

# Additional Light on the Guilford Primaries

### Details That Make Interesting Reading—The Battle Ground Celebration a Great Success

Greensboro, N. C., July 4.—Special.—It seems that this correspondent, in thinking that because the leaders here for Judge Connor were the ones who advised not taking a poll of votes for the western judgeship, they were not doing Walker justice and were looking forward to some log rolling advantage in the state convention, made a mistake. A card published in the Charlotte Observer this morning by those leaders states that they were strong Walker men and that they disapproved of the vote being taken solely in the interest of Mr. Michaux of Guilford, who is a candidate for corporation commissioner. The correspondent was not supposed to know that, but he has a little curiosity to know how the publication of that fact is calculated to help the Guilford county man. As a correspondent this writer is for no candidate until after the Democratic party nominates one, and in saying that the friends and leaders of Judge Connor opposed the idea of polling a vote for Walker or any western candidate, he did not state the absolute facts, with no thought of boosting any man. Since these leaders made in a published card that they were strong Walker men and only had him ignored at the primaries for the purpose of helping a Guilford county man, the incident is closed so far as I am concerned, except to state that absolute facts have been given by this correspondent in every particular, except where full publication would have been mischievous. Major Stedman, in his speech at the primaries in opposing the proposition of Col. Morehead to take a poll for the western judgeship, did state that it was thought best in the interest of Mr. Michaux not to do it at all in the county, but this correspondent did not report that statement because he thought it would be harmful to Mr. Michaux, after he had failed to prevent a poll being taken for the western judge.

The intimation that the report was made to manufacture votes for Brown and that this correspondent did not know what he was writing about, is thus shown to have been without truth or foundation, this correspondent not having voted for Brown, and his report being accurate in every particular, except as to the conclusion he drew that Connor's leaders were doing Walker an injustice by opposing his strength being taken at the primaries while they were insisting on polling Judge Connor's and, in some cases, Judge Clark's strength. At the primary Chairman Scales attended himself there were eight present, as he reported and as this correspondent reported, but it is a fact not mentioned, for prudential reasons, and not learned from the chairman, that of the eight men present, four, to wit, Messrs. Joe Adams of Asheville, A. M. Scales of Greensboro, Henry Wharton of Greensboro, and — Jenkins of Guilford, were visitors and did not vote. The vote was polled for Connor and Clark alone. Out of the four present, one man held up his hand and that of course made it unanimous for Clark and Connor and so the primary, as understood it, must go. The fact that no strength was polled for Judge Moore while his friend was present bears out Mr. Scales' statement that not taking the vote on western candidates was out of deference to a Guilford county candidate, and not opposition to Walker at all, and I am very sorry I drew the wrong conclusion, and desire thus publicly to make the correction, as I never have yet said it. Other proceedings at other primaries on the outskirts of town could be given, but were purposely suppressed by this correspondent because he only desires to give news which is un-mischievous.

Hon. O. O. McMichael of Rockingham, candidate for solicitor in his judicial district, is in the city, attending the Guilford celebration and the base ball games. He tells me that the reports that Mr. Reuben Reid carried the county with twenty votes to spare was technically correct, but that his friends will contest the votes of three towns—Huntsville, Thompsonville and Madison—which should have been counted ten votes for him, and which he has no doubt will be successful in the district convention. This, he says, will make the county a tie, as between him and Reid for solicitor.

There was some splendid work done here by the fire company and the new bucket brigade last night at 11 o'clock. The residence of Dr. M. J. Bullock (colored), near Bennett college, at least a mile from off and outside of the fire plug limit, was destroyed by fire, but other buildings and residences adjoining were saved. When the fire company and engines reached the scene it was found impossible to make the hose reach so far, so a bucket brigade was formed, which acted with such dexterity that all other frame buildings were saved. The residence burned was a handsome one, and the adjoining one had the gable burned away. It, like the other, was a good building, costing about \$3,000 and was but slightly damaged.

