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PLANNING EFFORTS TO AMEND THE PRIMARY LAW

Submit Law to a Binding Referendum in Both Parties In State—Democrats Resent Fact That Republicans Worked For Primary and Still Do Nominating In Convention; a Stiff Fight Will Meet Any Effort to Abolish System.

Newspapers, observers and prophets taking stock of the net results of the Statewide primary June 5th, leaders from all sections of the State, have brought themselves to the conclusion that the General Assembly of 1921 ought to be asked to do something about the primary, abolish entirely, leave it in the hands of the State convention to determine whether it shall be held, or submit it to a referendum by the voters of each party, the results to become binding.

Taking up the better part of a summer, and the expenditure of vast effort and money in nominating party candidates by primary, while the Republicans merely get together for a day in convention and write a slate does not appeal too strongly to any Democrat who has expressed himself. The contest for Governor in the State, and for two other offices, began early in the year and will not be settled definitely until next Saturday night, it is pointed out, and some party leaders believe that this energy might be expended toward more desirable ends.

Give It To Both.

Were it not for the fact that the special session is already loaded with work, it is not unlikely that it would be asked to provide for a referendum at the November election, allowing the voters of each party to decide whether they want a primary or not, and when the decision is made, let it stand. Democrats are resentful of the activities of the Republicans helping to pass the primary law and then not abiding by it. Except in very scattered instances there were no contests over any office. Their State convention did the nominating.

The other proposal, leaving it to the State convention to call a primary, is not without favor aming political leaders. It is proposed to have the legislature to empower the convention to call a primary, if one seems desirable in any election year, and if the convention sees fit, leave it off and do the nominating itself. Such a provision would enable the party to declare a nominee when there were contests lacking, or in off years when there are but few offices vacant.

Such a contingency is cited two years hence when the only statewide offices to be filled will be one vacancy on the State Corporation Commission and one on the State Supreme court. Under the present law, the State Board of Elections will be compelled to call a primary to select party candidates for these two offices. The proposed change in the law would enable the convention to name the candidates, and in the gubernatorial contest four years hence, the primary could be ordered to select the nominee.

People Like Primary.

It appears unlikely that efforts to doctor the primary will be passed without opposition. The great mass of voters, in so far as can be determined without a referendum on it, are well disposed toward the primary and are willing to let it stand like it is, or to make it obligatory on both parties. Cumbersome though it is, and somewhat costly and at times indecisive, the primary gives the folks an opportunity to have their say about running the party, and they will no doubt be found loath to give it up, or to have it seriously molested, it is believed.

The old convention was simpler, and less taxing on the seeker after office, and less long drawn out in its anxiety, and less costly, than the primary has turned out to be, but on the other hand, it possessed, leaders say, weak spots that make it improbable that the voters of the State will agree to go back to it. It is thought that it might be acceptable in years when there were only one or two offices to be filled, but when it comes to a governor and all State officers, no one ventures the opinion that any considerable percentage of the population would be willing for the convention to do all the nominating.

By no means friendless, the primary has advocates in force who would also legislate, but who would make the primary less cumbersome by adoption of the Australian ballot, or by installing voting machines that would vastly simplify the machinery of nominating a candidate. Already there is talk of spending some money for voting machines, and the legislature will unlikely adjourn next year before it has done something about it.

THE CROP OUTLOOK IN GRANVILLE COUNTY IS VERY GOOD

"I traveled over a right good percentage of the farming area of Granville last week, and the crop outlook is very encouraging," said a well known tobacco buyer who went out to estimate the crop. "Tobacco is late; some few patches are of normal growth for the time of year, but by far the greater part of it is small. It has good shape and color, however, and it promises to be a good crop. Corn everywhere in the county is fine. And without a single exception all the crops are clean.

