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DAYTON'S DAY OF JUBILATION

Democratic Candidate for President Declares for League of Nations, and Enforcement of All Laws.

Fair Grounds, Dayton, O.—The Democratic presidential standard, with the league of nations and progress its peak escutcheons, today was marched into the 1920 campaign by Governor James M. Cox.

A throng of cheering Democrats, estimated variously at between 30,000 and 75,000, witnessed Governor Cox's acceptance of party leadership in the presidential contest, following formal notification by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, chairman of the San Francisco convention, of its choice.

To the ceremonies at the Montgomery county fair grounds Governor Cox, with Franklin D. Roosevelt, his running mate, at his side, marched for a mile in a broiling sun at the head of a parade of democratic delegations reviewed at the grounds. Their presence was an eleventh hour thought of the governor, who had planned merely to review the democratic hosts, which came in thousands from Ohio and also other states. The parade line alone, sprinkled with two scores of bands, was estimated to contain 20,000 marchers.

For two hours the governor, in his address of acceptance, kept the vast throng cheering as he gave, with emphasis, his campaign policies. He made the league of nations his paramount declaration, declaring he stood for American and world peace by its adoption, with "interpretations" pre-



JAMES M. COX.
Democratic Nominee for President.

serving its vital plan. He declared the league was a part of the democratic offering of progress as against republican reaction.

Two reservations he has suggested to the league covenant were emphasized by the governor, regarding the controverted article 10.

He was cheered loudly in comparing it to the Monroe doctrine, with its peace record. The democratic legions also shouted approval of declarations for woman suffrage, law enforcement—his only inferential reference to prohibition—reduction of taxation and scores of other issues he proclaimed.

The candidate's address closed, as evening fell, a day of democratic jubilation. Rain early in the day, which threatened to mar the event, gave way to bright sunshine by afternoon, with sultry humidity, but shortly before the governor concluded, another light rain poured upon the crowds, causing many to leave and somewhat marring the closing event.

With pointed finger to vigorous arm thrusts, the governor got more applause as he emphasized his indictment of the republican platform and leadership. The crowd also voiced its approval of his declaration that the loss of the league would mean more.

More cheers approved the candidate's pledge to aid ex-service men. Several demonstrations marked his declarations for consideration of women including ratification of the equal suffrage amendment.

Repeated thumps of his fist punctuated the governor's criticism of Senator Harding's stand on "patry government" and the audience evidenced its sympathy frequently.

The governor delivered only one sentence of his statement on education, jumping to the subject of campaign contributions, and he was cheered in declaring the Democrats would not attempt campaign dollar competition with the republicans.

As he closed his address the governor's collar was wilted and he appeared somewhat tired, but he turned happily to meet groups of congratulators.

J. B. DUKE VISITS MARION.

Mr. J. B. Duke, President of the Southern Power Company spent several days in Marion recently and while here discussed the possibilities of this section. Mr. Duke is particularly pleased with the outlook for development of this part of the state. He says that it is one of the finest resort sections anywhere in North Carolina. With the building of good roads throughout this section Mr. Duke says that it could be made the playground of America.

While discussing the outlook for Marion and McDowell County, Mr. Duke gave his assurance of co-operation in anything that meant for the growth of this section. He promised to sell to local business men and other interested parties a tract of one hundred acres of land adjoining the lake property. The building of the club house and hotel has been under consideration by local people for some time. It is proposed to build a \$75,000 Club House with golf and tennis courts, and to acquire fishing and boating privileges. The 15,000 acre lake, built by the Southern Power Company is said to be one of the largest artificial bodies of water in this country.

The parties promoting this proposition are very enthusiastic and hope to get it on foot at once. It has the support of local influence and capital. Backed by Mr. Duke the possibilities are almost unlimited. This part of McDowell county possesses climate and scenic beauty unequalled. If sufficient tourist attractions are provided there is no reason why it should not mean the bringing of thousands of people to this section annually.

