

The nominations have been made and you had better get on the band wagon.

William J. Bryan and Senator O'Gorman wrote the platform and that is sufficient.

We congratulate editor Josephus Daniel upon his reelection as national committeeman from North Carolina.

The conventions made history while they were in session, but we are glad they are now a thing of the past.

Recent statistics show that North Carolina ranks next to Massachusetts in the manufacture of Cotton goods. We are steadily reaching out for the top of the ladder in the manufacturing line as well as other lines.

Mr. E. E. Britton, of Raleigh, associate editor of the News & Observer, was elected and served as secretary of the national convention at Baltimore last week. This was quite an honor conferred upon one of our citizens.

Mr. C. H. Mebane gives up his position with the State Department of Education and will return to his home at Newton and begin the practice of law. Mr. Mebane has made an efficient officer and looked well after the education of the children of the State.

GIVE YOUR CHILDREN GOOD BOOKS

The Greenville Reflector of recent date gives us the following good advice when it says:

"Believe me, you cannot leave your children a better heritage than a deep and abiding love of books and a taste for the best in literature. And you must begin when they are little. Read good books and poems to them and when they get old enough to read for themselves see what they are reading. Aside from the fact that what a child reads has a great effect on his character as an adult, there will come times in the lives of your children when a love and appreciation of good books will brighten hours of loneliness or enforced idleness that would otherwise be dark and gloomy indeed. To weep over the sorrows of Little Nell or David Copperfield or laugh at Mr. Micawber or thrill at the exploits of Rob Roy or Ivanhoe or Marenco will prove a panacea for dullness, yes, and grief too, and leave one without any ruffled feelings as such as intercourse with people sometimes gives."

Our Delegates Organize.

The North Carolina delegation to the Democratic convention in Baltimore last week organized and worked as follows:

Former Governor Glenn, chairman; W. C. Dowd, committee on resolutions; W. C. Hammer, committee on credentials; R. A. Dough- ton, committee on rules; A. W. McLean, committee on permanent organization; G. Lamb, committee to notify the nominee for the presidency; John C. Mills, to notify the Vice President.

Julian S. Carr was named as one of the Vice Presidents of the convention. Josephus Daniel was re-elected national committeeman without opposition.

The only fight was over Dowd and Justice, that vote being 27 to 19 with General Carr absent and Mr. Glenn not voting.

There is considerable testimony which indicates that ditches not more than six feet deep can be dug with dynamite much more cheaply than in another way. This may not be true in all cases, but it certainly is in stumpy or rocky lands. All who have ditches to dig should investigate dynamite and its possibilities.—The Progressive Farmer.

Will it damage trees in an orchard to sow peas and turn hogs on them? The orchard, if a young one not in bearing, should be well cultivated in some early crop till July and then you can sow peas in it and turn hogs in without damage. A bearing apple orchard should be in grass and the grass often cut and left as a mulch on the ground. In such an orchard hogs with their noses ringed to prevent rooting will eat up the dropping and wormy fruit profitably.—W. F. Massey, in The Progressive Farmer.

Woodrow Wilson, The Nominee Of The Baltimore Convention.

Named on the Forty-Sixth Ballot by a Vote of Nine Hundred and Ninety.

T. R. Marshall, of Indiana, For Vice-President.

The National Democratic Convention for 1912 was truly a record-breaker, both as to the number of ballots, as to what was said, and the length of time the convention was in session.

The convention met in Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday, June 25th. The first business was the election of a temporary chairman, and there the fight began. Alton B. Parker, of New York, and Hon. William J. Bryan were nominated, and Parker won by a very small majority. The various committees were then appointed and a recess taken for the committee on permanent organization to make up their report. This committee named Ollie James, of Kentucky, for permanent chairman and E. E. Britton, of North Carolina, secretary, and everything moved along harmoniously.

