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THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

The Hosts of Democracy Called to Order at 12 Wednesday—John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, Temporary Chairman.

The Democratic Convention was called to order at noon Wednesday by Chairman James K. Jones, of the National Committee. Congressman John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader of the House, was made temporary chairman of the convention. Williams made a great speech which lasted one hour and forty minutes. The mention of Cleveland's name brought forth much applause.

The North Carolina delegation decided Wednesday night to present Aycock's name for Vice-President. It is understood that South Carolina will vote for him. The committee on Permanent Organization selected Senator Bailey, of Texas, to be permanent chairman. Senator Bailey asked the committee to reconsider their decision.

The committee on platform organized by electing Senator Daniel Chairman. He named as a sub-committee to prepare a platform for submission to the full committee the following:

Daniel, of Virginia; Hill of New York; Bryan, of Nebraska; Williams, of Mississippi; Pattison, of Pennsylvania; Dubois, of Idaho; Hamlin, of Massachusetts; Poe, of Maryland; Cable, of Illinois; Shively, of Indiana; Davis, of West Virginia and Newlands, of Nevada.

The North Carolina Delegation.

The North Carolina delegation met at the Hotel Stratford, St. Louis Tuesday night and after instructing the chairman to vote the strength of the State for Judge Parker for the Presidential nomination proceeded to organize. Josephus Daniels was unanimously elected national committeeman from the State. The other selections which were also made by unanimous vote are as follows:

Member Credentials Committee, W. H. Powell, of Tarboro; Permanent Organization, J. C. Mills, of Rutherfordton; Rules, A. W. McLean, of Lumberton; to notify President, John E. Woodard, of Wilson; to notify Vice President, R. L. Holt, of Burlington; Resolution and Platform, Ed. Chambers Smith, of Raleigh; Vice President of the Convention, E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville; Vice Chairman of delegation, Julius S. Carr, of Durham; Chairman of delegation, Locke Craig, of Asheville.

Mr. Joseph A. Lassiter Dead.

Last Monday evening at nine o'clock at his home in Elevation township, Mr. Joseph A. Lassiter died after a short illness of pneumonia. He was 67 years, five months and ten days old. The interment was made at the family burying ground Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Lassiter was an honest, upright and conscientious citizen, ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand to the poor and needy. He will be sorely missed in his community. Though he never united with any church he was a professing Christian having obtained a hope in Christ many years ago. He was of the Primitive Baptist faith.

He leaves a devoted wife and five children to mourn his departure. Mrs. D. M. Coats, who lives near Smithfield is a daughter of the deceased.

Dupuy De Lome Dead.

Paris, July 2.—Senor Dupuy de Lome, who was Spanish Minister to Washington until shortly before the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, and who was hastily recalled from that post to save him the humiliation of being handed his passports after he had written a letter containing insulting reference to President McKinley, died here last night from cerebral hemorrhage.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

There are 175 State banks in North Carolina.

Plans are on foot to build a large auditorium in Greensboro to seat 6,000 to 8,000 people.

Rev. J. D. Carpenter, a retired Methodist minister, died Friday at his home at Marion, aged 68.

Gov. Aycock spoke at a celebration and education jubilee at Gastonia Saturday. A great crowd attended.

The board of aldermen of Wilmington granted license to 58 retail liquor dealers and 3 brewers agencies.

Geo. B. Justice, a young printer of Charlotte, has been appointed assistant commissioner of labor and printing to succeed W. E. Faison, resigned.

It is given out that I. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, has challenged F. D. Winston, the Democratic candidate, to a joint discussion.

At the meeting of the State Dental Association at Morehead City last week Dr. W. B. Ramsey, of Hickory, was elected president. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Waynesville.

A hail and windstorm visited the Matthews section of Mecklenburg county Saturday afternoon and about all crops in its path were destroyed. The colored Presbyterian church, a residence and several out buildings were blown down and other buildings were damaged. The loss to the cotton crop alone is estimated at \$8,000 to \$15,000.

The case against V. E. McBea and K. S. Finch, who are charged with conspiracy in connection with the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, which was to have come up for trial at the approaching term of Wake county Superior Court, has been postponed on account of the illness of Capt. W. J. H. Day, counsel for the defendants.

