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Hon. C. R. Thomas Does Not Favor County Primary

His Position On This Subject Is Well Known

NO SANCTION TO PETITIONERS

Some Voters Have Signed These Petitions Under Misapprehension

"All is fair in love and war," rhapsodized a famous poet and evidently some of the politicians are taking the view that all is fair in war and politics, and are pursuing tactics which conform to this belief.

It has come to the ears of the supporters of Hon. Charles R. Thomas, one of the candidates for nomination as representative to Congress from this district, that petitions are being circulated in the county asking for a county primary to which he is said to be in favor. All doubt about this was dispelled yesterday when J. B. Price who resides at Ernul, and who is a staunch supporter of Mr. Thomas, came to New Bern and told friends of the former that he had signed a petition favoring a county primary after he had been told that Mr. Thomas was in favor of the same.

Mr. Thomas' position in regard to primaries is well known all over the district. He knows perfectly well that Craven county is only one of the nine counties of the Third District and that the candidates in the other counties have just as much right to demand that their friends here cast their vote for them as have the Craven county candidates to expect to receive votes in the other eight counties. This is a fair and square-minded view of the matter and conforms with the opinions of all the leading men of the present time.

Take for instance President Woodrow Wilson's position in regard to primaries. President Wilson says that he is in favor of national primaries for the nomination of national officers, State-wide primaries for the selection of State officers and district primaries for the selection of Congressmen and Solicitors. This opinion is voiced by many others and in fact is the only fair way of settling political disputes.

The idea of a county primary is absurd when one looks at the suggestion in the proper light and Mr. Thomas and his supporters all over the district have never thought of consenting to such a method of selecting a candidate for representative to the next Congress. Some have signed petitions favoring a county primary under misapprehension, while some have not even taken the trouble to look over the petitions, being too busy to carefully read the same and relying on the word of someone else as to the purport of the petition.

Reports continue to come to New Bern that Hon. Charles R. Thomas following all over the district is becoming larger each day. The people realize that he is the man to send back to Congress because his past record has proven

DEAD INFANT FOUND IN A TRASH BARREL

WILMINGTON WAGON DRIVER MAKES A DISCOVERY.

Wilmington, Jan. 21.—A sensational discovery was made late yesterday afternoon by Oscar Croom, driver of a garbage wagon for the city, when he carried a load of trash to the city incinerator to be burned in the plant, when the body of a white infant was found in a trash barrel. The matter was reported immediately to the police department and the superintendent of health was also notified as well as the coroner.

The incinerator plant is so arranged that the wagons can drive in and dump their contents directly into the furnace. Mr. Croom had just driven in and was preparing to unload the wagon when he found in an overturned barrel the body of a dead infant. In making the collections the barrel had been placed in the wagon and, being full of trash, the child was not seen.

The body was placed in a room at the plant and locked up pending an investigation by the police and the other officials, who have authority to act in such matters. Where the body came from is a mystery and it may be several days before it is cleared up or it may never be.

Croom is reported to have told the police where he picked up the barrel of trash, containing the infant's body, and an investigation will likely be made. Whether or not any arrests will be made depends upon the results of the investigation.

LUMBER BEING REMOVED FROM BARGE.

A cargo of lumber valued at several thousand dollars is being removed from a stranded barge at Cape Lookout for the Rutledge Lumber Company, of this city. The vessel from a Georgia port, carried 550,000 feet for the Pennsylvania Railway at New York. The lumber was bought in by the local concern at public auction and now is being lightered to the mainland. It was sold by the underwriters. It will require three or four weeks longer to salvage the cargo.—Kinston Free Press.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY.

Water and light consumers who owe back bills will save money by taking advantage of the discount which the city is offering during the month of January.

G. M. Reel, of Reelsboro, was in the city yesterday on business.

that he knows how to do things and does them. He is familiar with the work in Congress and is therefore the most competent man to send to Washington to represent the District in the Congressional halls.

C. D. Bradham, President of the Pepsi Cola Company and who yesterday made a very able address before the bottlers who are attending the Fourth Annual Convention of the Pepsi Cola Bottlers Association in session here this week.



KILLED WIFE; WANTED TO WED STEPDAUGHTER

HIGGINS WAS ARRESTED
AFTER GIRL TOLD OF HER
INFATUATION

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 21.—Robert Higgins confessed today that he murdered his wife at New Henderson, Ill., January 5, so that he would be free to marry his stepdaughter, Julia Flake, 15 years old. He was arrested after the girl told State's Attorney John M. Wilson, of Mercer county, of her infatuation for Higgins and that she importuned him to dispose of her mother. She told how they had schemed to devise a plan which would make Mrs. Higgins' death appear accidental. She said she was in the next room when Higgins fired the shotgun which brought instant death to her mother. She told how Higgins raved and struggled with neighbors for possession of the gun, saying he would end his own life. She said they explained that Higgins had been cleaning the gun and it was discharged accidentally.

His story was so convincing the coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Later Ernest, a maternal uncle of the girl, took two letters written by Julia Flake, one to himself and one to his daughter, to State's Attorney Wilson. In these letters the girl offered part of a legacy of \$7,000 she is to receive when she becomes of age, provided they would help her to kill her mother. Mr. Wilson called in State's Attorney A. J. Boutelle, of Know county, and Sunday they went to see Julia at Hermon. They were astounded by her story.

Higgins who is 26 years old and several years the junior of the woman he killed, was found today at New Henderson. He broke down after several hours' questioning.

"I can't stand it any longer," he moaned. "I'll tell everything."

TO TAKE CHARGE OF HOTEL AT MIDDLESEX.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bilbro have gone to Middlesex where Mr. Bilbro will assume charge of the hotel at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bilbro have made New Bern their home for several months, and it is with regret that their friends learn of their departure.

CANDIDATE B. G. CREDLE OFF TO HYDE COUNTY

WOULD BE CONGRESSMAN
TAKING A PLEASURE
TRIP.

B. G. Credle, a candidate for nomination as representative to Congress from this district who says that he will, each year, give three thousand dollars of his salary if he is elected, leaves this morning for Hyde county where he will spend several days with relatives.

"Don't let any of the candidates put one over on me while I am away," said Mr. Credle yesterday to a Journal reporter. "I am going to show the people something before this is over and although I haven't got any money to spend, I believe that I will be the next Congressman."

Mr. Credle probably has no serious thoughts about going to Congress but he is certainly having a lot of fun out of his "campaign," and the enjoyment he is getting out of it is enough to repay him for the trouble he went to in writing his "announcement."

The more rings a woman has on her fingers the ogre her back hair needs adjusting.

The Princess Girls Company

Scored another big hit at the Athens last night, presenting the best comedy act yet. Don't fail to hear this high class musical company tonight. If you can't arrange to come at night, "take in" the matinee at 3:45, when you see the same big show at 5c. for children and 10c. for adults, that we put on at night. Our picture offering today ought to please and satisfy any one—listen:

"The Child of the Praires."

A Selig Western drama portraying ranch life. Very thrilling and exciting.

"A Miracle of Love."

One of Lubin's interesting love dramas.

"Mrs. Casey's Gorilla."

A Biograph farce comedy.

"Mixed Nuts."

Another Biograph farce comedy. Matinee daily at 3:45. Two shows at night, first starts at 7:30, second about 9:00 o'clock. The Big House. The Big Show. The Small Price.

THE PEPSI COLA BOTTLERS WILL ADJOURN TODAY

Fourth Annual Convention Closes This Afternoon.

BOAT TRIP DOWN RIVER

Visitors Will Be Entertained At An Old-Fashioned Oyster Roast.

The second day of the fourth annual convention of the Pepsi-Cola Bottlers of the United States which is in session here this week, was even more of a success than the first day, and those who were in attendance at the business sessions were not only greatly helped by the many interesting addresses but were also entertained.

The first session was held at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the home office of the Company. One of the first speakers on the program was J. Leon Williams, secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Williams was down on the program to make an address on the first day, but business matters compelled him to delay his talk until yesterday.

