

GREAT DEMOCRATIC VICTORY PREDICTED FOR NOVEMBER

With Wilson and Marshall as Nominees of the Party, Success seems Certain, as the Democratic Candidates should Win the Vote of Progressives Everywhere—Democracy's Great Opportunity.

On last Tuesday afternoon, July 2nd, Woodrow Wilson was named by the Democratic Convention in session at Baltimore as its nominee for the presidency and on the evening of the same day Governor Thomas Marshall, of Indiana, was chosen as Wilson's running mate.

The nomination of Wilson came as the culmination of the longest and one of the most bitter fights that a national convention has ever seen.

None of the bitterness, however, seems to have survived the fight, Wilson was nominated on the forty-sixth ballot, when he received 990 votes, after which, on motion of one of the Missouri delegation the nomination was made unanimous; and the Convention closed with a veritable love feast. The Democratic forces appear united for Wilson and it is generally admitted that he will win more votes than any other candidate could have done.

On every hand, then, are being heard prophecies of an overwhelming Democratic victory in November. Bryan declares that the country will give Wilson two million majority. More prudent leaders, however, warn against the danger of over confidence. Others fear the great interests that will throw their power on the side of President Taft.

It is evident that never since the civil war have the issues between two candidates for the presidency been so clearly and unmistakably drawn. Taft stands pat. The present order is good enough for him. To him prosperity means the prosperity of big business. He shrinks from change. He distrusts the people. He was nominated by a political machine. Wilson's nomination came as a result of the popular will. He stands squarely against the domination of our government by those who have amassed ill-gotten wealth. He believes in making big business serve instead of oppress the people. It is his avowed purpose to fight to restore to the people the rights which the interests have usurped.

Seldom in the history of the nation has there been so great need of a man at the head of our government. We face a crisis no less grave, perhaps than our fathers faced in '61. Tomorrow will decide whether the industrial revolution which must be wrought shall come through fire and bloodshed or by the wise counsel of statesmen.

In such a crisis none but those who will not see can fail to feel how inadequate to the needs of the time is Taft. Weighed in the balance, he has been found wanting. Tempted he has suffered himself to be duped by the wiles of the evil one. Tried in the fire, he has shown himself dross. Beginning with the best of intentions, he has

come to the end of his four year term of office an overwhelming failure.

In such a crisis to which nominee will the people turn? The answer comes from the mountain peaks of Oregon to the everglades of the South, from the rock-ribbed coast of Maine to the giant crests of the Sierras—a mighty voice—the voice of the people.

Let but him upon whom Democracy's mantle has fallen prove worthy and the party of Jefferson will be the people's pillar of fire by night, their pillar of cloud by day.

Let Woodrow Wilson but show himself a man—strong, wise, brave, and true—and in this generation the people shall possess the promised land.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK



GROWTH OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

The prosperity of the banks of our country is a matter which concerns us all; and the growth of the banks of our community concerns us all even more vitally. It is therefore gratifying to hear of the rapid strides being made by the First National Bank of Elizabeth City, which has been marked enough during the past year to deserve especial comment. In sending the semiannual statement to stockholders on June 29th, the First National Bank showed total deposits of \$456,211.10, which is an increase of more than one hundred thousand dollars during the past year.

Since its organization twenty years ago, the First National Bank has grown gradually until it has become the largest bank in this section, and is now one of the largest and most substantial banks in the whole State of North Carolina.

Although a large bank, the management states that the First National welcomes small accounts, and that the man who has only a few dollars to invest receives the same courteous treatment accorded one with several thousand. Its officers are experienced bank men, as well as business men of the highest standing and integrity, and are always glad to serve the bank's customers in any way possible.

As a national bank, its affairs are regulated by the United States government, and the fact that Uncle Sam is one of its depositors is additional cause for confidence.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The directors of the Cotton Oil & Fertilizer Co. has elected the following officers:

C. E. Kramer, president; L. R. Foreman, vice-president; G. M. Edwards, superintendent, and W. A. Primm, treasurer.

CITY'S WATER IS POLLUTED

The last official analysis of the city water shows that it is again polluted, the presence of colon bacilli having again been noted.

The presence of these organisms shows that the water is contaminated by the dejecta of man and other animals, and the drinking of such water is likely to produce disease.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen Monday night circulars were ordered distributed, warning the citizens against the use of the city water for drinking purposes. Absolute safety may be insured by boiling the water.

In the same meeting the health officer was instructed to see that adequate inspection of the water shed was made at once and that nuisances were ordered abated.

Attention was called to the fact that the closets of the Foreman Blades Lumber Company had not been removed nor had any action been taken looking toward their removal. This particular nuisance the public expects to see abated at once.

It will be remembered that there was considerable agitation some time ago in regard to Elizabeth City's water supply, and much talk of a change of intake. The next analysis of the water, however, showed no serious pollution and the water company intimated that plans were on foot to adequately guard against pollution in the future. Pacified by promises the authorities deferred further action for the time being—and so did the water company.

