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Next Monday will be observed as labor day.

The legalized primary for the entire State is bound to come.

President Taft is again declaring in his speeches for a revision of the tariff. He cannot fool the people this time.

Our neighbor, The Enfield Progress, has entered its sixth volume. Brother Cooper is giving his readers a clean, newsy paper and it is our wish that he may continue to prosper.

We see it stated that Marion Butler has belonged to more political parties than any other man in the state. First a democrat, next a populist and now a republican. Where will he go next?

The brilliant Ex. Governor Charles B. Aycock will make the first speeches in the campaign at Statesville and Mooresville on Saturday Sept 3rd. These will be the keynote speeches of the campaign.

Mr. Cannon is doomed. Mr. Longworth thinks the Speaker can never be re-elected but your Uncle Joe declares that he intends to be a candidate and he is going to be there when the vote is declared.

It is first Smith and then Brown with the voters of Georgia. Two years ago Jas. M. Brown was nominated by the Democratic primary against Hoke Smith. In the primary held one day last week Smith defeated Brown. There you are.

The census figures will not be given out before about the middle of October. Over 1800 clerks are busy compiling returns from the seventy thousand districts. The work completed will cost \$15,000,000. It is pretty certain that our population will reach the 90,000,000 mark.

Democratic State Chairman A. H. Eller has opened headquarters in Raleigh. Mr. Eller says he is in close touch with the national campaign committee and will very soon have an abundance of the best sort of campaign literature to distribute into every section of the State. He is going to make a warm fight against the Republicans.

The State Executive Committee held a meeting Wednesday night of last week for the purpose of receiving the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the sixth district muddle. The committee reported that neither Clark or Godwin were nominated for Congress at the recent convention held at Wrightsville Beach. The report was adopted and a voting primary ordered to be held not later than September 15th, to make the nomination. We believe this the better way out of the trouble and that the action of the committee will give general satisfaction.

The Passing of Mr. H. L. Tillery.

Tillery, N. C. Aug. 30th.—Mr. Tillery was one of the old school gentlemen that is so rapidly becoming a thing of the past. Mr. Tillery was 72 years of age and is survived by three brothers and two sisters, namely J. R., Matt and Chas. Tillery; Miss Annie Tillery and Mrs. Weeks. Mr. Lee Tillery was born in this county and was a prosperous farmer. He was a gentleman in whom all who knew him respected and cherished his friendship; gentle in his bearing and always commanding the respect of his fellows. He had been in bad health for some time and bore his sickness without murmuring. A busy man always alive to the best interest of his county and his fellow man's success. He will live in the memory of all who knew him, his example for industry and his love for truth and honesty if imitated by his fellow men will be a benediction to any section. His remains were laid to rest in the old family resting place Tuesday, Aug. 30th, at 1 o'clock.
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THE BARACA MEETING.

The Halifax County Baraca Association Holds an Interesting Meeting. Officers Elected. Meets Next at Enfield. Dr. W. L. Potat Delivers a Strong Address.

The second convention of the Halifax county Baraca Association was held with the Baptist and Methodist churches at the Baptist church in Scotland Neck on Wednesday, Aug. 24th. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p. m. by the president, Mr. Jno. W. House, of Roanoke Rapids. After a song and prayer by Rev. R. A. McFarland the address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Edwin B. Josey, of the Scotland Neck Baptist class. Response by Mr. M. McRae Faison, of Roanoke Rapids. Both these young gentlemen made very pleasing addresses.

The roll call showed the following delegates present.

Littleton—Will Harris, J. E. Underwood, Jr., S. J. Dixon.
Roanoke Rapids—W. G. Lynch, M. M. Faison, Jon. W. House.
Enfield—A. L. Whitehead, A. W. Atkinson, W. H. Twisdale, T. M. Cooper.

Dawson—J. R. Holliday.
Scotland Neck—Hugh Johnson, Edwin B. Josey, C. F. Burroughs, W. H. Newell, R. C. Josey, J. C. Hardy.

The local committee had prepared the following topics for discussion.

1. For what purpose was the Baraca work organized, by W. G. Lynch, of Roanoke Rapids.
2. How can we spread Baraca work in the county, by J. E. Underwood, Jr., of Littleton.
3. How can we make our members more enthusiastic by W. N. Sherrod, of Enfield.
4. The man indifferent to Sunday school—How shall we reach him, by E. E. Hilliard, of Scotland Neck.

The addresses were live, practical and very interesting. Then followed a general discussion.

"Difficulties in our class, how shall we overcome them?" This was participated in by one or more delegates from each class, and proved very helpful.

