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PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR in ADVANCE

Town Kings Mountain Wholly in Cleveland County

At an election held here last Saturday to determine the future boundary line between the counties of Cleveland and Gaston placing the town of Kings Mountain wholly in either Cleveland or Gaston it was decided by a majority of 71 votes in favor of Cleveland county. The voting began early in the morning and continued with enthusiasm until the polls closed. It was the most hotly contested election ever held in this town. Both sides were hopeful throughout. It was known before the polls closed that the balance was contained in the folded ballots and nobody was certain how it had gone until the count was made.

Out of a total registration of 624 600 votes were cast, 341 for Cleveland and 270 for Gaston giving a majority for Cleveland of 71 votes. There were thirteen square miles of territory in transit, 6 in Gaston county and 7 in Cleveland county. The voters in Gaston county numbered 214 who voted at the Dilling Mill in the ratio of 178 for Gaston and 36 for Cleveland. The voters in the Cleveland territory voted at the city hall. They numbered 397 and the vote stood 305 for Cleveland and 92 for Gaston. There were about fifteen who didn't vote, ten in Cleveland territory and five in Gaston.

The new boundary line between the two counties instead of running with the old Burke road through the town of Kings Mountain as formerly now runs as follows: the old county line to a stone on the County line road from Kings Mountain to Cherryville, the corner of No. 4 and No. 5 Townships of Cleveland County, near Ebenezer Church, and running thence S. 67 E. 156.50 chains to a stone near James Payne's residence in Gaston County; thence S. 5 W. 444.00 chains to a stone on top of Mountain; thence S. 10 W. 110.00 chains to a stone where the present county line between Gaston and Cleveland counties intersects the South Carolina line. This includes about six square miles of Gaston county.

Cleveland county is bonded to build a sand-clay and macadam road on the old County Line road from the South Carolina line to a point about four miles beyond Ebenezer church and another piece of road a mile or more in length known as the Clover road in accordance with resolutions passed by the county commissioners provided the election was favorable to Cleveland. The formal transfer of the territory will be made on December first 1916.

GOOD NEGROES

J. J. Shehan, a railroad contractor of Pamplin, Va., left here Friday with fifteen colored men for his work there. Mr. Shehan stated to the Herald man that Kings Mountain and Gastonia darkies were the best he had ever worked. He has been working them for several years. He stated that they were smart, peaceable and send their money home.

Kings Mountain Presbyterial

(Shelby Star)

Mrs. George V. Patterson of Kings Mountain ably and acceptably president with Mrs. C. E. Neisler of Kings Mountain as efficient secretary for Kings Mountain Presbyterial, which embraces the counties of Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston, Polk and Rutherford.

The meeting of the Presbyterial ladies began in Shelby Monday night and terminated Wednesday at noon and was a grand success. They discussed Missions home and foreign, Orphanage and kindred subjects for the spiritual uplift, and fifty lady delegates, of whom 37 came via train and other in cars, were hospitably entertained.

Miss Julia Smith's (of Asheville) address on Home Missions was a rich intellectual treat and conducive to this cause. She was highly complimented. A missionary Africa, gave zest to the deliberations and Dr. Bennett of Atlanta and Rev. H. H. Sweets of Ky. gave splendid addresses.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the close of the meeting.

President; Miss Clara Patrick of Lowell who will preside at the next annual meeting to be held at Dallas.

Vice Pres; Mrs. L. R. LaFare of Gastonia, Sec; Mrs. S. A. Robinson of Gastonia; Sec. of Literature, Mrs. E. W. Barnes of Kings Mountain.

INVENTS PLOW

Mr. Robert Haynes, a Lincoln county citizen, has invented and built a plow that will tear up a 4 foot furrow. He was in town Wednesday taking one of these plows out to the farm of Mr. Thos. J. Ramsour, where it was put to work preparing the soil for planting.

The invention is something new in this line. Twenty-four rotating bull tongues are attached to a revolving shaft. The power for operating this plow is furnished by a gas engine tractor, of 20 horse power, using kerosene oil fuel. Mr. Hrynes estimates that it takes 5 gallons of oil per acre to operate the plow. With this outfit 4 acres of ground may be covered in a day, taking a furrow 4 feet wide. It is also a subsoiler, plowing 12 to 14 inches deep. Those who have seen this plow at work say that it tears up the ground at a lively rate, thoroughly pulverizing and that on one occasion a small stump was taken up by the roots, though this is not its strong suit.

