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THE COUNTY ELECTION

Several Offices Filled by the Election Yesterday

Yesterday was one of the busiest elections held in Huntingdon in many a year. There was not so much interest in the contests as in the number of elections held. There was the regular election, which took twelve men, the corporation election of a justice of the peace, taking six men, two primaries, with six men each, making in all thirty men engaged in holding the elections in this district.

At the Huntingdon precinct the order was perfect, there being no bad feeling, pulling or hauling around as too frequently characterize such elections, especially where there are primaries.

There was much interest here and in fact all over the county over the Sparks-Argo primary and some pretty lively work was done.

In the race for town magistrate of Huntingdon, L. A. Hurt almost swept the deck. He received 132 votes to his opponent, W. F. Jones' 32. Mr. Hurt was paid a very fine compliment and appreciates it very much. The people had nothing against Jones, who is one of the best fellows in town, but felt that Mr. Hurt was better equipped for the office. Mr. Hurt will make a fine justice of peace.

In the gubernatorial primary at Huntingdon precinct, McMillin received 72 votes, Preston 17, Crabbree 6 and Crabtree 3. But no independent democrats voted.

The republican primary in the Eleventh district, gave Argo 188, Sparks 125. Argo's majority 63. At McLemoresville Argo got 132 to Sparks' 27. The Nineteenth gave Argo 20, Sparks 27. This was the most heated contest at the Huntingdon voting place as it was warmly contested all over the county.

The vote in the Eleventh district was: Aden, 187; Bryant, 101; Woods, 181; Jolly, 50; Black, 20; Enochs, 106; Johnson, 72; Bennett, 83; Rust, 60; McCormick, 95; Williams, 121; Jenkins, 65. The justices of the peace elected were N. J. Enochs, Manual McCormick and Homer Williams—two democrats and one republican.

The indications are that the county court will be democratic by three or four majority.

The county election yesterday did not cause as much interest as the August election sometimes does. The fact that none of the county officers had opponents, except the sheriff, caused the campaign to be rather quiet.

The withdrawal of J. Elmer Moore last week as the democratic candidate for sheriff, caused something of a sensation, especially among those who were seeking to hear about Sheriff Aden's defeat. Many of Mr. Moore's friends were quite severe in their criticism of him, and some very unwarranted charges were made. Mr. Moore, of course, had a perfect right to withdraw, if he so desired, and we presume he acted upon that judgment.

As soon as it was known that Moore was off an effort was commenced to get some one to take his place, and Thursday afternoon, after the Democrat had gone to press, D. F. Bryant, a prominent citizen of the Twentieth district, announced his candidacy. He was in Huntingdon that night and Friday morning commenced a vigorous canvass, submitting his claims to the voters of the county with reference to party affiliations and party factions.

The election of members of the county court in many districts was a tight one. In some districts, however, the voters agreed to elect and no trouble was had.

There will be a number of changes in the quarterly court, and many of the old members were not candidates and some who were seeking re-election were defeated. A great deal of interest, however, was taken in the election of a county court and we hope a progressive, business court has been elected.

G. M. Woods, for trustee, and J. B. Brecheen, for tax assessor, had no opposition. They are both clever men, and appreciate very much the fact that they were not opposed. The county has never had a more accommodating trustee than Mr. Woods and but few as painstaking and efficient in the discharge of the duties of his office.

There were two primaries held in the county yesterday, the state democratic gubernatorial primary, in which a candidate for governor was named, and the republican county primary, to nominate a candidate for the legislature. The state primary did not create much interest here, but there was considerable interest among the republicans over the contest waged by Elmer T. Sparks and A. J. Argo for the republican nomination. They canvassed the county, attended the barbecues and picnics and were very active in presenting their claims. They had friends who, also, became active and pressed the claims of their respective candidates with much vigor.

