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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Incomplete Returns Indicate Thirty-Nine Eligibles, Including Eleven

Chapel Hill Dispatch, 24th. Along with "woman suffrage" and other ultra progressive measures can be associated the question of "Initiative and Referendum" as of public concern to the future womanhood of North Carolina. Fifty-one young ladies, representing all sections of the State, gave expression to their views on the political topic last Friday night in the preliminary contest of the North Carolina Debating Union. Eleven of that number triumphed in their advocacy of the measure, thus winning a trip to Chapel Hill on Friday, April 3, when they will press their claims in the finals as competi-

tors for the Aycock memorial cup. Graham, Alamance county, will have three girl representatives on its teams that come to Chapel Hill; Marshville, Union county, two; North Wilkesboro, Wilkes county, two; Belment, Casten county, one; Piney Creek, Allegheny county, one; Statesville, Iredell county, one; and Dallas, Gaston county, one. In the debate last year on "Woman Suffrage," only two girls won a place on teams in the finals.

Incomplete returns indicate that

29 schools are entitled to come to Chapel Hill on April 3 to compete for the Aycock memorial cup. E. R. Rankin, secretary of the debating union, conservatively estimates that sides of the controversy will reach 35, entitling 140 high school debaters to enter the finals. Many schools in remote sections of the State having membership in the union are yet to be heard from and complete re-ports will hardly reach the "Hill' before Saturday of this week.

The 29 schools thus far reported as having been victorious in both the affirmative and negative sides of the discussion are: Durham, Apex, Springs, Kinston, Pleasant Garden, Warrenton, Graham, Luca-ma, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Bethany, Belmont, North Wilkesboro, Troutman, Lumberton, Marshville, Dallas, Atkinson, Stem, Lenoir, King, Piney Creek, Fallston, Glen Alpine, Boonville, New Berne, Sylvan and Mt.

Bolejack's Life Saved.

Governor Craig has changed the death sentence of Bolejack, the old man who killed his wife in Charlotte, to life imprisonment. Bolejack was to have died April 24th. Recently the approach of the execution day had worked upon the old fellow, who committed the crime under such condition as caused the jury to recommend mercy. There was no way for the judge to grant it. The case was perfect against the old man, so far as the evidence went, but the jury took the view that there was pallia-

The Governor gives the following reason for the commutation:
"When the defendant committed

the murder he evidently did not fully realize what he was doing. He is old and broken down in mind and body. The jury when they returned their verdict recommended mercy. The commutation is strongly urged by Judge W. J. Adams, who tried the case, Solicitor George W. Wilson, and a large number of other good citizens from many sections of the State. A humane administration of the law does not demand that he be put to death, but rather the pun-ishment by life imprisonment."

WILL REBUILD AT ONCE.

Textile Building of A. & M. College Which Was Burned Last Wednesday Will Be Put Back.

Raleigh, March 26 .- The executive committe of the Board of Trustees of A. & M. College, in session here this afternoon, let a contract to building the Textile building burned Lincolnton and who like to trade Wednesday morning and having it ready for equipment by August 1st. The work is to be done on a per- and patronize us? It will be a paycentage basis under the direction of ing investment.

Presidnet D. H. Hill and Prof. H. E. The Chamber of Commerce is lead-Presidnet D. H. Hill and Prof. H. E. Satterfield

ing are to be used as far as possible in the reconstruction, although there may be changes in the plans and also enlargement. A call is made on manufacturers of textile machinery in all parts of the country to contribute machinery for the equipment, as was done in the original opening of the

The executive committee also approved plan for a summer school of after dinner a declamation contest instruction for the rural schools of the State to be in progress June 3 the literary address will be deliver to July 1, this to include all teachers ed by Hon. Ney McNeely. Beginning in the rural high schools who are en- at seven thirty there will be an engaged in teaching agriculture and nature study. A four-year course in this summer school will entitle the holders of certificates to teach in the and Miss Jessie McLendon of this schools without re-examination. There are 313 teachers of this class in the State and a large per cent of them are expected to attend this summer school.

Date for the State Convention is Changed.

March 25 .- The State Democratic Executive Committee voted to change the date for the State convention from June 17 to June 4, in Raleigh in order to avoid conflict with the North Carolina Medical Society that will meet in Raleigh on June 16 to 18. The committee was presided over by Chairman Charles D. Warren, with Secretary W. E. Brock. There were 48 members present in person and by proxy.

