

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION IN SESSION HERE YESTERDAY

The Democratic Congressional Convention of the First Congressional District was held in the county court house here yesterday at 11:30 o'clock.

Hon. Thomas Cross of Gates county called the convention to order, and called Hon. Mark Majette of Tyrrell county to the chair as temporary chairman. Mr. Majette called Mr. G. R. Little of Elizabeth City to act as temporary secretary.

The objects of the convention were stated, to nominate a candidate for Congress, to elect delegates to the National Convention which meets in Baltimore in June and to elect a presidential elector for this Congressional district.

The roll of counties was called and a majority answered the call. Then Judge Ward made a motion that the temporary organization to make permanent. The motion was carried.

Upon motion, committees on credentials and resolutions were dispensed with.

Hon. E. A. Daniels of Beaufort. In a happily worded speech in which he took occasion to pay a glowing tribute to Congressman Small and his career of fourteen years' labor in the U. S. Congress, placed him in nomination to succeed himself. G. T. Tyson of Pitt county seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and A. M. Simmons of Currituck county and Dr. Thomas of Hertford made and seconded a motion to suspend the rules and nominate by acclamation. This was done and the chairman cast the vote.

Judge Ward made a motion that the convention proceed to elect delegates to the National Convention.

Julian Wood of Chowan was nominated by Mr. Pruden; Mr. L. L. Smith of Gates was put in nomination by Mr. H. S. Ward; Col. Wilson G. Lamb was nominated by Dr. J. J. Biggs; E. F. Aydtlett was nominated by Judge George Ward and F. C. Harding nominated by S. J. Everitt. The nomination of Mr. Wood was withdrawn and the remaining four delegates were nominated by acclamation. Four delegates with one-half of a vote each were nominated instead of two delegates and two alternates.

The convention endorsed F. M. Grice as one of the alternates to the national convention.

A. W. Dunn of Pitt county was placed in nomination for presidential elector by H. S. Ward; J. R. Mitchell was placed in nomination by Dr. Thomas.

Mr. Dunn was nominated receiving 162 votes in the convention. Mr. Dunn made a very fitting speech of acceptance.

Upon roll call of the counties the delegations made the following nominations for the members of the Congressional Executive Committee:

Beaufort, F. S. Worthy, Camden, T. S. Robertson, Chowan, A. M. Forehand, Currituck, W. H. Cowell, Dare, W. J. Griffin, Gates, W. T. Cross, Hertford, W. P. Shaw, Hyde, F. P. Spencer, Martin, Clayton Moore, Pasquotank, Dr. A. L. Pentleton, Perquimans, T. F. Winslow, Pitt, R. W. King, Tyrrell, Dr. J. L. Sprull, Washington, Clarence Latham.

A resolution was introduced at the close of the convention, endorsing Woodrow Wilson for the nomination to the office of president of the United States. This resolution precipitated a heated discussion between Mr. Tayloe and Mr. H. S. Ward of Beaufort county.

Mr. Tayloe opposed the adoption of the resolution and Mr. Ward favored it. The resolution was finally adopted. While endorsing Mr. Wilson for the renomination the resolution was worded so that it does not bind the delegates to the National Convention.

Congressman Small appeared in

the court room just before the convention closed and he was accorded a rousing ovation. He made a speech of acceptance which was cheered heartily.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION NAMES JUDGE BRAGAW

The Democratic Judicial Convention met here yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Hon. Percy McMullan of Hertford, N. C., was made temporary chairman, W. M. Bond, Jr., of Washington was made temporary secretary.

Judge George W. Ward made the nominating speech, placing Judge Stephen C. Bragaw in nomination to succeed himself in this judicial district. He paid glowing tribute to the many virtues of Mr. Bragaw and his fitness for the position. The motion was seconded by Hon. B. G. Crisp of Dare, Hon. H. S. Ward, of Beaufort, Hon. John H. Small, Hon. H. M. Bond of Edenton, and Hon. Mark Majette of Tyrrell. These gentlemen spoke in the highest terms of Judge Bragaw. Upon motion he was nominated by acclamation.

Upon a roll-call of counties the following members of the executive committee was named:

Beaufort, John G. Bragaw, Camden, D. H. Tillit, Chowan, J. N. Pruden, Currituck, A. M. Simmons, Dare, T. S. Meekins, Gates, B. L. Banks, Jr., Hyde, H. P. Carter, Pasquotank, E. F. Aydtlett, Perquimans, Charles Whedbee, Tyrrell, T. H. Woodley, Washington, W. M. Bond, Jr.

