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Result of Congressional Conventions.

Democratic congressional conventions were held yesterday in the third, fourth, eighth and ninth districts. The sixth district is yet to act. The result of the ninth district convention, according to the Charlotte Observer, is as follows: The ninth district Democratic convention in session here today nominated Edwin Yates Webb of Shelby to succeed himself in Congress for the sixth time. E. Randolph Preston was named for district 4 and G. Ellis Gardner of Yancey was endorsed as elector for the State at large. The following delegates were elected to the Baltimore convention with a half vote each: Chase Baenzler, Charlotte; W. A. Self, Hickory; Guy V. Roberts, Marshall; and W. C. Ervin, Morganton. The delegation is unopposed as regards presidential preference. In accepting the nomination Mr. Webb made a speech lasting about forty minutes. He spoke of the record of the present Congress and scored Roosevelt and Taft. He was followed by Ellis Gardner and E. R. Preston, who made a few red-hot remarks. The convention was very harmonious and each county sent a large and enthusiastic delegation.

BUSINESS LOCALS

THE NICEST stair carpet you have seen. Bowles & Martin. WANTED—Men and boys to learn Automobile business. Good position for competent men. All want agents for Pullman cars. Carolina Auto School, Charlotte, N. C. PICTURES! the nicest you have seen and easels also. Bowles & Martin. Autos for hire. Anywhere you want to go. C. T. Morrison. Phone No. 145. THINK of a roll foot bed 7 ft. high, bevel plate mirror 22x28 on dresser, wash stand to match all for \$23.00. Bowles & Martin. FOR SALE—15 acres 2 1/2 miles northeast of Hickory. Fine spring. Small orchard. Apply to Mrs. Adly Huffman, Hickory, N. C. 664t. A FEW porch rockers left the \$2.50 kind for \$2.00 while they last. Bowles & Martin. FOR SALE—10 acres 2 1/3 miles from depot, on Catawba Springs road. Box 232. THE NEWEST thing out in umbrella stands. Bowles & Martin. WANTED—To buy from the farmer cabbage, garden peas, onions and other vegetables. Call and see us. Merchants Provision Co. Furnished room for rent, close in. Apply to Box 334, 5-2-tf. THE NEW rugs and druggetts are beauties. Bowles & Martin. See H. H. Townsend at the old Gas Hahn place for fresh fish direct from Norfolk. You will find these fish something extra. H. H. Townsend has bought the old Gas Hahn eating place and is now serving nice lunches as follows: Soup and crackers 5c; fried fish rolls 5c and 10c, chicken and rolls 5c and 10c. A FEW hammocks left at the special price. Bowles & Martin. FOR SALE—Pure bred Duroc Jersey Pigs. H. L. Seitz, 5-2-tf. Hickory, N. C. R. 1. FOR SALE—A good 5-room cottage, water works complete. Located in good neighborhood, one block from public square and 2 blocks from 5 of our churches & our Graded School. J. T. JOHNSON. 1120-15th. Hickory N. C. 5-2-4tf. WANTED—Take a thirty-day course in our sample rooms, and enter the cotton business. High salaried positions. Write for endorsements. Carolina Cotton Schools, Dept. X, 31 East Fourth street, Charlotte, N. C.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Roddey T. Ingold is now living in Texarkana, Ark. Tex. The chains and posts that have been around Park Place have been removed. Mrs. R. P. Bowles, of Durant Okla., is visiting relatives in the city. Mr. Richard Erwing, of Atlanta, Ga., spent several days in town this week. Miss Annie Flanagan, of Charlotte, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Taylor. Mr. Harold Shuford returned from the University of North Carolina Wednesday. Miss Dora Williams has returned from Georgia, where she spent two weeks at her home. Mr. George E. Craig, of this city and Mr. W. L. Mackie, of Caldwell, spent Sunday at Catawba. Miss Upchurch, the efficient saleslady of Tompson-West Co., spent Sunday with her parents in Raleigh. United States Senator George S. Nixon of Nevada died at 10 o'clock last night in a Washington hospital. Rev. Dr. W. A. Dutton and Prof. A. P. Whisenant have both recently bought fine farms in Long View. Mr. John Lowe has gone to Detroit to work in one of the biggest axle factories in the United States. Mr. Clarence Whitener, who recently underwent an operation at Statesville for appendicitis, is improving rapidly. Miss Clara Bowles is spending a few days in Gastonia as a delegate from the M. E. church to the convention there. Theodore Roosevelt yesterday in the South Dakota primary carried the state for president by a majority of 15,000. Announcement was made last Sunday of a revival meeting at the First Methodist church on the third Sunday in this month. Miss Verlie Winkler, of Charlotte, spent Tuesday in the city en-route to her home in Boone, where she will spend the summer. F. D. Meadows and family, of Fours Knob, Wilkes county, visited his brother-in-law, M. J. W. Bowles, a few days last week. Miss Bess Truxal left Wednesday. Mrs. Ellis, of Knoxville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mott and the latter will accompany her mother home for a visit next week. Miss Elizabeth Abernethy will have her fifteenth birthday party Saturday afternoon at 4:30, and a number of her little friends will have a good time. Woodmen of the World erected a monument to the late Edgar Bumgardner at Newton Sunday. The Hickory camp attended. Mr. W. C. Feimster making an address and Miss Bertha Bradshaw reciting. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cilley a girl. Mrs. Cilley selects the name Mary for the little visitor though Mr. Cilley preferred the name of a flower, either Crimson Rambler, Deadly Night Shade or Night Blooming Serious. A good delegation of both Wilson and Underwood men attended the State Convention at Raleigh, June 6, among others being Judge Council, Messrs W. A. Self, Z. B. Buchanan, D. H. Russell, Clarence Whitener, W. J. Shuford. Newton also sent a good delegation. The Presbyterian Sunday school picnic was held as usual in the Shuford woods near Ex-Sheriff Boyd's home Tuesday. Pastor Garth and Supt. Geo. W. Hall looked carefully after the children's pleasures, chief of which was wading in the branch. The dinner was sufficient for two picnics. The acorn banks were broken for missionary money and \$25. was the aggregate. Attention is called to the half page ad of the Southern Auction and Realty Co. of Greensboro, which is advertising the auction sale of valuable lots at Conover on Tuesday, June 11. Conover is one of the coming towns of Catawba county, and this sale offers a good chance for investment. Mr. Andrews, the manager of the Realty company, is one of the ablest real estate men in the State, and his judgement on a good thing in real estate is well worth taking.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tharp, of Elkin, were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Bowles for a few days last week.

