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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Completes Organization; Clearing Way for Nominating Speeches; Wet Plank Rejected.

The National Democratic convention is now in session in San Francisco. The convention wound up its preliminaries yesterday and prepared to get down to business today.

With administration forces continuing in apparently complete control, it perfected its organization, accepting Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, as its permanent chairman; permitting states to upset the unit rule, provided for taking women on the democratic national committee, and prepared for the business of having candidates nominated by adopting an order of business, which will permit the delivery of nominating speeches before the platform is brought in.

Balloting for a nominee, however, will not be permitted before the platform has been adopted by the convention.

Wet Plank Proposal Rejected

San Francisco, June 29.—The sub-committee of nine, making a preliminary draft of the democratic platform rejected tonight a proposal to include a wet plank. The deliberations and vote were in secret, but it was understood that the vote against a wet plank was at the ratio of two to one.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK POPULAR—GOOD ATTENDANCE

The Community Service work, under the direction of Miss Violet Alexander, is becoming very popular in the communities where the work is being given. The people show their appreciation of this new educational feature for McDowell county by good attendance. The number attending these programs in the various communities has been increased at every meeting.

While the pictures are of an instructive nature, yet a part of each program has a little of the funny side of life. The comedies are clean but full of fun.

As soon as the schools open, Miss Alexander expects to relate her work more closely to the needs of the schools. In fact, a part of her work as director will be to give instructions in physical training, to teach the students interesting games, and to tell the children suitable stories. The picture feature will be so related to the school work as to make the work of the schools more interesting and effective.

The present itinerary provides for ten regular appointments. The itinerary may be changed, however, according to conditions and the interest taken by the communities.

SINGING CONVENTION IN MARION AUGUST 21-22.

Mr. John C. Burnett, president of the county singing association, announces that the annual McDowell County Singing convention will be held at the court house in Marion on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22. Mr. Burnett, in announcing the dates for the convention, says:

"While much progress is being made by many of the different choirs, singers should put forth every effort in assisting the local organizations to prepare for the convention. During the past a number of choirs have failed to participate in our conventions for the reason that a leader could not be secured to instruct them. Now it is my opinion that where a teacher is not obtainable that with a little practice some member of the choir may qualify as leader. Just try it and see how well it works.

"It is desired that every community in the county be represented and that every choir to take part in the singing. Choirs from adjoining counties are also invited to attend and sing with us. Let everybody come and help make this the best convention ever held in the county."

ENGLISH-LAUGHRIDGE.

A simple but pretty wedding took place last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Rhom English at Ashford, when Miss Faye English was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Laughridge of Marion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of the Methodist church of Marion, and was witnessed only by immediate relatives and intimate friends of the young couple.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple motored to Marion, where they departed on train No. 16 for Washington, Atlantic City and other points North on a short honeymoon. The bride is the charming young daughter of Mrs. Rhom English of Ashford. She is a student of the Asheville Normal College and has a host of friends who wish her much happiness.

The groom is a son of Mrs. J. A. Laughridge of Marion and is popular in the older as well as the social set of Marion. He is a young man of sterling character. After finishing the Marion High School he went North, where he was very successful as a travelling salesman for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. After the death of his father, Sheriff Laughridge, he returned to Marion and is now proprietor of the Marion Garage Co.

The couple will return the latter part of next week and will make their home in Marion. Their large circle of friends wish for them much happiness and unbounded joy for the future.

KIRSTEIN-GARRISON.

Black Mountain, June 28.—A wedding of much interest to their many friends in McDowell county was consummated at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Ernest H. Garrison, in Broad River township, on Thursday, June 24, when Mr. Emil Malone Kirstein of Fairview, N. C., and Miss Harriet Leona Garrison were united in marriage. The wedding was a quiet affair, being witnessed by close friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed at 1:00 p. m. by Esq. James Dodson of Dome. After the ceremony the wedding party was ushered into the dining-room where a bounteous dinner was served.

