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MAJORITIES ABOVE EIGHTY THOUSAND

Overman Showed the Way With 81,000 — Weaver's Majority Takes a Jump.

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—While the canvassing board adjourned until Monday because of the inability of the clerks to get in full returns from all counties, it was learned that the democratic majority for the state ticket will exceed 80,000. The majorities for the amendments will reach 176,000 for the tax amendment, and 149,000 for the other two constitutional changes. The highest majority on the state ticket will probably run near 81,000, given Senator Overman, and the lowest will be around 79,000.

The unofficial figures indicate that Cameron Morrison will run two thousand or more behind his ticket; at that, his majority will be larger than that ever before given a candidate for governor in this state. It is believed that the failure of Mr. Morrison to come up to the leaders on the state ticket is the result of his well known attitude on the woman suffrage question during the state convention and during the campaign prior to the passage of the amendment ratification by Tennessee. The general belief is that the women scratched Morrison to about the extent he will run behind the leaders on the ticket. At that, the Charlotte man has nothing to worry about, for a hard fight was waged against him, and the republicans put up a man in John J. Parker who was declared to be the best-liked man in the party. He made a vigorous campaign, much more vigorous than the republicans usually make in North Carolina.

The majorities for the constitutional amendments exceeded even the wildest hopes of the advocates. Probably no issue has ever been placed before the people which met with such widespread approval as did these constitutional amendments. Certainly no issue has ever been presented which turned in majorities of from 150,000 to 175,000. The majorities indicate that both the republicans and democrats were behind both these constitutional changes, and that the campaign made against them by J. W. Bailey and others had little effect.

The total vote cast in the state this year is nearly double that of the last campaign. Incomplete figures show that a total of nearly 540,000 votes have already been accounted for.

The official tabulation of the congressional vote in the tenth district shows that Weaver's majority is 2,530 over Jenkins. Weaver carried seven counties and Jenkins six.

McNEELY-PATTON.

Wednesday, November 24th, at six o'clock p. m., Miss Blanche McNeely and Mr. F. E. Patton, of Burnsville, were married at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. J. C. Story officiating.

The bride was attired in a suit of navy blue chiffon broadcloth with hat of Camel panne velvet and gloves to match.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., New York, Chicago and Cincinnati, after which they will be at home in Burnsville, N. C.

Mrs. Patton is the daughter of Mrs. W. McNeely of this place. She is popular among a large circle of friends. For the past three years she has held a position with the law firm of Hudgins, Watson and Watson, in Burnsville.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering and is farm demonstrator of Yancey county.

Just 19 more shopping days until Christmas. Do your shopping early.

THIS VIOLIN IS FOUR HUNDRED YEARS OLD

S. F. E. Gruber, of Marion, N. C., Has Instrument Made by Gaspard Diufo Prugar in 1516.

A recent issue of The Music Trade Review, published in New York, contained the following:

Here are a couple of young ones. At a glance the reader would pick the white-bearded gentleman to be the older of the pair, but he would miss his guess by nearly three centuries. The picture shown is of Professor S. F. E. Gruber, of Marion, N. C., and his Gaspard Diufo Prugar violin, for which he has repeatedly refused offers as high as \$32,000.

Professor Gruber, who has seen eighty-two Summers, is a mere infant beside his Prugar which bears the date A. D. 1516. The professor is an accomplished artist on the violin and is well known for his playing throughout the South. He came into possession of the instrument about forty years ago, purchasing it in an almost ruined condition from a foreigner. At the time of purchase it could scarcely be called a violin. The bridge had worn through the belly in three places, but Professor Gruber succeeded in remaking the instrument. The inscription in the inside bears the name of the maker, Gaspard Diufo Prugar, A. D. 1516; Bona Milio. Around the side there is an untranslatable inscription. The professor, although he has traveled a great deal, has never been able to find any scholar who could make it out. In place of the usual scroll is a carved bust of Homer. On the back is inlaid a scene in Venice showing the famous Bridge of Sighs. The inlaid work of different colored woods forms the picture.

Professor Gruber has given hundreds of concerts in the Southern States. He played the old violin at the unveiling of Stonewall Jackson's monument at Petersburg, Va. He also assisted in raising money for the



Prof. Gruber and His Prugar Violin

erection of a monument to Jefferson Davis.

The professor is justly proud of this unusual instrument and believes it to be the oldest and most interesting violin in the world. He has heard of and investigated six or seven violins on the same order, but says that they did not "hold a candle to it." The only instrument that he concedes to approach its standard is one in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington. Professor Gruber does not believe he could be tempted to part with it.