HERTFORD HAPPENINGS

Hertford, N. C. May 30th.

On Wednesday, June 12th, Perquimans Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will unveil a monument to the Confederate soldiers of our county. The exercises will begin at 11:30 a. m. Judge Clark will speak.

The Commencement exercises of the Hertford Graded school on May 23 were very interesting, especially Attorney-General W. T. Bickett's speech on Educational Dividends. It was very interesting and helpful to all who heard it.

Miss Stella Cowell left for her home at Shiloh, Wednesday after spending a few days with Miss Orelia Gregory.

Mr. R. L. Holmes left Wednesday for his home at Creswell, N. C., where he will stay with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. H. D. Holmes until he regains his health.

Mr. J. H. Rhodes, a contractor, has begun laying the foundation for the Methodist parsonage.

Miss Bessie B. Winslow left Tuesday for Jacksonville, Fla. to attend the marriage of a friend.

After a long illness, Mrs. J. A. Outlaw died Friday, May 23rd, at her home on Church street. She is survived by a husband, several sons and daughters and a host of friends.

JUDGE CLARK HERE

After speaking in Hertford on next Wednesday, Judge Clark will come to Elizabeth City to confer with a number of his friends here. He will be glad to see any who are interested in his candidacy.

EARLY POTATOES

Gum Neck, N. C., May 27th. (Special Correspondence.)

Mr. T. E. Armstrong of this section began shipping potatoes on Tuesday, May 21st, at least two weeks ahead of the general crop in this section. Mr. Armstrong says that he would have begun digging a week earlier had not the heavy rains at that time prevented his doing so. He is hoping for handsome returns from his crop.

WILL BUILD FOR OPERA HOUSE

HOUSE WILL BE OPENED IN EARLY FALL—WILL HAVE EVERY FACILITY OFFERED IN LARGER CITIES.

Elizabeth City is going to have an up-to-date opera-house, a regular beauty with every modern convenience. This sounds too good to be true, to the people of Elizabeth City, yet it is true; and yet it is not going to be five years hence either.

Messrs. Nutter & Kramer, successful pioneers of high-class amusement in Elizabeth City are going to hold the grand opening in this play house on or before the first day of next October. The contract between these gentlemen and the Hinton Bros. has been drawn up and there is no back-out now. This opera house is going to be a reality before Elizabeth City people can realize it.

Work will begin in the near future on this building which will be 50x100, feet located on the corner of Matthews and McMorine streets in the rear of the Five and Ten-Cent store. In the construction of this building it will be especially arranged to suit Mr. Nutter's idea of an up-to-date opera house. The interior will be a dream of comfort and beauty. The ceiling will be thirty feet high. It will be provided with balconies and boxes, as opera houses in larger cities. The mural decorations will be the most artistic and the stage scenery will surpass anything, it is claimed, in any playhouse in Norfolk.

Messrs. Benton & Goodfellow will do the scenery for this house, and they are going to excel anything that they have ever done yet in stage scenery. They are here now and will begin at once on the job, which will require more than a thousand yards of canvass.

The stage will be 25x28 feet and will be constructed to accommodate any performance that may come here. The house will have a seating capacity of eight hundred people. Messrs. Nutter & Kramer will put on a high class opera once a week and the other five nights in the week high-class moving pictures will be exhibited.

The operas that will be presented here will be of the highest order, such as the people have to go to Norfolk or some other city to see now.

They expect to draw a large patronage from Hertford, Edenton and other points in this section.

SENSATIONAL VALUES

Mr. J. T. McCabe, of the firm of McCabe & Grice, returned last week from the North, where he attended the largest trade sale of the season, buying quantities of merchandise for cash. McCabe & Grice are therefore this week creating quite a stir in this community, by showing out \$18 and \$20 suits for men at ten dollars the suit. Among their great purchases were one hundred dozen men's fine grade negligee shirts, real \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, which they have placed on sale at sixty-nine cents each. Various and sundry articles are being offered at prices quite startling to the entire section. The immense stock this firm carries is well-known to the public at large, who know full well that McCabe & Grice never do things by halves. In fact this sale is shaking up things in Elizabeth City.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS TONIGHT

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a regular session tonight in the Chamber's room in the Kramer building. Business of importance will come before the Chamber.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Jones spent some time in South Mills this week.