The following delegates to the state convention, August 15, 1912, was made out by the primary board and sent out to be voted for:

J. E. Bryant, W. W. Algea, John R. Costen, Joe H. McCall, W. B. Bowen, Alec Ingle, J. M. Crawford, Allen S. Eason, John D. Herron, J. T. Peeler, E. A. Bryant, Tom Jamison, Frank Burns, A. C. Gordon, George Turner, M. Z. Bryant, Homer Williams and G. H. Watkins.

ARGO ELECTED

Defeats His Opponent by a Small Majority

The republican primary resulted in the election of Hon. A. J. Argo by a small majority. The contest was one of the most interesting had in the county in a long while. The county organization was for Elmer T. Sparks and worked hard for him, but the Evans faction got busy for Argo and landed him, but it took a stiff fight. The vote by districts is as follows:

Argo	Sparks	
1st district.....	70	19
2d district.....	96	101
3d district.....	3	17
4th and 22d districts	36	75
5th district.....	132	27
6th district.....	55	74
7th district.....	18	58
8th district.....	13	37
9th district.....	5	25
10th district.....	3	26
11th district.....	188	125
12th district.....	52	18
13th district.....	136	11
14th district, Yuma..	84	74
14th district, Cavvia..	—	—
15th district.....	15	106
16th district.....	45	46
17th district.....	—	—
18th district.....	17	70
19th district.....	20	27
20th district.....	77	7
21st district.....	65	1
23d district.....	34	11
24th district.....	48	51
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The vote from the Cavvia district will change these tables some, but not enough to defeat Argo.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Sebe Williams and children request us to extend to their neighbors and friends their thanks for the many favors shown them during the sickness and after the death of their husband and father. They are very grateful for the words of sympathy and acts of kindness shown them.

PLACED UNDER ARREST

Serious Charges Against Mrs. Freeman and Simmons

Sheriff Aden went to the Tenth district, Thursday of last week and placed under arrest Mrs. Freeman, wife of W. C. Freeman, the Baptist minister and merchant of that community who was found dead in his store Sunday morning, July 21, and Lucian Simmons, the young man who worked for Freeman. They were arrested on a warrant charging them with the murder of Freeman. They were brought here and are being held at the home of Sheriff Aden under guard.

The preliminary trial was set for last Saturday. George T. McCall represents the prosecution and John T. Peeler the defense. The case was called Saturday before Squire F. C. Sanders, but the defendants not being ready to go to trial, the case was continued until next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

A large crowd was here Saturday to hear the trial. There is much excitement in the community where the tragedy occurred, the people being very much divided as to the guilt of the parties.

Mrs. Freeman and young Simmons are said to have been the only parties present when the fatal shot was fired, and they were in different rooms, and the killing was reported to have been a case of suicide. But there were those who believed that the unfortunate man had been the victim of foul play, and felt that an investigation should be made. Suspicion at once rested on Mrs. Freeman, wife of the deceased, and Lucian Simmons. Their conduct, we understand, prior to the death of Freeman, and even after the death, caused much comment in the neighborhood, and brought about their arrest.

The accused parties deny vehemently any connection with or knowledge of the cause of the death of Freeman and insist that they will be able to prove their innocence. Young Simmons is well connected, being the son of J. B. Simmons, one of the best families of the Tenth district.

J. R. Freeman, father of the deceased, who lives in Marshall county, Kentucky, is prosecuting the case. He was here Saturday as was also Rolly Colly, Rolly Cox, Bernet Feezor, C. J. Baker and W. A. Barker, from the same community. These are relatives and friends of Freeman and the accused woman. They say there is much excitement in their community, where Freeman formerly lived and where he has many friends. Mr. Barker is a brother-in-law of the dead man, having married his sister. There were only two children, Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Barker.

There will be a large crowd here tomorrow to hear the trial.

Dock Jones

Dock Jones, a splendid citizen of the Nineteenth district, died at his home late Thursday afternoon of last week, after a lingering illness of over a year. He was about 67 years old, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and an upright citizen. He was held in high esteem by his neighbors and will be missed in his community. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Lena Alexander, of this county, and one son, Edgar Jones, of Pochontas, Ark. He is a brother of Mrs. J. C. Wilder, of this place. His funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Burroughs, of McKenzie, Friday, and the burial followed at Zion burying ground.

