

## THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

### UNDERWOOD HAS THE LEAD OVER WILSON AND HARMON.

Judge Fell Gets Over Two-Thirds of the County's Vote.—Dr. Young Endorsed as Delegate to National Convention.—Locke Craig for Governor and Doughton for Congress.—All Democratic Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions.

The Cabarrus County Democratic Convention was held at the courthouse Saturday. The convention convened at 1:30 o'clock and quite a number of delegates were present, every precinct being represented except No. 7 township. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. J. L. Miller, Mr. J. P. Cook was chosen chairman. Messrs. L. T. Farnell, J. C. Fink and John M. Oglesby were appointed secretaries. The vote on the various candidates for President were then taken, resulting as follows:

Harmon, 10,43; Wilson, 24,37; Underwood, 28,20.

Locke Craig was endorsed for governor by acclamation, as were all other candidates for State offices who have no opposition, except Treasurer Lacy, several votes being cast for Mr. W. R. Odell for this office. Mr. Odell's vote was complimentary as he is not a candidate for the office.

Hon. R. L. Doughton was endorsed for Congress by acclamation.

For Lieutenant Governor the following vote was cast: Daughton, 7; Shaw, 23; Daniel, 10; McKee, 6; Boushall, 3; Newland, 15.

Three candidates were placed in nomination for Corporation Commissioner (long term), Fell, Justice and Maxwell. The vote was: Fell, 41; Justice, 18; and Maxwell, 4.

Mr. S. G. Daniel was endorsed by acclamation for the short term.

Dr. R. S. Young was endorsed as delegate to Democratic National convention. The delegation is unopposed as to the other delegates and the two alternates.

All Democrats at the convention were elected delegates to the Democratic National Convention, which meets in Salisbury June 5 and to the State Convention which meets in Raleigh, June 6. They were instructed to cast the vote as expressed in convention for the various candidates.

Chairman Cook requested that all members of the county executive committee meet immediately after the convention adjourned, stating that Chairman Miller had tendered his resignation and it would be necessary to elect a successor.

All the committee meetings it was decided to postpone the election of a chairman. This will be done at a later meeting, probably in a few short days.

**Rowan Democratic Convention.**  
Salisbury, May 26.—Rowan Democrats yesterday nominated P. S. Carlton and Walter Murphy for the legislature, T. D. Brown for State Senate, and a full county ticket. Col. A. H. Boyden, who was mentioned had been nominated for the Senate in the primaries but withdrew in favor of Mr. Brown, a farmer, of the county, would have a representative on the legislative ticket. Early in the convention a resolution for unopposed delegates to the National Convention created a warm discussion which grew so hot it was dropped until other business could be attended to. Later the vote was divided equally between Wilson's man, Whitehead Kintz, and Hayden Clement, in favor of no instruction. The convention endorsed R. L. Doughton for Congress; Locke Craig for Governor; Ben Lacy for State Treasurer; George F. Fell for Corporation Commissioner; J. Bryan Grimes for Secretary of State. It also endorsed the salary system for county officers and reaffirmed its opposition to the suspension of 12 years limiting county officers to three terms.

**1,000 Underwood Boosters to Baltimore From Georgia.**  
Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—Georgia's delegation to the Democratic National convention at Baltimore will be escorted by a special party of 1,000 Underwood enthusiasts, who will take with them three brass bands and a life and drum corps. It was announced today. Two special trains of Pullman coaches will be chartered for the trip and arrangements have been made for the "boosters" to occupy 10 coaches during their stay in Baltimore.

**Lockner Refuses to Resign.**  
Chicago, May 27.—The Tribune here today said: "William Lockner refuses to resign as United States Senator from Illinois. He holds it that he will force his friends to go to the limit probably until the eve of a decision vote, then he will resign."

**Mr. Walter Meier, formerly a member of the planning staff of the Board of Health, has been removed from the staff and the board.**

## ASK LIFE FOR WOMAN.

First Time Woman Has Been Sentenced to Be Electrocuted in Massachusetts.

