

LAYMEN FORM NEW WORK FOR COUNTY

Federation Re-Organized at Meeting Thursday Evening; J. A. Keen Again Elected President.

GO TO PINE LEVEL NEXT

The Smithfield Christian Laymen's Federation, formerly known as the Johnston County Laymen's Federation recently held a re-organization service at the court house here.

The first meeting since its re-organization was held Sunday night in Four Oaks at the Methodist church. This was a missionary meeting and the talks and songs were in keeping with the subject.

McLean's Majority Mounts To 52,553; 1,039 Precincts Report

Slowly mounting returns from eighty counties in the state, representing 1,018 precincts out of the total of 1,719, moved the majority of A. W. McLean, admitted nominee of the Democratic party for the Governorship of the State, past 50,000 mark against Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, his opponent.

McLean's vote was 107,423 and Bailey's 56,183.

With nothing left of interest in the gubernatorial contest save the extent of the majority interest turned toward clearing up the leads in the other contests for State, all of them save, perhaps, that of the Lieutenant Governorship, indicative of second primaries.

With approximately one-third of the precincts of the State heard from, 537 out of 1,719 to be exact, J. Elmer Long, of Durham, was still ahead of the field, with 32,260 votes.

An agreement between Long and Reynolds which was entered into unofficially if entered into at all by Bowie, will eliminate a second primary for this office if Long and Reynolds are the high man.

For Commissioner of Labor and Printing, Commissioner M. L. Shipman was racing ahead of the field with a lead of approximately 4,500 lead over Frank Grist whose race has been the surprise of the campaign.

Agriculture, on these same returns was leading his nearest opponent Fred Latham, of Belhaven, for nomination for the office he now holds, by a five thousand margin. His vote was 32,608; Latham's was 27,657; and T. B. Parker's vote was 11,729.

For Attorney General, Dennis Brummitt, of Oxford, had a lead over Charles Ross, of Lillington of 26,275 to 24,708.

The dual race, Baxter Durham, State auditor, was ahead of his opponent for this office by approximately 6,000.

Judge George P. Pell, for Corporation Commissioner, was leading Oscar B. Carpenter, of Gaston, by over 10,000. The vote was: Pell, 35,310; Carpenter, 24,167.

Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade, apparently has swamped his opponent, J. Frank Flowers, of Mecklenburg, by 52,228 to 13,727.—News and Observer, June 9.

THE ASHLEY SMITH STORE IS BURNED

Blaze Discovered and The Alarm Turned In About 12:30 Friday Morning.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$21,400

Last Thursday night about 12:30 o'clock the shrieks of the fire siren aroused the town and it was soon found that the Ashley Smith building near the corner of Market and Third streets was rapidly burning down.

This was a two-story brick building and in it were located a millinery store, cotton exchange, drug store and the Vara L. Smith & Company dry goods store.

The total damage was estimated at \$21,400, partly covered by insurance. Upon inspection of the building Friday, it was decided that the origin of the fire was due to defective wiring.

The building was owned by Ashley Smith, an aged colored man.

POU HAS 960 MAJORITY IN SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Congressional vote in Smithfield township resulted in 985 votes for the present Congressman, E. W. Pou, with 25 votes cast for his opponent, Person.

Martin Wins Over Noble By 1 Vote When Recount Is Made



Helen Wills, 18-year-old California wonder girl; modest, sweet and typifying all that is best in American womanhood, is picked by all to win the Olympic championship at Paris and also the English title in national play.

Interest in the Nomination for Judge of Recorder's Court Furnishes Chief Thrill Yesterday.

ADAMS LEADS TICKET

The Democratic Primary which apparently created small interest over the county at large until it was almost time to vote furnished plenty of thrills when the vote began to be counted Saturday, the candidates for Judge of the Recorder's Court, Clerk of the Court and Solicitor receiving perhaps more thrills than any others.

There is some dissatisfaction on the part of Mr. Noble who feels that he has not been given a square deal. When asked by our reporter what he intended to do about it, Mr. Noble replied: "I have not yet decided what steps will be taken to correct the fraud and injustice which I feel that has been perpetrated upon me.

