



WOODSTOCK, VIRGINIA.

FRIDAY MAY 1, 1908.

DEMOCRATS ELECT DELEGATES TO ROANOKE.

The Democratic County Committee, of Shenandoah county, met in this place last Saturday and elected the following delegates, with one half vote each, to represent this county in State Convention which meets in Roanoke, June 11th:

LEE DISTRICT—A. L. Henkel, C. W. Bennie, C. Shirley, J. W. Myers. ASBY DISTRICT—J. H. Ruby, H. S. Winder, David Shuttles, J. H. Downey.

MADISON DISTRICT—J. W. Holler, M. L. Grove. JOHNSTON DISTRICT—Capt. R. D. Fulkhouser, C. M. Golladay, S. B. Miley, Dr. L. S. Shaver.

STONEWALL DISTRICT—J. M. Bauserman, Capt. G. W. Koontz, M. L. Walton, C. M. Orndorff.

DAVIS DISTRICT—R. S. Funk, G. H. Snarr, B. F. Richards, J. F. Orndorff.

The following resolutions were adopted: RESOLVED—That each delegate elected by this committee is hereby authorized to name and appoint his own alternate.

RESOLVED—That the members of the delegation from this county are hereby authorized to fill any vacancies in the delegation from any democrats from Shenandoah county at Roanoke.

RESOLVED—That the delegates present at the State Convention are hereby authorized to cast the entire vote of the County.

DEATH LIST ABOUT 350.

SEVERAL THOUSAND MADE HOMELESS BY TORNADOES.

New Orleans, April 26.—The totals of death, misery and ruin in four Southern States by Friday's tornadoes came to hand today in approximately correct form.

Briefly stated, they are: Killed (about)..... 350 Injured, painfully or seriously..... 1,200 Homeless—Several thousand.

Towns reported serious wreckage 46 Habitations and business houses practically complete ruins in these towns (about)..... 2,500

The above figures do not include the wreckage on plantations and farms, scores of which were struck and damaged. The number of dead will never be known accurately, for about 300 of them were negroes and were buried in communities without careful record of their numbers.

While some of the first reports giving apparently reliable death lists have since proved unreliable, nevertheless, remote places, which were late in reporting their dead, have served to hold the total death list uniformly around 350. The manner in which this death list has grown for two days, in spite of continual subtractions from early reports, has been a melancholy index of the interstate scope of the disaster.

DAMAGE IN 46 TOWNS.

Following is a list by States of the 46 towns reporting more or less damage:

Louisiana—Lucerne, Kenmore, Lamourie, Richland, Amite, Essie, Pine, Angie, Franklinton, Sheridan, Avard, Eunice. Total 12.

Mississippi—Gilles, Bend, Purvis, Church Hill, Lorman, Tillman, Melton, Baxterville, Braxton, Sunflower, Wahala, Wingate, Columbus, Walls, Fairchilds Creek, Quitman's Landing, McLaughlin, McCallum, Winchester, Pine Ridge. Total 19.

Georgia—Columbus, Chipley, La Grange, Harris, Griffin, McDonough, Locust Grove, Cedar town, Cave Spring. Total 9.

Alabama—Albertville, High Mound, Hatton, Leesburg, Settlement, Blountsville. Total 6.

Whooping Cough.

"In February our daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane of Hartland, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said, and can recommend it to anyone having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. A. Goss, of Durand, Mich. For sale by Walton & Smoot.

Reports from Washington that the four delegates from Virginia at Denver will be Martin, Daniel, Hay and Swanson, that Chairman Ellyson will not be retained as head of the State committee, and that other changes will be made are not taken seriously in Richmond. The impression there is that Martin, Daniel, Swanson, and R. Tate Irvin will be the delegates at large, and that Samuel L. Kelley, of Richmond, and Judge Samuel W. Williams, of Wythe, will be the electors at large. It is understood that Mr. Ellyson is to succeed himself as chairman.

A remarkable blizzard, the worst experienced in the south of England since 1881, continued practically all over the United Kingdom throughout last Friday night and Saturday. It was accompanied by a violent northerly gale and a low temperature, and in many places the snowdrifts were eight feet deep.

Kidney complaint kills more people than any other disease. This is due to the disease being so insidious that it gets a good hold on the system before it is recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent the development of fatal disease if taken in time. Walton & Smoot.

MAURERTOWN.

Eld. S. A. Shaver and Wm. Smith left for Mt. Solon, Augusta county, on Wednesday morning where they will attend the District Conference of the German Baptist Church.