John and Guss Murray and John Rice, of Madison county, convicted of murder in the second degree in Buncombe Superior Court some weeks ago, have been granted bail pending appeal, the case being heard by Judge Fred Moore on a writ of habeas corpus. The Murrys are required to give bond in the sum of \$4,500 each. Rice's bond is fixed at \$1,500.

Mr. Jesse Baldwin, about 60 years old, was found dead in a pond at Rockingham Friday morning. It is said that he first took a bottle of laudanum and then to make assurance doubly sure, he drowned himself in the pond. His wife was an invalid, his son had been a disappointment to him, and unable to bear disappointment and suffering the old man forced his exit from the world.

Receipts Less Than Expenditures.

The government's ledger for fiscal year which ended today shows that the expenditures exceeded the revenues by \$41,352,326, the receipts aggregating \$541,186,745, and the disbursements \$582,539,071.

The expenditures, however, include \$50,000,000 paid for the Panama right-of-way and \$4,600,000 loan to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition which are not properly to be counted in the regular expenses of the government. Excluding these two items, there would be a surplus of \$13,247,474, against an estimate of \$14,000,000 made at the beginning of the fiscal year by the Secretary of the Treasury.—Washington Dispatch, June 30.

No Pity Shown.

"For years fate was after me continuously" writes F. A. Guldridge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for Burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

Four Will be Held in This County at Convenient Places.

Prof. Ira T. Turlington, County Superintendent of Schools, informs us that he will hold four institutes for white teachers in this county, the first to begin on Monday, July 18, at 9 A. M. This will be held in the public school house at Pine Level and will continue one week.

The second institute will be held in the public school house near Mr. Frank P. Wood's, in District No. 5, white, Ingrams township, and will begin Monday, July 25, at 9 A. M.

The third will begin Monday, August 1, at 9 A. M., in the public school house at Rehoboth church in Elevation township.

The fourth will be held in the public school house, known as the Earp school house, near Mr. J. L. Jones's in District No. 1, white, in Oneals township, and will begin at 9 A. M., Monday, August 8th. Each institute will continue one week.

Miss Myrtle L. Harper, of Smithfield, will assist Prof. Turlington in these institutes.

Every teacher is required to attend one of these institutes. Section 26 of the School Law contains these words: "All the teachers of any county in which such institute is held are hereby required to attend the same continuously during the session thereof * * * * and, upon failure to do so, unless provisionally hindered, shall be debarred from teaching in any of the public schools of this state for the term of one year, or until such teacher shall have attended some county institute in some other county." * * * * "A properly signed certificate of attendance for two weeks or more in the same year on any Summer School of good standing in the state may be accepted by the County Superintendent as a substitute for attendance of any teacher in his county on the teachers' institute for that county."

A. M. Sanders for Sheriff.

To the Democrats of Johnston county:

I desire to endorse the candidacy of A. M. Sanders, of Cleveland township, for the nomination in the next county convention for the important position of Sheriff, which has been so ably and acceptably filled for the past eighteen years by our present incumbent, Hon. J. T. Ellington. Having known Mr. Sanders for many years I say with emphasis that he is a man of the very highest character and of splendid business qualifications. He has held the position of magistrate for ten or fifteen years in Cleveland township, and as such official he performed the duties of that position with marked ability and with the utmost fairness to all concerned.

Mr. Sanders has also served in other positions of public trust, among which is the position of deputy Sheriff. While connected with the office of the Sheriff in this capacity his duties have brought him in contact with almost every man in Johnston county, and I do not believe there is a single man in all the county who will not gladly testify to the fact that he has extended every courtesy consistent with the high responsibility resting upon him. I am well acquainted with his character as a man and as an official, and there is absolutely nothing which can be said against him. He is a most worthy man, and, as a life long Democrat, he has done good and valuable service for the party. He is in every way well equipped for the duties and responsibilities of the high office to which he aspires. Fellow Democrats, nominate A. M. Sanders for Sheriff, and we will have a Sheriff of whom we may well be proud, and a worthy successor of the "grand old man" of Johnston who has served us so ably, so faithfully, and so long.