THE TEN LARGEST CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

City	1920
New York	5,621,151
Chicago	2,704,212
P[illegible]	1,823,158
D[illegible]	[illegible]3,739
Cleveland	(X) [illegible]6,836
St. Louis	773,000
Boston	747,923
Baltimore	733,826
Pittsburgh	588,193
Los Angeles	575,480

STATE LIBRARY,

THE OXFORD STORES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5

This Is Done To Give The Employes One Day's Rest.

Owing to the fact that the Fourth of July comes this year on Sunday, Independence Day will be celebrated on Monday, July 5.

In order to give the employes a chance to rest, or celebrate, the Oxford merchants have agreed not to open their doors on the fifth. This does not apply strictly to drug stores as it is understood that medicine can be had at all times.

It is well to keep in mind that the stores will be closed on the fifth and be sure to purchase such things as will be needed before the stores close next Saturday night.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF THESE FOUR GOOD MEN

In the warmth of the gubernatorial race in this county we fear that the candidates for the Supreme Court and State Auditor will be overlooked. There are two men running for Supreme Court Justice, Judge W. P. Stacy, and Judge B. F. Long. They are both good men and have had experience on the Superior Court benih.

For State Auditor, two men are pitted against each other—Baxter Durham, the present chief clerk in the Auditor's office, and Mr. James P. Cook, at present at the head of the Stonewall Jackson Training School at Concord, and carried a large vote in the Western part of the State.

NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL AT HAMPTON ROADS

A Few Boys From Granville County Are Wanted.

Announcement has been made by the Naval Recruiting officer, Lieut. Rommander R. Gatewood, that authority has been received from the Department to enroll 42 boys between the ages 16 and 20 years from the state of North Carolina, to be sent to a Naval summer school just opened at the Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads, Va. The period of enrollment is only for three months. Instruction will include physical development, discipline, education or character and the cultivation of Naval traditions. Recreation and religious instruction will not be neglected. It is a fine summer vacation for any young boy who wishes to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Examinations are being made now at the Navy Recruiting Stations to obtain the quota of 42 boys.

Applicants for enrollment must pass the necessary examination, physical and otherwise. Each boy will be paid $33.00 per month and all other expenses paid while in school. Free transportation will be furnished boys desiring to enroll for this school from their home to Raleigh and return. Further information may be had by applying at the Navy Recruiting Stations in this State.

FOUND CRUDE OIL WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF OXFORD

Mr. D. H. Wallace, who has an estate in Wake county, some three miles south of Apex. About three weeks ago, while boring a well for water, struck a vein of foreign matter underneath a rock stratum that had the appearance of crude oil. He had the matter examined by a chemist, who stated after the examination that it was a good sample of crude oil. Experts from the Texas oil fields have since made analysis of the matter, and they have assured Mr. Wallace that he has oil on his estate. The well had reached a depth of about 346 feet when the oil was discovered. A stock company has already been formed and the oil, if found to be of a sufficient quantity, will soon be developed and refined.

FIFTY MOST USED WORDS

Ten Words Make Up 28 Per Cent Of Everything You Write.

Did you know that 49 per cent of your conversation consists in merely repeating a certain group of fifty words? Well, it's true, and ten of those words make up 28 per cent of everything you write and say:

Here are the 10: the, of, and, to, in, a, that, was, it, is.

And here are some others: I, as, for, with, his, by, be, he, which, not, have, at, on, will, but, all, this, from, are, or, had, were, your, been, they, we, may, who, an, has, their, him, very, when, me, could, she.

The percentages are gained from counting 167,618 words in the Bible, newspapers and correspondence.

—Mr. Lee C. Taylor left Monday for Baltimore to accompany Mrs. Taylor home. Little James is somewhat improved.

TWENTY YEARS WILL WROUGHT A WONDERFUL CHANGE IN GRANVILLE

Oxford Will Have a Population Of Twelve Thousand; Creedmoor Will Advance to the Size of Oxford Today and Stem Will Not Be Far Behind Creedmoor.