USEFUL FACTS

1. Wheat land should be broke deep in August.
2. All soils in Piedmont North Carolina are greatly benefited by the use of lime.
3. To spray with kerosene oil will rid poultry houses of mites.
4. A mixture of kerosene oil and lard will cure scaly leg on chickens.
5. A good house powder for poultry may be made by mixing one-half gallon road dust, one-half pound sulphur and one-fourth pound snuff.
6. Carbon-bisulphide will keep weevil out of stored peas, beans, etc.
7. Government figures show that rats and mice destroy more than \$200,000,000 worth of food and feed in the United States each year.
8. Common automobile cylinder oil will kill hog lice and will not hurt the hog.
9. The cotton boll weevil is sure to visit this section before many years.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE BY HEAVY RAINS

The recent heavy rains have wrought heavy damage in this part of McDowell county. Reports are reaching Marion of washouts, bridges carried away and other damage. Four bridges were carried away in Marion township. The bridge near the Clinchfield mill was washed away while two bridges in the Halltown section were carried off and the one on the Glenwood road about two miles from town was also moved. Reports are that the iron bridge across Muddy Creek, above Bridge-water was also swept away.

Services at St. John's next Sunday and 8 p. m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, Aug. 10.—Mrs. A. W. Gilliam of Gastonia is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell White of Old Fort visited relatives here last week.

The revival at Bethel closed last Wednesday night. There were a number of conversions and additions to the church. It was a very successful meeting, Rev. R. F. Mock was assisted by Rev. Mr. Parker.

Rev. C. P. Holland held a very successful meeting at Bethlehem last week. The services were suspended Sunday on account of the rain.

I. L. Reel received a message last Monday stating that his daughter, Miss Callie, of Spartanburg, S. C., was seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday. The car, with eight persons in it, ran off a bridge thirty feet high. Two were killed instantly, two died Sunday night from injuries received, and the other four suffered severe injuries, but it is thought they will recover. Miss Reel has both arms broken, a fractured ankle and a flesh wound on the head. She was doing nicely at the last report.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Lavender, August 7, a son.

Mrs. Frank Turner is visiting relatives in Spartanburg, S. C.

Miss Myrtle Lytle returned from the McDowell Hospital last Thursday, after undergoing an operation there. She is getting along nicely.

Miss Ada Parker was taken to the Mission Hospital last week to undergo an operation.

School is progressing nicely at Bethel with Misses Gertrude Durham and Flora Stegge as teachers.

There will be a decoration at Bethel Saturday, August 14. Quarterly conference will also be held there Saturday, convening on Friday night. Rev. Parker Holmes will preach Saturday at eleven o'clock.

Work on the highway is progressing rapidly.

GREENLEE

Marion, Rt. 2, Aug. 9.—The revival meeting will begin at the Baptist church here next Sunday, August 15. Everybody invited to come.

Miss Pearl Snipes is visiting friends at Harmony Grove.

H. T. Tate made a business trip to Marion last Monday.

C. B. Woody made a business trip to Asheville last week.

J. G. McCall visited friends near Old Fort yesterday.

Mrs. W. L. Crisp and little son made a business trip to Old Fort last Saturday.

The Greenlee school is progressing nicely under the management of Misses Ruth Greenlee, Dora Gibbs and Ola Walls.

NEBO

Nebo, Aug. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Annis and son, Brodie, of Erwin, Tenn. are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sigmon.

Miss Helen Plant is visiting her aunt, Mrs. K. E. Simpson, in Rutherfordton.

R. V. McGimsey made a business trip to Salisbury Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wade and children returned to their home at Gibsonville Sunday, after spending several days here with Mrs. Wade's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sigmon.

W. L. Gilbert and son, Walter, of Charlotte, are visiting relatives and friends here.

In 1880 about 70 per cent. of the population of the country lived on farms and produced food. Today only 30 per cent. live on the farms and are producers. To enable the farmer to meet this greater demand for his produce he must have the most improved type of machinery.

NEBO HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT. 7TH

Citizens to Organize Community League—High School Faculty for the Year Announced.

The meeting of all the citizens of Nebo High School for the purpose of organizing a Community League on August 18th, as previously announced, has been changed to August 13th, at 4 o'clock, p. m. Please note the change and make a special effort to be present. It is especially desired that all the community take part in this league for the purpose of co-operating with the teachers and making this the banner year in the history of Nebo school.

The catalog for the ensuing year is now being distributed. Copies will be mailed on request.

