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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

P. H. Mashburn Named for Representative, J. A. Laughridge for Sheriff—Resolutions.

The Republican convention met in the court house Monday at 12:30 o'clock, according to announcement. J. C. Crawford was made chairman and C. C. Lisenbee, secretary. Before the convention was called a Republican caucus was held, at which a few Republicans from the different parts of the county were present, and the slate as made up before hand and voted for at the Marion caucus Saturday evening, was given such backing as to guarantee its going through the convention without a hitch. It was really amusing to see the faithful Republicans of McDowell county sit back and hear three or four men nominate the different candidates, and see them nominated by acclamation. In fact, the whole convention seemed to be in subjection to those who had previously made out the ticket.

John Yancey placed in nomination for the Legislature P. H. Mashburn. This nomination was seconded by J. C. Pool, who spoke at length as to the Republican party making Pink what he is and giving him all the wealth that he now possesses. Consequently, though Mr. Mashburn had refused to run, he was told to run and he could not refuse. In commenting upon Mr. Mashburn's qualifications, Mr. Pool declared that "This year the lowest town Democrat in McDowell county can beat the best Rad in McDowell county for any office, except Pink Mashburn. Mr. Mashburn was nominated by acclamation.

Chairman J. L. Morgan nominated J. A. Laughridge for Sheriff, and upon the motion being seconded Mr. Laughridge was unanimously nominated.

Geo. I. White placed in nomination William Sweeney for Register of Deeds. This nomination, upon being seconded, was likewise oiled through the convention by acclamation.

N. C. Jones arose to place in nomination a man for Treasurer. His remarks were to the effect that he greatly appreciated the long support given him by the Republican party, but before retiring he wished to tender to them his successor, naming W. H. Hawkins as the man. Mr. Hawkins was nominated by acclamation.

A. B. Halford was nominated for surveyor in the regular order, and was the next medicine for the machine, by unanimous nomination.

Dr. Geo. I. White placed in nomination B. G. Gettys for coroner. Mr. Gettys strenuously opposed his name going before the convention, but nothing doing. He likewise was nominated unanimously as scheduled.

For commissioners only three names could be heard—J. M. Kanipe, Geo. W. Conley and J. G. Pyatt—and Dr. White moved that they be nominated by acclamation, and it was done in the usual manner.

The convention went on record then as being opposed to vote buying, and expressed its willingness to enter into the same agreement

with the Democrats that was had two years ago.

A series of resolutions were offered by C. C. Lisenbee and adopted, as follows:

"We favor the election of all the members of the county board of education, and all other county officers by direct vote of the people.

"The recent enormous increase in the assessed valuation of property in our county makes the present tax rate burdensome to our people, and we favor the most rigid economy in the administration of all county affairs in order that the present tax rate may be materially reduced.

"We are opposed to the creating of any more salaried officers for the county, and favor the reduction of salaries, where it can be done without impairing efficiency.

"We are opposed to the present methods of assessing property, under the supervision of a county assessor, and are in favor of the assessment of real estate by three good men in each township who know the value of the property in their township.

"We are heartily in favor of good roads, but are opposed to any bond issue for road improvements, unless provision is made for an equitable division of the funds arising from such issue among the various townships of the county, and unless such bond issue is authorized by a vote of the people."

Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards Captured.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 14—Sidna Allen, leader of the Allen clan which shot up the Carroll county courthouse at Hillsville, Va., March 14, killing Judge Massie and others, and his nephew, Wesley Edwards, tonight are manacled in cells at the city jail as a result of love affairs which led detectives to them. Both have announced their willingness to return to Virginia without requisition.

Edwards, for the love of whom Miss Maude Iroier, of Mount Airy, N. C., had innocently led detectives to Des Moines, was captured tonight as he was returning to his boarding house, after having worked all day with a paving gang. Just as he boarded a street car detectives and officers surrounded it. Edwards was trying to escape by crawling through the front end of the car, when officers caught him. The arrest of Sidna Allen was effected earlier in the day.