There is a healthy sentiment in Oxford and all over Granville county to do things. The town people think more of the country people and the country people think more of the town people than ever before. Our people have come to realize that in union there is strength. Farmers who fought good roads a few years ago are now heard to say "let them come regardless of cost." Yes, the whole county is ready to spread its wings just as soon as we crawl from beneath the shadows of the cruel war.

The trains that arrive here now over the Seaboard come in tail-end foremost. Twenty years from now big trains will pull up to a large and handsome union station with the engine in front. Twenty years from now there will be several skyscrapers in Oxford. Twenty years hence there there will be street cars in Oxford linked up with a line extending from Henderson to Durham. Twenty years hence there will be manufacturing plants all up and down the railways for a distance of two miles. Twenty years hence all of that part of the town between the business center and the Southern Railway station will be filled with wholesale houses, with a fourteen story stone building at the corner of Penn and Broad streets. Twenty years hence there will not be a vacant lot between Oxford College and the Oxford Orphanage. Twenty years nence there will be skyscrapers on Williamboro street where the "eye sores" now stand. The tallest skyscraper in Oxford twenty years hence will stand at the corner of Littlejohn and Main streets, and it will be so tall you will have to look twice to see the top. Twenty years hence the court house will be found where the old market house now stands. Twenty years hence the soldiers monument at the head of Main street will adorn the grass plot at the intersection of Gilliam and Williamboro streets, and real live policemen, or traffic men, will take the place of the soldiers' monument. In those days good roads will stretch all over the county. Creedmoor will be as large as Oxford is today; Stem will be as large as Creedmoor and Stovall will have 3,000 population.

In union there is strength.

COMMITTEE TO MANAGE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN

Will H. Hays, chairman; Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, Ohio, vice chairman; John T. Adams, national committeeman from Iowa; Clarence B. Miller, of Minnesota secretary of the national committee; Fred W. Upham, of Illinois, treasurer of the national committee; Harry M. Daughterty, of Ohio; Mrs. Katherine Phillips Edson, California; Mrs. Manley L. Fosseen, Minnesota; Jake L. Hamon, national committeeman from Oklahoma; John W. Hart national committeeman from Idaho; A. T. Hart, national committeeman from Kentucky; Charles D. Hilles national committeeman form New York; R. B. Howell, national committeeman from Nebraska; Mrs. Jeannette A. Hyde, Utah; Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore, New York; Senator Boise Penrose, national committeeman from Pennsylvania; Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, New York; Mrs. Christine Bradley, South Kentucky; former Senator John W. Weeks, national committeeman from Massachusetts, and Ralph E. Williams, national committeeman from Oregon.

KEEPING RECORD STRAIGHT

The following telegram dated June 28th has been received from Judge J. Crawford Biggs, State Manager for Max Gardner:

"Frank Page, Chairman State Highway Commission, authorizes me to say that advertisement in Public Ledger that he is supporting Morrison is untrue. On the contrary he will vote for Gardner."

J. CRAWFORD BIGGS.

The above steaks for itself. It is difficult to understand why the Morrison Managers in Granville county persist in the effort to mislead the people.

S. H. PRICHARD,
Manager of Gardner Campaign.
(Political Advertising)

AN UNIQUE ANNOUNCEMENT

Can Any Oxford Firm Duplicate It?

The Smithfield Herald carries the following unique announcement:

"Ashley Horne & Son, of Clayton, announce with deep regret and a keen sense of loss the death of our first customer William Marshall Murphrey, for 50 years loyal friend of the firm, and beg to send forth this memorial token of our appreciation and esteem."

The above is a beautiful expression and it should be adopted by the merchants everywhere.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Willard Service Station.

A NIGHT OF DEBAUCH LONG TO BE REMEMBERED

Drunken Young Men Howl Like Wild Hyenas.

From the stories that have gained circulation the general public may get the wrong impression as to three things, namely:

(1). St. John's Day.
(2). The Dance.
(3). The Drunken Debauch.

