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Ohio Republicans Seek To Overthrow Primary System

Primary Being Blamed for Lack of Party Solidarity at Washington and G. O. P. Leaders See No Hope of Party Government Save in Old Convention System

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Washington, May 26.—The first formal blow has been struck at the political primary system in this country. The full significance of a political convention held in Columbus, Ohio, held this week has just penetrated to Washington.

The late President Harding was one of the most outspoken of the Republican leaders utterly and thoroughly opposed to the primary system of nominating city, state and national tickets.

In Washington recently there has been a disposition in political circles to blame the present mess in Congress on the primary system. Under that system, it is claimed, the nominee of the party does not feel himself especially obligated to other party leaders and when he reaches Congress, for instance, he does pretty much as he pleases and not as the party leaders would dictate.

Primary battles have developed serious factions within the old parties from time to time and there has been a general casting about for means for circumventing the direct primary system in which any old aspirant for office, able to get a specified number of names on his certificate, could ask for the suffrage of the people.

Republican leaders in Ohio thought last week they had solved the problem. They summoned what they called a "pre-primary" convention at Columbus to consider the advisability of indorsing one candidate for governor. It was intended that this system should apply eventually, if not now, to all the rest of the state ticket.

So it became necessary to work out a compromise. The scheme to indorse one candidate for governor and tell the people just whom they could vote for at the coming primary, was not openly presented to the convention. The city leaders could not count enough noses.

In some states the primary laws when enacted carried with them provision for a state convention to consider candidates. But the convention this week in Ohio is the first step taken to offset the absolutely direct primary system. Leaders in other states have been watching the Ohio experiment with the idea of extending the movement.

ELDER COBB WILL CHASE THE TROUBLES

Elder Cobb, the Original Parson from Tennessee, will give a delightful evening's entertainment tonight at the First Methodist Sunday School auditorium at eight o'clock.

Elder Cobb is secretary of the Norfolk Navy Y. M. C. A., and is always in demand as an entertainer. During the war he made thousands of soldier boys forget their troubles with his original jokes, songs, and stories, and both young people and old people enjoy him thoroughly.

NATIONAL BANK HAS NATAL DAY

Was Organized on May 26, 1891, and for Generation Has Grown by Service to City and Section.

Monday, May 26, was a red letter day in the history of the First & Citizens National Bank of Elizabeth City.

For it was on May 26 that the First National Bank of Elizabeth City was organized, and so on Monday of this week, the same bank, now the First & Citizens National, celebrated its thirty-third anniversary.

There were two outstanding facts to make this celebration a notable one.

The first was that from a beginning 33 years ago with a capitalization of \$50,000, this bank has grown to a position of pre-eminence throughout all Northeastern North Carolina with total resources of nearly four million dollars.

The second was that the man who was elected president when the bank was organized is still its president today, his mind as keen and his judgment as sound as when George M. Scott, J. G. Wood, J. B. Flora, G. H. Toadvine, and E. F. Lamb, who with Mr. Robinson formed the first board of directors of the First National Bank, elected him president on May 26, 1891.

The first officers of the bank were: C. H. Robinson, president; John G. Wood, vice president; and Samuel A. Graham, cashier. W. T. Old was bookkeeper and George B. Pendleton, collection clerk.

In 1893 Dr. Graham was succeeded as cashier by W. T. Old, who then served until May 1912, when he resigned to accept the presidency of the Seaboard National Bank of Norfolk, and was succeeded by W. G. Gaither, who had come to the bank from Hertford in 1909 as assistant cashier. Nine years later Mr. Gaither resigned for service in the Army during the World War, to be succeeded by John R. Kilby of Norfolk. However, upon Mr. Gaither's discharge from the Army, Mr. Kilby promptly resigned and returned to Norfolk, and Mr. Gaither resumed his connection with the bank as cashier. Meantime, in 1918, the Citizens Bank had merged with the First National, at which time the present name was adopted.

The year 1918, was an eventful one in the history of the First & Citizens National, for it was in that year also that Marshall H. Jones, now cashier, came to this bank in the capacity of assistant cashier. He was promoted to the position of cashier in January 1921 when Mr. Gaither was promoted from cashier to vice president.

Since its organization the First & Citizens National Bank has paid out more than \$400,000 in dividends and in the last ten years deposits have increased 1,000 per cent, now totalling approximately three million dollars.