A Daughter of The Gods, Miss Annette Kellerman's famous picture will be shown at the Oasis on next Wednesday and Thursday. This is said to be a wonderful picture and certainly is an unusual one, and Miss Kellerman's wonderful feats in the water scenes make a spectacle well worth seeing even if one is not a regular movie fan.

Do you know Annette Kellerman?

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Nov. 29.—Miss Essie Mashburn spent the week-end in Marion, visiting relatives.

Miss Lillian Draughan, a former teacher in Old Fort High School, spent Sunday with friends in Old Fort.

Miss Thelma Grant, who is taking a business course in Asheville, spent the week-end in Old Fort visiting homefolks.

Mrs. G. B. Strickland and daughter, Elizabeth, have gone to Nashville, N. C., to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss May Anderson.

Miss Laura Hicks, one of the teachers in the graded school, is on the sick list.

Misses Ruth Harrell and Estelle Lavender spent the week-end in Forest City with friends.

Miss Vivian Sawyer spent the week-end with friends in Glenwood.

Mr. Franz Strickland and his grandmother, Mrs. J. G. Miller, spent Friday in Asheville.

Miss Lillian Hamby of Black Mountain, spent Thanksgiving day in Old Fort.

Mrs. W. F. Grant of Marion is visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Misses Pearl Evans and Kathryn Bailey went to Asheville Tuesday to take in the Galli-Curci concert.

Miss Davie Mae Arney spent the latter part of the week with her sister in Lenoir.

Miss Grace Arney visited homefolks here Sunday and Monday.

Miss Addie Thompson spent Thanksgiving in Morganton with her parents.

Mrs. J. G. Miller, who has been visiting relatives in Old Fort, left last Saturday for Spencer to visit friends.

The first quarterly conference for this year was held at the Methodist church Monday, the 29th, by Presiding Elder D. M. Litaker.

Herbert Early happened to the misfortune to get the end of his thumb crushed off last Friday while coupling cars at the tannery.

The following teachers from Old Fort attended the Teachers' Assembly at Asheville last week: G. B. Strickland, Misses Pearl Evans, Amia Schrock, Clara Griffin and Mrs. Chas. Steppe.

Miss Maude Crawford spent a few days last week in Asheville shopping.

Mayor F. M. Bradley made a business trip to Asheville last week.

Walter and Edith Nichols were taken to the hospital last week to have their tonsils removed.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Nov. 29.—Quite a number of fine hogs and beef cattle have been killed in this vicinity lately. Fresh meat and corn shuckings are the order of the day 'round these parts.

A. H. Lavender and family of Rock Hill, S. C., have recently moved to this neighborhood.

Friends of Rev. Mr. Spencer will be glad to know he will be pastor at Salem and Stroud's Chapel again this year.

Miss Addie Lavender of Curtis' creek spent the week-end with homefolks here.

The crew of men building the five-mile section of road through Crooked Creek township have it completed and are making preparations to leave this week. We hope our highway will soon be completed.

W. M. Lavender made a business trip to Hot Springs last week.

Miss Margery Walker of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here. She was accompanied by Miss Reedy Patterson of Marion.

Miss Hattie Gilbert visited friends in Old Fort last Sunday and Monday. J. N. Lavender made a business trip to Marion last Wednesday.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Nov. 29.—Ernest Satterwhite left last Friday for treatment at the sanatorium in the eastern part of the state.

Dr. J. T. Bowden of Marion held Thanksgiving services at the Baptist church here last Thursday. Something over \$50.00 was raised for the Thomasville Orphanage.

Rev. J. R. Denton died last Wednesday and was buried Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Baptist cemetery. He was one of the most consecrated men that ever lived in this community. He had been helped for something like four or five years, but he did not complain of his affliction. We will miss such a good man. He was in his eighty-fifth year. May the Lord bless and comfort his companions and near relatives. It can be truly said that the world was made better by such a man living in it.

James Laughridge and family of Marion were visitors here Thursday.

J. C. Goforth and Ernest Satterwhite made a business trip to Marion last Monday.

Daphne Spratt of Marion visited homefolks here last week.

Mamie Goforth of Clinchfield spent Thanksgiving with homefolks.

W. H. Taylor and G. E. Cowan made a business trip to Marion last Tuesday.

John Mangum of Detroit, Mich., is home for awhile.

