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DEMOCRATS NAME TICKET

T. J. Gibbs Selected by Convention for Legislature—W. W. Neal Elected Chairman.

The County Democratic convention met at the court house last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of selecting the candidates on the Democratic ticket to make the race in the November election. It was one of the most satisfactory conventions in the history of local Democratic politics, harmony being the keynote. Mr. J. D. Blanton called the house order, Mr. D. E. Hudgins being made chairman and S. E. Whitten, secretary. Mr. Hudgins made a short address in which he emphasized the importance of the war, saying that the winning of the war was paramount to everything else at this time; that the war must be won at any cost or sacrifice, regardless of party or politics.

Messrs. Thomas Morris, D. T. Harris, A. W. Grayson and Mildard Poteat having no opposition for nomination, were made the nominees for Clerk of Court, Sheriff, Register of Deeds and Treasurer in the order named. Mr. T. J. Gibbs was named as the party's candidate for the House of Representatives in the next Legislature; L. A. Haney, county surveyor, and Dr. J. B. Johnson as coroner. Messrs. W. H. Taylor, W. C. Morris and James Gibson were unanimously selected as county commissioners. Mr. Miles P. Flack was then offered for recommendation to the Legislature as a member of the County Board of Education, being unanimously endorsed. The question of delegate to the Constitutional convention was next introduced, Mr. D. E. Hudgins being named from McDowell county.

All candidates were voted on by acclamation and in no case was there a dissenting vote offered.

Chairman W. M. McNairy having been drafted into the service of the country, it became necessary to elect a new chairman of the county executive committee. Mr. W. W. Neal, one of the leading Democrats of the county, was the unanimous choice of the convention. Mr. Neal is probably one of the best known and most influential Democrats of the State. His opinion and advice is often sought by some of the State's leading politicians. It is expected that by reason of his influence and association that he will be able to lead the party to triumphant victory in the county in the coming November election.

Mr. W. E. Landis was made secretary. Mr. Landis is very active in local politics and will be able to render very valued service in the position of secretary.

H. F. Little, J. W. Winborne and D. E. Hudgins were appointed committee on resolutions, a copy of which will be published next week.

British aircraft have brought down a German airship off the coast of Holland, according to an announcement by the British admiralty. An unofficial report announces that a Zeppelin of the largest and newest type has been brought down off the English east coast.

Registration Places and Registrars in McDowell County.

The Local Board of McDowell County recommends the appointment of the men named below as registrars in the proposed selective service registration to be held in September, at the places set out below:

Marion Precinct, Clinchfield Store: W. L. Morris and J. M. Edwards.

Marion Precinct, Marion Mfg. Company's Store: S. L. Corpening and J. F. Parker.

Marion Precinct, Local Board Office: O. H. Buingarner, D. E. Hudgins, C. R. McCall, W. W. Neal and E. H. Dysart.

Marion Precinct, at Court House: D. T. Harris, J. E. Neal, M. G. Poteat, A. W. Grayson and N. F. Steppe.

Buck Creek: J. E. Jimerson and J. G. Patton.

Turkey Cove: M. L. Good, D. C. Bateman and Dook Hicks.

North Cove: R. H. Hennessee, R. J. Lonon.

Cedar Cove: J. C. Connelly, E. E. Engliash.

Nebo: J. Frank Wilson, George D. Taylor.

Higgins: E. H. Cowan, W. H. Taylor, Herbert Daves.

Bracketts: M. P. Flack, P. D. Nanney.

Glenwood: T. W. Wilson, John Goforth, A. P. Poteat.

Sugar Hill: W. M. Wilson, Morris Nanney.

Crooked Creek: J. L. Bird, J. M. Gibson.

Broad River: T. B. Ledbetter, Andy Neabitt.

Old Fort: F. M. Bradley, J. L. Nichols, J. N. Nesbitt, J. F. Harmon, Wm. Treverton, J. M. Kanipe.

LOCAL BOARD FOR McDOWELL.

Allies Slightly Checked.

The strength of the German opposition against the allied troops, from immediately north of the Somme river to the region just below Roye, apparently has checked, for the moment, at least, their march eastward in the process of clearing the Amiens-Montdidier sector of the enemy.