St. John's Day was celebrated at the Oxford Orphanage on Thursday, June 24th. The dance, given by the young people, took place in the Armory on the night of the 24th. Many young people from a distance remained over for the dance. Mr. J. E. Jackson, superintendent of county welfare work, looked in upon the dance at mid-night, and at that hour the young people were conducting themselves in good style. After requesting some of the young men to see that everything was conducted on a high plane, Mr. Jackson retired, and according to reports the young people did conduct themselves becomingly, except in one or two instances and the couples were censored by the management, which had a wholesome effect.

Shortly after the mid-night hour one or two young men showed up in the Armory under the influence of liquor, and they were ejected from the hall. There was no signs of liquor being drank on the floor, as the report goes, and as soon as the young ladies smelt the odor of liquor most of them departed for home.

The drunken debauch, which is frequently spoken of, occurred on the streets early on the morning of the 25th, and St. John's Day and the dance was in no wise involved.

According to the police, the drunken debauch was terrific in its nature. It came as a streak of lightning from a clear sky. Capt. Reid, of the police force was the only officer on duty up to the mid-night hour, when he suddenly realized that he was up against the big menace. He phoned for Sheriff Hunt and Chief Hobgood to come to his rescue as soon as possible, and when these officers arrived a number of citizens were deputized to aid the officers in maintaining order. During the height of the drunken tidal-wave two young men were unable to navigate, and one young man, all from a distance, kicked out a pannel of the front door of the Candy Kitchen.

It must have been a mild intoxicant that caused the trouble. The flury lasted only an hour or two, and the streets became normal just as the gray streaks of dawn appeared in the eastern sky.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

—Mrs. J. E. Bowling and Mrs. R. L. Tragdon of Owensboro, Ky., Misses Effie Riggs, of Moriah, Lelia Hayworth, of Ashboro, Nannie Bowling, of Greenville N. C., Annie Lee Pope of Dunn, Mr. D. L. Coltraine of Ashboro; Messrs P. D. Croom, J. A. Powers, Moon and Shackleford of Kinston, and Mr. J. E. Bowling of Owensboro Ky., have arrived to attend the Elliott-Jones wedding which takes place tomorrow.

—Miss Josephine Ballou entertained at her home Friday morning in honor of Misses Lucy Boyd, of Warrenton, and Louise Outlaw of Elizabeth City. After an enjoyable game of rook a delightful salad course was served. Those present were: Misses Sue Bryan, Annie Lou Williams, Margaret Davis, Frances Landis, Annie Gray Burroughs, Alice Hall, Mary Owen, Betsy Ballou, Ava Wellons of Smithfield, Evelyn Seag of Blakestone.

—Mrs. H. M. Shaw entertained a few friends on Friday afternoon in honor of her guests, Mrs. S. B. Buxton and Mrs. Caleb West of Newport News. Punch was served by Misses Ruth Shaw and Georgia Winston. A delightful salad course was served to the guests among whom were: Mesdames De La Croix, S. C. Morton, R. W. Lassiter, A. H. Powell, B. K. Lassiter, T. L. Booth, W. A. Devin, Mrs. C. D. Ray, Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell and Miss Carrie Fuller

—Miss Carolyn Booth was hostess on Monday afternoon to her friends in honor of Misses Evelyn Tucker, Ava Lillons and Annie Gray Burrows, visitors in Oxford. An exciting game of rook was enjoyed and an elegant salad course served. Those present were: Misses Annie Lou Williams, Sue Bryan, Margaret Davis, Betsy Ballou, Mary Owen, Elizabeth Niles, Annie Landis, Louise Outlaw of Elizabeth City, Mary Powell, Helen Craig, Alice Hall, Annie Thompson Bradsher, Ida Kerr Taylor, Frances Landis, Dorothy Parham.

