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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION CALLED

To Meet in Smithfield Thursday, September 9, to Name County Ticket and Nominees for Legislature. George Ross Pou Is County Chairman.

The Democratic County Executive Committee met in the courthouse here last Friday afternoon to fix the date for holding Democratic County convention and selected a Chairman of the Executive Committee. The meeting was largely attended. In fact it was one of the most largely attended executive committee meetings ever held here, attesting the great interest shown in the party's welfare. It was a representative body of men who are alive to the interest of the Democratic party and the welfare of the State.

The meeting was called to order by former Chairman Ed. S. Abell, who called Dr. R. J. Noble to the chair. The first business of the meeting was the fixing of the time to hold the township meetings and the county convention. It was decided to call the township meetings to be held at the voting precincts on Saturday afternoon, September 4. The county convention to name a county ticket and representatives in the next General Assembly was appointed to be held on Thursday, September 9.

The next question taken up was the selection of a chairman of the County Executive Committee to succeed Mr. Ed. S. Abell, resigned, who has been Chairman of the committee for the past six years. Mr. Abell was urged to reconsider his resignation and take the chairmanship again. He has led the Democratic hosts to victory three times and the Democrats of the county have great confidence in the success of the party at the polls when Ed Abell is leading. But he said that other matters made it impossible for him to accept the responsible position. Mr. Honeycutt was urged to take the chairmanship but he also declined. He said that he would give as much time and help to the success of the party this fall as a private in the ranks as he had ever given as a candidate for office. Mr. Jas. A. Wellons was asked to take it and he also declined assuring the committee of his undivided support.

Mr. George Ross Pou was then placed in nomination and was unanimously elected to the responsible position. Mr. Pou was called on for a speech. He arose and said he never made a speech in his life and was not going to make one then, but that he thanked the committee for the honor and the confidence it placed in him and pledged his best efforts for the success of the party at the polls in November, and asked for the support of the former chairman and leaders. Then Mr. Robert A. Wellons was named as Secretary of the Committee.

In the selection of Mr. Pou as Chairman of the Committee the Democracy has done well. His leadership of the Morrison forces to victory in the recent primary acclaimed him as a young man fit to be a leader in the ranks of the Democratic party. As an organizer and leader in that campaign he proved to be a great success and his friends are looking to him to be equally successful as a leader of the Democratic forces in the coming campaign. The selection of Mr. Robert A. Wellons, of Smithfield, as secretary of the committee, was a wise one. Mr. Wellons is a young lawyer of force and ability, alert, energetic and tactful he will add strength to the party organization. The action of the Executive Committee in selecting these popular and virile young men as leaders was a wise one and will interest and enthuse the young Democrats of the county.

The township meetings to be held on the 4th of September are called on to select an executive committee of five active Democrats, who shall select one of their number as chairman, who will then be a member of the County Executive Committee. The township meetings will also nominate candidates for Magistrates and Constables, and report the same to the Chairman of the County Executive Committee at once, together with the names of the township executive committee.

Under the Democratic plan of organization every Democrat of good standing is considered a delegate to

MR. LLOYD RANSON CHOSEN

Charlotte Man to Have Charge of County Y. M. C. A. Work—Succeeds Mr. Bowman

At a meeting of the committee of the County Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of Johnston County held in the courthouse Friday afternoon Mr. Lloyd Ranson, of Charlotte, was unanimously elected Secretary for Johnston County to succeed Mr. J. O. Bowman who resigned to take up his former position as Principal of the Selma High School, having been re-elected to the position.

Mr. Ranson's past experience as Field Secretary for the State Committee will be of great value to him and to the Johnston County Committee. He will enter upon his duties as Secretary immediately. Mr. S. K. Hunt, State County Work Secretary, and Mr. Howard Hubbell, Southern Regional Secretary, were present and made short talks at the committee meeting.

TO RAISE BIG SLUSH FUND

Cox Says \$15,000,000 Its Low Mark and the Sky Its Limit—Half Million Raised

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 19.—Charges that at least \$15,000,000 are being contributed to the Republican campaign fund by selfish interests were made today by Governor Cox, Democratic presidential candidate, during the course of two addresses opening the Indiana Democratic campaign.

"That is its low mark," he said, "and the sky apparently is the limit. In Ohio \$500,000 was raised in the twinkling of an eye. They have subdivided America into seven districts, and influential men representing selfish and greedy interests are passing the hat. They are trying to buy a governmental 'underhold.' It is a mere bagatelle compared with what the contributors expect to get back."

Pleas for the League of Nations, denunciations of what he said was the Republican plan for a separate peace with Germany, promises of tax reductions, and problems of the high cost of living, were other features of Governor Cox's address.