RECONSIDER VOTE ON FORD-NORRIS BILLS

Washington, May 26.—The Senate agriculture committee today reconsidered its vote of last Wednesday on the Ford and Norris bills on the grounds that it did not represent the true sentiment of the committee. It was explained that some Senators were confused in the meaning of the vote and another was ordered for tomorrow.

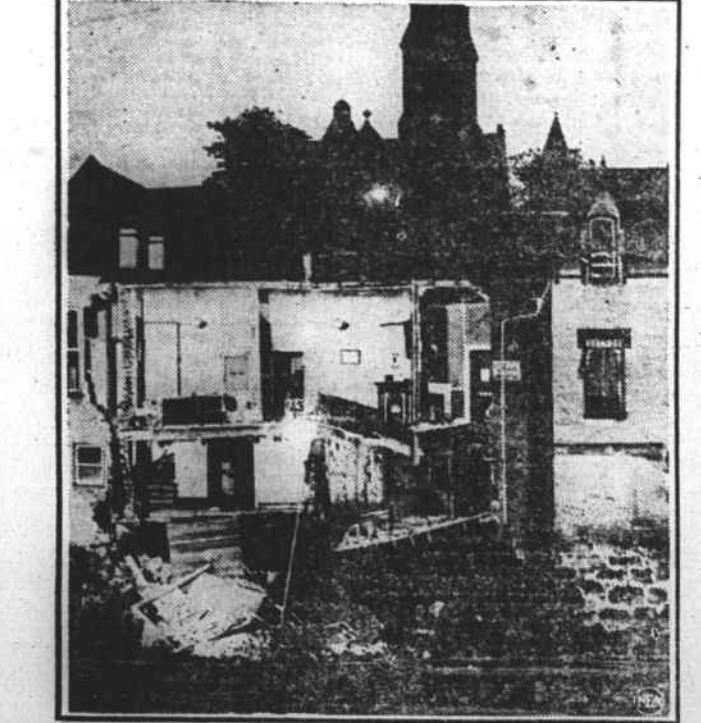
WATER IN BUTTER NOT ADULTERATION

Washington, May 26.—Butter holding 16 per cent or more of moisture not "adulterated" under the act of May 9, 1902, the Supreme Court held today and is not subject to the tax of ten cents a pound unless an abnormal quantity of water is added.

HUNT FOR SLAYER OF BANK CASHIER

Spartanburg, May 26.—A man hunt conducted by 1,000 citizens continued all through Sunday for George Hunter, negro, alleged slayer of B. M. High, cashier of the Bank of Paeolet, S. C., late Saturday.

Freak of Cumberland Flood



It's all there but the walls. The rooms are undisturbed. This most unusual picture of a most unusual scene was taken at night near Cumberland, Md., when the flood waters of the Cumberland River caused the rear walls of a three-story building to collapse.

WITH GREAT ACTORS



Francis Joyner, noted New York character artist, offers something unique and original in the art of impersonative entertainment at Chautauqua, June 12-18. "Moments With Great Actors" is Mr. Joyner's program, showing impersonations of the greatest actors in some of their famous roles.

NEW FREIGHT RATES FOR SHIPMENTS FROM STEAMERS

Philadelphia, May 26.—(Special.)—Railroads entering this port have established new rates for handling shipments to be loaded on and unloaded from steamers. These have placed Philadelphia on a parity with Baltimore where loading and unloading charges at wharfs have been absorbed by the carriers.

SUBJECT TONIGHT "EXCUSES"

Evangelist Griffin will have for his subject tonight at the First Christian church, "Excuses." Revival services continue to draw large crowds at this church.

Motor Car Prices May Be On Upward Swing By June

Chevrolet Has Already Announced Slight Advance and Rickenbacker to Follow Suit, but Whether Ford and Overland Follow Suit Seems Not Yet to be Clear

By J. C. ROYLE
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New York, May 26.—The fact that the Chevrolet Motor Company has increased the prices on its open models from \$5 to \$20 apiece and that the prices for Rickenbacker cars will be advanced June 1 is taken in motor circles as the first indication of a reversal in the movement of automobile prices which have been decreasing steadily since last summer.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN SAFETY CONTEST

In the Safety Contest put on by the State Insurance Department, Division of Safety Education, the following young ladies were the winners, Miss Rachel Copeland, Windsor, Bertie County; Miss Aileen Kirtrell, Bona Vista High School, Vance County; Miss Ruby Basnight, Creswell, Washington County.

