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## SIDE-LIGHTS ON CONVENTION HELD IN RALEIGH LAST WEEK

"LLEWZAM" WRITES OF THE POLITICAL DOINGS OF LATE DATE AT THE STATE CAPITAL.—THE BIG DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WAS A VERITABLE "LOVE FEAST" SO SAY ALL.

(Special Correspondence.)

RALEIGH, N. C., May 2.—While the great gathering of Democrats in this city formed the most harmonious political State Convention that has assembled in North Carolina within the forty years that have elapsed since the great campaign of 1876, when under the leadership of the immortal Zeb Vance the State was redeemed from negro and carpet-bag rule, it had its "features."

Senator Simmons' masterly presentation of the record of the party and the issues that are involved in the future, which so insistently call for the continuation of the Democratic party in power in both State and Nation, was of course the main feature.

He was appropriately and eloquently presented by Chairman Warren and was attentively listened to by all who could hear him and warmly and heartily applauded at intervals and at the conclusion of his address.

As we all know, the Senator's head and mind and heart form the trinity that has carried him to the front rank of American statesmen, and his tongue and lungs have always played a subordinate part. It was so on this occasion, for in a big auditorium like the scene of this convention his earnest and at times eloquent words, burning with emphasis, were heard only at frequent intervals by a considerable portion of the great audience. But the powerful speech will be read all over North Carolina during the campaign and every patriotic Democrat in the State will be inspired thereby to buckle on the armor of party zeal and activity anew and continue with confidence the fight for good government and clean politics—for democracy and decency.

### TRIBUTE TO WADE HARRIS.

About the only "exciting" feature of the convention was that furnished by elector-at-large Cameron Morrison of Mecklenburg, when he arose and broke the "slate" of alternates-at-large to the national convention. The names of four fine men had been presented at one time by a delegate. Before the vote was announced Mr. Morrison, in the ringing tones of eloquence for which he is noted, and speaking from the rear of the auditorium, thrilled the convention with a brief denunciation of Marion Butler, whom he characterized as "the arch-traitor to the white race." He expressed the hope that the convention would unanimously elect Wade H. Harris, the heroic Charlotte editor who has so courageously denounced and defied the Sampson Fox who has sued his newspaper. Refusing to retract anything printed, Editor Harris will fight it out in the courts. He was elected by a rising vote.

### THE GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION.

There was no reference to the gubernatorial nomination in the course of the speeches delivered by others. But there were "doings" and "carrying-ons" on the outside—in the hotel lobbies and on the streets by the admirers of each.

The most demonstrative and spectacular of these was the parade of some 40 automobiles just before the convention hour, filled with shouting admirers of the Attorney-General and flying "Bickett" pennants from each car, which announced "The Record is the Reason." The parade was headed by a brass band and rounded up by a big "calliope" or xylophone, and created much enthusiasm among the admirers of the Franklin county candidate, and was a striking disclosure of the deep interest his home folks have in him. The Bickett men in the convention were not backward in telling enquirers that the delegates were "overwhelmingly for Bickett." Some of them asserting that its complexion if polled would be found to be 2 or 3 to 1, and they as confidently asserted their belief in the Franklin man's "overwhelming majority" in the primary next month.

I have already printed in these Letters what the Daughtridge people had to say about their hopes and expectations for their favorite candidate.

### CONVENTION NOTES.

The speeches of Secretary Daniels, Gov. Craig and Lieut.-Gov. (to-be) Max Gardner were the other features of the convention, as was the successful efforts of the anti-woman suffragists in staving off a contemplated plank for "wimmin's rights" in the platform.

"See here," said a Lincoln county delegate, "the people in Maj. W. A. Graham's home county don't think very much of that Roberson man's judgment of fit men for efficient service to the State. Although Maj. Graham is a little older in years and twice as active as many men I know who haven't reached the half-century mark, he is as 'fit as a fiddle' and then some for the next four years and more. Why, that old Oler heresy has been knocked out years ago by the grand old men who are doing much of the world's greatest work in civil and military life on both sides of the Atlantic. Those who know the present Commissioner of Agriculture know well that he is one of the liveliest wires connected with the present State administration and one of the most useful. Nobody up our way has an idea of cutting out the Major (and he is a real major, mind you, and no tin-soldier) at the end of a second term. We need him in our business for another four years at least. Our county endorsed him with great enthusiasm at the Democratic convention last week and we are betting on his getting a big majority in the primary."

