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PRIMARY ON AUGUST FIRST.

The Democratic Executive Committee met here last Tuesday and re-elected Z. L. LeMay Chairman for another term. Committee unanimous for primary.

Pursuant to the call of Chairman Z. L. LeMay, the Democratic Executive Committee of Johnston County met in the Court House at 12:30 Tuesday, June 23, upon the adjournment of the Recorder's Court. Chairman Z. L. LeMay stated that the first business to be transacted was the selection of a Chairman for the coming campaign and for the next two years. Chairman, Mr. Z. L. LeMay, was re-elected by acclamation. Mr. LeMay has been chairman for the past four years, and has made a very efficient and able chairman and the unanimous re-election was a compliment to his ability.

The next business in order was the selection of a Secretary. Mr. F. H. Brooks was unanimously elected for the Secretary for the ensuing two years.

The next business called for by the chairman was the calling of the convention and primaries to name candidates to be voted for in the fall election. Quite a number of the Democratic Committee, as well as other Democrats who were present, expressed themselves in favor of a primary and it was the consensus of opinion of all present that the primary was the thing that the people wanted, and a resolution was passed setting forth that it was the sense of the Executive Committee that the primary be held to name candidates of the Democratic party in the county election. There was considerable discussion as to the time for the holding the primary, but it was finally decided to hold it on Saturday, August 1. There were some present who wanted the primary called as late as September 1, and others thought it might be even before this and wanted it to be held sometime in July, but finally the first Saturday in August was decided upon as being possibly the most leisure time that the farmers would have, and all in all, about the best time that the primary could be held.

With the Corrupt Practice Act passed by the last General Assembly it is believed that the primary this fall can be run by Democrats, and that we will not be bothered by others than Democrats voting in the primary, as it was thought was the case two years ago.

The Primary Law as well as Corrupt Practice Act will be given our readers at an early date, and we suggest that the voters of the county at large familiarize themselves with both of these bills. It would be a good idea for the readers of The Herald to clip these bills when they are published and file them for future reference as that will be the law under which the primary of August 1st will be held.

IN PRISON THEY BLAME LIQUOR.

Inmates of Pennsylvania "Pen" Sign Petition For Prohibition.

Philadelphia, June 25.—A petition drafted by prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary declaring that fully 70 per cent. of the crime within this State is directly attributable to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors and asking for the enactment of prohibition legislation is being circulated among convicts confined in that institution.

It is reported that 1,500 signatures of inmates of the prison will be attached to the petition which is to be presented to the Legislature. The editor of a paper published in the penitentiary by the prisoners initiated the movement.

Cleveland County Votes \$80,000 Railroad Bonds.

Shelby, June 27.—Cleveland County today by a vote of 1,864 out of a registration of 3,124 declared for the issuance of \$80,000 railroad bonds. Forty thousand dollars of this amount goes to Piedmont & Northern Lines to bring the Interturban through Cleveland via Kings Mountain and Shelby from Gastonia.

The other \$40,000 will be added to the \$80,000 voted by townships of upper Cleveland for a railroad line from Shelby to Casar, a distance of 20 miles. This gives a total of \$160,000 bonds to be issued for railroads.

MILL CREEK NEWS.

Mill Creek, June 29.—Miss Maggie Rose, of Wayne County, is spending this week with relatives in this section.

Mr. W. N. Rose went to Smithfield today to meet with the Board of Pensions.

Mr. Robert Barfield, of Goldsboro, was in our section the fourth Sunday. Mr. R. H. Higgins, of Smithfield, spent Saturday and Sunday in this section the guest of Mr. L. G. Westbrook.

Rev. Charles Stevens filled the appointment of the pastor at Hood's Grove the third Sunday.

A recent application of the paint brush has added much to the appearance of the church building at Mill Creek.

Mr. J. J. Rose conducted religious services at Mill Creek the fourth Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Saunders, who is down in South Carolina doing some mission work.

Miss Moxie Keene, of Wayne County, spent last Sunday, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ira Blackman, of Meadow.

Mr. J. B. Hood went to Kenly today to visit his son, Dr. G. A. Hood.

The proposed new railroad which is to intersect the southern part of Johnston is now a theme of much speculative comment. If the road materializes it will shorten many weary miles of travel for many farmers in this part of the county, as well as in the northern part of Sampson and Wayne.

The tax payers of Bentonsville township are considering purchasing the Preston Academy in Bentonsville, from Mr. J. M. Beasley, to be used as a township house. It is a plausible idea, and the township would make a much needed deal by the purchase.

There is a certain philosopher down here in Bentonsville township who maintains that hot weather is the very thing to bring out the politicians, and this idea you will find strongly corroborated if you will cast your eye upon the political cards that are coming out in The Herald during the "real old days in June." Who will be next and for what?

