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THE COUNTY CONVENTION

GRANVILLE DEMOCRATS HEAR ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Every Democrat in Granville is a Chosen Delegate to the State Convention to be held in Raleigh Thursday, April 27th.

Endorsement in the form of an inspiring speech by General B. S. Royster and seconded by the enthusiastic applause of those citizens in attendance, of the record of the administration of President Wilson, and the election of delegates to the Democratic State Convention featured the Granville County Democratic Convention held in Oxford at noon Saturday. Five delegates at large and seventeen precinct delegates were chosen, and on motion of Senator Hicks the delegation was enlarged to include every voter in the county who may desire to attend the State Convention.

County Chairman B. K. Lassiter called the convention to order, and Thurman Knott, the permanent secretary, was present.

By unanimous choice, G. L. Allen, the grand old Democrat from Brassfield, was named temporary chairman. Capt. Thad G. Stem, Charles R. Gordon and Dan A. Coble were named assistant secretaries.

The following delegates at large were elected: A. W. Graham, R. W. Lassiter, Thomas C. Rogers, T. G. Currin, D. G. Brummitt.

Upon motion of General Royster, each precinct elected its own delegate, which resulted as follows:

Dement, E. C. Harris; Bell Town, Charles R. Gordon; Wilton, A. E. Bobbitt; Grissom, G. L. Allen; Creedmoor, I. E. Harris; Wilkins, W. R. Fleming; Geneva, Dr. E. B. Meadows; Buchanan, D. T. Winston; Howard, J. M. Phipps; Oak Hill, R. S. Hart; Berea, L. S. Russell; Bullock, A. A. Hicks; Stovall, F. H. Gregory; Salem, E. A. Hunt; North Oxford, J. W. Hester; South Oxford, B. K. Lassiter; Stem, W. S. Gooch.

Resolutions

The following resolutions, offered by E. A. Hunt, of Salem township, were unanimously adopted amid much enthusiasm:

Resolved I, That the Democracy of Granville County in Convention assembled, heartily endorses the magnificent administration of Woodrow Wilson and hereby approves the wise, sane, and just policies enunciated and pursued by him in both domestic and foreign affairs.

II. That it endorses the earnest efforts put forth by our President to preserve peace and approve the firm stand taken by him in controversies with foreign governments with respect to the rights of American citizens abroad and on the high seas, believing that his attitude is in entire conformance with the principles of justice and humanity.

III. That it earnestly urges the Senators and Representatives in congress from North Carolina to stand by the President in the present crisis, and denounces, as unpatriotic and un-American, the efforts of certain prominent Republicans to play petty politics and make political capital out of grave international complications.

IV. That the Democracy here assembled appreciates the grave and trying difficulties under which our President has labored and hails with pride and admiration the calm wisdom with which he has met them and that it hereby sends greetings to Woodrow Wilson, our great leader, and endorses him for renomination and re-election.

On motion of Hon. D. G. Brummitt, a copy of the above resolution will be sent to President Wilson.

MR. R. W. LASSITER HERE

Will Attend the State Convention Before Returning to Washington.

Mr. R. W. Lassiter, of the Treasury Department, came down from Washington last week to spend Easter "with the children." Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Simmons accompanied him to Oxford and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lassiter.

The Pig Club

Read carefully on the last page of this paper the rules and regulations of the Pig Club as announced by the National Bank of Granville. Let the boys and girls qualify along scientific lines.

Copies of Amendments Will Be Distributed

PRINTED SHEETS OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN STATE CONSTITUTION ARE RECEIVED HERE.

One thousand copies of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, containing the four proposed amendments to that document as written by the General Assembly of 1915, have been received here by Register of Deeds J. B. Powell. They are sent by the Secretary of State, and are for free distribution among the people of Granville county. All persons desiring copies may secure them from Mr. Powell.

The four amendments will be voted upon in the general elections next November, and the advance copies are distributed in the hope that as many as possible of the voters of the State will become acquainted with the provisions in the proposed changes.

