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ASK CANDIDATES TO TALK

Farmers' Union Want to Know How They Stand on Various Propositions.

The State Council of the Farmers' Union, in session in Raleigh last week, adopted resolutions seeking to ascertain the position of various candidates for State offices on matters that the Union is vitally interested in. Following are the resolutions:

Whereas, believing that our farmers would appreciate knowing more definitely how candidates stand on all the really important issues before the State, therefore be it

Resolved, by the State Council of the North Carolina Farmer's Union, that we hereby instruct our secretary to send to the avowed candidates for Governor and other State offices in each political party, and to other candidates as soon as they announce themselves, a copy of this resolution, and offer such candidates an opportunity to express themselves as briefly and explicitly as possible on the measures affecting rural interests approved at the last session of the State Farmers' Union as follows (including submission of appropriate constitutional amendment where necessary):

- (1.) Repeal of the merchants' croplien; (2.) provisions permitting neighborhoods to adopt race segregation in land ownership; (3.) a just and equitable system of taxation, (a) lightening the burdens upon labor by putting a larger proportion on inheritances, (b) with constitutional provision for a lower rate on resident than on absentee landlords and (c) increased rate on lands held out of use; (4.) provision for incorporating rural communities; (5.) initiative and referendum; (6.) a stringent anti-usury law and laws regulating bonds of public service corporations; (7.) giving some official authority to regulate insurance rates; (8.) a State warehouse system somewhat like the South Carolina plan; (9.) a simplified and popularized Torrens system of registering land titles; (10.) provision for furnishing text-books to the people at cost.

Resolved, 2. That candidates' answers be printed on the Farmers' Union page of the Progressive Farmer as far as practicable. 3. That we suggest that each Local Union ask county legislative candidates to express themselves on these issues through the local press of each county, together with the questions of salary instead of fee system for county officers, abolition of county treasurer's office, or substituting commission form of government. 4. The purpose of this entire resolution is not to threaten, entreat or endorse any candidate but simply to get the facts, letting the people act for themselves. 5. That the State secretary send five copies of this resolution to each Local Union president for use in the manner just suggested.

Clarence Poe, who is one of the leading members of the council, says that this is not a case of the Union's going into politics, for resolution No. 4 makes it clear that the only purpose is to get publicity of opinions from candidates on matters almost wholly affecting rural interests.

Spring Meeting of Concord Presbytery Here April 11.

Concord Presbytery will meet in regular Spring session Tuesday evening, April 11, at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. The Presbytery will be called to order at 8 p. m. by the moderator, Mr. H. I. Woodhouse, of Concord, N. C. Dr. J. M. Grier will preach the opening sermon, after which the new moderator will be chosen.

Three sessions will be held each day, 9 a. m. to 12 m., 2:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m., and 8 p. m., to adjourn at will.

On Wednesday at 11 a. m., Dr. H. M. Parker, of Statesville, will preach, after which the communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Wednesday afternoon, 3 to 5 o'clock, a Sabbath School conference will be held. Dr. W. L. Lingle and Mr. W. C. Smith, of Richmond, Va., are expected to speak at this conference.

On Thursday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. S. H. Hay will preach.

All these meetings are open to the public and everybody cordially invited to attend.

School Notes.

The Nebo High School commencement will be held this year on April 27 and 28. Rev. Harry M. North, of Durham, N. C., will preach the commencement sermon. As yet the speaker for the occasion has not been secured. Announcement of the entire program will be made next week.

The County Superintendent announces that the institutes for teachers at Marion will not begin until Monday, April 24. All teachers who expect to take this course at Marion will please take notice of this change. As originally planned, the institute at Marion was to begin April 17. The general meeting of all teachers in the county will be held on May 1, 2, and 3. Prof. E. E. Sams, Mr. L. C. Brogden, Miss Mary O. Graham, and Mr. T. E. Browne have been invited to be present and talk to the teachers at this time.

The first negro county commencement ever attempted in McDowell county was held at the court house last Saturday. It was in every manner a success, the exhibits being especially fine, while the declamation contest showed evidence of considerable training on the part of the colored teachers. Mrs. Mattie Shepard, supervisor of colored schools, has done splendid work along industrial lines this year and deserves much credit for the efficient work she has been doing. Very interesting addresses were made by Messrs. B. B. Price and D. E. Hudgins.

