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## OUR DISTRICTS AND VOTES.

Tables Showing Districts of Which Davidson is a Part, and Conventional Strength of Each County.

As a matter of information and convenience for our readers we print below a list of the counties composing the Congressional and Judicial Districts of which Davidson county forms a part. The vote for Governor in the last election and the number of conventional votes to which each county is entitled are also given.

### STATE CONVENTION.

In the State convention, which is to be held in Greensboro on Wednesday, July 16th, Davidson county has sixteen votes.

### 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The time and place for holding the Congressional convention has not yet been decided upon. Below will be found the counties of the district and their votes in the convention:

County	Dem. Vote for Gov.	Delegates
Anson	2,015	40
Davidson	2,406	48
Davie	956	19
Montgomery	1,341	27
Moore	1,890	38
Randolph	2,468	49
Richmond	1,645	33
Scotland	1,065	21
Union	2,379	48
Yadkin	1,011	20

### TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

The Judicial convention will be held in Salisbury on Thursday, June 19th. The counties in this district (which is the 10th) and their votes in the convention follow:

County	Dem. Vote for Gov.	Delegates
Montgomery	1,341	27
Iredell	2,779	56
Rowan	3,157	63
Davidson	2,406	48
Stanly	1,453	29
Randolph	2,468	49
Davie	956	19
Yadkin	1,011	20

### CARNEGIE'S OFFER.

Will Pay for the Philippines if Independence is Declared.

Washington, Thursday, 15.—Much discussion has been aroused here by the story printed in New York to-day that Andrew Carnegie had offered to furnish the twenty million dollars this country paid Spain for the Philippines, if by that means he could be enabled to assure the Filipinos their independence, which would ultimately be acknowledged by the United States.

The statement was made by George F. Seward, of New York, president of the Fidelity Casualty Co., who is a warm friend of Carnegie. He says Carnegie is the original anti-imperialist.

It is added that Carnegie went to McKinley before Spain signed and said he was convinced that we were forcing a war on the Filipinos. He wanted to be sent to the Philippines with full powers to promise the Filipinos independence, and on those conditions he would himself pay the treaty price.

### Miss Hankins to Wed.

The following invitations were received here Monday by many friends of the parties concerned in the event below recited:

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Hankins request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their sister, Rebecca Pearle,

to Mr. William Garland Upchurch, Wednesday morning, June eleventh, nineteen hundred and two, at ten o'clock, Baptist Church, Lexington, N. C.

At Home after June eleventh, Raleigh, N. C.

A reception will be held on Tuesday night, June 10th, from nine to twelve o'clock.

### Death of "Grandma" Young.

Mrs. Margaret Young, of Jubilee, this county, died Monday night of old age. She was 89 years old and over 300 lineal descendants. She has 15 great-grandchildren and up to within the past year has enjoyed excellent health.

Dorsett & Brindle, liverymen, lost another horse last night by death. This makes the seventeenth horse they have had to die since they have been in business here.

## LOCOMOTIVE RUNS AWAY.

Fireman Holton Jumps and is Seriously Wounded.

About 2:30 o'clock last Thursday morning an engine and tender pulled up on the siding to Lexington depot. The engine had been pulling a freight, but was cut loose from the train for some purpose. The engineer got out of his cab and entered the depot for the purpose of receiving orders. While he was absent the fireman, a young man named A. E. Holton, was alone on the engine. He was toying with the machinery and presently the engine was started. In a few moments a terrible speed was attained and the engine and tender rushed on the main line at the rate of seventy miles an hour. The fireman was badly frightened and when near the Nokomis Cotton mills he jumped from the engine, landing with terrific force upon the ground. It is said he bounced fully fifty feet from where he first struck the earth. He was not killed, but his face was terribly lacerated and he received a contusion on the head, rendering him unconscious for a long time. In fact he was in a comatose condition for two or three days and is even yet critical.

He was brought to Lexington and carried to the Central Hotel, where he was given medical attention. It was learned that the young man's name was A. E. Holton, a son of R. E. Holton, of Yadkinville, and a nephew of district attorney Holton.

The run-a-way engine was given the right of way and a clear track to Greensboro, but fortunately ran out of steam a few miles from Lexington.

