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GRANVILLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WAS HARMONIOUS

Former Senator A. A. Hicks Delivered the Keynote Speech—Delegates to the State Convention Elected.

The Democratic County Convention, held in the courthouse last Saturday at noon, was short and sweet and to the point. There were no ladies present to mar the pleasure of the old bucks or kidnap the younger politicians.

The convention was called by D. C. Hunt, County Chairman, and former Senator A. A. Hicks was elected Chairman of the convention, and Capt. J. C. Howard and Guy B. Phillips were made secretaries.

On taking the stand, Chairman Hicks explained the object of the convention as being to elect delegates to the State convention, the county being entitled to eleven with as many more alternates, and in a short speech told the convention of the work to come before the State meeting in Raleigh next Thursday, April 8, saying that the chief matter was to write the party's platform for the campaign in this State during the coming campaign.

In his speech, Chairman Hicks declared that the revaluation act was not completed, and asked that criticism of it be withheld until after the special session of the Legislature had completed the law in July; he outlined the history of the act, and said that it had the support of Republicans as well as Democrats in the Legislature and pledged that justice would be given, and that the act when completed would be far better than the old system, and he believed that it would finally be perfected into a satisfactory document.

After a call of the precincts, the convention ruled that all Democrats who attend the State convention next Thursday, April 8, will be accredited delegates.

The term of Judge D. C. Hunt, as County Chairman, having expired, nomination for Chairman was in order. Mayor Thad G. Stem and others were requested to take the chairmanship, but their duties were such at the present time as to compel them to decline the honor. Not being able to find any one who was willing to take the chairmanship for a whole year, Capt. J. C. Howard was prevailed upon to accept the county chairmanship until the primary, at which time the chairman of the executive committee will be elected.

During the convention, short and pointed speeches were made by Dr. E. T. White, W. B. Parham, Major T. G. Stem, Commissioner J. L. Peed and others. Howard Garner, the lord mayor of the Hurricane, occupied a conspicuous place in the gathering.

There was no resolution in evidence endorsing the national administration under Woodrow Wilson and the State under Governor Bickett, nor was there a single word uttered for or against the Nineteenth Amendment, or better known as woman suffrage.

LEADING BUSINESS MEN SEE "HESITATION IN PRICES."

This Will Not Come Until Present Stocks Are Absorbed in All Lines. (Washington Special)

Nation-wide reports from federal reserve bank officials made public disclose their opinion that the post war were of "extravagance and reckless buying" by the public is nearing its end.

"A hesitation, if not an actual recession" of prices is noted and the federal reserve board's statement summarizes its advice as indicating a generally more hopeful view of the country's business condition than for several months.

While the price changes were shown by the board not to be universal, they were nevertheless regarded as positive and of importance as a basis for reckoning what the immediate future holds.

Relief from the high prices for the consumer will not be completely obtained until present stocks are absorbed in particularly all lines, according to the board's view. Manufacturers everywhere, however, were shown to hold the view that the peak of high prices has been reached and to expect a gradual recession.

Wholesalers in the dry goods trade, to some extent, have taken a "commendatory attitude" and are discouraging their customers from placing heavy fall orders. This has served to slacken demand and create a feeling that lower prices will follow.

MEMORIAL TO THE 27TH AND 30TH DIVISIONS

A war memorial has been selected for Camp Wadsworth, S. C., where the men of the North and the men of the South did "squad right" together through many weary months before they sailed overseas. After much consideration the deeds of the Twenty-seventh (New York National Guard division) and the Thirtieth (militia regiments from several States below the Mason Dixon line) will be commemorated with a monument done by one of the Twenty-seventh's own men Karl Illava, a young sculptor who enlisted and served throughout the war.

CARRYING THE JOKE ENTIRELY TOO FAR

Calls Register Of Deeds Powell From His Downy Couch to Issue Marriage License—Dr. F. P. Hobgood Was Also a Victim of the All-Fools' Day Joker.

Along about midnight on All-Fools' Day, some one rang up Mr. Charles G. Powell, the obliging Register of Deeds, and requested him to come down to the Court House and issue a marriage license.

"Who are you?" demanded Mr. Powell, at the other end of the wire. "Never mind who I am, come down as soon as you can; it is an urgent case," said the voice at the Exchange Hotel.

