

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED TODAY

Commissioners' Auto Ride This Afternoon

Fine Session of State Association of County Commissioners Held This Morning—Mr. D. McEachern, Re-elected President—Statesville Selected as Next Meeting Place—Banquet Will Be Held Tonight at Oceanic Hotel, Following Business Session.

With their enthusiasm unabated, and with the same far-seeing view into the conditions confronting the individual counties and the State as a whole that characterized the sessions of yesterday, the county commissioners of the counties of North Carolina continued their deliberations in the large and cool convention hall of the Oceanic Hotel today. Much business was disposed of, in which was the naming of several important committees, the decision to hold the next convention in Statesville, Iredell county, and the election of officers. The people of New Hanover county, and the people of this section will be well pleased to learn that Mr. D. McEachern at present of the local board of commissioners, was re-elected to his position as president of the association. Mrs. Cassie G. Mintz, who has acted as secretary of the association for several months, was formally elected today.

This afternoon the commissioners are in a 40 auto procession journeying around the county, seeing the work of progress that has been so manifest here for the past few years. The visiting commissioners are loud in their praises of the city, the beach, and the county, and particularly the hospitality of the people, for which the section is noted. This afternoon also, there will be a barbecue at Castle Hayne in honor of the commissioners. The automobiles will be in charge of Mr. George Honnet, the ever alert, and will arrive at Castle Hayne in time for the festivities.

Returning, the last session will be held at the Oceanic Hotel at 8:30 o'clock, after which the closing banquet will be held. Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach, and New Hanover county has enjoyed having the commissioners as guests, and bids them God-speed as they return to their homes tonight.

Order of Proceedings. Business in the following order was taken up when the meeting convened at 10 o'clock this morning:

Mr. Hudson, of the Farm Demonstration work, appeared and spoke for a few minutes on the subject of his department. He, for one thing said that the State has appropriated \$25,000 for agricultural instruction, to be distributed to all counties of the State contributing an amount equal to that provided by the State. The matter was one of interest to the commissioners, and they asked a number of questions. The fiscal year of the department ends October 1st, and Mr. Hudson asked that all counties wishing this take the matter up at the September meeting.

Mr. T. B. Beard, of Rowan, and Mr. J. A. Vance, of Forsyth, spoke for a few minutes each on the affairs pertaining to the County Home. They each displayed a great deal of thought along these lines, and made a good impression. A number of questions were asked and ideas exchanged.

The nominating committee was named at this point. They were Messrs. J. W. Carter, Robeson; J. H. Bell, M. B. Mills, Iredell; T. J. Armstrong, Pender, and C. W. Spruell, Bertie. They retired to consider the list of officers.

The recommendation of the resolution and the president's report committee was then read. President McEachern's report, as carried in yesterday's Dispatch, was accepted, with the exceptions of the recommendation for local option and the appointment of a State Highway Commission.

HIS COFFEE WAS POISONED

Analysis Shows There Was Foul Play

Republicans Get Scared and Send Hurry Calls For Absent Members—No Sugar Legislation Likely at This Session of Congress.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 15.—Strychnine was placed in the coffee George M. Nicholas drank at his Rockingham county home, dying suddenly last week. This was determined by analysis of Nicholas' stomach by the State Chemist. The motive for killing the wealthy old hermit remains a mystery. Jane Hopkins, his housekeeper, drank some from the same pot of coffee, and is desperately ill. She may die. The two were the only occupants of the house. Nicholas lived in squalor, though he was worth two hundred thousand dollars. Reports from Rockingham county indicate arrests are probable.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN CONFERENCE TODAY

New York, Aug. 15.—Vice Chairman McAdoo, of the Democratic National Committee, Josephus Daniels and Senators Gore and Reed had an extended conference at Democratic headquarters today on the general plan of campaign. National Chairman McCombs, who has been ill, is improving, and probably will resume work in a week.

MORE TROOPS TO BE PLACED ON BORDER

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 15.—The Third Squadron Third United States Cavalry has been ordered to report immediately at Fort Bliss, with thirty days' rations for border service.

HURRICANE SWEEPS HUNDREDS TO DEATH

Bilbao, Spain, Aug. 15.—One hundred and nineteen fishermen were drowned and one hundred and fourteen fishing boats sank in a storm along the coast. The hurricane caused immense havoc to the coast towns.

so advocated the measure. Commissioner Womble moved that the entire proceedings of the convention be printed in pamphlet form and sent to all the counties of the State. The motion carried unanimously.