At four o'clock a freight engine and crew were sent to the point to get the runaway engine off of the main line onto a siding. While this crew was attending to this job another freight came dashing along and crashed into the rescuing engine, and the run-a-way engine and freight was then smashed up. No one was killed and the track was open for travel as soon as possible.

### IS THIS LOCUST YEAR?

Department at Washington Says It is and That North Carolina is in the List.

Large numbers of seventeen year locusts have made their appearance in Washington, and reports of similar visitation have reached the Department of Agriculture from Altoona, Pa., and Nashville, Tenn. The Department sent 5,000 postal cards throughout the country asking for immediate reports on the first appearance of the locusts. The department has a full record of their appearance in 1885, and its experts know where to look for them this week.

According to the charts, Maryland and Indiana, with the adjoining counties of their neighbor States, are to be most effected by the pest. The department entomologists say that young nursery trees and young shoots of mature trees are all that will sustain injury from the visitation of the locusts, and that there is no cause for alarm over their appearance. It is anticipated that the locust will be reported from other portions of Pennsylvania and Tennessee, and from New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and possibly a few other localities.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Lexington at March House on Wednesday, June 25th, for one day only. His practice is limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Drink Cin-cho—healthful, refreshing and invigorating—at J. B. Smith's.

Messrs. W. H. Bowers and Frank Kindley returned last week from Texas, where they have been visiting relatives.

## WANTED—HOUSES.

A House Famine in Lexington—Twenty Families Want to Come Here—No Place to Live.

Wanted—at once—some of our monied people to begin the erection of twenty-five or more dwelling houses in Lexington. The necessity is urgent, the people want to come here, and they must have shelter.

Seriously, this town must have more dwelling houses. There is not a vacant residence in the incorporate limits and there are daily enquires from parties who desire to move here. The Elk Furniture Co.'s plant is nearing completion, the Southern Brass Co.'s works will soon be finished, new stores are going up—in fact there is a general business revival in the town. The Superintendent of the Elk tells us their plant will furnish employment to about twenty families and the Brass Co. will also be the means of bringing several families to Lexington. The question is, where are these people to live? The houses are certainly not here now and there is but one way to get them—build. This is a very important matter and it should receive the serious consideration of our property owners.

### New Advertisements.

It's hardly necessary to call attention to Mr. J. F. Ward's new advertisement this week—like the goods he sells, it speaks for itself. When you trade at Ward's you always get the best and most up-to-date goods and at prices that can't be lowered.

Mrs. E. E. Stoudermeire is offering some special prices in furniture for the next 30 days. She now has a well selected stock of goods and it will pay you to visit her before buying. Read her advertisement elsewhere.

The March House Store is meeting with deserved success. If you are looking for quality and style, with the price to suit the purse, you will be pleased with what you buy from Geo. A. Adderton & Co. An advertisement of their store is printed elsewhere in to-day's paper.

Mrs. Amanda Davis yet has a number of beautiful hats that are sure to please the ladies. She offers the hats at a bargain as will be seen by reading her ad.

A. E. Sheets & Co., want you to inspect their line of silverware before buying elsewhere. Their ad. will give particulars.

Mrs. T. L. Moore offers her entire stock of millinery at greatly reduced prices as she desires to close out. See her advertisement.

### Progressive Citizens.

In the columns of The Dispatch will be found the names of the most progressive merchants of Lexington—men who make our town a live town, one that is ever ready to extend the hand of welcome to home-seekers. The merchant who advertises not only reaps benefits for himself, but he helps each reader of the paper—he tells them what to buy, when to buy and where to buy. It is also a fact that in these progressive days the merchant who advertises is the one who sells his goods at a lower profit than those who do not. Readers of papers are realizing this truth and today the men who are doing the most judicious advertising are the men who are getting the bulk of the trade.

### His Shoes Stolen.

A car inspector lost his shoes in a ludicrous manner at the depot here last night. He was sitting on the platform and was tired and sleepy. His shoes were also hurting his feet and he drew them off and set them beside him, while he leaned back and slumbered. He was awakened by an approaching train, and grabbed for his shoes in a hurry, but they were gone—some one had stolen them while he slumbered. The inspector boarded the train in his stocking-feet and went on his way to Salisbury.

## CONVENTION DAY, JUNE 19.

Primaries to be Held on Saturday, May 31st.

A meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Davidson county was held in the office of the chairman here last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was well attended, was entirely harmonious and it was the consensus of opinion of the committee that the prospects are bright for a Democratic victory in the coming election.

The committee instructed the chairman to call a county convention of Democrats to be held in the court house in Lexington on Saturday, June 7th, at 1 o'clock, p. m. The convention is for the purpose of electing delegates to the State, congressional, judicial and senatorial conventions, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention.

The township primaries will be held at the usual places in each township, on Saturday, May 31st, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention. All Democratic voters are invited and urged to attend their primaries and select good and representative men to send to the county convention.

### AN ENTIRE FAMILY MURDERED.

All Dead Except a Helpless Baby.

St. Augustine, Fla., May 19.—Crazed by his infatuation for little Abitha McCullough, a 13-year-old girl, Wm. Austin, a young man, killed the girl and four other persons, and then committed suicide, in a lonely farm house of Wm. Wilkinson, near Hastings, a thriving settlement 13 miles from this city, at 3 o'clock this morning. The dead are: Wm. Wilkinson, aged 52; Mrs. Wilkinson his wife; Miss Abitha McCullough, aged 13; Miss Wilkinson, a sister of Wm. Wilkinson; a child, name not learned; Wm. Austin, the murderer and suicide, aged 25.

The crime was first discovered by John Keller, who visited the Wilkinson house this morning. He found six corpses, scarcely cold, and but one living witness to the tragedy, a helpless infant. Austin had been madly infatuated with the McCullough girl, who lived with the Wilkinson family, and it is claimed that he killed the entire family because his advances were rejected and his desire to wed the girl was opposed. He went to the Wilkinson home Friday night and proposed marriage to Abitha McCullough. He was rejected and vowing he would marry her, hurried to this city and on Saturday procured a marriage license. He went to church on Sunday night and told everyone he met that he was to be married that night. About three o'clock this morning several pistol shots were heard, but no one went to investigate. Wilkinson failed to appear this morning at a neighbor's house, where he was engaged in harvesting a crop of potatoes, and John Keller, a farm hand, was sent to learn the cause of his absence. He found the whole family murdered and Austin with a bullet hole in his breast and the revolver clutched in his hand. Word of the tragedy was brought to this city on the morning train and Sheriff Perry and the coroner went to the scene of the tragedy. The unharmed infant was found in bed beside its dead mother.

### Church Appointments.

We are requested to publish the following announcement:

Mr. W. H. Causey will supply the Lower Davidson Charge of the Reformed church during his Senior vacation. His address will be McKee, N. C.

The following are the appointments in the charge:

On the first Sunday services at Jerusalem at 11 o'clock, a. m., and at Hedrick's Grove at 3 p. m.; second Sunday, services at Mt. Carmel; third, Mt. Tabor; fourth, Beck's Church, 11 a. m., and Hedrick's Grove at 3 p. m.; fifth Sunday Hedrick's Grove.

## MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The County Board of Education met in Lexington Saturday, May 17th. A great deal of the business presented to the board was disposed of and much work shaped up for action at future meeting. The following districts were consolidated or discontinued: District 3 and 4, white, Conrad Hill township, were consolidated and steps taken to secure site for school house. No. 1, colored, Reedy Creek township, and No. 5, Lexington township, were consolidated. No. 1, colored, Hampton township, was discontinued and the children attached to colored district in Arcata township. No. 1, colored, in Alleghany, was discontinued and the children attached to colored district in Jackson Hill. Appropriations were made to several districts to build new houses and other districts will receive aid from the county fund. Applications are made to build a number of new houses.

Several small districts in the county should be eliminated or consolidated with others.

With larger districts, better houses and good teachers a great deal of good can be accomplished with the amount of funds at our disposal. The Superintendent was authorized and instructed to hold township meetings in the several townships of the county. Teachers will be required to attend the meetings held in their respective townships. Committees will be invited and urged to be present and the public will be welcome.

These meetings will be held as soon as convenient after the July meeting of the board of education, and will be followed by a County Teachers Institute held at Lexington, at which teachers will be required to attend continuously or be deprived of the privilege of teaching in the public schools of the county the coming scholastic year.