Being a young man of fine parts, and realizing how a young fellow must feel on the verge of wedlock, Mr. Powell dressed and hastened down to the court house expecting to find a blushing maiden leaning on the arm of some one of his many personal friends. But when he arrived at the court house, and finding no one in evidence, it occurred to him that he was the victim of a practical joker.

Some one else called up Mr. Powell, and this time it happened to be Dr. F. P. Hobgood, president of Oxford College, who inquired if a marriage license had been issued to any one of the young ladies of the college. Mr. Powell assured Dr. Hobgood that no such license had been issued, and then it occurred to the general president of the College that he was a victim of an All-Fools' Day joker.

HON. ROBT. N. PAGE AT THE COURT HOUSE

He Will Speak at One O'clock.

Hon. R. N. Page, the distinguished candidate for governor will arrive in Oxford at the noon hour. Court will adjourn to hear him speak at one o'clock. There is a good crowd here from all over the county to hear a business man discuss the issues of the day.

NORTH CAROLINA MAY BE PIVOTAL STATE AT LAST

May Be Called Upon for Deciding Vote on Suffrage.

Washington, April 5.—North Carolina may be called upon for the deciding vote on the woman suffrage amendment. It is believed that the Tar Heel state will fall in line and turn the trick.

The white house is keenly interested in this proposition, and is urging early action.

It is asserted by Miss Alice Paul that "Administration democrats are working for the ratification of the suffrage amendment with the understanding that a majority of the women throughout the country are in favor of the league of nations, and to support the President in his views on the German peace treaty. They are very anxious that they vote this year. An active campaign to secure the 36th state is being made. The North Carolina situation looks promising."

THE NEW WEST OXFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Will Be Formally Opened Thursday Night 7:30 O'clock

The School building that has just been completed in West Oxford is one that the entire community can well afford to look upon with pride. It is well constructed and has been equipped with every modern convenience possible. A new high grade piano has been placed in the building.

Due to the fact that the light fixtures have just been installed it has been impossible to have this meeting earlier.

The public is urged to be present at this meeting in which the leading people of Oxford will take part. The auditorium will seat about two hundred if some chairs are provided.

G. B. PHILLIPS.

TOO MANY PEOPLE BEING KILLED BY AUTOMOBILES

Little Boy Was Killed Near Durham Last Saturday.

The Durham papers state that the promising eleven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lynn, who live 3 miles east of Durham, was instantly killed last Saturday when struck by an automobile driven and owned by Edward Chambers Smith, Jr., of Raleigh. Riding in the machine with Mr. Smith at the time was James S. Manning, Jr., son of the State's attorney general. The accident occurred near the child's home. According to the information, the Raleigh automobile driven by Mr. Smith was coming toward Durham and a wagon behind which the little boy with a companion was trotting was headed in the opposite direction. Just as the automobile reached across the road with his head down.

Mr. Smith turned his car quickly from the road and ran into the field adjacent. But the boy had been struck and a home made sad for many a day.

WHISKEY MANUFACTURING PLANT CAPTURED IN OXFORD

It is Thought that the Still Had Been In Operation For Several Months—Federal Agents State That the Manufacturers Have Realized \$50,000 From the Sale of Liqueur—Officers Seize the Furniture Factory, Fixtures and Grain.

Excitement ran high in Oxford last Sunday morning when it became known that the officers during the night had captured a big whiskey manufacturing plant in the back yard of the White Roller Mills, a quarter of a mile from the business section of Oxford.

The first information that there was something wrong in that end of the town was about one month ago when there appeared in the Public Ledger a communication announcing the establishment of a "fly plant" and requesting the health officer and the town commissioners to make an investigation. Upon investigation the officers smelt the fumes of malt and still-beer, but they could not locate the still. Doubly sure that there was a whiskey manufacturing plant in that vicinity, the officers made a close inspection of the outbuildings on the White Roller Mills property, but found nothing. So strong were the fumes and so fat were the hogs in the back lot that a second inspection was made, and again nothing was found of an incriminating nature.