He spoke to a crowd of several thousand late today on the courthouse square; attended a banquet of the Indiana Democratic Editors' Association and addressed another large crowd tonight at the Coliseum.

WILSON REGAINED WEIGHT

Washington Times Tells Some Of Things That Chief Executive Does Daily.

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Wilson has regained his normal weight of 179 pounds, according to an article appearing today in the Washington Times, quoting Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, the President's personal physician, as having made the statement today. The article also depicts "according to Dr. Grayson," the things the President does in a "normal day" at the White House including the following:

"Exercises his left arm by extending it and withdrawing it.

"Shaves himself, sometimes with a safety razor.

"Climbs stairs with a cane to exercise his leg muscles.

"Dictates rapidly and frequently and writes shorthand notes of what he wants done.

"Uses an indelible pencil to sign most letters to departmental officers."

At the White House it was said tonight that Dr. Grayson was out of the city and not expected to return until tomorrow. Secretary Tumulty was also out of town and no other official would comment on the article.

Governor James M. Cox, Democratic nominee for President, has been invited to speak at the Harnett County Fair at Dunn, on October 12. He has left the matter with the National Chairman, and the Dunn people are hopeful that he will speak there on the date named.

the County Convention, but the townships are asked to appoint a list of delegates, that number to which they are entitled whose business is to be sure to attend the county convention. The object of this is to be sure that every township shall be represented.

COMMITTEE FINDS FOR MACHINE GUN COMPANY

Conduct of Durham Military At Graham Most "Exemplary and Soldier-Like"—Report Is Sent to Governor T. W. Bickett.

Raleigh, Aug. 20.—Declaring that the conduct of the Durham machine gun company, which participated in the late unpleasantness in Graham, resulting in the death of one man and the injury of another while the soldiers guarded negroes in jail on suspicion, was in every way "most exemplary and soldier-like," the special investigating committee today made its report, which follows:

"The committee appointed to investigate the alleged assault upon the jail at Graham, N. C., and the conduct of the troops on the night of July 19, 1920, submitted its report to the governor. It is signed by all the members of the committee, Col. A. H. Boyden, chairman, B. S. Royster and H. W. Whedbee. The committee makes the following findings of facts:

"The committee, after a careful consideration of all the testimony and of the facts and circumstances attending the ordering of the machine gun company to Graham, N. C., finds as follows:

"That the ordering of the machine gun company to Graham, for the purpose of upholding the law and guarding the jail of Alamance county, was justified by the conditions existing in Graham, at the time the civil authorities requested to governor the sending of troops to Graham.

"That upon his arrival in Graham, the commanding officer of the machine gun company reported to the sheriff of Alamance county, and immediately established a guard line around the jail and posted sentinels.

"That the troops, while on duty in Graham, were frequently jeered at and a number of insulting remarks were made to them from time to time during their tour of duty, but the troops made no reply.

"That on Monday there was apparent quiet in the town.

"That during Monday afternoon and night, threats of breaking the jail and taking out the prisoners, being guarded, were made to the soldiers, as well as in the presence of others in the town; and these threats were communicated by the soldiers and others to the commanding officer of the machine gun company.

"That the sentinels and jail were fired upon by parties unknown between 9 and 9:30 o'clock on Monday night; that the sentinels, when fired upon, and acting upon the orders from their superior officers, fell back to the jail and made report to the superior officers of such firing; that after the jail and sentinels had been thus fired upon, and after several shots were fired at the jail, the officer in charge of the guard and machine gun company gave orders to commence firing; that several rounds were fired by the guards from their pistols and there were three volleys from the machine guns of from 10 to 25 shots each; the fire of the machine guns was from the rear and side of the jail, and the fire from the pistols was from the rear, sides, and front of the jail; that no damage was done by the machine guns fire; and that several shots from the pistols struck houses in the vicinity of the jail.

"That officers and men of the machine gun company, under the orders to protect the jail and guard the prisoners, were fully justified in returning the fire, when the sentinels and jail were fired upon.

"That James Ray, who was killed on the street near the jail, and Willis Phillips and Clem Bradshaw, who were wounded, were not members of any organized mob, but seemed to have been innocent or curious on-lookers.

"That the conduct of the officers and of the men of the machine gun company, from the time they reached Graham and reported to the sheriff for duty until they were relieved on Tuesday morning, was in every respect most exemplary and soldier-like. The testimony satisfies us that none of the soldiers was under the influence of liquor and that there was no unseemly or ungentlemanly conduct on the part of any of them."—Greensboro News.

COUPLE CELEBRATE THEIR SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Franklin Edgerton, of Kenly, Celebrate Event at Their Home Friday Evening from 8:30 to 12:00 O'clock.

Kenly, Aug. 23.—The celebration at their Kenly home of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Franklin Edgerton Friday evening from 8:30 to 12 o'clock, was a great social event and was attended by throngs of friends and relatives of the popular couple.

