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THOMAS FAVORS DISTRICT PRIMARY

Nomination For Congress Is A District Nomination And Not One for County

THE VOTERS TO DECIDE ISSUE

Is A Matter For the Democrats Of the District To Decide Upon

The statement made in the New Bern Sun of Monday evening, January 5th, that the voters of Craven county favor a county primary to determine the County's candidate for Congress is without authority of the voters for whom the Sun assumes to speak; and the further statement with reference to the views of representative leading men that such is the sentiment, evidently originated in the minds of political supporters of Judge Guion, or had its origin in the political scheme intended by his supporters to create a false impression in the minds of some people that he and his supporters favor a district primary. If this be true, why does not Judge Guion at once agree to a District Primary for a District nomination, which primary has been requested by three of the candidates now in the field, Hon. Charles R. Thomas, Hon. George E. Hood and Hon. E. M. Koonce.

As to the demand for a district primary, there is no doubt that such sentiment exists. We have had a primary twice for United States Senator; a primary is established in the Sixth Congressional District; the amended plan of organization allows the Democratic Congressional Executive Committee of the District to order a primary for the district, and the whole policy of the Democratic party, including the announced policy of President Woodrow Wilson is for primaries.

The position of Hon. Charles R. Thomas upon this question is well known and was announced by him in his formal announcement as a Congressional candidate. He is strongly in favor of a primary for all candidates, State, District and County.

Interviewed by the Journal with regard to the article in the Sun, of January 5th, Mr. Thomas said: "I am, and have been, heartily in favor of primaries, and I have asked the Democratic Executive Committee of the Third Congressional District for a district primary to decide the contest between the Congressional candidates. If Judge Guion desires a primary in the Third Congressional District, he has only to say so in express terms, and to unite with Hon. G. E. Hood, Hon. E. M. Koonce and myself in this request, and without doubt, a majority of the candidates asking thereof the District Committee will order a District Primary.

"In regard to the proposition that a County Primary be held and that Judge Guion and myself pledge ourselves to abide by the result of an election in Craven county, thereby eliminating one or the other of us from the Congressional contest, such a proposition is unhesitatingly declined: First the nomination for Congress is a District nomination and not a County nomination we are not running for the Legislature and county office; second, the nomination for Congress is one upon which all the Democrats of all the nine counties of the Third Congressional District have the right to pass; it would be not only contrary to all party law and precedent, but it would be unfair to the Democratic voters of the other Counties of the Third Congressional District who have the same right to say who shall be either candidate as the Democratic voters of Craven; third, it would be an injustice to my other friends and supporters in Craven county, who desire that I should submit my claim for the Democratic nomination for Congress not only to Craven county, but to the entire District, in which I am well known by twelve years of service and by many campaigns. Judge Guion afraid of the District? Why does he want one county alone to pass upon our qualifications for Congress?"

"In the light of these facts, it is clear to every thinking man that the proposition made by the Sun, and through

Judge Guion's interview with the Sun is merely a political scheme HOWEVER THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MIGHT VOTE, THIS IS A DISTRICT NOMINATION AND SHOULD BE, IN JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS TO THE WHOLE DISTRICT, SUBMITTED TO THE WHOLE DISTRICT AND NOT TO ANY ONE COUNTY OF THE DISTRICT.

"IF JUDGE GUION SINCERELY DESIRES TO SUBMIT HIS CLAIMS FOR THE NOMINATION TO A PRIMARY, LET HIM AGREE TO SUBMIT IT TO A DISTRICT PRIMARY AND UNITE WITH THE OTHER CANDIDATES, HOOD, KOONCE AND MYSELF IN SUCH REQUEST, AND SO FAR AS I AM PERSONALLY CONCERNED, THE PROPOSITION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT HESITATION AND AT ONCE."

Mr. Thomas further stated: "I have read the editorial in the Sun advocating that a County primary settle who shall be Craven County's candidate for Congress. I repeat that this nomination is a District nomination and not a county nomination, and the Sun knows that I was first to announce I was in favor of letting the people decide the Democratic nominee for Congress by a district primary. I knew at the time that Mr. Hood, of Wayne county was in favor of a district primary and Mr. Koonce, of Onslow county, has since stated that he favors the same. The Sun states that Judge Guion favors a primary, leaving the impression that he favors a district primary. I HOPE THIS IS TRUE. LET THE JUDGE PROPOSE A DISTRICT PRIMARY UNDER HIS OWN SIGNATURE AND IT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY ME."