The Craig Special passed through yesterday at 1 o'clock as the second section of No. 22. It was loaded with Buncombe routers for the next Governor. nesday of last week for her home in DuBoes, Pa., after having spent three months with her sister, Mrs. Isaac Rich of this city. Mrs. Truxal made many friends during her stay in Hickory who regretted to see her leave. Among the scores of bidders for the Hickory township road bonds was the First National Bank of this city, which offered to take the entire issue of \$50,000 at a premium of 101, that is a \$10 premium on every \$1,000 bond. The fact that a home institution bid for the bonds shows the strength of the bank as well as confidence in the integrity of the township. The day is gone when local banks feared to invest in home enterprises. A number of new books have been ordered for the Hickory library. The ladies of the town are planning to give during the summer a series of entertainments for the benefit of the library. Several current magazines have been placed in the reading room of the library, and everybody is invited to make use of the reading room. The library is open every afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, and the librarian will be glad to assist you in selecting interesting and helpful reading matter. J. C. Martin is the name of a new furniture house in this city. The stand will be in the same building with the Lanier Mercantile Co. Mr. Martin, who recently severed his connection with the Bowles & Martin Furniture Co., has just returned from High Point where he made large purchases. He has three car loads of furniture on the way here, and next week will be prepared to serve his friends and the public in anything in the general house furnishing line, including carpets, rugs, etc. The Democrat wishes him the greatest success in this enterprise. Mr. Henry Vanstory, proprietor of Connelly Springs Hotel, expects one of the best seasons in the history of the hotel. Already the advance guard of the summer travel is beginning to come in. The railroad schedules are excellent now for Hickory young people to attend the dances. Mr. Vanstory says, and he looks for a large attendance from here, Hickoryites can leave at 7 a. m., 11:30 a. m., or 4:30 p. m., for the hotel and get back at 10:10 p. m., thus being able to spend any part of a day they wish there. The Connelly Springs water is strong in valuable mineral properties and is being shipped all over the country. The Western North Carolina Epworth League Assembly met in Statesville last Tuesday and held session until Friday noon. A large number of interesting and profitable lectures and sermons were delivered. Among them were: An address by Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. E. L. Bain of Winston-Salem; Dr. T. F. Marr of Charlotte; Mr. Walter Neal of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Revs. O. P. Ader, J. Frank Armstrong, C. S. Kirkpatrick, R. E. Atkinson and J. O. Erwin. Mr. A. M. West, of this city, conducted a round table discussion and participated in several open discussions, and Mr. Auburn H. Setzer, of this place, presented the work and purpose of the Methodist Training School of Nashville, Tenn. The delegates were often talking of Hickory's fine entertainment last year. The following special from Kinston dated June 4 concerns young Perry Stallings, well known here: "Perry Stallings, 16 year old son of Mr. J. B. Stallings, a prominate tobacco buyer of this city was stabbed and instantly killed about 7 o'clock this evening on Queen street by young Charlie Randolph. The boys were quarreling and blows followed, after which young Randolph stabbed Stallings under the left shoulder blade, puncturing the arteria. The boys belong to prominent families, and much excitement is being created by the fatality. Young Randolph was lodged in jail but an effort will be made to have a quiet preliminary trial in an endeavor to secure bail." Young Stallings and his sister, Miss Lillian, spent a winter here at Mr. Dave Witherspoon's, who is a relative.