At the last regular communication of Mill Creek Lodge No. 480, A. F. & A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: W. R. Weaver, W. M.; H. V. Rose, S. W.; D. S. Langston, J. W.; S. Westbrook, Treasurer and H. C. Williams, Secretary.

The recent rains have made wonderful improvement upon the crops throughout this section, but we are still very dry.

CADE SPRINGS ITEMS.

We were visited by a severe electric storm Thursday night, rain being a welcomed visitor throughout our section.

We are glad to see Mr. Walter Bryan out again after a short illness.

Little Miss Mildred Pool, of Clayton, is visiting her cousin, Miss Dixie Bryan, this week.

Mr. John Mitchener has lost two fine cows from the effect of rabies.

Mrs. D. H. Stancil and children are visiting her brothers, Messrs. W. V. and S. Z. Young, of McCullers.

The crops in our section are small, but have a fine color.

The farmers are very busy hilling corn.

The County convicts are building a fine road through our burg.

We are glad to note that Mrs. C. L. Wrenn is improving from her recent illness.

We are glad to welcome Miss Mary Bryan home from distant parts where she has been teaching music.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parrish, of Auburn, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Carter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monnie Sturdivant and children visited relatives on Swift Creek Friday.

FLIES OVER MOUNT WHITNEY.

Aviator Christofferson Attains an Altitude of 16,000 Feet.

Independence, Cal., June 25.—Silas Christofferson, aviator, in a biplane, flew to-day over the peak of Mount Whitney, 14,898 feet high. He attained an altitude estimated at more than 16,000 feet, and established, it is contended, a new American altitude record.

HEIR OF AUSTRIA AND WIFE.

Killed by Gavrio Prinzip a Student, Who Fires Fatal Shots With a Pistol.

Sarajevo, Bosnia, June 28.—Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austria-Hungarian throne and his morganatic wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated today while driving through the streets of Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital. A youthful Servian student fired the shots which added another to the long list of tragedies that have darkened the reign of Emperor Francis Joseph.

The archduke and his wife were victims of the second attempt in the same day against their lives. First a bomb was thrown at the automobile in which they were driving to the town hall. Forewarned, however, of a possible attempt against his life, the archduke was watchful and stuck the missile aside with his arm. It fell under an automobile following, which carried members of the archduke's suite, wounding Count von Boos-Waldex and Colonel Merizzo.

On their return from the town hall, the archduke and the duchess were driving to the hospital when Gavrio Prinzip darted at the car and fired a volley at the occupants. His aim was true and the archduke and his wife were mortally wounded. With them at the time was the governor of the city, who escaped injury. The bodies of his murdered companions fell across him and protected him from stray bullets.

The governor shouted to the chauffeur to rush to the palace. Physicians were in prompt attendance, but their services were useless as the archduke and his wife were dead before the palace was reached.

FOR SALE OF BATTLESHIPS.

House Votes, 174 to 87, to Authorize Sale and Action By Senate Later.

Washington Dispatch, 23rd.

Sale of the American battleships Idaho and Mississippi to Greece was approved late today by the House, which by a vote of 174 to 87 accepted a Senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill to authorize the transaction and the building of a dreadnought with the proceeds. Formal protests from Turkey has not altered the American administration's plans and the warships probably will be in the hands of the agents of the Greek government within a week.

Final action on the appropriation bill will be taken in the Senate tomorrow or Thursday, and the measure will be sent to the President. As soon thereafter as possible, representatives of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, and Bethlehem Steel Company, intermediaries in the negotiations, will call at the navy department and hand to Secretary Daniels a certified check for about twelve millions, the price agreed upon.

The Mississippi is at Pensacola navy yard, and it will simply be necessary to unload from her the supplies and personal property of the officers and enlisted men and place her in the hands of officers and crew to be provided by the Newport News Company to take her to Athens. The Idaho is at Gibraltar with a number of midshipmen aboard on their summer cruise from the naval academy. Though no definite arrangements have been made, it is believed the boys will be transferred with the ship's company to the battleships Illinois and Missouri, also in the Mediterranean, and the Idaho will be turned over to a Greek crew.

The Turkish ambassador, Rustem Bey, who protested to the President yesterday that acquisition of the American ships would unduly alarm the naval power Turkey's rival, would not discuss the matter today, though it was evident he was surprised at the action of the House.

FIFTY FEDERALS HANGED.

Constitutionalist Colonel Satisfies His Whim.

Naco, Ariz., June 27.—The recent capture of Santiago de Esquintlas, in the territory of Tepic, by Constitutional troops resulted in the hanging of 50 Federal soldiers and sympathizers, according to reports which reached Naco today.

The executions were said to have been a whim of the colonel in command.

NATION'S PURSE NOT EMPTY.

