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THE TOWN MASS MEETING.

Large Attendance With Good Feeling Prevails. Mayor Squires Endorsed.

The mass meeting held last Friday night to nominate a ticket for town officers, was well attended and characterized by harmony and good feeling. Mayor Squires called the meeting to order and explained the object and requested H. C. Martin to act as chairman and Messrs. W. M. Moore and S. A. Richardson to act as secretaries. The nominations for candidates for Mayor being called for Mr. Carroll E. Rabb placed in nomination, Mr. Buford Williams and Mr. Thomas Newland placed in nomination, the present mayor Mr. Mark Squires. There being no other nominations, the balloting was proceeded with in a spirited manner, and resulted in the nomination of Mr. Squires by a vote of 111 to 73. A motion then prevailed for a committee to select 14 names to be voted on for town commissioners, the seven receiving the highest vote to be the nominees. The chair appointed Messrs. E. C. Ivey, C. B. Harrison, E. F. Wakefield, M. C. Triplett, J. M. Bernhard and R. B. Hartley on this committee. The committee retired and reported the following named men to be voted for; G. F. Harper, L. E. Rabb, E. A. Abernethy, J. A. Bush, Jr., J. H. Beall, O. P. Lutz, E. D. Pulliam, R. B. Hartley, E. F. Wakefield, W. S. Miller, J. W. Whisnant, M. C. Triplett, J. R. McNairy and J. A. Boothe. The ballots were cast and the seven first named were nominated. This ended the work of the meeting, as a resolution was passed at the opening of the session postponing the nomination of candidates for Graded School Trustees, until Monday night the 28th. Messrs. J. H. Beall, O. P. Lutz and J. A. Bush, Jr. are members of the present board of town commissioners, and their renomination together with that of Mayor Squires, is considered a flattering endorsement of their work.

We understand that H. C. Tucker, Right of Way Agent for the Virginia Carolina Railway, was in town today for the purpose of instituting condemnation proceedings against several parties with whom no agreement could be made amicably on a reasonable basis. It looks as if the good people of the county should be willing to take a reasonable and fair price for their land for the purpose of getting a railroad into the county.—Jefferson Recorder.

(There will be found those in every community, who by one means or another will block progress to some extent. It is gratifying to know though that their number is growing smaller all the time.—News.)

The Happiest Man.

The happiest man in all the land today is the successful farmer. He sits under his own vine and fig tree, undisturbed by the maddening noise of the great city. Banks fail, railroads go into the hands of receivers, booming towns collapse, all business stagnates. But the wise farmer can snap his finger at these things. He is monarch of all he surveys on his broad acres.—Ex.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Editor News.—The Rev. W. R. Savage deserves credit for his tender expressions in his argument against capital punishment in your last issue. There is a strong growing sentiment against taking a life for any crime and all must deplore the practice. The reasons why the State takes human life as a forfeit are based on the idea of punishment for heinous crimes and as a warning to criminals. Unless drastic measures are employed Society would be defenseless against the assassin. It is found that leniency towards crimes of violence tends to increase the offenses. Every execution causes the violent to hesitate while a sentence to prison is a common place incident. All prison authorities favor capital punishment to check our murder habit.

If the State has a right to take a man's money in fines, or his liberty, it also can punish by ending a felons life.

I. M. HAWKINS.

Yadkin Valley, April 19, 1913.

Road Bonds Issue.

(The Observer.)

Mount Airy, April 18.—At an election held yesterday Mount Airy Township voted by a decisive majority, \$80,000 bonds for road improvement, succeeding a special tax law by which about 15 miles of first class sand-clay roads has already been constructed. Four other townships in the county will vote on bonds in the next 30 days, and it is believed that the action of Mount Airy Township will prove an incentive which will, in a short time, insure good roads all over Surry County.

Republicans To Hold.

Washington, April 15.—Postmaster General Burleson announced today that it was the Administration's policy to continue all Republican postmasters now in office to the end of their terms, provided no charges were sustained against their efficiency. The policy applies to all classes of postmasters.

"My Department will be run on business lines and not by politics," said Mr. Burleson in explaining the new policy. He declared that there might be some removals, but he believed that the majority of the postmasters were efficient and would not be disturbed.

"There will have to be specific charges of inefficiency, however," he added, "before any one would be removed."

Mr. Burleson said the decision had been reached after conferences with President Wilson who favored the merit system.

Assuring Prosperity

The most important thing for the present and future welfare of the country is that the farmer shall have sure and cheap credit. This lies largely with the farmer himself. He should form credit societies just as mechanics have formed building and loan associations. This is to hold land and make the crops.

The second most important thing is to provide a flexible currency for the National and commercial State banks. This is to keep the factories going full and safely and for merchants to market the goods.

The third and last most important thing is for Congress not to make any radical change in the tariff.—Exchange.

THE SEA BOARD AIR LINE.

Railroad Developments in North Carolina. Outlook Most Encouraging.

(The Greensboro News.)

The Seaboard Air Line has announced plans for the early double tracking of its system from Raleigh to Hamlet and has perfected arrangements for new equipment. The Seaboard Air Line under its new management is making rapid progress and has shown steady improvement in the volume of traffic. It is worthy of note that the Seaboard is going right ahead with plans for this work at a time when a few people are trying to assume a skeptical air. The double track of the Seaboard will enable that system to handle its trains with much greater facility and we suppose that this latest announcement will be fectively set at rest all of that talk about the Durham "cut off," a story that has been going the rounds for several years.

The Southern now has a double track through practically all of North Carolina, while the Atlantic Coast Line has some and is constructing others, so that it will soon have its system double tracked and when the Seaboard gets its line completed, all of the three big systems operating through the state will have most of their main line double tracked. This will place North Carolina to the front of southern states in double track mileage.

The improvements of the Seaboard Air Line are of interest to Greensboro and this section for we do not believe it will be a great length of time until Greensboro is connected with the Seaboard system by an independent railroad, even if the Seaboard itself should not build into this section.

The great amount of money that is being spent in railway construction in North Carolina, and planned to be spent, serves again to direct attention to the commercial importance in which this state is held by railway and other business men. North Carolina today, we believe, is just entering upon a wonderful period of development. The action of Congress will soon be known and then we believe business men will not be slow to adjust themselves to new conditions.

The opening of the Panama canal is drawing great interest to the south at this time and the rivalry between railroads to meet the new conditions is only one kind of business activity; all lines of business are preparing to meet the new conditions.

Seed-Corn Tests.

(The Observer.)

Newton, April 17.—County Commissioner of Agriculture H. K. Foster in co-operation with the leading progressive farmers of the county, will conduct this season a number of interesting experiments towards improving seed-corn. The farmers over the county are bringing in the office of the commissioner here two ears—the best selection from their own growing. Mr. Foster will divide these ears in pairs, one of one variety and one of another and distribute them to farmers over the county, who will plant them side by side on the same kind of soil, using the same kind of fertilizer giving each the same attention. In the Fall the products of these ears will be weighed determining which is the best variety for this particular soil.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Oliver have moved from Boomer to Caldwell county, near Lenoir—Wilkes Patriot.

Cigarettes are a menace to the growing youth. There is a law forbidding their sale to those under seventeen years of age. The officers should keep on the alert to catch violators of this law.—News and Observer.

Charlotte, April 18.—The voters of Charlotte today placed their stamp of disapproval on commission form of government, defeating the proposed measure by 46 majority. Commission government advocates were able to rally only 1,236 votes.

Mt. Airy township joins in the progressive movement for good roads. Yesterday \$80,000 was voted by that township, the majority being a big one. The people are showing that they want good roads. Let the work go on.—News and Observer.

Democrats have 'cussed' and abused radicals for trading in office, but some of this trafficking and trading that has been done by certain democrats within the last few months has made the republican "office traders" look like thirty cents.—Catawba News.

Danville, Va., April 15.—Danville voted against licensing the sale of liquor today by 68 majority in the largest vote ever polled in such an election. The campaign was an exceedingly quiet one on both sides, being a still hunt, with no speeches or literature.

Experimental city mail delivery was installed in Newton the first of this week. The appropriation for this work which was made at the last session of Congress extends only to July the 15th but the indications are that it will be renewed. The service in Newton is only a trial and if enough encouragement is offered by the citizens on the outskirts of town by building side walks the service will be extended and probably two carriers put on. In the meanwhile to keep the service as started some work will have to be done in numbering the houses repairing sidewalks, etc. Newton was the only town of its size in the state that had cement side walks enough to begin the service.—Catawba News.

The will of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, who was buried last week, is in some respects unique. The opening sentence of the will is as follows. "I commit my soul into the hands of my Saviour, in full confidence that having redeemed it and washed it in His most precious blood, he will present it faultless before the throne of my heavenly Father; and I entreat my children to maintain and defend, at all hazards and at any cost of personal sacrifice, the blessed doctrine, of the complete atonement for sin through the blood of Jesus Christ, once offered, and through that alone."

He left the bulk of his large wealth in the hands of his eldest son, J. P. Morgan Jr. who was made residuary legatee.

The man who has seen better days is generally the one who makes you most tired talking about himself.

The County Hospital.

(Wadesboro Ansonian.)

