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EDUCATION

MELVILLE W. FULLER DEAD.

Chief Justice Of the United States Supreme Court Died At Bar Harbor Monday. Justice Fuller Was Stricken With Heart Failure—Was 77 Years Old—Was Admitted to the Bar In 1855—Practiced for a Short While in Augusta, Me., Then Moved to Chicago, Where He Became Interested in Politics—Was Appointed Chief Justice In 1888.

Bar Harbor, Me., July 4.—Melville W. Fuller, chief justice of the United States supreme court, died at his summer home at Sorrento, Me., at 6 a. m. to-day.

His death was sudden, coming as a direct result of heart failure. During the last few days he had apparently been in the best of health.

Melville Weston Fuller was born at Augusta, Me., on February 11, 1833. His father was Frederick Augustus Fuller. He was graduated from Bowdoin College, taking the degree of M. A. in 1853, after which he attended a course of law lectures at Harvard. He was given the degree of LL. D. by Northwestern and Bowdoin in 1888, Harvard in 1890 and Yale and Dartmouth in 1901.

Admitted to the bar in 1855 he formed a law partnership at Augusta and dabbled in journalism becoming associate editor of The Age, a democratic paper published in Augusta. Turning to politics, he became president of the Common Council and city solicitor.

In 1856, however, he moved to Chicago, where he practiced law until 1888. On April 30 of that year he was appointed chief justice by President Cleveland. The appointment was confirmed on July 30 and he took office on October 8, 1888. While in Illinois, he took a prominent part in politics.

As chief justice, Mr. Fuller administered the oath of office to six presidents, Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley, (twice), Roosevelt and Taft.

Chief justice Fuller came of an old line of New Englanders in which lawyers were plentiful. His grandfather, Henry Weld Fuller was a probate judge in Kennebec county, Maine, at the time of his death. Mr. Fuller's father was also a lawyer and his mother was a daughter of Nathan Weston who was at one time judge of the supreme court of Massachusetts and for many years was chief judge of the state of Maine.

Always a staunch Democrat, it was he who made the speech that in 1876, nominated T. A. Hendricks for vice-president on the Democratic ticket.

Simple in his manners, the chief justice was one of the most accessible men in Washington. He lived economically, retiring early every night, reading before going to sleep.

So unimposing was his manner that, according to an amusing story which he often told with relish, he was once taken by a London hotel clerk for an impecunious German musician and given the most economical room in the hotel. When the clerk discovered that the slight old man with long white hair was the chief justice, he was astounded.

He maintained his vigor to the end, and as recently as his last birthday declared that he would by no means consider resigning.

Few chief justices have exceeded him in longevity.

Chief Justice Marshall died at the age of 81. Chief Justice Taney at 84 and Chief Justice Waite at 78.

Mrs. C. L. Stevens, of New Berne, has been elected superintendent of the graded school at Beaufort. Mrs. Stevens enjoys the distinction of being the first woman in the State to be elected to a position of this character.

Two negroes were lynched at Charlestown, Mo., Sunday morning for the murder of a farmer. It took the mob two hours to batter down the doors of the jail.

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MR. POU NAMED ONCE MORE.

Johnston County's Son Renominated by Acclamation to Succeed Himself in the National House of Representatives. Mr. Allred Made Nominating Speech.

The Democratic convention of the Fourth Congressional District was held in Raleigh Wednesday, and Hon. E. W. Pou, of Smithfield, unanimously nominated for Congress to succeed himself. Mr. Pou has already served five terms in Congress with ability and with satisfaction to his constituents.

The convention was called together by Chairman James R. Young who requested ex-Judge Jacob Battle, of Nash, to act as temporary chairman and Mr. E. E. Britton secretary. Upon motion the organization was made permanent.

Johnston county was represented on the various committees as follows: E. S. Edmundson on Permanent Organization; L. H. Allred on Resolutions and Platform; W. M. Sanders vice-president; James A. Wellons on Credentials.

The following is taken from the News and Observer's account of the convention:

Mr. L. H. Allred, of Selma, spokesman for Johnston, arose and made a splendid nomination speech. He said that the man that he would nominate would represent the fourth district of North Carolina in the next Congress. He said that the choice of the convention should be a man who should have eloquence, wisdom, experience and broad statesmanship. The man he said that he would nominate would illustrate measure up to that high standard. The man he would name he said hails from Johnston, a county of brave people who had always taken a leading and active part in all the struggles for righteous things, both in war and in peace. He further eulogized the noble people of old Johnston county, paying them tributes justifying to them. He spoke of the loyalty of old Johnston to Democracy even among the most strenuous of times. The man he said that he would name was an illustrious type of that citizenship. After a splendid eulogy of his nominee he closed by saying that his man as a private citizen, as a lawyer, as solicitor, as statesman, had measured up in each instance to the honors that had been conferred on him and that it was with great pleasure and honor that Johnston county presented its beloved and favorite citizen, Edward W. Pou.

Judge Winston, of Raleigh, seconded the nomination of Mr. Pou.

Mr. Chas. U. Harris added his second to the nomination.

Capt. T. M. Washington, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. J. J. Barrow, of Louisburg, also made happy seconding speeches.

Mr. R. A. P. Cooley, of Nashville, moved that the nomination of Mr. Pou be made by a rising vote. The motion prevailed and the nomination was so made.