Following the purpose of the organization: To spread Baraca work in the county: Motion was made by Rev. R. A. McFarland to appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to stimulate Baraca work in their town and communities and organize new classes. The appointment of this committee was left to the president and is as follows:

Littleton—S. J. Dixon.
Roanoke Rapids—Jno. W. House, Weldon—W. B. Cochran.
Scotland Neck—Chas. J. Shields.
Secretary—E. B. Josey, of Scotland Neck.
Asst. Secy—W. B. Cochran, of Weldon.
Treasurer—J. R. Holliday, of Dawson.
Press Reporter—J. C. Hardy, of Scotland Neck.

A motion was passed to invite the Philathea classes of the county to join Baracas in the next convention and to change the name of the association to the Baraca-Philathea Association, of Halifax county.

It was decided to hold the next session of the Association with the classes at Enfield some time during August, 1911. The convention then adjourned to meet again at 8:15 to hear the address of Dr. Potat and enjoy the social side of the convention.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

We take the following account of the night session and the address by Dr. Potat from the Scotland Neck correspondence to the Raleigh Evening Times:

"At night the large auditorium was filled with an eager congregation to hear the address by Dr. W. L. Potat, president of Wake Forest College.

"After two or three selections by the choir, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Bacon, Rev. R. A. McFarland, in his usual happy style, introduced Dr. Potat, who began his great address by saying that he was happy to be here on this most interesting occasion, when 'young men at work for young men' were assembled in the interest of the great work they were doing. Dr. Potat analyzed religion from a scientific rather than theological view point. He stated that a convention of this kind was of far more importance than an association of farmers or any other class of people. 'All society,' declared Dr. Potat, 'is dependent upon religion, the only universal difference between man and beast is religion.' Dr. Potat, in a most masterly manner, established this proposition to the satisfaction of every person present. He declared that 'no animal was religious, but every human being leans to some religious creed,

and when one denies his religion he denies the very thing that makes him a man and differentiates him from the lower animals."

"The fame of Dr. Potat as a speaker had preceded him, and to say that his effort last night was a brilliant one would put it mildly, and no report from this scribe can possibly do him justice. For over an hour he held the closest attention of the entire audience, and at times the stillness was almost oppressive. Not one person in the great crowd seemed to tire, and everyone greatly enjoyed the masterly address, from a master mind.

"At the close of the address Misses Katherine and Elizabeth Futrell sang a beautiful duet, and Rev. R. A. McFarland stated that he wanted to make a one-minute speech, but desired ten minutes to make it in. He then told all the young ladies present to get out among the visitors and everywhere they found a little white bow on the lapel of a gentleman's coat to shake his hand, and if any of them got offended to report to him. Then the mix-up occurred. Right in the midst of the mix-up the electric lights went out, either by design or accident, and the church was in total darkness. Lamps were soon found and lighted, and the happy hand-shake continued. It was a most happy thought and a most fitting finale to a most happy event.

"After all the exercises were over the great crowd was invited out on the church lawn, where delicious refreshments were served, and a happy good time had by the more socially inclined. This was another surprise to the majority of those present, but one of the most pleasant of the whole day's proceedings. Out on the lawn those who were inclined to do so while the moments away until the lateness of the hour forced them to 'disperse and wander' to their respective homes.

"There were from 50 to 60 visitors present, representing all sections of the county, and the day's services and pleasures will linger long as one of special enjoyment and service in the great Baraca movement."

Gleaner Notes.

The fodder harvesting season is now on.

Some of our people are curing tobacco, but the weed is very scarce and small and inferior.

Cotton and peanuts are generally good, but corn is not.

The revival meeting at Hickory Chapel was a grand success, likewise the one held at Central Cross at the same time.

Rev. J. E. Underwood preached at Central Cross Sunday, August 21st, at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m., and also Monday, the 22nd, at 11 a. m. In the afternoon he held quarterly conference.

Rev. G. W. May will begin a revival at Salem school house on the afternoon of the second Sunday in September.

Misses Annie Pope and Sadie Manning, of Scotland Neck, are visiting Miss Bessie Fleming at the Col. F. M. Parker farm.

Mrs. E. G. Hales and youngest daughter, Miss Emma, of Sharpesburg, were welcome visitors in our community a few days last week.

The eight-year old son of Mr. W. D. Knight spent last week with his grandfather, Mr. J. A. Knight, of Ringwood.

The Salem baseball team played our boys last Wednesday afternoon. It is said that the score was 19 to 5 in favor of Salem.

Democratic Advisory Committee.

Chairman Eller has appointed the following advisory committee, under the action of the committee authorizing the appointment of an advisory committee to the State Executive Committee.

First District—T. J. Jarvis.
Second District—Claude Kitchin.
Third District—F. M. Simmons.
Fourth District—Josephus Daniel.
Fifth District—J. S. Carr.
Sixth District—John D. Bellamy.
Seventh District—W. I. Everett.
Eighth District—T. F. Klutz.
Ninth District—C. W. Tillet.
Tenth District—Locke Craig.

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