—The following visiting young ladies attended the dance given on the night of the 24th. Misses Rebecca McGeorge, Philadelphia; Mary Ellen Travis, Weldon; Elizabeth Garlick, Washington D. C.; Margaret Pugh, Norfolk; Margaret and Elizabeth Tucker, Raleigh; Dorothy Lumbey, Greenwood, S. C.; Irene Grimesley, Greensboro; Antoinette Lawrence, Smithfield; Mary G. Allen, New York Fair Pope, Annie Burwell, Estelle Davis, Warrenton; Madaline Crews, Norfolk; Selma Fountain, and Lula Stockard, Raleigh; Ida Jackson, Nannie Burwell, Stovall; Beatrice Turner, Louisburg; Una Lindsey, Rocky Mt.; Loula Moore, Raleigh.

THE BIG NOISE AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Nominating Speeches Will Probably Begin Today.

(Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.

The Democratic National Convention was formally opened here yesterday amid the blowing of horns and marshal music.

The day was spent in discussing various planks for the party platform.

The names most frequently applanded for the nomination are McAdoo, Cox, Davis and Wilson.

Wise politicans are of the opinion that the nominee will be a dark horse.

BETTING ON THE GAME

The Police Should Put a Stop To The Practice.

At a recent game of baseball here there was considerable betting on the side. Enthusiasm ran high and men wagered as high as $10 that their favorite team would win.

Rev. R. C. Craven, who is very fond of clean ball, and who is a good mixer with young men, was present while the betting was going on. He took occasion last Sunday morning to refer to the incident from his pulpit and denounce the practice in unmistakable teams.

It is unlawful to bet on games, horse racing and other forms of amusement, and the fellow who holds the stakes is just as guilty in the sight of the law as those who bet.

The members of the Oxford baseball club are just as much opposed to betting as the other good citizens of our town. They have no means of knowing who the betters are, or how much there is at stake. A few plain clothes men should be sworn in to put a stop to the practice of betting.

THE NAVAL ACADEMY SHORT FOUR HUNDRED YOUNG MEN

There Are Fourteen Vacancies In North Carolina.

There was a time when young men jumped at a chance to go to the Naval Academy, but for some cause or other there are now 400 vacancies to be filled by congressmen, and the whole country is being scowered to secure the quota.

There are fourteen vacancies in North Carolina to be filled by congressmen, including two each in the second, fifth and sixth districts; three each in the third and eighth and one each in the seventh and ninth districts.

Any eligible young man in the district who desires an appointment to the Naval Academy should take the matter up with Congressman Chas. M. Stedman at once.

MORRISON AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE

In a letter dated at Charlotte February 19, 1920, addressed to Mr. W. A. Finch, Wilson, N. C., Cameron Morrison said:

"Your favor of a few days ago received. I thank you very much for it.

"I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE. I do not think the General Assembly of North Carolina has any right against the well known sentiment of North Carolina to adopt the Susan B. Anthony Amendment. I favor the submission of this question to the people of the State. I do not think that so sacred a thing as the organic law of our land ought to be amended in defiance of the wishes of the people by such action.

"I am entirely willing for this question to be submitted to the vote of the people, which is certainly a fair way to dispose of it.

"CAMERON MORRISON."

In a letter dated at Raleigh June 21, 1920, addressed to Mr. W. A. Finch, Wilson, N. C., Cameron Morrison said:

"Your letter of the 19th in which you state that it is reported that I have changed my views on woman suffrage is received.

"My personal views on woman suffrage have not changed and are the same now as set forth in my letter to you of February 19th, 1920.

"CAMERON MORRISON."

The cartoon about which there has been so much discussion according to Col. Wilson G. Lamb, chairman board of elections of the State, had the following inscription thereon

"THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY WOMAN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT CONFERS THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON THE NEGRO WOMAN AS WELL AS THE WHITE WOMEN. THOSE WHO FAVOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE VOTE FOR GARDNER. THOSE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE VOTE FOR MORRISON."

