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COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO MEET

Will Be Held in the Court House Next Saturday April Third and Select Delegates to the State Convention Which Meets in Raleigh Next Week. Every Democrat Who Attends Will Have a Voice in the Convention.

This is a Presidential election year and the interest in politics is generally greater when a President is to be chosen than it is in the off-years. A governor is also to be elected and all county officers will be chosen again this year with the exception of Clerk of the Court. While there is not much enthusiasm in matters political, the question is beginning to take on new life, and the next few weeks will see a lively interest manifested.

Under the Democratic plan of organization all the counties in the State will hold their regular county conventions next Saturday, April 3rd. This convention is called for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State convention which meets in Raleigh April 8, at 12 o'clock noon. The State convention will elect two Electors-at-Large and four delegates and four alternates to the National convention which meets in San Francisco on June 28. At the State convention there will also be chosen first selected by the delegates from each Congressional District) two delegates and two alternates to the National convention and an Elector from each Congressional District.

The precinct meetings which were appointed to meet last Saturday were asked to name a Township Executive Committee of five, and select a chairman. These township chairmen are to constitute the County Democratic Executive Committee. The members of this committee are to meet here next Saturday and name a County Chairman. This is the plan for the organization as outlined in a letter to the party officials here from Hon. Thos. D. Warren, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Under the plan practiced by Johnston County Democrats for the past twenty years every Democrat in good standing may attend the convention and have a voice in its deliberations. Every Democrat in the county has an invitation to the convention here Saturday and if present he may have his proportionate part of a vote counted. Under the Democratic plan of organization each county in the State shall be entitled to elect to the State convention one delegate and one alternate for every 150 Democratic votes and one delegate and one alternate for fractions over 75 Democratic votes cast therein for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election. Mr. Bickett received 3227 votes in the election of 1916 and this entitles Johnston county to 22 votes in the State convention.

The convention will meet in the court house at 12 o'clock next Saturday, April 3. It is hoped that the Democrats will turn out in full force and show to the enemy, the Republicans, that the party is in full fighting trim.

MR. RIGLER NOW IN ALABAMA.

State Secretary in the County Work of the Y. M. C. A. With Headquarters at Birmingham.

Mr. C. P. Rigler, who led the way in the organization of the Y. M. C. A. work for the boys in Johnston county, is now in Birmingham, Ala., where he has accepted the State Secretaryship of the County Y. M. C. A. work and began his work there last week. Mr. Rigler writes that the work is very satisfactory and a work he has been looking for. He has been in the Y. M. C. A. work for several years and is a hard and energetic worker.

Mr. Rigler is the Y. M. C. A. Secretary who worked for several weeks in Johnston county organizing the County Work. While in this county he made many friends who will be glad to learn of his promotion and wish him abundant success in his larger work.

Lumberton Forms a Gardner Club.

A "Gardner for Governor Club" was organized in Lumberton Saturday night with a membership of 1,417 signed members. Thomas L. Johnson is Gardner's campaign manager for Robeson county.

COUNTY SECRETARY OF THE Y.M.C.A. WORK

The Executive Committee Has Selected J. O. Bowman, Principal of Selma High School, to Have Charge of Work. Mr. Bowman Trained At Chicago.

One evening last week the County Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. met in the office of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the purpose of electing a County Y. M. C. A. Secretary. The Executive Committee invited the ministers of Smithfield as an advisory committee to be present at this meeting. Rev. Mr. Murray was out of the city, but both Rev. Mr. Cotton and Rev. Mr. Baucom were present. Mr. S. K. Hunt, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was present at the meeting.

Mr. Hunt recommended Prof. J. O. Bowman, Principal of the Selma High School, for the position as Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Johnston County



PROF. J. O. BOWMAN

for the ensuing year. Mr. Hunt presented to the Executive Committee Mr. Bowman's training and qualifications, which were as follows: Prof. J. O. Bowman is a graduate of Berea College, Kentucky. He served three years as athletic director of Berea College. One year as athletic director and assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Frankfort, Kentucky. Mr. Bowman was a public school teacher for many years and also served as principal of high schools for six years. He began teaching when he was very young. He attended summer school at the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill last summer, and in addition has also attended several summer schools at Berea College. In these summer schools he has taken training in the best methods of teaching and supervision, and in addition to summer school work he spent two summers in Chautauqua work. He also traveled for Berea College two summers doing educational extension work for the college.

Mr. Bowman has always been very much interested in the Y. M. C. A. He took special training at the Chicago Training School in Y. M. C. A. work. He was athletic director for Camp Daniel Boone, a boys' summer training camp in Kentucky, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

The Executive Committee and the ministers present consider the county very fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Bowman for another year. He is admirably fitted for the great work which is to be done in the county through the medium of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Bowman possesses a pleasing personality. He is an attractive speaker and a consecrated Christian gentleman. The Executive Committee bespeaks the co-operation of the people of the county with Mr. Bowman in all of his undertakings to develop a strong, pure and upright young manhood in the county.