COMPETITORS FOR AYCOCK CUP. HERO OF THE DURHAM FIRE.

Trinity College Student Risks Life and Labors to Rescue Others. Durham Special, 24th, to Greensboro

News. F. A. Whitesides, a Trinity \$600,000 worth of property here last night, and his daring possibly saved the lives of six or eight per sons who had been asleep on the fourth and fifth floors of the Brodie L. Duke building.

Jumping into an elevator that had een deserted by the operator, this college youth ran it up and down its shaft through heat and smoke until the last person was down and until there was nothing left for the elevator to move on. The last time, in-deed, he could only go to the fourth floor—to go higher he would have been compelled to run into flaming When he came down this last trip the elevator wavered and shook with the rumblings of the flames, and when within eight feet of the bottom the car had practically nothing to move on, part of the woodwork having been burned and charred, and it all but fell with a crash. But on this trip, made through the smoke and flame, with death playing in lurid form all about, risking his life to death as the solemn reward, with his nose and mouth covered by one hand, the new elevator boy found one last man, the only man left in the building, and brought him to the cherished earth.

until late this morning. It was known that some one had run the elevator till the last man was out, but who it was for several hours

proved a mystery. When finally discovered he pleaded an engagement and hurried off through a crowd. Finding this was useless, he admitted that he had run the elevator, but didn't know how

many times. "I was just passing, and the ele-vator was not running," he said. The information was finally pulled from him that he had never run an elevator before; that he asked the elevator boy for the light to be replaced, and that he ran the elevator up one floor and back down to make sure how the business was done. He

run. At times, under his inspira-tion, others went up with him. The last trip he had considerable trouble in reaching the fourth floor, Inable to go higher, he called up to man on the fourth floor.

then went up to the top and repeat-

ed it as long as the elevator would

Young Whitesides is barely over mark him as a man of the nerve and decision he displayed last night,

Value of Ladies Rest Room.

Lincoln County News. The other day I heard a lady who lives five miles from town speak of how much she disliked to "go to town" on business with her husband. He always had a lot of business to attend to and if she got through first here would be nothing for her to do but wait. Having no relatives in the town, she was forced to depend upon the comforts provided by the merchants with whom she traded. An hour or two's wait with one or two children in a store where one feels that she is likely to be in the way is not likely to be a very pleasant experience. There are thousands of country women in the same position. Every town to which farmers and their wives come to trade should have a rest room for these women. One town has such a room in the court house. Lincolnton has a large S. Toller of Rocky Mount for re- number of country friends who like with our business men. Why not make it pleasant for them to visit

ing the way for practical co-opera-The remains of the former build- tion between town and country. The people of the country are going to appreciate their efforts in a substantial manner.

> Stallings Commencement. The annual commencement of the Stallings school will be held next Thursday and Thursday night. Be ginning at ten thirty there will be exercises by the primary grades, and by the larger students. At 2 o'clock tertainment of considerable variety

> by the school.
> Mr. Thos. C. Carter of Burlington county are the teachers and they are closing a very successful school.

Battle Still on in Mexico. The news from the battle of To reon, which was expected to be a de cisive event in Mexico, is very indef-The decisive point has not yet been reached, though there has been fighting for several days. Gen Villa, the rebel leader, captured the outposts of the town, but with great bloodshed and unexpected loss. fighting seems to have been about the worst that has taken place. Meanwhile, everything is held up on the event of the battle.

Mr. J. E. Stack is confined to his home with sickness.

GO TO THE MAIL BOX NEXT SATURDAY.

Journal subscribers may go to their mail boxes next Saturday and there meet for the first time the Semi-Weekly Journal, which will be on hand "a bowin' and scrapin'" to them and hoping to please them very much. senior, was the hero of the scrapin to them and hoping to please them very machineree fire that destroyed more than It will be the same old Journal and there will be no difficulty in recognizing it. The old Journal and the new Journal will be the spittin' image of each other—being twins from now on. You won't be able to tell one from the other except by the date line. One will bear the date of Tuesday and you will get it at exactly the same time you have been getting it. The other will be dated Friday, mailed Friday, and the readers on the rural routes will educational work of the county, and get it on Saturday.

LAST CALL ON PREMIUMS.

