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POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

G. O. P. Will Begin Voting Today
Kansas City, June 12.—Balloting for the Republican presidential nominee will start on Thursday, the third day of the convention, if the assembly follows precedent and the tentative program outlined today by its officers.

Chairman William M. Butler of the Republican national committee, formally opened the quadrennial meeting at 11 o'clock today, central time. Today and Wednesday will be given over to the time honored procedure of setting up tentative and then permanent organizations. Thursday should see the fire-works. Members of the national committee for the next four years will be formally ratified and then the roll will be called for nominating speeches. There will be plenty of them because there are plenty of candidates. After the nominating speeches will come the records.

No set time is in mind for the start of balloting but it is the belief that it may come late Thursday. That's where the prepared program ends. Republicans have a reputation for quick decisions. Only six times in its 18 conventions has the party required more than one ballot to select a nominee.

Senator Simeon D. Fess, of Ohio, held the spotlight on the opening day which was devoted largely to the delivery of his keynote address. Appointment of temporary officers by Chairman Butler occupied the first day after the keynote speech.

Claims Possibility of Third Party
Washington, June 9.—The possibility of a third party in the coming presidential campaign was declared today by Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, in a statement. He charged that power interests may have had something to do with the failure of the president to sign the measure "because it would have been a terrible slap at the power trust."

The president's action not only may disappoint the American farmers interested in cheap fertilizer, Senator Norris said, but it may be the last straw that will bring a third party into the field.

Daughters of Hanna and Bryan May Be Opponents in House
Washington, June 8.—Like father like daughter.

Daughter of two famous fathers, Mark Hanna and William Jennings Bryan, may be pitted against each other across the political divide in the house next winter.

They are Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, Republican nominee for representative at large in Illinois, and Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, who has won a Democratic nomination for congress in Florida.

Back in the platform days, in 1896 and again in 1900, Mark Hanna, McKinley's manager, was instrumental in bringing about the defeat of Bryan. Now a third of a century later, the daughters of these two political antagonists may meet to carry on the fight.

Like her father, Mrs. Owen is an enthusiastic campaigner. She has estimated she has traveled nearly 8,000 miles in her auto, called the Spirit of Florida, and made 500 speeches in her four-month campaign.

Mrs. Owen's husband, a major in the British army, died last year of wounds sustained during the World war.

Smith Odds 12 to 1; Hoover 8 to 5
Although Secretary Hoover appears to be the favorite of the Republican convention at Kansas City, betting odds in his favor are by no means as strong as those in favor of Governor Smith. Smith is a 12 to 1 favorite for the Democratic nomination, while the Hoover odds Friday stood at 8 to 5, according to W. L. Darnell & Co., of New York.

Butler Says Smith May Be Elected
New York, June 7.—The news from Kansas City "indicates that some of our Republican friends are much more concerned with the details of convention strategy than with results of the election in November," Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, said today before leaving to attend the Republican national convention.

"For some time past," Dr. Butler said, "I have expressed the opinion that while the Democrats alone could

Centennial Campaign Making Fine Progress

Blowing Rock Is First Church in the County to Oversubscribe Quota in Drive for \$1,500,000 for Baptist Schools in State

WILL MEET AT COVE CREEK CHURCH THIS EVENING 7:30

The meeting of group workers will be held this week at the Cove Creek Baptist church this (Thursday) evening at 7:30, and the speaker will be Dr. J. A. Campbell, president of Campbell College, Buies Creek, will be the speaker. A picnic dinner will be served on the church lawn and the general public is cordially invited to attend. Dr. Campbell is said to be a very fine speaker, and everybody knows what kind of "eats" those good people on Cove Creek can prepare, and they have promised a plenty for all who will attend.

"In the year 1830, fourteen men met in the little city of Greenville, and organized the first Baptist state convention in North Carolina. At that time there were 30,000 Baptists in the state. Fifteen thousand of this number pledged themselves to a program of education and missionary work. The other 15,000 objected—did not want an educated ministry and did not believe in missions. That branch of the church has dwindled during the intervening period to barely 5,000, while the progressive, far-sighted leaders of the other faction launched out on a campaign of education, and today these Missionary Baptists number 375,000 whites and negroes unnumbered."