A visit by Edwards to Miss Iroier in her North Carolina home about a month ago and the accidental loss of a letter, put the detectives on the trail. The fugitives had been in Des Moines since April 28. Allen, under the name of Tom Sayre, worked as a carpenter, and Edwards, under the name of Joe Jackson, was employed with a city paving gang.

Allen was arrested at the home of John Cameron at Eleventh and Locust streets, where he and his nephew had been rooming, by Detectives Baldwin, Lucas and Mundy, of Roanoke, Va. The arrest occurred a few minutes after Miss Iroier stepped into the Cameron home to meet Edwards whom she was to wed tonight, according to an arrangement made when he visited her in Virginia.

Unless there is some unexpected hitch in the plans prepared by Director Waller Page and submitted to Postmaster General Hitchcock today, actual work on road construction under the provisions of the Simmons good roads bill, will be started in North Carolina this week.

HAZING RESULTS IN DEATH

Isaac W. Rand of Smithfield is the Victim—Gruesome, Tragic Death on Athletic Field at University.

Chapel Hill, Sept. 13.—Isaac William Rand, aged, 20 years, son of O. R. Rand, of Smithfield, member of the freshman class of the University of North Carolina, is dead and four sophomores, A. H. Styron, of Wilmington, W. L. Merriman, of Wilmington, R. W. Oldham, of Raleigh, and A. C. Hatch, of Mt. Olive, are under arrest at Pickard's hotel here tonight charged with manslaughter.

The sensational affair, which has stirred staid old Chapel Hill as nothing has in many years, is the outcome of a hazing jaunt or little joy party of the sophomores on the early morning of Friday the 13th.

The tragic, gruesome death of young Rand, the most promising of a bright family of boys, is due directly to the old system of hazing which for years has existed in colleges and likewise which for years the public has been assured semi-annually, at least, that it had been stamped out for all time.

The sophomores, according to the reliable evidence, have this year been a little more boisterous than for a year or so in the past. This disorder becoming so great last Sunday night from firing pistols, etc., that residents could not sleep. During the early hours last night a few of the boys decided to have a little special exhibition and going to the room of Rand, dragged him and his roommate, Robert A. Wellons, also of Smithfield, from their beds, allowed their petition to put on their shoes and while in their night clothes they were hustled to the athletic field where they were put through a series of stunts.

Near the old entrance to the athletic field the hazing party found an old oil barrel which had been used for liming the athletic field and Wellons was placed on the barrel. He got through his stunts without serious mishap. Rand's time came next. Unconscious of the short time of his life, the youth was hoisted to the barrel and shivering in his night clothes was told to sing. He said he could not. "Sing Home, Sweet Home, damn you," shouted one of the masked men.

"I cannot sing," replied Rand.

"We will make you sing," came the retort from the sophomore who lighted his flash light and gave the barrel a push. The barrel upturned, Rand's feet went forward and his head backward to the ground. One old bottle was lying near the barrel and when the boy fell the side of his neck struck this bottle and a gash more than an inch deep extending from his ear to his thorax was made.

"I have hurt him," said one of the mob who again flashed his light.

"Yes you have killed him," replied Wellons.

The members of the mob then hastened to pick up the dying boy and carried him to the gymnasium, a short distance away, where they laid him on a plank and under the pretext of seeking medical aid deserted the dying boy to the lone care of his roommate. Wellons'

frantic cries for aid soon brought A. R. Parsley, a student and the college began to be aroused.

But Rand's bright life was gone. He never spoke a word after being kicked from the barrel nor did it take long for his life blood to stream out.

Every bit of evidence is being prepared by the State and private prosecution and a hard fight will follow to convict the boys.

