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HARDING AND COOLIDGE

Nominated to Head the Republican Ticket in November Election—Nominations Unanimous.

Chicago, June 12.—Warren G. Harding, United States Senator from Ohio, was nominated for the presidency today by the Republican national convention after a deadlock which lasted for nine ballots and which finally forced out of the running all the original favorites.

As his running mate the convention named Governor Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, upsetting a plan of a combination of the Harding backers to nominate for the place Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin.

The collapse of the forces of Governor Frank O. Lowden and their transfer in large parts to Senator Harding put the Ohio candidate over.

General Wood lost heavily, however when the Harding drift began and Senator Johnson, the third of the trio of leaders on the early balloting yesterday, also went steadily down hill.

Entering the convention four days ago as a candidate distinctly of the "dark horse" class, Senator Harding got only 64 votes on the first ballot yesterday and on the second he dropped to 56.

When the convention adjourned last night at the end of the fourth ballot he had 61.

In all night conferences among the party chiefs, he was mentioned many times as the most likely to break the nomination deadlock should neither Wood, Lowden nor Johnson take the commanding lead. They all failed to do so, Wood and Lowden running a neck and neck race for leadership on four more ballots, while the strength of the California candidate dwindled steadily.

Meanwhile Harding plunged his total to 133, individual delegates from many states swinging to him from the columns of the leaders and of various favorite sons. The Johnson managers fearing a landslide was impending, then made a last play to save the fortunes of their candidate. They moved to recess for a couple of hours in order to take an inventory and seek a new combination. The Wood and Lowden forces, both virtually at the peak of their strength, but both disheartened at the long string of ballots without material gains, fell in with the recess plan, and the convention adopted it.

In the dramatic succession of conferences that followed the fate of the candidates virtually was sealed. Some of the Wood and Lowden managers tried ineffectually for an agreement which would hold their delegates in line and kill off the Harding boom. Some tried to get a Wood-Lowden-Johnson agreement to adjourn until Monday without making a nomination. There also was a conference between Johnson and Harding's supporters, in which the Ohioan's managers tried without success to have the remaining Johnson strength swung to Harding.

It was the parleys between the Harding-Lowden men, however, which apparently bore the most fruit when the balloting began again, for Governor Lowden came

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Much Interest Being Taken in Community Service Work.

The Community Service work, under the direction of Miss Violet Alexander, has created much interest in those communities where the work has been given. The attendance at the meetings has been very satisfactory and the people of the communities express themselves as much pleased with this new educational feature in McDowell county. Miss Alexander, before going into this line of work, was a successful school teacher. She enjoys meeting with the children of the various communities and working with them in games, plays and other activities in which children take an interest.

The Community Service is only another instrumentality for education. Being visual in its nature makes it very helpful to those who have little time for study. The program provides for many features which will be added from time to time.

Under the State's plan of organization, the work is supported by State appropriation and by a small charge, which is made at each meeting. The mechanics of the pictures are absolutely first class. No better can be secured at any price. The pictures themselves are in the nature of comedies, yet every one carries a lesson.

The itinerary provides for the program in the communities selected every two weeks.

The places where the work is being given are as follows: First week: Monday night, Clinchfield school; Tuesday night, Cross Mill school; Wednesday night, Nebo High school; Thursday night, Glenwood school; Friday night, Second week: Monday night, Greenlee High school; Tuesday night, Garden City school; Wednesday night, Dysartville school; Thursday night, Marion Mill school; Friday night, Sugar Hill school.

Morrison Has a Lead of 87 Over Gardner in Primary of June 5.

Raleigh, June 15.—While the vote has not been declared, figures compiled from official returns by the state board of elections today gave Cameron Morrison a lead of 87 votes over O. Max Gardner in the statewide primary June 5, when 128,233 votes were cast for the three gubernatorial candidates. The votes were: Cameron Morrison 49,070; O. Max Gardner 48,983; Robert N. Page 30,180.

Declaration of the vote, which necessitates a second primary to determine nominee was deferred until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning in order that Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Gardner manager, may investigate what he believes to be discrepancies in the returns from two counties.