We have heretofore announced that no premiums in any way connected with the school would be given after April first. However, we find that quite a number have been left on hand and we are willing that our subscribers should have them. For that reason we will continue to give a good knife or a good pair of scissors to each subscriber who pays a full year in advance as long as they hold out. The stock of razors is and teachers of the county have done already exhausted and no more will be bought. The knives and scissors are just as good as ever and while they hold out it will be first come first served.

We are going to give you two papers a week from now on, and not charge you but one dollar a year for both, and we expect every one who gets the paper to come across with the dollar. If he comes across at once he will get a premium to boot.

Watch This School. Among the county schools which will be here in full force to attend the county commencement next Saturday will be the White School of Atlanta, Ga., a negro institution, was New Salem township. This school made Wednesday by a lone bandit. will close on Friday night of this The police arrested a white man givweek with an entertainment and an ing his name as Ed. R. Rhynata, 30 address by Mr. R. W. Lemmond. On Saturday the whole school will be here and go into the parade in one huge vehicle if they can fix up one big enough to hold all the boys and robber appeared and with drawn regirls. And not only that, it will bring volver ordered the bookkeeper to its own brass band along with it, having hired the Oakboro band for The school, which that purpose. was taught by Misses Maud and Dolly Harris, sisters, of Stanly county, has not only made a remarkable record this year, but the patrons of the school have co-operated wonderfully. They made up privately money sufficient to pay the teachers ten dollars a month more than the school learn if any one was waiting, and fund paid, and have pulled together then rescued the nearly suffocated for everything else needed to make a success. There are \$1 names on the census roll and seventy-five of five feet nine inches in height and these were enrolled in the school, weighs about 130 pounds. His eyes with the remarkable average attendare blue and his hair is light. The steady gleam of his eyes, the quick-steady gleam of his eyes, the quick-this school was considered beyond Waxhaw Enterprise. power of a woman teacher, and up till recently men only were emyear. So complete has been the cooperation of the patrons that when they met to make up the extra money and to pay for the band, Mr. John M. Austin, who is 78 years old, was as had children in school in subscribing money and pushing things along. When the people of a community pull together then they are going to

Lone Bandit Tried to Rob Negro

Bank in Atlanta. An unsuccessful attempt to rob the Atlanta State Savings Bank, in Atlanta, Ga., a negro institution, was years old, on suspicion of having at-tempted the hold up.

J. C. Ross, a negro book keeper, was alone in the bank when the accompany him into the vault, the doors of which were standing open. When they entered the vault the rob-ber demanded that Ross open the door of the safe containing the funds of the bank, which was locked. The negro refused and the bandit struck him over the head with a piece of gas pipe and inflicted a severe scalp wound. The bookkeeper and robber struggled for a moment and the former escaped and gave the alarm. When the robber ran out he fired on those who tried to stop him. Later the police arrested the man who gave

his name as Rhynata. Kannington of Inch Mr. Ge sonham community was found dead Yet the young ladies say Sunday morning on the Wadesboro that the deportment record of the and Lands Ford road near the resistudents this year was perfect. The dence of Mrs. Addie Faulkner in Lancommittee, Messrs. Ellis B. Pusser, caster county. He was in Lancaster W. H. Staten, and J. M. Mulis, with Saturday and the supposition is that the patrons, have unanimously elect- he started home rather late at night ed the Misses Harris to teach next and was thrown from his buggy and received injuries which together with the cold weather caused his death. Snow fell most all night Saturday and it was very cold and it can easily be seen how a man injured and lively as any of the younger men who stunned from a fall might freeze to death. He was about 62 years old was well known to a large number of people. He was the father of Rev. R. H. Kennington of Monroe. something. If Superintendent Nis-

He fell into a large mud puddle bet could get all his districts at in the road, and when found was work like this he would turn things completely submerged, only a part

over in Union in a little while. of his overcoat being out.

ALL ARRANGED FOR THE COMMENCEMENT.

All the common school graduates are requested to be at the rostrum in front of the High School building to receive their certificates soon after the close of Dr. Sikes' speech. They will be asked to form a line on one side of the rostrum, and as they receive their certificates, pass across to the other side of the rostrum. We want all the graduates to be present that day if possible, or if not, then they will please have some one to take care of their cer- inadvertently omitted in former protificates for them.