Monday night the motion was made and carried that the water company be given ninety days within which to make such changes, as to intake or otherwise, as to properly safeguard the water against further contamination and to insure its healthfulness. If the company takes no such action within ninety days the city authorities threaten to refuse to approve for payment the water company's bills, or even annul the present contract with the water company and to establish a water system owned by the town.

The water company, Mr. Lewis stated will do all in its power to meet the demands of the aldermen and of the public. He intimated, however, that in case the authorities refuse to pay the water company's bills the city will be cut off from its water supply. Mr. Geo. M. Scott stated that in time past such action had been taken, or at least the payment of the bills had been held up until conditions were improved.

It is probable, judging from experience in the past, that by next month the water will show a fairly good analysis, and again the question will be dropped. That will mean that the whole thing will be revived again within the next few months, when the public will have to be given another pacifier.

It is true, however, that the action taken by the board Monday night was of a rather more definite and decided nature than in the immediate past, and the outcome will be watched by the public with interest and some hope.

ANOTHER REMINDER.

The are about five hundred subscribers to the ADVANCE whose subscriptions were due on July 1st. If you are one of these kindly save us the trouble and expense of mailing you a statement by renewing at once. Your prompt attention to this request will be highly appreciated.

If you wish the paper discontinued, you will please notify us to this effect at once. The ADVANCE has no desire to go where it is not wanted.

Our special thanks are due those who have already sent in their subscriptions. Responses to our first appeal have come in considerable number this week.

TRINITY MEN HOLD BANQUET

The Pasquotank and Albemarle Association of Trinity Alumni held their second annual meeting in the old Elk's hall on Monday evening, July 1st. A most interesting program had been prepared for the occasion, every detail of which was carried out to the great enjoyment of those present. At the close of the exercises a sumptuous banquet was served which lasted until 1:30 a. m. Rev. W. T. Plyler acted as toastmaster and the responses were made by Mr. Dennis Simmons, Mr. T. M. Grant, Rev. F. M. Shamberger, and Mr. J. E. Brinn. "Trinity's Relation to the Common Schools" was Mr. Simmons' subject. Mr. Grant spoke of "Trinity's Claim on the Church," while Mr. Shamberger discussed "The Church's Claim on Trinity." The spirit of Greater Trinity was Mr. Brinn's subject, and following Mr. Brinn, President W. P. Few delivered an address, "A Message to Alumni." Numerous impromptu responses were then made and the occasion was one of great enthusiasm and good fellowship.

During the course of the banquet, the alumni showed their love for and interest in their alma mater in a most convincing way by raising among themselves five hundred dollars for the institution.

Two charming co-eds graced the occasion, Miss Maude Kramer of Elizabeth City and Miss Winnie Davis of Chowan. Among the out-of-town visitors not already named were: Messrs. L. W. Lee of Gates, R. E. White and C. B. Brinn of Hertford, Chas. Bagley of Moynock, M. Y. Self and Herbert Miller of Winfall, B. W. Evans of Tryer, and Josie Jerome of South Mills.

WOODVILLE NOTES.

(Special to the Advance) Woodville, N. C., July 1.—There will be children's day exercises at Woodville church Sunday p. m., at 2:30 o'clock, July 7th.

The protracted meeting begins at Woodville Monday at the 3rd. Sunday in August, Rev. T. C. Klotan, of Winston-Salem, N. C., is expected to assist Rev. A. A. Butler, the pastor of Woodville church in the meeting. Woodville church with the remainder of Pastor Butler's churches, have given him this month for vacation. He will go to Raleigh, Durham and Franklin. During this time our best wishes go with him.

Mr. Noah Bright's baby has improved for the last few days. We trust it may recover.

Mr. Herbert Peelle of Elizabeth City, N. C., is expected to speak at Woodville church the 4th Sunday in July at 3 o'clock, p. m., during the absence of Pastor Butler. Come and hear him.

HOUSE PARTY AT NAGS HEAD.

A gay party of young people from Elizabeth City and several out-of-town friends left on Wednesday, July 3rd, to spend a fortnight in sea side pleasures in the cottage "Who'd a Thought It," on the beach at Nags Head. The members of the party are: Misses Bessie Weatherly, Elizabeth Sawyer, Jennie Simpson, Laura Bartlett of City, and Miss Winifred Harper of Sword Hill, N. C. The young men in party are: Messrs Ben Smith, Fields, and Ardworth of Wilson, N. C., Fred Archer of Chapel Hill, James Hatch of Durham, N. C., Douglas Mills of Bluefields West Virginia, and N. M. Croxton of Norfolk.

The party will be chaperoned by Mrs. W. H. Weatherly of Elizabeth City and the young folks are anticipating a most delightful stay on the seashore.