The city is full of visitors today going and coming to and fro, first to the battle ground and next to the park, where the base ball game between Charlotte and Greensboro is in progress. The attendance at the battle ground is immense and the speaking fine. Mr. Pittman's being a splendid performance at the great Macon and a historical sum-

mary of events connected with the great events through which he was so long the chief factor in state and national affairs. All the speakers acquitted themselves with eclat, and only lack of time forbids today a more extended and interesting account of the various ceremonies of the day.

Major Watlington, through his attorney, Col. J. A. Barringer, has brought suit in the superior court of Guilford county for \$20,000 damages against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad for injuries alleged to have been sustained in a recent wreck near Henderson. When asked if the present suit had any bull-musket-drowning episodes in it, he replied, with a tinge of asperity, "No bull, sir, but when I came to after the wreck I found myself in close contact with a big buck negro who was wedged right alongside of me." The Major has to go with his head wrapped in several thicknesses of swaddling cloths, and presents a picture of injured humanity that is truly pathetic. There has been some questioning among the "court house crowd" which holds a daily parliament as to whether the major is a resident of Guilford; some contending that he is simply an all-around resident of North Carolina, but it has been definitely settled that there is a family of Watlingtons indigenous to Guilford soil, and the major himself has been hiding from the High Point basket factory for several years, and there will be no hitch against his case on account of his venue.

Other matters discussed relative to Major Watlington's experience in suing the railroad were referred to Col. F. A. Old of Raleigh and Col. Irving Avery of Charlotte for elucidation.

## SOCIETY IN BESSEMER

### Picnic and Yard Party Among Recent Attractions

Bessemer City, N. C., July 3. Correspondence of The Morning Post.

This week has been one of much pleasure to the young people of Bessemer due in a large measure to the presence of three charming young ladies, Misses Claudia and Louise Dicks of Randleman and Miss Thom of Missouri, who are the guests of Mrs. D. A. Garrison.

On Tuesday evening a picnic was given in their honor at the beautiful and once popular resort, All Healing Springs, and the event was one of much pleasure to all present. After making the ascent of Crowder mountain an elegant luncheon was spread at the foot of this well known peak and with the beautiful scenery which is characteristic of this part of the country the occasion could but be one of much delight. The party was chaperoned in an excellent manner by Mr. and Mrs. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison and Mrs. H. N. Garrison. The others present were Misses Claudia and Louise Dicks of Randleman, Miss Thom of Missouri, Misses Iva Thornburg, Addie Whitney, Ella May Thornburg and Val Sevier of Bessemer City and Miss Clara Wilkins of Rutherfordton.

Messrs. F. C. and R. M. Odell of Concord, W. T. Dixon of Raleigh, O. M. Gardner of Shelby, T. A. Wilkins, C. M. Cooke, Jr., of Bessemer City.

On Thursday Mrs. S. J. Durham was hostess at a "Garden Party" given complimentary to Mrs. Garrison's guests. The beautiful lawn was tastefully decorated with Japanese lanterns and when the guests arrived, presented a scene of much loveliness. Mrs. Durham proved herself a charming hostess and did much to make the occasion a success in every way. Delightful refreshments were served on the lawn, which were in keeping with the surroundings.

The guests departed at a late hour with a deep feeling of pleasure, mingled with regret because the time of their departure arrived too soon. The following is a list of the invited guests: Misses Claudia and Louise Dicks, Miss Thom, Miss Clara Wilkins, Miss Addie Whitney, Miss Hilderbrand, Miss Iva and Miss Ella Thornburg, Miss Val Sevier. Messrs. F. C. and R. M. Odell, W. T. Dixon, O. M. Gardner, C. M. Cooke, Jr., Wilbur Cooke, Joe Kenney, Norman Lynch, Tom Wilkins, Chas. Johnston, Mr. Blake, Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Garrison.