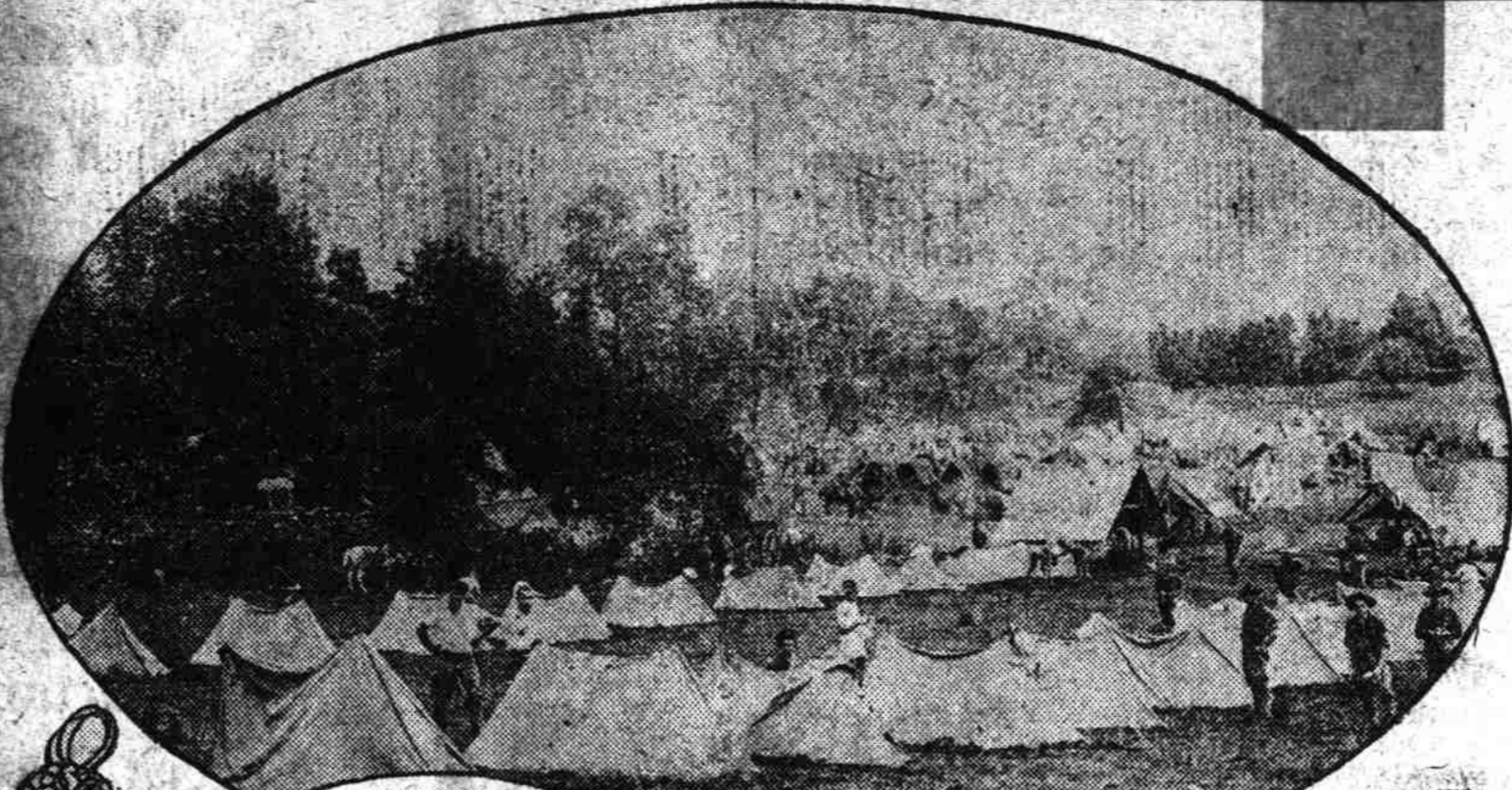
Commissioner W. M. Long, of Mecklenburg, gained the floor and described the present method of taxlisting under the supervision of the State as unfair, and a system of highway robbery. He suggested no remedy, but asked for a discussion. The matter was referred to the legislative committee for a bill relieving conditions to be referred to the executive committee for approval, and to be introduced at the next session of the General Assembly.

Commissioner Womble advocated compulsory education, but the commissioners decided that the matter was beyond the limit to which they might go.

The question then came up for the next place to hold the convention. After Commissioners Mills, of Iredell and Wake, respectively, had presented their invitations the matter was voted on. Iredell wanted the convention last year, and the delegates were almost unanimously in favor of going there. The vote was made unanimous, and the next convention will be held in Statesville.

