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WILL OFFER NAME JOSEPHUS DANIELS FOR PRESIDENT

State Democratic Convention Will Meet April 17; County Conventions April 17

PRECINCT MEETING APR. 5

The Democratic State executive committee last night set the date for precinct meetings, and took notice from Judge Francis D. Winston that at the convention in Raleigh April 17 he will offer a resolution presenting to the Democratic National convention and to the voters of the nation the name of Josephus Daniels, "as a well qualified and eminently suitable candidate" for the Presidential nomination.

Judge Winston did not ask for the adoption of his resolution and pre-faced the presentation of it with the statement that he would not ask for its adoption. Interpretation of the functions of the executive committee, he stated, raised a question about the propriety of asking for an endorsement of any candidate.

The court room of the corporation commission was crowded for the meeting. There were only a few of the women members of the committee present. Husbands of several held proxies. Proxies, generally were numerous. With the exception of the resolution of Judge Winston, only routine matters were presented. Immediately after the roll call and the recording of proxies, Bayard Clark of Baden, offered the resolution proposing that the precinct meetings be held throughout the State on Saturday, April 5; that the county conventions in the various counties be held at noon, Saturday, April 12; and that the State convention be held in Raleigh, Thursday, April 17.

The dates were accepted without change. Thereafter the resignation of Judge Henry A. Grady, was accepted, and Archibald Graham, of Clinton, was elected to succeed him on the committee. Following the adoption of a resolution offered by Sol Gallert, of Rutherford, in honor of the memory of the late R. N. Hackett, Gordon Hackett, his brother, was elected to succeed him on the committee.

Judge Winston's prefatory remarks indicated that he was complying with interpretations of the propriety of the occasion when he withheld his resolution from the floor. "I ask you," he said, "to permit me to give notice that at the approaching State convention, I shall move the adoption of this resolution. Permit me also to say that I have no doubt of its unanimous adoption."

His resolution follows: "The Democratic Party in Convention assembled in Raleigh, N. C., on the 17th day of April, 1924, presents to the Democratic voters and to the National Democratic Convention the name of Honorable Josephus Daniels as a well qualified and an eminently suitable candidate for their consideration in naming the next President of the United States. In doing so, we call attention of the Democratic and Independent voters of the country to the marked and startling contrast between his record as Secretary of the Navy in time of National peril and world confusion, and the record of his immediate successor in time of profound peace and deliberation; the first, eight years of honesty, economy and efficiency; the last three of special privilege, graft and dishonor.

"We confidently proclaim his eight years of administration of the Navy department life. He rounded out his two terms of office with great credit to his country and to himself, and we declare him to be the equal of any predecessor in that great office.

"As patriotic American citizens,

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Favorable Report On Memorial Coin

Washington, Feb. 27.—Favorable report was ordered today by the Senate finance committee on the bill of Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia, providing for issuance of a special 50-cent piece to celebrate the Confederate Monument on Stone Mountain, Ga.

WESTERN N. C. IN GRIP SEVERE STORM

Asheville and Surrounding Community in Grip of Worst Storm Since 1906

Asheville, Feb. 27.—Asheville and western North Carolina were practically cutoff from outside communication today by reason of one of the heaviest snow storms in many years. Train schedules were maintained, but the city was isolated all morning and for several hours this afternoon with all wires leading from Asheville down or out of order.

The property damage will be heavy particularly to the telephone company, telegraph companies, and Asheville Power and Light company, whose wires and poles are down by the thousands. Damage was inflicted to trees and in some cases of buildings, which gave way before the heavy load of wet, clinging snow. In the residential sections the wires gave way through this heavy load.

A total of 7 1-2 inches of snow fell during the night and early morning, the heaviest since 1906. By nightfall most of the snow had disappeared, though large quantities remained on trees and buildings.

A record fall of 18 inches of snow was reported on the Saluda mountains by officials of the Southern railway.

The telephone company reported 500 telephones out of order and over 100 poles broken down as the direct result of the burden of snow carried by the wires. The snow clung so tenaciously and heavily to the big street wires and cables that the combined weight of all, with the snow, snapped off big telephone poles as though they were toothpicks.

State College To Take Over Fair

Plans for the complete reorganization of the administrative organization of State College, combining all the work of the institution into four schools with 36 departments, and discontinuing several overlapping departments were presented to the Trustees in session here yesterday by President E. C. Brooks and accepted without a dissenting vote.

At the same session the Trustees gave their approval to plans drawn up by President Brooks whereby the College comes into possession of the State Fair Grounds, on an outright purchase for \$70,000, binding itself in the agreement to continue to operate the annual fair. This agreement is contingent upon the approval of the city authorities of Raleigh, who have a residuary interest in the property.—(Raleigh) News and Observer.

Baby Suffers Very Distressing Accident

A most distressing accident happened Wednesday to the little eleven months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mang Wood, of Benson, Route 2, when the child fell down and stuck a piece of lightwood in one of his eyes injuring the eyeball. The little fellow was just beginning to learn to walk. He was brought to the Smithfield Memorial hospital, and it was thought that an operation would be necessary. At this writing, however, an operation has not been performed.