F. M. WEEKS.

July 4th, 1904.

JAPANESE MEET WITH DEFEAT.

Four Japanese Destroyers Glide Through the Night Into the Harbor of Port Arthur, and But One Returns.

St. Petersburg, July 9—1:20 p. m.—A few nights ago Admiral Togo attempted to repeat the Japanese exploit with torpedo boats at Wei Hai Wei, during the China-Japanese war by sending torpedo boat destroyers into the harbor of Port Arthur for the purpose of sinking ships at their anchorage, but the attempt ended in disastrous failure. Four torpedo boat destroyers succeeded in creeping into the harbor, which was not protected by booms, but only one escaped. Two were sunk by the shore batteries and one was crippled.

The reckless bravery of the Japanese in going to almost certain destruction excites not admiration here. The channel at Port Arthur is so tortuous and strewn with wrecks that evidently it was regarded as unnecessary to use a boom.

On account of the difficulty of getting into the harbor the feat is considered in naval circles to be fully as daring as that of the Japanese at Wei-Hai-Wei, where Japanese torpedo boats in a storm and covered with ice were jumped over the booms protecting the harbor and destroyed Chinese warships. So far as known the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers did not even succeed in launching torpedoes. The Admiralty has no confirmation of the report from Liao Yang of an engagement between the Vladivostok squadron and Japanese warships off Gensan. There is good reason to believe that the Russian squadron is safe back in port.

Late Convention Notes.

Convention met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and at 11 adjourned till 2 as none of the committees were ready to report.

At 2 o'clock the convention reconvened. Mr. Bryan's entrance caused tremendous and prolonged applause.

The report of Committee on Credentials was presented at four o'clock.

Champ Clark, of Missouri, was made permanent chairman. At the close of his address the convention adjourned at 6:26 till today at 10 o'clock.

The platform has not yet been reported.

The Parker men claim his nomination on first ballot.

The members of Neuse Lodge, K. of P. are earnestly requested to be present tonight. Work of special importance on hand.

GREAT SEA TRAGEDY.

Danish Steamer Norge Went Down With Over 700 Souls.

London, July 5.—Of 774 souls on board the Danish steamer Norge, 128, including Captain Gundel, are known to have been saved up to this hour. One of the children died in a life boat, which brought others to safety. For the missing 646 persons, small hopes are entertained.

The enormous death roll which was feared with the first news of the wreck has been decreased by 102, that number of survivors, after many privations, having been landed at Stornoway yesterday.

The horrors of the wreck itself grow with each survivor's account. Captain Gundel's statement, which reads like an affidavit from the dead, for he went down with his ship, maintains that the Norge struck on a sunken rock 18 miles south of Rockall. The 102 survivors are spending the night at Stornoway, many of them in the hospital.

When a promissory note gets old enough to have whiskers it is time to take it to a note shaver.

COUNTY NEWS.

Condensed From Letters From Our Correspondents.

Beasley.

Mr. E. Britt, of Coolemees, N. C., is visiting relatives and friends in the settlement. He expects to be with us till July 7.—Corn hilling is the latest, buckleberrying is no back number and fishing is a fad that is always up to date.—I think we'll have as many as three representatives at the A. & M. Summer School, Misses Mattie Beasley, Mary Dunn and Erma Cox.—Mr. W. T. Surles will keep ice, he says, after June 29, regular through out the summer months.—Mr. J. M. Beasley lost one of his fine milk cows last week from wounds received in a cow fight in which she was engaged.—June 28th.

Pine Level.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Nordan, of Selma, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Strickland.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. J. Hinnant, Miss Ella Strickland and Mr. Alex Rae are on the sick list this week.—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Poole and Mr. N. Milford Gurley left Saturday for High Point, to visit relatives and friends.—Mr. Oscar Smith, of Wilson's Mills, was in our town Sunday.—Mr. P. C. Worley and family went to Wilson county Saturday to visit relatives and returned Monday.—Mr. W. H. Westbrook is having material put in place to build a brick store.—July 5th, 1904. Y. Y.

Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Barnes visited the family of Mr. Chas. Ellis, of Clayton, Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. John R. Woodard, of Micro, visited Mrs. Woodard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wall, Sunday.—Mr. W. L. Staniel and Misses Lessie Neil and Iantha Barnes visited the Misses Ellis, of Clayton, Sunday.—We regret to note that Mrs. Mary Whitley leaves us soon for Clayton.—Last Sunday morning about three o'clock the death angel entered the home of Mr. John Windham and took from him his devoted companion, Mrs. Allie Windham. She had been a patient sufferer for some time of that dreaded disease, consumption. She was interred in the family burial ground Monday afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. She leaves a husband, father, mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn her untimely demise. July 4.

Chillie.

Mr. Ralph Talton and mother spent Sunday in Pine Level.—Mrs. Henry Austin and son, Cleon, has been on a visit to relatives.—Mr. F. W. Hancock, of Oxford, representing the Oxford Female Seminary was in our midst last week.—Mrs. N. R. Mitchiner is visiting relatives in Raleigh.—Mr. Israel Stephenson and sister, Miss Emly, spent Saturday and Sunday near Smithfield.—Miss Bessie Llewellyn returned to Raleigh Monday.—The baseball team from The Smithfield Cotton Mills and Chillie crossed bats on the latter diamond Saturday evening. The score stood 22 to 7 in favor of Chillie. Pilkington pitched a steady game striking out ten of the mill boys. The feature of the game was the good fielding of the entire Chillie team and their heavy hitting. ERDEENE. July 6, 1904.

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SELMA NEWS.

Miss Mamie Batten is visiting relatives in Wilders.

Robert P. Noble is to go to Elm City to play ball Friday.

Mrs. R. G. Renfrow is spending this week with Mrs. C. G. Wiggs.

Dr. J. B. Person spent Sunday and Monday at Kinston visiting friends.

Miss Jimmie Batton is visiting Miss Agnes Driver at La Grange this week.

Mr. W. D. Avera was in town Wednesday, trying to have a deep well bored at his cotton gin.

Miss Allen, of Louisburg, and Miss Lula Tisdale, of Burlington, are visiting Miss Rosa B. Richardson.

Mrs. Robert Wallace and daughter, Miss Effie, spent a few days here this week visiting Mrs. D. H. Price.

Miss Margaret Harris, of Raleigh, is visiting her brother, Charles U. Harris, Esq., at the Jackson House.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses C. Winston and little Miss Lizzie left Wednesday for Morehead City to be gone a month.

Wm. Richardson, Sr., general agent of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association, left Wednesday for Charlotte and Wadesboro.

Misses Julia Fuller Etheredge, Mary Hatcher, Effie Blackman, Annie, Marietta and Anna Stancill are attending the Summer school at Raleigh.

The contractor for Thad H. Whitley's new stores says that he expects to turn over the keys to them to Mr. Whitley in three weeks from now. They will be nice stores.

The infant child of Mr. Frank Fuller died last Saturday night and was taken to Oneals township Sunday for burial. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of our people.

The walls of the main building of the cotton mills will be up by Friday, ready for the joists and roof timbers. This has been a rush job and reflects great credit on the General Manager.

Messrs. Wm. Richardson, Jr., and Robert Noble went to Raleigh last Monday to see the fireworks and to take the "campus course" at the A & M. They looked worn out when they returned.

Mr. Luther W. Richardson, a son of L. B. Richardson, of Beulah township, has purchased an interest in the Selma Drug Co. and is now there where he will be pleased to see his friends. Mr. Richardson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in pharmacy.

Beulah Sunday School Association.

The second annual convention of the Beulah Township Sunday School Association will be held at Zion church Tuesday, July 19, beginning at 9:30 a. m. An interesting program has been prepared and a large crowd is expected. Among the speakers expected are Prof. S. M. Smith, Secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association and Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh. Everybody is invited to attend and carry well-filled baskets.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes. "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles, and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hood Bros. Druggists.

Rev. W. H. Puckett, of Granville circuit preached at the Methodist church here Sunday night.

A terrible electric storm visited New Berne yesterday evening. Much damage is reported.