W. T. Adams, candidate for reelection as register of deeds led the entire county ticket. He received 3,312 votes, while Mr. D. M. Hall of Clayton received 1,254.

The clerk of the court, E. F. Ward, was nominated to succeed himself, polling 2,544 votes, while his opponent, H. V. Rose, made quite a good run for his first political venture receiving 1,995 votes.

The race for sheriff between the present incumbent, W. J. Massey, and W. L. Fuller resulted in victory of Massey, the vote being 2,993, against 1,565.

Perhaps the surprise of the primary was the run N. R. Bass made against H. P. Johnston for solicitor of the Recorder's Court. Mr. Bass, who is one of the younger lawyers of the town, and who has not been located here for many years, polled 1,930 votes against the present solicitor who received 2,302, making Mr. Johnston's majority only 372.

More interest than usual was manifested in the selection of the board of County Commissioners, there being local issues in some townships that perhaps affected the vote.

A full tabulation of the county ticket will appear in our next issue.

The vote as casts in the different townships follows:

BAILEY CARRIES PINE LEVEL Bailey carries Pine Level township, receiving 89 votes against 42 for McLean.

Charge of Fraud At Voting Place in Durham

Durham, June 9.—Charge of frauding the recent primary returns from the North Durham, held at Eakes Store are being investigated today by a special committee.

The poll holders at this precinct were Charles E. Christian and W. H. Williams, W. H. Austin was registrar. Should the investigation prove the charges are true the matter will be turned over to the city attorneys S. C. Chambers, for prosecution.

McLean Carries Johnston County By 801 Majority

The final returns from the primary Saturday showed Hon. A. W. McLean the winner in the gubernatorial contest by a large majority in Johnston County. He received 7,275 votes to Bailey 1,924.

For lieutenant-governor Thos. C. Bowie led, he receiving 1,901 to Long 1,121 and Reynolds 1,042.

Auditor: Baxter Durham was re-elected by a vote of 3,180 while James P. Cook received 972. Other state officers received votes as follows: Attorney-General: Charles Ross, 2,215; Frank Nash, 1,106; D. G. Brummitt, 642.

Commissioner of Agriculture: W. A. Graham, 1,838; F. P. Latham, 1,233; T. B. Parker 891.

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EARLY RETURNS FAVOR McLEAN

MARTIN AND JOHNSON LEADING

Vote In Democratic Primary Today Light

The vote in the Democratic County primary today was light, probably due to General Green who has headed the cotton patches during the past rainy season, and the voters were perhaps more interested in their crops than candidates.

Perhaps not in years has so much interest in the county ticket been so divided, and the vote was close for clerk of the court, judge of the Recorder's Court and sheriff.

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First Vote Cast By W. L. Ellis

When the voters heard of the election results, they were surprised to find that W. L. Ellis had been elected to the office of clerk of the court.

ADAMS WINS. Adams carried the office of register of deeds, receiving 3,312 votes.

WARD POLLING 2,544 VOTES. E. F. Ward was elected clerk of the court.

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The Japanese Cabines Has Formally Resigned

Tokio, June 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Command of Prince Regent Kiyoura that the Kiyoura cabinet remain in office until relieved was received by the Premier tonight.

Members of the cabinet expressed the opinion that it would be several days before their successors were named.

The cabinet's resignation was presented at 4 p. m. today.

Almost at the same time, the Regent's command was delivered to Premier Kiyoura, an Imperial messenger left for Kiyoura, presumably to consult Prince Saionji, one of the two remaining elder statesmen, whose opinion always is sought before a new government is formed.

Auto-Train Smash Wipes Out An Entire Family

Greenville, Ohio, June 6.—Six persons, virtually the entire family of Adam Pittman, of Bradford, were killed late today when their automobile stalled on the tracks and was demolished by an eastbound Big Four passenger train at Dawn, nine miles north of here.

Above is a reproduction of the front page of Sunday's extra edition of The Herald. For the first time in the history of The Smithfield Herald, the publishers got out an Extra, telling the results of the primary Saturday. It is the determination of the entire Herald force to give the people of Smithfield and Johnston County a paper worth while, a paper that tells the news, tells it straight, and tells it when it is news. Our only regret is that we could not reach the entire county with our Extra.