The convention took a recess until 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Officers Elected. The following officers were recommended by the committee on election of officers and duly elected: President—D. McEachern, New Hanover. Vice President—W. M. Long, Mecklenburg. Congressional District Vice Presidents: First, L. W. Evans; second, R. J. Shields; third, J. H. Bell; fourth, J. H. Mills; fifth, W. C. Tucker; sixth, J. F. Floyd; seventh, J. B. Stewart; eighth, H. C. Trotter; ninth, O. E. Ford; tenth, E. W. Patton. Executive Committee—O. B. Winn, J. T. Bolton, T. J. Armstrong, T. S. Collier, W. G. Bradshaw, A. A. Clark, J. B. VanCannon, N. B. Mills, J. F. Leeper, H. A. Tate. The following on account of their retirement from their respective boards, and in view of their good work (Continued on Third Page.)



CAMP OF THE ATTACKING ARMY



FOOT SORE MEN RESTING

AT A NATURAL WASH BASIN

BODY IN STATE

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NEIGHBORS' ROW CAUSES COURT SCRAPE

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 15.—Mrs. Clara Manger, leader of the exclusive society circles, has filed suit for seventy thousand dollars damages against the heads of six prominent families, alleging false arrest. Neighbors' bad feeling grew out of a children's quarrel, which came to climax when J. G. Cabane, sought to have Mrs. Manger put under a peace bond. The subsequent arrest of Mrs. Cabane and a fist fight between Cabane and Mrs. Manger's husband featured the community feud.

WOMAN WILL HELP THE BULL MOOSE

New York, Aug. 15.—Miss Jane Adams, of Chicago, probably will be selected as a member of the Progressive executive committee of nine, at a conference this afternoon between Theodore Roosevelt, Senator Dixon and Geo. W. Perkins. She will take charge of the women's movement for the Progressive party throughout the country, with headquarters here.

PRESIDENT HAS VETOES ON TAP

Washington, Aug. 15.—The President today returned to the House, with a veto message, the legislative appropriation bill, because of its amendments to abolish the Commerce Court, and limit the tenure of Civil Service employees to seven years. The Cabinet read and approved the veto message.

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THAT WOOL VETO

Washington, Aug. 15.—In the light of the President's veto of the wool bill, which veto gives the woolen trust a continuance of its privilege to plunder the consumer while at the same time paying its workers starvation wages, a page from the hearings in connection with the Lawrence strike inquiry makes interesting reading. The witness is Miss Sanger, a trained nurse. (Page 226, Hearings on House Resolution 409 and 433.)

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No Sugar Bill This Session. Complete disagreement between the House and Senate on the sugar tariff bill, outlined in the conference report on the measure, was presented to the Senate today by Senator Penrose. This indicates there will be no sugar legislation this session.

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SHOT TO DEATH IN OWN HOME

Society Tragedy Occurs in Nashville

Prominent Woman Shot by Another as the Outcome of Jealous Rage—Victim the Daughter-in-Law of Chaplain-General of the United Confederate Veterans.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 15.—Mrs. Alva Cave, daughter-in-law of Rev. R. Lin Cave, Chaplain General of the United Confederate Veterans, was murdered late last night, and Mrs. J. G. Jones, twenty-four years old, is in jail, accused of killing the woman because of jealousy. The victim was a widow, aged thirty and prominent socially in Southern cities. Mrs. Jones had filed a divorce suit and lived apart from husband. The killing occurred in Mrs. Cave's home. Mrs. Jones, the police allege, gained admittance to Mrs. Cave's room and, without preliminaries, began shooting. Defenseless Mrs. Cave was wounded mortally, dying in a few minutes.

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AMERICAN CONSUL WAS MURDERED

Bogota, Colombia, Aug. 15.—Investigation into the death of William MacMaster, United States Consul at Cartagena, whose riddled body was found a few miles outside of the city Monday, has established murder. There are no clues to the perpetrators.

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DARROW SPEAKS IN OWN DEFENSE

Los Angeles, Aug. 15.—In order that Clarence S. Darrow could have additional time for the final argument in his own behalf, the Darrow bribery trial convened an hour earlier today. Darrow spoke until noon, when the time allotted the defense expired. District Attorney Fredericks began the concluding argument at the afternoon session. Darrow declared the blowing-up of the Times building, was not the result of a plot to destroy lives. He absolved the McNamara's of any guilt of murder. Dynamite was placed there wrongfully and criminally, Darrow said, but without thought of taking lives.

TO START SUIT AGAINST BUTTER TRUST

Chicago, Aug. 15.—District Attorney Wilkerson, within a couple of days, will file a dissolution suit against the Elgin Butter Board of Trade, it is reported. The board will be charged with violating the anti-trust law. The government contends that the board is able to control prices in large outlying territory.

TAFT TELLS CABINET OF OTHER VETO

Washington, Aug. 15.—The President called a special Cabinet meeting today and read his veto of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which has amendments to abolish the tenure of Civil Service employees to seven years. The message may be sent the House today.

"The Inventor's Secret" Great film success today at the 5-cent Grand.