The following nominations were made: Champ Clark, Woodrow Wilson, Oscar W. Underwood, and Judson Harmon. The nominations all being in, the real fight was started. The first ballot showed the following results: Clark, 449; Wilson, 324; Underwood, 117; Harmon, 148; with about 60 scattering votes. This balloting continued until it was almost unbearable, finally ending Tuesday afternoon, July 2nd, when Woodrow Wilson was nominated on the 46th ballot, having received 900 votes; necessary to choice, 728.

The real fight was between Clark and Wilson. The highest vote received by Clark was 556 on the 10th ballot. Wilson continued to draw strength from the first, and held a steady hand, which finally won him the nomination.

Mr. Bryan led the fight for the progressives against Tammany Hall, Belmont, Ryan and their allied interests. It was a fight, and took a sure enough man to stand up against these men, but William Jennings Bryan was the man equal to the occasion and came out with flying colors at the end of every battle. We are not endorsing everything said and done by Mr. Bryan, but his intentions were good and his heart was right and we are willing to abide by what he did.

We believe either of the other candidates would have made the party a strong nominee, yet no mistake has been made in naming Woodrow Wilson as the Democratic standard bearer for this year.

With the Republican party apparently divided this year between Taft and Roosevelt, the Democrats have the best chance in a life time to elect their candidate, so it behooves every man of us to get busy, leaving all stings that may have been caused by the prolonged fight in the convention behind and get to work for the success of our Democratic national ticket, and success will be ours on November the fifth.

Governor Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, was nominated for Vice-President, the platform read and the convention adjourned at 1:56 yesterday morning.

The convention adjourned with the best of feeling.

Enjoyable Pic-Nic.

Miss Emily Biggs gave her Sunday school class a delightful picnic Thursday at White's Mill, Scotland Neck's famous pleasure resort. Besides the members of her class, Miss Biggs had as her guests Miss Mattie Lawrence, of Luling, Texas, and Messrs. C. F. Burroughs and David P. Bryant and Rev. J. E. Lanier. It was a splendid occasion and every one enjoyed it immensely.

Home Building and Loan Association.

Beginning with July 6th a fine of 5 cents per share will be imposed on all shares on which dues are not paid. Be sure and pay yours on time. This is in keeping with the by-laws of the association.

HENRY T. CLARK, Secy. and Treas.

Essex Hams.

Essex, July 1.—The crops throughout this section are looking fine. For the past week we have had a nice shower of rain every day and it seems that we can almost see the cotton growing.

Old Cupid is still smiling around. Miss Daisy Rosser, one of our most popular young ladies and Mr. Berry, from the western part of the state, were married Wednesday, June, the 26th. They left immediately on their bridal tour to northern cities. Miss Maggie Crawley and Mr. Dave Medlin were married last month. They are now living at the Fosburg Camps near here. We extend to both of these young couples our very best wishes for a long and happy life.

We are glad to note that Mr. Sydney Williams, one of our most prominent merchants, who was hurt very badly by a runaway horse some weeks ago is convalescing.

Misses Ruth and Memie Ellington visited friends in Nash county Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Lottie Stephenson and Gennie Crocker, of Seaboard, who have been visiting Miss Mary Pruden, have returned home.

Mr. G. L. Knight left yesterday to visit relatives near Enfield. He will go to Halifax on business before returning.

We hear of several picnics around here for the 4th.

On last Friday night the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Odon and took from them their little two-year old son, William. His death was so unexpected as he had been sick only a short time. The bereaved ones have our heartfelt sympathy.

Bingham's School.

1. Inquire about Col. Bingham's offer of a free round trip ticket to Asheville.

2. The courses offered at Bingham aggregate 2.5 more "units" and average 9.5 more "units" than any other school of any grade in N. C., according to the Jan. 1911 "Bulletin" by Prof. Walker of the University.

3. Bingham's graduates rank with the very best at all the colleges they attend, North and South, and at West Point and Annapolis. U. S. Army officer detailed as "Prof. of Military Science and Tactics."

Let Good Work Go On.