On motion of Capt. T. M. Arrington, the following committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Pou and notify him of his nomination: Mr. L. H. Allred, Judge Winston, and Capt. T. M. Arrington.

At this point the platform committee presented a strong platform which was adopted.

After the platform was adopted Judge Battle addressing Mr. Pou, said: "On this happy and auspicious occasion you have been nominated for the sixth time for Congress. The convention will be glad to hear from you."

Mr. Pou then arose and addressed the convention. His speech was an able one and was frequently applauded. He contrasted the record of the Republican and the Democratic party in the State, and arraigned the national Republican for its iniquitous tariff bill, its broken promises on tariff and conservative legislation and predicted a great Democratic victory.

Two young women were killed when a train struck an automobile in which they were riding at Valley Stream, L. I., Sunday.

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DR. FAISON IS NOMINATED.

The Democrats of The Third District Select the Duplin Man To Represent Them in Congress—477 Ballots Taken.

Goldsboro, July 6.—At 7 o'clock this morning one of the hardest-waged political fights in the history of the State came to a close when Dr. John M. Faison, a practicing physician of Faison, Duplin county, received 122 votes in the third district Democratic Congressional convention for the nomination to succeed the incumbent, Hon. Charles R. Thomas, of Craven. One hundred and thirteen votes would have secured the nomination. The convention was marked with a feeling of good spirit all the way through and never a sign or word came to indicate any bitterness on the part of either candidates or delegates. Four hundred and seventy-seven ballots were taken before a choice was made. At no time did it appear that Congressman Thomas would be renominated. His support was loyal and stood throughout the convention until the finish was in sight. It was the general impression that Mr. George E. Hood, of Wayne, would be the choice of the convention but his strength waned at the critical time. At one time he lacked only eight votes of the nomination.

Doctor Faison is well known in the State as a Democratic politician. He served in the State executive committee in the famous fusion campaign. The Democratic nomination in this district is considered equivalent to election.

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The Convention Also Instructs For Daniels, Norris, Clark and Walker—Strong Resolution Endorsing Pou Who Made a Ringing Speech—Resolution Commending the High Stand Of Senators Simmons and Overman.

The Democratic Convention of Johnston county to elect delegates to the State, Congressional and Judicial Conventions, was called to order in the court house here last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Hon. C. W. Richardson, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, who called to the chair as temporary chairman, Mr. B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, and as secretary, Mr. L. H. Allred, of Selma. Upon motion, the temporary organization was made permanent, and the convention proceeded to business.

The first business of the convention was to call the roll of townships, which showed every township in the county represented. The vote of the respective townships in the several conventions were then read by the secretary and the delegations from the various townships separated and selected delegates and reported their names to the convention who were then unanimously elected.

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FOR DANIELS AND NORRIS.

These Men Were Named for Judge and Solicitor Here Yesterday at the Judicial Convention. Sheriff Sears of Wake Made Permanent Chairman.

The Democratic Convention of the Sixth Judicial District was held in the Court House here yesterday and was attended by a good number of delegates from the several counties of the district, which is composed of Harnett, Johnston, Wake and Wayne.

In the absence of Mr. W. C. Munroe, of Goldsboro, chairman of the Executive Committee, the convention was called to order by Mr. W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, who, in a few words, welcomed the delegates to our prosperous little city. He then called sheriff J. H. Sears, of Wake to be temporary chairman and asked the representatives of the press to act as secretaries. Upon motion of Mr. Ed. S. Abell, Mr. Sears was made permanent chairman and T. J. Lassiter, of The Herald, permanent secretary, with the representatives of the press present, Mr. E. E. Britton, of the News and Observer, and Mr. A. Roscower, of the Goldsboro Headlight, as assistants.

The appointment of the various committees were dispensed with and the convention proceeded to business. Nominations were declared in order for Superior Court Judge. The roll of counties was called and Mr. J. C. Clifford, of Dunn, arose and placed Mr. Frank A. Daniels, of Wayne, in nomination, in an eloquent speech paying the Wayne lawyer a high tribute, declaring him to be one of the best men and finest lawyers in Eastern North Carolina, a man of character, integrity and ability.

The nomination of Mr. Daniels was seconded by Mr. Ed. S. Abell, of Johnston, and Mr. Chas. U. Harris, of Wake. The vote was then taken and Mr. Daniels received the unanimous vote of the convention and was declared the nominee.

The nomination of Solicitor was then taken up and Mr. Bart M. Gatling, of Wake, placed the name of Mr. Herbert Norris, of Raleigh, before the convention. This nomination was seconded by Mr. J. C. Clifford. On motion the nomination was made by acclamation. As Mr. Norris was known to be at The Elmview, a committee, consisting of Mr. E. W. Pou, Mr. J. C. Clifford and Mr. A. C. Davis, of Wayne, was appointed to escort Mr. Norris to the hall. He was brought in and introduced by Mr. Pou. In a short and pointed address Mr. Norris thanked the Democracy of the district for the honor conferred on him and pledged his earnest support to the party in the coming campaign and promised to do his utmost to make a good solicitor.

The following were named as an Executive Committee for the District: W. C. Munroe, of Wayne, E. F. Young, of Harnett, W. M. Sanders, of Johnston, and Chas. U. Harris, of Wake.

Congressman Pou was then called on and made a short address which was greeted with hearty applause.

The visiting delegates gave a vote of thanks to the Johnston delegation for the splendid refreshments which were served.

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