Obituary.

Arthur L. Bost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bost of this city was born Nov. 29, 1887 and departed this life June 1. Brought up in the doctrines of the Lutheran church he remained faithful to his church until death. He was a member of class 15 of the Sunday school, from which class the pall-bearers were chosen, viz. Terry Burns, David Isenhour, Loyd and Earl Whitener, Paul Huffman and D.L. as Whitener. Three years ago he located at Baltimore, where he engaged in an honorable occupation. A little over a year ago he united in marriage with Miss Callie Raines and to this union one child was born. Last February he became stricken with tuberculosis of the throat. His decline was rapid and death came Saturday at 5:30 a. m. His funeral was preached from Holy Trinity June 2nd at 3 p. m. in the presence of many sympathizing friends. There are left to mourn his loving parents, his affectionate wife and child, two brothers and two sisters. In the cemetery his body awaits the resurrection. National Democratic Convention Baltimore, Md., June 25th-27th, 1912, via Seaboard Air Line Railway. The Seaboard Air Line Railway will operate special sleeping cars Rutherfordton-Shelby-Lincolnton & Charlotte to the National Democratic Convention in Baltimore. Cars will leave these points on afternoon of June 24th. We have arranged to park these cars at Baltimore so that passengers can occupy in Baltimore, thus avoiding the great expense of Hotel bills while in this city. The rate for the round trip from Rutherfordton \$15.85, Shelby \$15.45, Lincolnton \$14.80, Charlotte \$14.20. This does not include Pullman. These cars will be chartered for \$45.00 per day and \$5.00 per day package charge; counting twenty five people to the car it will make it cost each occupant \$2.00 per day. The trip will consist of about five days making your total sleeping car both ways, and occupancy while in Baltimore just \$10.00. This is far cheaper than you could get otherwise. For reservation in these cars write J. M. Carson, Rutherfordton or the undersigned, James Ker Jr. T. P. A. S. A. L.; Charlotte, N. C.

Hookworm Specialist Here.

It is a great advantage to this section to have here for several weeks campaign, Dr. Platt W. Covington and his microscopist, Mr. Kolbe Curtis, of the state hookworm campaign. Their itinerary of the county is to be found in their ad in this issue of the paper. Their headquarters here are at the city hall, where they can be found on Tuesdays. A number of cases have been examined by them already, one was a girl 16 years old who weighed only 60 pounds. The treatment is free and all those who have the symptoms of this really dangerous disease should call on the specialist. It may mean the saving of a life. Analysis of Water from Hicanoca Springs, City Park, Hickory, N. C. Analysis Grains per U. S. gal. Calcium sulphate 16.625 Calcium bicarbonate 6.317 Magnesium sulphate 6.972 Iron sulphate (ferrous) 1.921 Potassium sulphate 3.843 Sodium hydroxylphosphate 1.610 Potassium chloride .517 Sodium chloride .732 Sodium phosphate .290 Silica .017 Magnesium chloride .201 Lithium chloride .Trace Total 38.932 The specific gravity is 1.0045 The water is practically clear, showing a slight turbidity. It has no odor; has a mineral taste; is neutral to ordinary indicators. It is free from any disease germs; contains no decaying organic matter in the form of nitrates or albuminoid ammonia. It contains no free ammonia. Only a very slight test for nitrates was found. The water is hence pure for drinking purposes. F. E. Randolph, Ph. D. Analytical Chemist. Formerly Instructor in Analytical Chemistry in the University of North Carolina; later Carnegie Research Assistant. My daughter had been down a week with Flux, and was very sick. I procured Dr. King's Diarrhoea and Dysentery Cordial and cured her with four doses. GEORGE HICKS. Handy to have for sudden attacks. 25c., sold by all dealers. In this issue is published the analysis of the water of Hicanoca Spring in the city park, which Mr. Huffman, of the Huffry, was at pains to have opened not long ago. It is a splendid mineral water. The Democrat hears that the city fathers are considering having the spring closed up but hopes such action will not be taken. The water is valuable and will make a splendid additional attraction for our already beautiful park.