Hoston, Mass., May 27.—A determined effort is being made to have the death sentence of Mrs. Lena Cusumano, convicted of murdering her husband and sentenced to die in the electric chair in the State Prison at Charlestown one week from today, commuted to life imprisonment. While it is believed there is a good chance these efforts will succeed, there is a strong sentiment in some quarters in favor of permitting the unusual atrocity of the crime and the fact that the Supreme Court of Massachusetts decided that the trial court had not erred in its judgment.

Little public sympathy is expressed for Enrico Mascoli, the accomplice of Mrs. Cusumano, who is sentenced to be electrocuted on the same day that the woman is to die. Only perfunctory efforts are being made in the man's behalf, although it is the general belief that he is likely to share in any act of clemency that is extended to Mrs. Cusumano.

Those who are assisting in the movement for a commutation of Mrs. Cusumano's sentence do so largely from sentiment rather than reasons of justice or personal sympathy. They declare that no woman has ever met death in the electric chair in Massachusetts and that it would be a disgrace to the State if the sentence was carried out. It is not only the first time in the history of Massachusetts that a woman has been sentenced to die in the electric chair, but the first time in the memory of persons of this generation that a woman has been condemned to death in this State as a penalty for a crime.

The crime of which Mrs. Cusumano and Mascoli were convicted was committed in Hull in September, 1910. A few weeks after the disappearance of Cusumano his body was found on the ocean beach and an autopsy disclosed that he was murdered. The defendants were arrested shortly afterward and they were placed on trial at Plymouth last February.

A number of witnesses testified, the most important of whom was Aecusa, the seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. Cusumano, who identified the quilt in which Cusumano's body was wrapped, as one that was on her father's bed. Other witnesses were Mrs. Cusumano's sisters. Both defendants testified, denying the crime, but the evidence, such as the finding of a blood-stained axe, a hole in the ground near the Cusumano house and a bundle of blood-stained clothing which belonged to Mrs. Cusumano, was too strong. The testimony for the State showed that Mrs. Cusumano and Mascoli entered the room where Cusumano slept and killed him.

In behalf of the woman it is said she was an unwilling and involuntary accomplice of Mascoli and that she was long under the influence of Mascoli. The term "hypnotic eye" has been mentioned in this connection. It is recalled by the court officials that throughout the trial of the pair the woman seemed to be in constant and abject fear of Mascoli. Not once during the long trial did she lift her eyes to meet his.

**Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Founding of Davidson College.**  
Davidson, May 26.—The celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Davidson College was ushered in today by a sermon by Rev. Dr. George L. Petrie, of Charlotte, N. C., before the Y. M. C. A. of the college.

A large and inspiring audience assembled in the Presbyterian church at the hour for morning worship. Among the ministers present were: Rev. Drs. James McDowell and J. G. Richards, Charles G. Vardell, Ned Springs, R. E. Vinson, Texas, W. L. Lingle, Richmond.

**Charged With Libelling Congressmen.**  
Washington, D. C., May 27.—The case of Henry W. A. Page, the New York merchant who was arrested some weeks ago on a charge of criminally libelling Chairman Clayton and the members of the House Judiciary Committee, was called for trial today in the District Supreme Court. The charge is based upon Page's alleged authorship and circulation of a pamphlet in which various members of Congress were termed "dishonest scoundrels."

**To Take Up Kentucky Fund Case.**  
Jackson, Ky., May 27.—The Callender fund, which resulted recently in the assassination of Ed. Callahan, the former sheriff of Breathitt county, will be investigated by the Circuit Court which convened here today. Numerous members of both factions are here from the mountain districts and it is feared that any action of the court looking to the punishment of those responsible for the killing of Callahan may result in an immediate re-opening of the feud.

**The Peeler Reunion.**  
The second annual reunion of the Peeler generation will be held in the grove at Crescent orphanage, Thursday, August 22nd. The president, Rev. A. S. Fowler, will appoint the different committees within a week or so. A splendid programme will then be arranged.