Miss Elsie Lutz of near Rinkerton visited her cousin Mrs. Walter Fahnstuck this week.

Sidney Newman was called to Quicksburg last week by the illness of his father.

Frank Sine was visiting at Hawkinstown for several days this week.

Thos. son of Thos. Flinn, has been confined to his home for the past few days with an attack of bilious fever.

J. B. Clem, jr., Ray Crabbill and George Coffman visited Lantz Mill on Monday evening. They attended a party at E. M. Clem's and had a pleasant time.

Phillip Lentz has a severe attack of rheumatism.

Lloyd Lichlider, is confined to his father's home for the past week with an attack of grip.

W. P. Rinker has been unable to do any work for the past few days owing to rheumatism of the right arm and hand.

Mrs. Eva. Hottel, who returned to her home in Colorado six weeks ago, writes her friends here that she is just coming through an attack of pneumonia. Her many friends are glad to learn of her recovery.

The citizens who use the road leading from this place via Zion Church, are very much complaining, at the unsafe condition of the bridges on this section. They surely are in need of attention.

SAUMSVILLE.

The Saumsville Dramatic Club, of which mention has been previously made, rendered a most excellent and entertaining program last Friday and Saturday nights, to crowded houses.

The high appreciation in which both players and program were received is attested by the largely increased crowd of Saturday evening. The house was packed to overflow, yet notwithstanding the uncomfortable and crowded condition the order was good. Shaffer's orchestra furnished the music which was most excellent and well received. The special feature of the evening was a solo, "School Days, sung by Miss Vivian Haun, with orchestra accompaniment. The following is the cast of characters:

Josiah's Courtship, in 4 acts. Josiah Perkins, C. E. Tapley. Thomas Hart, a young lawyer in love with Edna Lawrence Hottel.

Richard Roland, supposedly wealthy but heartless and scheming J. H. Haun. Harry Sharp, detective, M. O. Smith. Joe, mischievous newsboy C. Maphis. Mike, Josiah's valet Earl. Fleming. Jeff, colored boy J. W. Wolverton. Priscilla Brown, whose affections are centered on Josiah. Nell S. Saum. Edna, her niece in love with Tom Hart.

Richard Rhodes. Vivian D. Haun. Mrs. Black, a childless widow, Georgia Fleming.

This drama was followed by the "Persecuted Dutchman, a funny farce in two scenes.

Mr. C. E. Tapley in the Dutchman was simply immense. Jeff the colored boy was admirably played and on several occasions brought down the house.

Miss Nell Saum, as the old maid in love was inimitable and received vociferous applause. In fact the parts were all well sustained and reflected great credit on the manager who trained them. The receipts were about \$75.00.

We understand the company has received several invitations to present these plays in neighboring towns. This entertainment was fully up to the high standard maintained in the past and the people regret very much to see these young people disband. We hope to see an effort made in the near future to build a suitable hall as a permanent place for the young people to give entertainments.

Misses Bruce Stickey and Agnes Fravel, teachers in the Toms Brook High School, spent the first of the week with Miss Irene Saum.

Mr. A. J. Riding and wife, of Mt. Olive, spent Sunday with G. B. Haun and family.

Miss Lucy Racy is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Hottel.

Mr. J. W. Saum and son, Byron, of Strasburg, were visiting relatives and friends at this place.

FAIRVIEW.

Mr. Calvin Goehner has been engaged for the past week in completing a job of carpenter work for Mrs. Emma Wisman.

Miss Fannie Hill was the guest of the Misses Smoot Sunday.

Miss Ethel Hottel spent Sunday with Miss Ivy Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sager, of Woodstock, were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sager.

Mr. Harry Conner is getting along very nicely at the blacksmith trade. The Sunday school at the Christian Church was re-opened Sunday with the following officers for the summer: Mr. Harry Clower Superintendent; Mr. Clinton Sager, Asst. Supt.; Mr. Edward Frye, Sec. and Tres.; Mr. Robt. Clower, Asst. Sec. and Tres. The following teachers were also chosen: Mr. J. G. Sager, Mr. Geo. Sager, Mr. Oseola Clower and Mr. J. T. Sager.

Mumps are making a round of calls in our section this week, being the guests of Mrs. Emma Wisman and Mr. William Richard.

Our young men who are attending the different colleges, will soon be home for their summer vacation. Reports from their respective schools indicate a successful year.

The Sunday School at Mt. Zion was re-organized last Sunday. A number of our young men attended preaching at Jadin Sunday night and all report an interesting sermon by the new pastor, Rev. Willey.

