

LARGE GROWTH IN HIGHWAY MEMBERS

North Carolina Good Roads Association Holding Annual Meeting in Asheville

Asheville, June 16.—The North Carolina Good Roads Association, which opened a three-day session at the high school this morning, has experienced a remarkable growth during the past year and has become a formidable and militant force and an important factor in the movements for a State system of hard surfaced roads and local county roads.

The growth of the organization during the past year has been nothing short of phenomenal, while the membership has gradually climbed to the 4,000 mark, from 272 members which the association had enrolled a little over a year ago.

President W. A. McGill, of Wilmington, presided over the morning session, and following an invocation by Rev. R. F. Campbell, Gallatin Roberts, mayor of Asheville, welcomed the delegates to the city.

President W. A. McGill uttered in words and also displayed his deep emotion in expressing his gratitude that the good roads movement has the power to attract other constructive agencies.

In the absence of W. T. Morgan, of McDowell, the president asked T. Lenoir Greyson, to speak in behalf of the delegates. N. Ruckner, secretary of the Asheville Board of Trade, who has had much to do with the association, designating Asheville as the meeting place this year, and through whose energy more than 200 persons are wearing a button which bears the inscription "Good Roads."

French Lick, Ind., June 17.—Democratic party leaders in conference here on candidates and platform plans to be presented to the convention in San Francisco predicted today that a hot skirmish would result if W. J. Bryan attempted to insert a "bone dry" declaration in the resolution.

The conference here will probably end Friday and the leaders will move on to Chicago, where they expect to hold further sessions before leaving for San Francisco.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 17.—J. J. Ashe, prominent business man, is in the Knoxville county jail to serve a sentence of three months which was passed on him earlier by Judge Sanford in the federal court on a charge of transporting liquor.

Washington, June 17.—Activities of the National Woman's party at the Democratic National Convention as outlined in a statement from the party's headquarters tonight, do not include picketing of the convention hall as conducted during the Republican Convention at Chicago.

The party's activities at San Francisco, the statement added, will be directed by Mrs. A. S. Baker, of Washington; Mrs. W. G. Brown, West Virginia; Miss Edith Callahan, of Louisiana; and Miss Betty Gram, of Portland, Oregon.

CONVENTION ENDS ANNUAL MEETING

State B. Y. P. U. Meets Next Year in Charlotte; Azalea Man President

Durham, June 17.—The B. Y. P. U. Convention, which has been in session here since Tuesday night, closed one of the best sessions in its history tonight to meet in Charlotte a year hence.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. Allen Riddick, Azalea; vice president, J. Eimer Van Hook, Mount Airy; Miss Wilmer Bartlett, South Mills; Miss Mary Sue Beam, Shelby; F. L. Gore, Wilmington; Miss Hope Barker, Durham; recording secretary, M. S. Louise Miller, Greensboro; press reporter, W. M. Gilmore, E. Ford.

The address by Dr. Luther Little, of Charlotte, on "The Winning Life," was fittingly chosen for a convention whose keynote has been "Evangelism." Dr. Little based his address on the text, "He that winneth souls is wise."

"It is not hard to find life," said the speaker, but to find that magnetic winning soul is a rare thing. "Among the motives given that inspire with a desire to live the winning Christian life was the fact that it will beget the highest wisdom. He that winneth souls will become wise. To win others from being won to the world, an ungodly one to become strong. A winning Christian will not remain a weakling."

Mr. J. G. Murray, of Morganton, made a practical address at the morning session on "B. Y. P. U. in Baptist Schools."

Ferry Morgan, of Dunn, the new field secretary of the State B. Y. P. U. work gripped his audience with his military subject, "Our Faces to the Front."

One of the best speeches made at the convention was that by Thomas P. Pruitt, a young attorney of Hickory, who spoke on "Evangelism in a Demagogical Setting."

Other features of today's sessions were addresses by Hortus Scott of Winston-Salem, on "Work of City-wide Unions"; "Values of the Bible Leaders' Conferences," by Miss Winifred McLean, of Charlotte, and Dunn Olin, of Asheville, former president of the State B. Y. P. U.