Senator Lee S. Overman was renominated over A. L. Brooks by a vote of 94,806 to 23,869. A second primary will be necessary to determine Judge W. A. Hoke's running mate for the supreme court bench, and the race will be run by B. F. Long and W. R. Stacy. A second primary will also be necessary between Baxter Durham and Jas. P. Cook for the nomination for the state auditor. W. B. Cooper was clearly nominated over F. C. Harding for lieutenant-governor; B. R. Lacy over B. F. Renfrow, for state treasurer; W. A. Graham over H. E. Thompson for commissioner of agriculture; M. L. Shipman over David P. Dellinger for commissioner of labor and printing; Stacey W. Wade over W. T. McClenahan, and John Underwood for insurance commissioner.

The official vote in McDowell county for governor was: Gardner 421, Morrison 309, Page 21.

The M. B. Poteat property, one mile southeast of Marion, will be sold at public auction Saturday, June 19th, at 10 a. m.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, June 15.—G. B. Strickland has gone to Washington, D. C., on business.

Miss Sadie Burgin left Saturday for New York City where she will spend a month with relatives.

Mrs. "Shorty" Fortune, who underwent an operation last week, is improving.

I. H. Green and daughter, Mayme, of Asheville, spent Sunday here. Arthur Grant is home from the Navy on a furlough.

Miss Alice Adams of Asheville spent Sunday here with her father.

Mrs. Joe Mashburn and daughters, Emily and Elaine, spent the week-end in Marion as the guests of Mrs. J. P. Ray.

Arthur Goodson and Miss Howell of Asheville spent Sunday evening with Miss Gertrude Dula.

Mrs. A. T. Burgin and son, Charles, of Drexel, are visiting Mrs. C. H. Burgin.

Miss Gertrude Huff of Asheville is spending a few days here.

Mrs. A. H. Spencer was in Marion last Saturday.

Miss Mae Jordan is attending the summer school in Asheville.

F. M. Bradley was out of town on business for a few days during the past week.

Miss Margaret Marley has returned to her home at China Grove after a visit to her sister, Mrs. I. L. Caplan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Payne have gone to Portland, Oregon, and other western points.

On last Tuesday a crowd of young people motored to Catawba Falls on a picnic. The party included Misses Burgin, Miller, Biddix, Marley, Arney, Mrs. Atkins; Messrs. Atkins, Duncan, Keeter, Artz and Frazier.

NEBO

Nebo, June 15.—The Sunday School at the Methodist church will observe Children's Day next Sunday June 20. The services will begin at 10:30 o'clock. A special program will be given by the children and dinner will be spread on the ground. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Miss Mable Morrow is attending the Summer school in Marion.

Mrs. Lizzie Beck has returned to her home at Linville after spending two weeks here with her daughters, Mrs. W. J. Kincaid and Mrs. R. V. Wilson.

Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. May of Morganton spent last week with their sister, Mrs. J. F. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Conley and children of Glen Alpine spent Sunday at the home of L. C. Parks.

Miss Maggie Parks is attending Summer school in Morganton.

Miss Elsie Stacy will leave today for Asheville where she will attend the Summer school.

Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Brittain and children spent a few days last week with relatives in Hickory.

Rabb Sells to Bryson-Snyder Co.

Mr. J. C. Rabb has sold his entire stock of goods to Bryson-Snyder Company, who after remodeling and refurbishing the building now occupied by Mr. Rabb will move their stock now in the Marianna building to the new quarters.

Bryson-Snyder Company own a chain of stores and enjoy quite a large patronage. Their present quarters are inadequate to take care of their wide and increasing business. In moving into the new quarters they hope to be in a position to be of greater service to their many patrons in Marion and vicinity.

"THE MIRACLE MAN" is a picture that should be seen by all who are skeptical regarding the moving picture enterprise. At the GRAND THEATRE, Monday, June 21st.

Craig-Chambers Wedding.

At five o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Faye Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan, was united in marriage to Mr. W. R. Chambers. The wedding was solemnized at the Morgan home in the presence of relatives and intimate friends of the couple. The ceremony was performed by Dr. J. T. Bowden, of the First Baptist church. Miss Ethel Crawford, a cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Thomas W. Bird of Asheville was best man.