"I further desire to state that since this contest began I have made no statements to the Sun or the Sun's reporters. The Sun was so manifestly unfriendly and was so clearly in favor of Judge Guion, who is an uncle of the editor and owner of the Sun, that I would expect it to misquote me, as I have been. I have never made any expression of any kind to the Sun in regard to a division of the County vote. CONTRARY TO THE EXPECTATION OF JUDGE GUION'S FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS, I HAVE GONE QUIETLY ALONG THE EVEN TENOR OF MY WAY WITHOUT FEAR, AND UNTERIFIED BY THREATS OR SUGGESTIONS OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING A COUNTY PRIMARY, OR SUGGESTIONS THAT I WITHDRAW, ALL OF WHICH I KNEW WERE MERE POLITICAL SCHEMES. Whatever I have to say, and which can be relied upon by my friends, will be said through the columns of the Journal and other friendly papers.

"I NOW AGAIN DECLARE THAT I AM HEARTILY IN FAVOR OF A DISTRICT PRIMARY, AND I ASK JUDGE GUION TO JOIN WITH ME IN MAKING THE REQUEST FOR A DISTRICT PRIMARY FOR THE DISTRICT NOMINATION OF CONGRESSMAN TO THE CONGRESSIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. MY FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS, BELIEVE THAT I AM STRONG ENOUGH IN SUCH PRIMARY OR A CONVENTION, TO CARRY BOTH CRAVEN COUNTY AND THE DISTRICT; THAT IS FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE IN SUCH PRIMARY OR CONVENTION.

"I DESIRE FURTHER TO STATE, WHILE BEING INTERVIEWED, TO SET AT REST CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE, COMING FROM THE SUPPORTERS OF JUDGE GUION, THAT I AM IN THIS CONTEST FOR THE NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS UNTIL THE PEOPLE DECIDE THE MATTER, EITHER BY DISTRICT PRIMARY OR BY THE DISTRICT CONVENTION, FOR OR AGAINST ME."

VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH ELECT NEW OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by the Vestry of Christ Church at a meeting held at the Church Monday night:

A. H. Roberts, senior warden; Ex-Judge O. H. Guion, junior warden; W. G. Boyd, Clerk.

SIX MONTHS FOR ROBERT JONES

Charge Of Criminal Assault Changed To Simple Assault.

JURY DIDN'T GET THE CASE

Judge F. A. Daniels Losing No Time In Clearing The Docket.

The most interesting case taken up at the term of Craven county Superior Court which is now in session, was that in which Robert Jones, the young white man from Pamlico county who was charged with having committed a criminal assault upon one Mrs. W. C. Hobbs whose home is on South Front street.

This case was taken up yesterday morning. Circumstances which arose after Jones' incarceration in the county jail a few days before Christmas, lead the court to change the charge from one of criminal assault to one of simple assault. This was compromised without going to a jury and the defendant Jones was sentenced to serve six months in the Craven county jail.

There was also another charge against Jones, that of the larceny of a turkey from B. B. Davenport's coop on the night before Thanksgiving Day. This charge was changed to one of forcible trespass and prayer for judgment was continued.

Judge Daniels, of Goldsboro, who is presiding over the present court term, is conducting the term in his usual capable manner and is giving entire satisfaction to all. Judge Daniels is thorough enough in his work, yet speedy, and is losing no time in clearing the docket.

The following cases constituted the docket for the remainder of the day:

Guy Brooks was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

Ben Wallace, John Wallace and Warren Hodges were found guilty of larceny. Sentence in these cases has not been passed.

James Williams was found guilty of gambling but judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs of the case.

THE MCGEORGE MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY

Delighted another packed house last night at the Athens. Everybody is delighted with the company, and praise is on the lips of all who have seen them. Today, matinee and night, they will appear in an entire change of program, presenting:

"The Merry Minstrel Maids." The manager assures us (and we have heard from other sources) that this minstrel act is better and different from anything of the kind ever presented by a musical comedy company. PICTURES.

Today we have an Essayay two reel Feature entitled:

"In Convict Garb." An intensely dramatic production filled with thrills and exciting situations. Then we have two Biosraph farce comedies

"A Barber Cure."

and

"Boarders and Bombs."

Both of them are great laugh producers.

When you go to the Athens you expect to see something good and you are never disappointed. There is no place in North Carolina that gives you the shows we do for our small price of admission, and no place in the State that can boast as fine and thoroughly up to date theatre as the Athens—everybody says so. You see the same show at Matinee that is put on at night and only pay 5 and 10c. admission. Our matinees have more than doubled in the past few weeks. Matinee daily at 3:45. Show at night starts at 7:30.

COMMISSIONER HILL AGAIN ON THE JOB.

The many friends of United States Commissioner C. B. Hill will be delighted to learn that he has recovered sufficiently from a slight illness to be at his office again.

T. A. Crowell left yesterday for his home in Monroe for a visit of several weeks.

WINFRED T. DENNISON



Winfred T. Dennison, appointed one of the American members of the Philippine Commission, is a Bull Mooror and has been an assistant to the Attorney General. He was born in Portland, Me., forty years ago and is a graduate of the Harvard University Law School.

POLLOCKSVILLE MAN GETS DEPUTY MARSHAL'S PLACE

I. H. BARRUS SELECTED BY U. S. MARSHAL W. T. DORTCH.

When W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, assumed charge of the office of United States Marshal for the Eastern district of North Carolina, Deputy Marshal Samuel Lilly of this city automatically went out of office.

Since that time the place has been vacant. It was generally understood that Thomas Haywood, of Croatan, would be appointed to fill the position held by Mr. Lilly but several days ago Mr. Haywood announced that, owing to charges which had been brought against him and, not desiring to embarrass his supporters, he would not be a candidate for the place.

Yesterday I. H. Barrus, of Pollocksville in this section. Whether the appointment is permanent or only temporary is not known, but at present he will take care of the work which comes under the supervision of the revenue officer in this section.

IMPERIAL ORCHESTRA TO GIVE DELIGHTFUL DANCE

WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY NIGHT IN NAVAL RESERVES ARMORY.

The Imperial Orchestra which is composed of C. D. Kidder, H. H. McCall, Crapon, Taylor and Hornsien, and which is branch of the Peoples Concert Band, will give a dance Friday evening in the armory of the New Bern Division North Carolina Naval Reserves on Craven street.

This orchestra, recently organized, is in need of uniforms and other paraphernalia and they have started out to work for enough money to purchase these. A small admission fee will be charged all who attend the dance and this will be turned into the fund being raised to purchase uniforms.

The event will be one well worth attending. The very latest music will be furnished and your friends will be there.

DOCTOR R. F. BUTLER IS ABLE TO BE OUT.

The many friends of Dr. R. F. Butler will be delighted to know that he is improving very rapidly after several weeks' illness.

NO COLLECTION WAS GUARANTEED

Bond Of J. C. Thomas, Jr., Only Good For Moneys Paid In.

ALDERMEN HOLD MEETING

Many Matters Of Importance Taken Up By Them Last Night.

That the bond which John C. Thomas, Jr., former collector of the Water and Light Department of the city of New Bern, gave to the city when he assumed charge of the office, did not guarantee the collection of the water and light bills, but merely guaranteed that Mr. Thomas would turn over all money collected, was the statement made last night at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen. At the last regular meeting, the meeting at which Hilton Rawlings & Company, public accountants, made their report showing that there were several thousand dollars uncollected in the Water and Light Department, Mr. Thomas was ordered to appear before the Board at the January meeting and give some satisfactory explanation of this existing condition.

Since the last regular meeting it has not been possible to get the city's books in such shape as to show just how much Mr. Thomas had collected and which was unaccounted for or how much he had not collected. Alderman Blades explained this situation and stated that definite action would be reserved until the next meeting and at that time it was hoped that the books would be in such condition that the amounts above referred to could be definitely stated.

Mr. Thomas told the Board that he stood ready any time to make good any amounts which had been paid him and which had not been turned in, or, in fact, would pay all bills which the Board could show was collected by himself or anyone in his office while he had charge of the Water and Light collecting. Alderman Dill made a motion to allow Mr. Thomas to pay to the City Treasurer the amount which the auditors' report showed was due. This motion was seconded and carried. Among the other matters brought before the Board was a petition presented by O. H. Galon, appearing in behalf of the police force, asking that the salary of each Policeman be increased from sixty to seventy dollars a month. Mr. Guion explained that the cost of living was rapidly increasing and that the policemen needed the increase in order to enable them to meet this increased cost. Alderman Dill was in favor of granting the increase and Alderman McCarthy move that it be given them. Alderman Disoway seconded this, but Alderman Blades thought that the matter should be continued for thirty days and upon roll call the majority voted in favor of this action.