The parlor was beautifully decorated with roses and boxwood. The bride was dressed in white figured voile with hat and shoes to match. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. B. Garrison of this place. The groom is a son of Mr. E. A. Kirstein of Flat Creek. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for points west. After a few days they will be at home to their friends in Broad River township. They have a host of friends in this and the adjoining counties who extend them hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

WORK PROGRESSING ON NEBO SCHOOL BUILDING

The construction of the Nebo High School building is going forward in as fast a manner as material and labor conditions will permit. The grading is already finished, and the actual construction of the building is under way. Mr. C. W. Buchanan expects to move the building forward as fast as possible.

The Nebo building is a modern structure to be built of brick and the best of material throughout. It will be in keeping with the educational demands of Nebo and McDowell county.

ENTERTAINMENT AT NEBO.

The Nebo Dramatic club will present a play, "The House Across the Way," a comedy-drama in four acts, at the Nebo High School Auditorium at Nebo Saturday night, July 3, at 8:30 o'clock. An admission fee of 15 and 25 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, June 30.—Miss Mayme Greene of Asheville was a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Bessie Rue Flemming, who has been spending some time in Knoxville, Tenn., is visiting home-folks for a few days.

Mrs. J. B. Robinson of Asheville and Miss Hattie Allen of Forest City spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Maggie Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Flemming of Colorado are spending a few weeks here with relatives.

On last Friday evening a crowd of young people motored to Gatlin Lake on a moonlight picnic. The party included Misses Miller, Biddix, Artz, Mashburn and Arney; Messrs. Artz, Duncan, Kroupa, Williams and Bradley.

Miss Lillie Lytle spent the week-end in Swannanoa.

John Kelley of Akron, Ohio, is visiting his mother.

Mr. Marvin, who has been here for some time surveying the railroad for Union Tanning Company, has returned to his home in New York.

Earl Bradley left Tuesday for Winston-Salem where he has accepted a position with the Owen Drug Company.

Mrs. T. J. Nichols was in Marion Tuesday on business.

J. N. Nesbitt, who has been ill for some time, we are glad to learn is improving.

D. A. Silver, H. A. Westerman, F. J. Nichols, J. L. Nichols and Thaddeus Bradley spent a pleasant day in Bridgewater Wednesday fishing. They were very successful, catching about thirty.

Old Fort, June 29.—Miss Gertrude Dula was hostess to the following at her home on Saturday evening: Misses Maggie and Hattie Allen, Grace Arney, Pauline Hawkins, Mabel Crawford, Adeline Wilkinson, Mrs. Frank Yancey, Mrs. Sidney Mauney, Mrs. Nadine Spencer; Messrs. John Artz, Jerry Kraupa, Arthur Goodson, Frank Yancey, J. B. Williams, McKinley Wells, Sidney Mauney, Frank Allen and O. H. Shelton.

The parlor and hall were artistically decorated with potted plants and summer flowers. Many interesting games were highly enjoyed and a special musical feature by Mr. Kraupa, violinist, and Miss Arney, pianist, was much appreciated.

GREENLEE

Marion, Route 2, June 28.—Miss Belle Dobson was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

M. H. Grant was in Old Fort on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tate and children visited relatives in Marion last Sunday.

R. H. McCall made a business trip to Marion last week.

Miss Eva Snipes was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Miss Rebecca Greelee spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tate and two children spent Sunday with relatives in Marion.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

NEBO

Nebo, June 28.—Material is being placed on the ground and work on the School building is progressing nicely.

R. V. McGimsey and L. C. Parks spent Sunday in Glen Alpine.

Miss Tracy Sigmon spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Hildebrand, at Bridgewater.

Miss Maggie Taylor spent a few days this week in Old Fort and Asheville.

Miss Mabel Parks spent the week-end with relatives in Morganton.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, June 28.—Clyde Satterwhite and mother of Bridgewater were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Corrina Knox and little daughter of Statesville are visiting the former's father, J. L. Cowan.

There will be Children's Day exercises in the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Miss Mamie Cowan has returned home from Berea, Ky.

Ernest Satterwhite has accepted a position with H. T. Cook in Spencer and will begin work the first of July.

John and Herbert Mangum left this morning for Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis of Marion visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Alice Rudisell has returned to her home in Lincoln county after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Daves.

A revival meeting will begin at the Baptist church on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in July at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. T. Bowden of Marion will do the preaching.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Route 1, June 28.—Mrs. J. A. Moody is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. M. Grant, at Greenlee.