It was found that Major Graham's popularity was widespread and "catching." While one delegate was sounding the praises of the Old Confederate there were always many bystanders to heartily endorse what was being said.

I talked and "mixed" with a large number of the delegates and it is but fair to say that of all the candidates for re-election who have an opponent entered for the primary, I found less opposition to the present Commissioner of Labor and Printing than to any one else. It is the simple truth to say that practically everybody was for Shipman (who has not yet finished his second term) and that they said they were for him because of his efficiency and fitness for the place and his value to the State and people as such, even more than because of his universal personal popularity. A number of western counties recently passed resolutions in the Democratic county conventions endorsing him for re-election.

Col. J. Bryan Grimes and Mr. Hartness, candidates for Secretary of State, were here and many of the delegates sought them out. The friends of Col. Grimes appeared to be confident of his renomination and think the rotation argument is not cutting much ice against him under all the circumstances. The Hartness delegates declared their candidate would poll a big vote and of course they expect him to win, but admit that it is some job to defeat as popular a man as the Pitt county candidate.

Joyner, Wood and Max Gardner having no opponents and Dick Young being pestered only at the eleventh hour by a late entry, neither of them is losing any sleep. So, let us draw the curtain on this verbal picture of some of the interesting features of the best Democratic State convention, in several essentials, ever held in North Carolina and address ourselves to the public-spirited labor of swatting the political enemy when the polls open in November.

## SPECIAL OFFER!

As an inducement to all the old subscribers of the Commonwealth whose names have been removed from the list for arrearages in subscription, the paper will be sent them at the old rate of \$1.00 per year provided they pay up all back indebtedness. The \$1.00 price applies to all new subscribers and this offer HOLDS GOOD ONLY UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 13TH.

The present subscription list carries no person who is not PAID IN ADVANCE.

## Take ADVANTAGE of This

### OAK CITY ITEMS.

(Mrs. Clara A. Hines, Correspondent.)  
Oak City, May 1st.—Mr. John Bennett returned from a trip to Norfolk last week.

Miss Chloe Bennett and niece, Miss Bessie Manning and little Emily Casper, were in town last Wednesday.

Mrs. Vickery Bunting and daughter, Blanch, spent last Saturday with Miss Chloe Bennett.

Mrs. Virginia Casper returned from Rocky Mount last week, where she had been undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Staton Ayres of Everetts was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hurst of Robertsonville were here last Thursday.

Rev. T. J. Crisp spent Wednesday and Thursday in town.

Hon. A. R. Dunning was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hines spent Friday in Tarboro.

Messrs. J. N. Hines and Dallas Hurs were in Tarboro Friday.

We were surprised to see a notice from Parmale dated April 28th in one of our leading papers regarding the belt worn between the last Thursday after, in which an incorrect record of the game was published.

The features of the game were the pitching and catching—Sullivan and Salisbury for Oak City and Carson for Parmale. Manning of Bethel was put in the pitcher's box for Parmale but was taken out before he pitched to three men. Leggett of Holgood played shortstop for Parmale. Sullivan for Oak City struck out four of the 13 Star team. Carson for Parmale struck out two.

Score by innings:  
R. H. E.  
Oak City ..... 8 14 2  
Parmale ..... 6 7 1

The Commencement exercises of the Oak City High School took place last Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday night the exercises of the primary grades under Miss Jennie Reid were beautifully rendered and very enjoyable. The Lilliputian wedding was a great success. The following little folks took part:

Miss Leola Hines, bride; Livingstone Harrell, groom; Mildred Davenport, Eloise Ross, Sarah Long Johnson and Gladys Everett, bridesmaids; Ernest Etheridge, best man; Elbie Cross and Marion House, ushers; Kelly Bunting, father; Ethel Bunting, mother.

Thursday morning Rev. Burrell of Williamson delivered a beautiful sermon which every one thoroughly enjoyed. Rev. T. J. Crisp also spoke, and in the afternoon A. R. Dunning of Williamson delivered an address. He spoke particularly of the necessity of preparedness for the immediate future in which there would be a new dispensation of things, etc.

The prizes were awarded by A. J. Manning. Wheeler Daniel, Bertha Pi and, Virginia Hines, Syble Ross, Ralph Whitley, Eloise Ross and Gladys Everett received each a New Testament for application—behavior and punctuality. Sarah Long Johnson also received a New Testament, having been neither tardy nor absent during the entire year.