It has not, however, prevented the French on the extreme southern end of the line from winning additional points of great strategic value in the hill and forest region between the Oise and the Matz, where Lassigny and Noyon are the ultimate objectives, and the capture of which not alone would result possibly in the forced evacuation by the Germans of the Noyon-Roye-Chaulnes line, but also would have a marked effect on the battle line running southeastward past Soissons and thence along the Vesle river.

The battle line in the north and on the center remains virtually as it stood Monday, although all the allied troops have bettered slightly their stands and taken additional prisoners. The Americans and French at last accounts still were in the environs of Bray, north of the river, while south of the river, the Germans continued in possession of Chaulnes and Roye, which seemingly they intend to defend it at all hazards.

Notice to the Democratic Party of McDowell County.

I want to thank you for the honor that you tendered me in the Convention last Saturday. My condition is such that I cannot serve the good wishes of the people, so I decline accepting the nomination as Representative of McDowell County.

Very respectfully,
T. J. Gibbs.

Two negroes in Wilmington died Sunday night from heat.

THREE CALLS ANNOUNCED

Local Board Makes Call for 27 Colored Men and 43 White Men During August.

The local exemption board has ordered twenty-seven colored men to report on August 21st, to be entrained on one of the three days beginning August 22nd for Camp Greene. The following are called:

Jesse Lindsey, Isaiah Mays, Alvin Wright, Fred Mackentire, John Jones, George Cuthbertson, William McKinley Rutherford, Charlie Lytle, Joe Wilson, Emmett Fowler, William Brady Bynum, George Walter Davidson, Ed Falls, Herbert Belmer, Harold Brown, James Carson, Adam Elliott, Jason Rhodes, William Carson, Dallas Beam, Isaac Vaughn, Hugh Henderson, Elijah Wrens, Floyd Bynum, John Hanks, Arthur Hardy and Lonzo Smith.

Alternates are: James Winfield, George Mitchell Hall, Curley Norman, Charlie Jairls, Willis Rogers, Lee Cooper, Jno. William Corpening.

The local board has also received a call for forty-three white men qualified for general military service but had only forty-one, and all of them have been called to report on August 25th, to be entrained on one of the five days beginning August 26th for Camp Jackson, S. C. They are as follows:

Astor Yelton, Lee Arthur Cannon, Blanton Autry, Charles William Painter, George Watson Wilson, Lonon Hollifield, George Washington Laughter, Martin Luther Curtis, Fred Roscoe Berry, James Hugh Conley, John Thomas Myers, Erastus Fleetwood Lyda, Thomas Franklin Loftis, Mills Lee Morgan, Adolphus Noblitt, Ernest Koon, Vernon Lee Bradley, John Downs Carrigan, Daniel L. Rowe, Thomas Samuel Stafford, Hicks White, Reuben Arthur Allison, Moses Grayson Reel, Hermon Stovall Taylor, William Huffman, George Filmore Bailey, Harvey B. Moore, Robert McKinley Reel, Jesse Leonard Quinn, George Ben Taylor, Reid Conley, James McDowell Greenlee, Nicholas McKinley Suttles, Roy Clifford Hensley, Frederick Lee Parker, Alfred Lester Erwin, Clyde Roscoe Bartlett, Lloyd Early, Frank McFalls, Clyde Davis, and Joseph E. Hall.

The local board has just received call for two limited service white men to be entrained on one of the two days beginning August 30th for Camp Greene. The board has accordingly issued call for John Poteat and Thomas Harlow Noblitt to report on August 29th, to fill this call.

The foregoing calls exhaust all of the white men in class one who were found to be qualified for general military service under the 1917 and 1918 registrations. The call for colored men above exhausts all of the colored men placed in class one under the 1917 registration, who were found qualified for general military service. The local board now has only about eighteen colored men in the 1918 registration who have not yet been called. It is expecting a call for them any time.

There are in class one a good many men who have been found to be qualified only for limited mili-

tary service. Calls have only been received for five of these men so far, but the local board is informed that they will be called out rapidly from now on.

60,000 Prisoners.

