

THE LEGALIZED PRIMARY.

Law Provides How It Shall Be Conducted, and No Nominations Made Other Than by Rules Will Be Legal—Essential Features of County Law.

The last legislature passed a real legalized primary law for Union county. It is Chapter 850, Public Laws, session of 1909. Managers and party officials should get posted on this law, as it is not discretionary with them, but must be obeyed. The important features of the law are given below:

SECTION 1. That every political primary election held by any political party, organization or association for the purpose of choosing candidates for State, congressional, district, county, city and township officers shall be presided over and conducted in the manner prescribed by the rules of the political party, organization or association holding such primary election, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, by three managers, selected in the manner prescribed by the rules of the party holding such primary election. Such managers shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, each take and subscribe an oath that he will faithfully, impartially and honestly conduct the same according to the rules of such party and the provisions of this act. Should one or more of the managers appointed to hold such election fail to appear on the day of the election, the remaining manager or managers shall appoint others in their stead and administer to them the oath herein prescribed. The manager shall take the oath herein prescribed before a notary public or justice of the peace or other officer authorized to administer oaths, but if no such officer can be conveniently found the managers may administer the oath to each other.

SEC. 2. Before any ballots are received at such election, and immediately before opening the polls, such manager shall open each ballot box to be used in such election and exhibit the same publicly to show that there are no ballots in such box. They shall then close, lock or seal the box, except the opening to receive the ballots, and shall not again open same until the close of the election. They shall keep a poll list, with the name of each voter voting in said election, and shall, if a voter is challenged for any cause by any elector, before receiving his ballot, administer to the voter an oath that he is duly qualified to vote and that he has not voted before in such election and will abide by the result of the primary; and at the close of the election they shall proceed publicly to count the votes and declare the result.

SEC. 4. Any manager who shall be guilty of unlawfully violating any of the duties devolving upon such position herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or imprisonment not to exceed six months; and any manager who shall be guilty of fraud or corruption in the management of such election shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 5. Any voter who shall swear falsely in taking the prescribed oath, or shall perjure another person and take the oath in his name, in order to vote, shall be guilty of perjury.

SEC. 8. If any voter, having participated in one party primary election, shall vote or attempt to vote in a different party primary election held for a similar purpose during the same political campaign, he shall be guilty of fraudulent voting, and upon conviction shall be punished in the same manner and to the same extent as if he had voted illegally in a general election; and if any voter, having voted once in said primary election, shall vote or attempt to vote a second time in the said election, at the same or different polls, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. If any person shall attempt to influence the vote of another by the use of any intoxicating liquors, or if bribe be offered to bribe any voter by the promise of anything as a reward to be delivered or as a service to be performed prior to, at the time of, or subsequent to such primary election, and any person who shall accept any bribe or other thing of value for his vote or influence in such primary election shall be guilty

of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 10. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell or give away any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, beer or cider within such county or city during the time of holding a primary election under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 12. The polls shall be open on the day of the primary election for such length of time and at such places as the executive committee of the party holding such primary election may name, and no longer; and each elector whose name shall appear upon the registration book or on the certified copy of the registration book, and who shall not be challenged and rejected, and such others as may be qualified as hereinbefore set out, shall be entitled to vote. A space of not more than fifty feet in every direction from the polls or room in which such primary election is held shall be kept clear of all persons except the election officers herein provided for, which space may, if the executive committee of the party holding the said primary election so direct in any precinct or city polling place, be railed or roped off, with a narrow passage leading to and from the polls; and each elector may be required to approach the polls from one direction through the said passage, and, after his ballot is deposited in the box, with as little delay as possible, to depart by the passage leading from the polls. Only one elector shall enter said passage leading to the polls at one time. After the elector has entered the passage, no one except the election officers or the challengers herein provided for shall be permitted to speak to him or make any signs to him, nor shall he be permitted to speak or make signs to anyone except the election officers or challengers until his ballot has been deposited in the box and he has passed out of the enclosure. The said railed or roped space shall at all times during the hours for balloting be kept open and cleared of all persons except the officers aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of said election officers or managers of election to keep such space clear and open. The executive committee of the county or city, as the case may be, may appoint for each polling place one or more discreet persons as challengers; and in the event of the said executive committee failing to appoint such challengers the managers of the primary election, or either of them, shall act as such challenger; and if the vote of any elector shall be challenged, then the election officers or managers may permit within the enclosure such witness as either challenger or elector may desire.

SEC. 13. After the ballots are counted they shall be carefully preserved and kept by the managers until after the election for which the nomination was made.