The bride is a young woman of culture and accomplishments. She is held in high esteem in social and religious circles. She was educated at Meredith College and abroad. For several years she has been a member of the faculty of the Marion Graded School, and by her personal charm has greatly endeared herself to the young people of the community. She is a prominent worker in religious circles and takes great interest in everything for good in the community.

Mr. Chambers came to Marion more than a year ago and associated himself with Mr. W. T. Morgan in the practice of law. He was educated at Wake Forest College and taught school prior to his coming to Marion. He is a young man of sterling qualities and enjoys the esteem and friendship of the people of his adopted home.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers left for a two weeks wedding tour in the western part of the State. They will take up their residence in Marion where they will be at home to their many friends upon their return.

Those attending the wedding from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Poteat of Wake Forest, and Miss Ethel Terrel of Asheville.

The best wishes of their many friends are extended to both Mr. and Mrs. Chambers for a long life full of happiness and prosperity.

Literary Society Organized at Clinchfield Mill.

Marion, June 14.—On last Tuesday night the young folks of the village who are interested in readings, dramatics, etc., met at the school building. The result of the meeting was a literary organization. Its members meet every Tuesday for social chats and to discuss ways and means by which they can be of service to their community, especially in the way of entertainment. The club has enrolled about twenty-five members. Esmeralda, a drama whose setting is in Western North Carolina, will be produced at an early date.

The small children gave an interesting program of songs, drills, readings, etc., in the auditorium on last Saturday night. The children will give other entertainments from time to time.

More equipment is continually being put into the school building. A domestic science laboratory is now being fitted up. A class of twelve girls had their first lesson last Wednesday. On account of the limited equipment at present, many girls who are anxious to attend the cooking school have had to be refused.

A set of Encyclopedia Britannica has been purchased for the school library. We are indebted to Mr. Steppe for the donation of a library case, to Clinchfield Book Club for about 50 books for boys, also to Mr. J. L. C. Bird for back issues of numerical weekly and monthly periodicals. These additions, we hope, is but the nucleus of a good school library. What is needed most now is books for the tiny tots.

BANK STOCK INCREASED

First National Bank Increases Its Stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000; to Enlarge Office.

The First National Bank of Marion has increased its capital stock, through the action of its board of directors and stockholders and by authority from the Comptroller of Currency at Washington, from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and has sold all of the capital stock and distributed same among the business men of the county and is now doing the largest business the bank has ever done. This bank from its organization has been a great success and a great power in McDowell county for the upbuilding of the business interests of the county. The resources of the bank now exceed one million dollars. The force in the bank is busy daily with the increased business that the bank is enjoying. By reason of the new issue of stock, which has all been paid for, many new business men in the county have become personally interested in the welfare of this institution and the outlook for business in the future for this strong banking house is exceedingly bright.

By reason of the increase of the capital stock, which is now \$100,000, and by reason of the surplus and undivided profits, which now amount to \$25,000 or more, this institution offers every advantage to its patrons consistent to safe and sound banking.

The board of directors have appointed a committee to employ an architect to enlarge the office of the bank so as to include all of the first floor and install a new vault and add other needed facilities in order to enable the institution to take care of its enlarged business, as present facilities are not sufficient. The architect will be directed to utilize all the space on the first floor of the building back of the present offices and to close up the side entrance that leads to the office of the Marion Insurance and Trust Company. This improvement will give the working force of the bank much more convenient quarters than they have at present.

"Nothing succeeds like success." This institution has been a great success from its very beginning and, by courteous treatment of its customers, has won the confidence of the business interests in this county and now asks the cooperation of its friends for a greater and better day for the financial interests of McDowell county.

Dolph Wilson Kills Two Bears.

Dolph Wilson, of Busick, killed two bears last week in Yancey county on the head of South Toe river. Alex McMahan, Wood Gregg and J. W. Lanning participated in the hunt. On Friday some of the bear meat was brought to Marion and was disposed of. Mr. Wilson states that bears are very plentiful in the Toe river section. He says that many hogs, sheep and calves have been killed by bears recently and that the people of this section are forced to go out and kill the bears before all the sheep, hogs, etc., have been destroyed. Mr. Wilson is a nephew of the late "Big Tom" Wilson.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Burgin, June 6, a daughter.