Bratcher Laughridge of Spencer, was a visitor here last week.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 1, Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. M. Hicks of Canton are visiting the former's parents here.

Miss Laura Hicks has been ill with the "flu."

Miss Maude Silver has returned from Tennessee.

William Porter of Swannona spent a few days last week with his brother, T. A. Porter.

Misses Lula and Frances Hicks attended the teachers' assembly in Asheville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Silver of Jefferson City, Tenn., are visiting their son, J. A. Silver.

Miss Geneva Allison attended the teachers' assembly in Asheville last week.

David Griffin has returned from Ridgecrest where he has been spending a few days with his sister.

Mrs. Hamp Bradley departed this life the 23rd and was buried at Ebenezer Wednesday. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Nov. 29.—Misses Hattie Hilton and Mary Branch of Rhodess were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Huffman last week.

T. J. Swann spent the week-end with J. T. Haney.

Mrs. H. D. Smith is reported to be on the sick list.

Mrs. T. J. Barnes spent the week-end with Mrs. M. A. Poteet.

T. M. Hicks is visiting his son, T. A. Hicks, in Atlanta, Ga.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parker died Thursday and was buried at Chapel Hill graveyard Friday.

Quite a crowd attended Thanksgiving service at Chapel Hill church. Dinner was on the ground and enjoyed by all present.

Luther Lail of Rhodess spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Will Huffman.

The Chapel Hill school house is being repainted.

GARDIN

Gardin, Nov. 30.—Miss Vera Wacaser left Monday for Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marlow and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wacaser.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mason visited relatives here during the week.

A party of girls and boys of this place motored to Blowing Rock Thanksgiving day.

NEW CHURCH FOR CLINCHFIELD VILLAGE

A new Presbyterian church is being built at the Clinchfield mills. It is located near the Teacherage, just a few rods west of the High school building. It will have four individual class-rooms, a large auditorium and gallery, the seating capacity being about 450. The building will cost \$5000.

Mr. James Glenn has the contract to erect the building and expects to complete it in about two months.

The erection of this church has been made possible through the generous spirit which characterizes the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company as the company furnishes a large part of the funds required to erect the church.

NANNEY-PYATT.

Nealsville, Nov. 29.—Mr. A. B. Nanney of Union Mills and Miss Mary Sue Pyatt of this place were quietly married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Brown on Monday evening, Nov. 15th, at 6:30 o'clock; Rev. J. M. Brown officiating. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pyatt of Nealsville. She is a young lady of refinement and culture and has a host of friends here who wish her the very best that life can afford. Mr. Nanney is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Nanney of Union Mills. He is a young man of sterling qualities and holds a responsible position with the Southern Railway Company. May the richest of blessings be theirs in their new home.

GARDIN - BIGGERSTAFF.

Nealsville, Nov. 30.—Notwithstanding the gloomy weather weddings, the same as in the days of Adam, take place. Last Saturday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, at Glenwood, Mr. Arthur Gardin and Miss Emma Biggerstaff were united in nuptial bonds. It was a quiet but beautiful wedding.

Mr. Gardin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gardin of Marion. For a number of years he has been in the employment of J. G. Pyatt of Nealsville. He is a quiet, earnest and industrious young man.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Mont" Biggerstaff of Nealsville. She is an ideal young lady; modest, yet earnest and industrious.

They have many friends who wish for them all the happiness and prosperity a married life has to offer.

MRS. FLEMMING PASSES.

Old Fort, Rt. 1, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Emeline Hensley Flemming passed from this life to her eternal reward on November 11th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Mackey. She was a few months past eighty years old. Mrs. Flemming was born and reared in this county and with the exception of a few years in Colorado spent her entire life in McDowell county.

She was married to Thos. J. Flemming Dec. 23, 1858, and when the civil war broke out and he was called to the front she, with the spirit of a brave patriot, faced the dangers and hardships common to that period of our country's history. To her family and those who knew her best her life will ever be a model of energy and industry. The surviving relatives are her husband, seven daughters and sons—Mrs. James Mackey, Jr., Mrs. E. L. McDaniel and G. L. Flemming of this place; J. M. Flemming, traveling salesman; Mrs. Alex Patton and Mrs. H. Lackey, of Colorado; D. B. Flemming of Johnson City, Tenn., and several brothers and sisters, a number of grandchildren, neices and nephews.

The body was laid to rest in the Carson's Chapel cemetery.

See Oasis Theatre program for next Wednesday.