In his address Mr. Williams urged co-operation. He said that co-operation was the keynote of the success of any business and that it was essential that all work together toward one end. Following Mr. Williams' talk, addresses were made by A. D. Ward of this city, F. E. Boston of Jacksonville, Fla., and J. A. Long of Greensboro. The remarks of each of these gentlemen were well founded and proved both interesting and instructive.

At noon the visiting bottlers gathered in front of the Pepsi-Cola plant and a large photograph of the assemblage was taken by George Moulton, of the Wooten-Moulton studio. At 2:30 o'clock there was a general discussion by the bottlers and at the conclusion of this, president C. D. Bradham outlined the plan of advertising for the coming year and exhibited the methods which he had planned. Following this, short but interesting talks were made by J. C. Hebiditch of Newport News, Va., M. Lipman of Norfolk, Va., and F. H. Ship, sales manager at the home office.

Last night the bottlers were tendered a theatre party at the Athens theatre by the Pepsi Cola Company. More than a hundred bottlers participated in this and greatly enjoyed the treat. This morning the visitors will be taken down Neuse river to a point several miles below New Bern and there tendered an old-fashioned oyster roast. This treat will be given them jointly by the Pepsi Cola Company and the Crown Cork and Seal Company of Baltimore.

Returning to the city late in the afternoon the visitors will board a special Pullman car enroute to their homes. Among the bottlers who came in yesterday to attend the convention were:

J. C. Hebiditch, Newport News; T. L. Hester, New York; L. P. Baker, Baltimore; W. A. Teel, Jr., Greenville; G. W. Summerell, Kinston; T. W. Thrash, Tarboro; H. Z. Bogue, Goldsboro; O. F. Ekard, Hickory; G. L. Moses, Claremont; A. O. Cureton, Greenville, S. C.; R. H. Baxter, Durham; H. B. Fowler, Charlotte; Geo. W. Cooke, Rocky Mount

NINE YEAR OLD BOY CAUSED THE SOUTHERN WRECK

Spiked Rails Near Charlotte Last Sunday Night.

TWO MEN MET DEATH

Object Used In Wrecking Train Was An Ordinary Spike.

Charlotte, Jan. 21.—That the death of Engineer J. E. Curlee and Fireman A. H. Wilson by the derauling of Southern train No. 15 at Davidson on Sunday night, came about through the thoughtless spiking of the rails by a nine-year old boy was established this morning by Special Agent Oliver. Rufus Hall, the son of John Q. Hall of Davidson, is credited with the placing of the fatal obstruction in the path of the southbound train. The testimony of his sisters, 14 and 17 years of age, point conclusively to the culpability of the youth which in the opinion of the railroad officials, came without malice aforethought, but emanating from the mischievous propensities common to the ordinary nine-year-old specimen of the masculine gender.

In company with his father young Hall left Davidson this morning for Paw Creek, where his parent is today engaged in the transaction of business. They will return to Davidson tonight, when will be taken whatever action the railroad officials think necessary. Major J. Lee Sloan of Davidson, who is in the city this afternoon, stated that a few seconds previous to boarding the train, he was approached upon the matter of a warrant, but through the lack of time, the matter was not settled. He was unable to say whether a legal paper would be issued against the child.

Special Agent Oliver received his first clue from J. C. Armour, who occupies a house overlooking the Southern tracks, some 300 yards from the station and at the spot where occurred the horrible catastrophe of Sunday evening. Mr. Armour reported that he saw a number of children passing down the tracks at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and that although not giving the matter any thought at the time, he later remembered seeing one of them place several small objects upon the track.

An investigation by the special agent this morning, led to the belief that the Hall children had been the Sunday afternoon pedestrians. When interviewed by the railroad officials, the sisters of Rufus admitted that he had placed the spike upon the track, together with several pieces of coal. The youth previous to the interview, had boarded the south bound train with his father.

The obstacle which resulted in the terrible death of the Charlotte engineer and fireman, was an ordinary railroad spike of the type utilized in securing the rails to the cross-ties. It was found after the wreck beneath the wheels of the overturned engine. That such a miniature obstruction could have caused an engine to leave the rails, is thought to have been due to the fact that the spike was placed almost immediately at the intersection of two lengths of rail that result being that the pony trucks of the engine "rode it."