This was the striking statement made by Mr. John Arch McMillan, alumni secretary of Wake Forest College, speaking before the workers in the Centennial Campaign now under way at the weekly luncheon at the Baptist church here last Thursday evening.

Hagaman Presides
Mr. Smith Hagaman, chairman of the Three Forks Association group, presided over the meeting and reports were heard from a number of churches in the Three Forks and Stony Fork associations.

Blowing Rock Goes Over
The weekly luncheons are held for the purpose of hearing reports from the various churches, as to the progress being made in the effort to raise \$1,500,000 for the Baptist schools and colleges fostered by the state convention. Blowing Rock was the first church in the county to go over the top. The church's goal was \$250 and Mrs. D. P. Coffey reported 30 subscriptions totaling \$282.50, and the work in this church is still going on. Boone reported 14 subscriptions totaling \$925, or more than half the church's quota of \$1,500. It is expected that by tomorrow evening's meeting the local church will have reached and exceeded its goal.

Mr. M. A. Bugains, in charge of the campaign in this district, introduced Mr. McMillan, whose address was listened to with a great deal of interest. The main theme of the alumni secretary's talk was that the Baptist denomination in North Carolina, if it is to keep pace with the times, must maintain its colleges and schools upon a basis equal to the best in the state. He said the communities in which the seven schools participating in the fund being raised by the present campaign, are not especially benefited by them; that the facilities in every one of them can secure work elsewhere at higher salaries—even the students, 2,700 in number, could enroll in other colleges were our Baptist schools to close. But the denomination in the state cannot do without these schools. The church must have them to properly train and equip ministers and leaders to go into every nook and cranny of the state, if we are to keep abreast of the age.

In Conclusion
"In 1970, the Baptist hosts will again meet in the city of Greenville. Instead of the 14 who met there a century ago, there will be 14,000. There will be great rejoicing because we have kept faith with those pioneers who laid the foundation for what has since been achieved during the past 100 years."

Churches Represented
The following churches were represented at the meeting Thursday night:
Three Forks association: Blowing Rock, Boone, Cove Creek, Zionville, Brushy Fork, Beaver Dam, Timbered Ridge, Zion Hill.
Stony Fork: Mt. Vernon, Mt. Ephraim, Rock View, Mt. Paron and Boone's Fork.

Churches and Quotas
Following is a list of the churches in the two associations and the quota asked for in the centennial campaign:

Bethany, \$50; Clark's Creek, \$50; Mt. Calvary, \$150; Mt. Lebanon, \$75; Shulls Mills, \$100; Howard's

Two Prominent Grand Old Party Men



Here are two excellent reasons why the Republican National Convention at Kansas City will run smoothly. David W. Mulvane is the Kansas National Committeeman. William M. Butler is chairman of the National Committee. They will be very much in evidence all through the convention!

CAPTAIN MORDECAI WRITES FROM PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The editor of The Democrat is in receipt of the following letter from Dr. Alfred Mordecai, captain medical corps, U. S. army, who is now located at Fort Mills Philippine Islands. Dr. Mordecai is well known in Watauga county, having spent a number of summers at Blowing Rock:

"I sailed from New York March 7, 1928. Had an interesting trip via Panama, San Francisco, Hawaiian Islands and Guam. Arrived Manila April 23rd. My station, Fort Mills, is on Corregidor, an island about 30 miles from Manila. It is a large, rocky hill rising out of the sea to a height of 500 feet and about the size of old Flat Top. I live on the top and from my perch have a beautiful view of the sea and islands and mountains in the distance. A cocoanut tree, heavy with nuts, grows in my side yard and there are strange plants and flowers all about. There are about 5,000 natives living on the island in several small villages or "barrios," and I am the family doctor for them as well as for the Americans. The natives live in very small houses made of bamboo and covered with grass. Men work a little and spend a lot of time training roosters for cock-fights, which is their favorite pastime. The women spend their time smoking strung cigars and "homemade" cigarettes when not bearing babies. Every little home is a real home, with parents, grand parents and five to ten children, just depending upon whether the couple have been married five or ten years. They subsist chiefly on rice which they boil in an earthen bowl over a small fire in a box, and the rice is supplemented with fish caught in net and dried in the sun. They also have strange nuts and roots and fruits that seem to grow wild. No one bothers about planting a crop around here. There are a few wild monkeys on the island—hiding out like grey squirrels at home. Our doves are green with white heads. Our rain-crows are yellow with black on their wings. Instead of crickets we have lizards to sing us to sleep these hot summer nights.