Some school exhibits have begun to come in. They Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, by will be arranged for exhibition in the graded school build- Belk Bros. ing. Exhibits may be left in care of Supt. A. G. Randolph, at the graded school building, or with myself either at my home or at the office. Bring along your specimens of writing, map drawing, paper cuttings, drawings of all

Four of the eight debaters have been to my office to go over their speeches, and to talk over general arrangements pertaining to the debate, and we would be glad the other four would drop in sometime this week.

We have been fortunate in securing the Monroe Or- fecting roads, schools, health and country life, a better child labor law, chestra to furnish music on the occasion of the county and many other big issues are to be commencement.

Advices from different sections of the county tell us that we may expect on commencement day one of the largest crowds that has ever been in Monroe.

Everybody come and bring the children. The members of the county board of education, Mess. at three o'clock. The building was E. E. Marsh, L. R. Helms, A. A. Secrest, are expected to be a brick structure, two stories high present and lead the parade. All local committeemen are It was valued at \$4,000, with \$2,500 requested to be on hand and fall in behind the board of insurance. The stock of J. C. Austin & Co. was valued at \$25,000, with R. N. NISBET, County Supt. \$15,000 insurance. education.

The County Commencement Is the Thing-Big, Little, Old and Young, Should Witness the Occasion-Take a Day Off and Make the Occasion a Grand One-The Children and The Teachers Deserve It-Evcry School Official in the County Ought to be Here and in Line-Will Hear One of the County's Most Gifted Orators. Last year when the commencement

of the county schools was held it was the first thing of the kkind ever known. It showed what a tremendous advance there had been in the though a new thing, was a great suc-The occasion this year ought to be twice as great, twice as nota-ble, and twice as useful. Every one work should be here in his official capacity, and all who are interested in the cause of education ought to be here to give their aid and comfort and endorsement.

County Superintendent Nisbet has labored tirelessly to get everything in readiness, and many of the schools likewise. The editor of The Journal attended several county commencements in other counties last year and none of them beat Union that time, but the others will be putting forth extra efforts this year also, and we must keep in the lead. Superintendent Nisbet has put his

program in final shape, and it is now as follows:

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1914. Public debate Friday evening, April 3rd, at 8:30 in the auditorium the Monroe Graded School.

Devotional exercises, prayer Rev. M. T. Steele. Song: Carolina.

Discussion of the question: "Resolved, That the United States Should Further Restrict Immigration." firmative: L. P. Baucom, Clonnie Medlin, Newton Keziah, J. B. La-than; negative: J. C. Huneycutt, Vance L. Secrest, C. C. Belk, R. P. Yarbrough

SATURDAY, APRIL 4.

All schools to assemble at graded school building at 9:30 a. m., also schools boards, trustees and committeemen are earnestly requested to join in the parade.

March as follows: Beginning at the graded school building, the march will be along Lancaster avenue to Main street, thence along street to the court house square, thence around the court house this purpose. square to Main street to Lancaster avenue, thence following Lancaster the county court house for such avenue back to the High School agent. building.

DECLAMATION CONTEST. Baucom; Unveiling Lee's Monument, Sammle Winchester; John Howard C. C. Fincher; Young Men of America, Webb How ie; The Deathbed of Benedict Arnold, Reuben Hinson; The Heritage of Tomorrow, Ruskin McNeely; The Value of a Reputation, Dewey Price. RECITER'S CONTEST.

The Story of the Tar Baby, Miss Mary Price; The Fall of Pemberton's Mill, Miss Bessie Plyler; Dickie's Christmas, Miss Gladys Billy's Rose, Miss Nora Fincher; The Clown's Romance, Miss Dot Belk: The Going of the White Swan, Miss Myrtle Helms; Innocence, Miss Mary Bennett; The Wreck of the Titantic, Miss Thelma Little; Venes-sa, Miss Mabel Helms; The Chariot Race, Miss Emma Plyler; A Brave Boy, Miss May Austin.

Dinner. Address by Dr. E. W. Sikes. Report of committee on prizes, in

luding prizes on school exhibits. Certificates presented and prizes delivered. Song: Ho for Carolina, by school.

The prizes are as follows For best debater, a gold medal given by Messrs, W. S. Blakeney and J. W. Laney.

For best declaimer, a Waterman fountain pen by Ashcraft Bros. To best reciter, gold pin, given by Lee & Lee Co. This prize was

Democratic Mass-Meeting, Raleigh, April 8th.