Corn planting is engaging the hands and mind of our farmers at present. Miss Ethel Hepper spent Sunday with Miss Fannie Coffell.

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TOMS BROOK.

Mrs. Luther Keeckley, of Harrisonburg, spent a few days last week, visiting friends here.

Mrs. H. F. Keeckley, of Strasburg, was visiting friends here the first of this week.

Mr. W. F. Webb spent Monday at his home here.

Mr. S. B. Miley began work on his side walk Monday. Moony Hines is overseeing the job.

One more week and our High School will close.

Mrs. Effie Hawkins was in Strasburg, Tuesday.

Misses Ida and Nellie Smith were in Strasburg Saturday.

Misses Magdalene Zinn and Orpha Engle, of Massanutten Academy visited their friend, Miss Mildred Borden over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Dan Kibler and family were in Woodstock last Saturday.

Mr. Park Smith, who has been attending school in Dayton, Va., has come home to take charge of the farm.

Mr. Stuart Furr was here a short while Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Dean, of Strasburg, has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Shipps this week.

The joint consistory of the Harrisville charge will meet in annual session at the parsonage, Toms Brook, at 2 p. m. Saturday.

LEBANON CHURCH.

Miss Carrie Coffell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Himehright home Sunday and spent some time with them.

Mrs. S. R. Feeley has been sick but is better we are glad to say.

Miss Loma Himehright spent Sunday night with Miss Mary Snarr.

Miss Emma Pingley, of Cotton town spent the first of the week with Mr. W. E. Bowman's family.

Miss Naomie Frye spent Sunday with the Misses Biller.

The farmers are busy planting corn.

The fruit in this part of the county was greatly damaged by the frost.

Mrs. Ellen Lichliter and Mr. L. W. Kremer and son Herbert, of near Strasburg spent Sunday with Mr. A. B. Snarr's.

Mrs. Ellen Lichliter has gone to Strasburg where she will spend the summer.

Contractor A. B. Snarr and force of hands begin the work on David Bauserman's barn Monday.

Mrs. John Pangle and daughter, Lena and son Stanley, spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. Harry Smith at Laurel Hill.

ZEPP.

Mr. Edward Conner and sister, Miss Vada, were the guests of their uncle, Mr. John Conner at Harrisville the first of this week.

Miss Rena Orndorff is home from Strasburg.

Miss Hazel Orndorff is spending sometime with her sister Mrs. Edward Wilson.

Miss Nellie Williams visited Miss Lizzie Orndorff, Sunday.

Mr. Harry Lambert, of Woodstock, spent several days the first of this week, with his wife, Mrs. Estella Lambert.

Miss Edith Orndorff has a position in Washington, D. C., has been very ill with pneumonia and has been in a hospital, in that city, for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brill and little son, Claud visited Mr. James H. Orndorff, Sunday.

Mr. Preston Richard made a very pleasant call at Mr. Bill Shell's last Sunday evening.

MT. JACKSON.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. S. Bird, Sr. are visiting friends in Woodstock.

Miss Bertha Day, of Knoxville, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. Morgan Moore.

Mrs. Mary Moore, of West Virginia who has been visiting Miss Maggie Jordan, returned to her home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stover left here last Thursday for their new home in Gaithersburg, Md.

Miss Fannie Miller spent a part of this week with her sister, Mrs. McCluniff at Quicksburg.

Miss Beattie Hottel and little niece, Bessanna, of Woodstock, spent a part of this week with Mr. James Hottel and family.

Miss Maude Wissler is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Delmin in Harrisonburg.

Messrs. John Wissler, Sr., John Wissler, Jr., Ed. Stone and Miss Ada Wissler were in Winchester this week.

Miss Marie Hollingsworth, of Harrisonburg spent several days this week with her uncle Mr. Pete Roller and family.

Mr. Walter Koozts who has been spending the winter with his sister Mrs. J. S. C. Murphy left here last Thursday for Warm Springs, Va.

Dr. Koyner, of Winchester was in town this week.

Dr. J. I. Triplett was in Culpepper this week on business.

Mr. Gilbert Ruby lost his sorrel driving mare last Saturday.

Mrs. Katie Spitzer died at her home near Quicksburg last Monday, aged 89 years, her funeral services were conducted at Cedar Grove last Wednesday morning at ten o'clock and her body was laid to rest in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Bettie J. Conner, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mr. John Cooper and family.

Mr. A. F. Grandstaff spent a part of this week in Front Royal.

Mrs. Sem Wissler who has been visiting her uncle Mr. Frank Wissler and family returned to her home in Alora Canada last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ada Keller who has been visiting her mother Mrs. Milton Wisman near St. Luke returned last Monday.