Mr. M. L. Davis is very ill at his home near the city.

PRICE OUTLOOK FOR POTATOES

PRICES EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD SO FAR CONSIDERING QUALITY OF CROP SHIPPED—MARKET CLOSED YESTERDAY

The Irish potato crop has been moving very briskly this week and those best informed missed their calculations as to the number of barrels that would find their way into the Northern market.

Yesterday morning a representative of the Advance, made a canvass of the different transportation companies and compiled the following figures, which are only approximate:

The local commission merchants handled since Monday morning about 6,000 barrels; independent shippers have shipped 500 or 1,000 barrel Steamboat Company handled from points in Currituck and on the Pasquotank river about 8,000 barrels and the People's Line handled about 7,000 barrels. These estimates will make the number of barrels shipped from this point this week about 24,000 barrels.

No figures could be obtained from Tyrrell and Washington counties as the number of barrels shipped from these counties, but shipping has been general in these counties and many thousand barrels of potatoes have gone in. The prices on the Northern market have stood up remarkably well under the strain of immature stock and bad condition of potatoes and the farmers have received good prices. The potatoes have been green all the week, and many potatoes were in bad condition when received here from points in Currituck; and must have been in worse condition when they got into the Northern market.

Yesterday was labor day which was universally observed in the North. The docks were all closed and there were no quotations for potatoes. Philadelphia wired yesterday morning that prospects for to-day will be \$4.00 per barrel. The suspension of the market yesterday with the continued rush of shipments from North Carolina will likely glut the market to-day and to-morrow and there will be a slump in prices, that will temporarily paralyze New York. Commission men believe that the Northern market will rally Monday and prices will climb again, so that by the middle of the week, potatoes will be bringing good prices. Telegrams from Philadelphia yesterday morning advised local commission men that potatoes sold for \$4.25. Evidently the sale must have been made late Wednesday afternoon.

Northern commission merchants advise the local merchants that Norfolk and Western Branch will begin to move their crop on June 5th and that before the 10th there will be heavy shipments. These merchants advise North Carolina truckers to keep their potatoes moving to keep clear of Virginia.

Local commission merchants stated yesterday that there were good prospects for \$3.50 to \$4.50 for potatoes next week.

None of the new crop of potatoes have gone West yet on account of the tender condition of the stock, which will not bear the long trip. It is expected that the crop will harden enough by next week for large western shipments.

Next week will be the big week in North Carolina and an enormous quantity of potatoes will be marketed.

These paragraphs were written by a man in sympathy with the farmers and they are conscientiously compiled for the benefit of the Advance's farmer readers. The information set forth is the best that can be obtained. For the most part it is only opinions of those best informed, and must not be taken as absolutely reliable.

H. T. Norman of Beaufort county, was in the city on business Thursday.

GRADED SCHOOL PRESENTS COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The annual commencement exercises of the Elizabeth City graded school were held this week beginning Tuesday night with exercises by the Grammar School pupils and members of the Third Grade Class of the Primary School.

Tuesday evening a very choice program was rendered in a manner which greatly pleased the large audience which was in attendance.

The first number on the program was an operetta, entitled: "The Flower Nymphs' Surprise." The curtain rising on the first scene disclosed the nymphs wandering in flower land and awaiting the coming of Aurora, Queen of the Dawn.

A sudden encounter with a company of Imps frightens the nymphs, and confusion reigns in flower-land until Aurora appears on the scene, following which the Imps prove to be princes bearing messages from Apollo, the Sun King. The sudden transformation of the Imps into princes was quite effective. Aurora and her nymphs, accompanied by the princes, then hasten to Apollo, who is imprisoned behind the silver bars of dawn and desires to be set free.

When the bars have been let down, Apollo steps forth, and the whole band joins in the chorus.

Miss Helen Bell represented, Aurora—Queen of Dawn, William Woodley, Apollo.—The Sun King. A bevy of beautiful girls dressed in white with beautiful wreaths of flowers represented flower Nymphs, and an equal number of boys dressed as princes were the attendants of Apollo.

The costumes and stage settings were very effective and most pleasing.

This number was followed by the Runaway Teddy Bear presented by the boys and girls of the Third Grade Class.