Little Miss Pauline Davenport received a ring; not having missed a day in two years. Edgar Turner of Miss Lambeth's room was given the Enterprise a year for good scholarship and attendance.

The graduates of the Seventh grade were Misses Zenobia Cox and Beatrice Daniel; Messrs. Edgar Turner, Ernest Harrell, Joe Bunting, Marvin Everett and Paul Chesson.

Thursday night the exercises of the higher grades were enjoyed by all.

The tambourine drill by eight girls in costume was very attractive.

May all enjoy the coming vacation and be ready for good work at the opening of the next session.

Misses Jennie Reid, Lambeth and McLean left for their respective homes in the western part of the State Sunday morning.

## CAPTAIN SMITH IS STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Saturday morning between 11 o'clock and noon, Mr. W. A. Smith, a well-known traveling man who makes Scotland Neck his headquarters, was stricken with paralysis. The stroke came while he was sitting in the lobby of the local hotel talking with a number of friends. He was removed to his room and medical aid summoned. The physician in attendance reports that the stroke was a slight one and that Mr. Smith is doing well. The news came as quite a shock to the numerous friends of "Capt. Billy," and his friends are showing their interest in visiting him at his room.

### MR. JACKSON BACK.

Mr. W. H. Jackson of Spring Hope, in the mechanical department of The Commonwealth. Mr. Jackson was with this paper last year and his friends will be glad to know that he has returned to the city. He was recently with the Record at Warsaw, N. C.

### RESIDENTIAL CHANGES.

Mr. W. H. Josey moved Monday from his home on Tenth street to the residence he recently purchased on the corner of Ninth and Church. Mr. W. H. Allbrook will occupy the residence vacated by Mr. Josey.

### CARD OF THANKS.

It is with feelings of deep gratitude that we extend to our many friends our appreciation to them for their loving sympathy and token of esteem in our bereavement. May our Heavenly Father bless each and every one is our prayer.

MRS. L. P. HYMAN & FAMILY,  
Hobgood, N. C.

### ROOK CLUB.

Saturday afternoon Miss Ione Kitchin entertained the Rook Club at her home in the Clarksville section at one of the most delightful meetings of the season. Quite a number of guests were present, all of whom enjoyed the occasion to the utmost. A delicious sweet course was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Mary Tillery. Those enjoying the hospitality of Miss Kitchin were Misses Mary Lamb, Virginia Tillery, Estelle Hancock, Janet White, Etta Mae Whitley, Ernestine Rasberry, Mary Tillery, Mary Ausbon, Ethel Madry, Annie Maria McDowell, Evelyn Kitchin and Mildred Futrell.

### FOOTSTEPS OF THE FATHERS

New News of Thirty Years Ago When the Older Citizens of the Town Were Boys and Girls.

April 29, 1886.

Mr. E. P. Gold of Wilson, preached at Lawrence's last Sunday. We understand that there was quite a large attendance. He also preached at Kehukee in the evening. Mr. Gold is a preacher of much force and feeling.

Mr. J. L. Whitehead has just shown the oldest coin we have ever seen. It was coined in 1729. It is a copper and has the picture of three women on one side and the face and bust of a woman on the other. It is about the size of a twenty dollar gold piece.

The man who expects to ride to the national executive mansion on Labor troubles will find that he has mounted a Trojan horse that will stupe up behind and before so rapidly that it will take an expert rider to run the race successfully.

### COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Halifax County Medical Association held their regular meeting in Halifax Monday. Quite a number of physicians of the county were in attendance. Following the routine business of the meeting the visiting physicians were the guests of Dr. H. B. Ferguson at a most enjoyable dinner. Dr. A. S. Harrison of Enfield presided over the meeting.

### DR. ROBBIE HERE.

Dr. R. L. Robbie of Chicago, delivered a Bible lecture here Friday night last in Madry's Opera House in the interest of the International Bible students' association. Dr. Robbie was heard by a large crowd and his sermon was thoroughly enjoyed by all who heard him.

Mr. Jesse Perry of Greenville, is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Josey.

### CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS.

The Civic League met Friday afternoon in the auditorium of the Graded School and elected officers for the following year. The officers of the past another term, hence the secretary has new officers. The retiring officers have done splendid work and it is with much regret that the League loses them in their official capacities. The new officers are: Mrs. G. H. White, President; Mrs. J. B. Edwards, Vice-President; Mrs. Heyward H. Hyman, Secretary; Mrs. G. W. Bryan, Treasurer.

At the close of the election of officers the new president appointed a committee to have barrels placed in the most convenient places along Main St., that pedestrians might throw all refuse into, such as banana peelings, old magazines and newspapers and the like. These garbage barrels will be painted and will bear an inscription stating what they are intended to be used for. A committee was also appointed to take steps toward fitting the corner lot on Main and Eleventh streets for a public park and playground.

### MULLEN'S NEWS NOTES.

(Crowded out Last Issue.)  
Mullens, April 26.—We are pleased to note that many of our sick ones are able to be out again. We are delighted to see them out enjoying the coolness of Spring and its green earth.  
Miss Fannie S. Joyner delightfully entertained her little pupils Friday afternoon by giving them an Easter Egg Hunt on the school lawn. Quite a number of children participated in the amusement and enjoyment.

It is announced that the Nahala Presbyterian Church will be the scene of a pretty wedding April 30th at 4:00 P. M. Rev. Mr. Morton of Rocky Mt. will officiate. We all wonder who the contracting parties are.

We are informed that wedding bells are expected to ring for the Dawson's community soon.

Mr. A. V. Price motored to Speels Thursday on business.

Miss Fannie S. Joyner and Masters William and Robert spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris.

Mr. W. C. McMurray was here Monday on business.

Mrs. N. B. Whitehurst spent one day last week in Tarboro with friends.

Dr. A. D. Morgan was here Monday on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Price and little daughter, Irma, spent last Sunday afternoon with relatives in Palmyra.

Mr. R. L. Peele is visiting his home-people near Castalia.

Mr. Davenport of Battleboro, and Mr. W. H. Leggett motored over here Saturday.

Mr. Archie Bell spent Saturday and Sunday in Scotland Neck with friends.

Mrs. J. L. Hackney of Lawrence, was here some time ago to see her sister, Mrs. George Daniel.

Mrs. Alethia Price and Miss Eva Lee of White's, attended services at Nahala Sunday.

## GRADED SCHOOL CHILDREN HOLD MAY DAY CELEBRATION

MAY DAY CELEBRATED WITH GORGEOUS EXERCISES.—TREMENDOUS ASSEMBLAGE TO WITNESS SPECTACLE OF LITTLE FOLKS IN BEAUTIFUL PAGEANTRY YESTERDAY.

With what looked to be the entire assemblage of patrons and citizens of Scotland Neck, and amid an auspicious setting upon which nature itself seemed to smile, over one hundred boys and girls of the Scotland Neck Graded Schools yesterday between the hours of six and seven o'clock in the twilight of the beautiful May day for the first time in the life of the local schools celebrated and commemorated in gorgeous and fitting style May Day on the spacious school grounds in Clarksville. At a signal from the conductor of the pageantry over a hundred children dressed in the symbols of Spring, fluttered forth from the huge school building like so many petals wafted upon the breath of Spring.

Leading the celebration was the crowning of the May Queen—Miss Ernestine Rasberry. The knight who placed the wreath upon the brow of the queen was Mr. Phillip Purrington. It was then that the little folks marched forth when the bubbling strains of a march played by Miss Nannie Shields, to be surveyed by their queen. After two or three song numbers which sweetened the air with their rich young voices, the three groups of children took their places around their respective May poles, and the dance was on.

It was an occasion to be long remembered by the spectators and they were afforded a keen joy in the children entering into the true May Day spirit as they moved about gracefully through the different figures around the May poles without a mis-step.

The following were the conspicuous characters seated on and around the throne of the May Queen: May Queen, Ernestine Rasberry; queen's guests, Mabel Womack and Etta Mae Whitley; flower girl, Dorothy Neblett; pages, Thurman Kitchin and John Lewis.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY HELD THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION SATURDAY

The United Daughters of the Confederacy held their fourth annual district meeting here Saturday in the Palace Theatre.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. H. I. Clark, of Scotland Neck, who served as chairman in the absence of the President, Mrs. Allen, of Weldon.