Miss Flora Steppe and Mrs. William Hicks, who are attending the summer school in Marion, spent the week-end with home-folks.

A revival meeting is in progress at Ebenezer this week. Rev. Mock, the pastor, is assisted by Rev. Parker of Statesville.

We are glad to know that Mrs. William Parker is able to be out again after an attack of typhoid fever.

David and Azor Griffin of Ridgecrest spent the week-end with home-folks.

Miss Maude Silver was shopping in Old Fort, Saturday.

The farmers of this section are very busy harvesting their wheat crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steppe and children of Old Fort spent yesterday with the latter's father, Mr. T. H. Allison.

John Kelly of Akron, Ohio, is visiting his mother, Mrs. S. C. Kelly.

GARDIN

Gardin, June 28.—The property of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hicks was recently destroyed by fire. Their many friends will regret to hear of their misfortune.

J. W. Craig made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mrs. C. D. Wacaser and daughter, Miss Bula, were shopping in Marion Saturday.

The wheat crop of this section is fairly good.

Mrs. F. L. Simmons spent Sunday with Mrs. Millard Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Lawing and children spent the week-end with relatives here.

We are sorry to learn Mrs. Dan Holland is not improving.

Robert Carswell made a business trip to Dysartsville last Friday.

Corn crops are looking prosperous

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, June 28.—Mrs. Della Nichols, and children of Old Fort spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carswell.

Miss Ada Burgin of Winston-Salem is visiting her brother, Thomas Burgin, and other relatives here.

Miss Hattie Gilbert is on the sick list.

Miss Estelle Lavender and Alozo Davis of Old Fort visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Docia Lytle has returned from a visit to friends in Old Fort.

Mrs. Tom Carswell and children of Nebo spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carswell.

Miss Allie Laughter of Broad River visited Mrs. O. A. Davis the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Claude Bradley and children of Black Mountain spent last week

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

An embargo has been placed on all freight bound north of Washington. A strike of railroad men at the Potomac Yards is the cause of the embargo.

W. E. Garren, 36, former member of the Hendersonville police force, committed suicide Thursday by cutting his throat. He was despondent over ill health.

Elisha Dyer, a Confederate veteran, of Rutherford county, committed suicide Wednesday afternoon by shooting himself with a shotgun. No cause has been assigned for the suicide.

Robert Kornegay, Jr., 22, of near Mount Olive, was instantly killed when he was caught between the seat and the steering wheel of a gasoline tractor. The tractor had stuck in a hole and when the young man fed more gasoline, the tractor reared and turned backward.

WORK ON HIGHWAY.

A large construction force is at work on the highway of McDowell county between Marion and Nebo. Considerable dirt has already been removed. If the work goes forward at the present rate, the roads will be completed at no distant date.

The actual survey of the road was completed some time ago, and under the specifications, the road will be one of the best in the State. It will be well graded, and of a very satisfactory width. That part of the road that has been completed shows about what the road will be when it is finished.

with relatives here.

E. C. Reynolds and family recently moved to Mt. Hebron.

Sam Pyatt, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is expected home in a few days.

MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, Route 1, June 26.—The recent rains have put the farmers very much behind with their work. Crops are looking well, however, and small grain is generally very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hensley and Mrs. Vinna Harris made a business trip to Rutherford, Saturday.

W. P. Ledbetter has returned from the hospital. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mesdames M. J. Harris and M. R. Nanney were guests of Mr. Ledbetter last Friday.

Mrs. Ollie Greene of Spindale is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. C. Y. Banning.

A small child of Will Conner has been right sick for several days but is improving.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, June 28.—Mr. and Mrs. George F. Barnes of Florence, Ala., is visiting at the home of the former's brother, J. H. Barnes.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pooteet, June 21, a son.

Mrs. A. S. Coats and children were called to Weaverville Sunday on account of the illness of the former's mother, Mrs. Maines.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown of Marion spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kaylor.

There will be a community meeting at Chapel Hill school house Saturday, July 10. Work will be done on the grounds followed by dinner and public speaking. Everybody cordially invited to come and bring full baskets.

One show that sure pleases everyone is the report from all theatres that have played Fair and Warner which will be shown at the Grand next Monday.