The first amendment provides for restrictions to local, private and special legislation in the General Assembly.

The second is designed to confer authority for the prevention of delays in trials by providing emergency judges where the occasion demands.

The third would prevent the granting by the General Assembly of special charters to corporations.

The fourth is intended to prevent special charters being given to towns, cities, and incorporated villages.

GRADUATING RECITAL

Misses Blanche Surlles and Fannie Buchanan to Qualify

The following graduating programs will be given by Miss Blanche Surlles, Reader and Pianiste, and Miss Fannie Buchanan, Pianiste, Thursday and Friday at 8:15 p. m., in Oxford College chapel.

Blanche Surlles, Pianiste assisted by Marguerite Jenkins, Contralto.

Thursday Evening

Sonata Op. 14 No. 2 G major... Beethoven
Sing Smile Slumber... Hugo—Gounod
Minuet G major... Bach—MacDowell
Mazurka G minor... Saint Saens
The Foolish Little Maiden... Troyer
Waltz C sharp minor... Chopin
Carmenia... Walton—Wilson
Concerto E flat major... Mozart
Fannie Buchanan, Pianiste; Blanche Surlles, Reader.

Friday Evening

Sonata Op 2, No. 3 C major... Beethoven
(a) Alonzo's Letter—(Monologue—One Scene) Charles Barnard
Courante (From French Suite No. II) Bach
Etude E flat major... Chopin
Jauline Pavlona (Monologue)... Aldrich—Short
Arebasque No. 1... Debussy
(a) A Piece of Cake... Anon
(b) Betsy Hawkins Goes to the City Haughwont
(c) Aunt Maria... McCollum
Concerto G minor... Mendelssohn
Music on the Rappahannock... Somerville—Bell

REPUBLICANS ACTIVE

They Will Put a Strong Ticket in the Field.

The Granville County Republicans are laying mighty low these days and not saying much, but it is rumored that the following named candidates will enter the primary in June:

Joe H. Gooch, of Stem, for the House of Representatives; W. S. Cozart or R. H. Rogers, for Sheriff; H. W. Davis, of Bullock, for Register of Deeds; J. Ed Pergerson, of Creedmoor for Treasurer; Ned W. Hight for Coroner; County Commissioners: Chas. G. Royster, Jas. S. Rogers, G. T. Sikes, S. H. Jones, Wiley Umstead.

Mr. W. L. Peace, of Oxford, is also thinking of shying his hat into the ring for county commissioner but has not announced himself.

They will probably put out the best ticket that has been offered by that party for years, but it goes without saying that the untrifled Democracy will put them to sleep in the November elections.

A Musical Treat

The brass band from the Blind Institution, Raleigh, will give a concert in Orpheum theatre Friday night Go out and help a good cause. The music will begin at 8 o'clock sharp and the admission is 25 cents.

THE WAR NOTE

THE UNITED STATES READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITIES

Tentative Plans to Cope With Every Conceivable Situation Arranged by Officials.—Numerous Dispatches on Subject Sent to Diplomatic Agents Abroad.—Feeling in Washington Not at All Optimistic Over Outcome.

(SUMMARY)

The United States Government has made tentative plans to cope with every conceivable situation which would result from the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany. For reasons known to the Washington Government they deem it unwise to discuss the details.

There is reason for believing however, that some of the plans have to do with the safety of American citizens in the German Empire and that others have to do with American supervision of German interests in the countries at war with Germany.

Among dispatches received from Ambassador Gerard within the past few days was one describing the manner in which the American note was received by German officials. While this, too, was held as confidential, it is understood the Ambassador represented Berlin officials as being greatly surprised at the demands of the Washington Government.

Mr. Gerard is said to have gathered at least an impression that the foreign office had no idea that the communication would be as drastic and final as it was.

It is well understood, however, that the United States under no consideration will permit delay and discussion unless it is preceded by a declaration from Germany that she has so modified her submarine warfare as to bring it within the scope of international law.