P. L. LEDFORD.

### A PYTHIAN PILGRIMAGE.

One of the big movements of history will be that of the Knight of Pythias of the United States in August next, when from all directions they will advance on San Francisco and California. The National Convention of the Order, which is held every two years, will take place in San Francisco, August, 10th-20th, and great times are promised all the Knights and their ladies who get there at that time. Not only the members of the Order in California, but State and city officials are up and doing, and their greeting to the visitors will be extended with a hospitality that will make every one glad he is a pilgrim. All sorts of side trips are planned, incidentally, including sights of the orange groves and the olive and prune and almond orchards of the great Pacific State, and glimpses of Lake Tahoe, one of the highest lakes in the world, way up in the Sierra; of far-famed Yosemite; of Hotel del Monte; of the Lick Observatory, and hundreds of other spots worth seeing and knowing about. Just now the Nation with its Oriental responsibilities is facing west, and the Pythians are wise to go as far as they can, and see and learn about the State that forms the Nation's western front. The railroads will make especially reasonable rates for the assembly; already prospective excursionists from this locality are making their railroad arrangements.

### A BIG BRICK CONTRACT.

Mr. Cecil Will Make Several Million Brick at Greensboro.

Mr. D. K. Cecil, of Lexington, last week contracted with Mr. Caesar Cone, of Greensboro, for the manufacture of six million or more brick. Mr. Cecil is shipping one of his machines to Greensboro and will go to work at once. This is one of the largest contracts for the manufacture of brick that he has ever received.

## A GREAT COAL MINE DISASTER.

Between 125 and 225 Lives Lost—Only one of the Large Number of Men Who Went Into the Mine is Alive.

Coal Creek, Tenn., May 19.—The worst disaster in the history of Tennessee mining occurred at 7:20 o'clock this morning, when between 175 and 225 men and boys met instant death at the mine two miles west of town as a result of a gas explosion. Out of the large number of men and boys who went to work this morning, developments at 10 o'clock to-night show that only one is alive and he is so badly injured that he cannot live. This man was Wm. Morgan, an aged Englishman, who was a road man in the mine and was blown out of the entrance by the force of the explosion. One hundred and seventy-five miners were checked in for work. In addition to these were boys who acted as helpers and drivers, roadmen and others, to the number of perhaps 50. Fraterville Mine is the oldest mine in the Coal Creek district, having been opened in 1870. It is fully three miles from the mine's opening to the point where the men were at work. They had not been at work long before the terrible explosion occurred. There was a fearful roar and then flames shot from the entrance and the air shaft. News of the disaster spread like wild fire, but as soon as possible, two rescuing parties were started in.

The scenes at the mouth of the mine while the workers were within, were beyond description. Business had been suspended in Coal Creek and all its mines, as soon as the news of the disaster became known, and men, women, children, gathered around the Fraterville entrance. Women whose husbands and sons were within were wild with grief. All day the rescuers toiled at the slate obstruction and not until 5 o'clock this evening did the force gain entrance through it. Up to that hour only five dead bodies had been recovered and hope was still high that many within were safe. The hopes of the living were doomed, for when once the rescuers could enter and proceeded, they walked through a continuous tomb of death. There was no sign of life. Every man had perished, they believed, although it will be tomorrow morning before all the rooms can be entered. Eight dead bodies were first recovered and these were sent to Coal Creek. Twenty-six more were soon found. They were not disfigured beyond identification and each corpse as it was borne from the mouth of the gigantic tomb was surrounded by eager crowds of relatives of the men who were entombed. The mine was not on fire, except in remote portions, and all bodies were easily reached. —Charlotte Observer.

### TO INDICT OFFICERS.

Salisbury Sun.

Three revenue officers of this section will be indicted by relatives of the late Mrs. Ulysses Whitley, of Big Lick. It will be remembered that one night last week revenue officers went to the home of Mr. Whitley near Big Lick and scared his wife so badly that she died of convulsions as a result of the fright. Her relatives allege that the manner of the officers in entering the house with weapons drawn was entirely unwarranted and the death of the woman was due to the unnecessary display of violence on the part of the officers. Counsel has already been employed by the relatives of the deceased and we are informed that some of the ablest lawyers in this section of the State will be added to the counsel for the State.

Mr. J. R. Osborn, tax-lister for Abbott's Creek township, will attend at the following places and times for the purpose of receiving the taxable property and poll: Shady Grove 3rd; Hayworth's mill, June 4th; Teague town, June 6th; Wallburg, June 7th.