(Political Advertising)

—Farmers in the Harmony section of Iredell county are having some trouble getting a stand of tobacco. Some authorities say that it is a little pith worm that kills it.

TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE CALLED TO PASS SUFFRAGE

Nashville, Tenn., June 28.—Governor Roberts today issued the call for an extra session of the Legislature to meet on August 9 when ratification of the Federal suffrage amendment will be considered.

TWO COLORED BOYS ENTICED FROM ORPHANAGE

Chief Hobgood Goes To Johnson County For the Boys.

A few days ago a man drove by the Colored Orphanage and enticed two of the orphan boys to accompany him to Johnson county, promising them fried chicken at every meal and nothing to do but sit on the creek bank and fish the livelong day, Sunday included.

The boys accepted the invitation. Dr. Cheatham, superintendent of the orphanage soon learned the whereabouts of the boys, and Chief Hobgood went down to Johnson county last Saturday and placed the abductor under arrest and brought the boys home.

HAIL DOES DAMAGE IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

The Adjoining Counties Have Suffered More Than Granville.

Hail storms in the adjoining counties have played havoc this season and some of them crossed over into Granville. It is reported that hail as large as a walnut fell at Dabney recently. Mecklenburg county, Virginia, to the north of us, sustained heavy damage last week.

It would be well for farmers to protect themselves as far as possible by taking out a hail storm policy, which is fully explained by the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company elsewhere in this paper.

HURRAH FOR LEE GOOCH

Oxford Baseball Star Remembers His Old Home Town.

Lee Gooch, the Oxford baseball star, is the manager of the Richmond team of the Virginia-Carolina League. He proved his loyalty to his old home town last week in glowing colors.

Desiring to defeat the Oxford team here last Thursday, enthusiastic members of the Henderson team made a trip to Richmond to confer with Gooch with a view of securing a star pitcher of his team to pitch for the Henderson team against the Oxford team.

"No, indeed," was the answer of Lee; "I shall in no wise contribute to the defeat of the boys in my old home town."

CENTRIFUGAL FORCE MACHINE GUN TIRED

More Deadly Than All the Previous Gun.

A new model of machine gun operated by centrifugal force instead of by explosives and capable of firing 11,000 shots a minute is being tested at the bureau of standards in Washington.

The gun consists of rotating barrel extending from a shaft driven by motor.

The gun is not entirely noiseless, officials of the bureau said, since it makes a slightly whirring sound like any swiftly rotating object.

MORRISON AND GARDNER MORE THAN $6,000 EACH

One Of The Two Will Have Spent $6,000 For Nothing.

Raleigh, June 28.—Campaign expenditures of Cameron Morrison and O. Max Gardner, running for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, have been reported to the secretary of state. They were filed in accordance with the law. It is shown that Mr. Gardner has spent, including the amount reported May 25, the sum of $6,201.62, while Mr. Morrison has spent $6,455.06. Mr. Morrison reports contributions to his Gardner makes no report of contributions.

Interesting Young Lady.

Miss Marr, of Dakota, has accepted a position as bookkeeper in Mr. J. Robert Wood's store. This excellent young lady has held an important position in the war department at Washington for two years. In going to Washington from her western home two years ago she desired to go over seas, but the war department pressed her into service and she never realized her hopes of going abroad. She is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Linnie Smith on Gilliam street.

When To Cut Wheat.

Wheat may be cut with safety when the straw has lost nearly all its green color and the grains are not entirely hardened. If cut sooner than this, shriveled kernels will result. If left standing until fully ripe, a bleached appearance, due to the action of the elements, often results, and loss from shattering may ensue. Wheat that is fully ripe is also more difficult to handle. Where the area of wheat is large, cutting should begin as early as it can be done safely.—Farmers' Bulletin 885, United States Department of Agriculture.

—Mr. H. O. Furman continues quite sick at his home. His son Mr. Frank Furman has been summoned from New York to his bedside.