Judge Fritchard said early in his address "I have been a crank about good roads, and here is the reason for so being. When a young man farming in Madison county I would bring tobacco and other commodities to Asheville and during the day the Langren hill was a menace by day and nightmare by night. I have broken down more wagon tongues, torn up more harness and cut more poles on that hill, than the tax for a good road would have cost me during my life."

San Francisco, June 17.—George Carpentier will be given one week to decide whether he wants to fight Jack Dempsey for the world's heavy weight championship on or before labor day and if he does not meet this demand it must be taken for granted that he does not want to meet the champion, said Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager today.

MORRISON DECLARED LEADER IN PRIMARY

Judge Biggs Agrees to Declaration and Asks For Second Primary

(News and Observer.) Cameron Morrison was formally declared leader in the Statewide primary by a margin of 87 votes when the State Board of Elections met yesterday morning after Judge J. Crawford Biggs, State manager for O. Max Gardner had withdrawn his request that the board allow him time to investigate possible errors in the abstract of the vote in Edgecombe, Vance and Lincoln counties.

Notice was filed by Judge Biggs that he would, within the required limit of five days, file formal request with the board for a second primary to determine the nomination between Morrison and Gardner. Formal request had already been received from J. P. Cook, second man in the race for State Auditor, for a second primary. No word had been received from Judge B. F. Long, second man in the race for Supreme court, but his friends here are certain that he will try it again.

Five days are allowed by the board in which to file request for a second primary in decisive contests. After this time has elapsed, the board will order the tickets printed for the second primary. The ballot will be considerably shorter, carrying only two names for governor, two for auditor and two for Supreme court. The original auditor's ticket carried seven names and indicated in only two Congressional districts Judge W. B. Council having unofficially notified the board that he concedes the nomination to Mayor Dunwinkle.

The board considered the allegation of illegal voting in Brunswick and Columbus counties contained in a telegram signed by Hannibal L. Godwin, runner up in the Congressional primary in the Sixth district, and by Addison G. Ricard, defeated candidate for the judgeship in the Seventh judicial district. The telegram requested a full investigation before the vote in the counties named was declared. The vote was declared before the telegram was received.

Illegal votes in great numbers were cast in Brunswick and Columbus, Mr. Godwin and Mr. Ricard allege upon information that they are reliable. The board went over the abstract of the vote very carefully, after the telegram was received, and was unprepared to them to be suspicious. This is the only charge of irregularity that has been received by the board in the primary.

According to the Wilmington Star's story of Mr. Godwin's allegations, the Congressman from the Sixth district claims that many of the voters were allowed to vote in the primary in Columbus and Brunswick counties. Mention was made of no specific irregularity in the telegram received here, and the matter was dismissed.

In canvassing the returns from three western counties, the board brought to light the fact that the Australian ballot had been used in Buncombe, Macon and Henderson counties, by order of the local boards of elections in those counties. Results obtained were entirely satisfactory and members of the board expressed the opinion privately that the Australian ballot would be desirable all over the State.

The monumental task of collecting and tabulating the vote in 1,564 precincts in the State has brought to the minds of the board the desirability of voting machines that are used in many States. With this device, the entire vote could be certified with a hundredth part of the labor that the present old fashioned system requires. It is pointed out, and without the possibility of errors that creep in when 1,564 men are handed with the task of finding out the totals, but it would surprise nobody if the legislature should be asked to buy voting machines next year.

Wilmington, June 17.—Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin today opened headquarters in Wilmington in his campaign for Congress. He is being opposed in the second race by Solicitor Homer L. Lyon, of Columbus county. Congressman Godwin has appointed E. P. Bond, prominent young man of this city, as his local manager and is now organizing his forces here for the fight in July.

Lyon led the race in the first primary in New Hanover county, but Congressman Godwin says there is a reversal of L. O. sentiment and that he will be the leader in the second race. The congressman left this afternoon for Cumberland and Robeson counties where he will confer with friends and will assist in perfecting organizations in those counties.

SHALL PRESIDENCY BE SOLD ON AUCTION BLOCK?

Washington, June 17.—The Senate investigators found that the Republican candidate have collected \$2,157,748.70 for pre-convention purposes and the Democrats \$121,297.