**It is planned to make this reunion much larger in scope than the first one. Representatives of the Peeler family are expected from Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Florida and other States, besides those in different sections of North Carolina.**

**The snow on Snow will begin next this afternoon on the street in the business section of the city. This will be a good thing as the snow will be packed as usually is the case. According to the arrangement with the city the work is to be completed by June 1st.**

## ON THE LOCAL DIAMONDS.

The Lockites and Coolmees Battle to a Standstill—Kannapolis Has Out a Victory Over Spencer. One and Kannapolis to Meet at New Ball Park Wednesday.

The Lockites and Coolmees engaged in a slugging fest at Locke Park Saturday afternoon, the final score being 11 to 11. Both teams hit the ball hard and often and there was something doing from the spectators point of view every minute. All told five pitchers ascended the mound and several of the number continued to ascend until they landed on the players bench. Of the quietest Johnson proved the most effective and with the proper support he would have saved the day for the locals.

Two accidents marred the play. "Sparrow" Clark smashed out a homer in the first. On his next trip to the plate he was hit on the hand by a pitched ball and had to retire. Archer, the Lockites' short stop, also received a shot square in the face and had to give way to an understudy. Clark's homer, Wood's sensational stop and Johnson's pitching featured. Swearingen and Miller proved the oval out for three bases and Sapp and Kiziah garnered doubles.

	ABR	H	PO	A	E
Best, 2b	5	1	0	3	2
Gant, 1f & p	5	2	0	1	0
Miller, 1b	6	1	2	4	0
Coble, c	6	2	3	15	1
Alexander, cf	5	1	1	1	0
Whitman, 3b	5	1	1	1	0
Sadberry, rf	4	2	2	0	0
Culbertson, p	2	0	1	1	1
Cruse, ss	4	1	1	0	2
Miloholand p & lf	2	0	1	0	0
	37	11	12	27	6

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Allred, lf	5	2	2	0	0
Clark, cf	1	1	1	0	0
Swearingen, cf2b	3	1	1	1	0
Morris, rf	5	0	2	4	0
Archer, ss	1	0	0	1	1
Wood, 2b & ss	3	0	0	2	2
Rogers, c	3	2	1	0	0
Kiziah, 1b	3	2	1	0	0
Corriner, p & cf	4	0	0	0	1
Johnson, p	5	2	2	0	5
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**Kannapolis Wins in Ninth.**  
Two weeks ago the Kannapolis ball tossers felt the sting of defeat as it overtook them in the ninth in a game at Locke Park. Saturday they got revenge at Spencer's hands, pounding our three runs in the final frame with the score 3 to 0 against them.

Overcash started with a double. Spry and Grier beat out bunts. Overcash scored on Laughlin's infield tap. H. Spry rapped a single, sending two across and breaking up the best game of the season. Kiziah's all round work featured.

**Batteries:** Anderson, Overcash and Willett; Clark and Cornelson.

**Office Play Wednesday.**  
Kannapolis and the Cincos will look horns at the new ball park on South Union street Wednesday. Anderson, the suburbanites' clever south-paw, will do the flinging for the visitors and "Les" Bell, Davidson's moundsman, will take the rifle pit for the Cincos. The game will be called at 4 o'clock. Admission, 25 and 35 cents.

**Mr. Sims' Proposed Trip.**  
Mr. Editor: Your notice of my trip to Riviera, Texas, has caused a number of friends to inquire as to where Riviera is located. Riviera is located on the gulf coast of Texas, 103 miles this side of Brownsville, on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway. This is a new road from Houston to Brownsville, built as near the gulf as possible, and as far as climatic conditions go, the entire gulf coast country is very fine for certain forms of ill health. Several friends are expecting to make the trip with me. We leave Concord Monday, June 3rd, by way of Birmingham, Memphis, through Oklahoma, middle Texas and Houston on around the gulf coast as far as Brownsville with various side trips in Oklahoma and out from the gulf coast road to various points, a round trip of 3,000 miles. Rate fraction over one and one-half cents a mile good for 25 days, with stop-over privileges going or coming. I will gladly give any information possible. JNO. A. SIMS.

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## THE BIG FIGHT IS ON THE CHAIRMAN

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS AT CHICAGO JUNE 4.

Forecast of British Fight Over Temporary Chairman of Chicago Convention.—Claps to Roosevelt's Candidate, and Back to Taft's—May be Decisive Point in Taft-Roosevelt Feud.