SEC. 14. That the several candidates for office shall, at least ten days prior to any primary election, file with the Clerk of the Superior court of Union county or, in the event a city primary is held, with the city clerk a notice, in writing, that he will be a candidate in such primary election and the office for which he will be a candidate, which notice shall be signed by him, and the said clerk shall endorse on the back of each said notice the date filed in his office, and shall preserve the same, subject to the inspection of any elector. That the chairman of the executive committee of any political party holding such primary election shall have ballots prepared containing the names of the candidates and the offices for which they are candidates. Each ballot shall be on plain white paper and without device. The name of each candidate coming before any primary shall be on the same ballot, and opposite each name shall be a square, and the elector shall make a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote. The name of no candidate shall be placed on a ticket unless notice has been given as herein provided, and no ballot as herein provided shall be printed or distributed by any candidate or other person prior to or at the time of such primary, and no other ballot shall be voted except such as is furnished to the voter at the time he applies to vote.

SEC. 15. To provide funds for holding such primary elections and paying the expenses thereof, each candidate for State, congressional, district, county or other offices, except township and city offices, shall, twenty days before such primary election,

pay to the chairman of the executive committee of the party holding such primary election the sum of five dollars, and unless that sum is paid the said chairman shall not place or allow to be placed the name of such candidate on the ticket, and only the name of those candidates complying with the provisions of this act shall be placed upon the ticket: Provided, that if there is any surplus after paying all the expenses of said primary election, said surplus shall be prorated among the candidates. That the said chairman of the said executive committee shall, not later than sunset of the day preceding such primary election, deliver to the manager or managers of each precinct or polling place three times as many of the said printed ballots as the registration books or certified copy of the registration books shall show that there are electors in said precinct or ward, and it shall be the duty of said manager or managers to have said ballots or tickets at the polling place at the time designated for opening said primary election, and shall cause the same to be placed and kept at said polling place, and shall not allow any of said tickets to be taken away, marked or handled by anyone except the electors as they may present themselves for the purpose of voting, and such ticket shall be marked as herein provided by the elector himself or by one or more of the said managers at the request of the elector. And such manager or managers shall give to each elector presenting himself to vote a ticket, which the said elector shall mark so as to vote for the candidates of his choice, or cause the same to be so marked by one or more of said managers, and said ticket, when so marked so as to express the choice of the elector, shall be deposited by the elector, and no other, except that either one of the managers may deposit said ticket when requested to do so by the elector.

SEC. 18. It shall be the duty of each candidate when called upon to do so by any other candidate for such office, to file an itemized and verified statement of all moneys expended by him during the campaign in which he was a candidate, and all moneys or other thing of value expended by himself or anyone for him, to his knowledge. This statement shall be filed with the clerk of the court or clerk of the city, as the case may be, at such time as the executive committee of the party holding such primary may designate; and it shall be the duty of any manager of another campaign or person taking an active interest in behalf of any candidate or against the interest of any candidate, upon request of the chairman, for any member of the executive committee of the party holding such election, to file a like statement in like manner, and any candidate or manager or other person as herein provided failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Fine Record of the Bank of Pageland.

Of the many banks that have grown up in the small towns all over the country, few can make so fine a showing as that of the Bank of Pageland, a statement of which is published in this paper. While this bank is in South Carolina, it is so near to this county we are all interested in it and rejoice at its success. Many of its stockholders are citizens of Union as are likewise many of its customers. Mr. L. L. Parker, a Union county boy, is the cashier; and Mr. W. S. Blakeney, president of the Bank of Union, is the president; and Mr. R. H. Blakeney, a substantial citizen of Pageland, is vice president. It is conservatively managed but is always ready to lend its aid to the progress of its community.

The Bank of Pageland has been in operation two and a half years. It was organized and started in the midst of the late panic and almost before Pageland began to be a town, not even enjoying the advantages of a postoffice but receiving its mail by rural routes from Jefferson and Monroe. It has paid regular semi-annual dividends of 5 per cent. to its stockholders, and at the meeting of its directors this year increased its surplus to \$5,000.00 from the net earnings. At this meeting a committee was appointed with authority to proceed to erect a new bank building to cost not exceeding \$8,000. The committee hope to have the building ready for occupancy by the first of next year.

THE INSTITUTE PROGRAMS.

What the Speakers Will Discuss Before the Farmers and Their Wives in This County.

Institutes for the farmers and their wives will be held at Marshville the 22nd, Waxhaw the 23rd, and Monroe the 25th. The following programs have been arranged:

Morning session will open at 10 o'clock and afternoon session at 1:30.

Subjects for Discussion—Soil Improvement; Commercial Fertilizers, by T. E. Browne.

Improving the Farm with Live Stock, by A. L. French.