Any skin itching is a temper tester. The more you scratch the worse it itches. Doan's Ointment is for piles, eczema—any skin itching. 50c at all drug stores.

CAMPAIGN CLOSES

Candidates Make Strenuous Efforts to Win

This has been a strenuous week with the five candidates seeking the democratic nomination for governor. They passed under the wire yesterday and the fortunate one is probably known this morning, but the Democrat went to press too early to give the election returns in this issue.

The primary was pulled off yesterday and for the past week the candidates have let no grass grow under their feet. The five candidates were, Benton McMillin, T. R. Preston, W. S. Faulkner, Thomas J. Tyne and W. R. Crabtree. They were all local optionists except Faulkner and he desires to settle the whisky question by submitting it to the white voters of the state. On this issue there was but little difference between them and many independent democrats refused to take part in the primary.

Ex-governor McMillin commenced this week's campaigning by speaking at Somerville Monday, going from there to Memphis. He closed the campaign Wednesday night with a big rally in Nashville, his home town.

Gen. W. S. Faulkner spent the most of the week before Thursday in a round-up campaign in Davidson and surrounding counties. He spoke Monday at Murfreesboro.

Thomas J. Tyne spent this week in Chattanooga, Knoxville and other East Tennessee towns. He spoke at Chattanooga the same time Mr. Preston spoke at Nashville.

W. R. Crabtree spent the last few days of the campaign at his home town, Chattanooga. Mr. Crabtree made but few speeches. T. R. Preston spoke at the Vendome in Nashville last Monday night. A large delegation of Chattanooga friends came down to the capital city to honor their fellow-townsmen with their presence and enthusiasm. He closed his speech-making Wednesday at Sparta.

The candidate for judge of the supreme court, A. S. Buchanan, and the candidates for judge of the court of civil appeals, Felix W. Moore and N. N. Cate, made no speeches, leaving it to their friends to press their claims for them.

The campaign, as a whole, has been reasonably clear of personalities and mud-throwing, the candidates for governor conducting a very clean fight, although some pretty sharp criticisms were indulged in.

TWO HANGED

Two White Men Die for Killing Three Negroes

At sunrise last Friday morning in the deathhouse, just outside the state prison wall, George Shelton and John Bailey, both white, were hanged for the murder of Ben Pettigrew, an old negro, and his two children. The two men walked to the scaffold without a tremor, and nine minutes after the trap was sprung, Bailey was pronounced dead, while Shelton was dead in fourteen minutes.

The murder of the old negro and his two children, for which crime Shelton and Bailey were hanged, was deliberately planned, the men going to the field where the negroes were at work and shot the old man and then chased the children, who had run, and killed them. Robbery was the object in killing Pettigrew and the children were killed to hide the crime. The killing occurred December 1, 1911, in Decatur county.

Emmett Alexander, who was to have paid the death penalty for the murder of Walter Simmons in Obion county and who was to have

been hanged with Bailey and Shelton, was given a twenty days respite. It is claimed that new evidence is found which will show that he was not a party to the crime.

Will Ed Alexander and Stanley Means, the other two that were to hang at this time, were given life sentences in the penitentiary by Governor Hooper.

ADEN RE-ELECTED

D. F. Bryant Runs Him a Close Race

Sheriff S. G. Aden was re-elected for the third term yesterday. He had a close call, but managed to pull through. D. F. Bryant, his opponent, was a candidate only six days, but he did some running all the same. It was a remarkable race. There was strong opposition to Aden in his own party and it did not take it long to center on Bryant after Moore quit the race. The vote by districts follows:

Aden	Bryant	
1st district.....	97	109
2d district.....	154	154
3d district.....	62	72
4th district.....	55	141
5th district.....	136	87
6th district.....	96	47
7th district.....	66	37
8th district.....	40	23
9th district.....	27	39
10th district.....	32	58
11th district.....	187	101
12th district.....	52	45
13th district.....	143	48
14th district Cavvia..	—	—
14th district Yuma..	71	24
15th district.....	55	74
16th district.....	127	94
17th district.....	46	56
18th district.....	61	24
19th district.....	40	107
20th district.....	77	129
21st district.....	83	108
22d district.....	52	110
23rd district.....	53	76
24th district.....	81	83

The Cavvia box will add between 25 and 50 to Aden's majority.