Mr. M. M. Moore left here last Friday to travel for a friend in W. Va.

Rev. Combs secretary of the home mission of the Christian church lectured in the Union church in this place last Wednesday evening.

The revival services held in the Union church in this place for the last week by Revs. Ross, of Harrisonburg and Haymaker, of Strasburg are very interesting and have been well attended.

GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS.

Since I wrote to the HERALD, I have received a number of letters from people who want to come to Texas, asking about this country, the way of farming, climate, price of land, necessary expenses in making a crop, &c., to all of whom I have given the best answers I could.

This is the best farming country I ever saw. Cotton is the staple crop, which makes from 1-4 to one bale per acre, depending upon the amount of rain and character of land. It brings from \$50 to \$75 per bale.

What, oats and corn yield far more here than in Virginia, with no expense for fertilizer. After harvest we turn the stubble, and it comes up volunteer and makes the next crop of oats yield from 50 to 100 bushels per acre. Oats is worth about 45 cts. per bushel; corn, 75 cents; wheat \$1.00, and cotton 10 cents per lb. Land is bringing from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per acre.

Work horses and mules sell from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per head. Farming implements of all kinds are up to date, and prices are low.

Land is increasing in value every year. It has increased at least 50 per cent since 1901.

Public schools and churches are numerous all over the county, with good preaching, Sunday schools and prayer meeting every Sunday.

In no place do heaven and earth seem nearer together than in Mills county, Texas. Like every other country, we sometimes have droughts, but never fall to make small crop. I have never yet seen a cyclone. We have snakes of all kinds, but I have never heard of any person being bit by them.

The fruit crop is good this year. Some of the peaches are nearly ready to ripen. Wheat and oats are in full head; corn is about two feet high; cotton is just coming up.

It has been raining here for nearly a week. We have the best prospect for a crop that I ever saw.

I will gladly furnish to anyone any information that I can. I would love to see a number of young men of Virginia come to Texas, about September. If we make a good crop, I will insure them work at picking cotton at such prices, that they can return in a month or two with all expenses paid. They can pick from two to four hundred a day, at from 50 cts. to \$1.00 per hundred.

Papa intends to spend a month or two in Virginia this summer. The winters are warm and the summers cool. Children go to school, bare footed, all winter. With best wishes for the HERALD and all my friends in Virginia, I remain Yours truly, HUGH E. MORELAND.

A California's Luck. "The luckiest day of my life was when I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," writes Chas. F. Eudash, of Tracy, California. "Two 25c boxes cured me of an annoying case of itching piles, which had troubled me for years and that yielded to no other treatment." Sold under guarantee at Walton & Smoot's drug store.

LANTZ MILLS.

Well this is a dry spell sure enough with indications of its continuing so, far some time. All vegetation is showing the effects of it and "corn" and "rye" in particular were visibly affected Tuesday by the drought storm which seemed central over Madison.

The only consolation now is the heavy mountain dews, which are sure to form in the moonshining nights.

Miss Annie Fravel spent several days the last of last week visiting relatives at Charles Town, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clem gave a party Monday night.

Corn planting is pretty well over except in the limestone sections where it is impossible to get ground in order without rain.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fadley, of Columbia Furnace spent the first of the week with the former's sister Mrs. Chas. Cook.

Samuel Coffman was on the sick list last week.

Sam Stoneburner and Billy Clark are building new houses this spring.

O. O. Holler spent several days at home first of the week.

POWELL'S FORT.

The question with our farmers is, is it too dry to plant corn? Many have finished planting.

Wheat and grass are needing rain badly.

One of Mr. Filmore Robinson's boys was kicked by a horse last week, just above the eye. The wound was sowed up by Dr. H. H. Irwin.

The little girl of Mr. W. C. Shippe that was burned so badly is slowly improving but is in a serious condition.

The daughter of Mr. J. R. Burner badly burned by a can of hot water, which exploded while sitting on the hot stove.

Mr. J. R. Burner has been sick for some days.

Mr. Ray Jett cut his foot while in the bark woods. He is not able to work.

The Pine Hill Stave Factory will soon be ready to resume work, near Carmel.

Mrs. E. R. Smith spent Sunday with Mr. Isaiah Kibler and family at Seven Fountains.

Many of the young people say that the water at Seven Fountains has a better flavor than ever.

Mr. Z. Taylor and hands are building a new barn for Mr. Milton Rush, on the river, near Woodstock.