"Opportunity rarely knocks at the knocker's door.

INTRODUCES BILL FOR SMITHFIELD P. O. BUILDING

Congressman Pou Asks For Appropriation of \$150,000 For Smithfield.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Washington, Feb. 26.—Congressman E. Pou is putting into motion the machinery to secure postoffice buildings for Smithfield and Louisburg. Today he introduced in the House two bills for this purpose, asking that in each case there be an appropriation of \$150,000 for the buildings. Talking of these bills, Mr. Pou said that both Smithfield and Louisburg deserved to have modern postoffice buildings, that in the past twenty years both places had made progress and had far outgrown the postoffices they have. He feels that if there is a public buildings bill passed by the House that the outlook is good for getting postoffices for both Smithfield and Louisburg.

Chairman Langley, of the House committee on postoffices and post roads, has seen President Coolidge on the matter of a public buildings bill and while he has hoped that an omnibus bill for public buildings will be reported out by the committee, the inference to be drawn is that it is not expected to get such a bill passed until the short session of Congress begins next December that there will hardly be such a bill passed before election this year. There is such insistence in Congress for such a bill that the Democrats may take the bull by the horns and take action to force the bill out of committee and get it before the House.—Edward E. Britton in News and Observer.

Three Mules Burned To Death In Dunn Fire

Dunn, Feb. 27.—Three mules belonging to Lonnie Matthews, who lives near Cooper, in Cumberland county, were burned to death early yesterday morning when the stalls and barns on the Matthews farm were destroyed by fire. Mr. Matthews also lost a large quantity of corn and other feeds in the fire. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

Dr. McLemore Moves Office

Dr. G. A. McLemore, who has been located on the second floor of the Hood building, moved his office this week to the first floor of the hotel building on Second street. The office adjoins Johnston & Stephenson's drug store. Dr. McLemore moved to this city several months ago from the Polenta section, and is doing his share in taking care of the sick in a wide territory.

TWO NEW BUSINESS CONCERNS FOR CITY

Smithfield is to have two new business concerns at an early date—a wholesale grocery and feed stuff establishment and an ice cream factory. The wholesale business will be known as the A. B. Grocery and will be located in the rear of the Austin building on Third street. Mr. L. H. Sasser will be manager and Mr. J. D. Dickens will be salesman.

The ice cream factory will be operated by L. O. and Irvin Hill of Whiteville, the firm to be known as Hill Bros. This firm owns a plant at Whiteville and is experienced in the business. Two hundred and fifty gallons per day will be the output, which will be manufactured in a building at the rear of Brown's Barber Shop. The retail shop will be in the Davis Building near the Victory Theatre and fruits and candies will be sold also. The firm will be ready for business in about thirty days.

Smithfield To Meet Sanford Quint Tonight

Coach Rice's cohorts will meet the strong Sanford basketball team at Chapel Hill tonight in the elimination series of the State High School basketball contest. Smithfield has won fourteen out of sixteen games played this season. They have piled up 492 points against their opponents 193.

FIRE DAMAGES PARRISH'S MARKET

\$2,000 Damage Done to Parrish's Meat Market by Fire Early Wednesday Morning

Fire broke out in the rear of Parrish's Market on Third Street Tuesday night about 12:30 o'clock, which resulted in damage to the amount of at least \$2,000. The fire originated near the refrigerator, away from the stove and it is thought that rats caused the fire. Six big rats found dead makes this theory probable. Mr. R. M. Hamilton discovered the blaze and turned in the alarm. The fire was soon extinguished by means of chemicals, but the heat and smoke did considerable damage. Mr. M. B. Parrish, proprietor of the Market, stated that the loss was about half covered by insurance.

REV. T. H. SPENCE JR TO PREACH HERE

Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr. of the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va. will preach here at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night at 7:30 Rev. Mr. Spence will receive a warm welcome in Smithfield where he formerly lived, his father having been pastor of the Presbyterian church for several years.

Dunn Merchant Falls Into Elevator Shaft

Dunn, Feb. 27.—Marion C. Butler, well-known Dunn merchant, suffered painful injuries last night when he fell into an open elevator shaft in his store. His left ankle bone was crushed and his left shoulder dislocated as a result of the fall of some twelve feet to the concrete base. Mr. Butler was in the act of leaving his office in the rear of the store building when he stepped into the shaft.

Expression Class Recital

The Expression Class of Mrs. Alfred R. Wilson gave its first recital in the high school auditorium Monday evening to an appreciative audience. The program consisted of readings, and short plays interspersed with music. A good crowd was present to hear these young people who did credit to themselves and their teacher.

FORM NEW ORDER OF MYSTIC CLAN

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 27.—Organization of a new order, to be known as the "Knights of the Mystic Clan" to replace and take in the order known as the "Knights Kamelia," was voted here yesterday by the gathering of men opposing the present administration of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The resolution providing for the creation of the new order was adopted by a rising vote of 160 to 4. Klansmen representing fourteen states were present at the meeting, it was announced.

Let the boy have a radio. You will be surprised at the valuable information he will secure from the air, say engineering workers of the State College.