NEW POSTMASTER

E. A. Morgan Received Appointment for Huntingdon

J. Sam Johnson received a telegram last night from United States Senator Newell Sanders stating that E. A. Morgan had been appointed postmaster at Huntingdon to succeed A. M. Lee, whose term of office expired some months ago. Mr. Morgan was receiving the congratulations of his friends last night while the election returns were being received. Mr. Morgan is a furniture merchant, a member of the city council and an Evans republican. He is a splendid citizen and will make a good postmaster.

Mr. Lee has been postmaster for about sixteen years and has made one of the best officials the town has ever had. Mr. Lee was reappointed some months ago, but through the influence of Mr. Sanders the appointment was not confirmed and President Taft withdrew the appointment. This was done before Senator Taylor died and the matter has been hanging fire ever since. Mr. Lee is not much surprised as he has been looking for something of this kind ever since Mr. Sanders came in as Taft's advisor for this state.

Died Young

Mildred Vick, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Vick, died Wednesday of acute indigestion and was buried at Chapel Hill last Wednesday. The child was sick only four days. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community in their sad loss. The burial was attended by a number of the friends of the family.

COTTON IMPROVED

But Crop in Eastern States is Still Far From Normal

Considered as a whole, the cotton crop made advancement during last week as compared with the previous week says the Commercial Appeal.

In most sections of the cotton belt—in fact in all sections save Central Texas—the week was a favorable one from a weather standpoint, and the crop in all but that section made excellent progress over the previous week. A great deal is yet to be desired in the states where excessive moisture has fallen, as the retrogression caused from this source can not be overcome in one week, but much was done during the week to improve conditions, both as to cultivation and plant growth. A great amount of grass was killed and the cultivation of the soil was advanced. However, a large portion of the fields are still grassy and another week or ten days of favorable weather will be required to thoroughly clean them. Some fields will be abandoned on account of foulness. The plant grew and hardened to some extent in all these states. Fruiting is still backward, but made better progress last week than has been heretofore noted. The plant is tender and full of sap and the chief fear is that a protracted dry spell would prove disastrous to the plant.

West of the river excellent progress was made in all sections save in Central and parts of Western Texas. The plant made a splendid growth and fruited very satisfactorily. Growth was of such a nature as to render the date of frost less a matter of importance should progress continue in the same fashion. Fields are clean, soil well cultivated and plant is green and healthy. In Central and Western Texas some damage has resulted from drouth, but correspondents are of the opinion that the damage so far is small and that with a rain this week over this section most of the damage would be repaired. A good rain generally over the west would benefit the crop, although no damage will accrue from dry weather for another week save in the section already suffering from drouth.

Insect damage to the crop is small so far. Boll weevil are reported from nearly all sections of the central valley and a few in Texas, Georgia and Alabama. Damage from this source is so far small.

In Tennessee good weather prevailed during the week, and both plant growth and cultivation advanced. The plant is still somewhat late, but is beginning to fruit satisfactorily. Fields are generally clean of grass and the soil is well cultivated. No reports of damage from insects.

McMILLIN WINS

Many Democrats Refuse to Take Part in Primary

At a late hour last night it was claimed at Nashville that McMillin had won by a good majority, but at that time no figures were given out. The election of Moore for Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals is also claimed.

McMillin got the bulk of the votes in Carroll county. A number of districts held no primaries and less than one half of the democratic vote was polled. The independents with few exceptions, remained out of the primary. The vote in Carroll as received up to midnight was McMillin 478; Faulkner 144; Preston 73; Crabtree 34; and Tyne 2. The remaining districts will add something to the vote.

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