The house was profusely decorated with potted plants, ferns, palms, cut flowers and pine boughs. The porch was decorated with hanging baskets of flowers of different kinds which made a pleasing effect in the shaded lights of rose, while the lawn was decorated with Japanese lanterns and electric lights.

Little Miss Sarah Coleman and L. C. Wilkinson, Jr., received the cards. Misses Beulah Bailey and Retta Martin directed the guests to the punch bowls, which were presided over by Miss Emma Mathews and Mr. Marion Woolard and Miss Gladys Kirby and Mr. Elton Neighbors.

The guests were greeted at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson and shown to the cloak room by Misses Margaret Hooks and Lillian Wilkinson. The guests were presented by Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Ezzell of Smithfield. The receiving line was composed of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton, Messrs. Yates and Claude Edgerton, Misses Inez and Miriam Edgerton, Mr. Jarvis Edgerton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edgerton of Wilson, Mr. L. F. Alford of Raleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cotter of Smithfield.

The guests were shown into the dining room by Miss Rena Edgerton and Mr. Miller Bridger which was presided over by Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Ginn of Goldsboro, assisted by Misses Mildred Darden, Lucile Holden, Lillian Edgerton, Betty Edgerton, of Wilson, and little Misses Elizabeth Woodard and Virginia Kirby, where ices, cakes, bonbons, almonds, etc., were served. The dining room was decorated in pink and green. On the center of the table was a miniature bride and groom and minister.

The guests were conducted into the registration room by Mrs. J. E. Stevens of Richmond, Va., where they were requested to register in the guest book, by Misses Katherine Curtis of Greensboro and Lucile Howard of Dunn, after which Miss May Wilkinson gave the favors, boxes with dates and initials hand-painted in silver, containing wedding cake.

The guests were conducted to the gift room by Miss Agnes Hales and Mr. Hank Simmons. This room was decorated in old blue and white. Tables were arranged in the center of the room in the shape of a cross on which were displayed the handsome gifts to the "bride and groom" from hundreds of friends in and out of the state.

A delightful feature of the occasion was a musical arranged under the direction of Mr. Harvey McNair and Miss Eula May Edgerton of Wilson, comprising popular selections from the Edison and solos by Mrs. J. J. Edgerton.

The bride was never more beautiful than in her gown of Parisian old rose, brocaded with silver. Miss Inez Edgerton wore orchid taffeta with silver trimmings. Little Miss Miriam Edgerton wore ruffled yellow georgette.

The gift of the groom to the bride was a handsome new model Cadillac Suburban.

Fight With Knives in Smithfield.

Last Saturday two negroes who had been working in Smithfield had a quarrel. Sunday afternoon they met at the Smithfield depot and had a fight. It began by their throwing stones at each other and then they got together and cut each other with knives. One had a pocket knife and the other a butcher knife. Finally one made a great stroke at the other to cut his throat but by quick dodging the knife missed its intended course and went deep down into the thigh of the man who had it in his hand. This negro is confined to his room and may not be out for several days. Their names are Joe Hasken and Rundle Butts.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE VIEWS

Expressed by A Native Tar Heel—In Accord With the N. C. Legislature.

Mr. Editor:—I see by today's paper, that the Tennessee Legislature has ratified the Susan B. Anthony amendment, thus giving women the right to vote in the November election. The result was a surprise to your correspondent, and a source of regret.

I consider the course of our own Legislature more nearly in accord with the traditions of Democracy. They were asked to vote on a proposition, upon which their constituents had never had an opportunity to express their preference. Believing that the duty of all representative assemblies is to record the wishes of the people who elected them, they postponed the consideration of the amendment until after the people had had a chance to say what they wished, at the polls.

Frankly, I am sorry that the ballot was given to women at this time. The questions confronting the Nation, are so complicated and momentous, that I deplore the fact that approximately ten million new and untried voters will have to solve them. I would have much preferred to wait until the ship of state had passed out of the present storm belt, and was in smooth water, before we asked our fair new sailors on board. The good teacher does not let the first year English class begin with Browning, nor does a good house-keeper tell her new cook to make a fruit-cake for the first meal.

Many strong advocates of woman-suffrage were (like myself) opposed to its coming through a constitutional amendment, believing that each state should have the right to determine the qualifications of its own voters. But whatever may have been our wishes or fears, woman-suffrage is now an immediate fact, and the philosophical course is to make the best of it.

After all, there is no valid argument against woman-suffrage, except the doubt whether she wants it herself. I have thought that the women of North Carolina did not desire to vote, though I must admit that I have been amazed by the large number of the most intelligent women of my acquaintance who have earnestly desired it.