Underwood Explodes Talk of a Deficit. Surplus of Millions. Dream of Gaping Coffers Due to Wish for Government Failure.

Washington, June 27.—Fortified with official figures from the treasury department, Democratic Leader Underwood today told the house there would be no deficit in government finances and that any prediction of one was a dream, based on wishes springing from political antagonism.

In an analysis of the government's financial situation, Mr. Underwood announced that the total receipts of the government for the fiscal year ending next Tuesday would aggregate \$33,000,000, leaving a surplus of \$30,000,000 and that with only a half year's operation of the income tax. That did not include Panama expenditures, estimated at \$35,000,000. Next year, he declared, Panama expenditures virtually would pass away, and canal receipts would pay running expenses.

Mr. Underwood's speech was in support of the senate amendment to the legislative appropriation bill to increase the treasury fund for collecting the income tax from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, which the house finally agreed to. Mr. Underwood explained the increase was for collecting the income tax from persons and corporations trying to evade it.

"For next year," he predicted, "we can be assured of collecting more than \$100,000,000 from the income tax, even if no more proportionately is collected than was collected this year, and more proportionately will be collected."

Mr. Underwood said custom receipts were producing in the current year \$22,000,000 more than the administration had expected and that the treasury department reported these figures of the total revenue for the current year just ending:

"Income and corporation tax \$75,000,000, which has been estimated at \$95,000,000.

"Internal revenue \$309,000,000, estimated at \$312,000,000.

"Custom receipts \$292,000,000, estimated at \$270,000,000.

"Miscellaneous \$57,000,000, estimated at \$59,000,000."

Representative Payner of New York, author of the last Republican tariff law, contended that the Republicans should have been credited with some of the receipts in the current year, as the reduction in the tariff rates under the Underwood bill did not cover the entire fiscal year.

NO COOL WEATHER PROMISED.

Local Showers in Many Places May Relieve From Sizzling Heat.

Washington, June 28.—"Except for showers in New England and the middle Atlantic States, fair and warm weather is forecast for the first half of the coming week over most of the country," said the weather bureau's bulletin tonight.

"Over the middle and southern districts, west of the Rocky Mountains, the central plains States, the southwest, the Gulf States and the Ohio Valley generally, fair weather will prevail during the week, with continued high temperatures to the southward and with rising temperatures over the central districts by the middle of the week.

"In the Missouri and upper Mississippi Valley and the lake region fair weather with moderate temperatures during the first half of the week will be followed during the second half by unsettled and showery weather with higher temperatures, while in the middle Atlantic States and New England showers Monday will be followed by fair weather over both districts and by somewhat more moderate temperatures over the middle Atlantic States, until toward the end of the week when showers are indicated with rising temperatures.

"In the South Atlantic States higher temperatures will continue with occasional relief through local thunderstorms."

Mr. W. N. Rose, Jr., of Bentonsville, was here yesterday to attend a meeting of the Pension Board. Mr. John Stephenson, of Pleasant Grove, also a member of the Board, was here too. They are both veterans of the Civil War and also Democrats of the straightest sect. They have fought long and well for their party.

NEWS FROM FOUR OAKS.

Four Oaks, June 29.—Mr. R. H. Pool, of Elrod, was a visitor in town last week.

Last week Mr. George King's family, of near here, and a farm hand, Atlas Stanley, received ptomaine poison by eating chicken stew that had been allowed to stand in an enamel pot. Some of the enamel had pulled off the pot. Stanley lived one day after contracting the poison. The remainder have recovered.

Mr. John Hall, of Benson, was in town last Tuesday shaking hands with his many friends.

Messrs. W. R. Keen, S. W. Brown and L. C. Barbour went to Oxford last Wednesday.

Messrs. Simon B. Jones, B. Jones, W. D. Parrish and Capt. Skinner, of Smithfield, were in town Saturday.

Miss Mattie Pope, of Dunn, is visiting Miss Anne Langdon.

Miss Bertha Johnson, of Benson, visited Miss Sirena Oliver last week.

Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt, of Smithfield, was in town last Saturday, making preliminary preparations for his nomination August 1st. The people around here, in general, are glad to welcome him back into the race and feel sure of his victory.

About one mile north of the town, yesterday afternoon, George Blackstone shot Cash Young. Both are colored. It is said that the shooting occurred on account of whiskey. The bullet went into Young's hip-bone, passing through the bone and into the bowels. He is not expected to live. Blackstone got into a difficulty about three years ago, when he tried to cut Mr. Ira Barbour's throat. He is a light mulatto negro, weighs about 175 pounds, is about 5 feet, 10 inches tall. He is considered a desperate character. He is at large and there seems to be no effort to apprehend him.

Last Tuesday afternoon, in Clayton, the Four Oaks ball team defeated the Clayton giants by the score of 7 to 3. Clayton returns the game on Thursday.