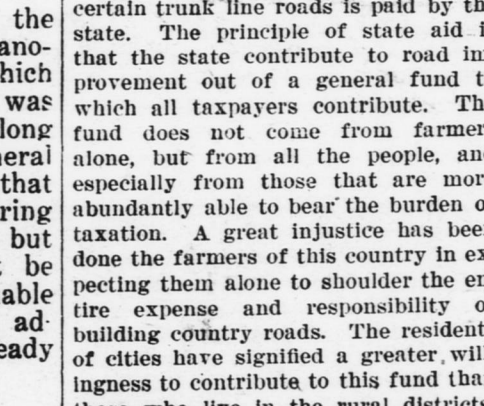
Home Course In Road Making

IV.—State Aid In Road Improvement. By LOGAN WALLER PAGE, Director Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture. Copyright by American Press Association, 1912. THE principle of state aid and state supervision seems to offer the best solution of the road problem. The first state to adopt state aid was New Jersey, a law having been passed by the legislature of that state in 1891. Since that time about two-thirds of the states of the Union have adopted some form of state aid or state supervision. In order to receive the aid of the state the counties or townships are required to pay a portion of the cost. This amount varies in the different states from 25 to 50 per cent, but in some of the states the whole cost of certain trunk line roads is paid by the state. The principle of state aid is that the state contribute to road improvement out of a general fund to which all taxpayers contribute. The fund does not come from farmers alone, but from those that are more abundantly able to bear the burden of taxation. A great injustice has been done the farmers of this country in expecting them alone to shoulder the entire expense and responsibility of building country roads. The residents of cities have signified a greater willingness to contribute to this fund than those who live in the rural districts notwithstanding the fact that practically all the state aid laws prohibit the use of the money within the limits of cities and towns. State aid tends to equalize the burden of taxation. Every one who uses a highway or receives any benefit from it should contribute to the cost of its improvement. The farmer is not the only one who uses the country roads or receives benefit from them. They are also used by the country merchant, the lumber dealer, the itinerant peddler, the village doctor, the commercial salesman, by the wheelman and the automobilist, and to a greater or lesser extent by the entire people. The city dweller cannot live without his daily supplies from the farm, and he must pay daily and in cash the greater share of all extra cost attending their transportation. Some of the state highway departments are operated on a purely political basis, and it very frequently happens that the highway commissioners, as well as their subordinates, are removed from office for purely political reasons, no matter how efficient or competent they may be. This is the most serious defect in our state aid system. Any law providing for state supervision and state aid should be so framed as to remove its administration as far as possible from the influence of partisan politics. A plan that seems to be meeting with general approval is one which provides for a nonpaid, nonpartisan and technically competent commission that consists, for instance, of a professor of civil engineering from one of the leading universities or colleges of the state, the state geologist and one civilian member to be appointed by the governor. A commission thus constituted has a majority of its members selected because of their training and ability and without reference to their political affiliations. The civilian member appointed by the governor should bring to the commission the business ability essential to the proper and economic organization and prosecution of its work. At the same time, so long as the governor could appoint only the minority of the commission and the same being nonpaid, there would be little inducement to make the position one of political preferment. The actual work of a state highway department should be under the direction of one man possessing technical qualifications, experience and executive ability. This official should be appointed by the governor. He should be a civil engineer, skilled and experienced in road construction and maintenance, and his salary should be fixed by the commission. His position should be permanent, and he should not be removed except for incompetence or malfeasance in office.