## HERTFORD

### Politics, Truck and Farm Crops in Perquimans

Hertford, N. C., July 2. Correspondence of The Morning Post.

The Perquimans county Democratic convention is called to meet in the court house, Hertford, Saturday, July 12, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices. It is generally believed that the present officers will be re-elected.

Mr. Nathan Toms of Bennettsville, S. C., is visiting his parents in Hertford. Mr. Toms has charge of the graded schools of Bennettsville.

Dr. A. Coke Smith of Virginia, recently elected bishop of the M. E. Church South, will preach the dedicatory sermon at the new Methodist Church in Main street. This church is one of the handsomest in eastern North Carolina and was recently completed at considerable cost. Preparations are being made to entertain the large crowd that is expected on such occasions.

The truck farmers are about through shipping Irish potatoes, beans, etc. The potato crop was much better than expected some time ago. About an average crop was made and prices held up remarkably well during the entire season. Sweet potatoes will be the next truck crop to go. Very few of them are being grown in this county.

The corn and cotton crops look very promising, corn especially. Peanuts are also looking well. Lice have made ter-

rible ravages on the cotton for the last few days, but the Monday's rain followed by hot weather on Tuesday has driven them off.

Some farmers report the appearance of some species of bug or insect that is playing destruction with corn. The bug made its first appearance in the spring oats and destroyed the whole crop of oats.

The town lights have been discontinued for time indefinitely, much to the inconvenience of that part of the public whose business or pleasure calls them out of doors after dark.

Mr. John Griffin was the first farmer to have cotton blooms this summer. Fourth of July is considered the average time for cotton blooms, but this year they were plentiful the last week in June.

Mr. Hassell, the newly appointed principal of the Perquimans Academy, arrived with his family yesterday and will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Liles, the former principal, who is near Petersburg, Va., engaged in market gardening.

The senatorial convention meets in Hertford in a few days. Messrs. Sam Harrell of Gates and P. W. McMullan of Pasquotank are mentioned very favorably for the nomination.

Mr. C. S. Yarr, senator from the First district in 1900, is a candidate for reelection.

It is rumored that a northern syndicate is contemplating buying the Fleetwood & Jackson lumber plant, together with all standing timber, machinery, rails and tramroads of the company. The Fleetwood & Jackson Company is one of the largest saw-mills in this section of the country.

A store in Winfall, this county, was broken into last night and a lot of goods were stolen. Hurricane Branch and his bloodhounds have been written for and there is some hopes that the guilty party will be captured.

Colored W. C. T. U.

(Communicated.)

The second day's sessions of the Thurman's W. C. T. U. was called to order by the president at 9:15 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. A. E. Morehead.

The first business was the hearing of reports upon these subjects: Anti-narcotics, medal contests, evangelistic work, unfermented wine, prison and almshouse work, Sabbath observance, mercy work and "Y" work. These reports were interesting and many members discussed them and told how much sacrifice it caused them to bring about reforms and establish the work among their people.

Miss Bessie Henderson was not present to give in person a report of her work. Sickness caused her absence. The convention appointed, on account of her absence, a committee to draw up resolutions of sympathy to be forwarded to her. After the hour of song and prayer for the absent members and relatives of the members of the convention, the morning session closed with prayer by Rev. Worlds.

The afternoon session of the convention was called to order by the president at 12:45, and the reports of L. T. B. work, of socials and Red Letter Day work were read and received, with interesting discussions. Then the report of The Tidings, the newspaper of the organization, was taken up. The convention voted to continue the paper in its present form. Each union represented earnestly pledged its support.

The treasurer and corresponding secretary furnished a very interesting report, as follows: Money receipts for this year have been \$275.85, and expenditures have been \$224.03—a very successful year, financially.

The literary exercises of the L. T. U. were very much appreciated by the audience and showed very good work by Mrs. Jennings. These exercises closed the afternoon session.

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