However, on Saturday night last human bloodhounds entered the building and informed J. D. Boone, who claimed to have rented the outbuildings, formerly known as the White-Wood Furniture factory, that if he did not reveal the hiding place of the still they would tear the place down brick by brick and plank by plank. Seeing the sheriff and federal officer and their assistants armed with saws and sledge hammers, determined to gut the place, Boone quietly led them to the boiler room of the old furniture factory, which Boone had succeeded in converting into a hermetically sealed vault by running a brick wall in front of the big steam boiler which propelled the machinery of the furniture factory in former days. Oil cans and other fixtures were distributed on a shelf in front of the boiler to give the place the appearance of abandonment. By removing the shelf an entrance was gained to the secret chamber. The place was fitted up with water and electric lights, and it is reasonable to presume that neither the Oxford Water Company and the Carolina Power and Light Company were aware that the water and electric power were being consumed at that particular point.

The outfit was operated automatically with the firing of the boilers. Heat generated by the boilers warmed the fermented liquids in the still into vaporizing, and no expense was entailed for fuel. The boiler rooms were carefully guarded to keep persons not connected with the industry at an unsuspecting distance. The manager refused to implicate any associate, and went to jail in default of bond in the sum of \$2,500.

In the raiding party were Sheriff Hunt, Federal Officers J. A. Hutchins, Deputy Lyon, Chief Hobgood and Capt. Reid of the police force. Immediately after the seizure, Federal Officers Lifsey and Gully of Raleigh, hastened to Oxford. In the grilling that followed, Boone told the officers that there were 16 prominent people implicated with him; that if they do not come to his rescue he will make disclosures that will shake the whole town and county from center to circumference.

Unable to secure bond, Boone was sent to the county jail. He is in an ugly mood, and other arrests are sure to follow.

Boone first made his appearance in Oxford about nine or ten months ago. It was understood that he came to Oxford to paint and mend the furniture that was stored away in the furniture factory after the White-Wood Furniture Company quit business.

Boone is a red-faced man, about 35 years of age and weighs about 165 pounds. He usually wears a cap pulled down over his forehead. He is very reticent when sober and is inclined to talk when drinking. Those who have sampled the liquor manufactured by Boone state that it was high-grade corn liquor. The revenue officers are inclined to believe that Boone and his partners have operated the plant for six months and that they have realized at least \$50,000 from the sale of liquor.

Boone will be given a hearing next Friday. In the mean time revenue officers hope to procure the arrest of others who were in co-partnership with Boone.

It is generally believed here that Boone could not have accomplished so much unbeknowning to everybody.

WOMEN WILL BE IN EVIDENCE AT THE STATE CONVENTION NEXT WEEK

Guilford and Durham Counties Will Send the Largest Delegations.

Three score women duly accredited by Democratic county conventions in North Carolina will attend the State Democratic convention next Thursday in Raleigh to participate in it.

Guilford 25
Durham 15
Wake 5
Buncombe 5
Sampson 3
Montgomery unlimited

Guilford's delegation of 25 women will head the list in size, but for beauty and charm, says the Raleigh News and Observer, Wake will put her delegation of five Democratic women up against the world.

Durham's fifteen women delegates to the State convention sat in the county convention, participated in its deliberations and heard the eloquent praises of General Julian S. Carr, who declared himself glad to have lived to see the day.

Buncombe's four fair delegates will come down with the full endorsement of former Governor Locke Craig ringing in their ears.

Old Alamance in ringing resolutions called upon the Governor to call an extra session of the Legislature to give the women the rights they deserve, and Catawba Democrats accorded women their full rights as Democrats to sit in a convention. Sampson didn't resolute but named three delegates to the State convention and Montgomery without partiality named both male and female Democrats, who desire to attend the State convention, to do so.

Pitt, Martin and Wilson counties were among those that are dead against equal suffrage now and adopted resolutions declaring emphatically against it.

It seems quite certain that the convention is to have a new situation to handle, but those who appear to think that the prospect is inviting approach by the women in hostile disposition may find that they were altogether wrong.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN BASE BALL RULES

The New Rules Inflict Ridiculous Burdens Upon the Judgment of the Umpire.

The life of a baseball umpire, unhappy enough heretofore, is due for a great access of tribulation under the new rules in effect this season. The changes will be sure to inject more germs of discord into the national game than will be good for it. For instance, a pitched ball hitting the bat when the batsman is trying to get out of the way of it is "dead," and not a "strike," as heretofore. It is up to the umpire to decide whether the batsman actually tried to get out of the way. The rule fixing penalties for the "intentional discoloring" of a ball also puts ridiculous burdens upon the judgment of the umpire. Beyond doubt, the season will develop as much confusion as to make another revision of the rules necessary next year.