"I don't know just where Hades is, but I am sure it is not very far off—for the sun above could not make all the heat we have. I know. It is a strange country, with strange people and strange customs—all of which is interesting to an American hill-billy, but like many others, I can say that the more I see of other parts of the world, the greater becomes my appreciation of the beauties and blessings so bountifully spread in the mountains of the Old North State. Therefore, send me The Democrat in order that I may refresh my mind from month to month with the views and thoughts of things going on in old Watauga.

Creek, \$50; Meat Camp, \$200; Profitt's Grove, \$125; South Fork \$175; Blowing Rock, \$250; Boone, \$1,500; Brushy Fork, \$300; Cool Springs, \$50; Middle Fork, \$150; Oak Grove, \$150; Samson, 25; Three Forks, \$00; Gap Creek, \$50 Laurel Springs, \$150; Stony Fork, \$150; Cove Creek, \$500; Pleasant Grove, \$400; Rich Mountain, \$50; Union, \$150; Willowdale, \$125; Zionville, \$150; Antioch, \$150; Beaver Dam, \$325; Bethel, \$400; Fall Creek, \$40; Forest Grove, \$100; Mt. Gilead, \$75; Timbered Ridge, \$125; Zion Hill, \$150.

Stony Fork Association: Elk, \$25; Laurel Fork, \$100; Middle Cane, \$25; Mt. Ephraim, \$175; Mt. Paron, \$25; Mt. Vernon, \$300; New Hope-well, \$25; Rock Springs, \$25; Rock View, \$50; Yellow Hill, \$100; Boone's Fork, \$75; Doe Ridge, \$10; Hopkins Chapel, \$25; Poplar Grove, \$250; Watauga, \$150.

N. WILKESBORO DISTRICT WOMEN MET HERE FRIDAY

The annual district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the North Wilkesboro district, was held in the Boone Methodist church Friday, June 8, with Mrs. J. B. Henderson, district secretary, of Wilkesboro, presiding. The devotional service at 10 o'clock was conducted by Rev. Claude H. Moore, pastor of the local church, and Rev. J. A. Young, pastor of the Lutheran church.

Following the devotional service, addresses of welcome were made by ladies representing the different churches in the town. Mrs. John B. Steel welcomed the delegation. For the Methodist church, Mrs. Smith Hagaman for the Baptist church, Mrs. Greene for the African Christian church, Mrs. Greer for the Christian church, and Mrs. Vera Jeffcoat for the Lutheran church.

After the welcome, the conference immediately entered into the discussion of business. Mrs. Wiley G. Harlow was elected secretary of the meeting. Mrs. Grace Goodwin, conference mission study superintendent, spoke most interestingly on the great work in the mission study field, beginning her talk with a brief history of the mission study work. Following her talk brief reports were heard from the following societies: Boone, Jefferson, North Wilkesboro, Valle Crucis, Wilkesboro and Mountain Falls. The meeting adjourned at noon for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by singing a hymn. The Bible lesson was read by Mrs. J. S. Stanbury. Special music, inspirational talks from various members of the conference and representing the various churches in the district, and reports from the children's societies characterized the afternoon session.

The next conference will be held at West Jefferson. The conference held in Boone was the best attended of any ever held in North Wilkesboro district. The session adjourned at three o'clock.

HOOVER VIRTUALLY ASSURED OF REPUBLICAN NOMINATION

Kansas City, June 12.—Herbert Hoover's last moving cohorts stamped the Republican national convention ever before its opening session began today and made it virtually a gathering to ratify his nomination for president of the United States.

Unless there is a political earthquake, which is seen will predict, the secretary of commerce will be declared the choice of his party Thursday on the first ballot. Then a vice-presidential selection will be made, and the big show will be over.