Washington, May 27.—The forecast is for a bitter pre-convention fight over temporary chairman of Republican convention at Chicago. Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, Roosevelt's choice for the place, left here today for Jersey City to confer with Roosevelt. The conference came on the heels of a statement by Senator Elihu Root, of New York, who is Taft's choice, that he will accept the chairmanship.

The fight has just begun and may be the decisive point in the Taft-Roosevelt feud. The National Committee meets at Chicago June 4.

### RECITAL TOMORROW.

To Be Given by the Music Pupils of Miss Janie Patterson.

A recital will be given this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Jno. K. Patterson by the music pupils of Miss Janie Patterson. The following is the programme:

Piano: First melody, Marcus—Mary Crowell.  
Piano: I am a Soldier, A. J. Davis—Farrell White.  
Piano: Breath of Spring, Mozart—Helen Varner.  
Song: Just a weaver's for You, Carrie Jacobs-Bond—Mary Waller.  
Piano: (a) Reverie, A. Kennedy, (b) The Trumpet Call, Matilde Loeb Evans—Mary Moser Misenheimer.  
Piano: (a) Spinning Song, Elmsheich, (b) Schottische, Kunkel—Dorothy Wolf.  
(b) Scholleche, Kunkel—Dorothy Wolf.

**Illness From Eating Ice-Cream.**  
Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cook, Master John M. Cook, Jr., and Miss Ethelyn Crabtree, of Salem, Va., guest of Mrs. Cook, were taken suddenly ill. For a time their condition was serious and ptomaine poison was feared. Late in the afternoon, however, their condition improved and this morning they were very much better. Mr. Cook being able to sit up.

It is thought the cream served for dinner was the cause of the illness. Miss Ella Belle Shirey, who is also a guest of Mrs. Cook, suffered no ill results from eating the cream.

The ice cream was made at home and was made of cream and fruit, and the family is at a loss to know just how it caused such ill effects.

The new street car started operations Saturday afternoon and has been hauling great crowds of people ever since. With another car like it Concord will have a satisfactory street car service.

## THE STATE PRIMARIES.

Result in Doubt as Between Wilson and Underwood.—Fell Far Ahead For Corporation Commissioner.

Democratic conventions with two exceptions (Caldwell and Wake) were held in all the counties throughout North Carolina last Saturday. Delegates were elected to the State convention to be held at Raleigh June 6 and the congressional and judicial conventions.

Many of the conventions sent their delegates unopposed, at the same time the delegates expressing a preference, while others instructed outright for either Underwood or Wilson. Harmon and Clark got a few votes here and there, but none to amount to anything.

Locke Craig was endorsed in nearly all the counties for Governor. In only one or two instances did the senatorship contest crop out, the party evidently deciding to let this matter take care of itself later on, when a State-wide primary will be held to name a successor to Senator Simmons.

E. L. Travis has the lead over S. G. Daniel for short term of Corporation Commissioner. George P. Fell got 75 per cent of the instructed vote for long term Corporation Commissioner, with A. J. Maxwell second best, who has a good lead over A. B. Justice of Charlotte.

For Lieutenant Governor W. E. Daniel, of Weldon, has a decided lead in the instructed vote, with John G. Shaw, of Fayetteville, second.

**Fell Far Ahead.**  
Winston-Salem, May 26.—Telegrams and long distance phone messages tonight to former Judge George P. Fell, candidate for long term Corporation Commissioner, indicate that he got practically solid support from the following counties in the State conventions:

Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Cabarrus, Caswell, Currituck, Davie, Durham, Davidson, Forsyth, Graham, Hyde, Montgomery, Orange, Pasquotank, Polk, Perquimans, Person, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Washington, Watauga, Wilkes, Wilson and Yadkin.

Most of the Delegates Unopposed.  
With returns from 73 of the 100 counties of the State in hand last night it was quite evident that the question of whether the Wilson or Underwood forces were in control rested almost solely with the unopposed delegations. The counties reported so far have a vote in the State convention of 730 and of this more than half, or 446 delegates go unopposed. Wilson people concentrated their fight in many counties for instructed delegates and succeeded in getting a total of 182.81 convention votes in 30 counties. In many instances it was known that the opposition to Wilson bent their energies for unopposed delegates. The Underwood strength in 28 counties is 121.85 votes. The Harmon and Clark strength combined as shown in 14 counties totals 11.12 convention votes.