The closing number on the program was A Japanese Parasol Drill by a number of larger girls gaily costumed in Japanese gowns.

On Wednesday evening the Senior Class presented a burlesque on Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. The play was rendered in a very proficient manner and was greatly enjoyed.

The following were the cast of characters:

The Duke of Venice .. Braxton Jones Antonio, Capt, High School Football Team Frank Harris Bassanio, his friend and suitor to Portia Gregson Fearington Gratiano, another friend Edwin Haight Shylock, a wealthy gambler Edward Evans Tubal, his friend, and Capt of Belmont Team Charlie Wood Launcelot, Servant to Shylock Robert Welch The Professor-X-Ray Photographer Fleetwood Dunstan Policeman Charlie Gregory Portia, a wealthy heiress Estella Johnson Nerissa, her friend Nellie Weeks Jessica, Shylock's ward Shelton Zoeller Miss Abbie Thredice, a teacher Ruth Evans Polly, Portia's maid and Antonio's mother Marion Woodley Mrs. Gobbo, Launcelot's mother Annie White Football Team .. High School Boys

The members presented their parts in such a manner to impress the audience (with the thorough training that they had received at the hands of the teachers of the school.

Gregson Fearington, playing the part of Antonio was especially fine, and his ability to "pony" an examination brought many a chuckle from the old college men in the hall.

Robert Welch, the twelve-year old member of the graduating class, the progridity of the school rendered the part of Launcelot in a very amusing manner.

Miss Estella Johnson as Portia was good too and Miss Shelton Zoeller as Jessica betrayed ability in amateur acting.

Edward Evans as Shylock deserves special mention.

The exercises this year were a departure from the usual essay and recitation program, and it was highly appreciated by the patrons of the school, judging by the large number who attended the exercises.

Between the acts, Miss Ada Burfoot rendered two instrumental solos. Mrs. J. W. Foreman a vocal solo and Miss Ethel Jones a violin selection.

Dr. E. Walter Sikes, professor of history and political economy of Wake Forest College delivered the annual literary address last Thursday evening before an audience large in spite of bad weather. His subject was, "The Master's Passion of the America of To-day," and the address was at once a literary masterpiece and a strong plea for equality of opportunity for all sorts and conditions of men. Dr. Sykes was heard throughout with the keenest interest.

Following the address diplomas were delivered to the graduating class which was composed of the following members:

Braxton Jones, Gregson Fearington, Charlie Ward, Charlie Gregory, Miss Nellie Weeks, Miss Lou Shelton Zoeller, Miss Estella Jones, Frank Harris, Robert Welch, age 12 years; Miss Ruth Evans and Edward Evans.

Preceding the address, the historical medal offered by the Daughters of the Revolution was presented to Master Robert Welch, Jr. the speech of presentation being made by Ex-Judge J. B. Leigh. A tablet presented to the school by the high school and grammar school pupils and commemorating historical events of note in Pasquotank county was unveiled with appropriate exercises, also; Attorney George J. Spence making the speech of presentation and Hon. E. F. Aydtlett accepting the gift in behalf of the school. Mr. Aydtlett also introduced the speaker of the evening.

GOING TO CLEAN UP

The ladies of the Civic League have been agitating a moment to launch a clean-up campaign in this city for some time. They have secured the co-operation of the Mayor and Chief of Police in this work and the campaign to clean up for the summer will begin at once.

The following ordinances have been enacted and the police are now busy advising the people of the objects and purposes of this movement. The ordinance is worthy of careful consideration on the part of the property owners and householders as there is a penalty attached to the ordinance for failure to clean up:

The attention of all citizens is hereby called to a Town Ordinance requiring all owners or occupants of lots, vacant or otherwise, to keep such lots clean and provide against rubbish or filth of any character accumulating on said lots.

As hot weather approaches the and required to clean their premises before the 10th day of June, 1912, and to place all rubbish, filth or yard sweepings on the street within easy access of the street carts. A policeman will be required to inspect such premises and any person failing to comply with the ordinance shall upon conviction be fined \$5.00.

Also wish to call attention to ordinance prohibiting throwing glass or other hard substances on the streets. Any one violating this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined \$5.00.

J. B. THOMAS, Chief of Police, J. B. FLORA, Mayor.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Several families with girls and boys can find profitable and steady employment at THE ELIZABETH COTTON MILLS, Elizabeth City, N. C.

may 31st