Afternoon: Corn Culture, by T. E. Browne.

Farm Poultry and Butter Making, by J. S. Jeffrey.

Improved Farm Implements, by A. L. French.

Boys' Corn Club Contest explained.

Opening of Question Box and Discussion.

Appointment of Committee.

To the Farmers of the County: The above program is given to indicate the nature of the Institute, but it may be changed or added to, as those present desire. A question box will also be open, into which all are invited to put such questions as they desire discussed. A large number of intelligent questions means an interesting Institute, and special attention will be given to this feature.

The Farmers' Institutes are held for the benefit of farmers, and none but strictly farming questions will be discussed. It is, therefore, especially desired that a large attendance of farmers and their families be secured, and to this end you are urged to be present and to induce your neighbors to do the same.

Bring a pencil and blank book in which to take notes.

A premium of one dollar will be awarded for the best five ears of corn exhibited. The five ears exhibited must be of one variety, uniform in shape, size and color. Mixed corn or mixed varieties will not be allowed to compete for the premium. The exhibitor must be able to give, as far as possible, the name of the variety, its productivity, yield per acre, and whether grown on upland or lowland. This offer is made solely with the view of studying corn and the comparing of different varieties.

T. B. PARKER, Director Farmers' Institutes.

The Women's Session.

Morning session will open at 10 o'clock and afternoon session at 1:30.

Subjects for Discussion—The Influence of the Woman in the Home; The Importance of Home Sanitation; Other Subjects Pertaining to the Farm Home, by Mrs. Sue V. Hollowell and Miss Jamison.

Afternoon: The Purposes and Value of the Women's Institute, by Mrs. Sue V. Hollowell.

The Appointment of Committee.

Opening of Question Box and Discussion.

Joint Meeting of Men's and Women's Institutes at 3:30.

To the Women in the Farm Homes of the County: It is the purpose of the department to make these Institutes of value to you in your daily duties and home life. Come out and help us to accomplish this purpose by letting us know what you want, that we may send lecturers to the next Institute who will give you the kind of talks you want. These Institutes are yours and you can make out of them what you will. We will help you to make a success of them if you will let us.

Bring a pencil and tablet, so as to take notes during the Institute.

A premium of one dollar will be awarded for the best loaf of light-bread baked and exhibited by a woman or girl living on the farm.

T. B. PARKER, Director Farmers' Institutes.

District Conference This Week.

The annual conference of the Charlotte district will meet in Monroe tomorrow night and continue till Sunday. There are about twenty-five charges in the district and quite a number of ministers and delegates will be present. Homes have been provided in the town and they will be entertained most pleasantly. The opening sermon will be preached tomorrow night by Rev. E. E. Williamson of Charlotte. The first business session will be held at nine o'clock Thursday morning. Business sessions will be held mornings and afternoons and at eleven each day and eight at night there will be preaching.

News from Waxhaw Vicinity.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

All the teachers for the Waxhaw graded school have now been secured and school will open on Thursday morning, September 1. Prof. A. S. Hatchel of Darlington is superintendent; Rev. W. F. Estridge will have charge of the 5th and 6th grades; Miss Gertrude Rae, the primary department; Miss Lola Rodman, the 3rd and 4th grades; and Miss Flow Broom, music.

Price's Mill camp, W. O. W., are making preparations for a big rally and picnic on Saturday, August 6th. The speakers for the day are Squire Henry McWhorter of Jackson township, Mr. R. W. Lemmond of Monroe, and Hon. J. D. McCall.

Probably the largest and finest cabbage head ever grown in this section was brought to town last Saturday by Mr. Albert Howie, a prosperous and well known farmer of the Pleasant Grove community. Before being trimmed it weighed 20 pounds, and it contained 19 pounds of nice, solid cabbage. It was a monster cabbage head and made about three gallons of kraut.

Miss Lola Rodman, who underwent an operation at the Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte several days ago, is getting along nicely and is now able to sit up a little.

Mr. W. M. Crow, who is at the Magdalene Hospital at Chester, underwent an operation there last week and is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. D. J. Griffin, who lives about a mile northwest of this place, brought to this office on Monday something odd in the way of a cabbage head that grew in his garden. Under the well developed head were twenty-eight small heads growing around the cabbage stalk.

Mr. T. W. Secrest has about completed the arrangements for the big Farmers' Union rally and picnic at Secrest farm August 6th. Prof. D. N. Barrow and Prof. Harper with their able corps of assistants will be present and will have something of interest for the farmers and for all who attend.