Miss Annie Golladay is still on the sick list.

Mr. Geo. R. Golladay is tearing down his old barn and is preparing to build a new one.

Messrs. Yates and Bowman are sawing a bill of lumber for Mr. B. E. Compton, who will build a new barn.

The Fort is on a boom and may become a closely built up town, from one end to the other.

Making It Plain.

Henri was paying his first visit to London and was already wishing himself home in France, for he knew not a word of English. He had been very unfortunate and had lost all his luggage, a toothbrush. So he determined to buy another. But how was he to make his needs understood?

At last his luck turned, however and he espied a chamberlain with a notice outside, "In on Paris Fashion." In he went and told the assistant in French what he wanted. But the assistant knew no language, except English, and another who came to help him was just as far as sea.

But the proprietor was an intelligent man, and he knew at once from the cut of the customer's clothes that he was speaking French.

"Leave him to me," he said, with a superior smile.

Then, forming a napagamine with his hands, he shouted in the Frenchman's ears.

"Our assistant who speaks French is out at lunch. You'll have to wait!"—London Scrap.

Swordsmen of the Sea.

The swordsmen of the sea are the swordfish, spearfishes, sardines, swordfishes and the narwhal, with its spirally twisted straight tusks. The swordfish inhabit the warmer seas, while the narwhal is a creature of the arctic. The tusk of the narwhal is hollow nearly to the point and is spirally grooved. It uses its tusk as a weapon of defense and to plunge through the ice to breathe, the narwhal being a cetacean. Sometimes when a boat has been caught in the ice great damage has been inflicted by the impudency or blundering of this great creature, that sometimes reaches a length of fifteen feet, with a tusk of from six to ten feet in length. As a rule, however, the narwhal uses its tusk for the purpose of killing fish for food. In the castle of Rosenburg the kings of Denmark have long possessed a magnificent throne made of tusk of the cetacean. These tusks are harder and whiter than ivory.

LEADER IN INSURANCE REFORM

Whole Country Benefited by Action of Governor Johnson.

Having had some valuable experience in reorganizing a powerful Minnesota insurance company, Governor Johnson was well prepared to deal with the emergency which arose when the corruption and extravagance of the management of the great national life insurance companies were revealed in 1905.

In November of that year he wrote a letter to President Roosevelt which placed him in the front rank of national leaders. In this letter the error suggested a conference of governors and attorneys general to be called by the president at Chicago.

The conference was held in the following February, and Governor Johnson, as its chairman and dominant figure, named the famous "committee of fifteen" whose recommendations were embodied in the law in Minnesota and in about a dozen other states.

While the momentous decision recently given by the supreme court in similar cases coming up from North Carolina and Minnesota may have the effect of invalidating some of the railway legislation secured by Governor Johnson in Minnesota, the fact remains that he was the first to set out to do that he has done what he set out to do.

The enactment of popular and beneficent legislation, if, as now seems probable, the epoch making decision of the court in large measure transfers railway legislation from the states to the national legislature, it becomes of particular significance that one of the earliest acts of Governor Johnson's career as a member of the Minnesota legislature was the introduction of a memorial to congress to extend the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, a memorial which antedated the extension of those powers by some four years.

The Other Way.

There was a hopeful gleam in the eyes of the young man with a slightly retreating chin as he approached the father of his ladylove.

"Will you give your daughter to me in marriage, sir?" he asked in as firm a tone as he could muster.

"I'm afraid you are not well enough acquainted with her, young man," remarked the father.

"Why, I've seen her twice a week for nearly a year," said the astonished suitor.

"That may all be," said the parent, "but if you know much about her character you'll have said, 'Will you give me your daughter in marriage?'"

A Poet's Slip.

A correspondent of London Notes and Queries has "caught out" Mr. Kipling in an extraordinary blunder. He finds it in the "Last Chantey" in these lines: "they transpire like the sea."

"Of course," says the commentator, "the word 'transpire' meant to use was barracoon, the technical term for a slave pen. 'Pleonasm means a rogue!'"

Catching a Cobra.

A driver on the Avonmouth railway, Somerset, while staying at the Gamtoos, caught a large cobra de capello alive. The cobra was in which he hid the trick, says a local paper, sent a cold shiver through every one who saw it. He simply caught hold of the point of its tail, gave it a sudden jerk toward him and caught it by the back of the head. He then placed it in a biscuit tin. The snake was three inches in diameter and about four feet long.

Facts Versus Fiction.

"I've a terrible toothache. What's good for it?"

"Nonpareil! You've no toothache. It's simply imagination."

"Well,