**The Stanly Convention.**  
The Democratic county convention was held in Albemarle Saturday to nominate officers for the various county offices: Representative, R. E. Austin; sheriff, T. R. Forst; treasurer, B. N. Furr; cotton weigher, J. T. Lewis; coroner, P. J. Honeycutt; surveyor, A. S. Lantz; justice commissioners, T. S. Parker, Z. D. Coggins, A. M. Mabry, were nominated.

A woman doesn't always better it when she changes her mind.

## FOREST HILL NEWS.

Good Work of the New Trolley Car.—Mrs. Howell Returns From Sanatorium.—Personals.

Mr. J. T. Miller, of East Point, Ga., spent Sunday in the city with his father-in-law, Mr. B. B. Reaford. Mr. Miller was accompanied by his two daughters, Misses Lanie and Sarah, who will spend a month or more in Concord with Mr. Reaford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stone spent Sunday in Kannapolis with Mr. J. W. B. Miller.

Mr. J. T. Howell spent a few hours in Statesville Saturday and on the return trip was accompanied by his wife who has been in Dr. Long's sanatorium for the past five weeks. The many friends of Mrs. Howell will be glad to learn that her health has greatly improved under hospital treatment.

Misses Ethel Johnson and Bertha Linker spent Sunday in Kannapolis with Mr. Tom Johnson.

Mr. Prentiss Beaford, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city with his father, Mr. P. B. Beaford.

Messrs. T. P. Moore and Tom Johnson, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

Mr. W. A. Wilkinson spent Sunday in Greensboro with his children, Misses Helen and Madge Wilkinson, at the home of Mrs. A. M. Hay. Mr. Wilkinson heard the benevolent sermon of G. F. College, where Miss Helen is a student.

Mr. Earl Ridenhour, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Concord with relatives.

Mr. T. R. Simpson, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday in the city with family at the home of his father, Rev. Jacob Simpson. Mrs. Simpson and children accompanied Mr. Simpson to Bessemer City last night.

The street car folks have doubtless been the recipient of much verbal abuse from the traveling public in the last ten days, but last night some thirty people were agreeable surprised to find a strong trolley car awaiting No. 35's arrival, which was four hours late, and arrived about 12:30. Such service will quickly win the public's favor.

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## SEVERAL BATTLESHIP'S SAIL FOR CUBA

### ONLY TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS, SAYS PRESIDENT.

Opinion Is Expressed by Officials, However, That Troops Will Be Landred if Conditions Do Not Improve—\$30,000,000 of American Property in Danger.—Most Serious Conditions Prevail.

Washington, May 27.—President Gomez's protest against American intervention will have no effect upon the preparations of the United States army and navy to land expedition if conditions in the island do not rapidly improve, is the opinion expressed by officials here today. The most serious conditions are believed to prevail in the Province Orient, where there are at least \$30,000,000 worth of American property.

New York, May 27.—The armored cruiser Washington, flagship of Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet and four battleships of the fourth division sailed south, supposedly for Key West, on hurry orders yesterday a few hours after arrival in port from Provincetown, Mass. The battleships following the flagship were the Ohio, Missouri, Mississippi and Minnesota.

**Taft Says Marines Are to Protect American Interests.**  
Elizabeth, N. J., May 27.—President Taft today sent a message to President Gomez, of Cuba, assuring him that the United States will not intervene. President Taft said he was sending marines for the purpose of protecting American interests only.

**700 Marines Reach Guantanamo.**  
Havana, May 27.—The cutter Prairie with 700 marines aboard reached the Guantanamo naval station today. The marines immediately landed to reinforce the small garrison already there. Government officials asserted today that the revolution is confined to the Orient provinces and will soon be stamped out. Two more leaders have been captured. A telegram is reported at several points today, but it is the work of individuals and not organized bands.

See notice of election of an additional policeman June 11.

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