The Kenyon committee has established these contributions, which include those made by candidates themselves:

Republicans	
Gen. L. Wood	\$1,180,043.20
Gov. F. Lowden	414,984.00
Sen. Hiram Johnson	200,000.00
Sen. W. G. Harding	118,109.50
Sen. M. Poindexter	(about) 75,000.00
Gov. C. Coolidge	68,275.00
Gov. E. Edwards	62,084.00
Nicholas M. Butler	48,550.00
Sen. H. Sutherland	3,700.00
Total	\$2,157,748.70

Democrats

A. Mitchell Palmer	\$59,610.70
Gov. J. D. Cox	(with pledges) 22,000.00
Gov. E. I. Edwards	14,040.00
Sen. R. I. Owen	9,810.00
Sen. G. M. Hitchcock	(including personal expenses) 3,837.00
Total	\$121,297.00

The contributions to the campaign of Judge Fritchard of North Carolina and Senator Knox, both Republicans, have not been requested by the committee.

THE SHIP OF STATE (Elbert H. Gary, before annual meeting of American Iron and Steel Institute.) In this presence it may be asserted, without thought of contradiction, our country is the best in the world.

As frequently stated, notwithstanding the United States has only 6 per cent of the world's population and 7 per cent of the world's land yet we produce:

- Twenty per cent of the world's supply of gold.
- Twenty-five per cent of the world's supply of wheat.
- Forty per cent of the world's supply of iron and steel.
- Forty per cent of the world's supply of silver.
- Fifty per cent of the world's supply of zinc.
- Eighty per cent of the world's supply of aluminum.
- Sixty per cent of the world's supply of copper.
- Sixty per cent of the world's supply of oil.
- Seventy-five per cent of the world's supply of corn.
- Eighty-five per cent of the world's supply of automobiles.

Further still, we have constitutional freedom of expression of opinion and property. If, in any respect, those principles are violated, it is by individuals and not by sanction of fundamental laws. As one becomes familiar with the constitution and with all department created by it, one is convinced that the scheme and philosophy of the farmers was to guarantee equal protection and opportunity to all the people. With the preservation and functioning of the government in accordance with the letter and spirit of the constitution there is offered peace and protection; with disregard or violation of any material part of it there is, pro tanto, suffering, distress and ruin.

Poisoned of these natural resources and opportunities a moral, intelligent and industrious people have reached the first place in worthy achievement. Hence, persons from every part of the world have come to the United States to better their condition which are here provided. For other reasons, except an intention to wantonly attack, destroy and forcibly appropriate, would foreigners settle in our midst.

The great majority of immigrants have come with pure motives. They have been welcomed by their predecessors and eagerly and gladly have become a part of the mass of loyal and devoted citizens. We have approximately 110,000,000 inhabitants and, as a whole, they rank high in the world's throngs of human beings. However, we need not close our eyes and ears to the utterances of learned men in editorials, lectures, public addresses and private speech, to the effect that even our government itself is threatened at the present time? Is there a possibility of increasing storms to a degree which would drive her to destruction?

The answer depend upon the conduct and efforts of the sailors themselves, and they include all classes of people. The word "class" is not used in an invidious sense. There are no classes in the United States such as have existed in other countries. Formerly, in certain parts of the world, classes were actually formed and sustained by the rich or powerful, who were supposed to belong to the "upper class." They became distinct and commanding. They secured and continued to hold additional privileges and benefits to which they were not justly entitled, and which made them proud and overbearing. They were doomed to eventual failure and final destruction, except so far as they might be deserving on the merits. In America those who now seek to establish classes and to secure discriminating favors for themselves are not prominent because of wealth; they are composed of a comparatively small minority of the population who have adopted the word "labor" which signifies honorable activity, with the concerted design of forming a "class" which they hope will finally attract a majority of the people, and thus enable them to obtain one legislative act (Continued on Page Six)

TIED TO RAILROAD TRACK BY BANDITS

Man Who Lost Hand And Leg as Result Gives Story of His Experience

Reelador Springs, Mo., June 17.—Geo. M. Underwood, who lost a hand and a leg last night when bandits tied him to a railroad track five minutes before a train passed, today told the story of his experience and denied that the men had any motive that he knew of except robbery. Underwood is expected to recover.