It is hoped that the negro commencement will henceforth be made an annual event, Mr. D. E. Hudgins having pledged himself to give annually a gold medal to the colored girl who makes the best cooking exhibit, while Mr. Byron Conley has offered to give annually a medal to the boy who makes the best agricultural exhibit.

J. R. Murphy and two assistant officers report the destruction of a large distillery near Harmony Grove Tuesday night. The plant had a capacity of turning out 100 gallons of "moonshine" at a run.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

NEBO

Nebo, April 3.—The Nebo people were highly entertained Friday night by a joint debate given between the Nebo and Strouttown Societies. The speakers from Strouttown were Clarence Pool and Dave Bowman. The speakers that represented Nebo were George Taylor and Devanie Lytle. There was a misunderstanding about the sides of the question each speaker was to be on. They all had prepared for the affirmative, but Messrs. Taylor and Bowman kindly consented to take the negative. The question was: "That the World is Growing Worse." When the judges handed in their decision it was found they had unanimously voted in favor of the negative.

Miss Lona Goforth spent the week-end with homefolks at Dysartville. Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Annis, March 27, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sigmon and son, Chaffie, spent Sunday in Bridgewater with the former's daughter, Mrs. M. L. Hildebrand.

Miss Rosa Stacy, who has been teaching in Wake county, is at home for her vacation.

Mrs. G. D. Taylor and daughter, Hattie, were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Prof. Creel, principal of Nebo High School, preached a good sermon to a large audience Sunday at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith of Marion spent a few days with friends and relatives here last week.

Jefferson Curtis of Linville is cutting a large boundary of timber near Nebo for the Lyerly and Abernethy Lumber Company of Bridgewater.

The Sunday schools are progressing very nicely at both churches. We hope that with the coming of spring more people will attend both Sunday schools.

Mrs. D. A. Annis and little son of Erwin, Tenn., spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sigmon.

Misses Olivia Patton and Elsie Stacy, who are teaching near Marion, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mrs. H. C. Taylor and Mrs. J. E. Sigmon were shopping in Marion one day last week.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, April 3.—Miss Hattie Mangum of Marion spent two weeks with homefolks here recently.

Robert Roper has accepted a position in Nebraska.

Miss Lona Goforth of Nebo spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Will Landis spent Sunday in Nebo.

Misses Ruby, Maggie and Mary Kirksey are recovering from a severe spell of lagrippe.

J. B. Mangum has returned to his work in Virginia after spending some time here with relatives.

Fred Fortune and Miss Callie Duval were happily married at the home of Rev. J. R. Denton last Sunday, quite a number of their friends being present. Rev. J. R. Denton performed the ceremony. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Fortune left for Marion where they will spend some time.

Robert C. Laughridge of Spencer spent the week-end with homefolks.

Miss Myrtle Cowan is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Knox at Statesville.

Alden Hudgins of Rutherfordton spent Sunday here.

Lee Whitener visited his son, Henry, at Rutherford hospital last week. The latter is reported as improving.

LAUREL HILL

Dysartville, April 3.—The school at this place will close next Friday with an entertainment at night. Mr. Willie Landis has taught a very successful term and we would be pleased to have him returned next year.

Mrs. G. H. Ellington, who has been on the sick list for some time, is very much improved.

A. J. Davidson of Statesville was a business visitor here during the week. Mrs. M. L. McCurry of Marion visit-

ed relatives here one day last week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bruner is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Ila Meanis of Statesville is visiting relatives here.

G. C. Ellington visited his son in Rutherfordton recently.

L. L. Walker and family spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Bridgewater.

L. G. Price was in Nealsville Thursday on business.

The farmers of this section are putting the finishing touches to their land and will be planting corn in a few days.

TROMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, April 3.—M. F. Tate made a business trip to Marion Friday.

J. S. Pyatt of Harmony Grove made a business trip here Thursday.

Clayton James is visiting his grandparents at Sevier.

Ben Simmons of Harmony Grove was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. J. N. Cuthbertson and children visited relatives in Morganton several days last week.

John Buff visited home folks at Linville last week.