A dispatch from Atlanta says that warnings have been issued to the transportation lines entering Georgia, by E. L. Warsham, State entomologist, against handling cotton from those sections of the South known to be infested with the boll weevil, unless such shipments are accompanied by an affidavit from a State entomologist stating that the product did not come from an infested part of the State, in accordance with the State quarantine laws. It has been reported to Mr. Warsham that because of the scarcity of cotton seed oil hulls, Georgia dealers now are importing hulls from other sections of the South. It is feared that in this way the Mexican boll weevil, which is known to be on its way toward this section, may arrive before steps can be taken to prevent its spread.

Improvements in the School at Unionville.

Correspondence of The Journal.

We realize that many of our friends will be interested in a few items of news from our village, especially in regard to what changes have been made here in regard to our school, etc.

The school property has been sold to the county or State, and the school will be run in the future by a competent committee and board of trustees who are now having the property thoroughly repaired. The house is now being painted both inside and out, and will be comfortably and conveniently furnished in time for the opening of the school.

Prof. O. C. Hamilton is to continue his work as principal teacher. Mr. C. B. Williams, A. B. graduate of Erskine College, has been employed as principal assistant teacher, and Miss Carmen Price, a graduate of the Statesville Female College, has been employed as principal of the primary department.

The purpose of the trustees is to employ competent teachers and to run a first class high school in every respect. The prospects of the school here seems brighter now than ever before.

For Road Commissioners.

Give us Davis Armfield, M. K. Lee and F. H. Wolfe. They are men known to everybody and in whom the greatest confidence can be placed. These men have sound judgment and a high sense of duty. And no charges will ever be brought against them for seeking the office to their own personal advantage.

VOTERS.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Allen Beats Manning—Many Good Speeches—Harmonious Convention—Progressive Platform.

With enthusiasm unmarred by strife or slightest acrimony and without once resorting to a second ballot for the deciding of any contest, the Democracy of North Carolina in convention assembled yesterday registered its choice for Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme court by renominating Hon. Walter Clark, for Associate Justices by naming Associate Justice Platt D. Walker and Judge W. R. Allen, for Corporation Commissioners by awarding the palm to Messrs. Henry Clay Brown and W. T. Lee. Adjournment sine die at 10:20 last night ended a strenuous day.

Perspicacious observers declare that a new era in North Carolina politics is inaugurated by the platform adopted last night at 10 o'clock without a negative vote, taking high ground on economic, industrial and political questions. While it reaffirms its allegiance to the principles for whose defense the party first was born, the significant fact about the document is its recognition of the ascendancy of a new class of questions, related to the life of a people working out their own industrial salvation and laying a foundation for that community wealth which is the basis of independence and stability and which provides the most congenial atmosphere for the cultivation of physical, mental and moral attributes.

Silent as to the liquor question, evidently regarding it for the present as outside the domain of controversy, and without reference to the next presidential election, the platform endorses the present State administration, and declares for a department of public highways, to stimulate and lend direction to public sentiment favoring interurban highways.

The notable address of State Chairman A. H. Eller of Winston-Salem breathed the same spirit of progress and was the subject of much favorable comment.

Amid scenes of wild enthusiasm the knowledge came gradually to the occupants of the convention hall yesterday afternoon that Judge William R. Allen was to succeed Judge James S. Manning on the Supreme court bench at the conclusion of his appointive term. Owing to the fact that over 200 votes were unissued, it had been impossible to predict with certainty the outcome and the element of uncertainty contributed to the convention the greater part of its hold on the attention of the public.

Superb speeches were made in nomination of both candidates and each was backed by a host of loyal supporters who cheered his name to a finish at every opportunity. The drift of the voting was all Allen's way, however, and the faces of his friends brightened with each successive gain. The result became certain long before the end of the roll was reached and their joy became irrepressible.

A surprising feature of the day was the splendid run made by Mr. W. T. Lee of Haywood for Corporation Commissioner. The most that his friends had hoped was that he outdistance his competitors by a very narrow margin, and a deadlock was looked upon as a not unlikely eventuality. Yet, lo, and behold, the "mountain man" ran ahead of the procession so far that he outdistanced them both by some 90-odd votes.

Recorder's Court.

Will James, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.
W. B. Spong, disturbing the peace; costs.
F. M. Morgan and N. W. Griffin, assault and battery; costs each.
Lester Williams, assault and battery; \$10 and costs.
Dee Helms, cruelty to animals; costs.
Dee Helms, assault and battery; \$10 and costs.
Jacob Myers, colored, disorderly; \$2 and costs.

The Teachers' Institute.

The Teachers' Institute, which began on the 11th inst., is progressing nicely. There are about ninety-five enrolled and the attendance is good. Prof. Allen and Miss Davis are making the work interesting and instructive. Interest in the work is increasing, and we feel that much good to the schools will be the result. R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt.