



The Late King Edward VII of England.



George V, England's New Ruler.

PRIMARIES MAY 21ST.

Democratic Executive Committee Names Date for Nominating Candidates—The Primary Plan Chosen—In Case of no Nomination Two Highest Candidates Must Go Into Second Primary—The Poll Holders.

(From The Gastonia Gazette of Tuesday, April 12, 1910.)

Pursuant to a call of Chairman C. B. Armstrong, the Democratic Executive Committee of Gaston county met at Dallas Saturday. A majority of the precinct committeemen were present and, on roll call a quorum was found to be present and the committee proceeded to the transaction of business.

Saturday, the 21st day of May, was chosen as the date for holding the county primaries, the hours being from 2 to 7 o'clock p. m. The county convention was scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 28th, at 10 a. m.

The committee adopted the primary plan of election as provided in Sections 26 to 37 inclusive of the Democratic plan of organization for the selection of Democratic nominees for the several county offices and State officers.

The attention of candidates is called to the following section from the Democratic plan of State organization.

Sec. 28. At least five days preceding such primary election every person desiring to become a candidate for any county or legislative office shall signify his intention, in writing, to the chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, and at the same time shall deposit such fee as the said chairman may determine to be his pro rata part of the expense of printing and distributing proper tickets; and every such person shall also subscribe to a pledge that he will abide by the result of the primary election and support the successful candidate or candidates chosen in said primary election.

The following named Democrats were chosen as poll-holders for the primaries of May 21st and June 25, which will be held at the regular polling places:

South Point: Arthur Suggs, John

- D. McLean, W. A. Jackson.
- Dallas: J. L. Clemmer, D. E. G. Pasour, F. O. Davis.
- Stanley: C. F. Smith, R. L. McLurd, J. E. Cloninger.
- Glenn's: E. H. Adams, Leslie Crawford, R. C. Robinson.
- Belmont: J. B. Hall, J. M. Sloan, W. A. Leeper.
- Carpenters: W. B. Carpenter, Sylvanus Carpenter, Henry Kiser.
- Lowell: M. L. Stroup, Tom Rankin, S. J. Gaston.
- Mt. Holly: W. B. Rutledge, P. E. Lentz, John Patterson.
- Gastonia No. 1: W. T. Rankin, M. H. Shuford, B. T. Morris.
- Gastonia No. 2: W. G. Rhyne, W. T. Story, Lamar Pegrum.
- Cherryville: D. P. McLurd, A. H. Huss, D. A. Rudisill.
- Baker's: S. T. Whitesides, J. R. Carson, Joe Pearson.
- Union: Charles Huffstetler, W. W. Wilson, W. C. Wilson.
- Dilling's: Joe Payne, J. L. Mauney, J. M. Helton.
- Mtn. Island: A. B. Cobb, A. M. Henderson, Robert Underwood.
- Lucia: Tom Connell, J. M. McIntosh, John Beatty.
- Bessemer City: C. A. Kiser, W. L. Ormand, J. T. R. Dameron.
- McAdenville: R. R. Ray, George Wright, Melnon Creekmore.
- Robinson's: R. Q. Howe, J. C. Robinson, W. W. Fairles.
- Kiser's: R. R. Mauney, T. M. Ho-vis, H. S. Sellers.

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 - Attachment Blanks, and others.
- Mail orders receive prompt attention.

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A COLONIAL HUSTLER.

Colonel Samuel Sloper Was a Jack of All Trades.

It is necessary that the pioneer be a man of infinite resource, who can do for himself or his neighbors every necessary task. Such a man was Colonel Samuel Sloper, one of the early settlers of Blandford, Mass., whose astonishing versatility is recorded by S. G. Wood in "Taverns and Turpikes of Blandford."

Colonel Sloper, among other things, kept something of a stable and pastured horses and stock. For the magnificent reward of 3 shillings the old veteran in 1788 moved the family of David Knox by means of "teame and boy." Now and then he turned his hand to odd jobs. He carted and laid out John Waldo Wood's tax one season for £7 10s.

He seems to have made shoes and garments for his family and for his neighbors. For Enos Loomis' young son, who was bound out to him, he did on this wise: "Caping your son's shoes, 1-3." "One bottle-green coat trimmed and made for Moses, 7 shillings." He made several shirts and a frock for the Martin Leonard company.

The number of things which this veteran and "dabster" did make an astonishing list. He was surgeon in ordinary to the parish of Blandford and this long before he had accumulated an army experience. Veterinary, too, he was. His journals are peppered over with charges for the treatment of young horses. In the account of Ellphalet Thompson in the year 1772, along with a "frying Pan" and "1 Pr Sizers," is the charge, "To Seting your boys' rist, twelve shillings." James Sinnett in 1785 became indebted to "Seting your knee and Dressings" and to "Sundri Dressings," 4 and 3 shillings respectively.

NEVER OPENING FLOWERS.

A Large Number of Plants Bear Cleistogamous Blossoms.

The never opening flower, or, as botanists call it, cleistogamy, is well illustrated by the case of the common sweet violet. The familiar purple, sweet scented blossom, which to most people is the violet flower, hardly ever produces any seed. But altogether unseen by most people it produces a number of minute, scentless and colorless flowers which never open.