As to the objections to the right of women to vote. The question of her lack of the necessary intelligence, we will pass over, for who among us will be willing to say, that in genuine intelligence—the ability to meet wisely the conditions of life, as they successively arise to confront each individual—his Mother was not the equal of his Father?

Of all the adverse arguments, it seems to me that those based upon the Holy Scriptures, are the most vulnerable. The human writers of the Bible with St. Paul at their head, were ancient Orientals, and no man is ever able to get entirely beyond the influence of environment and age. Their injunctions, implying the inferiority of women—such as "wives obey your husbands," "keep covered and silent in the assembly," etc., were all the reflections of the Oriental attitude toward women. Only one being has ever walked the earth, who was entirely above all influence of place or time or contemporaneous teaching. And you may search every word He ever uttered, for a suggestion of the inferiority of women, in vain. On the other hand, the greatest commission ever given to a human being, was given by Him, to Mary of Magdala, and she carried His message which has illumined the ages. The men had all run away, but she hunted them up, and delivered it. I have never heard the most violent Anti say that Mary ought to have been in her home, that day. She probably did not have a home.

Another argument has been, that women might vote to bring on a war, and not be able to fight it. As a matter of fact, and speaking generally, the ones who vote for wars, never do fight them. The ancients had a maxim, "Old men for council, and young men for war." The grey-haired father sits in the halls of state, and with bowed head, and breaking heart, casts the vote which sends his young son to death.

But there is another fact, which shows the injustice of this contention. The number of deaths, in battle, in

MEN ENTER STORE IN CLAYTON FRIDAY NIGHT

They Were Discovered and When They Attempted to Make Their Escape A Young Man Named Jones Was Shot Fatally.

Last Friday night Mr. Marshall Holland's store at Clayton was entered from the rear by Robert Tyson and a young man named Jones, a son of Mr. L. H. Jones of Mount Olive. These young men had been painting at Clayton. They were in the store putting some goods into bundles. Messrs. Hal and James Ellis entered the store and asked the men to surrender. They both made an effort to escape. Jones was shot through the body and fell to the floor. Tyson broke through the glass front, cutting himself severely and was forced to surrender. He is here in jail to await trial. Jones was taken to Mount Olive by his family and lived just long enough to speak to his mother and tell her he had to die. It seems the two young men had been breaking into stores for several years. Tyson says he had told Jones several times that it would be better for them to quit but Jones would not agree to it.

TO HEAD THE JUNIORS

D. W. Cobb Named As State Councillor at Annual Convention in New Bern

New Bern, Aug. 19.—With the conclusion of the business session held this morning and which ran on until in the afternoon, the thirtieth annual State Council of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, which has been in session in this city since Tuesday night, came to a close today, and this afternoon the 600 or more delegates from all parts of the State who have been in attendance returned home.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: D. W. Cobb, Goldsboro, State councillor; J. L. Mendenhall, Greensboro, vice councillor; A. A. Davis, Hope Mills, conductor; I. P. Powell, Winston-Salem, secretary; J. H. Gilley, Winston-Salem, assistant secretary; K. L. Long, Concord, outside sentinel; Fred Mills, Concord, inside sentinel.

The following national representatives were selected: Numa R. Reed, Wentworth; Woods Kellum, Wilmington; C. F. Alexander, Charlotte; J. B. Carver, Winston-Salem; T. C. Mohr, Charlotte; W. A. Cooper, Raleigh. The place of the next meeting was not decided upon, this being left in the hands of the executive committee, and they will make a decision later on. It is expected, however, that Wilmington will be chosen for the 1921 gathering, that city and Asheville having both made bids for the gathering.

Mr. A. G. Johnson, of the Farmers Warehouse, went to Wilson yesterday to attend a meeting of the Tobacco Association of Eastern North Carolina. The Association was called together to consider the postponement of the opening date of the markets in Eastern North Carolina.

the armies of the United States during the Spanish-American and the World wars, was 70 thousand, (I am using round numbers) An average yearly rate of about 3,500 for a period of 20 years. Over and against these figures, Mr. Editor, there is a pathetic record. Estimating from the death records, which are kept only among 56 per cent of the population of the United States, thirteen thousand women lose their lives in child-birth every year,—260 thousand in 20 years. So while, in 20 years, seventy thousand men gave their lives to protect humanity, during the same period, two hundred and sixty thousand women gave their lives to perpetuate humanity. Who shall say which was the greater service?

Let North Carolina welcome her new voters, throwing around them the protection which she has always given to the weak and inexperienced. Let the men of the state, be patient with their ignorance of political matters, and be ready to help them choose the safest course. And above all, let them sympathize and cooperate with their dominant and inborn desire to make the world sweeter and more holy.

Smithfield, Aug. 19. N. T.