Last year's winners were: Frank Hoggard, Wilmington, New Hanover County; B. E. Moore, New Bern, Craven County; Miss Pearl Skiles, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County. The judges this year were: Miss Elsie Riddick, President State Federation of Professional and Business Women, Raleigh; Miss Lucy Petty, member of State Library Commission; Ex-Mayor Elridge of Raleigh. Commissioner Stacey Wade says that the residence fires in the State have been reduced nine per cent this year by the teaching of fire and accident prevention in the schools.

BROOKS DELIVERS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Raleigh, May 26.—Civilization is again, today, at the cross roads, President E. C. Brooks, of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, declared, in his inaugural address today before the student body and faculty of that institution. "At this time," he said, "when friends of education are assembled to give expression of their enthusiasm for truth, I am bold enough to imitate the teacher of Wittenburg and to post for consideration of college and university faculties and students four theses."

One purpose of instruction is to teach the student to think but how and about what are very pertinent questions, the speaker said. The colleges and universities must face squarely a number of questions if they are to create more enthusiasm for truth as applied to social well-being and contribute more vitally to human welfare, he added.

Dr. Brooks stated that his four theses were: The Purpose of the College and University of today; Trade or Professions in the schools; Relation of Legislation to Social and Industrial Progress; and a Fair Standard by which to Measure the Value of Local Government.

WILL ABIDE BY BISHOP'S RULING

New York, May 26.—The engagement of Mrs. Rita Deacosta Lydig and Rev. Dr. Percy Steykney Grant, rector of the Church of the Ascension, has been terminated because of the refusal of Bishop William Manning to give his consent to the marriage in the Protestant Episcopal Church, Mrs. Lydig announced last night.

The withholding of consent is in accordance with the strict canon of the Episcopal Church forbidding the marriage of a divorced person except upon specific conditions.

COOLIDGE SIGNS IMMIGRATION BILL

Although President Disapproves Japanese Provision He Feels That Veto Would be Impracticable Now

Washington, May 26.—The immigration bill was today signed by President Coolidge despite the provision making Japanese exclusion effective next July first put into the measure over his vigorous opposition.

The President decided because of other considerations to give the executive approval necessary to spread it on the statute books.

It was pointed out that inasmuch as the present immigration law expires June 30 the veto might have made it necessary to rush through an emergency measure in the closing hours of the session.

Such steps the President felt would not be practicable in view of the tangled legislative situation and the certainty that any emergency provision would be seen by many as attempts at amendment and possibly blocked altogether.

MAN IN HOSPITAL AFTER ACCIDENT

Jim Davis of Camden is in the Community Hospital with a bad cut on the back of his head and Hillard Moore, colored, is under \$200 bond for appearance in police court next Monday on a charge of reckless driving, as the result of an automobile accident on the Newland road near the city Sunday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock.

Moore, with several other negroes, was in a Ford touring car and Davis with John Berry of Camden was in a roadster. The cars collided as one tried to pass the other and a Virginia car coming on behind smashed into the wreck. The touring car was not badly damaged but the roadster was wrecked.

The police found liquor in the negroes' car and Moore was arrested. Cases tried in the recorder's court Monday were mostly the result of arrests made by the County traffic officer as a result of minor infractions of traffic laws.

McKinley Midgett and M. R. Fletcher, Jr., were taxed with the costs for exceeding the speed limit at intersecting highways.

W. L. Sutton for operating a motor car with defective lights was let off with the costs, as was also Henry Cove on a charge of operating with open cutout.

Nixon Carter, drew a fine of \$1 and costs for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk on a paved street and James Stancil, likewise colored, was let off with the costs for parking his car on Matthews street at an angle instead of parallel with the curb.

YOUTHS MEET DEATH AT HANDS OF MOBS

Fort Myers, Fla., May 26.—Bubbers Wilson and Wilton Williams, negro youths, met death today at the hands of mobs here after being identified as negroes who late yesterday attacked two young white girls near here.

REOPEN PROBE OF VETERANS BUREAU

Chicago, May 26.—Federal officials today prepared to reopen the Federal grand jury investigation into the administration of the Veterans Bureau under Col. Charles Forbes, former director.