London, Aug. 10.—(Via Montreal)—Speaking at a luncheon today at Newport, Monmouthshire, Premier Lloyd-George emphasized the importance of the pushing back of the Germans from within gun range of the Amiens railway. "Hundreds of trains to pass through Amiens daily" the premier said, but we were temporarily deprived of its use until recently when we were able to employ twenty trains daily.

"Amiens now is safe through the recent allied triumphs on the Marne and the Somme, which were due to the unity of command. These two great victories have resulted in the capture of between 50,000 and 60,000 prisoners and between 800 and 900 guns."

E. C. Giles Injured in Wreck at Connelly Springs.

Two freight engines backed into each other at Connelly Springs about 8 o'clock Friday morning with the result that both locomotives were disabled so that they could not move their trains and two trainmen injured, one seriously. Extra Fireman Walter McNesty of Connelly Springs sustained a mashed foot and he was carried to Statesville, where the member was amputated by Dr. Long. Brakeman E. C. Giles of Marion suffered a slight bruise on the head.

The engine of train 88 eastbound was returning from the coaling station when the engine of train 61 westbound started for the chute and the two backed into each other with the result mentioned.

Fine Record.

Mr. J. H. Tate, has received a letter from F. E. Griffith, of the North Carolina Merchants Division, National War Savings Committee, which is very complimentary to his work in this district. "You will note," the letter reads, "that the eighth district is allotted 774 authorized agents, but up to date (August 5) there are only about 245. However, in regard to sales your district is making a fine record, as it appears that you have already sold \$106,000 against your quota of \$168,000. This is by far the best showing made by any district in the state so far, and we beg to congratulate you."

Marion merchants continue to lead the district and state in the sale of War Savings stamps, having sold more than three times their allotment. The total sales last month amounted to \$5,041.50, McCall Bros. leading with sales amounting \$3,281.50. This firm has sold \$6,195.50 and have received the following message from State headquarters:

"Accept congratulations and thanks for record you are making in sale of War Savings stamps. Continuation of your efforts will be appreciated."

The 28th annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Tulsa, Okla., September 25-27th.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Heavy damage to crops in Burke county from hail and windstorms is reported.

Several horses and mules died in Wilson county the past week from excessive heat.

Over 2,000 crates of peaches were shipped from an orchard near Elkin within the past two weeks, says the Elkin Tribune.

It is announced from Southern Pines that surveys indicate that the new army camp in Cumberland and Hoke counties will include an area of above 100,000 acres.

Crops in the Newton section were damaged by wind and rain Friday afternoon. The belfry on a colored church in Newton was struck and destroyed by lightning.

Two cars of Southern passenger train No. 16 were derailed two miles east of Statesville Thursday night. No one was injured. The derailment was caused by a broken rail, it is claimed.

Gas from oil discharged on the water by the German submarine operating off the middle Atlantic coast overcame six men in the coast guard station and lighthouse on Smith's island, N. C., Saturday evening, the navy department was advised by the commandant of the Sixth naval district.

A nuncupative will filed with the last will and testament with codicil attached of the late R. J. Reynolds leaves the sum of \$240,000 to the city of Winston-Salem to provide a hospital building for the white people and another for colored people, each building to cost \$120,000.

Freight Wreck at Dendron.

An engine and three freight cars were derailed at Dendron, near Old Fort, Monday morning, and as a consequence traffic on that line was considerably deranged for the day.

Passengers on Trains Nos. 11 and 12, transferred at the wreck; Train No. 21 was delayed for four hours, and Train No. 16 was sent around by Spartanburg.

It is reported that one man, who was riding on a car of lumber, was injured. His leg was badly crushed. He was carried to Old Fort for treatment. The injured man refused to give his name.

Registration August 24th For Men 21 Years Old.

By proclamation of the President all young men who have become 21 years of age since June 5th, 1918, and who become 21 years of age on or before August 24th, 1918, are hereby required to register at the office of the local board in Marion on August 24th, 1918.

Every reader of the Progress is hereby enjoined to give the widest publicity to this notice in McDowell County. The call for this registration has just been issued.

LOCAL BOARD FOR McDOWELL COUNTY.

S. M. Berry, of Bridgewater, has opened a grocery store in the store room formerly occupied by W. F. McPeeters & Co.