Mr. Thos. J. Ramsour is owner of the one referred to above. Mr. Haynes proposes to build more if this one continues to give satisfaction, and he sees no reason why it will not.

Misses Annie McMillan and Susan White of Gastonia visited relatives here Thursday and Friday.

225 MILE ROAD REV. PAYSEUR

ASHEVILLE COLUMBIA

A. C. McCarter, road supervisor for Kings Mountain township York County, S. C., was in town Monday and informed us that his people were going to build about three miles of 30 foot sand-clay road connecting the Yorkville road and the one to be built on the old county line by Cleveland county. These two pieces of road will connect a general highway of 225 miles from Asheville, N. C. to Columbia, S. C.

EDITORS MEET

The North Carolina Press Association will meet this year at Montreat July first and Second. A special excursion will be run to Mt. Mitchell during the session. This bids fair to be one of the most interesting meetings and outings that the editors of the state have had. The association met last year at Wrightsville Beach and was very much enjoyed by all. There is one advantage this year over last. There is less chance of drowning and as your sinful scribe came so near losing both halves last year he is indeed proud of this fact.

The Baraca Book of Numbers.

At the North Carolina Baraca Philathia convention which was held in Raleigh the last of this week the following were presented:

The number of class organizations in different denominations in the state is approximately as follows, not including Junior Baraca and Philathia classes:

BARACA.—Baptists, 400; Methodist, 227; Presbyterian, 42; Methodist Protestant, 35; Christian, 5; Moravian, 10; Friends, 8 Reformed, 7; Lutheran, 5; Union 19.

PHILATHEA.—Baptists, 454; Methodist, 245; Presbyterian, 50; Methodist Protestant, 35; Christian, 25; Lutheran, 15; Union, 15; Friends, 10; Reformed, 5. Including Junior Organizations, there are something over eighteen hundred in the state.

In the 845 Baptist Baraca and Philathia classes there are enrolled, we hear, no less than fifty thousand young men and young women.

AUCTION SALE

The auction sale of the Alex. N. Harmon land last Thursday went off well. There was a splendid crowd on the grounds and plenty of bidders were in evidence. Mr. Hatcher Webb of Shelby was the auctioneer and although he was very hoarse conducted his sale in line shape and with dispatch. The property had been divided into blocks and subdivided into lots. It was first sold in lots and then the blocks put up for a better bid. In each case the price by blocks was the highest and accepted.

It was feared that coming right in the lap of the election as it did that the sale would not be a success. But the property was first-class and well advertised and sold well.

The property was sold for division among the heirs.

E. B. Arrowood made a business trip to Bessemer City Friday.

DIED AT GAFFNEY

Rev. C. W. Payseur of Gaffney, S. C. was buried at Gastonia Sunday. Mr. Payseur is well known as a minister in the Baptist church. He was a native of Gaston county, and married a sister of the late Mrs. D. E. Vipperman, nee Miss Hurley of Gastonia.

BRAKEFIELD

Mr. James Brakefield, a Confederate veteran, died April 19th, at the age of 69 years. He was buried at Elthelie the funeral being conducted by Rev. E. O. Cole.

These fair sons of the southland continue to fall. The ranks are steadily thinning. Ever long the bugle will cease her blowing and they will all be gathered home.

MRS. PUTNAM

Mrs. Will Putnam of Bessemer City was buried here Sunday afternoon. She had been in lingering health for several months and the end was not unexpected by her friends. While Mr. Putnam is yet a comparatively young man this is the second wife which he has lost.

Deceased was the daughter of Mr. Frank Smith and a niece of Mrs. Levi Reynolds of this place.

CARD THANKS

We wish to thank through the medium of The Herald all our neighbors and friends who showed us their love and sympathy by many kind helpful deeds during the last sickness and death of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. Nancy Brakefield (and children.)

For Mayor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor of Kings Mountain and will appreciate the support of my friends.

Respectfully,
J. J. Ray.

SEND IN LISTS

Let every choir expecting to participate in the music at the Union Sunday School Singing Convention to be held in the First Baptist church here the fifth Sunday in May arrange their program and send them in.

Remember too that membership in this convention is not confined to the few choirs which have been taking part but every choir of whatever denomination within the bounds of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association on this side of Buffalo creek including Antioch church are eligible and are invited to join. All that is necessary for any choir to be admitted is to send in a list of the songs they wish to use sometime during the first week of May.

Hon. E. Y. Webb is expected to speak at eleven o'clock and altogether the convention bids fair for the best yet.