Mr. Bowman stands ready to serve at any time the towns that have contributed so liberally to the Y. M. C. A. work. He will visit these communities at an early date and undertake to organize the boys of the communities, and discover a leadership among the citizens of each community that will aid him in safe-guarding the moral, intellectual and physical development of the boys of these communities. It is the hope of the Executive Committee that the citizens of these towns will extend Mr. Bowman a sense of sincere appreciation of his work and give him a hearty co-operation in all of his work among the boys.

MAX GARDNER CLUB IS FORMED HERE

Mr. J. W. Stephenson, Who Will Be Mr. Gardner's Manager for the County, Chosen President. Meeting Well Attended and Enthusiastic in Its Endorsement of Gardner.

An enthusiastic bunch of Max Gardner's supporters met in the court house here Friday night and organized a Gardner-for-Governor-Club. Mr. J. W. Stephenson was chosen as President of the club. He is also to be the manager of Mr. Gardner's campaign in this county. Messrs. C. A. Creech and T. J. Lassiter were elected as secretaries of the club with Mr. F. K. Broadhurst treasurer.

Several members of an executive and advisory committee were named and the President empowered to complete the committee by naming additional members. Among those named at the meeting Friday night were Messrs. Sam T. Honeycutt, Dr. George D. Vick, Wade H. Royal and John O. Ellington.

The club started off with an enrollment of about a hundred which will increase very rapidly as the matter is presented to the voters. Reports from various parts of the county and state indicate that Mr. Gardner is strong with the people and his friends confidently expect his nomination in the June primary.

MISS MAMIE SUE JONES LEADER

Salvation Army Home Service Fund Organized in Johnston County.

Mr. J. S. Helsdon, District Manager of the Salvation Army Home Service Fund, with headquarters in Raleigh, was in the city yesterday and organized the work in Johnston county. It is the purpose of the Salvation Army to put on a campaign May 10th to 20th to raise money for the Home Service Fund. Gov. T. W. Bickett is chairman for the state. The work of the Salvation Army needs no explanation. Its prominence during the war has justified to the world the existence of the organization and without doubt the amount needed will be raised. Johnston county's quota is \$2,650. The following officers were appointed by Mr. Helsdon yesterday to carry out the plans in Johnston: County Chairman, Miss Mamie Sue Jones; Treasurer, Mr. R. P. Holding; Chairman of Publicity, Mr. T. J. Lassiter; Chairman of Transportation, Mr. Ryland Woodall. The county depository is the First National Bank.

Mr. Helsdon, who is a native of Georgia and who has been working there recently, said he found the spirit for the Salvation Army at high tide in his native state, but must confess while not a Carolinian, the spirit here is more pronounced.

J. I. Blackman Dead.

Mr. J. I. Blackman was born January 4, 1875 and died March 16, 1920, making his stay on earth 45 years, 2 months and 12 days. Mr. Blackman had been a great sufferer for about one year. Many doctors did their best for him but it seemed that the death angel drew nearer and nearer until he finally claimed him as his own and gently bore his spirit to God who gave it. He confessed Jesus Christ and joined the Baptist church when about 16 years old. He was a member of Carter's Chapel Baptist church.

Mr. Blackman was very kind to little children, having no children of his own he took three orphan children and cared for them as his own. They are Mrs. Hubert Barbour, now of Raleigh, and Mr. Andrew and Mr. Ernest Blackman who lived with him until his death. He was married to Miss Frances Pittman January 1, 1895, who also survives him. May God comfort her in her sad hour of bereavement and may she meet her dear husband where there will be no partings or tears or pain. His funeral was preached by Rev. J. H. Worley.

A NEICE.

Chautauqua Committee to Organize.

Miss L. Jennette Totten, advance organizer for the Community Chautauqua, will be in Smithfield Monday, April 5th for the purpose of laying plans for producing the chautauqua here this summer. She will probably call a meeting of the committee during her stay here.

FATHER AND SON KILLED BY TRAIN

J. B. Cuddington and His Son Rob Cuddington Meet Death Near Kenly When They Attempt to Cross the Railroad in An Automobile and Were Hit by a Fast Coast Line Train.

