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The Governorship.

The Progress this week carries a cut of Hon. O. Max Gardner, candidate for governor, also an editorial from the Rutherfordton Sun, a Gardner supporter. This paper, while not committed to any one of the several aspirants, takes pleasure in printing the strong editorial of The Sun. Max Gardner is a strong, able candidate. He is well known, especially in Western North Carolina. He has served the people honorably in an official capacity. That he would make a strong governor is not to be disputed. He has a large number of supporters and friends in every section of McDowell County.

The Newberry Case.

The Newberry trial now in progress at Grand Rapids, Mich., shows the most colossal attempt at bribery and conspiracy in our opinion ever known in this country.

Newberry, a millionaire, in a desperate and frantic success to secure his election to the United States Senate, according to the evidence already brought out, literally bought the voters of Michigan. Choice cigars, wrapped in ten dollar bills, were as common as flies in a dog kennel. Money blown as freely as water.

A man who will bribe others will himself be bribed. The country is unsafe in the hands of such scoundrels and demagogues. In a great crisis such as the world is passing the affairs of state needs to be in the hands of men whose honesty and integrity is unquestioned.

Just what the outcome of the Newberry case will be is yet to be seen. If money will place a man in high public office, then it can reasonably be supposed that the same filthy lucre will be efficacious in securing his acquittal when arraigned before the courts; this is with a people who will accept money as the price of principal. To say the least, Newberry is unworthy to sit in the high councils of the Senate of the United States. Ordinarily we do not pass sentence upon folks until the evidence is all in, but we are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of Newberry.

Influenza Situation Serious

The reports from various sections of the county indicate that the epidemic of influenza is more serious at this time than it has been during the year. The disease is widely prevalent in many sections and in serious form. Bracketts township suffered a very bad epidemic and news comes from Dyarsville that the disease is in almost every home.

Owing to the fact that doctors all live in town and have their hands full at home makes it almost impossible for the rural sections to secure medical attention.

One section, it is reported, expects to ask the county board of health to send a physician to look after the sick until the epidemic is over.

Politics in 18th Judicial District

Much interest is being taken in the contest for judge in the eighteenth judicial district. So far only two candidates have entered the race—the present incumbent, J. Bis Ray, who was appointed by the governor at the death of Judge Justice, and Michael Schenck, who resigned as solicitor during the war to serve his country.

Both candidates are able lawyers and well known throughout the district. Judge Ray, notwithstanding the fact that he has been on the bench only a short time, has made a record that is bringing him many supporters.

Mr. Schenck while serving as solicitor made an enviable record and many friends. He, like Judge Ray, has many supporters in McDowell county and the race here will probably be a close one.

One thing is sure, and that is the district will have an able candidate. Either will make a good judge.

It is rumored that O. V. F. Blythe, who ran for solicitor last election, will be the Republican candidate.

American Legion Memorial Services Postponed.

Owing to the seriousness of the influenza epidemic which is prevalent throughout the county, the local post of the American Legion has postponed their memorial services until Sunday, March 7th.

The government of France, as a mark of its deep gratitude to those who gave their lives that democracy might live and as an expression of sympathy to the bereaved, is distributing to the next of kin of each soldier who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War an engraved memorial diploma bearing the name of the deceased and an inscription.

Special invitations will be sent to those who are to receive these memorials, but a cordial invitation is also extended to the public.

This service will be held at the M. E. church, south, at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, March 7th. A complete program will be published next week.

Several Candidates for Public Welfare Job

Already there are several candidates for the position of county superintendent of public welfare. This official is elected jointly by the county board of commissioners and the county board of education.

While much interest is being taken by the various applicants and their friends, nothing is known as to who will be elected. Inasmuch as there will not be a meeting of the board of education until the first Monday in April no action can be taken before this date.

While the local boards are charged with the election of a welfare officer, they must elect a person properly certificated and approved by the state board of public welfare.

J. J. Lewis Dead.

Mr. J. J. Lewis died after a short illness on last Monday night. Mr. Lewis was taken ill with influenza Saturday night, contracting pneumonia almost at once. His death comes as a shock to the people of this community. He was a man of unusual strength.

Mr. Lewis was township supervisor of roads for Marion township for several months and was making much headway toward the improvement of the roads under his charge. He was a hard worker and a very efficient road man.

Mr. Lewis was 39 years old and is survived by his wife and four children. The body was carried to Nebo, the old home of the deceased, for burial on Wednesday.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family and relatives of the deceased.

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