The new school building is going up rapidly. Many think this will be ready for use early in the fall. An achievement that is of great interest to boys, is the fact that the Hunter house half a mile south of the new school building has been rented for use as a dormitory for this year. This will be under the control of Mr. Thomas Wilson. Mr. C. B. Landis, a teacher in the high school, will also spend school nights with the occupants. Board will be given at cost. Room rent will be reasonable. All boys who can furnish necessary furniture for their rooms are requested to do so and thus reduce expenses. There is no longer need for any deserving, ambitious boy of McDowell county to remain out of school. Tuition is free and expenses very reasonable.

The school will have its formal opening, Tuesday, September 7th, at nine o'clock a. m. The faculty and matron have been carefully selected. All are experienced in their work and come well prepared for their positions. Those taking the work for this year are: Miss Louise Brown of Rutherford and Claremont Colleges, who has had several years experience as a successful teacher both at Nebo and other schools and has had special training for primary work in the Asheville Normal Summer School; Miss Thessa Jimerson, A. B., State College for Women, who has had successful experience both in McDowell and Statesville schools; Miss Nell Gibbs, for two years a summer student of the Asheville Normal and a successful teacher in Harnett and McDowell schools; Miss Anna Conly, from the State College for Women, who is also a teacher of successful experience in this county; Miss Mamie North Stacey, a graduate from Littleton College and a student in some of our best summer schools, who has done good work in McDowell but for the past four years has done unusually good work in Rutherfordton High School; Mr. Clinton B. Landis, A. B., State University, who has had one year's experience as Principal of Raeford High School; and the Principal, Miss Blanche Penny, A. B., Peace Institute and Randolph-Macon Woman's College, who has had five years' experience as principal of public high schools. Her professional work has already been given in these columns. Miss Vivian Blackstock, B. M., Meridith music department. Miss Blackstock, a stranger in this county, has in her two years of experience, won an invariable reputation not only in teaching music but also in winning the confidence and respect of all her students. She comes to us from Biltmore High School; Miss Eliza Powell, a matron of several years' experience in Boone Training School will have charge of the girls' dormitory. Miss Powell comes to us with an unusually good record and will be general disciplinarian and dining-room manager in the girls' home.

Principal.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. P. D. Sinclair, August 10, a son, P. D. Sinclair, Jr.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The valuation of Caldwell county property has risen from six million to seventeen million dollars under the revaluation measure.

Prof. N. W. Walker, of the University of North Carolina, states that the shortage of teachers is more acute than ever this year.

A seventeen year old boy has been pardoned by Governor Bickett with the understanding that the youth join either the army or the navy at once.

M. J. Hawkins, State senator from the sixteenth district, has resigned. His health assigned as the cause. His seat will be vacant in the special session of the Legislature.

The chief of police of Wilmington has issued orders to the force that they should attend church with more regularity. One half of the force will be granted leave to attend each Sunday.

Officers and members of the North Carolina farmer's union will assemble in Raleigh on August 12th to present to the general assembly a new tax scheme. The repeal of the revaluation act is asked.

Church Rally.

There will be a big church rally at Oak Springs church on Sunday, August 15th. Hon. L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, will speak at 11 o'clock. There will be Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Dinner will be served on the ground at 12 o'clock. Mr. Freeman, of Shiloh, will sing in the afternoon. F. L. Pendergrass, chairman of the program committee, extends a cordial invitation to everybody to come and bring well filled baskets and enjoy the occasion.

Asheville Music Festival.

A music festival that will feature such artists as Madame Schumann-Heink, Merle Alcock, Sue Harvard, Max Rosen, Fred Patton, Robert Quait and others and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra is to be held in Asheville the week of August 16 to 21. Edward Johnson, said to be one of the greatest tenors in the world, will appear Saturday night, August 21st, this to be known as Artists' Night. The orchestra will take part in all the concerts.

Salvo of Applause Was Given to the Marchers from Marion, Ohio.

A salvo of applause was given the marchers from Marion, Senator Harding's home. They were led by 150 women and carried a banner declaring "We're here Jimmy—All from Marion." Another said: "No Cox never played a horn and he won't play second fiddle to any senate bunch." The governor got several laughs out of the banners which included the statement: "A little too warm on the front porch."

Smuggling of Liquor Has Brought on Smuggling of Other Articles.

Washington.—Liquor smuggling into the United States has reached such proportions that it has brought in its wake a large illegal traffic in other commodities, it was learned at the treasury department. Officials have become so concerned that they are considering a rearrangement of the government's coastal criminal chasing area with a view to concentrating on what they described as a menacing situation.