The business of the day was begun by Mrs. Clark, who made a short prayer. Following this, "Tenting Tonight" was sung by a quartet consisting of Messrs. N. A. Riddick, G. L. Hyman, Jamie Tillery and C. T. Lawrence. Mr. Ashby W. Dunn then delivered the address of welcome, his address being very appropriate. It was responded to by Mrs. Mitchell, of Enfield.

The reports from the various chapters of the district were made, they being as follows: Enfield—Miss Riddick; Weldon—Mrs. Travis; Halifax—Miss Gary; Scotland Neck—Mrs. Bond. Immediately following the reports a quartette consisting of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lawrence, Miss Louise Darden and Mr. G. L. Hyman rendered several delightful selections. These were followed by a solo by Mrs. J. E. Bowers, with "Stars and Bars" as the title of a reading.

Two communications regarding chapter work were next read, which was followed by general discussion. Mrs. Bowers gave another reading entitled, "Welcome Home in Fayetteville."

A most enjoyable solo by Miss Louise Darden was the next item on the program.

Miss Nannie Gary of Halifax, then made a short, but appropriate talk on the "Stars and Bars Memorial."

The assembly then rose and sang the doxology, after which they were invited to partake of a two-course luncheon in the Mayor's office.

## WELDON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS DEFEAT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM IN RAGGED GAME BY SCORE 17 TO 3

This afternoon (Tuesday) the Weldon High School baseball team defeated the Scotland Neck High School team in a slow game by the one-sided score of 17 to 3. The game was at all times slow, but few brilliant plays breaking the monotony. Bradley started in the box for Scotland Neck, but was replaced in the second inning by Lewis. In the sixth the visitors started a batting rally and Lewis was forced to give way to Harrell, who held the Weldon team scoreless for the balance of the game.

The work of the Weldon battery and the playing of Bradley at third base for Scotland Neck deserve especial mention.

The score by innings:  
R. H. E.  
Weldon ..... 340 045 000—16 3 4  
Scotland Neck ..... 120 000 000—3 7 6

Batteries: Scotland Neck—Bradley, Lewis, Harrell and Speed; Weldon—Jones and Garner. Two base hits Speed 2, Moore. Time 2 hours. Attendance 150. Umpires, Hyman and Hilliard.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS CARRIED OVER FROM THE INSIDE PAGES OF THIS PAPER

Mrs. J. E. Condrey Dead.

Mrs. J. E. Condrey of Enfield, but a former resident of Scotland Neck, passed away in the hospital at Richmond, Va., after an illness of several months. The death of this good lady comes as a great shock to her numerous relatives and friends. The body was brought here Saturday afternoon and laid to rest Sunday in the Baptist cemetery after funeral services by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Johnson of Enfield, assisted by Rev. R. A. McFarland, pastor of the local Baptist church. A fitting obituary, which is being written by one who knew her best, will be published in Friday's issue of the Commonwealth.

Mrs. Condrey was the mother of our popular townsman, Mr. Jim Ed Condrey.

Strike at the Scotland Neck Mill.

Saturday morning the employees in the finishing room of the Scotland Neck Cotton Mill requested a raise of fifteen cents per day on account of the extra work that they were being required to do. The request was not granted by the officials of the mill and about half the employees of this department struck and refused to work again until their demands were granted. A number left Monday for Durham to secure work in the hosiery mills at that place.

Persons.

Mrs. Norfleet Smith left this morning for Raleigh, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. S. J. Hunsdale.

Prof. L. R. Mills of Wake Forest, is here on a visit to his daughter, Miss Anna Mills.

Misses Louise Darden and E. J. Darden were visitors in Spring Hill Monday.

Mr. Paul Arrington of Enfield, was a visitor in town Saturday.

Mr. Jesse Holliday of Dawson, spent Saturday in the city visiting relatives.

Mr. Robert Edmondson of Spring Hill, was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Moore of Whitakers, spent Saturday here, the guest of his brother, Mr. O. J. Moore.

Messrs. J. T. Riddick and J. S. Riddick of Spring Hill, were visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. E. A. Lilley of Spring Hill, was a visitor in town Saturday.

Mr. W. H. McDowell attended the State Baraca-Pillath Convention at Goldsboro last week.

Mr. L. L. Brinkley spent the week end in Raleigh.

Dr. Virgil Leggett and Mr. J. A. Hopkins of Hobgood, were visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. T. A. Kitchin was a visitor in Rocky Mount Friday.

Mr. P. N. Minchew of Conctoe, was a visitor in town Saturday.