Gaynor trial.

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