Misses Quinnie Barrett and Mae Pearson and M. B. Barrett went to Spartanburg Friday.

W. T. Bradford Takes His Life Friday

An Echo From Montgomery

(Troy Montgomerian)

The Anti-Jug Law.

(By Rev. J. M. Page)

As I was asked by the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, the organization that represents the Churches and Sunday schools and all real temperance people in the State, to look after its interest in Montgomery County, there are a few things that I want to say.

1. The people of North Carolina said in 1902 that they wanted prohibition. They spoke with the emphasis of forty-four thousand majority. This no man could have failed to understand. When the law thus enacted went into effect many of the liquor dealers went to Virginia and Florida and continued to defy the people who had put them out of business in North Carolina. Thus thousands of dollars were sucked out of the business of this state and sent over to enrich other States. In the trail of this business were left paupers, insane, idiots and criminals for us to take care of with no revenue to pay the expenses. The people wanted to stop this unfair business, but could not on account of the interstate commerce laws. Then Webb's bill was passed by the national congress giving the states the authority to stop the shipping of liquor into their territory. The Anti-Saloon League then took up the matter with full confidence that no Legislature would fail to carry out the expressed will of the people.

2. In this legislature there has been discovered a fact that but few people had thought of and hardly any of us had given due consideration, that is that there are a large number of prohibition politicians that are willing to stand with the forces of righteousness in getting liquor cut of the way of the poor white man and negro so long as there is provision for them to get their own craving appetite satisfied. The law which the people demanded would have cut the senators and that class of society tipplers who feel that they are superior beings to the most of us, out of their favorite beverage.

The senators were willing to risk their political heads rather than defy their craving appetites. Thank God there were some noble men in the Senate, who were not in this class, but they stood like the prophets of old for righteousness and sobriety and against wickedness in high places.

3. Was not the amendment tacked on in the Senate an effort to let the people say what they wanted? No. It was a subterfuge hatched out in the cauldron of darkness to defeat the bill which the people demanded, and you know how it did it. The real test between the forces of darkness and the forces of righteousness on this amendment and strange to say the senator from Montgomery voted with the liquor crowd.

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The saddest thing to occur in Kings Mountain in many a day was the suicide last Friday night of Mr. W. T. Bradford at his home in the north side of town. About nine o'clock a pistol shot was heard at the wood shed in the yard at the Bradford home. A few minutes later Mrs. Bradford went to the shed to get coal and found the body of her husband in a sitting posture over in the corner of the shed. She immediately gave the alarm and neighbors rushed in. J. A. Harmon, who lives just across the street was the first man to arrive.

Mr. Bradford had sat down on the ground in the corner of the and with a revolver in his right hand sent a bullet through his brain which resulted in instant death. The bullet entered about two inches above the right ear and seemed to range a little downward. A bottle of carbolic acid unopened was present also.

Two notes were found in his pocket, one addressed to his wife and the other to Mr. R. S. Plonk, his employer. The contents of neither note have been given out for publication but Mrs. Bradford told the Herald man that the assigned trouble over the county line election held here Saturday as the cause of the act.

Mr. Bradford was up town after supper and showed no unusual demeanor and nobody suspected anything out of the ordinary. He never went home again except to the wood shed in the yard. It is supposed that he went from town back to his office at the Phenix Mill where he was employed as bookkeeper and that there he wrote the letters. Mrs. Bradford's note was written with a pencil and Mr. Plonk's with a typewriter and a copy enclosed with Mrs. Bradford's.

Deceased was a native of Lenoir, N. C. He came to this town some 22 or 23 years ago and worked as agent for the Southern. He grew in the estimation of the people and was later elected mayor of the town. For the past eight or ten years he had been connected with the various cotton mills in the town as bookkeeper and at the time of his death was bookkeeper for the Phenix.

Mr. Bradford was in his 57th year. In 1865 he was married to Miss Eliza Black, daughter of Thomas Black, one of Cleveland's foremost farmers who lives about two miles west of town. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom with the widow survive.

Deceased is survived by the widow, Mrs. Eliza Black Bradford, and the following children: Charlie, Tom, Sarah, Mary, Virginia, John and Rebecca, all of whom were yet at home, and a half brother, William Bradford, of Grier, S. C.

That Mr. Bradford had an exceptionally wide circle of friends was evinced by the great concourse of people who attended the funeral and burial Sunday morning. The funeral was conducted from the home at ten o'clock by Rev. G. L. Kerr, Pastor of the A. R. P. church, interment following in the family plot in the city cemetery.

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