Kansas City, June 10.—With the wets determined to hold their ground they glare the whites of the enemy's eyes, a militant prohibition army was mobilizing here today to demand from the Republican party an assurance that the prohibition laws would be actively enforced by sympathetic officials. Fostering plans already worked out by a committee of representatives of the various dry organizations, the women's national committee for law enforcement opened a convention that will throw a five-day bombardment upon the Republicans. Almost their first action was the approval of a resolution asking the party convention to put enforcement in the hands of friends of the law and to enact additional laws to assure a drinkless land. The smaller group of wets, in a defensive position, was proceeding slowly. Miss Louis Gross, chairman of the women's committee for repeal of the 18th amendment, arrived with the announcement that she would oppose any dry or enforcement planks.

Many an uneducated man has taken his third degree.

Harmony Prevails at County Convention

Democratic Gathering Here Saturday Sent Uninstructed Delegation to State Convention; Sam F. Horton Presided

The Democratic county convention here Saturday afternoon was very brief as the only matter to come before the meeting was to name sixteen delegates to the state convention, which met in Raleigh yesterday. County Chairman J. L. Wilson called the convention to order and Sam F. Horton was made temporary chairman with C. G. Hodges acting as secretary.

The chairman, with the consent of the convention, named A. E. South, Will C. Walker and Glen McNeil as a committee to prepare a list of delegates to the state convention. While the committee was preparing the state, Attorney W. R. Lovell was called upon and responded with an attack on the present national administration, praising the record of the Democratic party in North Carolina and Watauga county and closing with a plea for harmony within the party.

The committee submitted the following list of delegates, which were unanimously elected by the convention:

Delegates
N. L. Mast, W. Y. Taylor, J. L. Wilson, John E. Brown, J. T. Greer, Tracy Council, Harry E. Harbin, Sam F. Horton, Thomas Coffey, W. N. Rowell, W. R. Lovell, D. P. Wyte, Sam Adkins, J. M. Bincham, W. H. Brown.

Alternates
Mrs. A. L. Mast, J. S. Stanbury, E. J. Norris, Mrs. S. F. Horton, Ted Harty, Harrison Baker, R. H. Gross, W. S. Miller, E. S. Williams, J. A. Woodie, John S. Williams, C. B. Moody, A. D. Wilson, Smith Hagaman, B. T. Taylor, Rev. E. C. Hodges, Walter Moore, Gusty Farthing, Mrs. James Mast.

YOUNG PEOPLES' CONFERENCE IN MEETING AT BANNER ELK

Banner Elk, June 9.—The Young Peoples' Conference of the Synod of Appalachia, meeting in the beautiful natural demities of the Lees-McCrae Institute got under way Thursday. The organization was set up Tuesday night and the full conference program was carried through on Wednesday. The registration totaled more than 150, by far the largest attendance this conference has ever had.

The young people have been divided into ten teams, each under the direction of a sponsor.

The Rev. J. J. Fox, D. D., is secretary of the conference. He expresses gratification over the extensive beginning made. The largest delegation is from Kingsport, Tenn. The speaker for Wednesday evening was Rev. W. K. Keys, who gave a most inspiring address on home missions, showing clearly the great importance of the work in the mountains.

Recreations, under the direction of Rev. John Gray, Jr., are proving most popular.

Immediately upon the close of the conference June 10th, the dormitories of the school will be converted into a summer hotel, Pinnacle Inn. This is the highest fireproof hotel in the Rockies, and offers to its guests the most comfortable modern accommodations and attractive recreations for a restful vacation.

PERSONAL NOTES FROM ZIONVILLE SECTION

Zionville, June 10.—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Penn and children of Kristof were guests in the village over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Eggers and daughters, Essie and Gertrude, of Post Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. Charles Greer, mother of Mrs. Eggers, of Milwau, Oregon, arrived in Zionville June 2, for a few weeks' visit with relatives. Since their arrival Mr. Eggers has been quite ill at the home of his mother, Mrs. H. A. Miller, but is now able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Warner and daughters have been visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Greer and children of Hickory spent the week-end with Mr. Greer's parents.