APRIL TERM OF GRAN- VILLE SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. Thomas H. Calvert, Judge Presiding—Criminal Docket was Taken Up Monday.

April term of Granville Superior Court convened Monday morning, Judge Calvert presiding, and Hon. S. M. Gattis, the able solicitor, at his desk.

This is Judge Calvert's second visit to the Granville bench. He delivered an able charge to the grand jury and the court got right down to business.

While the docket is quite lengthy there are no cases at this term that are calculated to cause everybody to suspend business and sit around the court room all the week.

THE HOOVER REACTION RANGES ALL THE WAY FROM JOY TO SORROW

Opinion Differs As to Whether His Chances Have Been Helped or Hurt By Line Up With Republicans.

(Washington Special)

Herbert Hoover's announcement of willingness to accept the republican nomination for President, with certain reservations as to platform declarations, has been, of course, the "big noise" in last week's political news. Dispatches to The Star from its political correspondents in states from New England to the Pacific coast indicate a reaction ranging all the way from joy to sorrow, with a considerable amount of indifference sandwiched in between the layers.

CENSUS GIVEN FOR TWO TAR HEEL TOWNS

Elizabeth City Has 8,925, and Tarboro 4,568, Both of Them Showing Increase.

Population statistics announced by the Census Bureau included: Elizabeth City, N. C., 8,925, increase 5.13 or 1 per cent. Tarboro, N. C., 4,568, increase 4.93 or 10.6 per cent.

OXFORD SCHOOL BOARD FIX QUALIFICATIONS AND SALARIES FOR COMING YEAR

A Brief Statement Of The Qualifications And Salaries For The Oxford School System.

At a meeting of the Board the feeling was expressed that a reasonable salary should be guaranteed to the teachers who are qualified for the work in the Schools. The public can easily see that the schedule adopted is based entirely upon the record of the teacher. It is the first business like salary scheme of the Oxford Schools. The teacher who fails to measure up to the standard that will be wisely fixed will not receive the salary of the one who does. In other words as soon as a teacher gets her rating from the State Dept. she will be able to place herself from the standpoint of salary. Every provision will be made for a teacher to raise her rating by honest effort.

Qualifications.

The following Schedule has been worked out upon the basis of Oxford's needs and the experience of other towns. The plan of the Durham City Schools has been followed to a certain extent.

All employees of the Educational Dept. of the Oxford Public Schools are required to pass a physical examination at the time of appointment and annually thereafter between the first of May and the first of Sept. The examinations are to be made by the County Physician.

Elementary School teachers to be eligible for appointment must be graduates of approved High School and in addition must have completed a two year's normal course, or must have done three year's academic work beyond that required for graduation from High School, or must have the equivalent in successful experience in the Oxford system.

High School Teachers to be eligible for appointment must be graduates of Colleges requiring graduation from a four year High School for admission. They must have done special work in the subject they expect to teach, or have had two years of successful experience in teaching High School work.

For the purpose of determining salaries to be paid, teachers are divided into five classes, according to academic and professional preparation. The classes are designated as A, B, C, D, and E. The class in which a teacher belongs shall be determined by the rating given by the State Dept. of Education in its new classification program.

Salary Schedule.

Minimal Salary:	
Class A	\$1200
Class B	1100
Class C	1000
Class D	900
Annual Increase:	
Class A, 6 of	100
Class B, 6 of	100
Class C, 5 of	50
Class D, 5 of	50
Maximal Salary:	
Class A	\$1800
Class B	1460
Class C	1200
Class D	1100
Class E—The maximal salary of Class E shall be lower than the maximal salary of Class D.	

Principals shall receive a salary of \$200 a year above that attached to their rating as teachers.

Full annual increases as provided by the schedule will be granted teachers and principals whose work has been satisfactory and who have gained in ability to do their work during the year. Only one half the annual increase will be granted to those whose work has been satisfactory but who have made no appreciable improvement during the year. Those whose work has not been entirely satisfactory but who have made an earnest effort to improve may be retained without increase of salary. Those who have not made an effort to improve will not be retained.

Teachers now in the system whose academic and professional preparation may be lower than that shown by their work and present position in the system may be rated for a salary according to their present teaching standing.

A record of all teachers will be kept in the office of the Supt. who will credit all special work each year. Teachers will be rewarded for special work in any line that increases the efficiency of the teacher and thereby builds up the school system.