These are self fertilized and produce abundant seed. The word cleistogamous expresses the fact that the fertilization takes place without the opening of the flower and hence without the agency of insects. Such never opening flowers occur in a large number of plants, sometimes along with blossoms of the ordinary sort and sometimes without them. It is a disputed point, however, whether there is any plant which in all circumstances will produce nothing but cleistogamous flowers.

There are nevertheless a number which normally produce nothing else. As regards fertility, the seeds produced by the cleistogamous flowers are never inferior to those of the ordinary blossoms. In some cases they are superior and in others they are the only seed produced by the plant.

It has been found that the amount of cleistogamy varies with the height of the plants. The shortest bear cleistogamic flowers only, and those a little taller have a few small open flowers in addition to the closed ones. The tallest plants have larger open flowers, with only a few cleistogamic.—Botanical Gazette.

Gold In Ancient Rome.

William Jacob in his "History of the Precious Metals" estimates from the accounts given by the Roman writers that in the reign of Augustus, the first of the emperors, when Rome was at the height of its power, the amount of gold in the Roman empire was nearly \$2,000,000,000. This vast treasure had been gathered chiefly by conquest from various nations of Europe, Asia and Africa. There had been extensive mines in Spain and in the Atlas mountains of north Africa, but their yield in the wealth of kings and of cities in Asia and Egypt had been despoiled and carried away to enrich the conquerors.

Our First Money.

The first United States money was made in 1786, but instead of bearing the faces of leading statesmen it bore only the face of Liberty. Some few coins were stamped with the face of Washington and are highly valued by collectors. The first coins struck by the United States mint were some half dimes in 1792. The first United States dimes were struck in France from old silver finally plate furnished by Washington and were known as "Martha Washington dimes" from the fact that the Liberty head was adapted to that of the president's wife.—New York American.

Over the Mark.

"Does he aim at realism in the stories he writes?"
"He may aim at it, but he doesn't hit within a million miles of it."
"How's that?"
"The hero of his last story is a 'spendthrift Scotchman.'"—Houston Post.

A Conscientious Declaration.

Drummer—Will you be mine? All my life I will worship you from February until April and from August until December. The rest of the time I am on the road.—Fliegende Blätter.

Always a Way.

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At Spencer Tuesday Tom Blanchard stabbed Kidd Jones because the latter refused to pay him five cents that he owed Blanchard.

Mr. L. C. Wagner has been appointed postmaster at Statesville and succeeds Mr. Pomp Long. He was not an aspirant for the office and his appointment was perhaps something of a surprise. A dispatch from Washington says that the appointment "pours oil on the troubled waters between Representative Cowles and Collector George H. Brown."

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Annual Statement

Of John O. Rankin, Treasurer of the Town of Gastonia, for the Year Beginning May 5th, 1909 and Ending May 7th, 1910.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand May 5th, 1909—E. N. Lineberger, Treas.	\$ 9,015.26
Miscellaneous:	
Mayor's court costs	\$762.46
Building inspector fees	112.75
Fee from weighing cotton	123.00
Rent of town farm	125.00
Refunded freight	1.86
Sale of directory, wagon, etc.	7.00
	1,132.07
Sale of old fire hose	12.63
Notes, sidewalk account, sale of manure, etc.	216.78
Poll and property tax	21,709.80
Privilege tax	1,748.70
Dog tax	105.63
Cemetery tax and sale of lots	238.00
Graded school tax and tuition	10,577.47
Water and light rentals, cash for supplies and fixtures	26,195.63
	\$70,942.97
EXPENDITURES.	
Water works and electric light expense, salary of Supt., pay roll, current, oils, fixtures and minor supplies	19,505.44
Water works and E. L. plant extensions	3,287.62
W. W. and sewer extensions—bond account	813.46
Fire department, salary of chief and firemen, horse feed and other supplies	2,246.55
Salaries: Mayor, aldermen, clerk, policemen and city physician	5,374.38
Miscellaneous:	
Cotton platform rent, advertising, stationery, postage, livery, lunches for prisoners, counsel, witnesses and court costs, election expenses, fuel etc. at city hall	1,165.95
Special Miscellaneous:	
Painting and repainting graded school building and laying drainage system	589.76
Wood, groceries and medicine for poor	136.60
Expense and water for cleaning sewers	204.80
Interest on notes	356.00
Interest on bonds	9,000.00
	10,287.16
Poll and property tax refunded	2.80
Privilege tax refunded	62.50
Cemetery, salary of keeper and supplies, payment on and improving Hollywood cemetery	5,312.79
Street expense and improvements, purchase of mules, wagons, etc.	4,582.73
Street improvements—bond account	1,301.54
Graded school expense, salary of Supt., principal, teachers, janitors and supplies	10,457.92
Graded school building—bond account	34.10
To cash to balance	6,508.03
	\$70,942.97
Bonded debt	\$180,000.00

JOHN O. RANKIN, Treasurer.
By JNO. R. RANKIN, Clerk.

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