Miss Mildred Commander gave a delightful sail Tuesday night on the Steamer Pompano to a party of young people. The sail was greatly enjoyed.

A ROUSING CELEBRATION FOR THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

Elizabeth City Given Over to Holiday, While Flags Fly, Drums Beat, and Crowds Throng her Streets—One of the Most Successful Celebrations Ever Held Here.

Yesterday was holiday in Elizabeth City. There was a great time in the old town from morning till night. Townspeople and crowds from the country thronged the streets throughout the day. Everybody seemed to have a good time. Visitors gave themselves over to the enjoyment of the occasion without reserve, and some declared that this was the most glorious fourth ever celebrated in Elizabeth City.

The day was a perfect one. The July sun, to be sure, was on hand with his usual fervor, but a delightful breeze was rippling the Pasquotank, and the river itself was joyous over the occasion, dancing and sparkling and rolling in glee. Incidentally it took the occasion to show the visitors how many colors it could take on in a day, beginning with the tints of the morning, becoming during the forenoon a fleece of tawny gold, shimmering in the evening like a silver mirror and black at night with disappointment that the day was done.

The crowds gathered early. The morning train from the south brought a crowd before breakfast, in an hour such a matter came in the boat from Currituck with another crowd, and from then on until noon the numbers of the visitors were swelled until the streets were thronged. On every boat and train and from every public highway came the visitors, and they came on pleasure bent. When the exercises began the merry-makers were everywhere.

The first feature of the day was the parade and it was one of the best gotten up ever formed on the streets of Elizabeth City. Complimentary remarks could be heard on every hand as it passed along the streets and the "ragamuffins" brought the house down, or the street, if you prefer it. Their parade was a "screamer" and they contributed perhaps, the largest share to the day's fun.

The automobile race was a popular event also, the cars being decorated for the occasion. Mr. W. C. Marvel of the five and ten cent store easily took the prize for the best decorated car.

At the close of parade a new national flag was unfurled by the Daughters of the Revolution and the national salute was fired by the naval reserves.

The fire company then gave a display drill and race at the foot of Main street.

The boat race took place at 12:30 a number of boats participating. The boats ran the course a distance of about five miles as follows: Mr. Saunders boat, 21 minutes; Gordon's boat, 23 1/2 minutes; Capt. Jessie Ward's boat, 19 minutes; Clark's boat, the Scat, 18 minutes; Ed Baum's boat, 18 minutes; J. Boyd Anderson's boat 21 1/4 minutes; S. W. Parker's boat 14 minutes. Mr. Parker of Aydlett won the first prize, and J. Boyd Anderson,

second. In the afternoon the horse race and the balloon ascension were held at Albemarle Park. It was a free for all affair, and Sheriff Reid won first money with "Little Jack", J. B. Sylvester, second; and E. L. Sherlock, third.

While the balloon ascension was not as spectacular as it might have been had the machine been working correctly, the spectators saw the aeronaut suspended in the air and in danger of his life. The ascension was made successfully, but after Mr. Crew had gone up some distance he discovered that the mechanism of the parachute was not working so he made his descent in the balloon.

The fire works at night were spectacular and witnessed by a large crowd. They didn't last quite long enough, however, being over before some of the townspeople had arrived on the scene.

Special prizes were awarded during the day: to O. F. Gilbert for the best decorated store and Mrs. I. N. Loftin for the best decorated residence. In the ragamuffin parade the prize went to J. B. Sylvester, The boy Scouts won the prize for the best company of soldiers; P. W. Melick Co. the prize for the best float.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Notice is hereby given that the regular examination for public school teachers in Tyrrell County will be held at the court house on Thursday, August 8th, at 9:30 a. m., instead of July 11th, as provided by the school law. This is done in order that it may immediately follow the Teachers Institute which will be held the two weeks following July 2nd.

Notice is further given that no teacher will be allowed to take this examination who cannot produce certificate of having attended this institute or one of like character this year.

And further, that no private examination will be given during the year except as provided by law, nor will certificates from other counties be accepted in lieu of this examination.

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MIDGETTE—BRICKHOUSE.

Harrison B. Midgette and Miss Emily Brickhouse of Powells Point secured a marriage license here Monday and were united in marriage by the justice of the peace, J. M. Munden in the parlors of the European hotel.

The couple were accompanied by Mrs. Sarah Midgette, mother of the groom and by Miss Dizie Brickhouse, sister of the bride, and by Miss Zulene Snow.

A. AND M. ENTRANCE EXAMS.

Students who are expecting to enter the A. and M. College at Raleigh this fall will find information of interest as to entrance examinations in the A. and M. advertisement which appears in this issue.

Mr. S. Knowles of this county purchased a half dollar of the date of 1797 several days ago. He took the half dollar to a bank, and sold it for \$35.00.