Wm. J. Bryan, Josephus Daniels, Governor Locke Craig, ex-Governor Glenn, and other Democratic leaders of State and National reputation are to speak at the great Democratic Mass-Meeting in Raleigh, Wednesday, April 8th, beginning at noon. A State-wide legalized primary, the adoption of the proposed Constitutional Amendments, a better system of taxation, improved legislation af-Every Democrat in the State is invited, and special railroad rates are expected. There will doubtless be a great attendance.

Fire at Marshville.

The store of J. C. Austin & Co. at Marshville was burned this morning

COME ALONG NEXT SATURDAY. MEETING OF COUNTY UNION.

Large and Representative Meeting at Gilboa-Adopted Ringing Resolutions Asking County Commissioners to Make Appropriation for Demonstration Work.

The quarterly meeting of Union County Farmers' Union at Gilboa last Saturday was the best attended and most enthusiastic meeting of this organization that has been held in this county for the past two years. Nearly every local Union in the county answered to roll call, and a lively interest was manifested.

H. Q. Alexander, president of the State Union, made an intresting and practical lecture in the forenoon, after which dinner was served in genuine country picule style - which means that there was no scarcity of live-at-home" eatables.

Members of Gilbon Local Union had in the grove a good exhibit of several distinct breeds of chickens, also some pure-bred pigs

In the afternoon the County Union held an executive session in one room of the school building and the ladies were entertained by Mrs. J. Coit Redfearn, manager of the girl's tomato club of Anson county, who also appeared by invitation in the County Union and gave some interesting outline of the character of the tomato club work in Anson.

The next meeting of the County Union will be held with Statings Local Union, in Vance township, the last Saturday in July.

At a previous meeting of the Coun-Union a resolution was adopted asking the county commissioners to make the necessary appropriation to keep up farm demonstration in this county, and wide-awake and intelligent farmers of the county have frequently expressed astonishment that the commissioners have thus far taken no action in the matter. If the sentiment and feeling of the organ-ized farmers of Union county, as expressed in this county meeting, is to be taken as an index, Union county isn't going to much longer tolerate an ox-cart administration of affairs that permits this county to drag along at the tail of the procession as compared with other progressive counties of the State.

The following resolutions were ananimously adopted at the Gilboa

eeting by rising vote: Resolved, That we, members of Union County Farmers Union, session at Gilbon, March 28, 1914, request our county commissioners to appropriate \$600 anually for a who! Main street to Windsor street, then time farm demonstration man, the Hayne street, and across Franklin United States Department of Agriculture to give a like amount, for

That they provide an office in

That they provide said agent with farm level and spraying outfit 4. That they also appropriate \$150 to provide for salary of a manager of a girl's tomato club, the State The Divinity of Labor, Conley Department of Agriculture to appropriate a like amount.

J. Z. GREEN, Pres.

J. M. TOMBERLIN, Sec.

Presbyterian Church Notes. Preparatory service on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Those desiring to unite with the church by letter or on confession of faith will please meet the session at the close of the The session will also meet at 10:30 Sunday morning for this purpose.

Communion service on Sunday next at 11 a. m. The evening service will be at

o'clock. The elders and deacons will hold

a joint meeting this (Tuerday) even-Remember the congregational so-

cial on Thursday evening. Supper will be served, beginning at 7 o'clock and after all are served an informal social time will be enjoyed. This is not a social to raise money. No charge whatever will be made. It is hoped that all our members

and all those who are attendants of the church will be present. Stran-gers are especially invited. CHURCH REPORTER

Great Fight Going on in Congress For the first time since Mr. Wilson became president the house of representatives is in the midst of a fierce fight among democrats over the repeal of the law by which free tolls were granted to ships engaged in the coastwise trade through the Panama canal. President Wilson has asked that this feature be repealed on the ground that it was a violation of the treaty with England under which the canal was built, and also that it is wrong within itself and a plain subsidy. The repeal bill will pass the house by some seventyfive majority, though Speaker Clark, Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann, are all fighting it.

The Primary and Precinct Meetings Called.

The County Democratic Executive Committee met here Saturday and called the precinct and primary meetings to be held on May 16th, at which time a primary vote for State officers will be taken, precinct committeemen will be elected, and delegates to the county convntion will be elected. The county convention will be held May 23rd. Mr. R. L. Stevens was elected

chairman of the executive committee to fill the unexpired term of Esq. Brooks.

Mr. John Josey of Rowan county was in town this morning on the way to visit his son-in-law, Mr. Frank Laney of Buford.