Next Thursday night the Philatheas of the Baptist church will entertain the Baptist Baracas. The Baracas are requested to all be present at prayer meeting and bring all prospective Baracas with them.

WEST VIRGINIA GETS IN LINE.

Prohibition Goes Into Effect In That State Tonight.

Charleston, W. Va., June 28.—State-wide prohibition of the liquor business in West Virginia becomes effective next Tuesday midnight. It brings the total number of states in the prohibition column up to nine.

With West Virginia added, the list will be: Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia. These nine states of total prohibition territory, plus the local no-license area, make up 2,132,726 square miles in which 46,029,750 persons or nearly 50 per cent of the country's population live according to the latest figures of the prohibition leaders.

The 92,000 majority with which the people of West Virginia accepted the dry proposition was relatively the largest ever given by any state. It was approximately 2 to 1 for state-wide suppression of the liquor business. It was a surprise even to the prohibition forces, who were indebted largely to the determined stand which many of the large employers took in favor of their cause. The state has a population of 1,221,119 by the census of 1910.

The mandate of the legislature, embodied in the Yost bill, for the enforcement of the new law, beginning July 1st, departs in many respects from the methods hitherto tried along this line. The chief features center about the creation of a Commissioner of prohibition, whose particular business it will be to see that by next Tuesday midnight some 1200 liquor selling places in the State have disposed of their stocks and that thereafter all persons shall be punished by law if they keep liquor for sale.

Rev. James R. Jones Dead.

The News and Observer this morning gives an account of the death of Rev. James R. Jones which occurred Sunday morning near Louisburg. He was in his 64th year. Mr. Jones was pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church about 25 years ago.

CHAPEL HILL NEWS NOTES.

Summer School Has an Attendance Of Over 500. President Graham Honored With Degree by Sewanee University.

Chapel Hill, N. C., June 29.—With a total registration of 523, with about 25 more here yet to register, the best session of the Summer School for teachers the State University at Chapel Hill has ever conducted is well under way. (This Summer School was the first of its kind ever established in America.) The outstanding feature of the past week was a series of lectures, round table meetings, and conferences on the general subject of "Rural Life." Each aspect of the subject was treated by an expert in that particular subject. Dr. E. C. Branson, recently elected Professor of Rural Economics and Sociology, who has been described as "A new kind of Professor—a professor for the whole people," Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, Head of the Agricultural Department of Cornell University; Dr. H. Q. Alexander, President of the Farmers' Union of North Carolina; Hon. W. A. Graham, Mr. T. E. Brown, Head of the Boys' Corn Clubs, were present and among those taking part. With so many points of view represented it is remarkable how unanimously all the speakers agreed on the main points under discussion.

The main points brought out were as follows: The true secret of prosperity is retention of wealth produced in the community, rather than largeness of yield. Scotland County produced an average of \$42.04 per acre, the largest amount of any county in the United States. Allegheny was at the bottom of this list for this State, with about sixteen dollars. On the other hand, however, she leads the State on the per capita wealth. 86 per cent of her farms are operated by the owners and 94 per cent of these owners possess their property clear. This means diversity of crops with more attention to forage, truck and stock. Second, the chief defect in the rural school system is the shifting of the teachers from one school to another. It is very seldom that a teacher spends two years in the same school. If teachers could be paid adequately (which they could if wealth were conserved) they would grow up with their schools and develop a strong factor in the social life of the rural districts. If this were done the number of well trained leaders would increase who are absolutely necessary to progress. This last point was specially stressed by Dr. Alexander.

The Fourth of July celebration of the students here is probably the only one of its kind in the State. Each women's college and co-educational institution in the State that has a sufficiently large delegation, prepares a "stunt." The subject of these stunts vary from tableaux to short playlets. At ten o'clock the entire student body participating in the festivities starts on a parade through the streets of the village. The large variety of gay costumes make a very pretty effect. This is the third year of this form of celebration and each year it grows more elaborate.

President Edward K. Graham, elected President at the June meeting of the Trustees, has received the degree of D. C. L. from Sewanee University. This is considered a very high honor. Mr. Graham addressed the Press Convention at Wrightsville Beach last week.

The Summer School is publishing for the first time a Summer School paper which appears each Saturday. This is the only Summer School in the South which has its weekly publication. As the School is fast becoming the leading institution of its kind in the South, the Authorities felt that there was a demand for such a paper.

A few more candidates' cards appear in today's paper. Now is the time to get in the race while there is smooth sailing. If you want office, don't wait for your friends to push you in. They may not know of your aspirations. Make up your mind and jump in and let the folks know about it. There is still room for a few more entries.

An educated man is a man who can do what he ought to do when he ought to do it whether he wants to do it or not.—Nicholas Murray Butler.