Anson County is going to have a hospital and it will be built in Wadesboro, the most centrally located town in the county. This hospital is to be equipped in a modern manner and endowed so as to make it within the reach of all classes of people. It will be good enough for the rich and within reach of the poor. The generosity of one man was the initial step but it is planned to let all have a hand in building this great benevolent enterprise. Every county in the State ought to have a good hospital, because to relieve human suffering and save human lives is just as much the duty of mankind as any other command that is given.

Parsonage Deals.

Last week the stewards of North Lenoir Circuit bought the Lenoir Circuit Parsonage. The Lenoir Circuit Stewards bought the Prestwood dwelling near the depot for a circuit parsonage. The respective pastors, Revs. Keever and Curtis have moved into their new dwellings.

Barn Burned.

Last Friday night the splendid barn of Mr. Thomas Moore, of Mulberry was destroyed by fire, with its contents. Mr. Moore, lost four head of horses and mules and four head of cattle besides a lot of feed and machinery, vehicles, harness etc. His loss will easily run to \$2,500 or \$3,000 with about \$1,000 in insurance. The barn was one of the best in the county and of itself was a big loss to say nothing of the fine stock and other stuff. The fire was discovered by neighbors about 1 o'clock who aroused Mr. Moore, as he was sleeping on the opposite side of his house to the barn.

Dance In Mortimer.

One of the most delightful dances ever given in Mortimer, was given in the spacious dining hall at Laurel Inn last Friday night.

Music for the occasion was furnished by a string band of Lenoir, and with the piano accompaniment, it was splendid indeed.

Among those who participated in the dance were: Misses Margaret, Addie and Nina Hooker, Annie Carroll, Rose Young, Eva Bailey, Ethel Bailey of High Point, Messrs. W. F. Meeler, G. C. Maynard, Howard and Don Yates, Jones, Wilson, Mayhew, Humberson, Depew, Meeler, Maynard, Powers of Maben, W. Va., Perkins of Adako, and others.

Delicious refreshments were served, after which the crowd dispersed at the "wee small" hours of morning.

All present enjoyed the occasion and left with the expectation of another dance in the near future.

Tip for Lenoir Methodist.

(Marion Progress)

Methodists as well as other citizens of Marion will rejoice to learn that the Methodist church here is to receive a gift of \$1100 from Carnegie for a pipe organ, when a like amount is raised by private subscription. The ladies of the church have the matter in hand and a committee is now soliciting subscriptions for a pipe organ fund. Several hundred dollars have already been subscribed and it is believed that the necessary amount can soon be raised.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

LITTLE RIVER.

The farmers of this vicinity are working hard getting ready for corn planting, very little having yet been planted.

Wheat is looking fine with prospects for a good yield.

Mr. D. C. Flowers is the first person in this neighborhood to report a bee swarm.

Mr. Pink Legel, living near Dudley Shoals Cotton Mill, is quite sick, as is Mr. Will Porch and a number of the members of his family, suffering from measles.

Many of our farmers are hauling fertilizers from Lenoir.

Oak Hill Junior Order will meet Monday night, 25th, on account of the school closing Friday night.

The school at Oak Hill will close this week, the exercises embracing Thursday, Thursday night, Friday and Friday night. Preparations have been made to make it the best entertainment ever held at the school and it will no doubt be largely attended. S.

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YADKIN VALLEY.

The dwelling of Martha Cowles, a respected colored woman was burned Friday with its entire contents, during the absence of her family. The origin of the fire is unknown.

During clear weather our farmers are leading the strenuous life, preparing for planting their crops.

SCRIBE.

Suggested Tickets for School Trustees.

Walter Watson, F. P. Moore, Joe Powell, W. H. Craddock, G. C. Courtney, Dr. McNairy and L. P. Henkel.

ANOTHER.

Rev. C. T. Squires, F. P. Moore, Dr. McNairy, W. B. Watson, J. A. Courtney, W. H. Craddock and J. W. Whisnant.

The best dressed man in the village last Sunday, to our notion, was Esq. W. L. Bryan. The fabric was home-carded, home-spun and home-woven jeans. The work having been done more than 25 years ago by the late Mrs. J. Larkin Hayes, of Vilas. The cloth is a beautiful shade of brown, and for smoothness sets to shame much of the cloth that is palmed off on the public today. And, to make this suit more interesting, every stitch in it was put there by the drawn hands of Mrs. Lizzie McGhee, a seamstress of ye olden time, who is now more than 70 years old, and it is indeed neatness condensed. When the old gentleman stepped out wearing a pair of home manufactured boots, faultlessly polished, and this handsome suit, his appearance carried one back to the days when a man could get honest goods at honest prices—Watauga Democrat.

Marion came to the breakfast table late, and was scanned by the reproachful eyes of her mother.

"Did that young man kiss you last night, Marion?" "Now, Mother," said the very pretty girl, with a reminiscent smile, "do you suppose that he came all the way from Omaha to hear me sing?"