The state highway engineer should be empowered to appoint all of his assistants after proper examination and with the advice and consent of the commission, to receive all bids and to award contracts, to supervise the work of construction and maintenance, and, in fact, he should be given full authority in all executive work of the department. The state highway engineer should prepare a map of such of the main highways of the state as should most properly constitute a system of state or trunk line roads to be improved either in part or wholly by the state. State road improvement should be carried forward with the ultimate idea of developing a continuous system of trunk lines running throughout the state and connecting, if possible, with similar trunk line roads in adjacent states and with the necessary lateral roads in each county. The state highway engineer should be given authority to call on county or township road officials for information concerning the roads under their supervision, and it should be made mandatory on such officials to furnish such information upon request. This is very desirable, as it is necessary for the state highway department to keep posted as to conditions existing in different counties. In most of the state aid laws the initiative in obtaining state aid rests with the county or township authorities. This is a wise provision, because, in the first place, the local authorities are in better position to know what roads it will be to the greatest advantage of the county or township to improve, and, in the second place, they are best able to determine the extent of the county's ability to share in the expense of such an improvement. Another consideration of great importance in this connection is that if the initiative were to rest entirely with the state there would be a certainty of conflict of authority between the state and the counties, resulting in the ultimate failure of the state aid plan. The only case in which the roads can be built by the state without the full and hearty co-operation of the counties or townships is where the state pays the entire cost of building and maintaining the roads. Most of the laws provide that state aid shall not be granted until the application of the local authorities has been approved by the state engineer, which enables the engineer to exercise a sort of supervisory power over the selection of the roads to be improved, to the end that the various roads throughout the state shall conform to a general system. All surveys, plans, specifications and estimates for state roads and bridges should be made by the state highway engineer's office, thus insuring uniformity and a high degree of excellence. All improvements to cost over, say, \$2,000 should be let to contract, as it has been found that this means economy both in time and money and with proper supervision will usually give better results than could be obtained otherwise. Some of the states provide that the whole cost shall be paid in the first instance by the state, the counties or townships being required to reimburse the state for their share at a fixed time after the road is improved. Bridges and culverts should be considered as a part of the road and the state should aid in their construction within proper limitations in the same manner as for the road itself. When the work is let to contract the contractor must necessarily advance money in the performance of his contract and is therefore entitled to receive partial payments thereon as the same progresses, but not over 85 per cent of the contract price of the work should be paid in advance of its full completion and acceptance. The state highway engineer should be required to keep all roads built by the aid of the state in proper repair, the total cost of such repairs to be paid by the state, the counties and townships to reimburse the state in the same manner as for the construction of the road. The reason for this is that road maintenance is of as great or even greater importance than road construction, and the best roads if neglected soon go to ruin. It is utterly useless to establish a state highway system without at the same time providing an adequate source of revenue. Unless there is a surplus in the treasury for this purpose a special tax should be levied or a state bond issue should be authorized. On the theory that automobiles are destructive to improved roads most of the state aid states provide that the proceeds of automobile licenses over and above the expenses connected with issuing such licenses be applied to the state highway fund and used for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the roads.



A STATE AID ROAD IN NEW JERSEY.



A STATE ROAD IN CONNECTICUT.

Not Paint.

The worst mistake in painting is not putting-off. That costs about 10 percent; you keep your money a year and pay 10 percent for it. Paint would have to come-down 25 percent to make 10 percent on the job, for wages do not go-down. The worst mistake is "cheap" paint. It costs from 50 percent to 100, first cost, and another in wear. What a liar "cheap" is! "Put-off" is bad enough; "cheap" is ten times worse. DEVOE F. B. Ingold sells it. Death of Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Jake Wilson dropped dead Monday at 3 o'clock of dropsy of the heart. She has been ill for eight months since the birth of her baby, which, with the bereaved husband, survive. The funeral was held at Houck's Chapel Sunday afternoon. Each age of our lives has its joys. Old people should be happy, and they will be if Chamberlain's Tablets are taken to strengthen the digestion and keep the bowels regular. These tablets are mild and gentle in their action and especially suitable for people of middle age and older. For sale by all dealers. Sermon to the City Firemen. On next Sunday at 11 o'clock the city firemen will attend the First Methodist church in a body at which time Rev. D. M. Litaker will preach their annual sermon. The public is invited. When your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and is safe and sure. For sale by all dealers. Mr. G. E. Lineberry, Educational Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, spoke at the Baptist church Sunday morning. His address was on the subject of the power of the mother in the home. Mr. Lineberry spent a day or two here in the interest of Meredith College. Mr. Gordon Cilley, of Philadelphia will spend next week here with relatives.

IMPORTANT

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Notice of Sale Under Execution.

North Carolina, Catawba County, In Superior Court. E. D. Ekard, vs. Otis Vanderburg. Notice of Sale Under Execution. By virtue of an execution to the undersigned from the Superior court of Catawba county in the above entitled action, I will, on Saturday, the Sixth day of July, 1912, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said Otis Vanderburg, the Defendant has in the following described real estate, viz: A certain brick Dwelling occupied as a residence by the family of the aforesaid Otis Vanderburg, located in the eastern portion of the city of Hickory, and in Hickory township, Catawba county, N. C., adjoining the lands of James Sigmon, Walter Hahn and others. This property is very desirable and is a large and much coveted lot, containing between one and two acres and located on the North side of and adjoining Highland Avenue. This 4th day of June, 1912. R. L. HEWITT, Sheriff. Per J. P. BURNS, Deputy. D. L. Russell, Atty.

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