"An hour or so after dark," he said, "as I was walking to the station to catch a train for Carrollton, Mo., my home, two men with a touring car forced me into the car and took my watch and \$76. They drove south, and one of the men said: 'Let's kill the fellow.'"

"No," returned the other, 'we will tie him to the railroad track.' " "We stopped once at a pile of barbed wire and one of the men got several long strands of it. We stopped again and I was forced to get down on the track.

"A few minutes later while I was struggling to escape, I heard the rattle of the approaching train. I tried to scream, but rage in my mouth choked my voice. As the engine came within a few rods of me, I threw all my strength into another attempt to escape. My right hand was free at last and I tore the gag from my mouth, screaming. Then I loosened my right leg and swung partly free from the track, but my left foot and hand were too tightly bound to be released.

"Something seemed to sting my entire body, I suppose I fainted for a moment, but soon I was screaming again. A farmer came from somewhere and helped untie the barbed wire which was still partly strung around my body."

Washington, June 17.—The Bureau of Markets reports \$5,990,000 pounds of wool used by American mills during April, about \$0,000,000 more than used by the mills during the same month of last year.

Mrs. E. M. McElroy was a business visitor in Fayetteville Friday. Mrs. B. L. Priddy, Jr., of Fayetteville is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mary V. Priddy.

Mrs. O. S. Miles, of Elizabethtown, is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. C. F. Ward. Wade Priddy, of Dunn, was a visitor in Godwin Sunday afternoon. Miss Ruby Turner spent Tuesday in Wade with friends.

Miss Lonnie Bass and daughter Lucille, of Enfield, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Jones. Miss Ethel Graham and Eula May Starling left Monday afternoon for Red Springs to attend the summer school. Mrs. E. J. Overkamp, of Charlotte, B. C. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Graham. Miss Sadie Markham left Monday morning for Asheville to attend the summer school. Mrs. Marshall Williams was a business visitor in Dunn Wednesday. Tom Spenser, of Beaufort, is visiting his brother, C. W. Spell. Miss Callie Rhodes, of Washington, D. C. arrived Friday morning to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Bessie Rhodes. Miss Eunice Tillman, of Cumberland, spent Sunday in Godwin with friends. Miss Bessie Rhodes and Chas. Stockton Keffey, of Colorado were quietly married Sunday morning by Rev. J. M. Daniels, of Dunn. Only a few of their intimate friends were present. They left Sunday night for Blackburg, Va., to visit Mr. Keffey's people for a few days. After which they will make their home in Colorado.

DEATH OF ELWELL STILL A MYSTERY

Investigating Early Morning Visit of Man and Woman to The Elwell Home

New York, June 17.—A 5 a. m. visit by a man and a woman to the home of J. B. Elwell, wealthy sportsman and whist expert, last Friday, the morning of his murder, was under investigation by the police today, seeking to unravel the mystery which so far has baffled all inquiry.

Police and members of the District Attorney's office were unwilling to admit they attached great significance to the report of this early morning visit because of its vague origin. The story was vouched for by Joseph Wagstaff, a taxi driver, who claimed it had been told him by another and unnamed chauffeur, who is alleged to have said he drove the couple to Elwell's home at that hour.

According to Wagstaff's version of the story, he said was told him, the second taxi driver waited outside the Elwell home, which he said the couple entered, until a moment later the scream of a woman inside the house frightened him, and he drove away without waiting to collect his fare.

The police also are trying to trace a man and woman said to have been driven by Wagstaff himself long before dawn on the morning of Monday, June 15. The records of the taxicab company employing Wagstaff showed that a Mr. "Alwell" of Joseph R. Elwell's 70th Street address, telephoned for a cab at 2:50 o'clock that morning to go to Madison Avenue house. Wagstaff is said to have responded and driven a man and woman from there to the corner of 70th Street and Park Avenue where they paid him, alighted and disappeared.