Alderman Blades made a motion which was seconded by Alderman Dawson that a reduction of fifty per cent. be allowed on all old water and light bills paid in January and twenty-five per cent. reduction on those paid in February and face value if paid in March. If these bills are not settled in April the service will be discontinued. This motion was carried. A motion by Alderman Blades that the collector in the Water and Light Department report all delinquents quarterly was seconded and adopted.

The Riverside Hose Company presented a petition asking that they be given an indicator. This matter was referred to the Fire Department Committee for action. The petition of F. H. Smith that the sewer on Queen street be extended to his premises was referred to the Streets and Pumps Committee.

The old ordinance which prohibits the shifting or making up of freight trains on Queen street west of the eastern line of Graves street, originally advocated by the late H. C. Whitehurst has since been brought forward in the new city ordinance books and re-passed by the present Board of Aldermen.

Some time ago the citizens residing on Queen street employed Mr. D. E. Henderson to represent them in relieving the present conditions which, by reason of the danger to human life at the Griffith and Graves street crossing and the great annoyance to the citizens as well as the general public.

MEXICAN MUDDLE IS NO BETTER

Transfer Of British Minister From City Of Mexico Is Important.

THE LONDON PRESS COMMENTS

German Cruisers Make Haste To Teach Tampico.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Announcement from London today that Great Britain is about to transfer Sir Lionel Garden, its minister at the City of Mexico, was regarded by official Washington as a substantial manifestation of the purpose of the British government to remove every obstruction to the execution of President Wilson's plans for dealing with the Mexican situation.

At the State Department it was denied that the United States had made any protest to the British foreign office against acts or utterances ascribed to Minister Garden. From other sources, though, it was learned that Ambassador Page did seek information at the British foreign office some time ago regarding the attitude of its representatives in Mexico. About the time this occurred a semi-official statement was issued in London regarding a statement attributed to Sir Lionel that President Wilson's policy toward Mexico would not have been adopted had he not been in ignorance of the facts.

Officials here believe the transfer of the British Minister will impress the Mexican government with the fact that there is to be no modification in the program from which it is now in a hurry to profit.

A cable from Rear Admiral Fletcher to the United States said it was hoped that the article was to be made upon January 6, by publication of the British Minister's resignation.

From the West Coast, Captain Bradshaw of the gunboat Yorktown, sent to Esmond a report that the foreigners there were threatened with a forced loan, reported today that the situation had been relieved.

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 6.—President Wilson tonight read with interest press dispatches announcing that Sir Lionel Garden, the British minister to Mexico, would be transferred to Brazil. The President had no comment to make, formal or otherwise. It is known however, that he had no advice information concerning the transfer, getting his only advices through the Press.

Newspapers in this vicinity continue their speculation concerning the visit of John Lind to the President. One publication today purported to give General Villa's activities in northern Mexico as the chief topic discussed. Another gave prominence to the story that Charge O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Lind are not working in harmony. President Wilson is the only man in the United States who knows what took place at the Conference, and Mr. Lind is now on the high seas, having discussed Mexican affairs with the President only. With the exception of the broad general statement which the President made on Saturday regarding the Lind conference, absolutely nothing has been given out about it.

The President played golf this morning, but omitted afternoon exercise, spending his entire time indoors. He dictated letters for an hour and went over some official papers.

CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TANK IS BEING RUSHED.

The contractors that have charge of the construction of the large steel water tank for the Norfolk Southern Railway Company are rushing the work upon the tank and expect to have it finished in the course of a week.

MR. CROWELL LEAVE STEWART'S SANATORIUM.

The many friends of Mr. Thos. A. Crowell the popular and efficient drug clerk of the Bradham Drug Co., will be delighted to see him out again after several weeks' confinement at Stewart's Sanatorium recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Upon motion the Board ordered that advertisements be placed in the local newspapers for bids on the twenty thousand dollar worth of school bonds, these bids to be opened at the next meeting.