It is expected that before Wednesday, or certainly soon thereafter, Ambassador Gerard will be in a position to forecast with some degree of accuracy what will be the view of the German Government.

In the meantime the situation in Washington remains one of tense expectancy. Officials are confident that before this time next week the issue will have been settled; that the United States will feel certain the safety of innocent non-combatants on the high seas is assured, or steps for a diplomatic break will have been taken.

Among the foreign diplomats in Washington the consensus of opinion seems to be that diplomatic relations between the United States and the Allies of Germany need not necessarily be affected.

It is considered quite probable that Austria will be called to account should it develop that her submarines too, have not been acting with a proper regard for the rights of non-combatants.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Col. H. P. Kingsbury Returns to the Scenes of His Boyhood

Col. H. P. Kingsbury, a retired U. S. Army officer residing in Washington, was the guest of Mr. R. W. Lassiter three days last week. He returns to the scenes of his boyhood after an absence of forty-two years.

Col. Kingsbury was born where General Royster now lives, the house in which he saw the light of day now stands on Front street near Gilliam. He is the son of the late Russell H. Kingsbury, who did a mercantile business for many years at the intersection of Main and Littlejohn street.

Col. Kingsbury was the first cadet to enter West Point Military Academy after the war. He received the appointment from the hands of General Grant soon after Johnson's surrender near Durham. The three big merchants in Oxford during Col. Kingsbury's childhood days were his father, Russell Kingsbury, Herndon and Kite.

Many changes have taken place in Oxford since Col. Kingsbury left forty-two years ago, but here and there he pointed out an old landmark. Some of his sweethearts in the long ago were Mesdames Pinnix, Elliott and Hargroves.

Republican Siren Song: "No Primary For Me!"

GENERAL ROYSTER EXTOLS THE VIRTUES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

In a forty minute speech before the Granville County Democratic Convention last Saturday, General B. S. Royster harkened back to 1894-96. There were those in the audience that remembered the stirring scenes of those days. The Republicans had long been in power and brought poison to the State and the county. It was a dark picture, held before the freemen by a masterful hand.

"Who among you," asked General Royster, "felt a sense of security for your family in those days when called from home?" He challenged any man present, or in the county, to deny that we do not have better rule now than in those days that tried men's souls.

"The common enemy is standing around about the camp, advising the voters not to go to the polls. In this, they hope to make a big showing and encourage their party to put forth greater energy."

General Royster declared that the old fashioned simon pure Democrat is good enough for the people. He takes very little stock in the hyphenated-democrat, but has no objection to a progressive-democrat getting out among the people and giving expression to those fundamental principles for which the Democratic party stands.

"The primary is but the power to express one's opinion," said the speaker. "I see no valid reason why a Democrat should object to telling the pollholders as to what party he affiliates with. It is a very simple matter; you procure a ticket and state to what party you belong—Democrat or Republican—and the ticket is deposited in the box in accordance with your acknowledged affiliations." At this point General Royster mopped his brow and stated that he could understand why some people do not want to show their hand at the ballot box. (Cheers.)

General Royster stated that there is no sharp contest between the candidates. "All those who have offered for State offices, and subscribed to the rules, are all good men. But if we are to have what is called an imaginary house cleaning, let us do it within the limits of the Democratic party. Are you willing to kick out Democrats merely to fatten Republicans? There is nothing to be gained in that transaction."

General Royster declared that the Republicans know more things that is not true than he ever heard of. (Cheers.) "I appeal to the voters to be truthful and diligent. Do not have any harsh criticism of the opponent; they, too, have friends. There can be no doubt as to those who will be elected, but let us make the majority large. Pay no attention to the Republican 'siren song' and let us present a solid front to the enemy."

General Royster spoke about forty minutes without notes. One thought of the lurking fox without the gate fired his heart and soul. Republicanism will never again get a foot hold in North Carolina while the like of him lives to tell the tale.