Parties in Smithfield yesterday afternoon from Kenly told us of a most horrible accident in which Mr. J. B. Cuddington and his son Rob met their death Monday morning by being hit by a fast Coast Line train just a short distance south of Kenly. It was train No. 87 which was running a few hours late that snuffed out the lives of the two men about nine o'clock. The accident took place just near a deep cut and the men could not see the coming train until it was right on them. They were riding in a Dort car which was demolished by the impact of the train. The two men were horribly mangled, their remains being strewn along the railroad track for some distance. Arms and legs were cut off and thrown in different directions and the brains of the older man were spilled along the track. The remains were gathered up in fragments and put together and taken to Kenly where they were prepared for burial.

The older man had just recovered from an attack of pneumonia. We understand that his wife and another son are now sick with pneumonia.

It is said that two sons of Mr. Cuddington witnessed the horrible accident. They were traveling the same direction in a wogan and the father and the brother had just passed them when they were struck by the fast train.

Death of Mrs. J. S. Talton, of Oneals

Last Wednesday afternoon, while engaged in the usual routine of home duties, Mrs. J. S. Talton was stricken with apoplexy, prior to which she was in good health. The seriousness of the attack was soon evident. The family physician and a trained nurse were summoned as quickly as possible and they, with every effort of the family and friends, could do nothing to relieve her condition. She grew steadily worse and at seven o'clock Thursday evening, March 25th, the Angel of Death claimed her spirit.

Mrs. Talton was one of the most devout Christian ladies of our community having been a consistent member of Antioch church since childhood. She was an ardent church worker, exemplifying the Golden Rule, good to all with whom she came in contact and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Mrs. Talton was forty-one years of age at the time of her death. Before marriage she was Miss Florence Creech, the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Hayward Creech, sister to Leroy, Charlie and Luther Creech, and Mrs. Daniel Eason, deceased. She is survived by her husband, Mr. J. S. Talton, one daughter, Mrs. Olie Brannon, two sons, Ransom and Joseph Talton, two sisters, Mrs. John Corbett and Mrs. Milton Richardson, and one brother, Walter Creech, of Clayton.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. A. Pippin, of Wakefield on Friday afternoon, and as the sun was about to close the day, all that was mortal of this memorable character was tenderly laid to rest in the yard of her church, amidst a host of friends and loved ones. The flowers were in profusion and very beautiful. The teacher and classmates of the younger son, covered the newly-built mound with wreaths as the twilight forced the bereaved aching hearts to return empty to their homes.

Our deepest sympathy goes out especially to the devoted husband and children in this trying hour. We commend them to the Higher Power who doeth all things well. Truly, "God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform." A FRIEND.

Searching for Liquor.

On night of March 24th W. C. Dixon deputy marshal, and A. Perry, chief of police of Benson, raided Darry Allen's house and found about one gallon liquor and 30 gallon barrel empty concealed under a fish box. A 4-gallon jug buried with a fish box over it and another 4-gallon jug buried. All empty but evidence was that the jugs had recently contained liquor.

SOMETHING OF LOW PRICES YEARS AGO

Flour at \$2.50 Per Barrel—Meat by The Box at Four Cents a Pound—A Bale of Cotton of 452 Pounds Sold for Less Than Eighteen Dollars

Mr. H. L. Graves, Sr., who has been resting for the past fourteen months on account of his health is traveling again in part of his old territory for the Dunlop Flour Mills. Long ago before Mt. Airy had a railroad he clerked there and most of the trade done then was by exchange of produce as there was then very little money to be had. He remembers buying large fine Buckingham apples at ten cents per bushel. He began doing brokerage business at Greensboro thirty eight years ago. The first box of meat about 500 pounds he sold came from W. S. Forbes & Company, Richmond, Va., and cost less than twenty dollars. He sold and delivered at Selma to Mr. Jack Rains of Selma five boxes of meat at four cents per pound. He has known meat to retail for four cents per pound. One winter Mr. Graves was fattening two hogs for his own meat and they got tired eating corn. To give them a change he bought a cart load of fine potatoes at fifteen cents per bushel for them.

Mr. Graves sold to Mr. W. H. McCullers at Clayton a car load of good flour at \$2.50 per barrel. This was just before the great Leiter Wheat campaign which carried flour to what was considered very high then. Flour rose from \$2.50 per barrel to \$2.65, next to \$2.85 and \$3.00 and on up to \$6.50 in thirty days time. Mr. Graves sold Col. D. W. Fuller a car load of shipp stuff at \$9.00 per ton. About that time the Dunlop Mills had to dump wheat bran into the James river to get it out of their way. Mr. Graves offered for sale a bale of 452 pounds of cotton one afternoon and the price then ran it up a little over eighteen dollars for the whole bale. Next morning he sold the cotton but the bale then brought him less than eighteen dollars.

Big Still Captured.