All salaries shall be divided into twelve equal payments, payable at the end of each calendar month.

SHOE BILL FOR ARMY NEXT YEAR \$5,500,000 HOUSE IS INFORMED

At An Estimate Cost of \$7.50 a Pair.

The army's shoe bill next year will be \$5,500,000, at the present level of prices, Major J. J. R. Hanay, of the Quartermaster Corps, informed the House Military Committee at hearings on the annual army appropriation.

"Bids are higher every time we advertise for them," he said. He estimated that the army would use 715,000 pairs of shoes during the year, and placed the average cost at \$7.50 a pair.

POLL OF REPUBLICANS IN NORTH CAROLINA SHOWS LOWDEN FIRST CHOICE

Result of New York Paper's Poll of County Chairmen.—M'Adoo and Bryan Close Seconds; So Republicans Say.

New York, April 6.—Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, is the first choice of the republicans of North Carolina for the presidential nomination, according to the poll of the county chairmen taken by The Sun and New York Herald.

Judge Jeter Connelly Pritchard, of Asheville, a favorite son, comes in second place in the preferential contest.

North Carolina Republicans are deeply serious over Judge Pritchard's candidacy and sincerely believe they can land him on the national ticket for vice president at least.

Herbert Hoover seems to be far in the lead, closely followed by William G. McAdoo and William Jennings Bryan, in the favor of the democrats for President, according to the republican leaders.

As the paramount issue of the 1920 campaign the league of nations stands at the top of the list, with Americanism, as its opposite, in the minds of many, coming next in the order of mention.

Of all first choices returned by the county chairmen, Governor Lowden received 49.3 per cent, Pritchard 26 per cent, Wood 16.6 per cent, Senator Warren C. Harding 4 per cent, Senator Hiram W. Johnson 2.6 per cent and the remainder went to ex-President Taft.

SECOND PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR IS LIKELY

Neither One of the Three Candidates Will Have a Walkover.

Politicians who are in close touch with conditions in the State predict that it will be necessary to hold a second primary to select the governor.

There are a number of wise politicians centered at Raleigh these days who have had their ears to the ground for several months. They note every sparrow that falls and every leaf that is shaken by the wind, and it is strange to relate that they can figure to a degree of certainty as to how each candidate stands.

For political reasons the average politician, or voter, claims that his particular candidate is in the lead, but the prophets at Raleigh are of the opinion that the three candidates are running neck-and-neck.

CARD FROM DR. CANNADY

There is One Town Ordinance Not Enforced.

Editor Public Ledger:

I was told by the mayor and chief of police that after March 15th last owners of automobiles would be required to comply with the State law in regard to the use of certain kind of dimmers to prevent the glare by an approaching car. I immediately procured the required dimmer for my car. There are so many who utterly disregard this law that I wonder if the town authorities have rescinded this action.

SAMUEL H. CANNADY.

THE HIGHWAY QUESTION WILL FACE THE STATE

Will Be Principal Issue of Campaign Preliminary To The Election.

Charlotte, April 6.—"A state-wide system of permanently paved highways—shall North Carolina have it or not?" will become one of the principal issues of the campaign preliminary to the election of a successor to T. W. Bickett as governor of this State, according to the views of Col T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the Charlotte-Asheville-Wilmington highway association and one of the leaders of the movement for an issue of \$50,000,000 in bonds for such a highway system.

FROM DOVER TO BATON ROUGE BATTLE SHIFTS

Suffrage Amendment Defeated In Delaware House—Louisiana, Whose Legislature Meets May 10, Expected to Prove Pivotal State.

New Orleans, April 6.—Woman suffrage leaders here, after learning of the defeat in the lower house of the Delaware legislature, stated Louisiana, whose legislature meets May 10, would doubtless prove the pivotal state. Only favorable action in the Louisiana legislature, it was argued, would give women the right to vote in the presidential election.

THE STATE CONVENTION

Will Be Held In Raleigh Next Thursday, April 8.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey will preside over the Democratic State convention in Raleigh next Thursday and he and Senator Overman will make the principal speeches.

"A man advertised in a newspaper for a wife. He said later: 'I can't say that advertising in this case pays, but I'll tell the world that it certainly brings results.'"

Gastonia has a population of 12,871, according to census reports now in. The gain in population for the metropolis of Gaston county is over 123 per cent.