Why is a newsboy never cold? Because selling papers keeps up the circulation.—Boy's Life.

Meetings Held In County Successful

ATTORNEY GENERAL DAUGHERTY TO STAY IN CABINET

Attorney General Refuses To Quit Until He Has Had A Hearing.

LEAVES WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 27.—Attorney General Daugherty will remain for the present a member of President Coolidge's cabinet, but he will be expected to retire to private life as soon as the senate has completed its inquiry into his administration of the department of justice.

His determination not to resign without a hearing on the charges against him was reaffirmed today in the face of growing pressure for his removal. He even refused to promise that he would vacate his post upon termination of the senate inquiry but it was apparent in other quarters that any plan for his retention beyond that time had been abandoned.

This conclusion in one of the most difficult problems with which Mr. Coolidge has had to deal since he entered the White House followed an almost continuous succession of conference in the midst of which the attorney general himself suddenly left Washington. It was announced after his departure that he had been called to Florida, where Mrs. Daugherty is ill, and would go by way of Chicago to attend to public business there.

Tonight his determination to remain as attorney general pending the senate inquiry was announced to the country in this terse statement, prepared before his departure and issued from the department of justice:

"It is not my purpose to even consider tending my resignation as attorney general until after a fair hearing on charges preferred against me."—Associated Press.

Work On Glendale School To Start Soon

In order that work on the new high school building at Glendale may proceed at once it has been necessary to close the school. Work on removing the old building will begin Monday. The school has run five months and would have been continued but no suitable building was available. Mr. Clark, who contracted to build the school houses at Princeton and Glendale, has already purchased practically all of the building material, and from ten to fifteen cars are now enroute to the school sites. They will be ready for the opening of school next September.

Leprosy To Be Extinct In 30 Years

London, Feb. 24.—Now that an effective cure has been found for leprosy, the British government is considering the possibility of stamping out the disease, which is at present affecting some 300,000 subjects of the empire. The government has been asked to expend about \$5,000,000, to which various societies will add further amounts to carry on the work which, it is estimated, will take about 30 years.

The cure of leprosy has been declared practical. Several apparently hopeless cases have been cured by the new treatment, which consists of the hypodermic injection of chaulmoogra oil, extracted from the kernel of a nut found on trees in Burma, Assam and parts of India.

County-Wide Biscuit Contest; Educational Meeting At Pleasant Grove.

LIVE-AT-HOME CAMPAIGN

The community meetings held at Brodgen, Meadow, Corinth-Holders, Pleasant Grove and Corbett-Hatcher, last week were characterized by good attendance and splendid interest. All of the meetings except the one at Pleasant Grove, which was purely in the interest of educational facilities, featured Home and Farm Demonstration work. Dr. R. Y. Winters, of State College, was at Meadow on Tuesday and at Corinth-Holders on Wednesday, and talked on the cotton situation.

At each of these places, a "Live-at-Home" program was presented, which urges the farmers to sign up that they will raise enough corn and hay and meat for the year 1925; that they will have a spring and fall garden; that they will provide milk and butter for the family; that they will keep an average of 30 hens; that they will improve the orchard, enrich their land by planting right crops, add some home convenience, beautify the homestead, and enroll their children in club work. Indications so far, are that the farmers are interested in such a program and many say that they are going to do the above mentioned things, but they are slow to sign up, even if it should mean North Carolina agricultural independence in 1924.

Another thing presented at these meetings was the biscuit contest, which will have its finals sometimes in April. Miss Garrison, the Home Demonstration Agent, gave a demonstration in biscuit making, gave the recipe that the girls shall use, and directions for entering the contest which will be county-wide. One hundred thirteen girls during the week gave their names as contestants. The final judging will take place at the Court House sometime in April. Prizes will be awarded by some of the banks in the county and other business firms.

The meeting at Pleasant Grove, was in the interest of a new high school for that section of the county. About 150 persons were present including representatives from the seven school districts that would be affected by such an undertaking as follows: Pleasant Grove, Ogburn Grove, Hightower, Sunny Nook, Wildwood, Piney Grove and Piney Forest. County Supt. Morrow, Miss Mary E. Wells, Miss Annie Nicholas, of Four Oaks, a former teacher at Pleasant Grove, were among those who made talks in the interest of a new building. A sixteen room house is desired, which will provide a high school course for the seven schools mentioned the primary schools being still maintained in each of the districts.

Pleasant Grove is one of the two sections of the county where a high school is not in reach of the children, Meadow being the other community.

The county superintendent informs us that he has made application to the State Building Fund for aid for one of these two sections, there being about \$30,000 still due this county from that fund. This amount is only enough for one school, and he is recommending that the aid be given the school which votes bonds for a new building first.

Interest in a new school at Pleasant Grove was manifested at this meeting, and they decided to consider it among themselves and come to some conclusion by the first Monday.

FOURTEEN DEATHS AS RESULT EATING FISH

Manila, Feb. 27.—Out of 19 natives who ate fish at a banquet in the town of Borongon, province of Samar, 14 have died, stated a message to constabulary headquarters here today. Three of the other five are not expected to recover.