Appalachian Forest Reserve's First Payment.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The first check to be signed in payment for lands for the Appalachian Forest Reservation by the Secretary of Agriculture will be made payable to the owners of the Mt. Mitchell tract in McDowell, Buncombe, Yancey and Mitchell counties, North Carolina. The amount of this payment will be \$55,000. The secretary of the treasury will be called upon to honor the check some time this month.

Under the law of 1911 which created the National Forest Reservation Commission, two million dollars is appropriated annually for purchase of available lands.

Approximately 300,000 acres of land in several states have been approved for purchase by the commission at an estimated cost of \$1,600,000.

Lands have been approved for purchase by the National Forest Reservation Commission to become sections of the Appalachian Forest Reservation in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and New Hampshire. In North Carolina the total area approved by the commission is 53,985 acres.

The National Forest Reservation Commission was created by an act of Congress, March 1, 1911, which authorized the commission to acquire lands of the watersheds of navigable streams for the purpose of conserving their navigability.

More Room Needed.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the State hospital at Morganton last week, Dr. John McCampbell, who has filled out five years of the unexpired term of Dr. Murphy, deceased, was unanimously re-elected superintendent of the hospital for a full term of six years.

Supt. McCampbell's report for the quarter ending August 31, that the close of the previous quarter—May 31—there were on the rolls of the institution 570 men and 765 women, a total of 1,335. Twenty-seven men and 24 women were admitted during the quarter, one was transferred and 14 died—four men and ten women. Remaining at the end of the last quarter were 593 men and 778 women, a total of 1,371. "It will be noted," says the report, "that the total number of patients, including those away on probation, is far in excess of the number of beds, there being only 1,232 available. The demand for room is far in excess of the capacity of the house and we are now admitting only about half those applying. I am unable to say whether insanity is on the increase in this district or not, but the indications are that it is."

Treasurer Jones annual report will be published next week.

LATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Joe Grady, a well known carpenter of Morganton, was struck by a freight train Monday night near Drexel and fatally injured.

It has just been learned that the Southern Railway has appropriated \$60,000 for improvements on the Southern passenger station at Asheville.

Fire which originated from an explosion destroyed five autos and practically demolished another machine in the garage of the Mecklenburg Auto company at Charlotte Saturday. The loss is estimated at about \$7,500.

Owing to the absence from the State of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State geologist, the inspection tour of the Central Highway, which was to have begun Monday, has been postponed. President Varner has reports showing that parts of the highway are yet a long way from being completed, and that is another reason for delaying the tour.

Hon. Locke Craig has accepted an invitation to deliver an address in Asheville on the night of October 10 for the United Commercial Travelers of America, the occasion being a special program of entertainment that the Asheville council is arranging for visiting traveling men. The Western North Carolina Fair will be in session, and a special social meeting for the merchants and traveling men on the night of October 10 is to be the climax for entertainment that is to be provided.

Tore Up The Jail.

Morganton, Sept. 13.—Bob Snipes the alleged slayer of John Brittain, in Burke county some 10 years ago, and who was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., and brought back here and lodged in jail made a desperate but ineffectual attempt to escape from prison this morning. In some manner he tore a heavy piece of iron from the cage where he was confined, and after getting out in the corridor of the jail proceeded to demolish everything in sight and dug several holes in the brick walls.

Armed as he was with the bar of iron and being desperate the officers were afraid to enter the building and he carried on his work of destruction for several hours. He was finally however subdued and placed under heavy guard. Snipes is almost a giant in size and the cage in which he was confined was merely a plaything in his hands.

The Western North Carolina Fair to be held at Asheville October 8, 9, 10 and 11 as advertised in this paper, promises to be a most successful affair and will be of material benefit to the agricultural interests of this section. Many folks from this county will no doubt attend this fair.

The Haywood County Fair will be held at Waynesville October 1, 2, 3 and 4. The catalogue has over 700 premiums and \$400 are offered for races by Western North Carolina horses. Several attractions are mentioned in an ad. in this paper.