A. J. Simmons has returned from Virginia and reports his son better.

Quite a number of the people of this place attended the debate at Nebo Friday night.

Mrs. Maggie Hemphill, who has been on the sick list for quite a while, is improving.

D. C. Brown made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mrs. Will Brown and daughter, Sarah, of Nebo, were visitors here Monday.

Fayette and Ferman Simmons made a business trip to Graphiteville one day last week.

J. H. Janes made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Quite a number of the people of this place attended the singing at the home of John Hensley.

Mrs. Marion Simmons was shopping in Marion Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stone and children of Nebo were guests of Mrs. C. F. Dyson Saturday and Sunday.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, April 3.—Mrs. M. W. Yancey is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. N. Lonon, in Marion.

"Uncle Bill" Quinn is very ill.

Fred Hollifield is out again after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Jock Lonon visited his grandmother here last week.

Frank Elliott spent one night last week with his uncle, W. C. Huskins.

A Mr. Fox is operating a sawmill in our community.

"Uncle" Steve Collis is planning to teach a singing school at Green Mountain church for a few months, giving his services Saturday and Sunday of each week.

Mrs. D. R. Byrd is in very poor health.

Three persons were baptised at Armstrong church yesterday.

Caplan-Marley.

Cooleemee, March 29.—Miss Mary Marley and Mr. Isaac Caplan of Old Fort were married here today at noon in the Baptist church by Rev. H. C. Marley, father of the bride. The bride is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Marley, and is a most lovable young woman. The groom is a young business man of Old Fort.

The maid of honor was a sister of the bride, Miss Margaret Marley, while the best man was Mr. Earl Bradley of Winston-Salem. Other attendants included Mr. Fred M. Bradley and Miss Janie Dula, Mr. Hoyt Curtis and Miss Gertie Smith, and the ushers were Walter Caudell and Phillip Young. The ring bearer was little Miss Ruth Jarvis. The flower girls Mary Zachery and Katherine Barnes.

The young couple left at once for Old Fort where they will reside.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

In the town election at Morganton Monday Wilson Tate was elected mayor by 156 majority over J. R. Taylor.

Ex-Supreme Court Judge J. S. Manning announces his candidacy for Attorney General, and Judge Frank Carter has retired from the race.

A. W. McLean of Lumberton is boosted for national committeeman to succeed Josephus Daniels. J. S. Carr, H. G. Chatham and R. A. Doughton are mentioned.

The United States Senate has adopted an amendment providing \$50,000 for a site and building and 10,000 for annual maintenance of a school for the Indians of Rebeson and other counties in the State.

The state grew nearly nine million bushels of sweet potatoes last year, and the south up towards 50 millions, and New Jersey and everywhere else seem to have produced a bumper crop. That's why the price this season is way down.

One day the past week fire destroyed the home and contents and 300 bushels of corn belonging to A. P. Troutman at Keyser, Moore county. Mr. Troutman is an Irredell man and a former resident of Marion.

E. H. Bridges has assumed editorship and management of The Forest City Free Press. He will have associated with him W. S. Croker, former editor and manager. Mr. Bridges was superintendent of the county schools of Rutherford for many years, but retired two years ago.

The paper crises is coming faster than the people might think. The last issue of The Nation "regrets that a shortage of paper which could not be foreseen compelled it to issue in greatly reduced size." And the Nation is a metropolitan paper at that. The Observer would not be surprised to see some of its contemporaries coming along in wrapping paper dress before the war ends.—Charlotte Observer.

Nichols-Smart.

Married secretly in Marion, on Sunday, January 30, the wedding of Mr. Robert H. Nichols of this place to Miss Frances Smart of Marshall, N. C., was announced a few days ago. Rev. W. H. Moore performed the ceremony, which was witnessed only by relatives. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smart, of Marshall, and a sister to Mrs. W. H. Blackwell of Marion Junction, and it was while on a visit here some time ago that Mr. Nichols made her acquaintance. Shortly after the marriage Mrs. Nichols returned to her home at Marshall. Last week Mr. Nichols went to Marshall and returned home Thursday evening accompanied by his bride, when the announcement of the marriage was made public. They are stopping at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. J. A. Finley.

Mr. Nichols is station clerk at Marion Junction and has a host of friends here who wish for him and his fair bride a long and happy wedded life.