Last week Messrs. W. C. Dixon, deputy marshal, U. S. Page, chief of police of Dunn, R. F. Jernigan, deputy sheriff of Harnett county, Ed Parker, deputy sheriff in Johnston county, captured a 65-gallon still 15 miles southeast of Benson on a Mr. Wilson's land. Twenty six barrels containing 55 gallons each of beer or 1430 gallons of beer, were seized and destroyed. Still not in operation. No liquor found.

New Rules for Sanitary Kissing.

According to a New York physician kissing is sanitary after the lips have been sterilized by sunshine and fresh air. He tells of an experiment in discovering this fact. A pretty young woman with tuberculosis kissed a sterile dish. In the morning germs were found, but in the afternoon and evening it was a pretty healthy risk.

Oldest Graduate of Harvard is Dead.

Newton, Mass., March 26.—Charles French, who was the oldest living graduate of Harvard College, died at his home here last night. He was graduated with the class of 1848 and was 93 years old. He had charge of a private preparatory school in Boston, where among his early pupils was President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot. By his death Dr. Horatio R. Storer, of Newport, R. I., graduate in the class of 1850, now becomes the oldest living graduate.

School Finds a Friend.

The schools of Franklinton have found a friend that means much to them. It is announced that Mr. S. C. Mann, a wealthy man and Franklinton's foremost citizen, has offered to give \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting a modern high school building for the town. There is hope for the schools when such men as Mr. Mann come to their rescue.

Shoots Youth for Marrying Daughter.

A. B. Weaver, of near Dunn, announced in Fayetteville Monday that he had shot Ernest Moore for marrying his 12 year old daughter. The young man was shot through the hand and was not seriously wounded.

TORNADO SWEEPS SEVERAL CITIES

Many Killed and Injured and Great Property Loss at Elgin, Illinois—Milrose Park, a Suburb of Chicago, Suffered Heavy Losses With Several Killed.

Chicago, March 28.—A score of persons were killed and a hundred or more injured today by a tornado that swept the country and a number of towns north and west of Chicago, and ravaged some of the city's northwestern suburbs.

The property damage ran into millions of dollars, including the demolition of many buildings and the razing of telegraph and telephone lines. Communication with rural regions was for a time cut off.

Six persons were killed and a score injured when the tornado swept through the center of Elgin, Ill., about 30 miles west of Chicago, causing \$4,000,000 damage to property. Melrose park, a suburb of Chicago, reported six dead, and Dunning, another suburb, and Wilmette, a north shore town, each reported two dead.

From Elgin the storm passed on to the northeast. Half a dozen business buildings, two churches and 20 residences were demolished in Elgin. Meager reports brought in by farmers indicated local damage in a widespread rural region. Falling telegraph and telephone poles cut off communication, and many trees uprooted by the twisting wind, so tangled the wires that restoration of communication presented a difficult problem.

The Elgin company of the state militia was placed on duty to guard property, laid open to the public by the unroofing and upsetting of stores.

At Melrose Park, on the western edge of Chicago, 60 houses were destroyed, the devastated area covering four blocks. The tornado followed in the wake of a severe hailstorm.

Tonight six dead had been identified at Melrose Park, and it was predicted the fatality list would reach 12. Scores were injured.—Associated Press.

Services at Episcopal Church Friday.

Good Friday services at the Episcopal church on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Tornado Sweeps Several Cities.

Messages received at Montgomery, Alabama, from West Point, Ga., announced the death of two, the injury of several persons, and the destruction of the northwestern part of the town Sunday by a tornado which came from the southwest. Damage to the extent of \$125,000 were reported at Washington, Ga. The First Baptist church, court house and high school were unroofed. It was also reported that the town of Edgerton, Ind., was completely wiped out. A storm of cyclone intensity struck Macon, Ga., Sunday evening causing heavy damage throughout the city.

EDITOR WAY PASSES AWAY.

Henderson Newspaper Man Made Notable Success As Publisher

Henderson, March 26.—Preston Taylor Way, editor and manager and principal owner of the Henderson Daily Dispatch and the Henderson Gold Leaf, died at a local hospital at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon following a stroke of paralysis he suffered Wednesday of last week. He never regained consciousness except for a moment at a time. He was 50 years old.

He came to Henderson nine years ago and with several Henderson business men bought The Gold Leaf then the weekly from the late Thad R. Manning. He soon expanded The Gold Leaf into a semi-weekly and in 1914 started the daily paper in addition. His efforts met with such success that the daily paper has grown to a day leased wire service of the Associated Press, which begins next Monday.

He was one of the founders of the North Carolina association of afternoon papers and for two years was its president. He began his newspaper career in Jonesboro 27 years ago. An interval of several years in which he taught school followed, after which he bought and edited the Waxhaw Enterprise in Union county and made a wonderful success of it.—News and Observer.