Subpoenas were prepared, it was understood, for many of the witnesses in the original grand jury proceedings last February. A special grand jury was impaneled to review the evidence of the Veterans Bureau gathered in nine hours of Senate inquiry.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 26.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: May none, July 29.75, Oct. 26.60, Dec. 25.85, Jan. 25.80, Mar. 25.91.

New York, May 26.—At two p. m. today cotton futures stood at the following levels: July 29.90, Oct. 27.90, Dec. 26.20, Jan. 26.07, March 26.35.

New York, May 26.—Spot cotton, closed steady, Middling 32.85 and advance of 15 points. Futures, closing bid, July 29.80, Oct. 26.95, Dec. 26.15, Jan. 26.00, March 26.12.

GAINING GROUND AYDLETT THINKS

Believes Attempts Discredit Him Reacting in His Favor and Will Lead in All Counties Having No Candidates.

That the campaign of what he characterizes as "malicious misrepresentation" waged against him by the Elizabeth City Independent has reacted in his favor and that he will carry every county in the district except those which have a candidate of their own was the opinion expressed by E. F. Aydlett, Elizabeth City candidate for Congress to represent the First North Carolina Congressional District, shortly before leaving Monday afternoon for Dare County where he speaks at Manns Harbor Monday night, and at other points in the county during the week.

Mr. Aydlett was particularly indignant at the implication in last week's issue of the Independent that he was trying to "work" his denomination for the nomination. "I have been away from home during the campaign only three Sundays," he said, "and have attended services in Baptist, Methodist, or Episcopal churches in whatever town I happened to be, and upon invitation have taken active part in Sunday school services in whatever church I was attending, regardless of denomination, all of which is in accord with my regular custom and not a part of my political campaign."

Mr. Aydlett goes on to say that nobody familiar with the history of his libel suit against W. O. Saunders in the courts as a result of publication in the Independent of Editor Saunders' version of Andrew Brown's deal with the Elizabeth City Lumber Company will be influenced by the latest rebash of this matter. "People here remember," says Mr. Aydlett, "that I had the sworn statement of the late Clay Foreman disproving every charge made by the Independent and that at the trial this affidavit was ruled out on a technicality. I still have this affidavit and will be glad to show it to any one who may wish to see it."

"The Independent's hostility toward me is generally well known throughout the District and what this newspaper says about me is therefore generally discounted and probably would have little effect one way or the other. What has helped me and hurt Warren is the fact that extra copies of the Independent containing attacks on me were mailed throughout the district by Mr. Warren's friends and to Mr. Warren's knowledge. In the issue of the Independent of February 29 extra copies mailed out carried an editorial attack on me but omitted an advertisement endorsing my candidacy prepared and paid for by more than 50 of the leading business firms of Elizabeth City. That Mr. Warren now realizes that this fact is hurting his candidacy is, I believe the reason for the Independent's attempt this week to absolve Warren of any responsibility for that newspaper's attacks on me."

"I have not retaliated to the attacks on me, however, by attacks on Mr. Warren, and do not intend to. The charges made by the Independent in its last and other issues are false and malicious. I am asking for the nomination on my record of service to my party and of integrity and uprightness in private and public life. These are matters in which I am ready to measure my record and reputation with any candidate in the District. If my fellow citizens of the First Congressional District can not give me the nomination by finding me worthy of it from a standpoint of ability, character, reputation and party service, I do not want it."

MAJOR MARTIN IS WARMLY WELCOMED

Bellingham, Wash., May 26.—Major Frederiek L. Martin and Sergeant Alva M. Harvey, aviators, who were lost in the Arctic regions of Alaska in their round the world flight landed here yesterday and were accorded a royal reception.

WINTER FAILED KILL GEORGIA BOLL WEEVIL

Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—(Special.)—The warm weather has brought the boll weevil out of hibernation and the cotton fields of the Southeast show no noticeable diminution in the pest hordes in spite of the fact that last winter was the coldest since the invasion of the weevil started.

ARREST MAN WITH A BLOODY WEAPON

Birmingham, May 26.—Frank Owens, negro, was arrested here yesterday after two men were mortally wounded with an axe and robbed, making a total of such murders in this city in the last two years more than a score. The negro had a bloody axe when caught.

PREACHER CALLS ON KU KLUX FOR AID

Raleigh, May 26.—Rev. Charles Hudson, Baptist preacher, in a sermon here last night declared vice rampant in Raleigh and called upon the Ku Klux Klan to save the situation.