Mrs. Marie Larsen, Elwell's housekeeper, under vigorous cross-examination, under Assistant District Attorney Dooling today, a young woman had gone to the Elwell home shortly after the whist expert was discovered lying from the bullet wound in his head. Mrs. Larsen said this woman had visited Elwell several times before and with the reputed owner of the pink silk lingerie found in Elwell's room.

District Attorney Swann admitted his belief that the young woman went upon getting possession of the garments and other evidence of female occupancy of the sportsman's apartments. He stated, however, that he had no reason to believe she was there intimately connected with the murder.

Following Defeat of State Rights Suffrage Bill New Plans Are Announced Baton Rouge, La., June 17.—The defeat in the Senate today by the House state rights woman suffrage bill was followed by notice from leaders favoring ratification of the Federal suffrage amendment that they might reintroduce a ratification resolution.

The rights measure, so-called because it was supported by those who opposed ratification of the Susan B. Anthony amendment, failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote in the Senate, the count showing 23 to 16 in its favor. The Senate membership is 44.

Another bill already has been introduced in the Senate, however, which would provide for woman suffrage by State constitutional amendment.

CONGRESS MAKES A POOR RECORD

"Boss Ridden" It Has Utterly Failed to Make Good Its Promises to the People

Washington, June 16.—It looks as if the Sixty-sixth Congress, the first the Republican party has controlled in ten years, will go down in history as the most unpopular Congress in a half century. It has been boomeranged, most of the time by an absent boss, and knew not what it wanted to do.

The leaders were in a great hurry to get in "to enact constructive legislation." President Wilson was criticized for not calling an extraordinary session earlier than he did. Senator Penrose, who spent but few days of the first session here, his time then being devoted to making his home fences secure, was among those who urged quick action to restore the country to a peace basis. Others were Representative Keck, floor leader of the House, and Speaker Gilman. In his interviews, they charged the President with delaying the transition from war to peace.

But when Congress convened and patronage was distributed, the Republicans began to slow down, and have been back-pedaling ever since. Things that should have been done have been left undone. Things that should not have been done have been done. The slogan has been "Knock the President." The public has been subjected in this partisan fight. Constructive legislation was recommended by the President, but it was not enacted. Everybody is now condemning Congress, and Republican newspapers charge it with neglect of duty, and worse.

Legislative leaders of all well-regulated parties, the Republicans are now saying. A year ago last March the Republicans attempted to justify the filibuster against a bill for an appropriation for the construction of the Sixty-sixth Congress necessary, by saying that the Democrats brought it on by permitting the appropriation measures to pile up at the tail end of the last session of the Sixty-fifth Congress.

During the old session, the Republican bill piled high on the last week of a session of Congress. No Democratic filibuster was used to defeat the program and force an adjournment.

The people have looked on in utter amazement. They had not believed that efforts were made to buy the Republican nomination. But it is now evident that the game was on in full blast when Senator Borah sounded a warning that an inquiry would be started to discover just where the money was coming from and where it was going.

Buie's Creek School to Enlarge Equipment Newly Organized Bank Shows Rapidly Increasing Resources in Six Months Buie's Creek, June 17.—The directors last night named Mr. M. T. Patterson, Coats, N. C., president of the Bank of Buie's Creek to succeed Dr. J. F. McKay, resigned. The bank has just been in operation six months. The rapid growth is attributable to the large number of small stockholders, including a large percentage of the citizenship here, and in the fact that it is situated in possibly the best farming section in Harriet county. The farmers generally are prosperous and have shown a remarkably fine spirit of co-operation with this new community enterprise.

The past year marks the biggest enrollment in the history of Buie's Creek Academy, composed of 190 students from many counties in this and other States. Principal J. A. Campbell states that already reservations are being made by many new students at the girls' dormitory. He warns all boarding houses to make possible all available room for what he predicts is to be an overflowing attendance at the next session.

Preparations are being made to enlarge the capacity and equipment of the school as far as possible to meet the increasing needs. The most noticeable improvement to the usual observer has been made in the walls and driven on the campus, which has been under the direction of Mr. W. R. Phillips. The school is feeling the enthusiasm developed by the boys and girls and friends at the last commencement with the prospects for four new buildings to be under the construction during the next year. It looks like an epochal year for the institution.