News has been received from the bedside of Miss Doris Miller, who is a patient in Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, that she will soon be able to return to her home here.

Miss Opal Love of Mt. City, spent the past week-end with Miss Flora Greer.

Miss Elinor Grace of Denver, Col., is visiting friends here for a short time.

UNIT RULE IGNORED BY N C CONVENTION

However, Lion's Share of State's Delegation Will Be Cast of Cordell Hall; Simmons Steam Roller Names Eight Delegates at Large

Raleigh, June 12.—Without discussion of the unit rule and leaving their deliberations to the national convention uninstructed, North Carolina Democrats assembled in state convention, adjourned tonight after one of the stormiest sessions on record.

Forces favoring the nomination of Governor Smith of New York voted to have eight of the state's 24 votes at the Houston convention, but anti-Smith forces, rallying around the banner of Representative Cordell Hall of Tennessee, conceded only five and a half votes.

Almost 2,000 delegates at the convention voted by a majority of 272 to send eight delegates-at-large to Houston. The delegation proposed by the Hall forces was carried in the votes by counties. It was headed by Senator Simmons, czar of North Carolina democracy.

Former Gov. Cameron Morrison named by Josiah W. Butler as head of the Smith ticket for delegate-at-large, tossed a bombshell into the convention when he announced he would not go to Houston if elected. Rising to a point of personal privilege Morrison declared he was not in sympathy with either of the large factions in the convention, but was "for" Senator Simmons, head of the anti-Smith ticket.

The Simmons ticket led the ballot by a majority of 272 in the contest for delegates-at-large.

The Simmons delegates-at-large elected were Senator Simmons, Josephus Daniels, W. B. Wood, W. C. Newman, Mrs. Palmer Jensen, Mrs. W. H. Belew, Mrs. J. F. Fearing and Mrs. Mary E. Jones.

The state ticket led by J. W. Bailey was Mrs. Edwin C. Greer, Mrs. E. L. McVee, W. N. Reynolds, Judge Biggs, W. L. Long, Judge Tom C. Bowie, F. P. Habgood and Cameron Morrison.

The vote throughout was cast almost straight for one ticket or the other. Senator Simmons led, with 1,174.87 votes. Governor Morrison led the opposing ticket, receiving 996.87 votes.

The last order of business, just before adjournment, was the adoption of the platform, prepared by the committee, Cameron Morrison Chairman. It was passed without discussion. The platform pledged support of the 18th amendment, favoring American adherence to the world court, and renouncing the Republican party for corruption in government.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

C. L. Williams, national bank receiver, has been appointed permanent receiver for the Commercial National Bank of Statesville, which has been closed since April 19, the day following the suicide of the cashier, D. M. Ainsley.

The grand quarter of the North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star, opened its 23rd annual convention in Raleigh Monday morning, with the grand marshal Mrs. Alice H. Parker of Farmville, presiding. The sessions will close Wednesday afternoon.

Thomas Muskin, former president of the defunct Merchants Bank and Trust Company, Winston-Salem, sentenced at the September, 1927, term of Forsyth superior court to serve from five to eight years in the state prison for embezzling funds, was taken to Raleigh Saturday to begin serving his sentence. He had been at liberty on \$15,000 bond, pending the appeal to the higher court.

Four deaths and injuries to two small girls resulted from automobile accidents in the two Carolinas Sunday. Katherine and Darlene McNeill, 12 and 7, were instantly killed near Lumberton when they ran from behind a car in which they had returned from Sunday school, and were struck by a passing automobile. William D. Edwards, 16, of Guilford College, was killed when he was knocked down by an automobile near his home and was run over. T. E. Walters of Lancaster, S. C., died from injuries received early in the day when his automobile crashed near Lancaster, S. C.

Raleigh, June 10.—Science and religion are partners and the truly scientific man and the Christian man are the best friends in the world, said Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, in a sermon here tonight. "Science cannot get rid of the reflection of God in man's nature, neither can it get rid of the conviction of God in man's mind," he said. "That is, science cannot get rid of conscience. Man can control his thoughts, emotions, will, but he cannot control his conscience. Science cannot destroy the experience of God in man's life, neither can it get rid of the revelation of God in Christ Jesus."