Let the good work go on in Granville as good roads are certainly one of the best advertisements for the county. They are an evidence of prosperity and a sign of progressiveness. It should never be a question of ability to build good roads, but rather can Granville county afford not to continue to build them? We say not, and we are glad to see the county commissioners are making arrangements to continue to build good roads in our grand old county.—Oxford Ledger.

The Value of Alfalfa.

Saturday Mr. J. P. Bowers showed The Express a stalk or bunch of alfalfa which grew on the farm of Mr. J. B. Watson near Jonesboro. Mr. Watson has two acres in alfalfa. Mr. Bowers has seen it successfully raised in Mecklenburg county, but was surprised to see such a rich and luxuriant growth of it on the sandy soil of Lee county. There is not a finer feed raised in the country for horses, cows and hogs than alfalfa. Mr. Bowers says Mr. Watson will get four or five cuttings off his crop this year. This means seven or eight feet of forage in one season. Alfalfa will produce for years from one sowing. It is not only a fine forage for stock and cattle, but it is good for improving the land. If every farmer in Lee county would raise alfalfa there would not be so much high priced Western hay shipped to Sanford and sold, taking hundreds of dollars out of the county that should be kept here.—Sanford Express.

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Ten Days in Scotland Neck.

Responding to a request made by the congregated and popular pastor of Scotland Neck Methodist Church the editor of The Messenger went down to that little city on the 3rd, of June to assist in a series of special services held in the Methodist Church. The first week of the meeting the attendance was greatly interfered with by rain, but two services were held each day, and were well attended. Mr. Frank Fitzgerald was present throughout the meetings and charmed the people with his wonderful singing. Until twelve years ago Mr. Fitzgerald devoted his gifts and talents to amusing the world, but twelve years ago he met Christ in the supreme hour, unconditionally he surrendered to Him, and since that time he has been singing the gospel for his Lord.

Twice before we have assisted in special evangelistic services in this pleasant town. Seventeen years ago, and again fifteen years ago we had the pleasure of breaking the bread of life to the saints in that town, and trying to lead the unsaved to Christ for salvation. Since we were there fifteen years ago considerable progress has been made on all lines, but frankly we do not think it has kept up with some other towns that enjoy no real advantage over it so far as we are able to judge.

Of course we may be mistaken, but we really think the lines are more tightly drawn between the different denominations than they are in most towns, and more so than they should be. Outside the Methodist church the meetings were not very largely attended so far as we were able to judge. Those whom we met during our stay in Scotland Neck were exceedingly kind to us and made our sojourn in that town very pleasant. We spent much time in the office of J. C. Hardy, editor of The Commonwealth, notwithstanding the fact that chairs were at a premium in that office. Editor Hardy is first of all a good man, and then he is a bustling gatherer of news for his excellent paper, the columns of which are filled with clean wholesome reading each week. We also spent some time in the office of Dr. Livermon, who kindly and without charge persuaded a troublesome tooth to behave itself.

There is no way by which we can judge of the success of special efforts for the salvation of souls, so that matter must be left with Him whose we are for a just settlement. We know that during the meetings quite a number of church members re-consecrated themselves to Christ, and several outside the church were converted. We understand that eight persons united with the Methodist Church on Sunday after the meetings closed by assuming its vows, and several others joined by certificate.

Brother and Sister Yearby, with whom we stopped during the meetings, are deservedly popular with their people and are doing good and solid work for their Lord.—From The Messenger, Weldon, N. C., J. A. Hornaday, Editor.

There is little chance for failure in the livestock business in the South if the feeds are produced on the farm. Don't get the livestock before the feeds have been grown. It is more profitable to sell feeds than to buy them at present prices.—The Progressive Farmer.

"Made to walk on" is what the manufacturers say of Campbell's Varnish Stains for staining and varnishing floors, woodwork and furniture. Well, if they will stand being walked upon, they must be made from a varnish that is all right. Why not try a can? For sale by Jessy Hardware Co.

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