OXFORD BAPTIST SUNBEAMS

Large Congregation Attends a Most Impressive Easter Service

One of the most impressive services in Oxford Easter morning was that of the Sunbeams of the Oxford Baptist Church. The children themselves deserve much credit, but it could not have been otherwise with such capable young ladies as Misses Sallie Webb and Sadie Parham in charge. In the processional, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," the children, about fifty in number, entered by the front door, resembling as it were emblems of purity. They were very pretty in their sweet innocence and sublime faith. The church was tastefully decorated with Easter flowers.

"The Blindness of Virtue"

"The Blindness of Virtue," one of the strongest Essanay photo plays, by Cosmo Hamilton, with Edna Mayo and Bryant Washburn in the title role, will be seen at the Orpheum Thursday night. The picture enlightens as to the fundamentals principles of life.

THE HON. HOWARD GARNER

THE LORD MAYOR OF THE HURRICANE AND MUCH BELOVED

Mr. G. L. Allen Tells The Public Ledger How the Hurricane District Got Its Name and How The District Has Grown.

Our old friend G. L. Allen, of Brassfield, while in attendance upon the County Democratic Convention last Saturday, told the editor that we stretched the Hurricane district too much in some of our recent reports. So many men have denied that there is such a place as the Hurricane we were glad to hear Mr. Allen acknowledge that it does exist. We learn from him for the first time how the Hurricane district got its name. He said that he had heard elderly people state that many years ago a hurricane passed over the extreme southeastern portion of Brassfield township and the adjoining lands in Franklin and Wake counties, uprooting trees and doing much damage. After the great storm, said Mr. Allen, the territory was referred to as the Hurricane district. In later years when any violence was done over in that part of the world it was charged to the Hurricane district merely for convenience. Thus it will be seen that the Hurricane district has grown by leaps and bounds and that there is danger of it leaping over the banks of Tar River.

Later in the day, we met the Hon. Howard Garner, who was introduced to us as the "Lord Mayor of the Hurricane." A jolly good old fellow and as true as steel is he. We are told that he made one of the best commissioners the county ever had. As to fertility of soil and noble people the Hurricane district of Granville county is unsurpassed.

Now will some one acknowledge that they live in "Shake-Rag" and tell us how it got its name.

If historic "Shake-Rag" is where we think it is, it is one of the garden spots of old Granville, and like the Hurricane noted for its genuine hospitality and noble men and women.

THE COUNTY CHAIRMANSHIP

Senator A. A. Hicks Accepts the Office.

At the annual meeting of the County Executive Committee last Saturday, Mr. B. K. Lassiter who served the county for more than two years in the capacity of chairman of the Executive Committee, declined to let his name go before the Committee for re-election. Several speeches were made eulogistic of Mr. Lassiter's faithful service, and the Committee reluctantly accepted his resignation.

Senator A. A. Hicks was unanimously elected chairman of the Committee. He is familiar with conditions in the county and will make a good chairman.

POPULAR COUPLE WED

Miss Ethel Overton the Bride of Mr. Dorsey Currin.

A pretty marriage was solemnized last week when Rev. E. G. Usry united in wedlock Miss Ethel Overton and Mr. Dorsey Currin, the ceremony taking place at the home of Rev. E. G. Usry.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Jack Overton and is one of the best school teachers in the county. She has taught at the South Oxford graded school for some time and did a noble work and won the esteem and confidence of her pupils.

The groom, Mr. Dorsey Currin, is the son of Mr. Amos Currin and is a young man of sterling qualities. He holds a responsible position with Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Minor Warehouse.

The happy couple are on an extended trip to the North.

Automobile Accident

While out riding Saturday with two other young men of the county, Mr. Sam Harris was painfully hurt in an automobile accident out in the Kinton Fork section. They were making good time, it is said, when the car struck a sand bank and turned turtle. Mr. Harris was cut in the face and the other two young men were more or less shook up. Dr. Thomas took seven stitches in Mr. Harris' face and he will be entirely well in a few days.